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REPORT TO: File

SUBJECT: Mills & Associates: Virginia Legislative Petitions from Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Cabell, Campbell, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Kanawha, Logan, Louisa, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tazewell, and Wythe Counties; Arranged Chronologically

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FOCUS: 1. Pre-1815: All Millses in this set of counties.
2. William Mills-Witt who emerged 1806 in Franklin, lived there intermittently until his marriage in 1815, is missing 1820-30 from Franklin tax rolls, returned 1830 when he inherited land from father-in-law Robert Kemp, was taxed on that land in 1848 as a resident of Floyd County, enumerated 1850 in Floyd, enumerated 1860 in Pulaski, d. c1863 likely in Pulaski, widow Drucilla d. 1866 in Montgomery County¹

EXCLUSIONS: For the post-1815 years for which William's presence is known, I did not read petitions of other counties. For years that William's presence is unknown, I read petitions of all this set of counties.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Many of the signatures on these petitions are faded and torn. The research notes that I've taken tell us the following:

- **Middleton Atkins (Adkins)**, who served as surety for the 1788 Glymph-Mills marriage bond, was first found on a 1787 petition from Montgomery County.
- **John Glymph (Johan Abram Glymph)** is first found in August in 1779 and November 1785 as a near neighbor of John Clendining. He was not a consigner with Clendenin on 1 December 1778. After his planned 1788 marriage with Frances "Franky" White fell through, he is not found on subsequent petitions.
- **John White Sr. and Jr.** of Montgomery (Sr. being the man who married who married Frances "Franky" White in 1792) also make their first appearance in 1787. Their origins remain unknown. A

¹ See E. S., "William Mills (b. c1783-88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the "Research" tab. Y-line offspring of William of Franklin carry a Witt Y. Thus, in my study of Virginia Millses, I am referring to him as William Mills-Witt.

John White Sr., John White Jr., and John White also appear in Louisa County from 1786, in close proximity to Fleemans.

- **Blayney Mills** of Augusta, brother of Hugh and John Sr., is last found in Botetourt, November 1787.
- **Charles, John, Robert, Nathaniel, and Nicholas Mills**—descendants of the well-known immigrant Nicholas Mills—were the only Mills found in Louisa. **Jesse Mills Jr.**, who is known to have been in Louisa c1798–1803, was not found among petitioners.
- **Hiram Mills** of Franklin, grandson of James of Franklin, appears 1821 in Grayson County.
- **Hugh Mills**, formerly of Augusta and brother of Blayney, is also last found in Boutetourt in 1787.
- **James Mills**, unidentified, appears in 1783 Botetourt amid several Crows, signing adjacent to John Mills and near William Mills. These three have not been conclusively identified, but appear to be rooted in the Alexander and Gilbert Mills family of Augusta, where men of their name from the 1760s forward associated with Crows.² (This John Mills would not be John Sr. of Botetourt, who died by 1782. He would appear to be John Jr., who was enumerated in Botetourt in 1785 as the only John Mills there and head of a family of eight.³) In 1789, the Botetourt will of Samuel Baldwin named his widow Mary “and her brother **James Mills**” as executors.⁴
- **James Mills** of Franklin first appears on petitions South of Staunton River in December 1779. This was about the time he married—possibly to a Slone. His signature appears near one Patrick Slone, but not in the big cluster of Slones where he would appear when he next surfaced in 1782. Later petitions also place Patrick amid that larger cluster.
- **Samuel E. Mills** of Franklin, son of William and Drucilla, last appears there in late 1850.
- **William Mills**, unidentified appears on Botetourt petitions of 1783 (“Wm Mills”), 1786 (“William Mills”) and 1789 (“Wm Mills”). He has not been found thereafter. The William of the 1780s could not possibly be William Mills-Witt. The William of 1825 does not appear amid known associates for William Mills-Witt.
- **William Mills-Witt** is likely to be the William Mills found on the 1814 Montgomery petition, near a Samuel Maddox, a few months before his marriage in Franklin County to Drucilla Kemp, step-daughter of Sarah Maddox. While he was first taxed in Franklin in 1806, he is intermittently missing prior to his marriage.

RESEARCH NOTES

1 DECEMBER 1778

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Cowpasture, Calfpasture, Bullpasture, & Jackson’s Rivers and Back Creek: Petition ... for the establishment of a new county with courthouse on Cowpasture River.”

² See E. S. Mills, “Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Mills & Watts: Initial Survey,” report to file, 8 February 2019; also E.S. Mills, “Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018; both archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the research tab.

³ Charles T. Burton, *Botetourt County, VA, 1785 Enumeration* (Troutville, VA: P.p., c1973), 4-5, 7-8.

⁴ Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770-1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 42; citing Will Book A:362.

{image 3, col. 1} Rafe Lafforde, Huey Beard, John Macdonley, John Henry Esminer, Paull Noland, William Scott, **John Clendenen**, Francis McAndrew ...⁵

COMMENT:

See petitions of 1779 and November 1785, when John Glymph was a near signer of John Clendenen. **Glimph and most Clendenen “neighbors” do not appear on this 1778 list.**

1779

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA

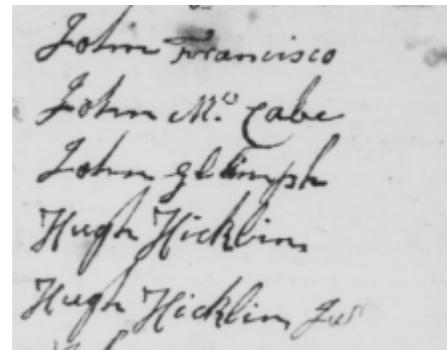
Petition to legislature

[Archival label] “Inhabitants of Augusta, Rockbridge, & Botetourt: Petition ... for the formation of a new county from western Augusta with that part of Rockbridge lying on Cowpasture River and part in Botetourt lying on Cowpasture and Jackson’s rivers.”

[Document] “Since our independency has Been happily Confirmed our Country has Grown more Popular and of Consequence our Publick Business more Accumilated and as we now do and always have Laboured under very Great Disadvantages by our Extreme Distance from our Court of Justice So that Numbers of us having Seventy or Eighty and Some few near one hundred miles to travill which Considering the Mountainousness of our Country with the Crossing of Rapid rivers which in times of high waters is very Dangerous and Rendezvous Situations Still more Greivous and Burthensome ... [request that a new county be drawn with the following lines]

“Beginning on the top of the North Mountain on the line that Divides Rockingham from Augusta and

- along the ridge that Divides the Waters of the South fork and North river untill the head of the Cowpasture waters,
- then along the ridge that Divides the waters of the two Rivers of the Calfpasture on the west from the waters of the Middle River on the East Side thereof untill where the Said Rivers of the Calfpasture Enter the Gap of the Mountain
- thence along the Ridge which Divides the Waters of Gays run from Kerr’s Creek waters till the head of Pdds Creek,
- thence Down the Same Creek to the Cowpasture River and thence a Streight [line] to William Manns Plantation on Jacksons River and from thence with a Streight line to the head of Anthony’s Creek,
- from thence along the ridge which Divides the waters of Doughthers Creek and Naps Creek from the waters of Beaver Lick Creek, and
- thence in a Streight line Crossing Green Brier River at the Mount of Sweago Creek, thence up the said Creek to the fork thereof and up the South fork thereof to the head,
- thence North-Easterly along the top of the Allegania Mountain which Divides the Elk, Monongahalia and Chest Waters on the western Side from the Waters of Green Brier and the Waters of the North fork of the South Branch on the East Side untill the Rockingham Line,
- thence with Said line Crossing the North fork South Branch and South fork until the Beginning.”



⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000390219; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 15, Folder 12.

{image 4, col. 1} Daniel Stour, Abraham **Carlock**, Isaac **Carlock**, Wm. Jackston, Robt. McGraw, Thos. Harvey, James Bently, Michel Francisco, John Francisco, John McCabe, **John Glimph**, Hugh Hicklin, Hugh Hicklin, Jur., John Byrnes, Thos. Hicklin Junr.

{image 4, col. 2} Joseph Mayo, Joseph Mayo Senr. Hun christ **Carlock**, John Gillespie, William Rhea, John Raighah, **James Slone**, John Clendenen, Robt. Baty ...⁶

COMMENT:

- It is evidence from the penmanship that Glimph did not sign for himself.
- This may be John Glymph Sr., rather than John Abraham Glymph who fought in the Revolution and subsequently (1787) posted bond to marry the widowed Franky Mills in Montgomery County.⁷

24 MAY 1779

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the division of the county”

{image 1} names illegible

{image 2, col. 1} Barnabas **Arthur**, ... Charles **Ewing**, Samuel **Ewing**, Baker **Ewing**, Robert **Ewing**, John White, George White, Robert **Ewing**, Samuel Baker, John **Ewing**, William **Ewing**, Caleb **Ewing**, Frederick Mayberry, Henry Baybury, George Maybery, William Scarbrough, William Armstrong, Robert Armstrong

{image 2, col. 4} ... Lemaster **Cooksey**⁸

COMMENT:

- The Ewings were the inlaws of John Mills Jr. of Bedford, Augusta, and Botetourt.
- Lemaster Cooksey was formerly in Amherst, where he appears in deeds with Larkin Bias. (The Amherst Bias family is widely said to be the birth family of Obediah Bias who in 1796–98 settled in the Montgomery > Giles community where the “lone” females Frances “Franky” and Sarah intermarried with the John Whites, Sartains, and Whitts, and Atkinses.

⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000390229; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 15, Folder 22. Emphasis added.

⁷ See Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery, Fincastle & Botetourt Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018 (updated 8 November 2018); archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

The Glymph-Mills marriage appears not to have occurred. John Abra(ha)m Glymph appears extensively thereafter in record of Newberry, SC, with a different wife. Meanwhile, in 1806, one Samuel Mills posted a bond in Giles County (cut from Montgomery) to marry Rachel Prince; both sets of parents gave permission: “John & Franky White” and “John & Rachel Prince.” Montgomery Co. marriage records document the 1792 marriage of John White Jr. to “Frances Mills.” See John Vogt and T. William Kethley Jr. *Giles County, Marriages, 1806-1850* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1985), 53–54; and Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.

As an alternate hypothesis, we might consider that the John “Abram” Glymph of the 1787 marriage bond was the elder John Glymph, while the younger settled Newberry and married someone else. However, when Franky married John White Sr. in 1792, she married under the Mills name—implying that she had not remarried and was still the widow Mills.

⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088831; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 13.

24 MAY 1779

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY

Petition to legislature

“Residents of Bedford Residing on the South Side of the Staunton River ... Ask for a division of the county by a line from the mouth of the Black Water River up the meanders of the Staunton River to the Blue Ridge.”

{image 9} ... Thomas **Arthur** ... James **Slone**

{image 10} ... Patrick **Slone**⁹

COMMENT:

- James Slone and Thomas Arthur were later neighbors of James Mills on the Maggoty. James Mills bought his land from James Slone and named a son Arthur Mills.
- This list includes a Thomas Watts and two William Wattses. I am not pursuing the Wattses there in that time frame. My line relocated to SC c1756–63.

9 NOVEMBER 1779

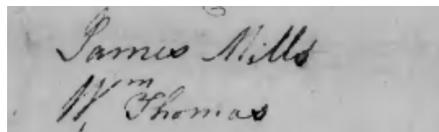
BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY

Petition to legislature

“Sundry ... Freeholders and others, the Inhabitants of Bedford County, Residing on the South side of Stanton River,” request “for a division of the county by a line from the mouth of the Black Water River up the meanders of the Staunton River to the Blue Ridge.”

{image 1, bottom} William Wright, John Undersood, William **Slone**, Thomas **Slone**, **Thomas Arthur**, Thos. Doggett, William Dalton

{image 2, column 3} Jeremiah Farley, David Thomas, Owen Hall, Thos. Charler, John Meguire, Abraham Oldshire, James Lucas, Ritchard Roberds, James Paget, John Walker, Partrick **Slone**, Richard Green, Nathan? Green, Garrat Fitchgarel, Amos Walton, Moses Wray, Benjamin Wray, Moses Luney, James Stephens, Mickle McDonel, G___ G_ith Senr, John Conner, **James Mills**, Wm. Thomas, Daniel Dunlap, Charles Vinson, Vinson Simkins, Daniel Simkins.¹⁰



COMMENT:

This is about the time that James Mills married. Note that he is not yet in the thick of the Slones. However, the Patrick Slone who is relatively close to him on this petition would appear on subsequent petitions signing amid the family cluster.

22 NOVEMBER 1779

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

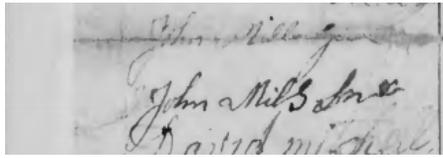
Petition to legislature

Request “for amendment to act establishing land office.”

⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088830; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 12.

¹⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088833; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 15.

{image 3, col. 1} ... **John Mills Junr., John Mills, Snr.** ...¹¹



COMMENT:

The shakiness of the signature of John Sr. suggests that he was well up into years. This John Sr. and Jr. lived in the part of Augusta that was cut away into Botetourt. They also owned property in Bedford.¹²

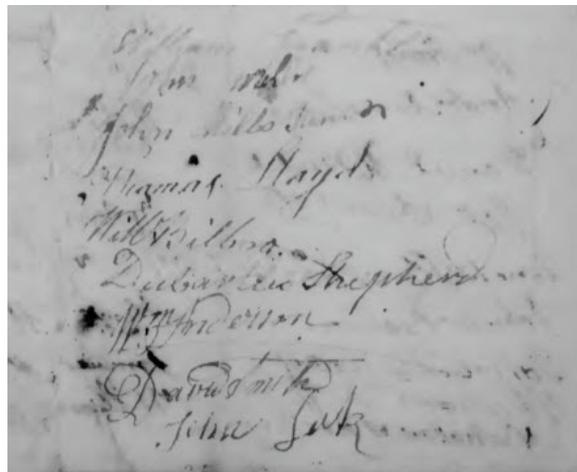
23 MAY 1780

MONTGOMERY [& BOTETOURT] COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

From "Inhabitants of the Western Frontier," regarding hostile Indians.

Last page of signatures, last column, includes **Edmund Quick**, Jacob Cassel, James Moor, Samuel McLaughlin, David Nelson, John Strother, Christopher Kane, Andrew Woods, William Allen?, Francis _____, William Franklin?, **John Mills?**, **John Mills Junior**, Thomas Floyd, Willm Bilbro, Dubarl__ Shepherd, Wm Anderson, David Smith ...¹³



COMMENT:

The state archives presents this is a petition from Montgomery County. However, John Mills and John Mills Jr. were residents of adjacent Botetourt at the time.

8 JUNE 1782

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY, VA

¹¹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147676; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 30, Folder 10.

¹² See E. S. Mills, "Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Mills & Watts: Initial Survey," report to file, 8 February 2019; also E.S. Mills, "Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources," report to file, 28 August 2018; both archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the research tab.

¹³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248551; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 6.

Petition to legislature

Residents South of Staunton River thank the legislators for the division of Bedford County in the last legislature but report that a substantial number of inhabitants south of the Staunton are still suffering inconveniences due to distance from the courthouse and hardships of travel; the people south of the river will propose a further division, and the signers—who live north of the river—support that petition.

COMMENT

This includes Jacob and Joshua Early, the Ewing clan (Robert Sr. and Jr., Baker, Charles, Samuel, and George). Also {image 10} Nathan Maddox.

Filed with this is a petition from those South of the River. *The pages seem to be intermingled. The following are known to reside on the south side:*

{image 3, bottom of petition} Thomas Arthur, John Starkey, Jesse Dilion, Joshua Sharky, William Markum, John Banks, James Nimam

{image 4, col. 1} ... Thomas **Slone**, James **Slone Junr.**

{image 5, col. 1} .. James **Slone**, John Wright, James Miller, David Thomas, William **Slone**, Jno. Michal Miller, Jacob McGreedy, Patrick **Sloane**, Thos. **Slone**¹⁴

COMMENT:

James Mills of Bedford > Franklin does not appear amid the signers above; however, he did sign the related document below.

23 NOVEMBER 1782

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY. VA

Petition to legislature

Request of “freeholders and Inhabitants Residing on the *South Side of Stanton River*,” asking for “the division of the county and formation of a new county along the line of the Blackwater and Staunton rivers.”

{image 4, col. 1} John Taylor, Amos Ellison, Kennady Richardson, Josel[?] Richardson, James Richardson, Joshua Richardson, Samuel Delaney, Henry Prewitt, **James Slone**, Patrick **Slone**, William **Slone**, Thomas **Slone**, **James Mills**, Peter Grant, William Thomas, David Thomas, James Wray, Moses Warren Jacob Dolmon, John Underwood

{image 4b, col. 2} ... James **Slone Junr.**, Patrick Johnson, Peter Blankenship, James Poteet, **James Standefer**, John French John Campbell, Theoderick Webb, Samuel Henderson Junr., Samuel Henderson Senr., Benjamin Duvall, [no first name] Duvall, William Eubank, **Jacob Wimmer**, **Abraham Wimmer** ...

{image 5, col. 2} Gwin Dudley ...¹⁵

COMMENT:

At this point, James does not appear to own land. In 1790, he would buy land from James Slone. This Slone family remains an excellent candidate for the birth family of James’ wife.

¹⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088849; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 31.

¹⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088853; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 35.”

Dudley's son would become the brother-in-law of William Mills-Witt. The family into which both married, the Kemps and Edmondsons, lived south of the Blackwater—a region then in Henry County.

The document does not offer actual signatures. It is a transcription made contemporaneously.

1783

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY

Petition to legislature

Request of "sundry freeholders and others, the Inhabitants of Bedford County Residing on the *south Side of Stanton River,*" asking for "the formation of a new county from the southern part of Bedford and [upper] Henry County."¹⁶

COMMENT:

No Mills signature. We do see the signature of John Early, whose will James Mills witnessed in 1784.¹⁷

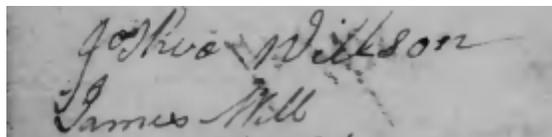
4 JUNE 1783

BEDFORD (LATER FRANKLIN) COUNTY

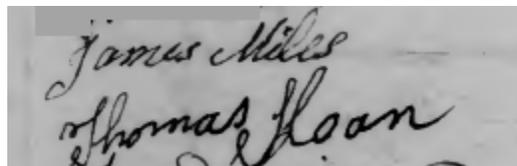
Petition to legislature

Request of "Freeholders and Inhabitants Residing on the *South Side of Stanton River,*" asking for "the division of the county and formation of a new county along the line of the Blackwater and Staunton Rivers."

{image 2; col. 1} Jho [Tho?] Arthur, Isaac **Rentfro**, John Hunter, Theodrack Webb, Joshua Willson, **James Mill**, Timethy Sangs, Wm Akerson, John **Naffzimer**, ...



{image 2; col. 2} ... Doter Holland, Asa Holland, Doter Holland Jr., Thomas Holland, William Holland, Anthony Epeson, William Bradshaw, Ambrose Raines, **James Stone [Slone?]**, Georg Reade, Wm **Slone**, **James Mills**, Thomas **Sloan**, David Loving, Humpherey Reade, Archibald Farley, Jacob Boon.



{image 2, col. 3} George Turnbull, Christian Lockmiar, Daniel Walker, **Abraham Abshire**, Charles Pence, William Brown, John Langdon, James Simkins, Jacob Knave, Jacob Florow, Christian Brown, Henery Kinsey, John **Slone**, **James Slone Jun.**¹⁸

¹⁶ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088859; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 310, Folder 5."

¹⁷ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 69–70; citing Will Book 1:242.

COMMENT:

- James Mills's first son Abraham would marry Elizabeth Abshire in the 1790s.¹⁹
- The Noffzimers centered on the Upper Maggoty around the gap between Franklin and Botetourt Counties. On the Botetourt side, they were near John Mills Sr. and Jr.

4 JUNE 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Archival label: "Protest against the division or alteration of the county."

{page 1, col. 1, of signatures} ... Josias Shaw, Eige Cown [Coren"], John Briscoe **Jesse Witt.**²⁰

COMMENT:

Same signature as above.

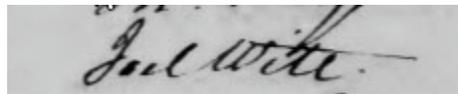
4 JUNE 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Archival label: "Protest against the division of the county."

{page 9, col. 3} ... **Joel Witt.**²¹

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Joel Witt." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

4 JUNE 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

(p. 1)

"To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates. The Petition of Sundry Freeholders and others[,] the Inhabitants of Henry County humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioners from the present very Extensive Boundaries of their County find it extremely inconvenient attending their publick and necessary Business by reason of bad Roads and their Remote situation from the Court House, They also beg leave to Represent to your Hon,ble Houses that the County as it now stands is on the North Lines the common Bridleway, near 40 miles on the South about 85 on the East near 40 and on the West 70 in Length, which Extent of Land will admit of a part being taken off as the Lien proposed will leave a Sufficient Number of Inhabitants in Henry County to support the Eigencies thereof and the County will still remain about 22 Miles wide (by a Direct Line run by the

¹⁸ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088856; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 310, Folder 5." Emphasis added.

¹⁹ See E. S. Mills, "James Mills (*bef.*1750—*c*1823–24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes," a work in progress last updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the "Research" tab.

²⁰ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215027; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 12.

²¹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215027; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 13.

Surveyor) at the lower end, and will widen considerably as it makes upwards. Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Division of this County may take place,

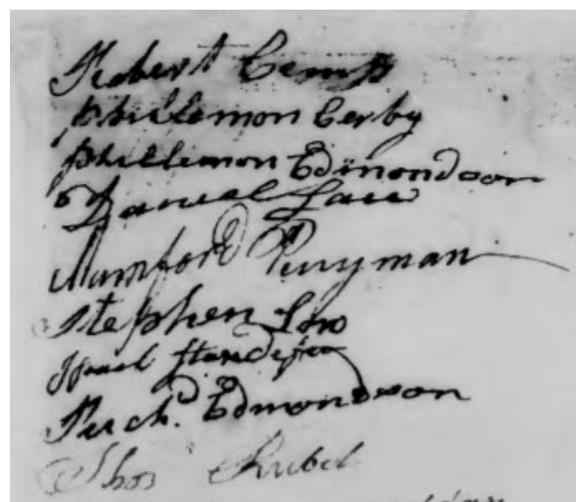
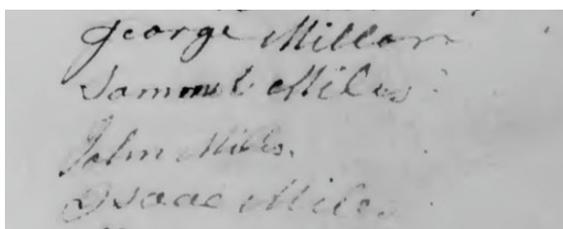
- Beginning a Line from the head of Shoaling Creek to the West end of Turkey Cock Mountain
- thence along the Top of the Mountain, to Intersect the Dividing Line between Pittsylvania and Henry Counties,
- thence along the Line to the Mouth of Black Water River, which part of Henry will contain about 600 Tithes.

Your Petitioners further pray that, that part of Bedford which lies on the South side of Stanton River may be taken off and added to them, which Your Petitioners are sufficiently informed is much desired and the present prayer of those Inhabitants who when added to this part of Henry will form a Distinct and Compact County and contain about 10000 Tithables. Your Petitioners beg leave further to represent that the new proposed County will sufficiently remove the grievances so justly complained of as the Court House may be fixed in a Central manner, that the Inhabitants in the Eastern Corners of the same, will not have more than 20 miles to Court, a Convenience rarely to be met with in the back Country and that only a few Interested Individuals are the Opposers who encourage others to the same, As your Petitioners have ever been Taught to believe that the object of the Legislature is to provide for the Ease and convenience of the People, they Chearfully submit the matter to your Hon'ble House, in hopes (not withstanding their Repeated Disappointments) that a Suitable attention will be given to their Excessive District and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

(p. 2) Signers include: ... Benoni Perryman, Benjamin Potter, **Humphrey Edmondson, Richd. Edmondson Sr.**, Wm. Blankinship



(p. 4) Signers include: James Scrugs, David Barton, George Millar, *Samuel Milus* [Miles?], **John Mills** [Miles?], *Isaac Miles* [Miler?], Benjamin Hale.



(p. 5) Signers include: **Robert Camp**, Phillemon Cerby, Phillimon Edmondson, Daniel Law, Mumford Perryman, Stephen Low, **Isaiah Standifer, Richd. Edmondson [Jr.]**, Thos Rubel.²²

²² "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215032; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 17. For the date, see Record No. 00215030, same description.

COMMENT:

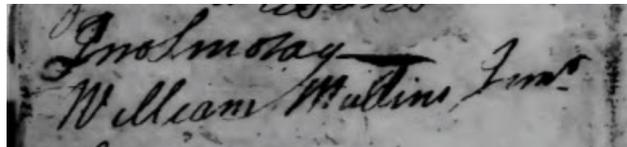
This digital collection has three separately imaged petitions from Henry County requesting a division. All carry the same exact wording. The first of the three is dated; the last two is digitized and filed separately by the archives under "1783 ca." The three parts of the petition clearly represent different communities but their archival description does not identify the neighborhoods or otherwise differentiate between them except for the archival number. The first had no names that are under study. A fourth part of this petition carries a certification date of 23 September 1784.²³

1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Petition part 3. Last page signatures include: ... Abraham Passley?, James Wilson, Jno. Smo_ay, **William Mullins Junr.**, ___rvis Hord, Richard Wilson. ...²⁴



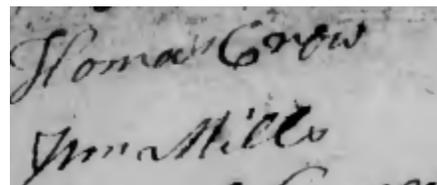
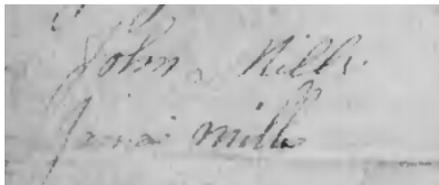
13 NOVEMBER 1783

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Protest against the act passed during the session of 1782 to enable the court of Botetourt to levy certain arrears due Rev. Adam Smyth, incumbent of the parish."

{image 12; col. 1} Henry White, John Painter, George Natwood [Watwood?], **John Mills, James Mills**, Wm. Allen, Samuel Jonston, William Switzer, Horn Compton, Joseph Laymon, John Laymon, John Dick, Thos? Clark, Mathew Wilson, Lorance Young, John Jonston, James **Adkins?** Jonathan Wood, James Moor, John Moor Junr, Wm Franklin, Wm Auston, John Stewart, James Stewart, John Crow, Thomas Crow, **Wm Mills**, Samuel Conner, Thomas Conner, Jerymiah Jinkins, Thomas Ross.²⁵



²³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215035; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 21.

²⁴ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215033; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 329, Folder 14.

²⁵ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147683; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 30, Folder 18.

COMMENT:

This James Mills and William Mills of Botetourt have not yet been identified. James's signature just after John would seem to suggest a kinship. It seems likely that they were also sons of John Mills Sr., who died in 1782. **His full probate needs to be studied.**²⁶ This William Mills of Botetourt also signed petitions in 1786 and 1789.

27 OCTOBER 1785

BEDFORD {LATER FRANKLIN} COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants of the South Side of the Staunton River: Petition ... for the formation of a new county from the southern part of Bedford and Henry County."

{image 2, col. 2} Tho. Arthur Junr, Isaac Rentfro, Thos. Rentfro, Jasper Perry, Joshua Renfro [skip 9] Daniel French, Daniel Morgan, jno. **Slone**, Abram **Abshire**, Jno **Slone** Junr., Jno Johnston, George Crouch, Thos. Stanton, Wm. Batt

{image 2, col. 3} [skip 4] William **Slone**, **James Slone**, Clifford **Slone**, Patrick **Slone**, Reuben **Slone**, Lodwick **Abshire**, Peter **Abshire**, Jacob **Abshire**, Robt. Hall, Philemon Smith, George Toler, Laughlin McCrady, Jacob McGrady, Jno. Campbell, Jno. Grambrell, Geo. Shelby, **James Mills**²⁷

COMMENT:

The names of James Mills and most of the Abshires and Slones in column 3 are all in the same hand, one that loved excessive flourishes.

27 OCTOBER 1785

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Protest against the bill for making provision for the support of the Teachers of the Christian Religion."²⁸

COMMENT:

No Mills signature. We do see the signature of John Early, whose will James Mills witnessed in 1784.²⁹

23 NOVEMBER 1785

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants of Augusta, Rockbridge, & Botetourt: Petition ... for the formation of a new county."

{image 3, col. 1 (1st page of signatures)} John Cowardin, Wm. Doltin, Edward Thompson, Robert Thompson, John McClung, Samuel McDonald, Joseph Thompson, **James Slone**, William Moore, John Moore ...

{image 3, col. 3} ... David Moore, George Moore, Abraham **Carlock**, **Isaac Carlock**, Wm. Jackston, Robert McGraw, Thos. Harvey

²⁶ See E. S. Mills, "Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier," pp. 16–17.

²⁷ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088865; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 310, Folder 6.

²⁸ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088864; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 23, Folder 46.

²⁹ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 69–70; citing Will Book 1: 242.

{image 3, col. 5} James Bently, John McCabe, **Johan Glimph**, John Byrns, Rhd. Hicklin Junr., Hunchrist **Carlock**, John Galaspey, Hugh Hicklin Junr., **John Clendinan**, Robt. Baty, Andw. Beaty ...³⁰

COMMENT:

- As with the 1779 list, there are no Adkins/Atkins in this community of 523 signers. Two years later (1787), when John Abraham Glymph posted a bond to marry the widowed Fanny Mills in Montgomery County, "Militon" Adkins served as surety.³¹
- See 2 November 1787 petition from Botetourt and Montgomery counties for the only petition I've found to day for Militon (aka Millington and Middleton). He also appears on Montgomery's tax rolls of the era.

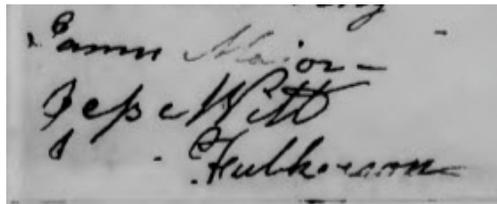
27 OCTOBER 1785

HENRY COUNTY, VA

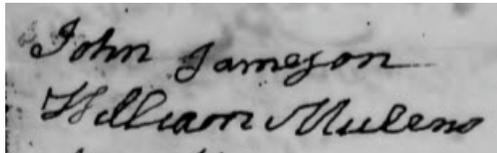
Petition to legislature

"Protest against the bill obliging the inhabitants of the Commonwealth to pay the teachers of the Christian religion."

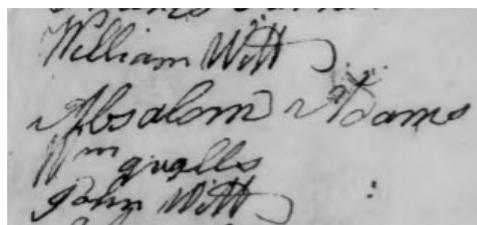
Page 5 includes ... Denis Obrint, John Bowling, James Major, **Jesse Witt**, ___ Fulkersome.



Page 7 includes ... Tho. Hewlett, Robert Bolton, John Jameson, **William Mullens**, Jesse Moping?



Page 11 begins with John Swanson, Phillip hugsoson, John Poteet, Charles burnet, **William Witt**, Absalem Adams, Wm. Qualls, **John Witt**, John Hill? ...



Page 12 includes Edgecombe Guillams, later of Franklin.³²

³⁰ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000390254; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 309, Folder 5.

³¹ Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 33, mistakenly renders Militon's surname as "Akers."

2 FEBRUARY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request an act to lay off a town and move the courthouse to a more convenient location.

{Image 3, col. 2} George Pearis, James Lacey, Mitchel Clay, David McCormis Senr., William McCormis, **Edmund Whitte**, John Chapman Junr, John French, Isaac French ...

{Image 3, col. 3} **Richard Whitt**, Isaac McKinzie, Peter Blankinship, David McCormis Junr., Joel **sarton**, **Abijah Whitte**, William Chapman, Matthew French, David Trimble ...³³

26 OCTOBER 1786

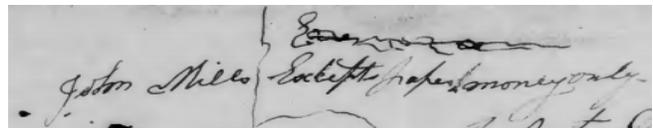
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"In support of the Treaty of Paris, protest against the policy of emitting larger sums of paper money, and contend that the government is too expensive.

{image 3, col. 2} Jas. Chambers, Robtt. Black, John Allen, Hugh Allen, **Wiliam Mills**, Mathew Wilton, William McClaren James Robinson, Jas. Mason, Mathew Harris, ...

{image 4, col. 3} **John Mills**³⁴



COMMENT:

This William of Botetourt also signed petitions in 1783 and 1789.

31 OCTOBER 1786

LOUISA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants protest against the law for incorporating the Episcopal Society and vesting her glebes, churches, etc."

{image 2, col. 1} **W^m White Jr. ... Will^m White Sr. ... Jn^o White**

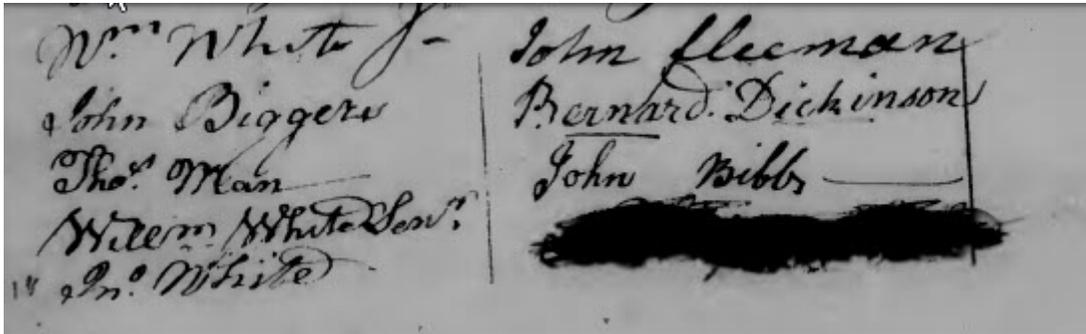
{image 2, col. 2} **John Fleeman**³⁵

³² "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215036; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 22."

³³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. **000248562**; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 1.

³⁴ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147698; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 11

³⁵ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000217054; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 148, Folder 18.



COMMENT:

This cluster of signatures represent the first eight names on the petition, placed at the bottom of the text. A new page starts thereafter.

John C. Fleeman also continue to appear occasionally for another two decades.

I am noting Fleeman because Charles Mills, son of William Mills-Witt and wife Drucilla Kemp is said to have married Sarah Fleeman 22 December 1757 in Montgomery County where Millses were intermarried with a John White Sr. and Jr.³⁶ I have not seen evidence of parentage for Sarah Fleeman or her family and have not yet begun to seek the family.

The origin of John White Sr. and Jr. of Montgomery is also unknown. Several Louisa petitions in the years before and after carry the names "John White," "John White Sr." and "John White Jr.," with some variances in the signatures.

2 NOVEMBER 1787

BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

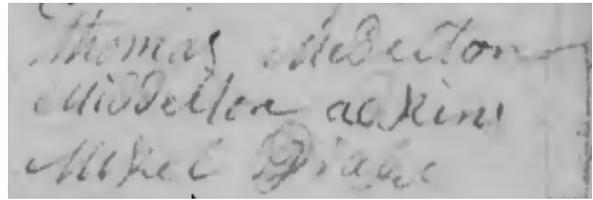
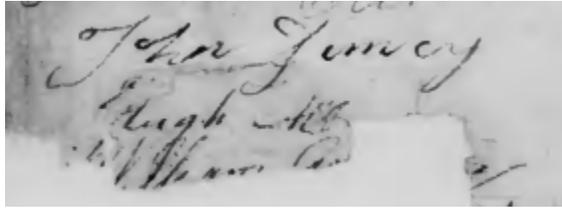
Petition to legislature

Request "for the division of the county and the creation of a new county."

{image 5, col. 3} David Mollenachen [McClenanhan?], James Norvell, James Gellis, Thos Mcferran, Mical Canan, John Gifford[?], David Worley, John McClure, Josiah Crawford, Thomas Clement, John Demcy; **Hugh Mills**, William A" [torn]

³⁶ Edward E. Mills, query, "Charles T. Mills," Mills Ancestry (<http://www.geocities.com/millsancestry/q3.htm> : posted 25 February 1998; accessed 15 March 2002). Also edemills, "Charles T. & Sarah Mills," message posted 29 Oct. 2010, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.northam.usa.states.tennessee.counties.claiborne/2796/mb.ashx>). In his 2010 posting, Edward E. Mills writes: "My 3rdGT Grandparents, William and Drucilla (Kemp) Mills, Franklin County, VA, were the parents of 7 sons and 2 daughters. Their 8th child was Charles T. Mills, b. Franklin County, ca1833. He married Sarah M. Fleeman, 22 Dec 1857, Montgomery County, VA. Charles T. and Sarah were the parents of 3 daughters, Martha, Sarah, and Rachel. Charles, Sarah, and daughter Martha relocated to Claiborne County around the 1863-64 timeframe. Daughters Sarah and Rachel were born in TN. Charles T. Mills and family are enumerated in both the 1870 and 1880 Claiborne County Federal Census Reports, District 4."

Census data for the Tennessee couple is radically "off" in 1870 but compatible in 1880. See **1870** U.S. census, Claiborne Co., TN, Post Office: Cumberland Gap, TN, 4th Civil District, p. 236, dwelling/family 87/86: Charles Mills 50 "works on farm," Sarah 33, Rachel 10 (all b. VA), with Sarah F. 6 and Rachel 3 (both b. TN). **1880** U.S. census, Claiborne Co., TN, stamped p. 143-D, ED 105, dwell./fam.: Charles Mills 50, Sarah 47, Martha 20 (all b. VA), with Sarah 16 and Rachel 14 (both b. TN).



{image 7, col. 2} James Wathers, Elie Peter, Ellixander Pise, Thomas Medelton, **Middelton Adkins**, Mikel Diabel, George Fry, George Fry, Stephen Weeb³⁷

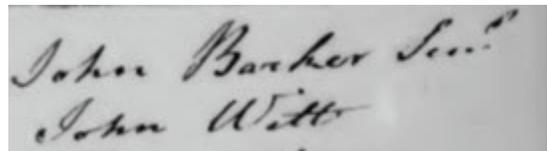
COMMENT:

This Middelton Adkins is the man who served as surety for the 1787 marriage of the widowed Franky Mills (apparent widow of Montgomery's RW private John Mills) to John Abraham Glymph. One Parker Mills (alleged by many trees to be his father) signed this treaty also, in the column next to Middelton.

8 NOVEMBER 1786
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Page 1 of signatures includes ... Geo. Tittle, John Dillen, John Barker Senr., **John Witt**, Peter Tittle, Absalam Adams ...³⁸

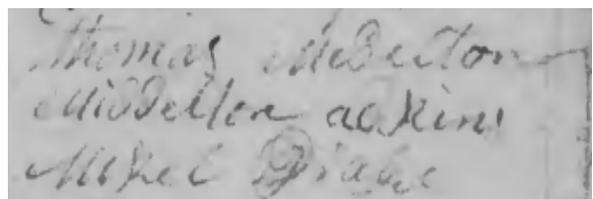
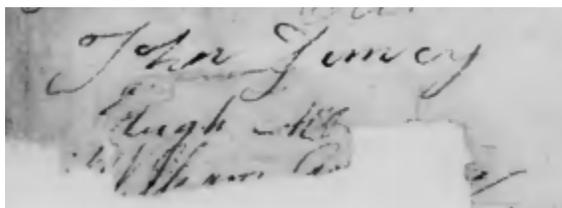


2 NOVEMBER 1787
BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request "for the division of the county and the creation of a new county."

{image 5, col. 3} David Mollenachen [McClenanhan?], James Norvell, James Gellis, Thos Mcferran, Mical Canan, John Gifford[?], David Worley, John McClure, Josiah Crawford, Thomas Clement, John Demcy; **Hugh Mills**, William A" [torn]



{image 7, col. 2} James Wathers, Elie Peter, Ellixander Pise, Thomas Medelton, **Middelton Adkins**, Mikel Diabel, George Fry, George Fry, Stephen Weeb³⁹

³⁷ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147701; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 15.

³⁸ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215040; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 26."

COMMENT:

This Middleton Adkins is the man who served as surety for the 1787 marriage bond for John Abrahm Glymph to marry the widowed Franky Mills (apparent widow of Montgomery's RW private John Mills). One Parker Mills (alleged by many trees to be his father) signed this treaty also, in the column next to Middleton.

2 NOVEMBER 1787

BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request "for the division of the county and the creation of a new county."

{image 6, col. 1} ... Zachariah Stanley, Benjamin Howard, William Graves, Saml. Depuis, Eliah Depuis, Abraham Depuis, **Blayney Mills, Elias Adkins** X his mark, Richd. Hackley

{image 11; col. 4} David Hiddings, Jos. Hiddings [Iddings]⁴⁰

COMMENT:

- Other names on image 6 suggest this is a Botetourt list.
- Iddings were William Mills's neighbors in Floyd Co., 1850.



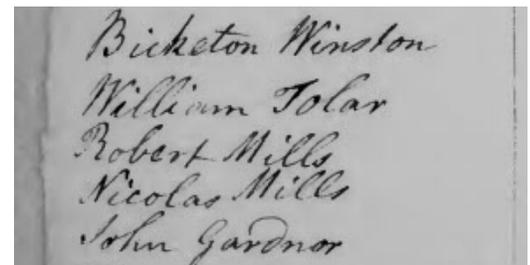
5 NOVEMBER 1787

LOUISA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for the removal of the courthouse & jail to the land of Anthony Thompson & for laying off fifty acres there for a town.

{image 5, col. 1} **Robert Mills, Nicolas Mills**⁴¹



6 NOVEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Petition of inhabitants asking that the upper parts of Botetourt, Washington, & Russell Counties be annexed to Montgomery.

{image 3, col. 1} "[torn] mis, [torn] Comis, [torn] McComis, Moses McComis, Drury Ham, Jos. West, Wm. Haizer, Wm. Perdue, Richard Chapman, John Chapman, Wm. Chapman, Peter Blankinship, Isaih Perdue, Noah Mullet, Edward Hale, Richard Estes, Thomas Godfeary, Joseph Barker, Abner Hamelton, Cardinan Hamelton, Wm. Robeson, Jh? Copley Junr., John Copley, John Homens,

³⁹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147701; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 15.

⁴⁰ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147702; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 14.

⁴¹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000217059; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 148, Folder 24.

Thos. Copley Senr., Thomas Copley Junr., Henry Walker, John White Senr., John White, Junr., Beniman Whit^r

{image 3, col. 2} “Moleston Peregán, Matthew French ... John French, James French, Abel Cook, Isaac French, James Burnside, William Wilson, Andrew Wilson, James Wilson, Nathin Smith, Urias Hurd[?], Rich^d Blankinship, John Blankinship, Ladoick Blankinship, Richd Abit, Ishmael Aabit, Joseph Aabit, Goerge Aabit, Morda^e McKinzie, James Brumfeld Junr. James Brumfeld Senr., Henry Lester, Wm. Law, David Hughs, Wm. Colwell, John Colwell, Jacb. Stiley, Andrw Stupit, Wm. Elie, William Stepord[?], Foresee Farley, Samuel Roberson, Paterick Naper Sin^r, Patrick Naper Jun^r, Thos. Hughs Naper, Rayney Naper”

COMMENT:

- Most of the signatures on this sheet appear to be in the same hand. The scribe scrawled most of the names. It’s a radically different penmanship from the next sheet which appears to be a continuation of the neighborhood with the duplication of at least onename: Forris Farley.
- None of the White signatures, above or below, are unique. Each set appears in the dominant penmanship of the page.

{image 4, col. 1} Patten Thompson, John Cloyd, John **Mairs**, Robert Lester, James Britt, Danl. Britt, William Dry, Joseph Williamson, Henry Brown, Isaac Petty, Peter Rife, Thomas Farley Senr., Henry Farley, Thomas Farley Junr., Forris Farley, William Farley, **Milliton Adkins**, James Montgomery, James Montgomery Senr[?], Andrew Steel, John Patton, **Benjn White**, John Davis, John Kane[?], Joseph Long, **John White**, Uriah Poller.

{image 5, col. 1} ... “Tho^s Copley, Andrew ___ley, Adam Clendennan, Holten Monsey, Saml. Monsey Senr. **Akales** Fanning, **Acles** Fanning, Joseph Hopkins.”

COMMENT:

- Image 5 introduces yet another collector with a different penmanship. At least one name in col. 1 is a duplicate of image 3: *Tho^s Copley*. At least one name in col. 2 is likewise: *Forris Farley*.
- The two Fannings, with the highly unusual name Acles, suggest a connection to John White Jr. and wife Nancy Copley who named a son *Acles*.

{image 5, col. 2} Daniel Robinett, Thomas Waddel, Richd Robinett, James Robinett, Thomas Squers, Bryan Fannan, Andrew Thompson, James Rice, William Rice, Francis Negnyer, Joseph Daugherty, James Evans, Eliah [no last name], Thomas Giller, **A Dutchman, Parker Adkins, [alleged father of Milliton]** Alexr. McDonald, Jacob Shuffelbarriger, John Boyers, Ralph Stewart, Hugh Lagin, Robt. Clindennan, William McGuyere, Josiah McGuyer, William Fletcher, Edward Corder, Wm. Cox, Mordekaih McKinsey, M. Adkinson, J. Adkinson, Robt. Hunter, Robt. Alsup”

{image 5, col. 3} “Edward Rose, Thos. Dunn, James Dunn, Wm Lail Kirme Dicem [sic], **Hugh Mares**, Isaac Dailey, Jesse Purdue, **Thos. Mills**, Henry Thompson, David Patton, Jam^s Workman, Jam^s Dunn, Samuel Mears, Ninion Cloyd, John Monsey, Saml. Monsey, Thos. Pickings, Henry Wizer, Christopher Trinkle, Saml. Hickman, John Thompson, Wm. Matlock, Abram Brown, George Leepole, Matthias Crum, John Crum, **A Dutchman**, Joshua Crum, Abram Workman, Jam^s Thompson, John Gillis⁴²

⁴² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248562; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 20.

2 NOVEMBER 1789

BOTETOVRT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for the division of the county and the creation of a new county” by “Inhabitants of the Upper End of Botetourt and the Lower End of Montgomery.”

{image 6, col. 1} Shadrack Stephens, Christopher Richardson, William Richardson, **Booker Mullins**, Peter Rentfro, Jonathan Elswith, Benjamin Clements ...

{image 7, col. 2} Andrex Cox, John Cox, Henry Webb, James Jarrel Moses Hulbert, John Hulbert, James [illegible], Jeremiah Ray, Thos Fewson, Charles Mabry, Richard Sturgal, **Wiliam Mullins**, **Ambrose Mullins**, John Boll [Bott?], Charles Bolt [Rott?], Moses **Standley**, Jos. **Standley**, [torn] Hubbert?⁴³

14 NOVEMBER 1789

BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Requests “increased navigation of the James River and that the public may become subscribers of thirty other shares in the James River Co.”

{image 6, col. 1} Thomas Crow Snr, Adolph Florey, David Florey, John Florey, Andw. Crow, Jacob **McCarrell**, Robert Kyle, John Ronald, James Lemars, Wm C. Lemarr, **Wm Mills** [illegible] Henry Millirins, George Kerns, Jacob Kerns, John Kerns, John Wall, John Miller, Jacob Miller, James **Ewing**, **Robt. Ewing**, **Jno. Mills**⁴⁴

{image 6, col. 2} ... Henry Ewing, David Edmoston, Wm. Edmiston

COMMENT:

- This John Mills should be “John Jr.,” the son-in-law of Robert Ewing.
- William Mills of this petition signed in 1783 and 1786 as well. I have not found anything on him thereafter in the materials I have combed up to this point.
- McCarrell is noted because William Mills-Witt, when he went on the Franklin County roll of 1806, was listed between Samuel McCarrell and Booker Mullins—a position that would be maintained for several years. Samuel McCarrell also owned land in Montgomery County that was inherited from his Ferguson ancestors.



20 NOVEMBER 1790

BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA

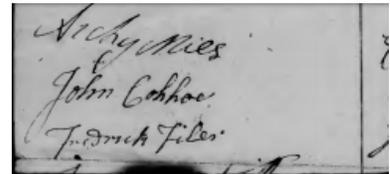
Petition to legislature

⁴³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147709; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 19.

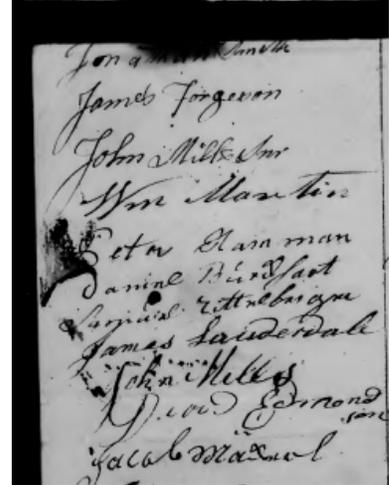
⁴⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147714; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 20.

Request “that thirty shares may be added to the stock of the James River Company on behalf of the Commonwealth to be discharged out of taxes due from 1788 and earlier.”

{image 1; col. 1} John Smith, Mairing Pigg, George Gordon, Preston Breckinridge, David Good, Valentine Good, John Neelly, **John Mills**



{image 6, col. 1} John Liles, Wm. Sitton, Wm Turnner?, **Archy Mills**, John Cohhoe, Frederick Files, Jonathan [illegible under a blotch of ink] James Forgeson, **John Mills Senr**, Wm Martin, Peter Hamman, Daniel Birdfast, Lemuel Rittenbarger?, James Lauderdale, **John Mills**, D___d **Edmonson**, Jacob Maxwell? James Gilles⁴⁵



COMMENT:

- ca 1800–11, Robert Wiley signed several Botetourt petitions. William Mills-Witt would name a son Robert Wiley Mills.
- The Archy Mills of this Botetourt list has not been identified.
- The “John Mills Sr.” of this list was not the John Mills Sr. who died in 1782. He may be the son previously called “John Mills Jr.” if there is another younger John Mills who has come of age

15 NOVEMBER 1794

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature.

“To the Honourable The Speaker and the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly of the State of Virginia. The Petition of the Freeholders and others The Inhabitents [*sic*] of the County of Henry, Humbly shewith, That we are Alarmed at an Act of Assembly Passed the last Session Intitled an Act for the more Effectual Collecting Certain Arrears of Taxes and Duties, Thereby appointing Agents for the different Militia Districts, and visiting them with powers, that neither the Agents, nor Sheriffs, Acting under the said law, appear to know how to construe; as by law, the Sheriff is directed to Summons the Commissioners to Assertain the Value of the property taken by Execution, and in case of no bidders or if no person will bid Three fourths of the Value of such Property [three words crossed through], the Agent may at his Discretion Purchase for the Common Wealth and where there are no Bidders, or the Agent will not bid (or) where no person will bid three fourths; and the Agents will not Purchase for the CommonWealth, the law does not direct the Sheriff what to do with the property, taken in Execution. We therefore think the law Imperfect, and Inadequate to answer a Good purpose. And from the Enormous and Extravagant Commissions, anext to his Several Services to be taken out of Our Publick Treasury and the great Opportunity, the Agent has of making Considerable advantages by the purchase and sale of property, we are therefore sorry to say we think the Adgitators of the law (or part of them) must have had Speculative and sinister views Contrary to the Publick Good. We therefore Pray the said Act be Repeal’d,

⁴⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147719; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 22.

or so amended, if necessary to be continued, as to be made plain, and that the officers Acting under the said law; have no more for their services, than what Reason and good conscience, will direct your wisdom to Conceive is Just; we therefore in Duty bound do Pray &c. ...”

Page 2 of signatures begins: Wm. J. Pace, **William F. Mills**, James Dillard Junr., N. W. Williams, Haynes Morgan ...⁴⁶



COMMENT:

This signer is William Fontaine Mills, son of William Mills and wife Elizabeth Fontaine of Matrimony Creek in Henry County (formerly Pittsylvania).⁴⁷ To have signed in November 1794, he should have been born by November 1773.

22 NOVEMBER 1794

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“To the honourable the Speaker and the Gentlemen of the Assembly of the State of Virginia. The petition of the freeholders and others the Inhabitants of the County of Henry humbly sheweth that there is no Seminary of classical learning in either of the adjacent counties or at any convenient distance, that the town of Martinsville is tollerably central to the counties of Patrick, Franklin, Pittsylvania and Henry, of the State of Virginia, and that of Rockingham of No. Carolina. We therefore pray that the Academy which is now erected at Martinsville may have the sanction of your honourable house and that such men be appointed trustees as the Gentlemen Delegates from the counties of Henry Patrick and Franklin may nominate. We in duty bound do pray &c.” Fourteen signatures includes “**Wm. F. Mills**” with the same signature as above.⁴⁸

16 DECEMBER 1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for division of the counties of Montgomery, Franklin & Patrick. Signatures include:

Franklin County men:

{image 12, col. 2} ... Richard Guilliams ...

{image 12, col. 3}

David Goode, Thomas Ha_{am}, Solomon HarcBider, Isaac Miller, James Tarny, William Kelley, Thomas Ferguson, James McVey, John Hul^dm_?, Noah Ferguson, **Luke Standefer**, James Boulton, Saml Shockle, Guy Smith, David Morgan, Wm. Brown, Skelton Taylor, Alexr? Fergus, Jams Farral, Robert Prunty, **Sam^l Miles**, John Chipwood ...

⁴⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215052; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 45.

⁴⁷ E. S. Mills, “Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

⁴⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215053; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 46.

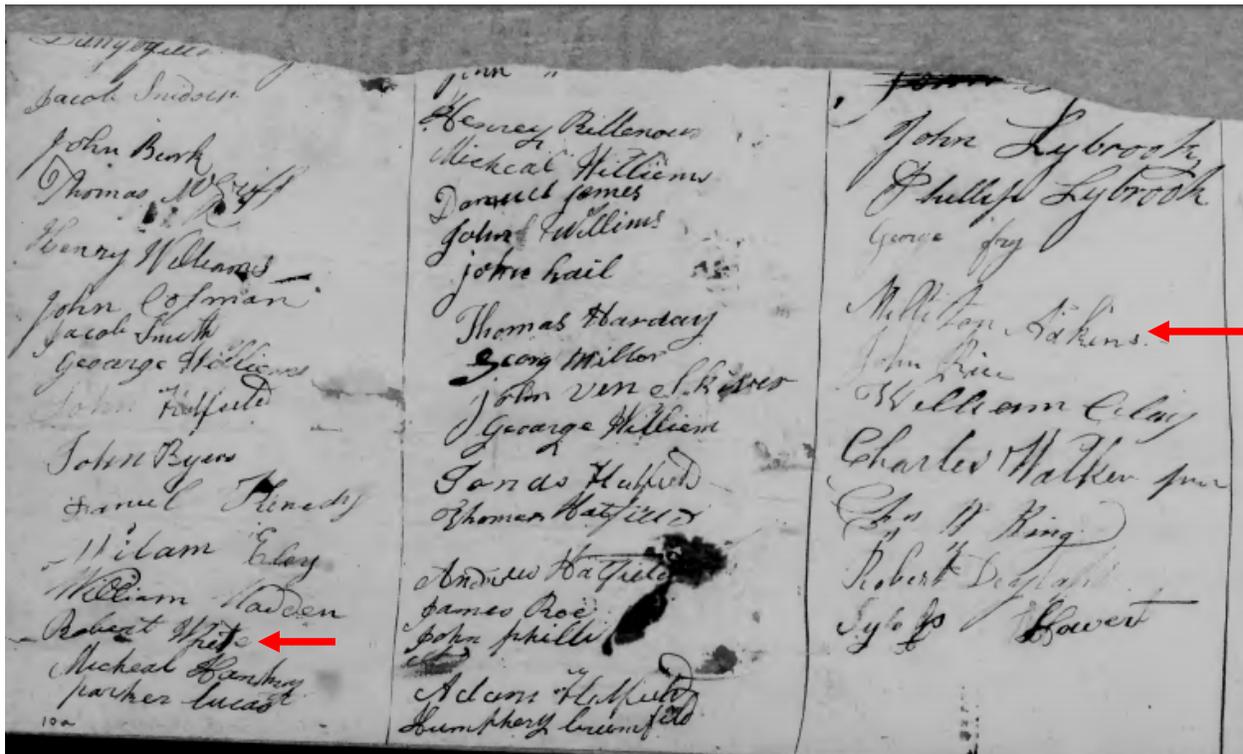
{image 13, col. 1} ... Smith Webb, **Daniel Prillaman**, John Ferguson ...

{image 13, col. 2} ... John **Marcum**, Barnard **Arthur**, George **Ferguson**, John Gall, Robert Henry, Saml. _____, ___Woods, Francis Hill, Owen Ruble, Charles Lumnsden, Sam Saul?, Wm. Griffith, John Wood, William Ryan, Walter McGregor, **John Kemp**, **Robert Craghead**

Montgomery County, apparently:

[image 23, col. 4: Daniell Tilman, Joseph Broom, John Causby, John Marlar?, David Elkins, Charles Ferrell, Jacob Jones, Francis, Johnson, John Harper, Joshua Addams, David Holt, **William Whit**, Edward Noles, John Baur, Henry Ross ...

{image 24, col. 3}: John Lybrook, Phillip Lybrook, George Fry, **Milliton Adkins**, John Rice, William Clay, Charles Walker Jur., Chas. W. King, Robert Deylassus? ...⁴⁹



COMMENT:

- Given the uncommonness of the given name “Milliton,” this man is a good candidate for the Milliton who served as surety to the marriage bond of John Abraham Glymph and Widow Fanny Mills.
- Note also the Robert Whit(e).

18 DECEMBER 1797
MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA
Petition to legislature

⁴⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248579; citing Accession Number 36121, Bo337, Folder 2.

“Protest against the division of the county and the formation of a new county from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, & Patrick”

[*Montgomery County men:*]

{image 6, col. 2} ... Jacob Sowder Sen., William Willson, Jno. Peden, Samuel Willson, **Herclies Mares**, Henry **Idings**, Jonas Lykins, Benjamin Peden, Thos Lee, Danel Com___, Dad. Jones, David Wilson, Francis Piden, John Wilson Juner, John Chambro, Valentine Shatteen, ___l_t__n Ak?___ [a torn name at bottom of page, possibly **Milliton Atkins**]

{image 7, col. 1} John Webb, Hercules Ogle juner, Hercules Ogle Sener ... {col. 2} ... John **Shockey** ...

(image 14, col. 3) **Archibald Whitt**, Thomas Casidy, Thomas A?lley, William Spencer ...⁵⁰

COMMENT:

Archibald Whitt is the proved son of the Rev. Richard Whitt.⁵¹

5 DECEMBER 1799

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... protest against the petition for a division of the county.”

{image 3, col. 2} “Edmond Price, William Miller, John Harrison, Richd Price, Jesse Cobbs, Benjamin Johnson, **Samuel Mills**”

{image 4, col. 1} “Peter _____, John McCoy, James Collum, Reuel Dagger, Allen Baxter, James Jopling, George Blake, John Jones, Micha Darnell, William Dupuy, **Adam Mills**, Jacob Wolfe ...⁵²

5 DECEMBER 1799

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask for a division of the county.”

{image 2} Kanhawa County,” September 11th 1799”

{image 4, col. 1} “Wm. Jones, Wm. Fuqua, William Carrol, Hugh Mcquire, Garral McCollister, George Kelley, Andrew Lewis, Willm. McKinsey, **Nath[an]iel White, Joseph White**, George Thornton Junr., Newman Gibbs, Wm. Allen ...⁵³

10 DECEMBER 1799

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the division of the county”

{image 14, col. 1} Nathaniel Crandall, **Richd. Whitt Junr, Richd Whitt Senior**, John Chase, Phillip Hagan, Stephen Howard ...⁵⁴

⁵⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248580; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 3.

⁵¹ See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery, Fincastle & Botetourt Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey.”

⁵² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610871; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 12.

⁵³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610870; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 12.

11 DECEMBER 1799

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the consolidation of the counties of Greenbrier & Monroe.”

{image 8, col. 2}: “... **Sherid Atkins**, Druary Farley, Gideon Farley, Francis Farly, Edward Farly, John Farly, Archabald Woodrum, Richard Woodrum ...

{image 11, col. 2}: “... Matthew Leach, John Brown, Alexander Brown, John Berry, Patrick Boyd, James Hooper, **Robert Wiley**, William Jeffress, John Thomson, James Taylor, Magness Burnes, Jamse Foster, Philip Beamer, John Garvin, Peter Hudson, John Linch, Thos. Irons, Shelton Eder, James Hawking, John McDowel, William McDowel, **William White**, Joseph Black, Philip Halshople, Wilim. Wilson, **Andrew Wiley**, Nimrod Taylor, John Jeffries, Robt. Martin, Adam Wents, Thos. Leason, William Gullett, [?] Leach ...⁵⁵

13 DECEMBER 1799

MONROE & MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Ask that commissioners may be appointed at the expense of the county to ascertain the center and appoint the place for holding courts.”

{image 2, col. 4}: “David Graham, Thomas Hinton, William Cook, Thos. Fitzpatrick, Lively McGhee, John McGhee, James Mason, William Hank?, **Joseph White**, William **Mattix**, James Fitzpatrick, [skip a dozen] John Skaggs, Richard Skaggs, Joseph Skaggs ...”

{image 5, col. 3}: “John Stodghill, Henry Showers, James Mann, John Lewis, William Hank, **Joseph White**, William **Mattox**, James Fitzpatrick, Robt. Fitzpatrick, John Ballard ...”

{image 7, col. 3}: “... John Pritchett, **Andw. Shown** [Showen?], John Harper, Robert Sample, Aerom Luck ...

{image 9, col. 1}: “Christian Peters, Peter Montz, Peter Montz Senr., George Miller Senr., George Miller Jnr., **John Connor**, Lewis Foard, **Gabral Mounpine**, **William Toney**, William Lee, Robert Lee, Robert Smith, Noah Davis, John Davis, James Davis, **Robert Wiley**, William **Wiley**, William Willson, Nathan Willson, George Willson, John **Peters** Ser., John Peters Jr., Jacob Peters Senr., Jacob Peters Jur., John Dun Sen., John Dun Jur., William Dun, William Smith Ser., William Smith Jr., John Smith, **Henry Farley**, John Clark, Samuel Rowlen, Hugh Pacel.”

{image 9, col. 2}: “Samuel Stevison, Thomas Oliver, William Smith, Squier **Tony**, **John Tony**, Lumpkin M____, Silas? Shumate, Haraen Shumake, John Shumake, James Pine, **Larkin Stowards**, **Calebay Stowards**, **Travis Stowards**, John Cook Sen., THos. Cook, John Cook Sen, Joseph Canterbury, [skip 13], ...

{image 10, col. 1}: Mitchal Clay senr., Mitchal Clay Jun., Charles Clay, Henry Clay, William Clay, Ralph Blankenship, Joseph Blankenship, John Patt, John Towes?, Zoe Purpe, Abraham , Garrison,

⁵⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248582; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 44.

⁵⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000613071; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 4.

Charles Mackin, Thos Burges, Arch Blankenship, William Wilson, Charles Walker, John Walker, Joseph **Farley**, William **Stowards**, Louis Maughclaherty UJr?U, James Maughclaherty Ser., John Maugherty [sic], Gasper Henry, Isaac Conley, John Clay, David Price, Jester Waddle, William Hillsman, Joseph Hatfield, James Waddle”

{image 10, col. 3} “... Toleson Shumate, Daniel Shumate Jur., Edward Hale, **David French**, Matthew French, John French, Isaac French, James French, Israel **Purdew**”

{image 10, col. 4} “George Jobe? Sen., John Porter?, Thomas Prunty, Joseph Haire, William Treacy, Peter Blankinship, Jess Blankenship, Jesse Huff, Joseph Jones, John Burton, John Garrison”⁵⁶

COMMENT:

This is labeled as a Monroe County petition, but **images 9 and 10 are heavily Montgomery County.**

13 DECEMBER 1799

MONROE & MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Ask to be exempt from the Greenbrier County levy.”

{image 2, col. 4}: “David Graham, Thomas Hinton, William Cook, Thos. Fitzpatrick, Lively McGhee, John McGhee, James Mason, William Hank?, **Joseph White**, William **Mattix**, James Fitzpatrick, [skip a dozen] John Skaggs, Richard Skaggs, Joseph Skaggs ...”*********

14 DECEMBER 1799

MONROE & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Alexander Stuart “ask[s] that he may be allowed to keep his ferry across the New River to his own land in Montgomery County. Includes notice.” Stuart states that he “has Erected a ferry boat from his own land in Monroe County across New River to his own land in Montgomery County on the opposite shore, and as the Same is on a Road now opening from Blue Stonoe, on the Kentucky Road, to Monroe Court house, it will be of Great use as well to travellers as the Neighbourhood. Your petitioner prays that he may be allowed to Keep the same.”⁵⁷

17 DECEMBER 1799

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Citizens ... ask for an act to establish a town on the land of James Alexander which was fixed as the place for holding the courts of the county.” Petitioners note that the act creating Monroe declared that it “should come into existence” on the first of May 1799.⁵⁸

COMMENT:

This further helps to date the undated Toney-Wilson petition in Montgomery County.

⁵⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000613072; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 7.

⁵⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000613074; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 7.

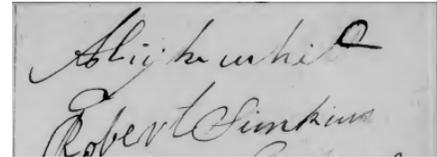
⁵⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000613075; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 8.

8 DECEMBER 1800

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the petition for the formation of a new county from parts of Montgomery, Franklin & Patrick?”



{image 19; col. 2} **Abijhe[?] Whitt**⁵⁹

9 DECEMBER 1800

TAZEWELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for an act establishing a town on the land of William Peery & Samuel Terguson [Ferguson].”⁶⁰

COMMENT:

Nothing of relevance to this project.

11 DECEMBER 1800

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask for a law to divide the County of Kanawha.”

{image 3, col. 1} “... Zephaniah Bryan, Wm. Hall, Wm. Putnam, Walter Newman, Isaac Rice, John V. Bebbler, **Joseph White**, William Perrigan, Tho. **Lemasters**, Joseph Brown, Isaac Tyler ...”⁶¹

13 DECEMBER 1800

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that the Quarterly term of the May court may be changed.”

{image 2; col. 2} John Lewis, Isaac Soward, Andw King, Andrew Willis, George King, Michael Kounce, Benjn. Hall, Beadley Dalton, **John White**, Joseph Parker, Thomas Legg, James Christy, William Griffith.⁶²

15 DECEMBER 1800

LOUISA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants: Remonstrance ... ask for the repeal of part of the act which directs the proceeds of the sale

⁵⁹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248584; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 47.

⁶⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000600276; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 243, Folder 1.

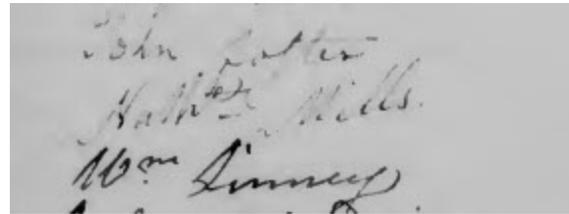
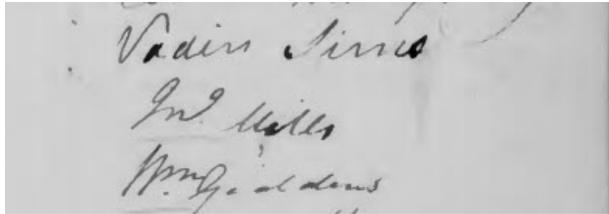
⁶¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610874; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 15.

⁶² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613077; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 11.

of the glebe lands & buildings in Trinity Parish to be applied to the support of the poor.”

{image 3, col. 2} : **Jno. Mills.**

{image 10, col. 1} : **Nathl Mills**⁶³



N.D. [1799–1801]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for part of Montgomery Couty to be annexed to Monroe County.

“The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Montgomery County Resident on **New River below Wolf Creek Mountain** Humbly Represents That your Petitioners Occupy a Strip of the Said County, from the aforesaid Mountain To the Kanawa line about 70 Miles and Generally from 12 to 15 Miles in Width, Situated Between the Countys of Munroe and Tazewell ...” , and as your Petitioners are generally Seated on the Banks of the New River, with Dispersed Settlements on its branches and the most Convenient of us to our Present Seat of Justice has to Travel thirty eight miles and Still the River to Pass—We therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass a law at your present Session to Incorporate us with the County of Munroe, by a Line to begin on New River at the end of Peters Mountain thence up the River so as to Include the Settlers on **Wolf Creek, to Wolf Creek Mountain**, thence with the Said Mountain, to the Tazewell County line, thence with Tazewell line, to Kanawa, line, thence with Kanawa line to New River, thence up the Same to Kerney’s Knobbs, at the line of Munroe County.”

{image 1, col. 4} **John White, John White Jr., Benjn White, James White, Arthur White**, David Somers, Berry Adkinson, Lewis Adkinson, Randolph Adkinson, Charles Walker Jr., Francis Farley, John Mitchmand, Fedrick Rose, Robert Smith, Peter Miller, Robert **Clendenning**, Peter Dingues ...”⁶⁴

{image 4, bottom addition}

COMMENT:

This petition consists of two signature pages that heavily duplicate each other. The the image 1 block of signatures appears to be a “clean copy” of the messier image 4—with some additional names (perhaps taken from another sheet that wasn’t submitted) and some reorganization of names. See the two images below.

⁶³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000217083; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 148, Folder 50.

⁶⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248771; citing accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

COMMENT:

The petition can be dated by the first two names that appear on each sheet: Robert Wilson & John Toney.

John Toney was an entrepreneur who settled New River in the mid-1780s. He operated a plantation, a ferry, a “public house,” a gristmill, and a sawmill, as well as ginseng camps on Cole River.

In mid-1798, Toney took a partner: Robert Wilson. Wilson had a stock of merchandise. Toney provided a house on his plantation in which to open a store, along with the promise of lodging and board in exchange for 1/3 of the profits. In early 1802, the partnership dissolved—bitterly.

This is how we date the petition.

- Monroe County, which the petitioners wanted to join, was created in 1799.
- The Toney-Wilson partnership dissolved early in 1802.
- The cooperative efforts of these two men, seen in this petition, would place the petition at 1799–1801.

The partnership also explains why the 2 sheets exist with duplicate names.

Typically, petitions of this type were placed in stores and taverns, at mills, and other gathering spots.

- The sheet headed by Wilson would be the one he kept in his store, for customers to sign.
- The sheet headed by Toney was likely kept in his “public house” to take advantage of that traffic.

And then there is the sheet pasted onto the bottom of Toney’s sheet, in a different format. That wasn’t mentioned. But the difference in paper and penmanship suggests it was created at a third locale—logically Toney’s mills.

Consequently: 42 names are duplicated. Those 42 men were importuned at different locales, on different days, when they were in the company of different men and different family members.

N.D.

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Inhabitants of Monroe County requesting part of Montgomery to be incorporated into Monroe.

{image 1, col. 1}: “William Wyley, Robert Wyley, Ritchard Woodram, John Farley Jur., Archabald Woodram, Alexr Bryson, Solomon Gerrill, John Brown, Robert Gore, Samson mcMullin, Henry McDaniel, Drury **Farley**, Beverley Blankinship, Ritchard Blankinship [various other Farleys and Blankenships in cols. 2 and 3]

{image 2}: Wilbern, Milliron, and other barely readable names

{image 3, col. 2} James Conelty

{image 4, col. 1} Hugh Caperton ... Henry McDaniel ...⁶⁵

⁶⁵ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613219; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 20.

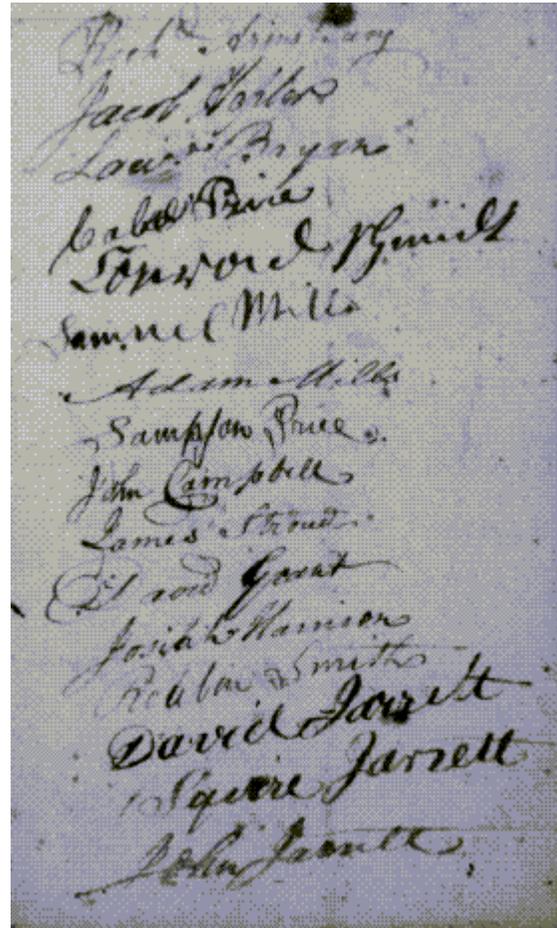
N.D. [c1799-1800]
KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask for a division of the county.”

{image 2, col. 2} “George Thornton, Samuel Craig, Andrew Lewes, Nicholas Yeager, Georg Riffe, Peter Yeager, Jerry McDonnal, **Nathaniel White**, **Joseph White**, Thomas **Lemaster**, John Henderson, Robt. Slaughter, Goodrich Slawter, Isam Tyler, James Rayden, John McConley, Wm. Crow ...”

{image 3, col. 2} “ ... Richd. Armstrong, Jacob Hapler, Lawⁿ Bryan, Cabel Price, Conrord? Mginnis?, **Samuel Mills**, **Adam Mills**, Sampson Price, John Capbell, James Stroud, David Grant, Joseph Harrison, Reuben Smith, David Jarrett, Squire Jarrett, John Jarrett.”⁶⁶ [not actual signatures]



15 DECEMBER 1800
MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the judicial district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.”

[Several pages of signatures but no individuals of known significance to this project.⁶⁷

N.D. [1801-2?]
MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Protest “by freeholders & Inhabitants of Botetourt, Monroe, Montgomery & Kanawha” against a petition now in circulation praying to remove the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs. Most signers seem to be those in Monroe County who insist that they have quite good accommodations for those attending court.⁶⁸

N.D. [1801-2?]
MONROE COUNTY, VA

⁶⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000611137; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 131, Folder 15.

⁶⁷ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613078; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 12.

⁶⁸ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613218; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 29.

Petition to legislature

Remonstrance “by freeholders & Inhabitants of Botetourt, Monroe, & Montgomery” against a petition now in circulation praying to remove the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs. Most signers seem to be those in Monroe County who insist that they have quite good accommodations for those attending court.⁶⁹ More than a few names are torn away:

{image 3; signature p. 1, col. 2} “... James Lockhard, Robt. Kyle, Luke Bott, Thos. Stute?, Owen Neel, Joseph Smith?, Henry Sovain, **Robt Wily**, Peter Crider, Burkey Crawford, Wm. Wily Douthat.”

N.D. [1801–2?]

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Remonstrance “by freeholders & Inhabitants of Monroe, Botetourt, & Montgomery” against a petition now in circulation praying to remove the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs. Most signers seem to be those in Monroe County who insist that they have quite good accommodations for those attending court.⁷⁰

{image 4; signature p. 1, col. 2} “... Samuel Niswong, William Knox, Walter Lincey, Malcolm Allen, **John Kemp**, George Poage.”

N.D. [1801–2?]

MONROE & GREENBRIER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Remonstrance “by freeholders & Inhabitants of Monroe, & Greenbrier” against a petition now in circulation praying to remove the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs. Most signers seem to be those in Monroe County who insist that they have quite good accommodations for those attending court.⁷¹

N.D. [1801–2?]

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Remonstrance “by freeholders & Inhabitants of Monroe, Botetourt, & Montgomery” against a petition now in circulation praying to remove the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs. Most signers seem to be those in Monroe County who insist that they have quite good accommodations for those attending court.⁷² No actual names.

{image 4; signature p. 1, col. 2} “... Samuel Niswong, William Knox, Walter Lincey, Malcolm Allen, **John Kemp**, George Poage.”

⁶⁹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613217; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 18.

⁷⁰ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613216; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 170, Folder 51.

⁷¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613213; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 170, Folder 48.

⁷² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613214; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 170, Folder 49.

9 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for a new county to be formed from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, and Patrick.

{image 7, col. 2}: ... Richard Standly, John Harress, William Shorery, **Bowker Mullins**, Henry Ackerson, George Boyd, James _____, [illegible], John Briantt, _ulten Meguire, William Hunter, John Hunter, **Daniel Prillaman**, Stephen Chidester, **Jacob Prillamen**, William Hunter Senr., Micajah Stone [**Slone?**], Richard Guilliams, George Guilliams, Robert Guilliams ...⁷³

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MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for a new county to be formed from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, and Patrick.

{image 12, col. 2}: ... David Mannin, William More, Hennery Troup, Jonathan Hayes, Swinfield Barton, **Saml. Miles** ...

{image 12, col. 3} ... Evan Miles⁷⁴

11 DECEMBER 1801

KANAWHA, GREENBRIER, MONROE & BATH COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens of Kanawha, Greenbrier, Monroe & Bath ... ask for the formation of a new district ... The petitioners argue that the present district “composed of the Counties of Botetourt, Montgomery, Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Monroe, with the District Court “holden at the Sweet Springs,” poses a hardship upon them⁷⁵

{images 6 & 9 rejoined, col. 5} “ Samuel Probele, Caleb Knap, John peod?, John Groves, John McClung, John Selsor, John Stephen, David McClure, Jacob Hawh____, Samuel Humphreys / **John White**, David Hanna, Wm. Blair, Francis Ford, Reaph Jenkins, Alexr. Walsh, Henry Hunter ...”

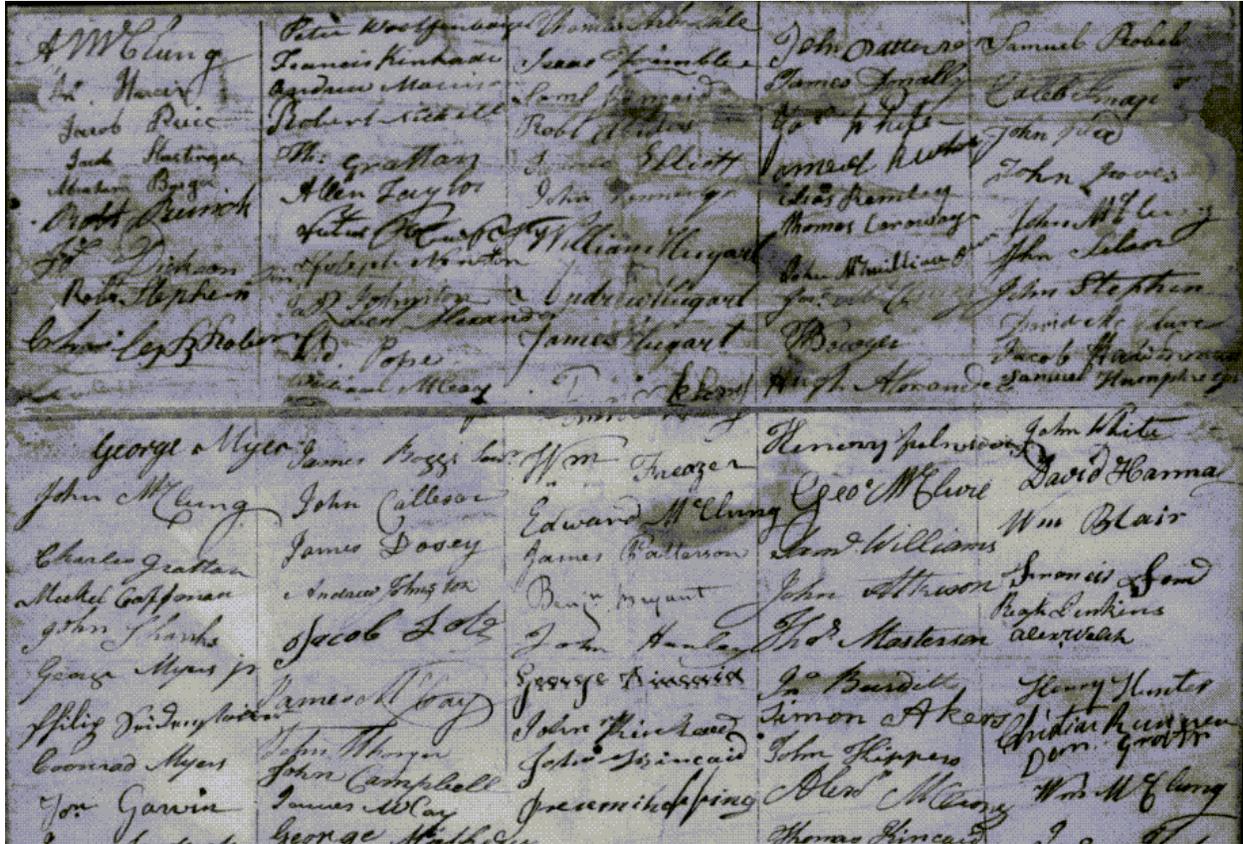
COMMENT:

- The reverse of the sheet says “Greenbrier petition District Court.”
- The oversized sheet has been cut apart for filming. Because John White appears at the top of his column, identifying those who signed immediately before him requires us to rejoin the two sheets. See the image below.

⁷³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248587; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 5.

⁷⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248772; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 16.

⁷⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610875; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 331, Folder 1.



COMMENT:

This is not the signature of

- John White Sr. who married Frankey Mills in Montgomery County, VA, 1792.
- John White ('S' mark) who married Susannah Marcum in Montgomery, 1796.
- John White Jr. (aka John White Cotton) of the Toney-Wilson petition in Montgomery.
- It does not appear to be written by anyone who penned any of the surrounding names.

1800–1805 [cDECEMBER 1801]

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that the seat of the district court be changed from Sweet Sprints to Union in Monroe County (ca. 1800–1805).”

{image 2, col. 3} “John Noland, Willm. Glenn, Thomas **Lemasters**, **Joseph White**, **Nathaniel White**, **Geo. Thornton**, **Andrew Thornton** ...”⁷⁶

1800–1805 [cDECEMBER 1801]

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

⁷⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000611139; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 131, Folder 17.

“Inhabitants ... ask for a division of the county.”

{image 2, col. 2} “George Thornton, Samuel Craig, Andrew Lewes, Nicholas Yeager, Georg Riffe, Peter Yeager, Jerry McDonnal, **Nathaniel White, Joseph White**, Thomas **Lemaster**, John Henderson, Robt. Slaughter, Goodrich Slawter, Isam Tyler, James Rayden, John McConley, Wm. Crow ...”

{image 3, col. 2} “ ... Richd. Armstrong, Jacob Hapler, Lawⁿ Bryan, Cabel Price, Conrord? Mginnis?, **Samuel Mills, Adam Mills**, Sampson Price, John Capbell, James Stroud, David Grant, Joseph Harrison, Reuben Smith, David Jarrett, Squire Jarrett, John Jarrett.”⁷⁷

1800–1805 [cDECEMBER 1801]

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that the seat of the district court be changed from Sweet Sprints to Union in Monroe County (ca. 1800–1805).”

{image 3, col. 3} “John Guthrie, **Samuel Mills**, Peter Likins, Wm. Hix, Frans. Watkins, James Barrett, John Morris, Adam Barger, Reuel Daggs Senr., Moses McCammos, Jno Henry, John Fullerton”

{image 3, col. 4} “James Callison, Fransas Storey, Joshua Towler, William Cuningham, C. H. Lewis, Ruben Smith, Samuel Slack, Jo. ___? Bibber, Joseph Smith, Fleming Cobbs, James Thomas, David hutson, **Richard Mills**, John Proctor, John Jones, Philip E_____, Thomas Ballentine.”⁷⁸

1800–1805 [cDECEMBER 1801]

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that the seat of the district court be changed from Sweet Sprints to Union in Monroe County (ca. 1800–1805).” [no signatures]⁷⁹

15 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to move the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs in Botetourt County to Union in Monroe County.

{image 2} Peter Dingess, Sr., John Dingess, John Guttery, **John White Sen.**, Jas. White, James **Coply**, William Chapman, John Burgess, Henry Burgess, William Burgess, Garland Burgess, Edward Burgess Sr., Edward Burgess Jr., John Coleman, James Stewart, Absalom _____, **John Wite Jr.**, Joel Brumfld?, John **Coply**⁸⁰

⁷⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000611137; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 131, Folder 15.

⁷⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000611140; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 131, Folder 18⁷⁸.

⁷⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000611141; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 131, Folder 19.

⁸⁰ Carrie Eldridge, *Cabell County, Virginia/West Virginia, Minute Book 1809–1815; Combining Surviving Court Minutes & Law Orders* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2010), 31–33; citing pp. 111, 116–18, 120.

15 DECEMBER 1801

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the judicial district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.” They assert that the present situation gives a monopoly to the owners of the springs, resulting in high prices, that the jail is unteanable and sees frequent escapes, that “the records and exhibits are precariously kept in a small log mansion house, among the mountains, considerably detached from the said courthouse, that they are partially transported to the terms of the Jail court, and remain during the session in no certain place and under no certain arrangement, equally inconvenient to those whom they may concern as unprotected from the common accidents by which they may be destroyed.”

{image 3; fractional sheet} “... **Robert Wylie** George Allen, Benjamin Berry

{image 3, col. 4, full sheet} “Wm. Ballard, **Francis Farley**, Tristram Patton, Robert Patton, Alexander Hutchison, David Hutchison.”

{image 5, col. 3}, “John Skaggs, John Lynch, Peter **Larue**, Adam Cramer, Peter Grass, Andrew Nickl, Henry Duglas, Boadly Mendell?, James Byriond?, Saml Black, Andrew Burk, David Garvin, **Charls Whit**, Zachariah Phillips.”⁸¹

20 DECEMBER 1801

BOTETOURT, GREENBRIER, KANAWHA, MONROE, MONTGOMERY COUNTYIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Monroe, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Botetourt, & Montgomery ... Protest against the petition to remove the District Court from Sweet Srings to the town of Union in Monroe County.”

{image 8, only 1 col.} “William Bowen, THomas McElwean?, John Tickle? Jno. Switzer, **John Mills**, R. Srattan, Ro. Gam ___ junr. ... ⁸²

COMMENT:

Nothing indicates where any of the signers lived, but John Mills was a prominent resident of Botetourt.

20 DECEMBER 1802

BOTETOURT, MONROE, MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Monroe, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Botetourt, & Montgomery ... Protest against the petition to remove the District Court from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.” No signatures.⁸³

⁸¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613079; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 9.

⁸² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613080; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 10.

⁸³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613081; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 11.

20 DECEMBER 1802

MONROE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Monroe, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Botetourt, & Montgomery ... Protest against the petition to remove the District Court from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.”

{image 6, col. 2} “**Frances Farler** ...

{image 6, col. 4} “John Harvey, Charles Friend?, John Carr, James Roling, **William Toney, Squier Toney, John Toney**, Joseph **Gore**, Thomas McDaniel, Robert **Gore**, James **Gore**, William Hatfeel, Jonathan Swope, John Leeg, **Christian Peters**, ...⁸⁴

COMMENT:

Some names are torn away.

8 DECEMBER 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants of Montgoemry, Tazewell, & Monroe.” Request to create new county “from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.”

{image 3, col. 1} “**Names Living in the County of Montgomery** ... Patrick Napier Jr. [*skip 14*] Wm. Stowers, Richard Chapman, Nimrod Smith Jr., John Walker, Parker Lucas [*skip 7*] Wm. Miller, **James White**, David McComas Jr., David McCaumas”

{image 3, col. 2} “Wm. Farley Sen., Solo. Roe, Robert Caldwell, Elijah Atkins, John Johnston, Wm. Porterfield, Jacob Kinery, James Albert, Jos. Abbot, James Abbot, Matthew Wood, John Williams, John Demsey, **Andrew Willson**, Robert Clendinen, **Peter Miller**, Robert Miller, Peter Blankinship, Jesse Blankinship, John Blankinship, Archabald Blankinship, Rich Blankinship, Jas. Evans, Robt. Evans, Henry Hance, Adam Hance, William Steelmon, William Hance, **John Hamman Sr?**, Wm. Henry

{image 3, col. 4} “ ... Joseph Oney, David Oney, Richard Oney, James Bane Senr., Robt. Curry, **Thomas Shannon**, George Kelley, Richard Bennett, William Shannon, **Loe Brown**, Saml. Shannon, Saml. Scott, Francis Scott, John Conally”

{image 3, col. 4} “Joseph Bane, William Slone, Clifford Slone, John Slone, John Hix, Holten Munsey, Samuel Munsey, **John Marcum**, Henry Luster, Pleasant Luster, Wm. Tilles, David Summers, Wm. Aldredg, Matthew Peters, Balas Cooper, Charles Cooper, Thomas Burgess, Wheler Penington, **Pindexter Toney**, Henry _____ Henry Meader, George Harter, **John Toney**, John Tircy [Tracey?], **John Toney**, Arch^d Mullinnex, Rob^t Smith, Joseph Gore, Jesse Cartright, Thomas Cartright, **William Tony, Squire Tony**, Jesse Cooper, William Willison, **Andrew Wilson**, _____ Woods [last name on column; the next name is on next page, Ritchard Woodram]”

{image 4, col. 1} Ritchard Woodram, Henry Hatfield?, Robert Lilly Jr., Robert Lilley Sr., William Lilley, Thomas Lilley, Edmond Lilley, Josiah Meadows, Joab Meadow, Jesse Meadow, **Berry Adkin**, John Farley Jr., **Tom Copley**, Edward Burges, Jr., Edward Burges Sr., John Burges, Henry Burges, William Burges, Garland Burges, Phillip Miller, David Toller, **Benjamin White, Ritchard Whitt, John**

⁸⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613082; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 12.

White, William White, James Copley, Ritchard Blankenship, Peter Dinges, Wiliam Henderson, **Nimrod Smith**, William Smith, Ezekel Smith, William Colborn.⁸⁵

COMMENT:

- Image 4 does not contain the same header (“Living in the County of Montgomery”) but the handwriting indicates it is a continuation of image 3.
- After Giles was cut away in 1806, most of these individuals fell into Giles Co. Richard Whitt, however, remained on the Montgomery side of the line.
- In 1814, Andrew Wilson signed a fishing-industry petition in Montgomery County adjacent to the William Mills whom I suspect to be the son of Frankey Mills (Mrs. John White Sr.)
- This William White appears to be William of Monroe County, who lived across the river from Toney’s Ferry and Peter Dingess.

8 DECEMBER 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to create new county “from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.” [One page of signatures attached to a “duplicate” of the text of the petition above. This is clearly a page that belongs with the two attached to the first petition of this date.]

{image 3; signature p. 1, **col. 1**} Isaac Chapman, John Chapman, William Carder, Nathaniel Marrs, Thomas **Sertain**, James Burton, Wm Lucos Junior, Reuben Johnston, James Johnston, **Elijah Sartain**, David French, John Peters, **Travis Stowers**, Adam Hellum, Jesse Demond, Elijah Peters, William Aldrige, John Hale, Benjamin Hall, Zachariah **Purdue**, Larkin **Stowers**, Thomas Hammans, **John White Jr.**, George Drake, John Burgess, William Lilburn, William Colwell, James Bean Jnr., William Burges, Lewis Ford, Georges Roberts, **Caleby Stowers**, Archibel Blankenship, Thomas Little, Obediah Powell, John Kamaren.

COMMENT:

This “John White Jn^r” who is coupled with Travis, Larkin, and Caleby Stowers, would appear to be the John White who brawled with them in 1807 Giles.⁸⁶

{image 3; signature p. 1, **col. 2**} Matthew Mullins, John Blankenship, Elisha **McComas**, Joel Cantebury, Andrew Rolfula, William Tracey, Major **Markum**, John Chapman, Hugh Johnston, James Chapman, Wade Boothe, Elias Burton, **James White**, Enes Walker, Samuel Teller, William **Shannon**, Howard Barre, Henry **Clay**, Gabriel **Napiers**, William Chapman, Archibald **Brumfield**, John Cleborn, John Peters Se^{nr}, William Garrison, Frederick Rose, Ezekiel Smith, Charles Marken, John Boo [Bowen?], John Digas, Joseph **Coply**, Thomas Bargas, John Elliot, Griffith Thomas, John **Snidow**, Rhueben Ford, George **Fry**, Jacob Thomas, Archibald **Marcum**, Joseph Hare, John Brown Jn^r, John Karr, John Stafford, Joshua **Copley**, George Stafford, Reason Vermillion, Robert Clendennen.

{image 3, signature p. 1, **col. 3**} **William Law**, William Curby, Isaac French, James Atkinson, John Stafford, James Stafford, William **Farley**, Jesse Farley, Isaac Carper, Jonas Clibern, Edmund **Marcum**, William Warker, Hugh [Mc]Cluagherty, Zachariah Munsey, Peter Blakenship, David Allsup, John Walker, James Stewart, **Ralh** [Ralph] **Stewart**, Jessey Blankenship, **Jas. McClaugherty Sr.**, Jn^o

⁸⁵ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613267; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 58.

⁸⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151678.

McClagherty, Jn^o Hartwell, Jn^o Mullons Jr., Jn^o Mullons S^r, **Wm Clay**, Charles? Clay, Adonnis Clay, John Willis, William Willis, Elijah Perters, Cristain Perters, David Goings, Phillip Perters, Jonas Hatfield, Jacob **Straley**, James Hall, Tuness Munsey, James **Stafford**, Robert Hester, John Hinly?, Francis Scott, Robert Calwel, Jacob Culwell.

{image 3, signature p. 1, **col. 4**} George Brown, Henry **Fry**, John **Brumfield**, Ashford **Napier**, Andrew Culwell, Saul Farlow, John French, Cahah Branly, John Cofman, Elias E. Compton, Josiah M. Burke, Hardy Culwell, Mordack **McKinzey**, Daniel Kirk, Edmond **Napier**, John Lybroock, James French, Isaac McKenzie, Edward H. Tracy [1 name taped over], John A. Tracy, John **Copley**, William McKinney, Joshua Losson, **Arther White**, J^s Humphreys, **James Wiley**, Squire **Toney**, _____ Beavers, Elijah Atkinson, Rheuben Atkinson, Matthew Compton, Hugh Bowen, John Lafon, Ralph **Lucas**, Peter Fry, John Stafford, Isom Atkinson, Ezekial Farlow, John Tiller, David Price, James Wilson, George Webb?⁸⁷

8 DECEMBER 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to create new county "from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe."

{image 2; signature p. 1, col 3}

12 DECEMBER 1803

MONROE COUNTY,

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants of Union ... Ask for an extension in the time for building on their lots in the town."⁸⁸

COMMENT:

Nothing of obvious significance to this project.

c12 DECEMBER 1803

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Freeholders & Inhabitants ... Ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County."⁸⁹ [No names of interest]

12 DECEMBER 1803

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants ... Asks for the division of the county."

⁸⁷ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), record no. 000248595; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 60.

⁸⁸ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613083; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 19.

⁸⁹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610890; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 32.

{image 6,, col. 2} "Samuel Smiley, John Cox, Flony Cox, Reuben Cox, Daniel Walker, Benjamin Handby, Alexander Sublett, John Corben, William Fullerton, John Fullerton, **David McComis, Jesse McCommis**, THomas Ward, Jeremiha Ward, Fleming Colls, **Thomas Cobley ...**"

{image 9, col. 2} "... Jacob Fudge, John Willson, Wm. Willson, Robt. Willson, John Slater, William McIntre, _____ Giles, **Nathan White, Joseph White**, Andrew Willson, William Ostet, Za^c Estet ..."⁹⁰

12 DECEMBER 1803

MONROE COUNTY,

Petition to legislature

"Christian Peters ... asks that a law may pass establishing a town called Peters Town on his land."

{image 1, col. 1} "Alexander Stuart [not his signature], Edward Willis, Thomas Olivery, Jon McCroskey, Isaac Dawson, Henley Chapman.

{image 1, col. 2} "Benjamin Peck, Isaac Casper [Carper?], Henry Kilbun, George Miller, John Abitt, **Robert Wilson**, Henry McDaniel, Thomas Keatley, James Alexander, Saml. Clark, John Woodward, Wm. Graham, Isaac Hutchison, Adam Cline, John Harvey"⁹¹

31 DECEMBER 1803

BOTETIOURT & MONROE COUNTY,

Petition to legislature

"Freeholders & Inhabitants ...protest against the petition for the removal of the district court from Sweet Springs to the town of Union." No signatures.⁹²

31 DECEMBER 1803

MONROE COUNTY,

Petition to legislature

"Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the judicial district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County."

{image 4} "By Concont of Company present"

{col. 1} "Bengemon Howl, **John Conner**, Henry Alexander, John Raburn, Athen [Athew?] Alexander ...

{image 16, col. 1} " ... Jos. Canterbury, Hugh Caperton, Ephrim Simmon ...

{image 16, col. 2} "... James Pettry, Martin Pettry, John Thomson Sr., Henry McDanel Sr., **Alexr. Atuart**, Willm **Wiley**, John Acord, Thos. Oliver, Js. McDanel, Will. McDaniel, Silas Shumate, Gideon Crawford, Samuel Pack, Francis Keatley, William _____ Sr., **Js. Gore**, Robt. Langford, John Havery, John Dunn Sr., Jacob Fulkerson, Jacob Peters, William Henderson, **Robt. Wiley**, Jas. Swinney, Will. Swenney, **John Tony**, William Browdy,

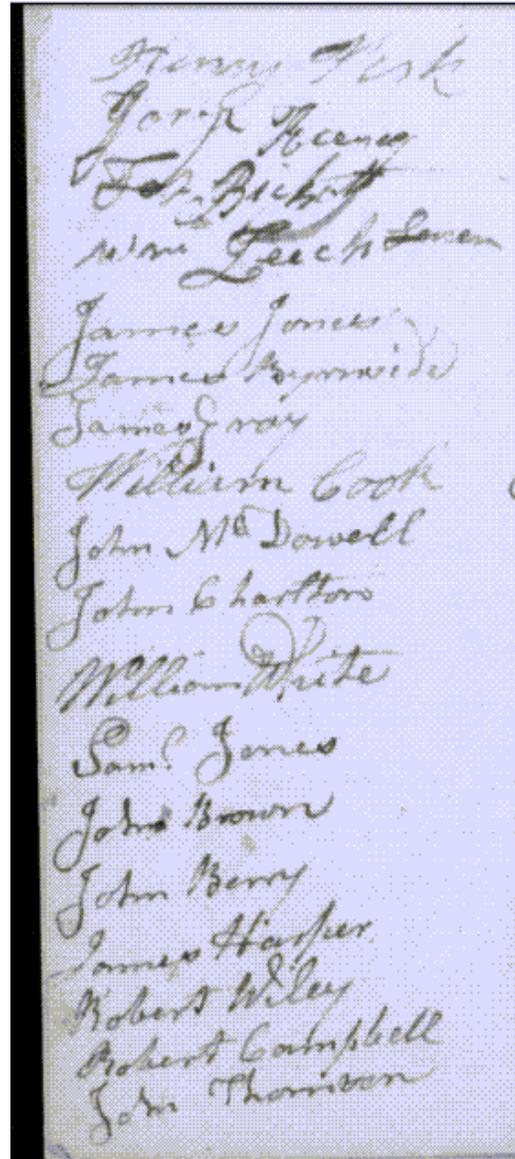
⁹⁰ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610885; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 27.

⁹¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613085; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 23.

⁹² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613086; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 22.

{image 16, col. 3} “**John Connor**, Edward Willis, Js. Browdy, David ___oun, Tolderson Shumate, Harden Shumate, John Neelly, Delaney Swinney, John Scot, John Williams, John Holly, John Abbott, Will. Kelsoe, Robt. **Gore**, John **Gore** ...”

{image 19, col. 1} “Henry Kirk, George Feeney, John Rickert?, Wm. Leach Sener., James Jones, James Byrnside, John Gray, **William Cook**, John McDowell, John Charlton, **William White**, Saml. Jones, John Brown, John Berry, James Harper, **Robert Wiley**, Robert Campbell, John Thomsen⁹³



7 DECEMBER 1804
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to Legislature
Request to create new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.
{Signature sheet 2}
”Subscribers names living in the bounds of Montgomery County that is not included in the New County

{col. 3}
Robert Beel, Jonathan Hall, Jeremiah Beel, Thomson Sar mor?, Zachariah Romines, **George Mils**, Archable **Whitt**, Abijah **Whitt**, Richd **Whitt** Junr., Henry Creswell, William Cassady

COMMENT:

- This George “Mils” has not been identified. His presence amid the Whitts is noteworthy.
- One George Mills was cited for jury duty in **Franklin County** in 1810, then drops out.
- One George Mills is named as a son in the 1841 will of William Mills of Franklin (i.e., a grandson of James of the Maggoty). However, given that William-of-James married in 1796, his son George is too young to be the George who had come of age by 1810 or the George who signed this 1804 petition.
- Richard Whitt Sr., whose signature appears on sheet 5, settled on Meadow Creek of Little River of New River in the part that remained in Montgomery County after Giles was created.
- Note Zachariah Romines, listed one name from Archable Whitt, with George Mils intervening; on the 1810 census of Montgomery County, **Zachariah Romines is in the household adjacent to Archable Whitt.**

⁹³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613087; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 21.

{Signature sheet 4, col. 1} Thomas **Sertain**, Isaac McKinnie?, Wm. Wilborn, William French, John **Certain**, **Elijah Certain**, James Hall, George Fry, John Lucas Jr., John _____, James McKinsey, David French, John Thomas, Joel **Sertain**

{Signature sheet 4, col. 2} James Stafford Jr., Reuben Ford, Joshua **Copley**, Joseph M. McKinney, [skip 14] James **Whit** [skip 4 to end of column]

{Signature sheet 4, col. 3} Randle **Adkins**, Wm. White, **John White**, Samuel Drake, **Robert Whit**, Wm. White, Patrick Napier Senior, John **Adkins**.

{Signature sheet 5} ... Adam Farrar, Joseph Boothe, _____ Salians?, **R. Whitt**, Geo. Cl _____, Jonathan Acres, John Attozer, Joseph Carl, Nathan Ratliff, Wm. Howaroys?, C. Howard, Thos. Larton, Jacob Akers David Bishop ...⁹⁴

7 DECEMBER 1804
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to Legislature

“Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Montgomery ... request to create new county “from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.” “The said County comprehended a large tract of Territory near one Hundred and eighty miles by forty or fifty Broad. ... [Because] of the Ferocious Disposition of the savage Nation then at arms and ravageing the Westren or frontier parts, the Settlements were confin^d to a small part of the Eastern end of the County. ... The emigration to those uninhabited part of the said County has so rapidly progressed since the Treaty with the Indian Tribes ... that some of [the settlers are] situated seventy, eighty and ninety miles Distance from the present Judicial seat of Justice, Large Mountains and water courses Intervening: At some seasons of the year [these] are almost impassiable by reason of which your Petetioners are almost Depriv^d of the previledge of Justice.”

Thus, they seek “a New County off the western end of the said County of Montgomery including a small part of the Counties of Monroe and Tazewell ... to be constructed and Established by a Line Beginning on New River at end of **Gaulley Mountain**, where the Counties of **Greenbrier Kanhawa and Montgomery intersect**. Thence up the River with the Greenbrier and Montgomery Line to the intersection of Monroe Line. Thence with Monroe and Montgomery Line to the mouth of **Indian Creek**, thence a strait Line to the Top of **Peter Mountain** where the path crosses from **Jacob Millers** on **Rich Creek** to **Hatfields Mill** on **Stoney Creek**. Thence along the Top of said Montain [*sic*] and with the Montgomery and Monroe Line to the Intersection of **Botetourt County Line**: and with the Botetourt and Montgomery line to the Top of the **Gap Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to New River, crossing the same to the end of **Walkers Creek Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to the intersection of **Wythe County** Line. Thence Northwestwardly with said line to the intersection of Tazewell Line: and with the Tazewell and Montgomery Line to the Top of **Wolf Creek Mountain**. Thence southwestwardly along the said Mountain to a point Two Miles below the mouth of the **Clare fork of Wolf Creek**, then a Strait Line to the **head of East River called and know[n] by the name of the Big Spring**. Thence a Straight Line to the head of **Crane Creek** on the Top of the **Flat Top Mountain**. Thence a strait Line to the three forks of **Guyandott River**. Thence down said River until it intersects **Kanhawa County** line. Thence with the said Line to the Beginning, forming a County about one Hundred miles Long and about forty Broad, Leaving

⁹⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248596; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 61.

each of the Old Counties compact, without any reasonable cause for Removing the present Public Buildings.”⁹⁵

COMMENT:

The six signature pages attached to this petition show duplications of more than a few names—including those of the White family. Typically, when a petition was created, multiple copies were made and posted at or taken to the major “community gathering spots” in the county: the courthouse on court days, the muster grounds on muster days, and the local taverns. Sometimes a determined instigator of a petition might even go door to door. Signatures would be taken on separate sheets. Eventually, the signature sheets would be attached to one copy of the petition and then forwarded to the legislature. The signatures for this white family appear as follows:

{Signature sheet 2, col. 3}

Subscribers names living in the bounds of Montgomery County that is not included in the New County ... Zackariah Romine, **George Mills**, Archable **Whitt**, Abijah **Whitt**, Richd **Whitt** Junr., Henry Creswell, William Cassady.

COMMENT:

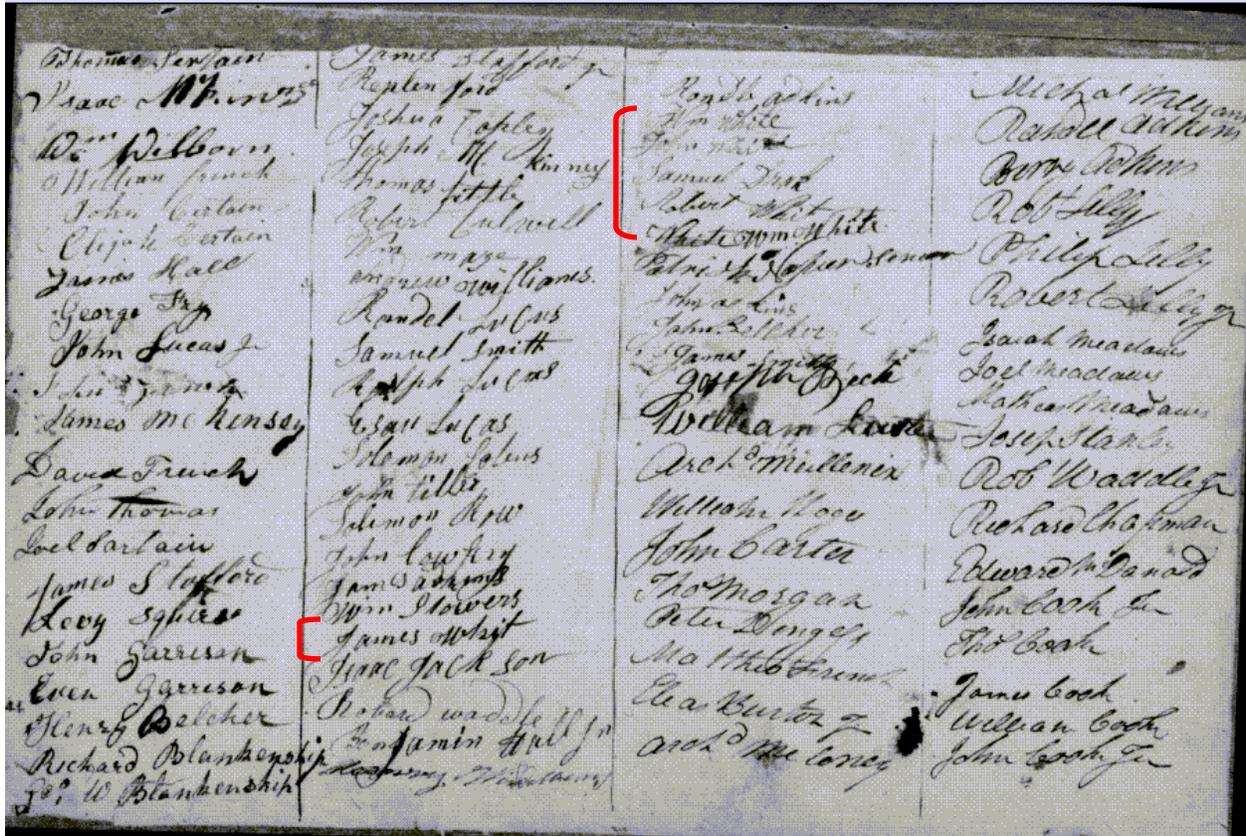
- This George Mills has not been identified. His presence amid the Whitts is noteworthy.
- One George Mills was cited for jury duty in **Franklin County** in 1810, then drops out.
- One George Mills is named as a son in the 1841 will of William Mills of Franklin (i.e., a grandson of James of the Maggoty). However, given that William-of-James married in 1796, his son George is too young to be the George who had come of age by 1810 or the George who signed this 1804 petition.
- Richard Whitt Sr., whose signature appears on sheet 5, settled on Meadow Creek of Little River of New River in the part that remained in Montgomery County after Giles was created.

{Signature sheet 4, col. 1} Thomas **Sertain**, Isaac McKinnie?, Wm. Wilborn, William French, John **Certain**, **Elijah Certain**, James Hall, George Fry, John Lucas Jr., John _____, James McKinsey, David French, John Thomas, Joel **Sertain**

{Signature sheet 4, col. 2} James Stafford Jr., Reuben Ford, Joshua **Copley**, Joseph M. McKinney, [*skip 14*] James **Whit** [*skip 4 to end of column*]

{Signature sheet 4, col. 3} Randle **Adkins**, **Wm. White**, **John White**, Samuel Drake, **Robert Whit**, **Wm. White**, Patrick Napier Senior, John **Adkins**.

⁹⁵ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), record no. 000248595; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 60.



Signature sheet 5} ... Adam Farrar, Joseph Boothe, _____ Salians?, **R. Whitt**, Geo. Cl _____, Jonathan Acres, John Attozer, Joseph Carl, Nathan Ratliff, Wm. Howaroys?, C. Howard, Thos. Larton, Jacob Akers David Bishop ...⁹⁶

{Signature sheet 5, col. 1} ... Edward Burgess Jr, Robt. Miller, Philip Miller, **Benjamin White, Jn^o White Jr.** [end of column]

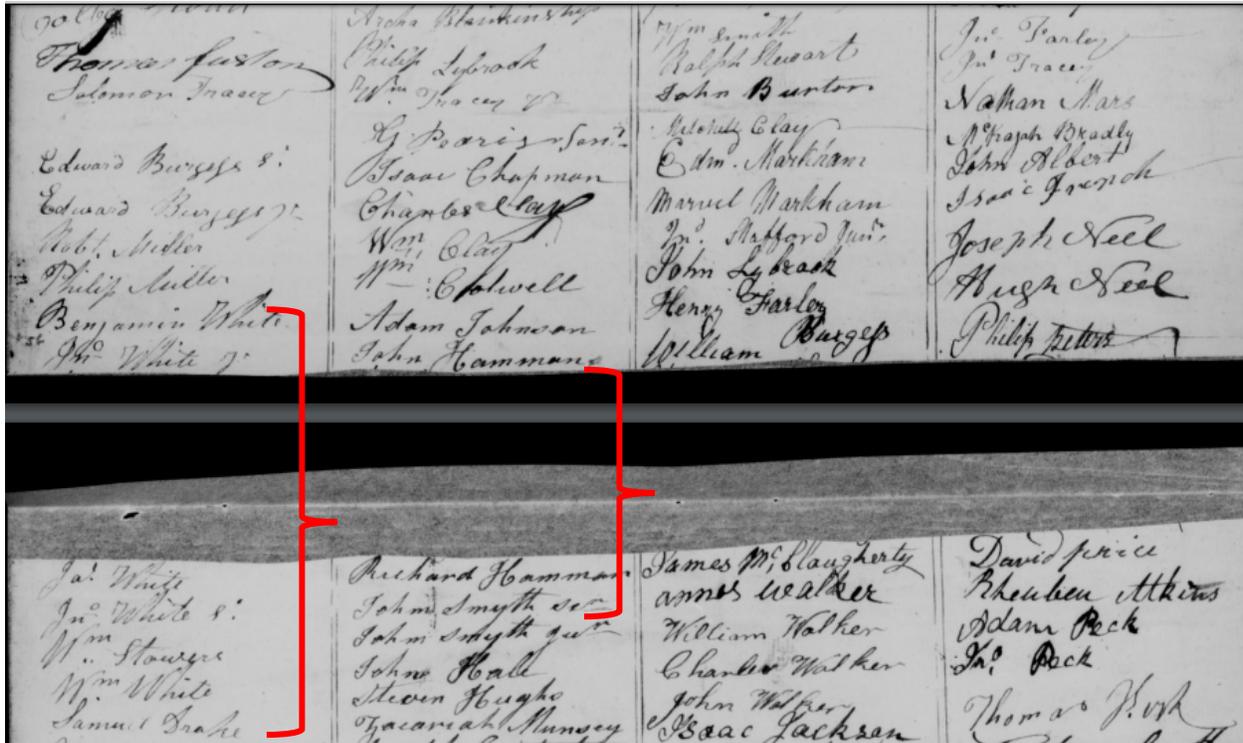
{Signature sheet 6, col. 1} [start of column] **Ja^s White, Jn^o White Sr., W^m Stowers, W^m White**, Samuel Drake, Augustune Comer Jr., Frederick Comer, Jacob Comer, Augustine Comer Sr. ...

COMMENT:

As the image below shows, signature sheet 5 and signature sheet 6 were originally a single sheet that was cut apart for filming. Piecing the two sheets back together makes visible the fact that we're dealing with a family cluster that was abitrarily divided by the dissection of the page.

Note also that Edward Burgess and Philip Miller both signed just above these Whites in the previous 1803 petition. Burgess signed just before the Whites in the 1801 and 1804 petitions also.

⁹⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, Virginia Memory (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248596; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 61.



[n.d.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Whereas there is now a petition in circulation which is intended to be presented to the next General Assembly of this State Signed by a number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Montgomery Tazewell and Monroe praying for a new county [lines described] your petitioners beg leave to represent that in their humble opinion the above mentioned petition is founded upon incontrovertible facts; that the Inhabitants Living in the west end of Montgomery County labour under many inconveniences and hardships, situated as they now are, in having to attend their present Judicial seat of Justice that there has been a petition in circulation for several years past, the prayer of which was that a New County might be formed and Established off the East end of said County of Montgomery, including a part of Franklin and Patrick Counties, which petition your Memorialists conceive unreasonable ... your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body to pass a Law for a new County to be formed and Established off the west end of Montgomery County, including a small part of the Counties of Tazewell and Monroe ...

First signatures [in sequence]: **Richd Whitt senyr**, James Smith, **Richard Whitt Junr.**, George Gledenger? Junr., William Curnute, Nathaniel Martin, James Curnutt, Barnet Farmer?, Tompson Farmer?, **Abijah Whitt ...**⁹⁷

⁹⁷ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248765; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 173, Folder 49.

[n.d.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to form a new county from parts of Tazewell, Monroe, & Montgomery.

{sheet 2 of signatures, col. 3} ... James Taber, John Taber, Richard Parce?, William Surls, Nathaniel Martin, John Raburn, **Archibald Whitt**, Jonathan Grayham, Isaac Honaker, Joseph Covey

{sheet 4 of signatures} ... Samuel Huff, Leonard Aldredge, Wm. Becket, James **Light**, J___ Shockey ...

{sheet 6 of signatures} ... John B. Goodrich, **Richd Whitt Jur.**, J___ Caldwell, Saml. Kister, John Lister, Abner Lester, Josep Carle, Saml Carle, **Richd. Whitt Sr.**, William Lester, Hughlins Lester ...

{sheet 7 of signatures} Jonathan Conner, Andrew Conner, James Templeton, Henry **Light**, Wm. Conner, John Snauffer, Wm. Maham, Reuben Bartlett, Francis Kellor, Jesse Deweese, Henry **Huff**⁹⁸

19 DECEMBER 1804

BOTETOURT, GREENBRIER, KANAWHA & MASON, MONROE & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask that the seat of justice for the Judicial District composed of the counties of Montgomery, Botetourt, Monroe, Greenbrier, Kanawha & Mason be moved from Sweet Springs to the Union town in Monroe County.”

{image 4, col. 1} “... Robert Knox, Saml. Jones?, Wm. Jones, John Cantley sener, John Reaburn, **William White Junr.**, Magness Burris, Samuel Jones, John Brown Senr., John Berry, **Robert Wiley**, John Humphries Junr., James Humphries, John Jones”

{image 4, col. 3} “... Adam Thomas, Thomas Bicket, William Wilson, Andrew **Wiley**, Aleander Brown senr., James McClintic ...”

{image 4, col. 4} “... Thomas Thomas, Hugh Caperton Jr?, Saml Graham, Canrod Keller ...”

{image 5, col. 1} “... Wm Legg, Samuel Gwin, Jaramiah Madowes, James Siens, Moses Keen, Henson McDowel, **Sheared Adkins**, Mickelberry Roach, Rhuben Roach, John Penney Senr.

{image 8, col. 2, “**Kanhawa County**”} John ___authet, Henry Morris, David Robinson Senr., David Robinson Jur., Rob ert Hasten, Isaac Holten, Nathaniel Holten, Thos. Bailes Sen., Thos. Bailes, Jun., Samuel Hutchison, Archibald Hutchison, George Rader, Thos. Hews, Edward Hews, George Hiehwaters, Benj. **Lamasters**, Mathias Young, Charles Young, John Young, Henry Newhouse, Michael Newhouse, Joshua Morris, James Phillips, John Harper, Hamilton Harper, Lewis **Adkins**, John McDowel, Deekard **Toney**, ___ McDanel, John Meomaoes? Senr., John Moroos? Jun., Wm.? Hudelston, John Hamsford, **Samuel White**, Nickles Pryer, Wm. Pryer, Jabeht Pr___

{image 9, col. 1, “**Greenbrier Signers**”} “... Fransis Cowen, David **Adkinson**, David **Adkins**, **Parker Adkins**, **Sherod Adkins sen.**, **Sherid Adkins Jur.**, Tindel? **Adkins**, Jacob **Adkens** Senr., Jacob **Adkins**, J__Mendey? Adkens, David Adkens Junr., David Canttbery?, John Bane, Moses Bretchey, David Adkens Sen., **Parker Adkins**, Wm. Adkins, **Parker Adkins Jur.**, **Moses Standley** Joseht Adkins, **Sheerd Adkens Jur.**”

⁹⁸ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248766; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 173, Folder 50.

{image 9, col. 2} “John Rockstool, John Bunge, Simes Buller, John Bullen, Thos McPhersen, John R____nson, Thos. Feemster, Thos. Gorge, John Lewry, **John Conner**, James **Coner**, James Ellis ...”⁹⁹

19 DECEMBER 1804

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & inhabitants ... ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the judicial district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.”¹⁰⁰

{image 3, col. 2} “ ... **Claudius Buster Jr.**, Stephen **Tonys**?”

3 DECEMBER 1805

MONROE & MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & inhabitants ... ask for a law for the removal of the seat of justice for the judicial district from Sweet Springs to the town of Union in Monroe County.”

{image 5, col. 1} “**Elisha McComas**, David Summers, John Walters, **George Fry Sr.**, Hillery Blankenship, James Aldredge, Jnr., Francis Aldredge, William Aldredge, James Aldredge, Snr., Ashford **Napier**, Elijah **Peters**, George Chapman Jr., John Mullens, **Gabrell Moppins**, John Moppins, John Clay, **James McLaugherty**, William Linch, Henry Kenman, John Mullens Senr., John Mullen Jr., Zephaniah S_____, **George Pearis Snr.**, **Anos Walker**, George N. Pearis, Roboert Clendenen, John Clendenen, Randolph **Atkins**, John French, Matthew French

{image 5, col. 2} “Williams French, James French, Isaac French, Elias **Burton**, Edward Hail, William Tillman, Joseph Hale, John H____, Thomas Hail, Isiah ____il, William Tracy, Edward Tracy, Noah ____llett, Eliz. Barker Mollett, Nathan R____tt Mollett, John Chapman Jur., James Chapman, William Chapman, Richard Chapman, John A? Tracy, Patrick **Napier Jr.**, Arthur Blankenship, Thomas _____on, John _____, William Willis, William Garrison, John Garrison, Johan _____, James _____lly, Philip _____tters, **James McLaugherty Sr.**, Johan Peters Senr., John Peters Jur./, Thos. Custin”

COMMENT:

- Image 6, the apparent backside of image 5, reads “Montgomery.” All the names above for image 5 are definitely Montgomery Co. people, living primarily on the West side of New River.
- Image 7, below, continues with Montgomery people, primarily those on the East side.

{image 7, col. 1} “Abraham Morgan, David Morgan, Samuel Morgan, **Thos. Copley** Junr., Joseph Copley, Robt. Curry, David Johnston, George Williams, Joshua Copley, Reuben Johnston Junr., William **Lucas**, William Stewart, William Porterfield, John Pool, Solomon Collins, William Carder, John Epling, Micajah Bradly, Edward **Lucas**, James **Atkins**, John Burk, William Burk Jur., Joseph Williams, Jacob Boils, John Lybrook, Price **Lucas**, Julius Walker, William Mannan, David **Lucas**, Joel **Canterberry**, Robert **Hunter**, Thomas **Lucas**, Jacob Kingry, Daniel Fry, William Smith, John Mannan, John **SSnidow**, Arch Clebourn, THomas Clebournn, **Ralph Lucas**, Robert Woden”

⁹⁹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613088; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 25.

¹⁰⁰ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613089; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 26.

{image 7, col. 2} “Daniel Fry, Senr., Isaac McKinzey, John Peek, Samuel Collins, Joel **Atkins**, Robert Phillips, Jambes Albert, **Parker Lucas**, James Johnston, Adam Johnston, Jeremiah William, Alexander William, **Jacob Snidow, Randolph Lucas**, William Culwell, Frederick Helvey, Abraham Boils, Samuel Hunter, **Joel Sartain**, John Cocks, Daniel Collins Snr., William Chapman, Phillip Lybrook, **Isaac Chapman**, John Chapman Snr., George Fry, David Johnston, John Caufmon, John Boil, Isaac Jackson, Jr., Joseph Jackson, Henry Fry, Thomas **Sertain**, John **Sertain**, H. Johnston, Nathaniel Mart, William Burk Snr., Allen Cristin”

{image 7, col. 3} “John Smith Sr., John Smith Jun., Henry Lybrook, John Clyborn, Isom **Atkins**, Hugh Williams, Frederick Williams, Reuben Ford, **Elijah Sertain**, Charles Hall, William Ford, David Goings, Abraham Williams, Ace **Lucas**, John Stafford, Jacob Albert, Christian Smith, William Bradly, John Stratford, **Geo. Chapman, Archibald Chapman**, Isaac Chapman Junr., Christain Snidow, Isaac Jackson Snr., Henley Chapman, Joseph Neel, William Linch, John Black, Francis Moser, James Marshil,, John Johnston Snr., Hugh Johnston, John Johnston Jr., Henry Clay, Mitchel Clay Snr., Charles Clay, Mitchel Clay Jr., **Thomas Shannon**, William Shannon”

COMMENT:

Image 8, below, is on different paper and the names are not ones I’m familiar with in Montgomery County.

{image 8, col. 1} “Jacob Mann, Adam Miller, Henry Miller, Lively McGee, Richard Chambers, John Maddy, John Stodghill, Adam Mann, Moses Miller, John Harvey, John Clark, Zachariah Phillips, Ralph Clark, Joseph Lively, Samuel Clark, Henry Shannon, Michel Miller, James Mann, Mathew Maddy, Robert Commins, Robert Young, John Ballard, Mathias Kesinger, Jacob Miller, James Houchins, William Ballard, Bartholomew Ramsey, Jacob Smith, George Wikle, Thomas Ballard, Charles Dickason”

{image 8, col. 2} “John Halsted, Philip Ballard, John Mann, Saml Garvin, Joel Stodghill, **Charles White**, Richard Garton, John Plyman, Zachariah Garton, James Swope ...

{image 9, col. 2} “Wm. Graham, James Taylo, Thos Sarrey?, Mrten Edwards, Marten Edwards Junr., Isaac Edwards, James Smith, Thos. Smith, Wm. Smith, **John Conner**, Wm Hannes, Samuel Smith

{image 10, col. 3} “John Nosman, Wm. Gons, John Gons, John **Holley**, John May, John May Jur., Jo. **Canterbury**, James Swaney, Delaney Swany, William Swaney, Wm. Kilso?, Abram Nettle, Henry Nettle, **Henry McDaniel Senoir**, [J.P.] James McDaniel, Asa Ellison Sr., James Ellison, Asa Ellison Jr., Thos. Ellison, THoms. McDaniel, Larking Tugle, Jos. Morris, Gidian **Croford**, Jeremiah **Croford**, Thos. **Croford, Zachriah Croford** [Crawford], Wm. Powel, Cotras Lively, Bartley Pack, Thos. Reatty, James Reatty”

{image 10, col. 4}, “James **Goar**, Henry **Goar**, Adam Huntsman, James Calloway, Matt **Farley**, William Clark, John Clark, Gar__ West, Wm. Leffrtey, John Sales, George Pack, Gidein **Farley ...**”

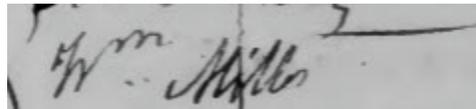
{image 21, col. 2}, “John Lowe, Nathan Lowe, Robert Scarborough, Isaa Foster, Enoch Burggess, **John White**, Andw King, Philip **Wigle**, Josiah Alderson, Joshua Mahon, Michael Alexander ...¹⁰¹

18 NOVEMBER 1805
HENRY COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

¹⁰¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613090; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 336, Folder 13.

“To the Honourable Speaker and Gentlemen, Composing the Legislature, of the state Of Virginia. The Petetion of the Freeholders & Others, Inhabitants of the County of Henry Humbly Sheweth That your Petetioners, have Humbly waited, with Anxious and full Expectation, that the Past Legislatures, would have passed an Act to Call a Convention to Revise and Amend Our State Constitution, The Defects of Which Are so Obvious, That it must be seen & felt, by Every thinking Cityzen. We therefore Deem it necessary to take up the Attention of Your Honourable body with a Detail of the Imperfections of the Different Branches of Our State ~~Constitution~~ Government, Suffice it to say, That it is Unequal, Inadequate, Oppressive, And Aristocrattical, so Repugnant to the spirit & feelings of Republicans, That we Deem it a Reflection, to the Sensibility & Character of the State of Virginia, and Conceive it to be Our Greatest Grievience, in the Present Tranquil state of Affairs. And think now, a fit & proper time, to Regulate Our Internal Concerns. We therefore Being Imprest with a full Belief [*sic*], that the Importance of Our Request, will meet with the Approbation of a Republican Legislature, do Pray that an Act may Pass for a Convention to Revise & Amend the Constitution & in Duty bound do Pray &c.”

Signatures on first page include ... Samuel Williams, Ozbun Williams, James J? Cox, **Wm. Mills**, Robt. Anderson, W. Hale, A. Hughes ...¹⁰²



COMMENT:

This is clearly not the signature of the William F. Mills who signed two petitions in 1794. The only other known man of his name in the county at this time was his father, William Mills—the recipient of a 1770 grant on Matrimony Creek together with his wife Elizabeth.

9 DECEMBER 1805
KANAWHA COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for a law establishing an inspection of tobacco at or near Kanawha Courthouse.”

{image 3, col. 1} “ ... John Wood, Oplbert? Cristen, Greenberry Semons, Thos. Casdot, Lewis Tackett Senr., Lonston Ward, Reubin Ward, Joseph Ward, Jonathan Jarret, John Cavender, **Thomas Jobling**, John Baker, **Ralph Jobling**, Daniel Jobins, Fleming Cobbs ...”¹⁰³

12 DECEMBER 1805
LOUISA COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... ask that the Three Chopt Road from Richmond to Charlottesville and Staunto be straightened where practicable.”

[image 2, col. 1} ... **Ro. Mills**
{image 6, col. 2} ... **Chas. Mills Snr.** ¹⁰⁴

¹⁰² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215064; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 119, Folder 59.

¹⁰³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610894; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 37.

¹⁰⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000217090; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 333, Folder 9.

13 DECEMBER 1805

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for a law authorizing the removal of the district court from Sweet Springs to Lewisburg.” [A short list. No names of interest to this project.]¹⁰⁵

3 DECEMBER 1806

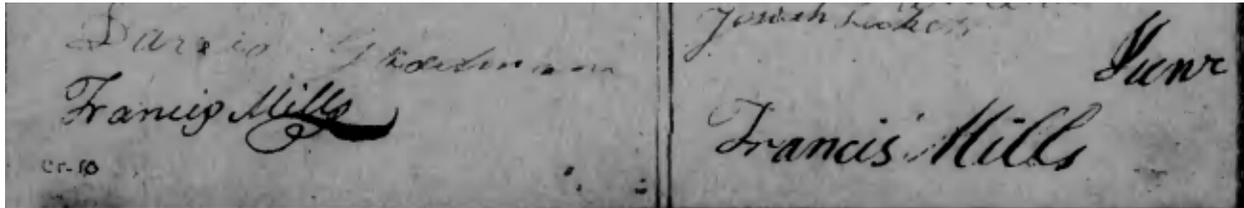
BEDFORD & FRANKLIN COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for the removal of fish dams in the Staunton River which prevent the passage of fish.”

{image 7, col. 1} ... David Duglass, David Jones, Aaron Powell, Charles Neal, Edward Gramthem, David Grantham?, **Francis Mills**

{image 7, col. 1} ... Jacob _____, Micajah Milam, Edmond Blankenship Edward Powell, John Carrell, Josiah Likens?, **Francis Mills, Junr.**¹⁰⁶



COMMENT:

Francis Mills appears as a householder in *Henry County* in both 1820 and 1830.¹⁰⁷

One Francis Mills appears on the 1805 tax roll of Bedford County (List A, northern district) but only for that year.

5 DECEMBER 1806

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Ask for the repeal of the act to amend the several laws concerning slaves the purport of which amounts to a total prohibition of the removal of slaves into the state from 1 May 1806.” [A fairly short list. No names of interest except James Jopling.]¹⁰⁸

8 DECEMBER 1806

PATRICK COUNTY, VA

¹⁰⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610895; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 331, Folder 2.

¹⁰⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088901; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 310, Folder 12.

¹⁰⁷ See E. S. Mills, “Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

¹⁰⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610900; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 45.

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & inhabitants ... ask for such alterations or amendments to the law passed at the last session concerning slaves so as to allow citizens owning land in Virginia & adjacent states to work & remove their slaves in each state.”

{image 1, col. 1} John France [Fram?], **Rich^d Mills**, Wm. Gray Senr. Morriss Humphrys, Benjamin Thomas Blackgrove Taylor ...¹⁰⁹

9 DECEMBER 1806

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Inhabitants ... ask that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”

{image 1} “November 20th 1808 [1803?] We Henry M_____nnel and Conrad Peters Certify that the within Petitioners live in the bounds prayed for and all who are not too old Muster in our Company, given under our hand &c Henry M_____ Capt., Conrad Peters Leut., 2d Battln., 08? Regiment Montgomery.” [Note that image 2 explicitly say they live in Monroe County]

[image 2, col. 1} ... **Robert Wilson**, H. Caperton, John Harvey Senr., Wm. Hawkins Senr., Alexander Dunboe?, John Scott, John McDaniel¹¹⁰

9 DECEMBER 1806

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask for the establishment of a town at the mouth of the great Guyandotte River on the land of Thomas Buffington.” [A very short list. No names of significance to this project.]¹¹¹

11 DECEMBER 1806

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for a division of the county.

{image 6, col. 2} “**Jacob Markim**, William Artrop, Benj. Sperry ...”¹¹²

10 DECEMBER 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for a law establishing a town at Giles Courthouse where 52 acres were given by George Pearis.”¹¹³

¹⁰⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000294744; citing “Legislative Petitions microfilm reel 151.” The document is a contemporaneous copy with copied “signatures,” not original signatures.

¹¹⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 0006130930; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 32.

¹¹¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610902; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 47.

¹¹² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610903; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 48.

10 DECEMBER 1807

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”

{image 4, col. 3} “George Christon, Israel Dare, Isaac Goodall, Joel Simons, **David Summars**, John Hawkins, James Hawkins, Zachariah Bryles, Joseph Harvey, **Robert Wiley**, Abraham _tattles ...”¹¹⁴

COMMENT:

David Summars/Summers in late 1805 or early 1806, bought land from John White Jr. See Montgomery Co. Order Book 15, 1805–1807, p. 100.

10 DECEMBER 1807

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”¹¹⁵

COMMENT:

No signers of relevance to this project.

18 DECEMBER 1807

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Catharine Willis’s request “for a divorce from her husband Joseph Willis.”

“She was married to a certain Joseph Willis about five years ago in Pendleton Virginia and ... after coming with him to Franklin County Virginia where your petitioner now lives he abandoned your petitioner and her three little children and went of to the State of Ohio where he is since married. Your petitioner [would have] endeavoured to support herself & little children without murmur had it not been for the distresses which have fallen on her by reason of the Debts of her unnatural husband [who] was very much in debt and left her without bread without meat and allmost without cloathes and still it is a fact that his crediters have taken from her from time to time what she has made with her own hands—her wheel, the pot in which she prepared her humble meal produced by the work of her own hands has been taken & ... lately a part of her cloathes were taken & sold.”

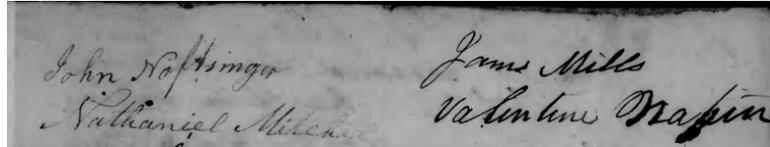
Her plight is attested to by several dozen residents of Franklin, all apparently in the NW corner of the county ... including Abraham Abshire ... John Noffsinger ... James Abshire, Adam Wray ... James Wray, Oliver Wray, William Wright, James Wray Jur., **James Mills**, Valentine Napier.”¹¹⁶

¹¹³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216384; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 2.”

¹¹⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613094; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 33.”

¹¹⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613095; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 34.”

¹¹⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154285; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 34.”



23 DECEMBER 1807

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants ... Ask for a division of the county."

{image 3, col. 1} "... David McComess ..."

{image 4, col. 2} "... M^m Garrett, Barton Earnicans [Carnicans?], **Wm. McComas, Moses McComas, Jesse McComas**, Henry Brown, Jeffery Russell, Marke Russell."¹¹⁷

6 DECEMBER 1808

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants ... Ask for a division of the county."

{image 3, col. 3} "... Larrence Bryon, Jesse **McComis**, William **McComis**, David **McComis**, John Smith, John Russell ..."

{image 5, col. 1} "John Nollan, Wm. Gleen, Thos. **Lemastis, Nathl. White, Joseph White**, George Thornton ..."

{image 9, col. 2} "Charles Meginnis, **Peter Dingos**, Peter Ruffner, James **Dingos** ..."¹¹⁸

6 DECEMBER 1808

KANAWHA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants ... Ask for a division of the county."

{image 5, col. 1} "Joseph Barrett, Byrd **Brumfield**, Moses Greenwood?, William McComas, Moses **McComas**, John **McComas** Senr., William **McComas** Senr., Wm. **McComas** Junr., Isaac **McComas**, Thomas **McComas**, David _____ _nr., Elijah Cremens, Linze Crimins, Garland Begess, John Smith, Edward Barratt, Andrew Barratt, William Smith, James **McComas**, Thomas **Napier**, Edmund **Napier**, David **McComas** Junr., Peter **Dingess** Junr., Charles **McComas**, William Fullerton, John Fullerton."

{image 5, col. 2} "William Adkins, **Serard Adkins**, Jacob Adkins, Isaac Adkins, James Smith, Charles Wilson, Hezekiah Adkins, James Atkins, John **Bies**, William? Hatfield, Joshua Jones, Samuel Thomas Hatfield, William Brumfield, Thomas Conaley, Isaac Hatfield, Elisha **McComas**, James Hatfield, James Fullerton, Antony Daring, William Atkins, Jushua Cosson, John **McComas**, George

¹¹⁷ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610907; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 52.

¹¹⁸ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610909; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 54.

Brumfield, Andrew McComac Junr., Thomas McComas. Elisha McComas, George McComas, Chistian McComas, Fedrick McMillen, Ranson Bias?¹¹⁹

8 DECEMBER 1809

LOUISA COUNTY, VA

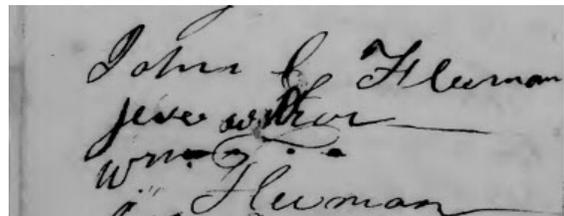
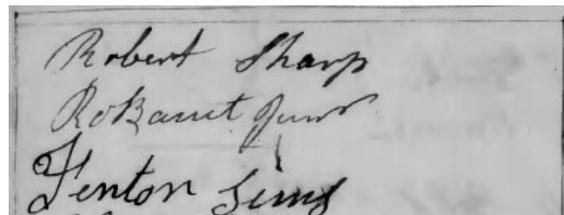
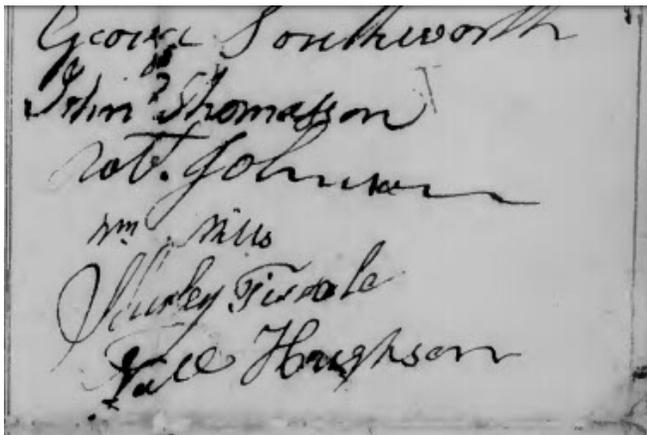
Petition to legislature

Inhabitants of Louisa “ask for the repeal of the existing laws regarding inspections of tobacco.”

{image 3, col. 2} **Wm Mills** ...¹²⁰

COMMENT:

Robert Sharp, John C. Fleeman, and William Fleeman signed on the same page with him.



7 DECEMBER 1809

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”

{image 3, col. 1} “Jacob Peck, **Robert Wilson**, Israel Kelly, **H. Caperton**, **Christian Peters**, Henry McDaniel, Isaac Carper, John Guno, Henry Willie.”¹²¹

7 DECEMBER 1809

MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Protest against the petition that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”¹²² [No individuals of consequence to this study.]

¹¹⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000610908; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 53.

¹²⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000217093; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 148, Folder 61.”

¹²¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No.000613099; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 38.”

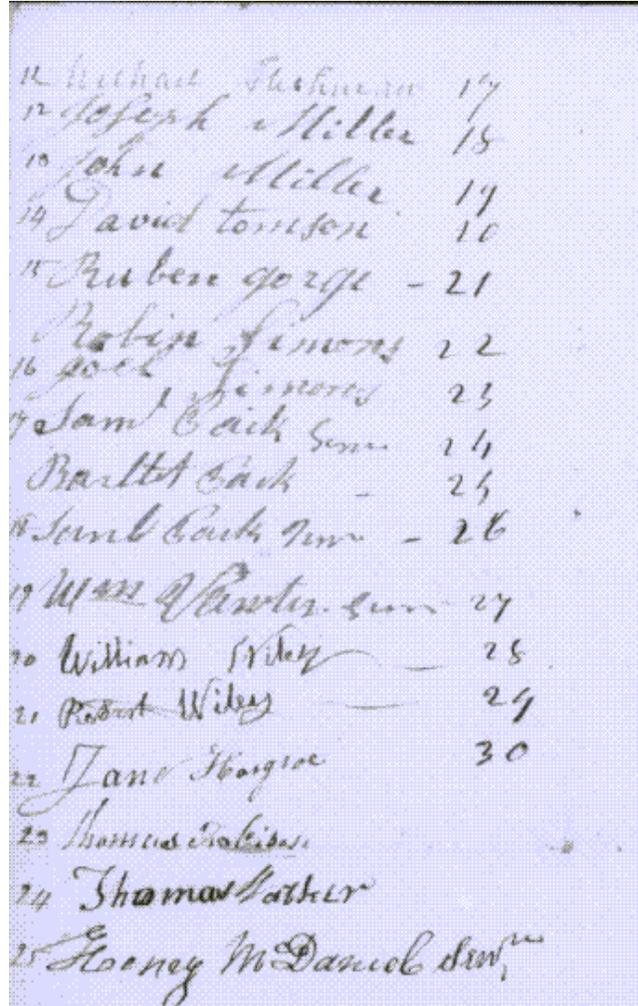
¹²² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No.000613098; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 37.”

8 DECEMBER 1809
MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Protest against the petition that part of Monroe County be annexed to Giles County.”

{image 3} Michael Tushman, Joseph Miller, John Miller, David Tomson, Ruben Gorge, Robin Simons, Joel Simons, Saml. Pack Senr., Bartlett Pack, Saml Pack Junr., Wm. Vawter Senr., William Wiley, **Robert Wiley**, Jane [Sic] Hargroe, Thomas Robison, Thomas Walker, Henry McDaniel Senr. ...¹²³



20 NOVEMBER 1810
MONROE COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens of Monroe & Giles ... ask for ao law to appropriate a reasonable sum to open a road from the mouth of Bluestone in Giles County to the mouth of Loop Creek in Kanawha County.” A number of Salt waters have been found on the Kanawha, which are much closer than the sources of salt they have been using, but there is no wagon road to transport the sale. The proposed road “is Only about fifty one miles.” By the present road system, its now a hundred miles between those two points.¹²⁴

COMMENT:

Many signers are familiar names, but none are of significance to this project.

7 DECEMBER 1810
CABELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants ... Ask that the seat of justice be placed on the Guyandotte river about a half mile above the mouth of Mud River.”

{image 2, col. 2} “... Cad___ Chapman ... Henry Chapman ... David McComas ...”

{image 2, col. 3} “John McComas Jr., William McComas Jr., David McComas ...”

{image 2, col. 4} “John Smith, William Hatfield, John McCune, Andw. Hatfield, Wm. Walton, William S. Smith, Thos. **Napier** ... Moses **Marcum** ...”

¹²³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613096; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 148, Folder 61.”

¹²⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613101; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 40.”

{image 3, col. 1} "... Thos. Napier, Benjamin Johnston, Patton **Walker**, A. H. Stephenson, James Stephenson, Abia Rice, **John Bias**, Peter Burns, Wm. Fullerton, Isom Garrett, John Cox, **Obediah Bias Cenr.**, Senoc Hatfield, Benjamin Johnston ... Stephen **Marcum**, Josiah **Marcum**, John Martin"

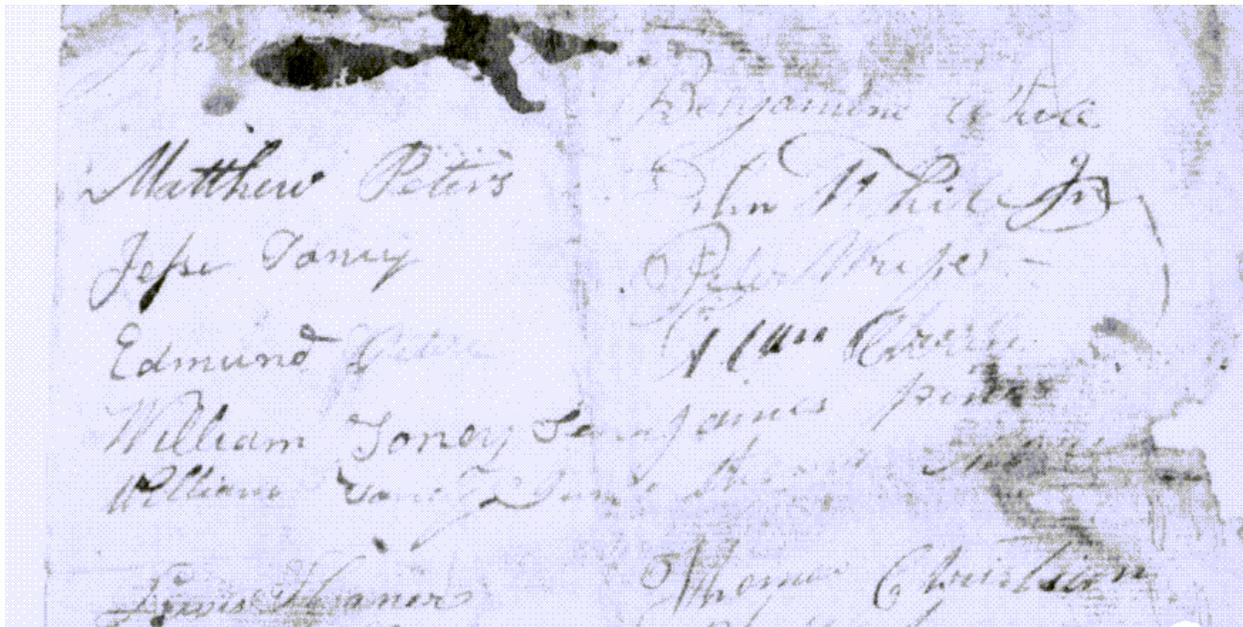
{image 3, col. 2} "Levis Hudson, Wm. Guses, John McCommas Jur., Elisha McComas, Junio0, Moses McCammas, Jessie McCommas, Charles Saleck?, Ransom Deals, Edward Barrett, Andrew Barrett, Samuel Barrett, **John Bies**, **Obediah Bies Sener**, **Rolen Bies**, Thomas Contey, John Eling, Thomas **McComas**, Isaac Cremeans, Josieh Conelay?, Reuben Cremans, William **McComas Seinir**, Samuel Passons, William Passons Junr., William Miller, Thomas Boety, Isaac **Hatfield**, James Hatfield, Andrew Hatfield"

{image 4, col. 1} "... Bird Brumfield, Charles Wilson, John Paton?, **John White**, John Stephenson, John Morris ...:

{image 4, col. 2} "Daniel Witcher, James Fullerton, Thomas Conley, Absolom Stuard Samuel Passon, Hugh Miller, Martin Amoss, James Snodgrass, Samel Snodgrass, Henry Hatcher, Wm. Greenwood ..."

{image 4, col. 3} "Matthew Peters, Jesse **Toney**, Edmund Peters, **William Toney Senr.**, William **Toney Junr.**, Lewis Haner, Ju___ Haner, Jacob Haner, Fedrck Haner, John **Toney**, Edmund **Toney**, Patton Thompson, James Whiat, John Whiat, Henry **Farly**, William Godbey, Garland Condley, John Taylour, Edward Chatman, John **Farly**, Ambross Morriss, Thomas Chapmen, David McNeley"

{image 4, col. 4} "**Benjamin White**, **John White Jr.**, Peter Wrife?, [illegible], James Pines, **Sharred Adkins**, Thomas **Christian**, Phillip Horgas, Mikel Huuger, Gabiel Mnefe, Abarham Wright, James W___, Gabrel Wrigt?, ..."



COMMENT:

These two White signatures appear to be their own. No other names on the page had similar capital B or other characteristics of Benjamin's name. The flourishes in the name for John White

Jr. are uncommon and not typically done by someone who is simply writing names of others.

{image 5, col. 3} “James Workman, Joseph Workman, **Shered Adkins**, Bary Atkins, Jacob Adkins, Isaac Adkins, Mical Hallen, Shade Adkins, William Adkins, Jacob Akins, Gorge Sampels, John Sampels, Bengeman Devis.”¹²⁵

17 DECEMBER 1810
KANAWHA COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Kanawha & Randolph ... Ask for the formation of a new county from parts of Kanawha & Randolph.”¹²⁶

19 DECEMBER 1811
CABELL COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask that provision be made giving the Superior Courts of Law concurrent jurisdiction with the County courts in all causes except in chancery and for other purposes.”

{image 3, col. 1} Thos. A. Morris, Saml Smiley, Jeremiah Wilkins, Thomas Morris senr., John Harreman, Cadwld. Chapmen, **Henry White**, Wm. Merritt, Noah Scales, Mark Russell ...”¹²⁷

3 DECEMBER 1812
MONROE COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... ask for a small appropriation to build a road from Sweet Springs through the town of Union to intersect the Upper Loop Road near New River.”¹²⁸

COMMENT:
No signers of significance to this project.

18 DECEMBER 1813
GILES COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of the Loop ... ask for a law authorizing the County Court to appoint some person living in the Loop to celebrate the rights of matrimony until some authorized minister of the Gospel may settle among them.”¹²⁹

¹²⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 0005916191; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 5.”

¹²⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 0005916191; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 128, Folder 57.”

¹²⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591631; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 315, Folder 1.”

¹²⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613103; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 42.”

14 OCTOBER 1814

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Subject: "Fishing/Oyster Industry"

Request "for a law compelling owners of dams

and other obstructions across the Roanoke River to make slopes or otherwise to provide for the passage of fish."

{image 2, col. 1} Jacob Kent, William Britt, Jesse Hall, **James Light**, Bolin Childress, John Thrash, Thos. Henderson, Silas Davis, Samuel Davis, **Samuel Maddox**, Robert Barnitt Senr., John Barnitt Junr., Bird Wilson, John H Stratten, George Snuffer, Mical Losders, Andrew Childress, James Rayburn, Andrew Thrash, John Robinson, David Thrash, Thomas Illott, **Andrew Wilson, William Mills**, John **Shockey**, Cyrus Robinson, Green Will¹³⁰

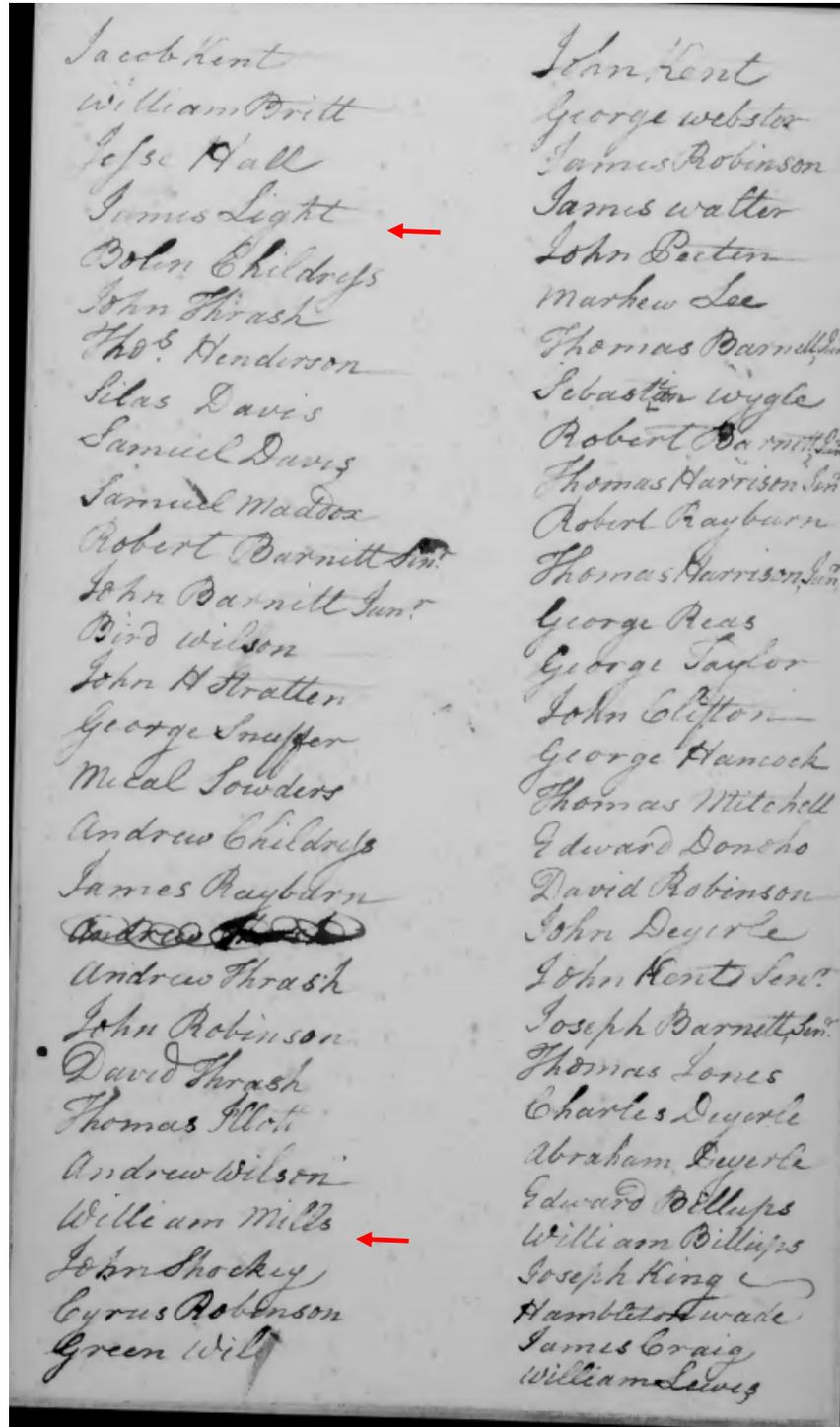
COMMENT:

In 1803, Andrew Wilson signed a petition amid a cluster containing John Toney and his brothers William and Squire.¹³¹

¹²⁹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216388; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 7."

¹³⁰ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248624; citing accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 95.

¹³¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613267; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 58.



COMMENT:

- This William Mills is a good candidate for the William who married a few months later in Franklin County to Drucilla Kemp, the stepdaughter of Sarah **Maddox**. I have found no other William Mills who might be him.

- Note his proximity to Shockey ; numerous Shockey, Shockley signatures throughout the years were made adjacent to the Lights—a family William Mills moved next door to when he left Franklin County for Floyd County c1848. **I need to pursue these Lights.**
- This petition, with just 2 pages of names, is short by comparison to most. The names are not actual signatures; the petition has been recopied—apparently contemporaneously.¹³²

19 NOVEMBER 1816

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ask for the election of a Convention to alter and amend the defects of the constitution.”¹³³

(image 3, col. 1) James White ...

19 NOVEMBER 1816

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ask for the election of a Convention to alter and amend the defects of the constitution.”¹³⁴

(image 5, col. 1) John White White ...

COMMENT (1 November 2023):

I need to reexamine these, now that I know the population better.

5 DECEMBER 1817

CABELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Cabell & Kanawha ... Ask for a law to establish the county line between Cabell & Kanawha.”

{image 5, col. 1} “Wm. Toney, Wm. Dingess, Adam Black, Nicholas Heasemon?, Nathe Seales, William Boucher, William Thompson, James Moman, Philip Mile, Patrick A. Collins, John Dunlap, **H. White**, William **Hatfield**, John Hatfield Jr., William Merrit? Ser., Fransis S. Gand____, Floyd Turley, Saml. Gelpin ...”

{image 5, col. 2} “William **Brumfield**, Patrick Morrison, David Cartmill, Moses **Marcum**, Jeremiah Foster, Nathan Holt, John McMahan ...¹³⁵

5 DECEMBER 1817

CABELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Inhabitants ... Ask for a law making it the duty of persons claiming land not settled to

¹³² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248624; citing accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 95.

¹³³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 28 April 2019), Record No. 000216391; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 10.

¹³⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 28 April 2019), Record No. 000216392; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 11.

¹³⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591638; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 22.

have the boundaries ascertained, and a survey made under the direction of processioners to be appointed by the several courts for that purpose.”

{image 1, col. 1} “Manoah Bostick, **Shered Adkins**, Thos. Buffington, John Smith, Andrew J. **Chapman**, Moses **McCoamas**, **Ezekiel Smith**, Thomas Morris, William Fullerton, Stephen Wilson, Isom Adkins, Robt. Sanford, Saml. Stuart, Abia Rece, James Smith, Wm. Owen, James Wilson, Farley Hatcher, Thomas Vaughan ...”

{image 1, col. 4} “John Harman, Joseph Day, David Hutchison, Josel Estes Jr., Patrick Morrison, George Spears, Charles Peuyter [Pauley?], John Peters, Nicholas Harmon, Jesse **Toney**, Thomas Irwin ...”

{image 3, col. 2} “... Isaiah Perdue, Jur., Isiah Perdue Sen., Jesse Perdue, James Perdue, Samuel Turner, [illegible]”

{image 3, col. 3} “John Ferguson Senr., Samuel Ferfuson Jr., Samuel Ferguson, William Snidow, William Blankinship, William Clark Jn., George W. Blankinship ... James Stewart, Mitchel Stewart, Charles Walker ...”¹³⁶

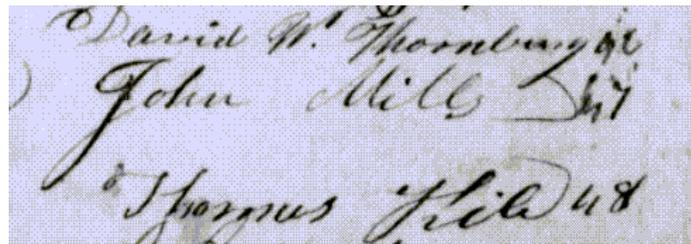
6 DECEMBER 1820

CABELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens Remonstrance ... Protest against the petition to move the courthouse to the town of Guyandotte.”

{image 2, col. 2} “C. W. Carter, G. Harison, Jubel? Henley, John Denton, Wm. E. Feazel, Absalom Holderly, John King, Daniel Quin, Charles Collins, Montgomery J. Collins Sr., James Pinell, E. ___ Smith, E. M. Underwood, B. F. McCune, Thos. Hatfield, John G. Miller, John W. Thornburg, A. Beeson, Alexander Baker, David W. Thornburg, **John Mills**, Thomas Field?, J. J. Mahone, W. W, McComas, Joseph Foster“



{image 4, col. 1} “...William D. Chapman, William Gibson, Joel **Toney**, Thomas Dundass, James Hatfield [skip 15 to end of column]”

{image 4, col. 2} “Ralph Smith, Thomas R. Severnn, Lynsey Gew, John Morrison, Washington Morrison, John T. Morrison, Benjamin F. Swann, Elisha Dial, John Dial, James **Bias Jr.**, Rolin **Bias**, Jr., James **Bias**, John K. Swann, Joseph **Lucas**, Bennett Jinkins ...”

{image 5, col. 1} “**Joseph Stanley**, **Andrew Showen**, George **Hatfield**, Hezekiah Swann, Isiah Swann, Richard Lunsford, John **Stanley** ...”

¹³⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591637; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 21.

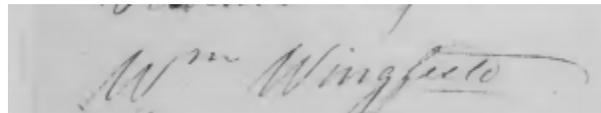
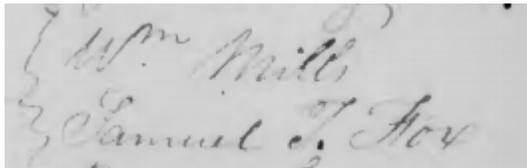
{image 9, col. 2} “Martin Ansil, Wm. Guthree, Robert Guthree, George H. Burcham, Thomas P. Clovinger, John B. Clovinger, John R. Ivy?, **C. White** [C. W. Hite? or Charles White?], T. C. Maupin, **Robert Wiley**, S. K? Brandon, Jesse W. T_____, John Hanrick, John Jenkins, John McCuen, Francis Bandom, Joseph Rodes, Thomas Roce, Jas. M. Slone, ___ E. Hannan, Lyman P. Emerson, **James White**, Thomas Brandam, Lisbon Gough ...¹³⁷

12 DECEMBER 1821
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Bedford, Franklin, Pittsylvania, & Campbell: Petition ... for the formation of a new county from parts of Bedford, Franklin, Pittsylvania, & Campbell.”

{image 13, col. 2} Rieves [no first name], Lankford Brizendine, Jno. Wovely [Wooely?] Junr., **Wm. Mills**, Samuel T. Fox, Benjn. Sermonis, Joseph Eddes, Garland Lacy, Jeremiah Allen, Thomas H. Smith, F. A. Hancock, John Dunman, Jordan Robertson, **Jordan Kempt**, William Fortune, Peter Hettman, Benj. F. Cook, George Kellemon ...¹³⁸



COMMENT:

The presence of Jordan Kemp nearby suggests that this is the Wm. Mills who married Jordan’s cousin Drucilla Kemp. Others in the neighborhood do not include the associates and inlaws of the William Mills of Maggoty, son of James, who married an Abshire.

Note the petition of 4 June 1828 at which time Burwell Law signed immediately after William Mills’s brother-in-law “William Kemp son to Ro.”

However,

- William Mills has not been found on Franklin County tax roll from 1820–30.
- The William Mills signature above does not in any way match the William Mills signature on his 1815 marriage bond.

I am not convinced that this William of the 1821 petition signed his own name. Many signatures seems to be in the hand of one writer. As an example, I’ve included, above, a sample of the “signature” for Wm Wingfield, taken from image 16, col. 1.

A Joseph Miles and a Henry Miles also signed the petition—in fact, there are two such listings for Henry, clearly not Mills.

14 DECEMBER 1821
CABELL COUNTY, VA

¹³⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591640; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 25.

¹³⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088925; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 24, Folder 18.

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for a law directing the removal of the seat of justice from Barboursville to the town of Guyandotte.”

COMMENT:

Each page of signatures has two columns: one labeled “Freeholders” and the other labeled “Tithables.”

{image 6, col. 2} “Tithables Hiram Carter, Lewis H. Johnston, Daniel Bates, David Staley, Jesse Wood, **David White**, Wm. **Blankenship**, James Durney, Michael Souvry, John Souvry ...¹³⁹

{image 10, col. 1} “Freeholders: Thomas McComas Snr., William Robbison, James Haner, David McNeley, **John Toney**, Philip ~~Backure?~~, **Edmond Toney**, William Morris, Geo. W. Bellomey, Charles McComick, **Robt. Wilson**, Henry Hampton Snr., Samuel Billups ...

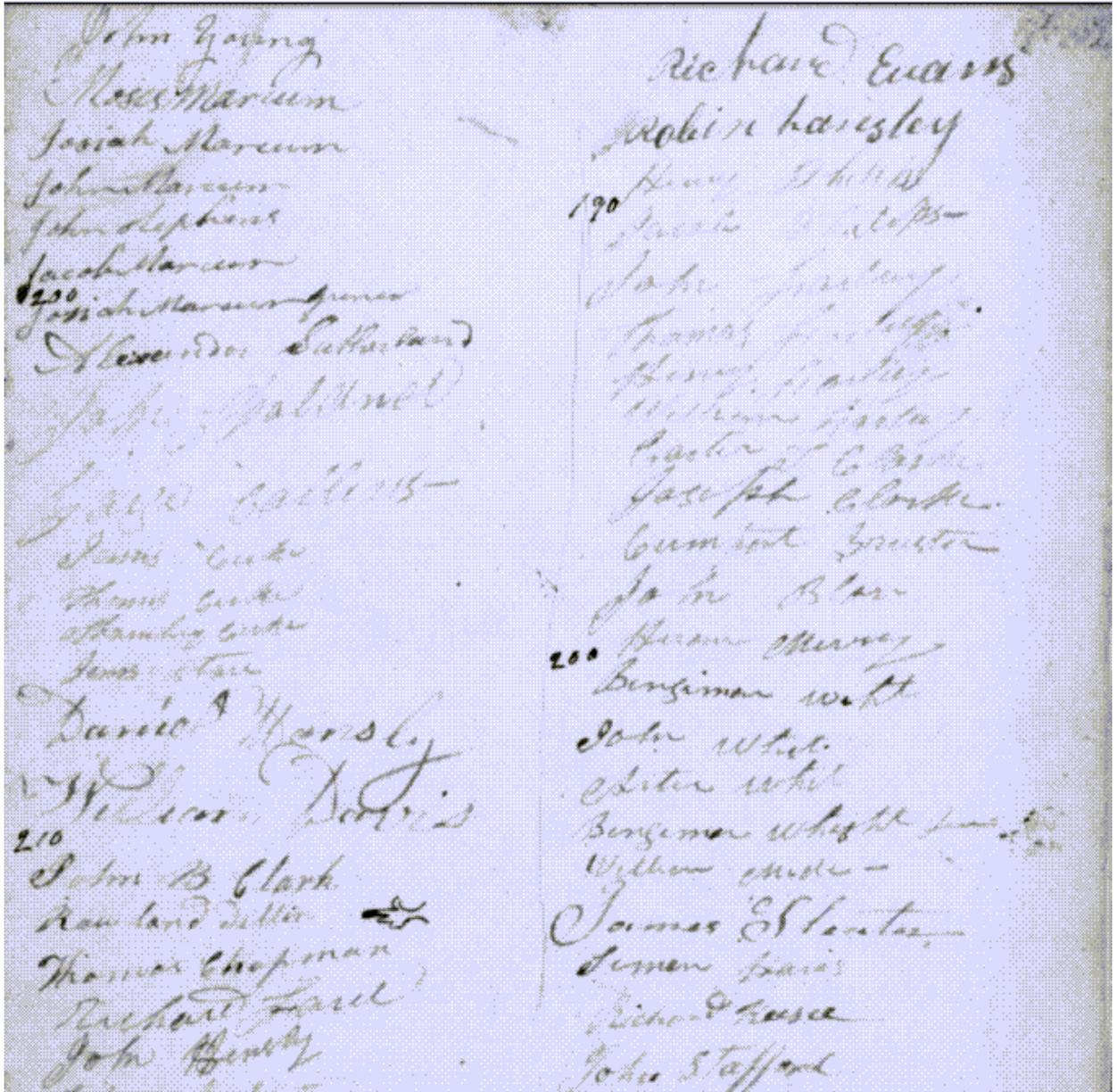
{image 10, col. 2} “Tithables Philip _ _____, Bergen L. Ketcham, Leonard Wishong, Richard Vance, Edward Chapman, Edmund Peters, Fredrick Haynes, John Godley, Michael Thorne, **Westley White**, William Godby, Reuben _rackwill, Medley Ballard, John L. Ballard, Cartlet ballard, Jeremiah Polbey, John Miller, Geo. Miller, Adam Miller, Chapman Ballard”

{image 12, col. 1} “[Freeholders] John Young, **Moses Marcum**, **Josiah Marcum**, **John Marcum**, John Stephens, **Jacob Marcum**, **Josiah Marcum Juner**, ...”

{image 12, col. 2} “[Tithables] Richard Evans, Robin Hansley, Henry Philips, Jacob Philips, John Farlay, Thomas Farlay, Henry Farlay, William Farlay, Carter T. Clark, Joseph Clarke, Cumfort Bruster, John Blare, Hiram Murry, **Benjamin With** [sic], **John White**, Arter White, **Bengimin Whight Junr.**, William Mede, James Sleuter, Simon Harris, Richard Keesee, John Stafford, John Keesee, Chitle Staton”¹⁴⁰

¹³⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591643; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 29.

¹⁴⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591643; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 29.



COMMENT:

- I am reading Cabell petitions through 1830 but am not taking further notes unless Millses or Wattses appear.
- Adkinses, McComases, Napiers, etc., continue to appear

17 DECEMBER 1821

GRAYSON COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for an act authorizing the County Court of Grayson to appoint some fit person or persons to solemnize the rites of matrimony” in the western part of the county.

{image 3, col. 1} ... John Puckett, Thomas Youngs, John Moor, Jourden Ballard, James Bobbit, Benjamin Hinson, Thomas Hill, **Hierom Mills**, John Jones, James Jones, Thomas Hoper¹⁴¹

20 DECEMBER 1821

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

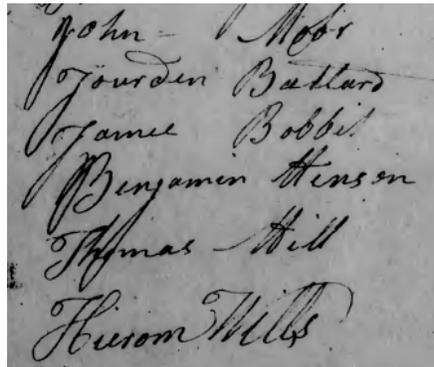
"Inhabitants of Pearisburg ... ask for a law to prevent hogs from running at large in the town."¹⁴²

19 DECEMBER 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for a new county.¹⁴³



COMMENT:

- The signature is not in the "common hand" of the petition circulator who obviously wrote the names of those who could not sign.
- This appears to be Hiram, son of William and Elizabeth (Abshire) Mills of Franklin and grandson of James Mills of the Maggoty. No other Hiram Mills has been placed in Virginia at that time.

4 DECEMBER 1822

CABELL & GILES COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

"Inhabitants of Giles, Cabell, Tazewell, & Kanawha ... ask for a law to lay off a new county from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell, & Kanawha and to apoint commissioners from the neighboring counties to locate the seat of justice."

{image 2, col. 2} Peter Dingess, Samuel _____?, Hennly Conley, Peter Pencey Field, Johnas [Thomas?] Conlee, Willim Tho____, **Charles White**, Garland Conley, **John White**, Thomas D____, Evan Ellis,

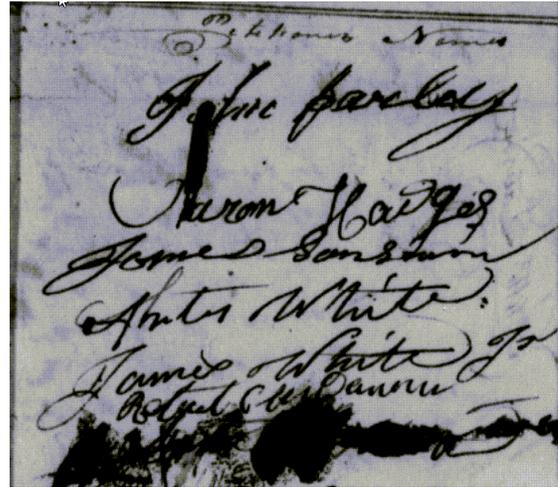
¹⁴¹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000215780; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 02, Folder 23.

¹⁴² "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 28 April 2019), Record No. 000216395; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 14.

¹⁴³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), no Record No. ; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 16; Legislative Petitions microfilm reel 63.

Robert Hensley, Abner Lanee?, **P. Dingess**, Asher Crocket, Henray Faley [Farley?], **Benjamin White**, Crumfort Bruister, James Senseum? Jr.

{image 2, col. 3} “John Farley, Harom Hodges, James Sanseum, **Artis White** [“r” appears to overwrite a faint “h”; the “is” could be “er”; possibly meant to be Arter] **James White Jr.** [Arter by 1822 could have a tithable-age son], Robert Clendennen, Richard Forel, Thomas Farley, Wm. Farley, Simon Harris, John Kosel, Sollomon Barsden?, Richard irlens?, James Thompson, John Thompson, Ma___ Muncey, ___muel Aldridge, Ephraim Morison, Emond Barsdin, Willipam? Fo___y, Charles Staten, Stephen **Marcum**, Thorn Ponfalley?, Thomas **Chapman**, John **Chapman**, Daniel Dansby, James **Muncy**, James [no last name], John Gonau”



{image 3, col. 2 [upside down]} “... Henry Farley, William Toney, John Toney, Edmond Toney, Squire Toney, Richard Elkins, Israel? Elkins, Richard Vanel, Richard McNeely, Wm. McNeely, George Smith, Allen Christian [*skip* 5], George Farley, John Farley, Joseph Farly, Henry Farley, Nathaniel Mullins, Samuel Canterbury, **Neely White**”

{image 3, col. 3} ... Ralph Stewart, William Stewart, Henry Stewart, Charles Stewart, Yeong Stewart, James P. Christian, Thomas Christian, Allen Christian, Thomas Christian ...

{image 3, col. 4} John Farly, George Farly, William Cooper, Davis Parsons, Samuel Canterburg, skip 8], **James White**, William Wooten, **Westley White**, Thos. Burgess, Tandy Burgess, John Burgess, Notten Burgess, Hirom Burgess, John Petmore, Christopher Petmore, **Henry Farly**¹⁴⁴

19 DECEMBER 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens of Giles, Greenbrier, & Nicholas ... ask for the formation of a new county from parts of Giles, Greenbrier & Nicholas.”¹⁴⁵

23 DECEMBER 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of Giles, Cabell & Tazewell ... ask for a law to lay off a new county and for appointing commissioners to locate the seat for the courts of justice.”¹⁴⁶

15 DECEMBER 1823

¹⁴⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216396; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 15.

¹⁴⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 28 April 2019), Record No. 000216397; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 16.

¹⁴⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216398; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 17.

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Citizens of Greenbrier, Nicholas, Kanawha, Cabell, & Giles ... ask for a separate and distinct county from parts of Greenbrier, Nicholas, Kanawha, Cabell, & Giles.”¹⁴⁷

21 DECEMBER 1824

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature.

Augustine Leftwich, in 1821, married the sister of his deceased wife, so that his small children would have a mother. They did not know that it was against the law. Marriage was performed by the minister John Ayers, who filed an affidavit for him. He has gone through a grand jury indictment and seeks the legislature to legalize his marriage. His second request, on 21 December 1824, is signed by many citizens, including

{image 4} Rudolph Roser, James Graves, Singleton Casey, John Mahan, Leon P. Hodges, Thomaos Leaper [?], Jacob Zink, **Robert S. Mills**, Jacob Fraley, Michael Branson, Allen Mitchell, Wm. Campbell ... Alexander Jefferson ... Wm. Adkins.

{image 5} ... Peter Jefferson ...¹⁴⁸

COMMENT:

One Robert Mills was a taxpayer in Franklin County in the year 1804, but only that year.¹⁴⁹ As previously noted, one Robert Mills was also taxed in the northern district of Bedford County in 1782, was dropped from Bedford rolls, but returned by the time of the 1810 census. He was still there on the 1820 census.

8 DECEMBER 1825

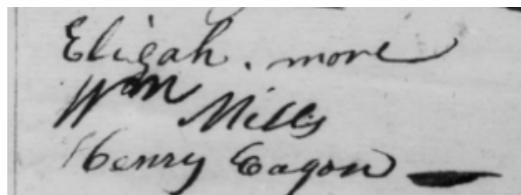
AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants: Petition ... for an election for holding a Constitutional Convention to amend the state constitution.”

{image 10 bottom, col. 1} John M. Huff, Jacob Y. [G?] Moore, Anthony Fisher, George Webick, Richard Rees, Robert Belton, Jacob Hitt, John Patterson, Henry Welche, Christopher Adeburn [?], [illegible]

{image 10, bottom, col. 2} Wm Moffett, Samuel Wherman, Daniel Wherman, Elijah More, **Wm Mills** Henry Eagon, Wm C Snapp, Enoch Fenton Senr., George Greiner



¹⁴⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216401; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 20.

¹⁴⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000088930; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 24, Folder 23.

¹⁴⁹ See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

COMMENT:

This William Mills of Augusta was still there at the time of the 1830 census.

9 DECEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the memorial of the Staunton Convention and ask that no law be passed for taking the sense of the people on the propriety of calling a Convention to amend the State Constitution.”¹⁵⁰

13 DECEMBER 1825

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “to alter the time of holding the Superior Court.”

{image 4} **John Ferguson, John Kemp**, Ty_____ lee, Earvin G Cabaniss, Luc _s Davis, J_____, John D. Booth, **Gabriel Mattox**, Saml. A? Ferguson, James Ferguson, Amos Harrison, Henry Lane ...¹⁵¹

COMMENT:

Image 4 represents the neighborhood in which William Mills lived during his residency in Franklin County, but I did not find him there on this petition. His absence is in keeping with his simultaneous absence from the Franklin County tax rolls. However, I have not found him in any other county during this decade.

Gabriel Mattox was on the 1802 tax roll of Bedford County.

15 DECEMBER 1825

LOGAN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Ask for the removal of the seat of justice to the mouth of Huff’s Creek.” On the 11th of this month, the duly appointed commissioners chose a site at the Islandso f Guyandotte on lands claimed by the representatives of **William Dingess** decd. However, one of the five commissioners, Charles Hall, “is of Opinion that the Seat of Justice for Said County Ought to be located at the mouth of Huffs Creek in said County but of the other two places proposed he prefers the lands of John Cook to the Islands of Guyandotte.”

“At a Court held for the County of Logan on Monday the 4th day of July 1825, It is considered and ordered by the Court that the building of the Court House for the County be prolonged and postponed for two years from the last Court of Claims. Peter Dingess enters his protest against the above order.”

{packet label} “No. 35, Petition from Logan County praying for the removal of seat of Justice. **Benjamin Smyth**, Decr. 15th 1825.”

{image 10, col. 1} “Nathl. Mullins, John Burgess, **Benjamin W. White**, William L. Wooten, Henry Perry, Robert Elkin, James Browning*, Henry Farley*, Thomas Burgess, Elijah Browning*, Simeon Browning, William Walker, Tandy Burgess ...”

¹⁵⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216402; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 325, Folder 1.

¹⁵¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154300; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 54.

{image 10, col. 2} “William McNealey*, Spencer Christian, Alexander Pine, Allen Christian Senr.,* Dudley Christian*, Daniel Elkin*, Wm. Hinchman Jr., William Hinchman Snr., James G. Perry, Alysses Hinchman, Cyrus Hinchman, Merridith Burgess, George **Farley**, Berry T. **Farley***, Cary Boyd*, William Browning, Senr., **Benj. H. White**, **Micajah G. White**, James his X mark Haner*, Moses? Brown*, Isaac Breiser*, James Pine, Isaac Spratt, Richard Tober, Peter G. Cozert*”

{image 11} “This day Nathaniel Mullens personally appeared before me William Hinchman a Justice of the peace for Logan County and Made oath that he created a petition for the removal of the Seate of Justice to the Mouth of huff Creek in Said County and got the within fifty two Signers to Said petition all Citisens of Said County Given under my hand this 19th day of November 1825. [Signed] William Hinchman.”¹⁵²

COMMENT:

*These three men and various others in cols. 1 and 2 of this page have a dark X or + (the mark is ambigious) after their names. However, the X’s do not represent “signature marks.” These appear to be tallies of some sort. Note these two “tells” on the attached image:

- The ink of the X (or +) is noticeably darker than the ink of the signatures.
- The signature of “James his X mark Haner” carries the signature mark in the middle of the name, as customary. Yet it also carries the dark X at the end.
- The X that appears with the name Allen Christian Senr. is written amid his name, but does not carry the customary “his mark” statement. It is almost certainly a later addition.

¹⁵² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599517; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 6.

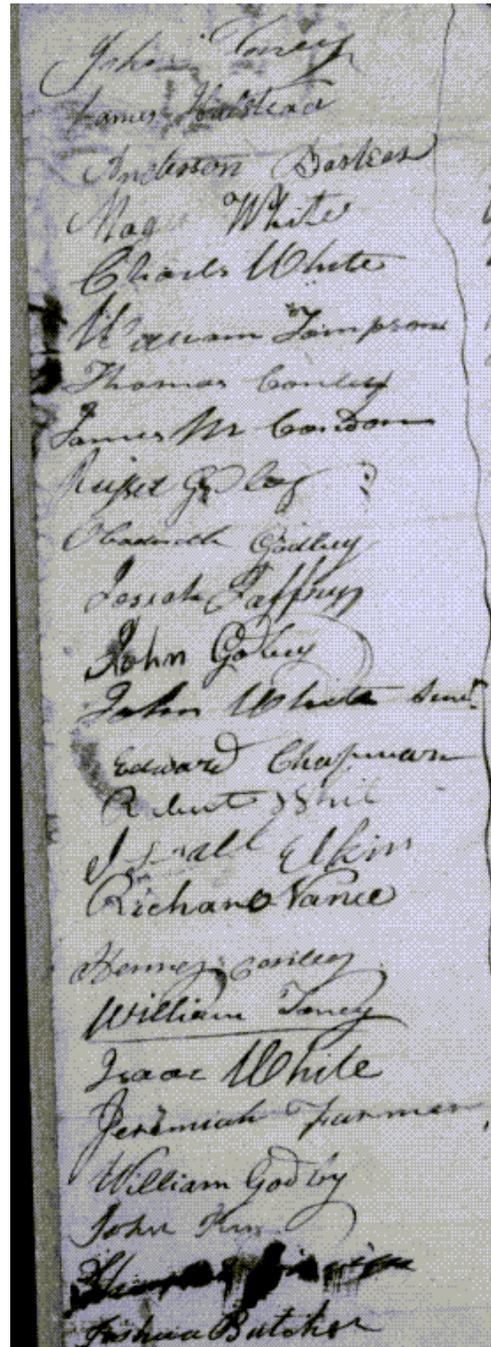
Subscribers Names	William Wm Sealey +
Robert Mullins	Spencer Christian
John Burgess	Alexander Stone
Benjamin W. Hill	Allen Christian +
Thomas Wooten	Dudley S. Smith +
Henry Gray	Franklin Clark +
Robert Allen	Wm Hinchman +
James Browning +	William Hinchman +
Henry Farley X	James G. Perry
John Burgess	Wm S. Hinchman
Eliza Browning X	Cyrus Hinchman
Benjamin Browning	Mary Beth Burgess
Melissa Clark	George Farley
Henry Burgess	Berney J. Farley +
James Wm Sealey +	Katy Dye +
George Wm Sealey +	William Browning +
David Wm Sealey	Benjamin White
Joseph Hinchman	Henry G. White
David Swell +	James Hiner +
Benjamin Swell +	Wm H. Brown +
James Hinkle +	Samuel +
James Hinchman +	James Stone
Benjamin Hinchman X	Isaac Spratt
Joseph Hinchman	Richard Coburn
John Hinchman +	John G. Boyer X
Joseph Hinchman X	
William Dalton X	
John Hinchman	
John Hinchman	

15 DECEMBER 1825
LOGAN COUNTY, VVA

Petition to legislature

“Freeholders & Tithables ... Protest against the petition for the removal of the seat of justice to the mouth of Huff’s Creek.” When the legislature passed the act for the creation of Logan in 1823, the appointed commissioners selected a “site on the lands at the Islands of Guyandotte River owned by the heirs of **William Dingess Decd.**” &c &c.

{image 5, col. 1} “John Toney, James Halstead, Anderson Bastees?, **Mager White, Charles White,** William Tompson, Thomas Conley, James McCandon, Russel Godbey, Obadiah Godbey, Joseiah Jaffry, John Godbey, **John White Senr., Edward Chapman,* Robert Whit,** Israel Elkin, Richard Nance, Henry Conley, **William Toney, Isaac White,** Jeremiah Farmer, William Godby, John Perry, Thompson Griffin? [very blurred], Joshua Butcher”¹⁵³



COMMENT:

Online trees assert that **Edward Chapman** (b. 20 November 1795, Montgomery Co., VA; died 25 March 1871, Logan County) was the husband of Mary “Polly” Godbey and the son of “Capt. John C. Chapman” and Dicey Napier. Dicey is said to be the daughter of Patrick Napier Sr. and Judith Mary Burke.¹⁵⁴

{image 5, col. 2} “ Wm. Blankinship, Ballard Eligan, John Blare?, **James Byas, Wm. Byas,** Philip Battore Snr?, Thos. Burnett, J. Brown, John Ballard.”¹⁵⁵

{image 7, col. 1} “... Squire **Toney,** Aide [Aile?] Tharp, J. Vaneater, John Vaneater, A. Vaneater, **James White, Benj. White, John White, Bengamin White, Arthur White,** J. Workman, **Charles White, Joseph Workman,*** Jacob Wall, John Workman, James Workman, **James White Jr., Major White”**

COMMENT:

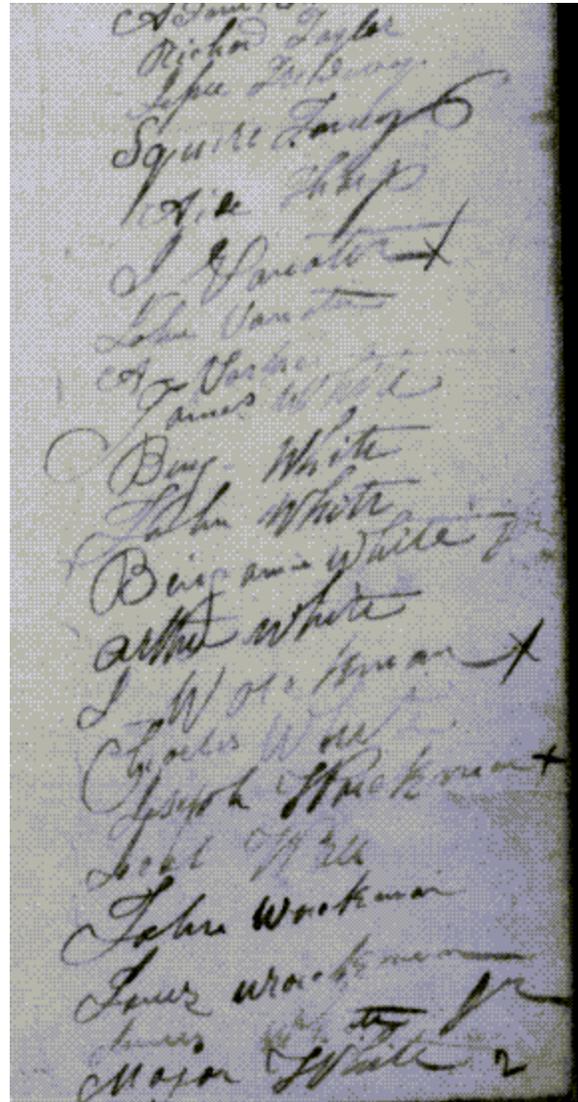
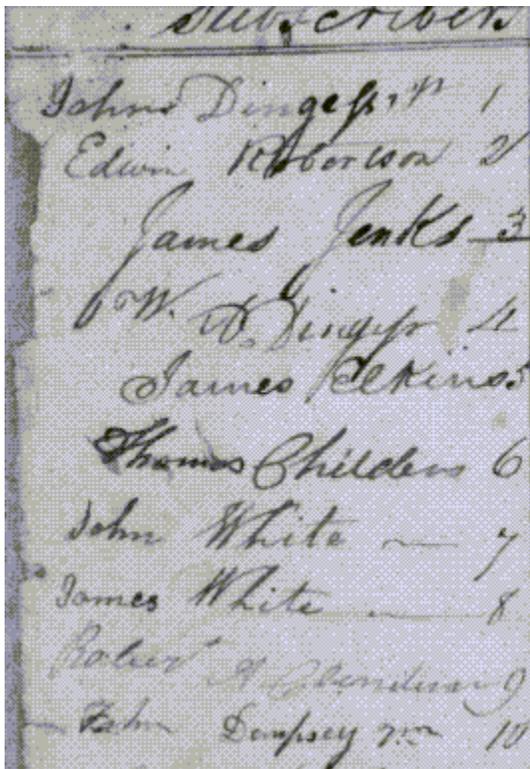
¹⁵³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599516; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 5.

¹⁵⁴ See for example, Thomas McClung, “Barker Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/164693653/person/432140837428/facts?phsrc=WQw12&phstart=successSource> : accessed 19 March 2020), “Edward Chapman,” Facts page.

¹⁵⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599516; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 5.

In 1839, in Cabell County, one Joel Ferguson petitioned the legislature for divorce from his wife Elizabeth, whom he said he married in Lee County, Virginia, about 1815–16. He had previously tried in the county court c1834. An affidavit was provided on his behalf by the wife of Joseph Workman, who said that Ferguson had married her sister.

{image 8, col. 1} “**John Dingess**, Edwin Robertson, James Jenks, W ___? Dingess, James Elkins, Thomas Childers, **John White**, **James White**, Robert A. Clendenin, John Dempsey Jnr? ...”¹⁵⁶

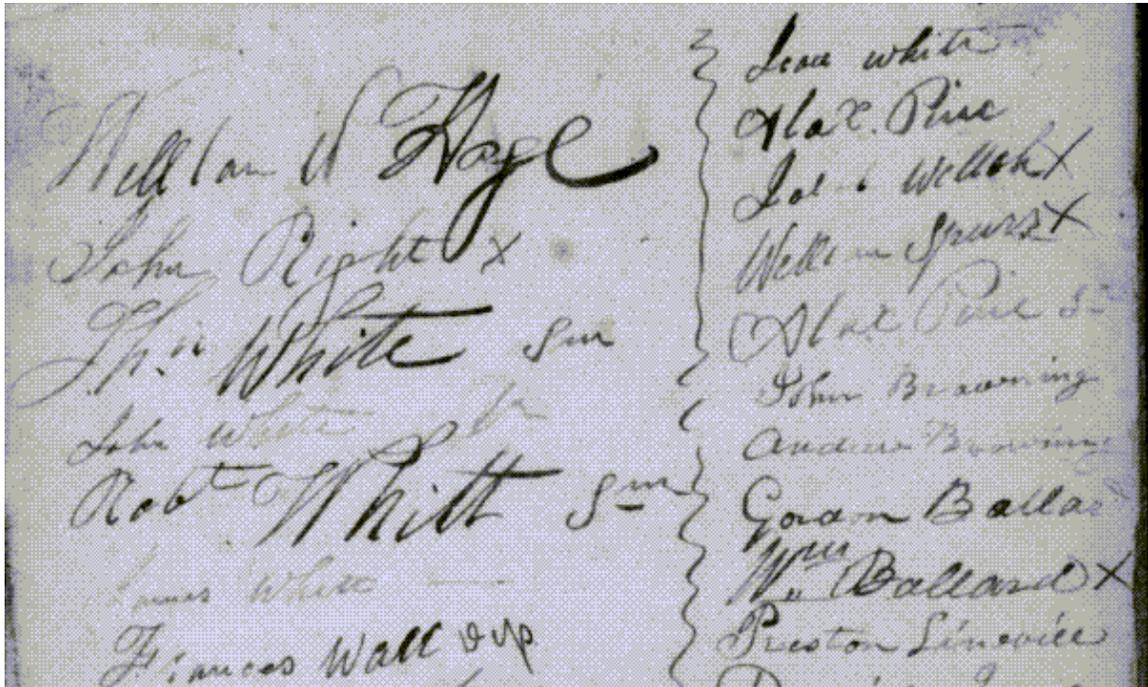


{image 13, col. 1} “William ___ Hoage, John Right, **Jhⁿ White Sen.**, **John White Jr.**, **Robert Whitt S^r**, **James White**, Frances Wall Dep., Thomas Workman?, Elias Adkin, Joseph Brown, Moses Brown ...”

{image 13, col. 2} “**Isaac White**, Alex. Pine, Jacob Wellsh ...”¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁶ Ibid.

¹⁵⁷ Ibid.



COMMENT:

This Logan County petition includes a survey showing the proposed location at the junctur of Guyandotte River and Peter Huff’s Creek. Not surprisingly, the land was surveyed for Gordon Cloyd.

Note on the image below that the chair carriers for this survey in 1795 were Wm. Farley and “**John White.**” White has no appendage after his name. John ‘S’ White owned land adjacent to Cloyd and the Farleys on Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek. However, the ‘S’ that he made on his 1796 bond to marry Susannah Marcum was extremely shaky, suggesting advanced age—an hypothesis supported by the fact that Susannah appears to be on the 1798 tax roll as a widow charged with two young tithable males (ostensibly stepsons) who were still underage, then dropped off th eroll in 1799 when two young tithables (including a John) came onto the roll. All things considered, it would seem more likely that the John who served as chain carrier was the younger John, a healthy male in his late teens.¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599516; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 5.



Surveyed for Gordon Lloyde 7800
 Acres of Land by virtue of an
 entry made the 31st day of December
 1792 on a Land Office Treasury,
 warrant N^o 1567 issued the 26th
 of August 1793 to Austin Nichols
 and by him assigned to said
 Gordon Lloyde Surveyor of the
 County on the east side of Cyan-
 dote River a branch of the Ohio
 and bounded as follows, Begin-
 ning at three Sugar Trees two
 Sycamores and a hick at the
 Mouth of Peter Hoff's Creek
 Thence up the several courses
 of Cyanodote and binding thence
 3876 feet to three
 Sugar Trees about 20 feet below the Mouth of Little Creek
 and corner of Wilson to Nicholas's Survey of 500000 acres
 and with a line thence N 10 E 25 30 feet crossing some
 branches to a line of Austin Nichols Survey on the bank
 of Peter Hoff's Creek and down the several courses
 thereof and binding thence with said Nichols's line to
 the beginning. An Allowance of 500 acres is made
 in the calculation of the Area of this plot for prior
 claims contained within the boundary of the Survey
 Completed 23rd Decr 1795
 Wm Farley & others atty.
 John White

W Taylor Asst
 Robert Adams L. W. Co

16 DECEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Ask that part of Kimberlays Fork of Walker’s Creek included in the lines of Tazewell County be added to Giles County.”¹⁵⁹

21 DECEMBER 1826

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Citizens of Pearisburg “ask for the repeal of the act prohibiting hogs from running at , large in the town.”¹⁶⁰

21 DECEMBER 1826

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Citizens of Pearisburg ask for “a law authorizing a lottery to raise \$10,000 to erect proper buildings in the town ... for an academy.”¹⁶¹

10 JANUARY 1827

TAZEWELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“S. M. Still ... Ask[s] for amendments to the laws which relate to the altering & working of roads by males of the age of 16 years or more.” Virginia law decrees that “every male laboring person of the age of 16 years or more, except such as are masters of two or more laboring slaves of the age of 16, shall be appointed by the court to work on some public road.” Furthermore, “A surveyor of a road is appointed by the Court of his County without asking or requiring his consent. He is compelled to continue in that office untill another is appointed by the said Court in his stead. It matters not wether he is a man of industry or judgment; it matters not what are his general avocations; it matters not how frequently his business requires him to be absent from home. He is compelled to serve, and as this office is not one that is desirable, the courts frequently appoint persons that are fit for no appointment whatever.”

In short: the system and the law needs overhauling because nobody wants to do road work. Grand jurors tend to overlook problems with roads because, if the overseer is thrown out of the post, one of them may have to fill it. If the grand jury brings charges, then the petit jurors are road hands themselves and may well have worked on the road whose overseer is being charged. Consequently, not one in ten men are convicted. Although the law says that hands will be fined for failure to serve, few “feel very little inclination to work” because they know the odds are they won’t be fined. “Individual convenience

¹⁵⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216403; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 22.

¹⁶⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216405; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 24.

¹⁶¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216406; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 325, Folder 2.

is more regarded than public benefit.”¹⁶²

7 DECEMBER 1827

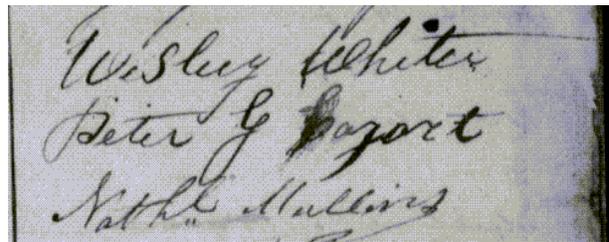
LOGAN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants ... Ask for the repeal of so much of the law that restricts the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to a route north of the Little Kanawha River.”

{image 3, col. 1} “Edmund Browning, Jesse Browning, Reece Browning ... Joseph McDonald Jr., William Browning, **Obediah Bias**, Conrad Rife, **James White**”

{image 3, col. 2} “Coonrad Rife, George Colloy, **Wesley White**, Peter G. Cozart, Nathl. **Mullins**, John Allen, Nehemiah Allin [skip 8], Robt. A. **Clendenin**, Chaman Ballard, Samuel MCay, Frances Banning, **John Toney**, Neal **Christian**, Thomas Christianen ...”¹⁶³



7 DECEMBER 1827

LOGAN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Ask for a separate election to be held at the house of John Harvey.”

{image 2, col. 1} “Joseph Perry, Henry Perry, ... Wiliam Thompson, THomas Conley, David McNeally, Samuel McCoy, Nimrod Torcey, **James White**, John **Dinges**, Tho. W. Brown?, Stelair Ballrd, **Robert White**, Peter **Dingess Jr.**, **Sheraid Adkins**, John Meroney, J. Vandee, James Kelly, Wm? Light, E. D. Vandle, Seth Foster, Wm. Parrish, S. Parrish”¹⁶⁴

8 DECEMBER 1827

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Citizens ... ask for a law adding part of Monroe to Giles County. ... They live in the most South Western corner of the county of Monroe at a distance from twenty-four to twenty-Eight miles from their Court House [but are] from five and a half to twelve miles from the Court House of Giles.” They ask for a law to add them to Giles “by a line Beginning at New River at or below the Ford Hollow, at the lower end of **James and William Wiley’s** lands and with a straight line to **Rich Creek** at the bend joining **Elias Hales**

¹⁶² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), petition of S. M. Stillwell, 10 January 1827, Record No. 000600287; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 243, Folder 16.

¹⁶³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599524; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 13. ...

¹⁶⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599523; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 12.

land, thence up Rich Creek and with the same to the mouth of **Scots Branch** above **Peters Town**, and with sd branch and up the same to the top of **Peters Mountain**.

{image 1, col. 1} “Hugh McClaugherty, Elias Hale, Tolison Shumate, Hardin Shumate, Joseph Carper, **John McClaugherty Jr.**, John Robinson, **Gabriel Maupin**, John Maupin, Joshua Wade, Fielden Meadows, Isaac Carper, Henry Hull, Martin Dunn”

{image 1, col. 2} “Reuben Dunn, James **Wiley Sr.**, Squire Wiley, Andrew Wiley, William Wiley, James Wiley Jr., Absalom Wiley, William Wiley, Edmund Shumater, Thomas J. Hobbs.¹⁶⁵

4 JUNE 1828 (SUBMITTED 4 DECEMBER)
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for a law authorizing a separate election to be held at the store of Messrs. Dickenson & Nowlin” saying that they “reside at a Considerable distance from the Courthouse house of their County and that some of them are getting old and infirm yet anxious in elections to exercise their most inestimable rights, the right of suffrage ...”

{image 1, last name} Michael Kemp 13,

{image 2} **William Kemp son to Ro.** 14, Burwell Law Jr 15, William R. **Kemp** 16, James Maxey 17, Jesse Chandler 18, John James 19, Charles Power 20 ... Thomas English 48, Richard Robertson 49, Stephen **Kemp** 50, Burwell Law Sr. 51, Ezekiel **Kemp** 52, Thomas A. **Kemp** 53, Thomas **Dudley** 54, James **Kemp** 55 ...

{image 4, no numbers} ... Jordan **Kemp** ... **John Craghead Sr** ...¹⁶⁶

COMMENT:

William Kemp, James Kemp, and John Kemp were all sons of Robert and brothers-in-law to William Mills-Witt.¹⁶⁷ Jordan Kemp was a cousin. Craghead was an inlaw.

John Kemp signed the petition asking for elections at the house of David Cannaday; see below.

The absence of a signature for William Mills echoes his absence from tax rolls of the county during this decade of the 1820s. He reappears only in 1830, in the wake of his inheritance of land from his father-in-law. The absence of a signature for the aged Robert Kemp is also notable. Was he already dead?

This petition was one of several submitted by inhabitants in various parts of the county. All were read in search of William Mills.

15 DECEMBER 1828
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

¹⁶⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000613123; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 169, Folder 64.

¹⁶⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154305; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 54.

¹⁶⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 4:163. The heir James Dudley married Nancy Kemp by bond dated 19 September 1804; see “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786–1858,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Genealogical Society, 1939), 78. Online trees assert that James Dudley was born about 1784 in Bedford County, as son of Gwyn Dudley and Mary E. Hail(e).

Petition to legislature

Request “for a new county to be formed from parts of Botetourt, Montgomery & Franklin, with the courthouse at the town of Salem.”

{image 4, col. 3} Nathan Kemp

{image 8, col. 3} Thos Fowler, John Boon, John A. Smith, Abram **Absher**, Peter Kesler, William R [N?] Kent, Nathan Johnson, John Sample, **Moses Greer Jr.**, Henry Sink, Meshack Griffith, **Booker Mullens**, Gilbert Combs, Ritchard Fields.

{image 8, col. 4} C A Short, Wm. Clay, Asa Wire?, George Wright, Jonathan F _____, **Joseph Mils? [Milr?]**, J. ___ Ha____, David Sink, Abraham Goode, Daniel Waggner, Charles Lumsden, George McVey?, **Walter Kemp**.

{image 9, col. 1} Enoch M. Vanover, **John Mattox**, Samuel W. Watthau, **Richd. Mattox**, James Brown ...¹⁶⁸

11 DECEMBER 1829
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for a law allowing a separate election to be held at the house of David Cannaday.

{image 2, col. 2} ... Johnathan Swinney, Joel Swinney, William Sigman Jr, Carter Raker, **John Kemp** 125, Sandford Scott 126, Georg Ferguson 127, Alexander Ingram 128, Pleasant Ingram 129, Jacob **Priliman** 130, **Daniel Prilliman** 131, **Denis Prilliamn** 132, Wm More 133, John More 134, Silas grimes 135, Starling Parker 136, Jeremiah **Ferguson**, 137, Rowin Griffith 138, Charles Gear 139, Calvin R. Short 140, John Short 141, Joseph Short 142, Reubin [Rowlin?] Short 143, John Manning 144 ... John Huff Sen. 156, John Huff Jur. 157 ... Wm Standly 186, Thomas Stanly 187, George Priliam 188, Daniel Prilliam 188, David Prilliam 190¹⁶⁹

19 DECEMBER 1822
GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Freeholders & Inhabitants of Pearisburg ask for a law to tax property in the town “for the purpose of bringing water into the town in durable pipes.”¹⁷⁰

9 DECEMBER 1830
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Petition to create new county from “that part of Montgomery County adjoining Franklin, Patrick, & Grayson.” [i.e., the region that became Floyd Co.] Signatures included **Hezekiah Witt** ... several men named “Light” and the following cluster:

¹⁶⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147811; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 31, Folder 50.”

¹⁶⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154307; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 62.

¹⁷⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000216409 ; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 28; Legislative Petitions microfilm reel 63.

887 John Bartlett
888 Henry Dorse_
889 Mason Pudon
890 Belden Richards
891 Samuel Bartlett
892 Seth Russell
893 Frances **Huff**
894 Thomas Rash
895 Thomas **Wimmer**
896 Samuel Wherley
897 **Costley Mills**
898 William Right
899 Philip Likens
900 Aaron Conner¹⁷¹

COMMENT:

This name “Costley” [Causley?] Mills is highly unusual and calls to mind the Chisley Frame, child of the mid-1780s in Franklin County, brother of Nancy who married James Mills Jr. in 1799 and apparent brother of “William Fram, bastard child of Happy Frame”¹⁷² He is of age to be a son of Nancy and James Jr.

13 DECEMBER 1830

CABELL COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“James Wood Sr., Petition: Soldier during the Revolutionary War asks for a pension.”

“To the honourable Speaker and house of representatives of Virginia, your Petitioners beg leave to represent to your honourable Body James Wood Sr. a very honest Citizen of the County of Cabell ... a man of good morril deportment about Seventy years of age Who we sincerely bvelieve to be a Soldier of the revolutionary War. Your Petitioners would further State that James Wood is a man in in [*sic*] urgent circumstances and apparently unable to sustain himself by his labour not only from the advanced period of his life but from a wound said to be received in the war upon his arm which said wound renders him incable [incapable] to labour with that Arm. Now your petitioners would State that if the Said James would Substantially prove the facts set forth in the forgoing pition [petition] that your honourable body would grant him a Suitable pension for the Support of his declining years and as in duty bound they will pray &c.”

{image 2, col. 1} “Isaac Nelson, Kelly Ferguson, John Stephenson junior, Joseph Dean, Milton Ferguson, Hiram Pauly, John Osborn, Hezekiah **Adkins**, James Lambert, Phillip Lambert, Jeremiah Lambert, Elisha Ferguson, David Ferguson, Ephrim Blevens”

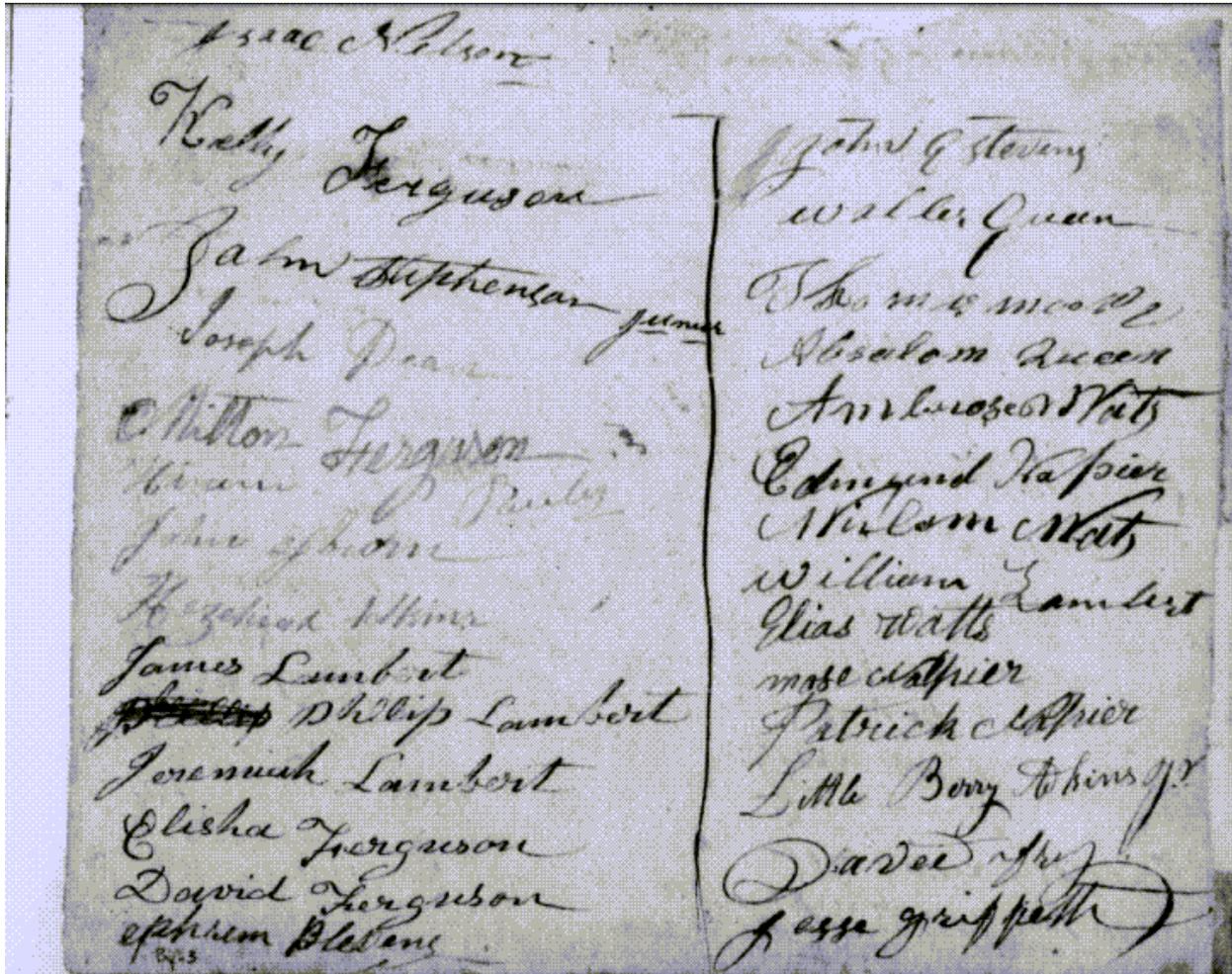
¹⁷¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 172, Folder 923.

¹⁷² Marshall Wingfield, *An Old Virginia Court: Being a Transcript of the Records of the First Court of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786–1789* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1948), 82 (citing original p. 153) and 150 (citing p. 281). Also Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Register 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2854 (Mills-Frame).

{image 2, col. 2} "John E Stevens, Waller Green, Thomas McMoody, Absalom Queen, **Ambrose Wats, Edmund Napier, Wilam Watts**, William Lambert, **Elias Watts, Mose Nalpier, Patrick Napier**, Little Berry **Adkins Jr.**, David Fry, Jesse Griffith.¹⁷³

COMMENT:

- This represents all the Cabell County citizens who signed the petition.
- The next petition in the series is a similar request by the same signers (and a few others) that a petition be granted to John Stevenson Jr. In that file, David Adkins made an affidavit that he knew Stevenson before the war, from Henry Co. courthouse.¹⁷⁴



8 JANUARY 1831
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Petition to legislature

¹⁷³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591663; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 50.

¹⁷⁴ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591664; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 44, Folder 51.

Request for “an amendment to the election laws in reference to the duration of the elections.”

{image 2} Andrew S. Brooks, Henry Smith (B. Run), P. Dickinzor, J. B. Green, John Tyree Sr. Chillan Lavinder, John Wooley Jur. **John Mills [Mitts?] 8**, Natl. Harney[?], William Dillion, Wm. Lavender ... Levy **Dudley 28** ... Moses Greer Jr 34 ...

{image 3} ... Field Jefferson 69 ... Thomas **Dudley Jr 78**, Nathan **Kemp 79** ... Gwin **Dudley 83** ... John Arthur 85, William Chitwood 86, Randolph Chitwood 87, Henry Kinkins 88, Richard Chitwood 89, ... Robert Guilians 101 ...¹⁷⁵

COMMENT:

- Nathan Kemp was William Mills’s inlaw. Gwin Dudley was father of William Kemp’s brother-in-law James Dudley.
- Again, William did not sign, even though he *is* concurrently on the tax roll.
- John Mitts does appear from other local records to be a Mitts, not Mills.

31 JANUARY 1834

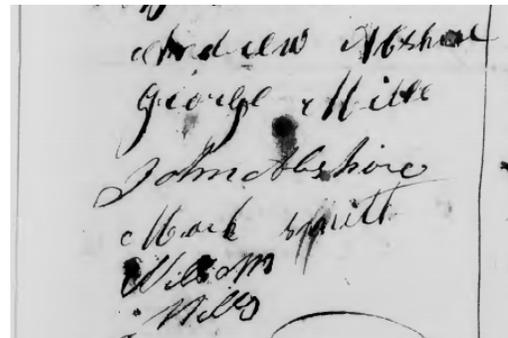
LOGAN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens Residing on the Sand River ... Ask that the county lines of Logan & Tazewell be so changed as to leave them in the county of Tazewell.”¹⁷⁶

COMMENT:

The list does not include any of the individuals covered by this project.



17 JANUARY 1837

FRANKLIN & BOTETOURT COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for “release of Eli Blankenship from the Penitentiary for the murder of Elmore Martin.” Blankenship had been convicted in 1831, at the age of 17, and been a model prisoner ever since. MANY signatures across two petitions.

{image 6, col. 1} David Noffzinger ... **Anderson Mills**

{image 8, col. 1} **Jubal Mills**

{image 10} James Dillen, William Dilley Jacob Smelser, Nathaniel Galliant, James Hannery, Iredell ____? F____ Wray, Peter Abshire, Ambros Abshire, William Abshear, Andrew Abshear, **George Mills**, John Abshire, Mark Smith, **William Mills**, John T. Thurmon, Peter Tisher, Nelson Abshir? ...¹⁷⁷

COMMENT:

¹⁷⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154309; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 323, Folder 9.

¹⁷⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599538; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 27.

¹⁷⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147892; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 32, Folder 54.”

The surrounding Abshire signatures suggest that the Wm. Mills who signed was William, son of James. Jubal and Anderson were also offspring of James.

Anderson Mills' presence near David Noffzinger attests that he was on the upper Maggoty, above the Abshires. To be of legal age to sign, **Anderson should have been born January 1816 or earlier.**

23 JANUARY 1837

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request "for precinct election to be held at the store house of Harvey Claytor."

{image 3, col. 2} ... Lott Hill, Lewis Moore, Joseph Lamberth, Daniel Akers, **Hiram Mills**, Daniel Russell, Wm. F. Jones

{image 4, col. 2} ... John Kinsey, William key, Wm. Boon, Fra____ W Wabronds[?], Peter Brumly, William Traill, Henry Traile, Jesse Edwards, Thomas Leffew, Christopher Brubaker, William Richards, Elijah Gllenwaters, Carter Raker, Wm Parker, William Jones, Abraham **Prilleman**, **Wm. Mills**, Elisha Kidd, John H. Fergerson, Madison Waldron, Lewis Minnix, Danl. Shively, Jacob **Abshere**, Wm. Chilen Jr, Jacob Franklin, Archibald Weeks, Ezekiel Wright, Wm. Kingery, Johnathan Clinginpeel, **Patrick Stone [Slone?]**, Jefferson **Abshire**, George Doarn, Jacob Bo____, George F. __bright

{image 5, col. 1} Nelson **Abshire**, John A. Smith, James C. Harper, **Robert Patterson**, Luke Wright, Ammon **Abshire** ... Barnabas Arther, Boulin Key, Wm. Akers, John Rogers¹⁷⁸

Subsequent section: No names of interest

COMMENT:

Again, the grouping of names suggests that Wm. Mills was William, son of James.

12 JANUARY 1838

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"James McClagherty & Others ... ask that a portion of Mercer County may be added to Giles County." The petitioners live in the extreme south east corner of the County, twnty miles from the present location [of the seat of justice] without any direct road ... (except small winding paths up the steep and high bluffs of New River, that the nearest settlers to them down the river in their County is six miles & the nearest on the flats above the bluffs is four miles, those settlements wilwl soon have comp[l]eted convenient roads to their county seat. ... Opposite to our residence in the Northwest corner of Giles County, stricken? from the County of Monroe at a former session of the Legislature ... they live in thirteen miles of Giles Court House and have a good level waggon road to the Same from their homes.

Therefore your Petitioners most respectfully pray your Honorable body to pass a law at the present sessions annexing your petitioners to the County of Giles Beginning at the mouth of East river (a corner of Mercer & Giles) thence up East River with the meanders thereof about three hundred and fifty yards to **Toney's mill dam** (also a corner of Mercer & Giles), thence a straight line about two and a half or at farthest three miles to **Wileys Falls** on New River, thence up N. River with its bed to the beginnings, Including part of the plantation of **Jonathan Toney Decd.** & the plantation of your Hbl. petitioners in the

¹⁷⁸ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154317; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 379, Folder 80.

bend of the river, Containing about seven hundred & fifty or sixty acres without bearing on or dividing the land of any other individual.

{image 1} **James McClagherty**, Squire **Wiley**, **Elizabeth Toney**, Widdow & relict of Jonathan Toney deceased, Overton H. **Caperton**, Administrator of Jonathan Toney decd.¹⁷⁹

22 JANUARY 1838

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Ask for an act authorizing the selection of a site for the public buildings of the county by a vote of the people. Petitioners live in the northeastern part of the county where there is a goodly population. At the present site “There is no stream either near enough for use for common purposes; the nearest is Brush Creek which is three quarters of a mile distant and that becomes dry in the summer and fall. The present location is also destitute of timber suitable for building, or even for firewood, being chiefly scrubby pine. ... TO a distance around of from three quarters of a mile to a mile and an half, the ground is barren and swampy—entirely unproductive and so wet and deep that roads through it will be impassable for loaded waggons for nearly three fourths of the year. ... There are no streams near suitable for machinery, not even for the indispensable fixture of a grist mill; the nearest mill is at a distance of six miles, and one cannot be had nearer for want of water—Brush Creek being dried up, as already stated, during the summer & fall.”

{image 3, col. 1} “Hugh McClagherty, Chas. L. Pearis, Banister Meador, Ed H. Tracy, Henderson Burnside”

{image 3, col. 2} “**James McClagherty**, Overton H. Caperton Interested [*sic*], Augustus W. J. Caperton, John Henderson”

{image 6, col. 1} “James Thompson, Andrew Thompson, Henry Holden, Micajah Belcher, Philip Solesbury, William Miller, Edmund Shumate havingi possession in the County but living on the opposite side of New River, **James McClagherty Jr.**, Cornelias Haldren, John Neely Sr., Henry **Gore**, Joseph **Gore**, Sqire **Wiley**, Gordon **Wiley**, Daniel Straley”

{image 6, col. 2} “Jas. **Wiley** Sr. having possessions in the County but living in Giles, James **Wiley** Jr., Benjamin B. Peat having possessions in the County but living in Monroe, John **Garretson** Sr., Garland S. Gerald having possessions in the County but living in Giles COunty, John Solesbury Sen., Lorensy D. Little, Jacob Peck A citizen of Munroe but holding Land in Mercer, William Brown, James Brooks, James Straley, Daniel Martin.

{image 7, small sliver of a sheet} “Solomon Ray, Athur Blankinshit [*sic*], Peeter Blankenship, James Alexander”

{image 7, col. 1} “Arch^z **Farley**, James Petrey, Fielden Williams ...

{image 10, col. 1} “Philop Soalsbury, Jesy Davis, James M. Higginbotham Jr., Andrew H. Higginbortham, **Wiliam White**, **Floyd White**, **Andrew White**, **Thomas White**, Levy Herren, Wm. M. **French** ...¹⁸⁰

¹⁷⁹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599684; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 1.

¹⁸⁰ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599685; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 2.

28 JANUARY 1838

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Protest against the petitions for the annexation of any part of the county to either of the counties of Tazewell & Giles.” “The county of Mercer is small and compact having neither territory nor population to spare,” &c.

{image 2, col. 1} “John D. Custard, **Cornelius White, Cerling F? White**, John Stafford, Elisha Stafford, Christopher Stafford, C. C. Ashworth, G. W> Pearis, Daniel H. Pearis ... Green **Gore** ...”¹⁸¹

27 FEBRUARY 1838

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... protest against the slection of a site for the public buildings of the county by a vote of the people.

{image 11, col. 1} “Samuel Dillion, John Dillion, Jonathan Baily, George Baily, **Chrispeanos Walker**, Thos S Witten, Bartly Belsher, **Obediah Belsher**, Charter Belsher, Moses Belsher, Richard Baily, **Cornelius White**, Cerling T. **White**, William H. Witten, Isaac O. Daniel, Peter Blankenship, William Payn, George B. Clark, Joseph Davidson, Joseph Davidson Jr., Henry P. Davidson_____, William Blankenship, James Uell [Well?], Henry Belsher Jr [Sr?]., Anderson Belsher, Reubin Baily Senr. William Blankenship, John M. **Baily, Robert Mills, Mastin Baily**, George James” [This continues on image 8, col. 1]

{image 8, col. 1} William Sowertrouter?, **Samuel Mills Jr.**, Abram Garretson Jr., Joseph H. Alvis, David F. Alvis, Levi Blankenship, **Reuben White**, Henry Thoams, Philip Peters, Arch Burdit, **Samuel Mills Sr.**, Agee Jones, William Frazer having property in the County, Creed T. ____? the same, Adam Meadows, William G. Davidson”

{image 11, col. 2} “Archibald Baily, Ephraim Meadows, Jacob Meadows, John D. Meadows, **William T. White**, John Nickels, James Belsher, James Dillion, Henry Belsher, isham Belsher, Lewis Belsher, John Belsher, Andrew D. Hartwell, Adem Hager, James Maxwell, William Maxwell, Edward S. Hannan, James U? [W?] Hannan, Audly Maxwell, Mathew Maxwell, John Brown, William Thompson, John Baily, John Nickels Ser., David Swader, John Swader, Elijah Nickels, Samuel W. Waldron, Berry [Benj?] Belsher, Samuel Ashworth, **David Mills** [This continues on image 8, col. 2]

{image 8, col. 2}, “Thomas Little Sr., Thomas Little Jr., William Tiller, Ira Tiller, Hiram Tiller, William G. Alvis, William Garretson Jr., Henry Sance? Jr., E. Peters, Rufus Burdit, **Benjamin Mills**, William Stuart, Hiram W. Baily, Clay Baily, John McKinsy”

{image 11, col. 3} [no names of particular interest; this continues on image 8, col. 3, where the first name is cut through and matches the last name on image 11, col. 3]

{image 8, col. 3}, “Israel Jones, Richard Blankenship, **John Conner**, John Thomas Ser., Patten A. M. McKinny, Jeremiah Jones, John Garretson, Hiram Sawyer, John Hill, Claudus Burdet, John Jones, Hiram Pennington, Harden Nuckels, Alexander McKinsy, A. G. Pendleton owning land in the County”

¹⁸¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599690; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 7.

{image 20} “Mercer County to wit—This day **David Mills**, Joseph Holston &c Abslum Lusk Pursonally appeared before me **Cornelius White** a Justice of the piece in and for Said county and made oath they have been well acquainted with the present location for the erection of the public buildings in said Cty for a number of years and that one of the Springs within the limits of the town has from the earliest settlement of the cuntry been considered inferior to none in the cuntry. Given under my hand and Seal this **10th of February 1838**, Cornlius White J.P.”¹⁸²

28 JANUARY 1839

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Citizens ... Protest against the petitions for the annexation of any part of the county to either of the counties of Tazewell & Giles.” “The county of Mercer is small and compact having neither territory nor population to spare,” &c.

{image 2, col. 1} “Elijah Baily, Wm. H. Witten, C. W. Calfy, James M. Baily, James Calfer, William Calfer, **Wm. G. White**, David Calfee, Theodore Jordon, J. W. McKennon?, Adam Shell, L. D. Moore, Mathew T. Morgan, Daniel Straly, Jacob C. Straly, James Straly, John B. Crawford, Hardin Moss, John D. Moony, James S. Alvis, Wm. G. Alvis, James **Garretson**, Joseph H. Alvis”

{image 2, col. 2} “David F. Alvis, Wm. J. Frazier, Wm. Tiller, Hiram Tiller, John **Garretson**, A. **Garretson**, Wm. **Gore**, Thos. Little, Thomas Little Jr., A. **Garretson**. Jr., Jordon **McKinny**, John P. Baily, John Baily, Lorenzo D. Little, **Cornelius Shite**, **Cerling F. White**, C. Peters, Martin Baily, L. H. Dangerfield, Wm. Baily, Geo. P. Brown, James T. Straly, A. F. Burgess, P.P. Baily, H. Burnside, Wm. Smith, J. L. Higginbotham”¹⁸³

8 FEBUARY 1839

LOGAN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Robert Whit Petition ... Asks for the remission of a fine imposed on him by the County Court as surveyor of a road.

“To the Senate and house of delegates of Virginia. The petition of **Robert Whit** of Logan County humbly represents that soon after the establishment of the road from Wm. Jeffreys (a settlement on Spruce fork) to **J. Whites mills**, he was appointed surveyor, that altho the way was not marked or the width mentioned in the order of court, he proceeeded to have opened a mill way as designed which can be infered from the order. The road running as usual in this County thro’ a valley between two Mountains—and utterly impossible to be made such a road as described in the Indictment. He went to trial believing that he had done his duty, but the said road being required to be 30 feet wide and no evidence admissible to show a less width, he was fined, and has been obliged to give a delivery bond. Your petitioner being thus aggrieved to having no other alternative is forced to ask that your Honbl.

¹⁸² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599686; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 3.

¹⁸³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599689; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 6.

bodies may relieve him from the payment of said fine so unjustly rendered against him and as in duty bound will pray &c. [Signed] Robert Whit.”¹⁸⁴

COMMENT:

This is surely Robert Whitt, Jr. Robert Sr., as an RW veteran, would be too old to have this duty assigned to him.

The petition and signature is not own writing. There is no notation saying that it is a clerk’s copy. However, image 3 of this file depicts the presentment of the grand jury, under **Mastin White**, foreman; the handwriting is the same as Robert’s petition, but this document is signed “Copy Teste Edwin Robertson, Clk.”

Image 5 of the file carries an incomplete document which reads:

“Dr. Sir. Mr. Whit requested this petition sent you, lay it before the house, they will send it to the proper committee. I think by your attention it will pass. It is a reasonable one and **Mr. Whit ought not pay the fine. he is a poor man** and had his road been 29 feet wide and cleared – he might have been fined because the court had not directed a less width. There is nothing new here it is court day and Snowing—a bad winter So far—Your friends are well in fact every thing is at a stand—I should ...”

A sheet of some sort appears to have been placed over the rest of the document before filming.

NOTE: I am not continuing with Logan County petitions into the 1840s.

14 DECEMBER 1839

MERCER COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Petition of James McClaugherty & Others. ... Ask that a portion of Mercer County may be added to Giles County.¹⁸⁵

COMMENT:

There are several petitions by McClaugherty and protests against him. I have not taken notes from the others for want of time. In this document, McClaugherty well describes the lands and neighbors.

24 DECEMBER 1839

PULASKI COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for a law to change the location of the courthouse to a lot belonging to Thomas Cloyd in the town of Newbern.”

Signees included **Gordon Cloyd** and **Joseph Mullen**.¹⁸⁶

¹⁸⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000599547; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 37.

¹⁸⁵ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000599692; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 162, Folder 10.

¹⁸⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000294744; citing “also available on Legislative petitions microfilm reel 151,” with no accession number, box number, or folder number.

COMMENT

Pulaski County was created 1839 from parts of Montgomery and Wythe.

Whether Joseph Mullen is the same Joseph Mullen (son of Booker) who was listed next to William and Drucilla on the 1830 census of Franklin has not yet been explored.

In 1860, Gordon Cloyd lived adjacent to William and Drucilla Mills' son Thomas and one household from William and Drucilla.

"Western District: Newbern P.O."

194/194	Nunley, Richd.	57	male	overseer/\$200	b. Virginia
	Eliz th	45	female		b. Virginia
	Louisa E.	15	female		b. Virginia
	Francis	11	female		b. Virginia
	Thomas H.	8	male		b. Virginia
	Saml.	7	male		b. Virginia
	Emma	5	female		b. Virginia
	Elbert	2	male		b. Virginia
195/190	Cloyd, Gordon	42	male	farmer \$58,250/42,000	b. Virginia
196/191	Mills, Thomas	25	male	farmer /\$200	b. Virginia
	Sarah A.	19	female	[Nunally]	b. Virginia
	Chas. R.	2	male	[Richard in 1870]	b. Virginia
	Isaac W.	1	male	[named for Sarah's brother]	b. Virginia
	Nunley, Isaac	26	male		b. Virginia
197/192	Mills, William	76	male	laborer /\$50	b. Virginia
	Drucilla	74	female		b. Virginia
198/193	Key, William	31	male	Laborer /\$50	b. Virginia
	Sarah	29	female		b. Virginia
	Millie A.	8	female		b. Virginia
	Edward	5	male		b. Virginia

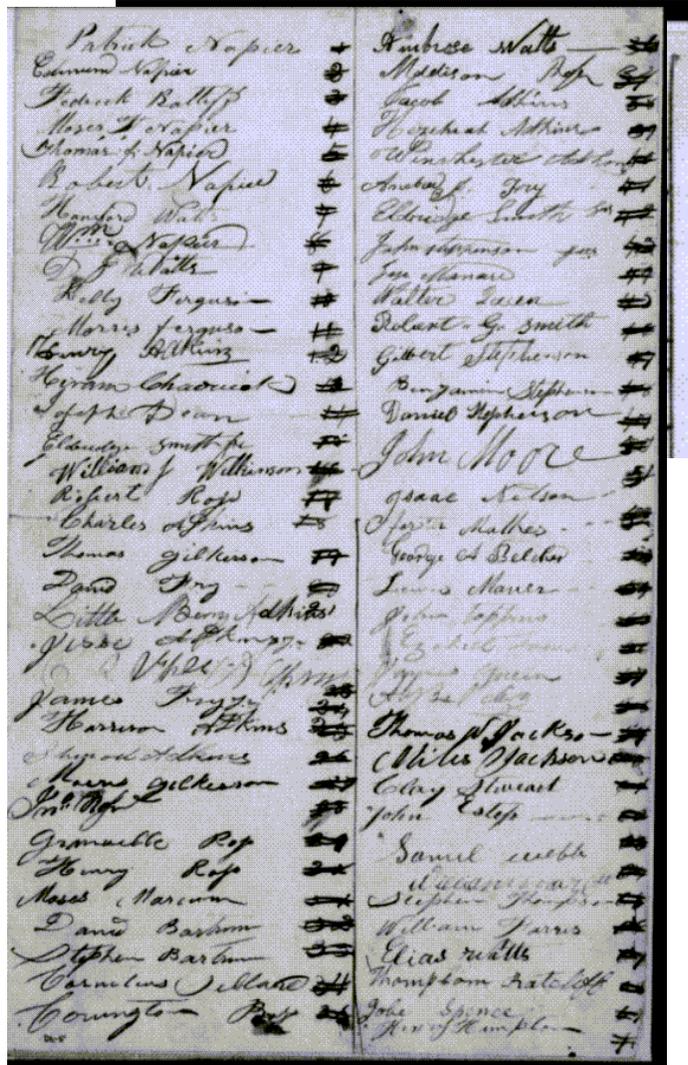
10 DECEMBER 1841

CABELL COUNTY, VA

PETITION TO LEGISLATURE

"Citizens ... Ask for the division of the county. Includes poll books, letter, & notice." New county is to be created out of the west side of Cabell. ...

{image 3, col. 1} "**Patrick Napier, Edmund Napier, Federick Ratliff, Moses T. Napier, Thomas F. Napier, Robert Napier, Hansford Watts, Wm. Napier, D. J. Watts, Kelly Ferguson, Morris Ferguson, Henry Adkins, Hiram Chadwick, Joseph Dean, Elderedge Smith, William J. Wilkinson, Robert Ross, Charles Adkins, Thomas Gilkerson, David Fry, Little Berry Adkins, Jesse Adkins Jr., C. Adkins, James Fry Jr., Harrison Adkins, Sherod Adkins, Morris Gilkerson, Jno. Ross?, Gramuelle Ross, Henry Ross, moses Marcum, David Bartram, Stephen Bartram, Cornelius Dillard, Covington Bass?**"



{image 3, col. 2} "**Ambrose Watts, Madison Ross, Jacob Adkins, Hezekiah Adkins, Winchester Adkins, Anebud? J. Fry, Eldridge Smith Sr., John Stephenson Junr., Jesse Manare, Walter Queen, Robert G. Smith, Gilbert Stephenson, Benjamin Stephenson, Daniel Stephenson, John Moore, Isaac Nelson, Forster Mathew, George A. Belcher, Lewis Maner, John Toppins, Ezekiel, James Green, Abizel?, Thomas W. Jackso, Miles? Jackson, Clay Stweart, John Estep, Samuel Webb, William Marcum?, Stephen Thompson, William Farris, Elias Watts, Thompson Ratcliff, Jobe Spence, Henry Hampton.**"

{image 8, col. 1} "**Hawkins Watts, John Prat, James Belsher, Reuben Hampton ... Thos. Copley, James Copley, William Copley, Ira Copley, William Ratcliff ...**"¹⁸⁷

{image 11, 1 col.} ".... Levi Morris, Lewis Ferguson, Hiram __oss, **Patrick Napier, Daniel Wats, Harrison Ward**"

COMMENT:

The image 11 signatures all seem to be in the same hand—that of Levi Morris, the clerk.

29 DECEMBER 1841
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
 Petition to legislature

¹⁸⁷ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia Tho, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000591698; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 45, Folder 1.

Request “for the formation of a new cavalry company at Glade Hill” to be formed “out of the Second? Regiment of Virginia Militia, to be attached to the 110th Regiment to be mustered at least four times in a year to be fully uniformed and equiped ...”

{image 2} ... Gabriel Mattox 48 ...

{image 3} ... Ezekiel Clay 89, Joel Dearin 90, Luke Bird 91, James W. Eubanks 92, Owin **Adkins** 93, John Hunt 94, Wiley W. Mathews 95, George Houseman 96, John C. Hutcherson 97, David Fralin [Frame?] 98, **Samuel E. Mills** 99, D. B. F. Reaves 100, Banister Mathews 101, Edmun Irvin 102, John Petter 103, Allen Woody 104, William T. Scott 105, Elijah Bird 106, Thos. Pinckard 107, Will. Henry Hare 108, Joshua Starky 109, Will. W. Mitchell 110 ...¹⁸⁸

COMMENT:

- According to Wikipedia, Glade Hill is 7.2 miles E of Rocky Mount. It’s also about 5 miles south of the Blackwater.
- Samuel E. Mills was the second-born son of William Mills-Witt and wife Drucilla Kemp.

16 JANUARY 1846

FRANKLIN & FLOYD COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature:

Request “for annexation of part of Franklin to Floyd County.”

“We the Sundry Citizens of the Counties of Franklin and Floyd Pray that A portion of the Extreme Southwest part of Franklin be Annexed to Floyd County beginning at a point on the White Oak Mountain where the Franklin and Floyd Joins From thence Eastward with the Franklin Cty line to at or Near Shooting Creek to the Road that leads to Franklin Court House, thence with the Road to Long Branch Meeting House; From thence, a North East Course to Bertons Spier Road; thence, with Sd Road to the Floyd County line ...

{Image 2, col. 2} 79. **James Light** son, 80 Peter Snuff son, 81 William Hatch ...¹⁸⁹

14 DECEMBER 1847

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for a precinct election at the house of Joseph Heckman”

“Your petitioners, living in Franklin County, Virginia, in a **Northwest direction from the Court house, many of them along the Blue Ridge mountain, at a distance of twenty four miles from the Courthouse.** Humbly showeth, that by reason of said distance they are oftentimes deprived of the inestimably right of voting at the election of members of your honorable body ...”

{image 2, col. 2} ... Nelson **Abshire** ... Randolph Abshire ... Joseph B. Nofsinger ...

{image 3, cols. 1 and 2} ... Cornelius **Mills** ... George W. Bowman, John B. Fisher, **Hiram Mills**, Ezeke Wright, John Jamison Jr. Edward Akers, Samuel Akers, George Showalter, **Rob Patterson** ...¹⁹⁰

¹⁸⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154323; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 89.

¹⁸⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154335; Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 101.”

COMMENT: Cornelius and Hiram were offspring of James Mills of the Maggoty, inlaws of Abshires and Wimmers.

21 FEBRUARY 1848

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for an amendment to the law extending the South-Western Macasdamized Road from Salem to Buchanan so as to leave the location of the road open between those points.”

“They have a deep interest in the proposed location of the Macademized Road from the Town of Salem in Roanoke County to Buchanan, that the outlet for all their agricultural products has been and probably will continue to be to the James River, meeting it heretofore at Lynchburg, but that should the State Road be run on a line accessible to them much of the production of the County will reach the Canal at Buchanan ...

{image 2, cols. 1-2} ... **Nathaniel Mills**, John Boman, Burrel Millirons, Henry Webster, Rodrick Boon, B. Boles, Richard J. Dornald, **C. Mills**, Abraham Childers ... Thomas R. Arther, Tazwill H. Prier, John C. Hartsel, George Boles, George Boman, John Pillerman, Hooy **Wimmer** ...¹⁹¹

COMMENT:

C. Mills should be **Cornelius**, an inlaw of the Wimmers. Nathaniel mills has not been identified.

5 DECEMBER 1848

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for the estabishment of a precinct election at the house of Thomas F. Hatcher.”

{image 4} Robert F. MrGuffin 82, George **Prillaman** 83, Samuel Stone, 84, Joseph Stone 85, William Stone 86, Saunders Young 87, Jacob Guslr 88, Jackson Clark 89, Daniel Standly 90, James Ingram 91, **Booker Melons** 92, **Luke Stanley** 93, William McGhee 94, Jubal Turner 95, ... Peter Saunders 103 ...¹⁹²

29 JANUARY 1849

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for an act paying persons for killing wild cats that prey on lambs & pigs in a large portion of the farming community.”

{image 1} ... Richard Tharp 7, **Cornelius Mills** 8, Labun Childress 9, **Arthur Mills** 10, Peter Teal 11, George Teal 12, George Brown 13, Joel Childress 14, **Arther Mills** 15, Ryley Fraling 16, Daniel Shodny [Shocky?]

¹⁹⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154339; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 105.

¹⁹¹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154344; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 110.

¹⁹² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154345; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 111.

17, John **Wimmer** 18 ...¹⁹³

COMMENT:

The Arthur/Arther Millses were also offspring of James Mills of the Maggoty.

25 APRIL 1850

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Issued” 13 April 1852. Request “for the division of the county. Includes polls.”

“Notice being given according to law that association of the people of Franklin & Patrick Countys will petition the next legislature of Virginia for a new County out of said Countys[,] a poll is open for all the legal voters of Franklin County to vote for or against the same in April 1850 at **Union Hall** Precinct.”

{image 11, “for” column} Gabriel Maddox 55, ... James Kemp 68, Thos. W. Dudley 69, Ashford Keen 70, E. H. Holland 71, Jas. H. Newbill 72, Thos. Dudley 73, Warren Wingo 74 ...

{image 12, “for” column} Jos H Dudley 77, W. R. Housman 78, Thos P. English 79, Stepyen H. English 80, Robt Small [Surelle?] 81, Jos Robertson 82, Buford Wills 83, Benj. Hancock 84, T. J. Holland 85, Andrew S. Brooks 86, Stephen Wood 87, J. P. Sutherland 88, Thos. S. Law 89, Joseph Reves 90, P.H. Basset 91, **Saml. E. Mills** 92, Henry English 93 ... Wm. P. Newbill 103

“We the undersigned Commissioners do certify that the above is a true poll of votes taken at Union Hall April the 25 1850. [signatures don’t show on film]”¹⁹⁴

COMMENT:

Although Samuel E. Mills remained in Franklin County after his parents and siblings moved to Floyd, I have not seen on these petitions any signers of the surname “Hobson”—i.e., potential family for Samuel’s wife.

Union Hall is today a “census designated place” about 7.6 miles east-to-northeast of Glade Hill, on the banks of the large lake that juts inward from Staunton River. (“As the crow flies” is about half that distance.)

¹⁹³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154346; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 79, Folder 112.

¹⁹⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000154356; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 80, Folder 12.

