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BACKGROUND: **Frances “Frankey” Mills** was alleged in November 1788 to be “a widow of this county” [Montgomery, later Giles] when *John Abram Glymph* of Doe Creek took out a bond to marry her. His bondsman was *Milliton Atkins*, a prominent member of nearby Walker Creek Baptist Church. The marriage did not occur. In August 1792, she wed “**John White Sr.,**” with Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek officiating. *Thomas Copley Jr.* served as bondsman.

White family researchers, online and in print, have given various identifications for Frankey’s John White. My prior work documents the coexistence of three John Whites in Montgomery in the 1790s:<sup>1</sup>

- **John White**, who signed with his “S” mark, owned land on Little Sugar Run of Walker’s Creek, obtained from *Patrick Napier* of Amherst County. *Obediah Byas* of Amherst was also a neighbor. John used that “S” mark when he sold three parcels of his land in October and December 1793.<sup>2</sup> He again made the “S” mark, visibly shaky, when he posted bond to marry **Susanna Marcum**, daughter of *John Marcum* in July 1796, with *Major Marcum* as bondsman.<sup>3</sup> To distinguish him from the other John Whites, I am referencing him as **John ‘S’ White**.
- “**John White Sr.,**” as named on the 1792 bond he posted to marry **Frankey Mills**. With Frankey, he moved to Big Spring at East River Mountain, on land surveyed in 1797 jointly for “*William Preston and John White.*”<sup>4</sup> John and his apparent son

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<sup>1</sup> For all known (documented) details on Frankey and the several contemporary John Whites of Montgomery > Giles, see the following reports, archived at *Historic Pathways.com* under the “Research” tab:

- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia: Preliminary Survey,” 28 Aug. 2018 (updated 10 Sept. 2020)
- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery Co., Virginia, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt),” 20 Sept. 2020
- “Mills-White-Whitt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data, 1782–1807,” 15 February 2020
- “Mills & Associates; Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney,” 8 February 2020
- “Mills & Associates: Virginia Legislative Petitions from Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Cabell, Campbell, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Kanawha, Logan, Louisa, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Tazewell, and Wythe Counties; Arranged Chronologically,” report to file, 26 February 2019
- “White, John Sr. (c1740–1821); Spouses: 1. Unidentified & 2. Frances “Frankey” Mills: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 10 January 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deeds & Wills B (1773–1797): 112–13; imaged, Montgomery Co. microfilm 1, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>3</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia.

<sup>4</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48 (1801–1802): 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO3/114/114&image\\_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 5 October 2019).

Benjamin White were long-time associates of *John Toney* of Toney's Ferry at the junctures of East River and Wolf Creek with New River. John is last found on the 1821 tax roll of Giles, compiled in early 1821. He apparently died before 25 September 1821 when the previous "John White Jr." was called "John White Seigner."

- **"John White Jr.,"** as he is called in the following Montgomery and Giles sources:
  - *Petitions:* a **November 1787** petition signed consecutively by "John White Senr., John White Junr., Beniman Whit";<sup>5</sup> a **c1800** petition signed consecutively by "John White, John White Jr., Benjn. White, James White, Arthur White";<sup>6</sup> a **15 December 1801** petition signed consecutively by "John White Sen., Jas. White, James Copley ... John White Jr., Joel Brumfield, John Copley;"<sup>7</sup> and a December 1804 petition signed consecutively with Benjamin White (and Philip Miller who would soon sue him).<sup>8</sup>
  - *Legal suits:* **1811** suit of Philip Miller against "John White Sr., John White Jr., and Benjamin H. White."<sup>9</sup>

John Jr. married **Nancy Copley** (sister of John Sr.'s bondsman) in June 1793. The 1810 census identifies him as "**John White H.**" Deeds of 1822, 1824, and 1826 and a court order of 1828 call him "**John H White.**"<sup>10</sup> His landholdings and wife's identity provide the details to link the various versions of his name. An 1821 deed elevates him to "John White Seigner," suggesting that the previous "John White Sr." had died.<sup>11</sup> In 1847, he drafted his will in Giles County, naming his widow Nancy, and some but not all of his children.<sup>12</sup>

**Frances "Frankey" (Mills) White** bore at least two children prior to her marriage to John White Sr.:

1. RACHEL MILLS, b. c1785–86.<sup>13</sup> On 7 September 1790, the Montgomery County Court ordered that "a daughter of Frankey Mills" be bound out by John Preston, one of the

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<sup>5</sup> "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, Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 20.

<sup>6</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613439, Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

<sup>7</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 52.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 238; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151678.

<sup>10</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 353–54, C: 191, 277. Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 450. Also Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 56 (1797–1798): 588–89; imaged at Library of Virginia ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>11</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–28.

<sup>12</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Book B: 494; accessed as FHL digital film 007645086.

<sup>13</sup> No record of her birth has been found and later sources relating to her age are inconsistent. The age here is extrapolated from (a) Montgomery Co. court orders and other relevant records that, taken together, suggest that children of unmarried

overseers of the poor.<sup>14</sup> On 3 August 1803, “Rachel Mills” appeared before the county clerk to choose John Preston’s brother William (the same elite “gentleman” who co-owned 95 acres with Frankey’s husband John White) as her guardian,<sup>15</sup> a legality required because **John Bowen** was requesting a license to marry Rachel and she was still a minor. After Preston was appointed her guardian, swearing that she was “the orphan of Francis Mills,” he gave his consent to the marriage and then served as surety for the marriage bond.<sup>16</sup> Before 1810 Rachel and John moved to Warren County, OH.<sup>17</sup>

2. SAMUEL MILLS, born c1788,<sup>18</sup> took out a Giles Co. bond on 29 April 1807 to marry Rachel Prince, daughter of John and Rachel Prince. That file includes the 23 April 1807 permission of his parents: “**John & Franky White**” who, “both and each of us,” gave permission for “our sun” to marry.<sup>19</sup> Prior researchers report no evidence identifying Samuel’s father.<sup>20</sup>

Also central to this study is a second unattached Mills female who surfaced in the same Montgomery County community as Frankey, whose marriage was officiated by the same minister:

**Sarah “Sallie” Mills**, on 7 April 1791, married **Elijah Sartain** (*var. Certain, Sartin*) of Stoney Creek. Elijah, whose land was a mile or so from that of Frankey’s first suitor John Abram Glymph, took out a marriage bond to marry Sarah, with Joel “Certain” as his surety. The marriage return, citing 26 April 1791 as the date of marriage, was filed by the same Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek Baptist Church who would wed the widow Frankey Mills to John White Sr. in 1792. In 1806, Sarah and Elijah were cut away into Giles, as were John

mothers typically were taken from their mother at about three or four years of age; (b) the fact that Rachel was still under age in August 1803 when she had to have a guardian to consent to the marriage; and (c) the c1788 birth year of her brother Samuel Mills.

<sup>14</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1790–1791): 20.

<sup>15</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13 (1801–1803): 130.

<sup>16</sup> Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond. By the legal terminology of that place and time, the term *orphan* did not mean that both parents were dead. It was typically applied when a child no longer had a male parent to support it. Rachel’s mother was still alive in 1807 when she and John White gave permission for Rachel’s minor brother Samuel Mills to marry; see Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>17</sup> *FamilySearch FamilyTree* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree> : accessed 28 December 2019), profile for “Rachel Mills (KLQH-YVS) and John Bowen Jr. (L61H-7QM). John’s profile includes images of two badly torn pages from the “John Bowen and Rachel Bowen Berryhill Family Bible” listing births of Rachel’s children by both marriages and the death of John Bowen.

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was under 21 at his marriage in 1807, was first taxed as an adult in 1809 Cabell Co., and cited his age as 67 in his bounty-land application on 8 November 1855. A copy of his 1855 affidavit appears in the War of 1812 pension application file of his widow; see Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston’s Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at “War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files,” database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

For all proved information on Samuel Mills, see E. S. Mills, “Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>19</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>20</sup> A Y-DNA test by one descendant matches him to male-line descendants of **Booker Mullins** of Franklin County and the **Atkins/Adkins** males of Montgomery and Giles Counties. This descendant has not published his DNA; therefore, privacy requires that he not be identified. I am including this note as a clue for others to follow—and to encourage testing and verification by other Y-line descendants of Samuel Mills.

and Frankey (Mills) White. No interaction has been documented between the two couples, either in Montgomery or Giles, although they had associates in common. In 1815, Elijah and Sallie sold the Montgomery > Giles land that Elijah inherited from his father Joel and moved to Gallia County, Ohio.

This Sarah Mills bore one daughter prior to marriage, in the late 1780s: an Elizabeth “Betsy” Mills for whom Elijah Sartain acted as bondsman when she married Archibald Chapman of Giles in 1811. That couple also settled in Gallia.<sup>21</sup>

A subsequent daughter born to Sarah and Elijah points to Sarah’s birth family: When that daughter married in Gallia in 1816, the justice of the peace identified her as “**Lucy Tilman Sartain**” in the recorded marriage return. Most descendants believe—credibly, although direct evidence has not been found—that Lucy’s mother Sarah was the daughter of **Jesse Mills of Amherst County** whose solidly documented wife was **Lucy Tilman**. This Jesse Mills had a sister Sarah “Sallie” Mills who married c1748 Thomas Watts (my ancestors) and another sister Anne Mills who married c1756–58 Lewis **Witt**, cousin of Rev. Richard Whitt of Montgomery.<sup>22</sup>

**TASK:** Tax rolls of Montgomery and Giles are being combed in order to provide year-by-year identifications of all taxable Millses and Whites in Montgomery and Giles. This is an essential first step to determining the identities of Sarah, Frankey, John White, and the father(s) of Frankey’s children. Known associates of all John Whites, and those of Frankey, Samuel, and Sarah Mills are included in this data extraction, for the context that their data provides.

**SOURCES:** Giles Co., VA, Land Books, unnumbered pages, semi-alphabetical entries; imaged on Library of Virginia Land Tax Books, rolls 115–116.

Giles Co., Personal Tax Rolls, 1806–1845; imaged on Library of Virginia Personal Property Tax Rolls microfilm reel 129.

Supporting records from court orders, deeds, grants, petitions, and probates already transcribed or abstracted, and analyzed, in the reports cited under note 1.

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<sup>21</sup> For fuller details on Sarah (Mills) Sartain, her birth family, and her offspring, see E. S. Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse: Lucy Tilman,” a work-in-progress last updated 20 August 2019; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>22</sup> The Witt/Whitt family of Montgomery is relevant to this study because of the possibility that Frankey or Sarah was the mother of one **William Mills (born c1783–88, parents unknown)** who surfaced as an adult in 1806 Franklin County and is found subsequently in both Giles and Montgomery. In 1816–17, for example, he witnessed *John Toney’s* lease of lands to *John Conner* and *Zachariah Crawford* who later bought land amid the Whites and Samuel Mills. (Giles, Deeds B: 84–85, 166–67). **Y-line descendants of this William carry a Witt/Whitt Y.** Their closest Y-matches, at genetic distances of 1 and 2 on a 111-marker test, are descendants of Lewis Witt (whose father Benjamin of Albemarle was first cousin to Rev. Richard Whitt of Montgomery > Giles) and John Witt of Halifax Co. (another first cousin of Rev. Richard and Benjamin). This William Mills-Witt had two daughters: one named Millie *Frances* (Millie being the name of her *maternal* grandmother) and the other *Sarah*.

For all proved information on this William Mills, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes,” a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the “Research” tab.

The most comprehensive Witt genealogy is David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004). A beginning point would be the chart on p. 51.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### **Technical Note:**

This paper's Research Notes section presents each year's tax data in its original context, with descriptive or analytical details as needed. These notes adhere to two standard conventions:

- When a name is followed by a descriptor in *parentheses*, such as "White, John (Bear Spr)" those parentheses and its detail appear on the original roll. These descriptors are used by the tax commissioner to distinguish between same-name men.
- When a name is followed by a descriptor in *square editorial brackets*, such as "White, James [East River]," the notation within the brackets is locational or identifying detail *I have added*, based on prior entries for that cluster of names and land records reported in my previously cited Giles report.

This set of tax rolls does not consistently provide the date each list was submitted—that date typically being the date the tax commissioner visited each neighborhood to collect the data.

The composition of tax rolls suggests geographic and family clusters. I have tested these implications against extensive prior work in land, probate, and court records, as well as legislative petitions for both Giles and Montgomery.

Four broad conclusions are warranted:

### **Conclusion 1:**

*During 1787–1786, two separate sets of "John and Benjamin White" were in the part of Montgomery County that became Giles.*<sup>23</sup> Whether the two sets were related remains unproved. They may be separated as follows

- **John White (herein called John 'S' White)** appears on a Montgomery Co. petition on 6 November 1787 consecutively with "**Benj" White**" and the Farleys who owned land adjacent to his land on Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek. This John was a resident-landholder and taxpayer from 1789 through 1794, and was charged erroneously on the 1796–1805 rolls of Montgomery for all his land (130a instead of the 35a remaining after the 1793 sales), suggesting that he was not in the county to correct the error. That correction was made in 1806 on both the Montgomery and Giles Co. land-tax rolls; he was dropped from Giles' land roll in 1807 and was never taxed on Giles' personal-tax rolls. Because he signed documents with his 'S' mark (three deeds in 1793 and his marriage bond in 1796), I am using the 'S' mark to disambiguate him from other John Whites. After his 1796 marriage to **Susannah Marcum** he moved with her to the area that became Cabell. Tax roll data does not clearly

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<sup>23</sup> This identification of two sets of Johns and Benjamins is a critical clarification of a published account of Giles that asserts: "John Toney came in 1780 .... In that same year, Benjamin White and John White came from Amherst County and settled on Sugar Run, the waters of Walker's Creek. John remained in that area his long life, and died in 1847 at 83 years of age. Benjamin moved to the area that became Logan County and died in 1848/9." (Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1806 and Giles County Land TAX List 1805; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* [Oakton, VA: P.p., 1980], preface.) This account merges the John White of Sugar Run and his kinsman Benjamin (both of whom moved to the region that became Cabell then Logan), with the John Sr./John Jr./Benjamin White family (Toney associates) from which John Jr. lived in Giles until his death in 1847.

identify offspring.<sup>24</sup> Associations and migration patterns suggest he was likely the father of “Mary White, daughter of John” who married *Robert Whitt* in 1792, Montgomery County.<sup>25</sup>

- **John White Sr.** signed that same Montgomery Co. petition in 1787 with “**John White Jr.,**” “**Beniman White,**” and the Copleys who were John Jr.’s future inlaws. The three would be taxed intermittently in the county through the mid-1790s. In 1792, John Sr. married **Frankey Mills** (with Thomas Copley Jr., bondsman). In 1801, John Sr. and William Preston patented a tract of land at Big Spring on East River Mountain for which they had obtained a survey in 1797. That land would be taxed to John in 1807–8 but thereafter was charged to Preston, although John’s name remained coupled with him on the tax entry through 1819.

## Conclusion 2

*John White Sr. and his proposed offspring settled four geographic areas that are defined by tax rolls, deeds, and grants:*

- **Little Wolf Creek (North Giles, west of New River): Benjamin (H) White.** Apparently the oldest of John Sr.’s sons, Benjamin married **Ann Goodwin** in Amherst County, 1787. After a cameo appearance with John Sr. and Jr. in the Copley Ford area in November 1787, he dropped from sight until 1790, when he reappeared on *Amherst County* tax rolls amid Ann’s family through the spring of 1792. Throughout the rest of the 1790s, he was intermittently taxed in Giles.<sup>26</sup> In 1804, he obtained land on Little Wolf Creek of Bluestone River, about 34 miles west of Pearisburg according to the 1813 land-tax roll; that tract that was cut away into Giles in 1806. In 1807, he adopted the middle initial “H”, which he would use almost consistently for the rest of his life. (The first document on which he used the “Benj<sup>n</sup> H White” signature was the marriage bond of Frankey’s son Samuel Mills.) In 1808, he sold his Wolf Creek land to **John Toney**, to settle Toney’s suit against him.<sup>27</sup> During the landless years that followed, the tax rolls cluster him intermittently with John White Sr. (his proposed father) on East River and with two landowning Whites in southeast Giles who appear to be his brothers: John White Jr. (aka Jack White, John Hunter White, John White H, John White hunter) and James (aka James White H).
- **Bear Springs, Camping Hollow & Gap Mountain (South Giles, west of New River): John White Jr.** (aka “John White H,” “John White hunter,” John H White,” “John Hunter White,” and “Jack White”) appears to be the second son of John Sr. He married **Nancy Copley** in January 1793. An apparent ginseng hunter, he was in and out of Montgomery County for the first decade of his marriage and is intermittently coupled with John Sr. and Benjamin on the tax rolls of those years. He first claimed land in the Salt Pond area (see below) in the mid-to-late 1790s—apparently with a brother **Robert**. That tract’s adjacent landowner was *Randall Lucas* whose land subsequently adjoined James White (aka James White H). Before 1809, John moved across New River to the Camping Hollow community of his Copley inlaws; then in 1816, he settled at Bear Spring–Gap Mountain, where he died in 1847.

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<sup>24</sup> For more information on this man, see the research reports cited in footnote 1, above.

<sup>25</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.

<sup>26</sup> E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, VA, Tax Rolls, 1782–1803,” report to file, 9 June 2019.

<sup>27</sup> John Toney settled in Montgomery in the late 1780s, after Indian attacks on his ginseng camps on Cole River. The plantation, mills, ferry, store, and inn that he developed in Montgomery > Giles were bounded by East River, New River, and Wolf Creek. He and his son Jonathan would be a touchstone for Benjamin H. White and his offspring even into the 1830s. A rare pair of land leases Toney executed in 1816/17 were witnessed by a William Mills who appears in no other Montgomery County records and appears to be William Mills-Witt of Franklin. See Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 84–85.

Tax roll clusters, reinforced by marriage bonds and deeds, identify or suggest the identities of seven sons who remained around him at Bear Springs: *William, John, Thomas, David, Acles, Horatio, and Rhasa*. His will identifies three younger children: Robert, Sally, and Nancy.<sup>28</sup> My reading of Giles County tax rolls stopped before the point that his son Robert came onto the rolls.

- **Doe Creek & Salt Pond (South Giles, east of New River): James White** (aka James White H) who signed several petitions in a cluster with John White Sr., John White Jr., and Benjamin White, came onto the Montgomery > Giles rolls in 1799 in the Salt Pond–Doe Creek area where his land also adjoined *Randall Lucas* (a mid-1790s neighbor of Robert and John White Jr.). James remained there consistently into the 1840s. A late-life deed identifies his then-wife as Mary.<sup>29</sup> The 1817 tax roll added the initial H *after* James’s surname to distinguish him from a new, younger James (apparent son of Benjamin) who had just come onto the roll along East River. Tax roll clusters, reinforced by marriage bonds and deeds, identify or suggest the identity of seven children who remained around James on Doe Creek: *Adam M., Jacob, Isaac C., Levi, Preston C., James H.*, and a daughter *Susan*, b. 1804, who married their neighbor Jeremiah Williams.
- **Big Spring and Brush/Harmon’s/Five-Mile Creeks of East River (North Giles, west of New River): John White Sr., Benjamin White, and multiple sons.** John Sr. occupied Big Spring on East River from about 1797 (the date of his survey) until 1818, when he joined the settlement Benjamin had created on Christian’s Fork of Brush Creek. A deed of September 1819, executed by Christian Peters, cured land titles for thirty-four small-scale landholders on the waterways around East River Mountain, including “John White Senr.,” his stepson Samuel Mills, and three young Whites who appear to be offspring of Benjamin: William White (either son or son-in-law, but likely the latter), James White, and John White Junr.”<sup>30</sup> After 1819, John Sr.’s name was dropped from the tax entry for the tract previously held in common with William Preston. The Giles tax rolls from 1806 through 1821 cluster him intermittently with landless males, his proposed offspring, who submitted their tax lists on the same day as he. Other offspring took up land along East River’s Harmon’s Branch and “Six and Twelve Mile Creek” (near the area of Mercer County that has come to be known as Mills Valley). The tax rolls of 1819–21 cluster the aged John with the Brush Creek Whites who are his apparent sons and grandsons.

**Conclusion 3:**

*Five given names appear in multiple branches of this White family; each same-name man must be carefully disambiguated:*

**Benjamin White:** Two taxpayers carried this name:

1. **Benjamin** of Sugar Run/Walker Creek, the apparent eldest son of John ‘S’ White of Sugar Run, signed the November 1787 petition with John and others of Sugar Run; was taxed with John as a male 16–21 in 1788; was apparently one of two unnamed tithables 16–21 in John’s 1789 tax household; was taxed in the Sugar Run community in 1791 in a John Sr./John Jr./Benjamin cluster; then dropped from Montgomery’s records. He appears to be the Benjamin taxed on Cabell County’s first tax roll in 1809.
2. **Benjamin (H)**, proposed son of John White Sr., married Ann Goodwin in Amherst, 1787; signed the November 1787 Montgomery County petition with “John Sr.” and “John Jr.” from the Copley neighborhood; was taxed on personal rolls of 1790–92 (Amherst), 1793–94 and 1797–1806

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<sup>28</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Book B: 494.

<sup>29</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book F: 310–11.

<sup>30</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

(Montgomery), 1807–1819 (Giles). In 1819, he sold his Giles County land and moved across the county line into Cabell.

**James White:** Two taxpayers carried this name:

1. James of Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain (southeast Giles), apparent son of John White Sr.; taxed on personal rolls 1799 to at least 1837; land rolls: 1810 to at least 1824. Called “James White H” on 1817 tax roll
2. James of Brush Creek (northwest Giles), apparent son of Benjamin (H) and grandson of John White Sr.; married Mickey McKinney in 1821; taxed on personal rolls: 1817, 1820–27; died late 1827 before taxation on his Brush Creek land.

**John White:** Six taxpayers carried this name:

1. John ‘S’, of Little Sugar Run; married 1796 Susannah Marcum as his apparent second wife; taxed on unidentified Montgomery roll of “1782” [1785?] adjacent to William Marcum; Montgomery personal rolls, 1787–1794, 1796; Montgomery land rolls: 1796–1806; Giles land rolls: 1806–7; apparently settled c1797, with son Benjamin in area that became Cabell County.
2. John Sr. of Big Spring and Brush Creek of East River; married 1792 Frankey Mills; named on personal tax rolls, 1793–1821, and land rolls: 1806–21.
3. John Jr. of Camping Hollow and Bear Spring (aka John White H, Hunter White, Jack White, etc.), proposed son of John Sr., married 1793 Nancy Copley; taxed on Montgomery personal rolls: 1793–94, 1798–1802, 1804–1806; taxed on Giles personal rolls: 1807 to at least 1837; taxed on Giles land rolls: 1810 to at least 1820.
4. John of Camping Hollow area (southeast Giles); apparent son of Hannah, taxed (with “Arter” White) on Montgomery personal rolls, 1799–1806.
5. John of Bear Spring, son of John Jr. and Nancy, taxed on Giles personal rolls in 1816, then 1818 and most years thereafter
6. John of Brush Creek, apparent son of Benjamin and Ann, taxed on Giles personal rolls in 1819, 1821, 1822, 1826.

**Thomas White:** two taxpayers carried this name:

1. Thomas of Brush Creek (northwest Giles), apparent son of John Sr. and Frankey; taxed on personal-tax rolls: 1822–1824, 1826, 1828–36.
2. Thomas of Bear Spring (southeast Giles), son of John Jr. and Nancy; taxed on personal-tax rolls: 1817–20, 1823–25, 1828, 1831–35.

**William:** two taxpayers carried this name:

1. William (William R. in 1829–30) of Brush Creek & Harmon’s Branch (northwest Giles), married to Editha White; taxed on personal roll: 1815–36; cut away into Mercer Co.
2. William of Bear Spring (southeast Giles), son of John Jr. and Nancy; taxed on Giles personal-tax rolls: 1818–20, 1823–24, 1833–36. (In 1828 he was a resident of Montgomery Co. when he bought land at Bear Spring from Adam Johnston.<sup>31</sup>)

#### **Conclusion 4.**

*Not all Whites of Giles can be placed confidently into a parental household, particularly these:*

- **Sons of John White Sr. and Benjamin of Northwest Giles.** The 1810 census shows that both men had numerous sons: eight are assigned to the household of John Sr. (all of age to be

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<sup>31</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 446–47.

children of his second wife Frankey Mills), and four to Benjamin’s household (who were roughly the same age span as John Sr.’s second family). Interactions between their sons occurred in all sorts of combinations, making it impossible to draw clean distinctions. The tax-roll notes and census notes in this report analyze those combinations and some kinships that they suggest. Reasonably conclusive decisions about relationships for this generation will not be possible until exhaustive research is done on each of them in the various counties in which they lived post-Giles.

- **Hannah, Arthur, and John White of Southeast Giles.** The landless Hannah makes one appearance on the personal tax roll of 1798, in the Camping Hollow to Walker Creek area. Some of her tax roll “neighbors” overlap those of John ‘S’ White. That 1798 roll assign to her two young males, unnamed, who had reached tithable age but were not yet adults. The next year, when she was dropped, two males appear on the roll in their own names: “Arter” (Arthur) and John White. That pair dropped off the Giles rolls in 1807 and were picked up in Cabell in 1808. Superficially, geographically, Arter and John might seem connected to John ‘S’ and his wife Susannah Marcum, whose offspring populated Cabell for generations. However, two factors suggest not:
  - Arthur (“Arter”), almost certainly, is part of the family of John White Sr. When John Sr.’s stepson Samuel Mills married in 1807, Arthur was his bondsman and also served as witness to the permission given by the parents of Samuel’s bride.<sup>32</sup> Some pre-1807 tax rolls and petitions of Montgomery also couple him with John Sr. and Jr.
  - The name Hannah Mills is found twice more in deed records of Giles, although she was never taxed on land or personal property. In 1822, when John White Jr. was imprisoned for debt and forced to sell his property at public auction to clear those debts, he tried to secure a residence and future for his family by conveying two small tracts to “William White, my son, for natural love and affection” and “Hannah White.” No relationship or reason was stated for Hannah, and he had no adult single daughter at the time.<sup>33</sup> The donation to William was allowed by the court. The donation to Hannah was not. John Jr.’s provision for Hannah suggests a family relationship. If the Hannah of 1798 and the Hannah of 1822 are the same, then she would appear to be the widow of a brother—or else a sister who had born two sons outside of marriage.

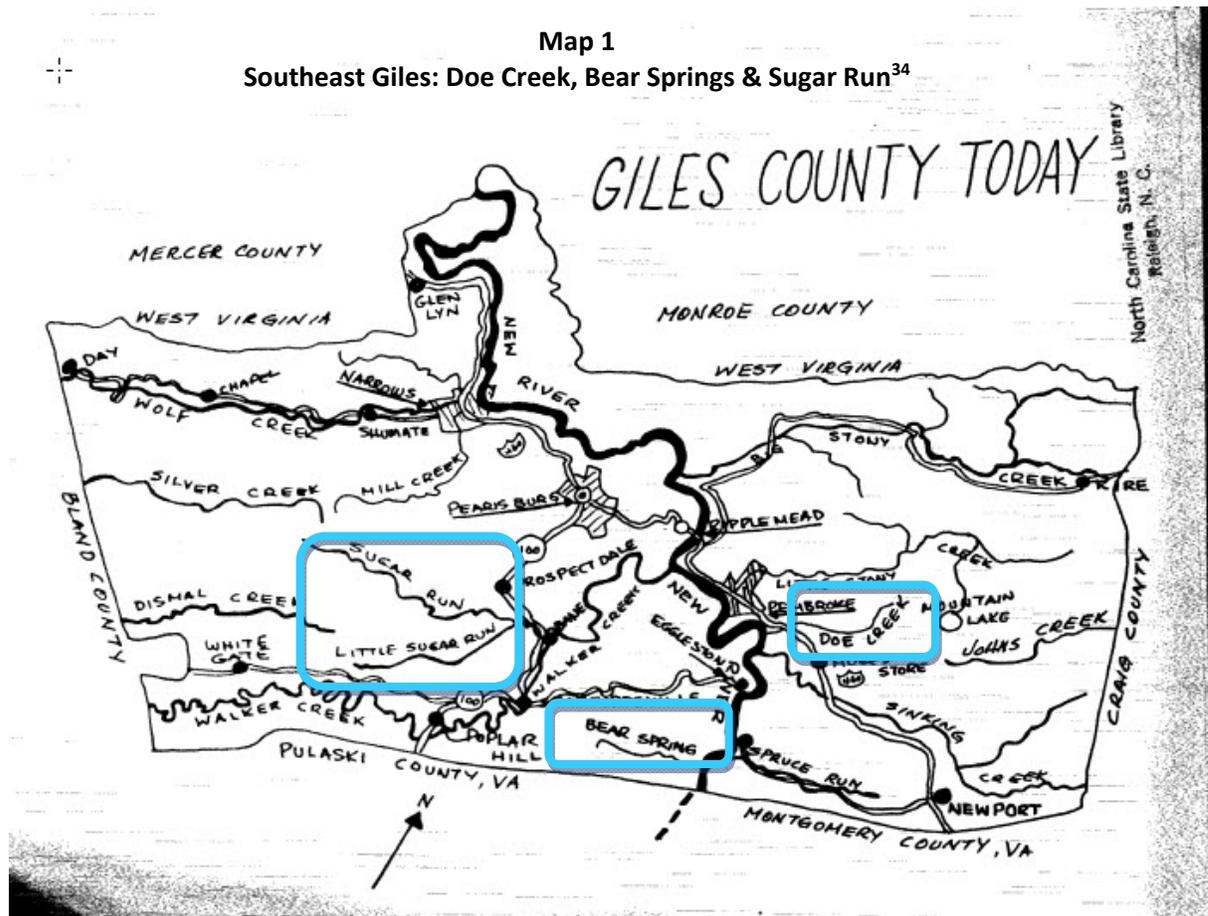
Again, final decisions about relationships for this generation will not be possible until exhaustive research is done on each of them in the various counties in which they lived after their residences in Montgomery > Giles.

In a future paper, “John White (c1740–1821); Spouses: 1. Unknown & 2. Frances “Frankey” Mills): Research Notes,” I will begin the process of assembling family units from clues that speak to relationships.

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<sup>32</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>33</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389–91.



**COMMENT:**

- Tax roll data from 1814 forward identifies each tract of land as being *X miles* in a particular direction. That description measures the land's distance from the courthouse at Pearisburg, a site marked with crosshatching in roughly the center of the map above.
- East River runs roughly along the line between present Giles and Mercer County, WV, which was cut from Giles in 1837.
- The central establishment (ferry, inn, mills, store, and plantation) of John Toney, a key associate of the Whites and an associate of William Mills-Witt of Franklin County, is shown above at the juncture of Wolf Creek and New River, extending up New River to Glen Lyn. He and his son Jonathan also owned land on Brush Creek (Map 2), adjoining the land of Benjamin H. White.

<sup>34</sup> Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List, 1806; and Giles County Land Tax List, 1806; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: Privately Printed, 1980), unnumbered page.



**RESEARCH NOTES**

**1806**

**1806 Land Tax Roll**

“M” section

*Consecutive entries:*

James McClaugherty	120a, \$78, .37 tax
Major <b>Marcum</b>	120a, \$40, .19 tax
[skip 6]	
Archabald <b>Marcum</b>	122a, \$69, \$.29 tax

“W” section

*Consecutive entries:*

<b>John White</b>	35a, \$34, \$.16 tax
<b>Wm Preston &amp; John White:</b>	95a, \$34, \$.16 tax

PRESTON:	No
TONEY	John (30, 344, 33, 77, 100, 50, 103, 194)

COMMENT:

The land tax rolls before 1812 do not cite the location of lands. With regard to the two White tracts above:

- 35 acres represents the amount of Sugar Run acreage remaining to John ‘S’ White after he sold three parcels of his land in 1793.<sup>35</sup> Despite those sales, the 1796–1805 rolls of Montgomery charged him for all 130 acres; apparently, he was not in the county to dispute the charges and I have seen no evidence that he paid those taxes. In 1806, when Giles was cut away from Montgomery, the rolls of both Montgomery and Giles corrected his land tax entry to charge him for just the 35 acres that he had remaining after the 1793 sales. These 35 acres are charged to “John White” in Giles only in 1806–7. After that, the entry is dropped.
- 95 acres represents the tract that was patented in 1801 to “William Preston and John White,” said to have been surveyed for them on 12 March 1797.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deeds & Wills B (1773–1797): 112–14; imaged, Montgomery Co. microfilm 1, Library of Virginia.

<sup>36</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48 (1801–1802): 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO3/114/114&image\\_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=) : accessed 5 October 2019).

**1806 Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 23 September 1807, Andrew Johnston District

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

“A list of Taxable property within the County of Giles Selected from the Books of John Hoge, commissioner, in the 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia Montgomery County, for the year 1806.”

Totals:

Land	\$171.44
95 Slaves	41.80
1,074 Horses	129.88
4 Studs	14.68

Categories:

- White Tithes
- Slaves 12–16
- Slaves above 16<sup>th</sup> years
- No. of horses, mules &c
- Ordinary License
- No. of Covering Horses
- Horses [*sic*]
- Rate of Covering
- Amt. of Taxes on Individuals
- Date Receiving List of property from individuals

“M” section

Marcum, John [Walker’s Cr]	1 tithe, 2 horses or mules, \$.24	6 Apr
[ <i>skip 5</i> ]		
Marcum, Arcabald	1 tithe, 3 horses or mules, \$.36	“
Marcum, Edmond	1 tithe, 3 horses or mules, \$.36	“
[ <i>skip 2</i> ]		
Marcum, Major	1 tithe, 2 horses or mules, \$.24	“

“W” section

<b>White, James</b>	1 tithe, 2 horses or mules, \$.24	5 Apr
Wilburn, Robert	“	
<b>White, Benjamin</b> [Little Wolf Cr]	1 tithe, no property, no tax	5 Apr
Walker, Charles Jur.		“
Wilson, William	“	
Wilson, Jame[s]	“	
Walker, Crisp <sup>i</sup> E.	“	
<b>Wiley, James</b>	“	
<b>White, John Jur.</b> [Jr..]	1 tithe [self, Saml. Mills & _____?], 1 horse or mule, \$.12	8 Apr
<b>White, John Ser.</b> [Sr., Big Spring]	3 tithes, 2 horses or mules, \$.24	8 Apr
Williams, Michael, George Sr. & Frederick	“	
Williams, Abram & Hugh		13 Apr

Walker, Julas	“	
Williams, George	“	
Waddle, Robert		“
Woodten, Robert		“
Watters, John		“
Webb, Stephen		“
Walker, William		“
Webb, George		“
Williams, Henry & Philip		“
Webb, John		19 Apr
Williams, Philip Ser.		“
Williams, Christian		21 Apr
Webb, Julas		“
Webb, Thomas		“
Webb, John Ser.		23 Apr
Wilburn, William		“
<b>White, Arther</b>	1 tithe, 1 horse or mule, \$.12	23 Apr
Wray, John		“

COMMENT:

John Sr. *added 2 tithes* between 1805 and 1806. One of those, beyond reasonable doubt, was his stepson, Samuel Mills, born 1788. In early 1806, he would have been 17.

The third tithe in John Sr.’s household has not been identified. The following considerations need to be weighed here:

- No other White-surnamed male appears on pre-1807 Montgomery lists who might be his son.
- No other White-surnamed male appears on the 1807–11 Giles rolls who might be a son.
- His financial situation was not such that he could have hired an employee.
- William Mills of Franklin, hypothetical son of Frankey Mills, made his first appearance of record this year on the personal-tax roll of then-adjacent Franklin Co., turning in his list on *2 June*.
- As a new add in Franklin Co., William’s name was not placed, as customary, at the end of the list. Rather it was inserted between Booker Mullins, formerly of Montgomery (whose Y-DNA is carried by male-line descendants of Frankey’s son Samuel Mills) and Samuel McCarrell, another man with Montgomery-Giles ties, whose list was also turned in on 2 June.
- McCarrell’s uncle John Ferguson Jr. of Franklin, in 1804, bought land on Brush Creek from Alexander Stuart, who also sold land that year to Benjamin White).<sup>37</sup> McCarrell’s aunt and uncle, William and Sarah (Ferguson) Weakes, were Montgomery Co. residents in 1801 when they sold Samuel a tract of Franklin County land that Sarah had inherited from her father John Ferguson Sr.<sup>38</sup>
- The third tithe in John Sr.’s household would be dropped from the 1807 list. Samuel, who did not marry until May, apparently was John Sr.’s second (and only other) tithe in 1807.
- No tax rolls exist in 1808.
- The 1809 tax roll shows no tithe for John Sr. other than himself.

<sup>37</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 489, Stuart to John Ferguson of Franklin. Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D, 1803–1810: 95–96, Stuart to Benjamin White.

<sup>38</sup> Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 39; citing Deed Book 4: 279–80.

Below, to help with neighborhood reconstruction, I am listing all taxpayers who turned in their lists on the same day as each of the Whites. *However*, a comparison of these lists with the Montgomery County lists for the same days shows date discrepancies between the two lists, particularly these:

- Many 5 April entries, on this Giles list do not appear for that date on the Montgomery list. Below, I am italicizing all the 5 April entries that carry that date on both lists. This is the core group that should constitute the community of James & Benjamin White in 1806.
- The date of Arthur’s submission and that of his neighbor William Wilburn differs from one to the other.
- “John White hunter,” the apparent brother of Arthur who submitted his list on the same day in Giles, is omitted from this Montgomery copy.

***All entries dated 5 April:***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Adkins</li> <li>• Abram Boyes</li> <li>• Shedrack &amp; <i>Richard Blankingship</i></li> <li>• <i>Elias Burton</i></li> <li>• John, Thomas &amp; <i>William Burgess</i></li> <li>• Peter Dingess</li> <li>• John Dencey</li> <li>• Linsey Davis</li> <li>• William Duncan</li> <li>• William &amp; John Garrison</li> <li>• <i>Robert &amp; Joseph Goare</i></li> <li>• <i>David Going</i></li> <li>• Isiah Givings</li> <li>• William Guttrey</li> <li>• Robert Prince</li> <li>• <i>Fredereck Rose</i></li> <li>• Christian Snidow</li> <li>• William, Robert Smith</li> </ul> <p>[See next column]</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caleby, Larkin, Mordock &amp; Wm. Stowers</li> <li>• Thomas &amp; Jeremiah Solesberry</li> <li>• David Summers</li> <li>• John Smith, B’Smyth</li> <li>• John Smith Jr.</li> <li>• <b>John Toney</b> [strike here; Mtgy list dates him at 8 April]</li> <li>• William Tracey</li> <li>• Reuben Thacker</li> <li>• David Tolar</li> <li>• Daniel &amp; John TawneyTawney</li> <li>• Joseph Taylor</li> <li>• Henry Trout</li> <li>• Adam &amp; George Taylor</li> <li>• <b>James White</b></li> <li>• <i>Robert Wilburn</i></li> <li>• <b>Benjamin White</b></li> <li>• <i>Charles Walker Jr. &amp; Chrispe E. Walker</i></li> <li>• <i>William Wilson</i></li> <li>• <i>James Wiley</i></li> </ul> |
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***All entries dated 8 April:***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James &amp; William Aldridge</li> <li>• James Albert</li> <li>• Joham Adkins</li> </ul> <p>[See next column]</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John White Jur.</b></li> <li>• John White Ser.</li> <li>• Michael, George Sr. &amp; Frederick Williams</li> <li>• <b>[John Toney; see comments under 5 April]</b></li> </ul> |
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***All entries dated 23 April:***

- John Webb Ser.
- William Wilburn [Mtgy list cites 13 May]
- **Arther White** [Mtgy list cites 13 May for Arter & for “John White, Hunter,” who is omitted here in Giles]

**1807**

**1807 Land Tax Roll**

“M” section  
 Archabald **Marcom**                      122a, \$69, \$.29 tax

“W” section  
**John White**                                35a, \$34, \$.16 tax  
 Wm Preston & **John White:**    95a, \$34, \$.16

PRESTON:                                      John (very long list at front of roll)  
 TONEY                                         Pendexter (112a); John Toney wasn’t found

COMMENT:

This is the last year that John ‘S’ White’s 35 acres would be taxed in Giles. I have not found a sale of the land in Montgomery or Giles. One possibility is that he paid his tax from Cabell County. (Absentee landowners typically paid from the county in which they lived.) I have not yet thoroughly studied the Cabell County land tax rolls.

**1807 Personal Tax Roll: List of 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia**

Philip Peters Commissioner

Semi-alphabetical by *first* letter of first name

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

“B” section:  
**Benjamin White** [Little Wolf]    1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢                      13 Apr

“J” section:  
 John Conner                                1 tithe, 0 slaves, 0 horses or mules                      27 Apr  
**John White Jr.**                            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢                      27 Apr  
 [skip 1]  
 James Willey                                27 Apr  
 [skip 6]  
**James White**                                1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢                      27 Apr  
**John White Sr.** [Big Spring]    2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢                      27 Apr

COMMENT:

- No Mills entries under any letter of the alphabet.
- The second tithe in the household of John White Sr. should be his stepson, Samuel Mills.
- John Conner in 1816 executed a 7-year land lease with John Toney, for whom William Mills was the witness.

**1808**

COMMENT: The State of Virginia did not pass an assessment act this year.

**1809**

**1809 Land Tax Roll**

*Consecutive entries:*

“M” section

Archabald <b>Marcom</b>	120a, \$60, \$.29 tax
[skip 3]	
Major <b>Marcum</b> , Adm.	58a, \$31 value, \$.14 tax
Same	120a, \$40 value, \$.19 tax

“P” Section

Wm Preston & <b>John White</b> :	95a, \$34, \$.16
PRESTON:	John (many tracts)

“T” Section

TONY	John, Pendexter
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“W” section

WHITE: John	No entry
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COMMENT:

- Note that John White [Sr.] is no longer responsible for the tax on the 95 acres at Big Spring. While his name was on the patent and would remain on the land-tax roll through 1819, the tax from this point forward was charged to William Preston and the tax entry appears each year in the “P” section of the roll.
- In September 1819, an *en masse* title clearance was made by one Christian Peters to 1700 acres “on East River Mountain, beginning at the Tazewell County line ... up the North side of the Mountain to the top, thence down the Mountain toward New River.” The two dozen or so men whose title was being cleared included “**Samuel Mills**, John Copley, Henry Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, George Bailey, **John White Senr.**, **William White**, **John White Junr.**, **James White ...**”<sup>39</sup> The acreage equates to a community of only about 2.5 square miles.

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<sup>39</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

- John White Sr.’s purchase of part of the Peters tract appears to explain his removal from the Big Spring land formerly owned with Preston.
- Giles Co. deeds show that Benjamin White and wife Ann, in September 1808, sold 98 acres on Little Wolf Creek, “a branch of Bluestone” to John Toney and John McClaugherty.<sup>40</sup> Although they purchased the land in 1804, it was never taxed to them in Giles.

**1809 Personal Tax Roll**

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

No militia district or assessor is named

Semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname.

“W”

<b>White, John</b>	“hunter” [John Jr.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	
	[skip 18]		
	Willborn, Robert		
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	22 Mar
	[skip 11]		
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	[Big Spring]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.]	[Big Spring]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr

COMMENT:

- The fact that Benjamin and John Sr. turned in their lists on the same day suggests that after the loss of Benjamin’s Little Wolf Creek land in the fall of 1808, to John Toney in settlement of a suit by Toney, he moved to John Sr.’s land or occupied unclaimed land near John Sr.
- The second tithe in the home of Benjamin would appear to be his son William—the first to go on the tax roll in his own name (1815) and to marry (1816).
- John Sr. of Big Spring has lost one tithe and one horse since the last roll (1807). This is the year that Samuel Mills appears on the roll of Cabell County.
- The new tithe in the household of John Sr. has not been identified. If a son, he should also be a son of Frankey. He appears to have died or left the county before he went onto the rolls in his own name.
- This is the first time that the “hunter” designation is attached to a John White on the Giles Co. tax roll. It previously appeared once in Montgomery County, 1806, for a John White (not Sr. or Jr.) who turned in his list on the same day as Arthur “Arter” White.
- The taxable property of this 1809 “hunter” syncs with that of John White “Jr.” in 1807 and 1810. In this year 1809, John “Jr.” does not appear under that appendage and both tax and deed records, taken together, clearly prove that John Jr. and John H. (“hunter”) were the same.

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<sup>40</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 007894524.

**1810**

**1810 Land Tax Roll**

*Consecutive entries:*

“M” section

**Toney** and McClaugherty      100a, \$40, \$.19  
 James McClaugherty Jnr      275a, \$75, \$.36  
    100a, \$25, \$.12  
    45a, \$8, \$.03  
    98a, \$40, \$.19

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John McClaugherty              120a, \$78, \$.37  
 Archabald Money [*sic*]        120a, \$60, \$.29 tax  
    [Archabald **Marcum** was previously taxed for 120a]

[*skip 3*]

Edward Money                    60a, 440, \$.19  
**Major Marcum’s Adm.**        58a, \$31 value, \$.14 tax  
 Same                                120a, \$40 value \$.19 tax

“P” Section

Wm Preston & **John White:**    95a, \$34, \$.16  
 PRESTON:                        John (many tracts)

“T” Section

TONNEY                            John, Pendexter

“W” section

**WHITE: John “hunter”**        75a, \$40, \$.19 [Added at start of “W” list]

COMMENT:

This John “hunter” who owned 75 acres should be John White Jr., according to two deeds:

- At December Court 1809, John Snotgrass appeared in court to acknowledging having sold 75a to John White.<sup>41</sup> The location in that document was given only as New River.
- On 27 February, John White and wife Nancy (the former Nancy Copley who married John [Jr.] in 1792, Montgomery Co.) sold these 75 acres to John Henderson.<sup>42</sup> That deed mentioned that the land lay “at the head of a hollow.” That should be Camping Hollow where Copleys lived.

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**WHITE: James**                    25a, \$13, \$.06

COMMENT:

This 25-acre tract was surveyed for James on 9 September 1808, at which time it was said to be

<sup>41</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 35.

<sup>42</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 419.

on the NW side of Salt Pond Mountain, adjacent to “Collins” and Michael Madden.<sup>43</sup> The 1812 land tax roll, below, identifies the adjacent landowning Collins “Daniel Collins.”

**1810 Personal Tax Roll**

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

**MILLS: No**

<b>White, Benjamin</b>	[Big Spring]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢	15 March
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.]	[Big Spring]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	15 March
Wilborn, Robert			
Wilborn, William			
[skip 5]			
<b>White, John</b> [Jr.]	[Camping H.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	27 March
Waddle, Robert			

COMMENT:

- The county has no taxable coaches, stages, or gigs. There are 1,666 horses and 708 enslaved people.
- The second tithe in the household of John White Sr. would appear to be his stepson Samuel, who is not taxed in his own name this year in either Cabell or Giles.
- The second tithe in the household of Benjamin would appear to be his William.
- In 1816 John White [Jr.] bought land from Robert Waddle/Waddel at Bear Spring and sold his Camping Hollow acreage.<sup>44</sup>
- Robert Waddle, in 1805 Montgomery County, submitted his list to the tax commissioner on the same day as John & Arter White. Given that the commissioner made the rounds of the county collecting lists, this suggests the 1805 John and Arthur were in the same community as the 1810 John Jr.

**1811**

**1811 Land Tax Roll**

*Consecutive entries:*

“M” section

<b>Toney</b> and McClaugherty	100a, \$40, \$.19
James McClaugherty Jnr	275a, \$75, \$.36
	100a, \$25, \$.12
	45a, \$8, \$.03
	98a, \$40, \$.19

<sup>43</sup> Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845): 18; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 8745650 (item 2).

<sup>44</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421–22.

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John McClagherty 120a, \$78, \$.37

Archabald Money or Marcum NOT THERE  
 Edward Money 60a, 440, \$.19  
 Major **Marcum**, Adm. 58a, \$31 value, \$.14 tax  
 Same 120a, \$40 value \$.19 tax

“P” Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16  
 PRESTON: John [many tracts; his data will not be included in this report]

“T” Section

TONEY John, Pendexter  
 John Toney & James McClagherty, 98a,  
 TAWNEY John Tawney, 150a

“W” section

**“John White (Hunter)”** 75a, \$40, \$.19 [added at start of “W” list]

[skip 18]

**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06  
 02a, \$5-. \$.24

**1811 Personal Tax Roll: 86<sup>th</sup> Regt.**

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

“M” Consecutive entries:

McLaugherty, James Jr. [on 1810 roll]  
 Meadows, John [on 1810 roll]  
 Meadows, Edmond [on 1810 roll]  
**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢  
 Mullenix, Archabald [on 1810 roll]  
 Moser, Francis [on 1810 roll]  
 William Miller [not on 1810 roll]  
 [end of “M” section]

“W” Consecutive entries:

**White, John “(Hunter)”** 2 tithes [self and son John?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢  
 Williams, Peggy  
 Watts, William  
 [skip 8]  
 Wilburn, Robert  
 Williams, Joseph,  
 Williams, Andrew  
 Williams, Hugh  
**White, James** [Doe Creek] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢  
 Williams, George Jr.

[skip 11]

**White, John** [Sr.; Big Spring] 2 tithes [self and \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 2 horses, 24¢ Walker, Senas?

COMMENT:

- Benjamin White is missing.
- This is the first year that Samuel Mills is charged under his own name in Giles.
- The extra tithe charged to John Sr. this year would not be his stepson Samuel Mills, because Samuel turned in his list separately.
- John Sr.'s hypothetical stepson William Mills, still single, is missing this year from Franklin Co.'s tax roll.
- The Cabell rolls of this period show a Benjamin (not Benjamin H), James, and John.

  
**1812**  


**Land Tax Roll**

*Consecutive entries:*

“B” section

Humphrey Brumfield 50a, \$18, \$.03 “Lying on the East side of New River about the Mouth of Big Stoney Creek.”

Andrew Bowen 35a, \$25 \$.12, [no location given]

**Low Brown**

240a, \$120, \$.59 “on North west side of Walkers Creek above the Big Crossing, joining Thomas Shannon’s Land.”

COMMENT:

Andrew Bowen’s 35-acre tract is the only 35-acre tract on the tax list, suggesting it *might* be the 35-acre tract held by John ‘S’ White after his three sales of 1793. However, when the land was last taxed to “John White” in 1807, it was valued at \$34 and the tax was \$.16. The property should not have decreased in value unless a home had burned.

**Low Brown** in 1833 produced an affidavit for the RW pension application of Robert Whitt, who married “Mary White, daughter of John” in 1792. According to Brown, he met Whitt during the war, while in service.<sup>45</sup> Low’s residence, adjacent to Shannon, suggests that the John White who was Whitt’s father-in-law was the John ‘S’ White who owned land adjacent to Thomas Shannon’s Walker Creek land.

“C” section

Chapman, John 91a, \$45, \$.24 “Lying on Little Wolf Creek, waters of Bluestone, joining McLaugherty & Toney”

104a \$25, \$.12 “Lying Little Bluston Waters of Big \_\_\_\_”

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<sup>45</sup> Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018). See my Montgomery-Fincastle report, previously cited, for details.

6a, \$26, \$.12 “On Bluestone between Sollesberry Heirs & Toney & McLaughertys on the Flat Top Mountain near the land of Snido \_\_\_\_”

COMMENT:

The “McLaugherty & Toney” land on Little Wolf Creek, waters of Bluestone, is the tract they purchased from Benjamin H. White in late 1808. The alternate reference to Flat Top Mountain should help to identify the site of Benjamin’s former land.

Thomas Copley	160a, \$67, \$.33 “at the west side of New River at the Mouth of Camping Hollow: 32a, \$20, \$.09 “also joining the same” 12a, \$6, \$.03 “also joining the same”
James Copley	280a, \$40, \$.19 “on the <b>five mile fork</b> of East River” [See Map 2] 60a, \$10, \$.04 “lying under the N side of the <u>Crick?</u> [East?] Mountain”
Daniel Collins	100a, \$30, \$.14 “Lying on Dow [Doe] Creek joining <b>Randle Lucas</b> and <b>James White</b> ”

“F” section

Thomas Farlow	60a, \$30, \$.15 “on the N side of <u>hows</u> mountain on Chinquepin branch” 63a, \$34, \$.16 “on the N side of the said Mountain near the said Land” 14a, \$9, \$.03 “on Little Sugar Run” 236a, \$170 \$.32 “Lying on Big Sugar Run” 60a, \$30, \$.15 “Lying on Sugar Run” 76a, \$13, \$.08 “Lying on Sugar Run” 30a, \$20, \$.09 “Lying on Sinking Creek”
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COMMENT:

Farlow’s Sugar Run land adjoined the former land of John ‘S’ White.

“L” section

William Lucas	270a, \$150, \$.72 “Lying on Sinkin Creek joining Robert Hunter” 112a, \$50, \$.24 “also Joining the same Land”
Parker Lucas	404a, \$150, \$.72 “Lying on Sinken Creek joining George Williams and Jacob Snidow.”
William Lucas Sen. Thomas Lucas	200a, \$50, \$.24 “Lying on Sinken Creek Joining of Thomas Lucas” 130a, \$50, \$.24 “Lying on the North side of Sinken Creek joining Wm. Lucas & Parker Lucas”

COMMENT:

- An April 1806 grant to Randall Lucas, on Doe Creek, stated that it cornered on the land of John White [Jr.]<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40 (1797–1798): 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019). Also William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

- Also re Lucas: The 1790 court order allowing the Prestons of Sinking Creek to take Frankey Mills's daughter also took a child of "Prude Lucas." I have found nothing more on her.<sup>47</sup>
- Re Hunter: I have skimmed (but not recorded) all documents I've seen for this Robert Hunter while turning tax rolls and courthouse records page by page. Thus far, I've seen nothing to suggest a relationship to the Whites—i.e., the possibility that "Hunter" might be an alias of "John White hunter" aka "John Hunter White." The word "Hunter" appears to be attached to John Jr.'s name as an occupation, rather than an alternate name.

"P" Section

*Consecutive entries*

William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.16  
 Samuel Pack 135a [no description]  
 William Preston 500a, \$300, \$1.44  
 673a, \$300, \$1.44 [no description]

"S" Section

*Consecutive entries*

Thomas Shannon 866a, \$200, \$.96 "Lying on the Big Crossing of Walkers Creek"  
 To Salisbury's heirs 175a, \$50, \$.24 "Lying on Bluestone River"  
 Same 25a, \$12, \$.05 "on the Waters of Bluestone"  
 John & Francis Preston 216a, \$60, \$.29 "lying on John's Creek"

"T" Section

[Consecutive entries]

**John Toney**

30a, \$15, \$.07 "Lying on New River joining William Talbot"  
 33a, \$30, \$.14 "also Joining the same"  
 77a, \$40, \$.19 "also Joining the same"  
 100a, \$31, \$.15 "also Joining the same"  
 50a, \$25, \$.12 "also Joining the same"  
 103a, \$40, \$.19 "also Joining the Same Land"  
 194a, \$50, \$.24 "Lying on the NS [north side] of East River where William Carde\_ beg\_\_ [page edge torn]"  
 125a, \$50, \$.24 "Also joining the same Land"  
 William Toney 150a, \$56, \$.27 "lying on New River where Wm Toney formerly lived"  
 James McLaugherty 93a, \$50, \$.24 "Lying on Little Wolf Creek, the waters of Big Bluestone"  
 John Tawney [sic] 150a, \$100, \$.43 "Lying on Sinking Creek joining of Wm Coyls? and Phillip Harless"

COMMENT:

- William Carde\_\_ appears in other notes within this report as William Carder.
- The 194-acre tract is the tract from which Toney leased 60 acres on 15 May 1816 [sic] to **John Conner**, with **William Mills** as witness. The lease identifies it as "part of the Same Survey that is **Near Toney's Mill.**"<sup>48</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1790–1791): 20.

<sup>48</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 85.

- The 50 acre tract is the one that Toney leased on 15 May 1817 [sic] to **Zachariah Crafford**, with **William Mills** as witness. That lease identifies it as “Fifty acres by Survey in the **Bent of East River above Toneys Mill.**”<sup>49</sup>

“W” section

**John White Hunter** 75a, \$40, \$.19 “on the East side of New River joining Joseph Copley”  
[skip 15]

**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06, “lying on the End of the Salt Pon Mountain joining Micajor Bradley”  
92a, \$50, \$.24 “also Joining the same.”

COMMENT:

Joseph Snodgrass sold James White 92 acres on N side of Salt Pond Mountain on 23 April 1810, saying it was land granted in 1791 to Thomas Cassady, adjoining Madden and Collins.<sup>50</sup>

**Candidates for the 35-acre tract formerly owned by John ‘S’ White:**

Andrew Bowen	<b>35a</b> , \$25, \$.12, [no location]
Thomas H Napper, adm.	100a, \$34, \$.16 “On the West side of Walkers Creek”
Same	<b>34a</b> , \$36, \$17, “on the East side of Joining the same “ [sic] Bound into crack of book], “on the West side of Walk_____”
John Koor?	160a, \$90, \$.44 “on Walkers Creek near the Rocky Bent”
Same	<b>35a</b> , \$19, \$.09 [no location]
Same	66, \$40, \$.19 “on the N side of a side creek Joining <b>Lo Brown</b> ”

COMMENT:

The value of Bowen’s land per acre suggests it is not the same tract as the 35 acres remaining from the lands of John ‘S’ White. When the land was last taxed to John White in 1807, it was valued at \$34 and was taxed \$.16.

Thomas Hughes/Huse Napier is out of place in the H section of this tax roll. He is listed immediately after “David Huse” whose land lay on the S side of Paris Mountain, waters of Sugar Run.

Napier, through 1806 in Montgomery County, was not taxed on these 34 acres. I have not been following him here in Giles County. John ‘S’ White’s 35 acres adjoined Napier’s father Patrick.

**1812 Personal Tax Roll: 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment**

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

Certified 26 May 1812

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

[start of “M” List;  
consecutive entries]

Murphey, William

McKinzey, James

**Mills, Samuel**

1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

<sup>49</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 84–85.

<sup>50</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

Maupins, Gabriel  
 Meadows, Jesse  
 McDaniel, Edward  
 Meadow, Joab  
 Meadows, John  
 Mares [Marrs], Archibald  
 [etc.]

*"W" Consecutive entries*

Wellbourn, William

**White, John Sr.** [Big Sp/East R] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

[skip 9]

**White, John "hunter"** [John Jr.] 2 tithes [self & son John?], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

Williams, Hugh

Williams, David, John, George,

Williams, Jeremiah, Andrew, Joseph

Wilburn, Robert

**White, Begamin** [Benjamin] 3 tithes [self, William, Cornelius], 0 slaves, 5 horses/mules, 72¢

[skip 25]

**White, James** 1 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses/mules, 1 covering horse @\$1 fee, \$2.36

Watts William

COMMENT:

Regarding the two proposed tithes in Benjamin's household:

- William White would go on the tax roll in his own name in 1815 and marry in 1816.
- Cornelius White would go onto the tax roll in his own name in 1816 and marry that same year.

**1813**

**Land Tax Roll**

Certified 26 May 1813

"B" section

Andrew Bowen 85a, \$25, \$.16, [no location]

"P" Section

William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.22 [no description]

Samuel Pack

William Preston 500a, \$300, \$1.92 [no description]

673a, \$300, \$1.92 [no description]

"S" Section

Elijah Sartain 189a, \$40, \$.25 "Lying on the N side Big Stoney Creek adj. John Sartain"

"T" Section

*Consecutive entries*

Pendexter Toney 112a, \$100, \$.64 [no location]  
 Daniel Tawney 300a, \$100, \$.64 "on Sinking Creek adj. John Hendrick's Land"  
 193a, \$50, \$.32, "adjoining the same"  
 120a, \$187, \$1.20 "adjoining the same"  
 257a, \$50, \$.32 "adjoining the same"  
 175a, \$25, \$.16 "also adjoining the same"

**John Toney** 30a, \$15, \$.07 "Lying on New River joining William Tiller"  
 33a, \$30, \$.14 "also Joining the same"  
 77a, \$40, \$.19 "also Joining the same"  
 100a, \$31, \$.15 "also Joining the same"  
 50a, \$25, \$.12 "also Joining the same"  
 103a, \$40, \$.19 "also Joining the Same Land"  
 194a, \$50, \$.24 "Lying on the NS of East River where William Carder lives"  
 125a, \$50, \$.24 "Also joining the same Land"

**John Toney &**  
 Jas. [John] McClagherty 98a, \$50, \$.32 "on Little Wolf Creek, waters of Bluestone"

COMMENT:  
 The tract taxed to Toney and McClagherty is the tract sold to them in September 1808 by Benjamin and Ann White.

William Toney 150a, \$56, \$.36 "Lying on New River where Wm Toney formerly lived."  
 James McLaugherty 93a, \$50, \$.24 "Lying on Little Wolf Creek, the waters of Big Bluestone."  
 John Tawney [*sic*] 150a, \$100, \$.64 "Lying on Sinking Creek joining of Wm Boyles and Phillip Harless"

COMMENT:  
 The Toneys and the Tawneys lived in distinctly different regions of the county. I will not continue to include the Tawneys.

"W" section

**John H White** [John Jr.] 75a, \$40, \$.25 "on the E side New River joining Joseph Copley's Land"  
 [*skip 15*]  
**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06, "on the Salt Pond Mountain joining Micajor Bradley"  
 92a, \$50, \$.24 "also Joining the same."

COMMENT:  
 "John H White" is the man also called "John White H," "John White Hunter," & John White Jr. Note that he is not called "hunter" this year. Instead, the H is added as middle initial.

**1813 Personal tax roll**  
 Certified 25 May 1813  
 James McClagherty, Commissioner  
 Tithes: Minimum age not stated

"M" Consecutive entries  
 McKenzie, Sarah

**McKinny, Joseph** [on land whose rights Gordon Cloyd conveyed to Benjamin White, c1799]<sup>51</sup>  
**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢  
 Murphy, William  
 Maupin, Gabriel  
 Miller, William  
 Muncey, Holton

*“W” Consecutive entries:*  
 Walker, John “of Rich Creek”

**White, Benjamin H.** [East R] 3 tithes [self, William? & Cornelius?], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 63¢  
**White, John** [Big Spr/East R] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_?\_\_\_], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢  
*Wilburn, Robert*

**White, John H.** [Camping H] 2 tithes [self & son John?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢  
*[skip 27]*

**White, James** [Doe Creek] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, \$1.05

COMMENT:

- William White would go onto the tax roll in his own name in 1815, the same year that Benjamin H. lost a male tithable from his household.
- Cornelius White would go onto the tax roll in 1816 in his own name, the same year that Benjamin H. lost another male tithable from his household.
- John White, son of John Jr. (aka John H and “Jack”) would go onto the tax roll in his own name in 1816, apparently the year that he turned 21.
- The second tithe in the home of John Sr., charged to him since 1811, remains unidentified.

**1814**

**1814 Land Tax Roll**

COMMENT:

The tax roll expanded this year, with additional items taxed. The new column heads are these:

- Name of owners with tenants in Possession
- Place of Residence
- Estate
- No. of Lots in Town
- Name of the Town
- Yearly Rent of House & Lots in Doll. & Cents
- Amt. of Tax in Dollars and Cents
- No. of Acres of land
- Description of Lands &c
- Distance bearing from the Court House
- Rate of Land pr Acre in Doll & Cents

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<sup>51</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 336. Benjamin sold those rights to James Copley, who sold to his brother Joshua, who sold to their brother-in-law Joseph McKinney in 1813, at which time Cloyd made a title to McKinney asserting that Benjamin White was dead.

- Total Value of Land in Dolls & Cents
- Tax on Land in Doll. & Cents.
- Total amt. of Tax on Lots & Lands in Dolls & Cents
- Alterations [since] Last Year

“P” Section

William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.29 **Location “not known,”** Residence: Wythe Co.”  
 William Preston 500a, \$300, \$1.92 **Residence: Wythe Co.**  
 673a, \$300, \$1.92 **Residence: Wythe Co.**

“T” Section

John Toney 77a, \$40, \$.19 “also Joining the same” [antecedent of “the same” is unclear]  
 100a, \$31, \$.15 “also Joining the same”  
 103a, \$40, \$.34 “on the river below mouth of East River, abt 11 m. NW [of courthouse]”  
 60a, \$18.60, \$.16 “Joining the same, also Jonathan Toney’s 60 acres abt 11 m. NW”  
 57a, \$30, \$.25½ “Joining Jonathan Toney’s 60 acres”  
 30a, \$15, \$.13 “Joining his 103 acre tract, abt 11 m. NW”  
 194a, \$50, \$.42½ “On the N side East River abt. 12 m. NW”  
 50a, \$25, \$.21 “Joining his 194 acre Tract abt. 13 M NW”  
 50a, \$12, \$.10 “Joining the same abt 12 m. NW”  
 33a, \$30, \$.25½ “N Side E. River Mountn Joining Isaac Frenches Id. abt. 12 m. NW”  
 125a, \$50, \$.42½ “On **Brush Cr** Joining **Alexander Stuarts** land abt. 25 m. NW”  
 150a, \$30, \$.25 ½ “on Richland Cr. Joining Jno. Walkers land abt. 32 m. W”

**John Toney &**

**Jas. McClagherty** 98a, \$50, \$.12 “on Little Wolf Creek of Bluestone abt. 34 m. W”  
 William Toney 150a, \$56, \$.36 “lying on New River where Wm Toney formerly lived.”  
 James McLaugherty 93a, \$50, \$.24 “Lying on Little Wolf Creek, the waters of Big Bluestone.”

“W” section

**John H White** [Camping H] 75a, \$40, \$.34 “on New River joining Joseph Coplea’s Land abt. 10 m. SE”  
 [skip 15]  
**James White** [Salt Pond] 25a, \$13, \$.11 “Salt Pond Mountain joining Bradley’s land abt. 12 m. E wd”  
 [Doe Creek] 92a, \$50, \$.42 1/2, “Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd”

COMMENT:

The location data given above for the Toney-McClagherty land (purchased from Benjamin and Ann White in 1808) seems to place it in current Tazewell County.

Regarding Stuart:

- 1806, Alexander Stuart sold Brush Creek land to John Ferguson of Franklin County, the same year that William Mills-Witt went onto the tax roll of Franklin as an apparent employee of Ferguson’s nephew, Samuel McCarrell.<sup>52</sup>
- 1816, Benjamin H. White bought part of the Benjamin Stuart estate on Brush Creek.
- 1832, Ferguson’s heir (and apparent son), Standifer Ferguson sold land on Brush Creek between Christian’s Fork and Davis Fork.

**1814 Personal Tax Roll**  
 Certified 30 May 1814  
 James McClaugherty, Commissioner  
 Tithes: Minimum age not stated

[Start of “M” list, consecutive entries]

Mulinix, Archibald

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 16¢

Miller, William

McKenzie, Sarah

“W” Consecutive entries:

Walker, Charles

Wilburn, William

Walker, Anos

Wilburn, Robert

Watts, William

[skip 5]

**White, John** [Big Spr/East R] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 32¢

[skip 5]

Waddle, Robert & Alexandra

**White, John Hunter** [John Jr.] 2 tithes [self & son John?], 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 64¢

**White, Benjamin H.** 2 tithes [self & Cornelius?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 32¢

Waddell, James

[skip 17]

**White, James** [Doe Creek] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 64¢

Williams, “John of Doe Creek”

[about 20 more Williamses, Walkers, etc.]

COMMENT:

- Benjamin H., after his loss of land to Toney in 1808, appears to have bounced between the farms of John Sr. (his proposed father) in Upper Giles and John Jr. of Camping Hollow (his proposed brother).
- Benjamin H. has lost a tithe this year, when there is no new White tithable added to the roll in his own name. Without land for an older-teen son to farm, that son was likely to go out on his own and seek employment from someone who would then include him on their tithable list.

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<sup>52</sup> E. S. Mills, “Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

**1815**

**1815 Land Tax Roll**  
 Certified 27 June 1815

“P” Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
	673a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
“Same with <b>John White</b> ”	95a, \$34, \$.29, <b>Location “not known.”</b> Residence: Wythe Co.

“T” Section

John Toney	Same, as prior year, with addition of 5 lots in Pearisburg
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“W” section

<b>John H White</b> [Camping H] [skip 15]	75a, \$53, \$.40 “on New River joining Joseph Coplea’s Land abt. 10 m. SE”
<b>James White</b> [Salt Pond]	25a, \$13, \$.11 “Salt Pond Mountain joining Bradley’s land abt. 12 m. E’wd”
[Doe Creek]	92a, \$50, \$.42½ “Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E’wd”

**1815 Personal Tax Roll:**  
**District of James McClagherty**  
 Certified 17 June 1815  
 Tithes: White males above 16 years

“I, James McClagherty, Commissioner for the County of Giles do Certify that there is Neither Salt, Lead, Iron, nor Segars Manufactured within the County of Giles; and I also Certify that there is no two wheeled riding Carriages or other Riding Carriages, no toll bridges or Ferries (whose Yearly rent amounts to \$100), no Livery Stables, \_\_\_ [lee? see?] houses, Coal pits, and Printing presses, no Venetian Blinds within the windows of any house, no furniture either in whole or in part of Mahogany that comes under the description of the Act Imposing taxes for the Support of Government Passed December 21<sup>st</sup>. 1814), no Chair, Celeret, side board, Portrait, Picture, Print, or Engraving (under the Description of the above Cited Act), no Piano-forte, Harpsichord, Organ or Harp, no Silver or plated Urn, Coffee or Teapot, Candlestick, Lamp, Chandilier, Epergne, or Girandole, no Cut glass Decanters, Pitcher, Bowel [Bowl], Goblet, waste Bason, stand, or Salver, no Silver Pitcher, Tankard, Cup, Salver, or waiter, no Double cased Gold Watch, no Clock of the Value of \$100, no Grist or Saw Mill whose Yearly Rent amounts to \$100, no Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries, Druggists, or venders of the tickets of any Lottery, no Screws Prize or Press employed in any Manufactory or Stemmary of Tobacco within my District, for which cause I have omitted Collums in this book, for the above mentioned Subjects of Taxation. I have also omitted Collums for the Yearly rent of Mills on account of Most not Exceeding \$100. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1815.”

“M” Consecutive entries:

McKenzie, Isaac  
 McKinny, Joseph  
 Marrs, Archibald  
 McKenzie, Henry

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 2 cattle, 21¢
McComas, David	
Murphy, William	
Martin, John	
McKenzie, William	
Martin, Danie	
Muncey, Tunas, Holten, Jacob, Samuel	
<i>"W" Consecutive entries:</i>	
Walker, James [also Charles & Anos]	
<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	2 tithes [self & Cornelius?], 0 slaves, 5 horses/mules, 9 cattle, \$ <u>1.32</u> ?
Wilburn, Robert, Wm Sr & Jr.	
Woolhart [Wilheit], Joel	
<b>White, John H</b> [Camping H]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 2 cattle, 48¢
[ <i>skip 11</i> ]	
<b>White, John</b> [Sr., Big Sp/East R]	3 tithes [self & _____ & _____], 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33c
<b>White, William</b> [East River]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33¢

COMMENT:

- Note that John White Sr. is no longer taxed adjacent to Benjamin. Instead, he is clustered with a new entry on the Giles Co. tax rolls: William. However, John did not lose a tithe this year.
- No tithe has been dropped from any other White household in the East River area. However, Benjamin did lose a tithe in 1814 that is not otherwise identified.
- The new, third tithe in John Sr.'s household remains unidentified. The 1810 census attributes seven young males to his and Frankey's home. Married in 1792, they should now have sons reaching tithable age.
- James White of Doe Creek appears to be omitted.
- John White Jr. has also lost a tithe. In 1816, his son John would appear in a separate household.

**1816**

**1816 Land Tax Roll**

Certified 25 June 1816 by David French, Clerk  
James McCaugherty [*sic*], Commissioner

"P" Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.25 Residence: Wythe Co. 673a, \$300, \$2.25, " <b>Maple Meadow fork of Cole River</b> 70 m NW, Residence: Wythe Co.
"Same with <b>John White</b> "	95a, \$34, \$.29, <b>Location "not known,"</b> Residence: Wythe Co."

"T" Section

Jonathan Toney	60a, \$22.40, \$.17 "at Toney's Ferry on N River abt. 11 NW"
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“W” section

**John H White** [John Jr.] 99a, \$20, ---, “head of the bear Spring abt. 10 SE”

[skip 15]

**James White** [Salt Pond] 25a, \$13, \$.09¾ “Salt Pond Mountain by Micaijah Bradleys Ld. abt. 12 m. E wd”

[Doe Creek] 92a, \$13.50, \$.10¼ “Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd”

COMMENT:

Re Preston’s land on Cole River: In the late 1780s, one “John White” and John Toney each purchased rights to land on Cole River, being two tracts of a larger survey made to one “John Smith.” John White’s grant was finalized in 1788,<sup>53</sup> John Toney’s in 1794.<sup>54</sup> I have not yet determined the fate of the John White grant or proved that the John White of Cole River was the John White of East River whose family members were close associates of John Toney. The Cole River landowner *could* be the John ‘S’ White who has left Little Sugar Run.

Maple Meadow Fork of Cole River ended up in Logan County (now WV) when that county was created in 1824. In 1825, a petition was filed by Benjamin and Thomas Smith to have the Logan County seat moved to Huff Creek’s fork at the Guyandotte River on acreage surveyed in 1795 for Gordon Cloyd of Montgomery. Amid the wranglings created by that petition, William Preston’s brother James P. Preston governor of Virginia, 1816–19), made an affidavit that tells us more about the Maple Meadow area:

“Having been solicited to make a statement on my own knowledge and impressions respecting the general character of the eastern end of Logan County, and particularly of the lands called the Marshes of Coal River, and the adjacent Country, I will do so, but will for reasons which must be apparent decline giving opinion, lest they should be exposed to the charge of being influenced or warped by interest. I will therefore confine myself to such facts as may be supposed to aid in the correct adjustment of a question which involves the interest and convenience of others who may feel themselves more deeply concerned than I do.

“The land called the Maple Meadows of Coal belong to me. Fifteen years ago I made a sale, at four dollars per acre. The contract was made void by mutual consent. I have laterly had frequent applications to sell those lands. I have had but a limited view of the Country, but as far as I have seen it, I know from the nature of the soil tho not very rich, it is well suited to the cultivation of grass & meadows and the raising of cattle and other stocks. It is known to produce small grain successfully. It is comparatively level and will admit of a tolerable dense population.

“By a reference to the Registers Office the fact I presume will appear that those lands, and that part of the Country were the first located and patented, by those who were judging from their own knowledge and view, and were choosing & selecting the best from the

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<sup>53</sup> “Land Office Patents & Grants,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com> 2019); citing Land Office Grants No. 17 (1788), pp. 421–22.

<sup>54</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 17 (1788): 421; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image\\_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 5 October 2019).

whole Country then unappropriated. It is remarkable well watered as far as my observation has extended. [Signed] James P. Preston, Richmond, 9<sup>th</sup> January 1826.”<sup>55</sup>

**1816 Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 25 June 1816

Tithables: White males over 16

“C” Consecutive entries:

Conner, John	1 tithe, 2 horse, \$.18	5 March
Clay, Mitchel		6 March
Cooper, Joconias		7 March
Caperton, Hugh	[across New River from Toney’s Ferry; two dtrs. m. Toney sons]	8 March
Crawford, Zachariah	1 tithe, 1 horse, \$.18	“

COMMENT:

- **John Conner**, on 15 May 1816 [sic], signed a 7-year lease contract with John Toney, using **William Mills** as witness.<sup>56</sup>
- **Zachariah Crawford**, on 15 May 1817 [sic], signed a 7-year lease contract with John Toney, using **William Mills** as witness.<sup>57</sup>

“M” Consecutive entries:

Marrs, John		
Mannon, John		
Mongold, John		
<b>McKinney, Joseph</b>	[daughter Micky in 1821 married James White, proposed son of Benjamin] <sup>58</sup>	
Mller, William		
McKinzie, Daniel		
McKinzie Sarah		
McCommas, James		
Murphey, William		
Maxey, Elizabeth		
Mangold, Michael		
<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ [cattle are not taxed this year]	
Muncey, Jacob		
Muncey, Holton		

“W” Consecutive entries:

<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	2 tithes [self & William], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	26 Feb
<b>White, John Jr.</b>	[s. of above]	1 tithe	26 Feb.
Weatherholt, John			
Watts, William			
Wilburn, William Jr.			

<sup>55</sup> “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), images 26–27, Record No. 000599516, Accession Number 36121, Box 141, Folder 5.

<sup>56</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 85; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 007894524.

<sup>57</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 84–85.

<sup>58</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1821, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 40 of 821.

<b>White, Cornelias</b> [East R]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	29 Feb <sup>59</sup>
<b>White, William</b> [East R]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18c	29 Feb <sup>56</sup>
Wilson, William Jr		
Wilson, Jinny		
Wilburn, Robert		
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.; Big Spr, East R]	3 tithes [self, _____? & _____? ], 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	
<b>White, Benjamin</b> [East R]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 54¢	
Walker, Anos		
Walker, John		
[skip 27]		
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢	
Watters, William		

COMMENT:

- Benjamin [Benjamin H.] has lost a tithe in this year 1816, when Cornelius is added to the rolls. John has not lost any tithes from the prior year. This reinforces other evidence suggesting that Cornelius was a son of Benjamin and Ann (Goodwin) White.
- No other new young man has been added to the roll this year who might be Benjamin's missing tithe. Note that in 1817 a new tithe (James) is coupled with Benjamin although Benjamin's household did not lose a tithe. It's possible that James went on his own as soon as he reached tithable age and thus was not charged to Benjamin that year.
- Robert *Wilborn*, the adjacent neighbor to John Sr., was a near neighbor of **John Toney** in 1818, as per the road order below:

**2 JULY 1818**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"On application of **James McClaugherty**, surveyor of the road from the ford of East river near **Toney's Mill** to the Limestone branch in **Cavender's bottom**. It is ordered that he have all the hands on that side of N River including from **Jacharias Cooper** including his farm up to **Robert Wilberns** platation [*sic*] Except one hand of **John Toney**s to keep the Same in Repair."

- "Anos Walker," cited immediately after John and Benjamin, was Chrystianos Walker. On 30 January 1816, "Chryspyanos Walker" filed his land entry for 100 acres on the South side of Richland Creek, beginning at William Walkers old house on Richland Creek, adjoining **John Toney's back line**.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> By bond dated 25 May 1816, Cornelius married Polly Garrison. By bond dated 2 December 1816, William married Editha White, the apparent daughter of Benjamin and Ann. See Giles Co., Register of Marriages (1806–1870): 26; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 7490220. Cornelius, William, and Editha were all of full legal age at the time of their marriages. Cornelius and William, who settled together, appear to be brothers-in-law.

For the proof argument re Editha's parents, see "Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney," 8 February 2020, pp. 56–57; archived at *Historic Pathways.com* under the "Research" tab.

<sup>60</sup> Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 2 (1815–1853): 22; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 8745638 (item 2).

**1817**

**1817 Land Tax Roll**  
 Certified 23 June 1817

**[Compiler not identified]**

“P” Section

William Preston                      673a, ---, ---, “on the Mash fork Cole River 70 m NW  
**Residence: “Ohio Kentucky.”**

“W” section

**John H White**                      79a “near Bare Spring SE 10”

[skip 15]

**James White** [Doe Cr]            25a “Salt Pond E 12”  
**25a** “Salt Pond E12”

**Elijah Peters’ Land Book**

“P” Section

William Preston                      500a, \$300, \$2.25 location “not known”  
    673a, \$300, \$2.25 “on the Maple Meadows fork of Cole River 70 NW  
 “With **John White**”                95a, \$34, \$.25, location “not known”  
 Residence: Ohio

“W” section

**John H White**                      79a “near Bare Spring SE 10”

[skip 15]

**James White** [Doe Cr]            25a, \$13, \$.10 “Salt Pond E 12”  
**25a**, \$13.50, \$.21 “adjoining the same”

**COMMENT:**

The data overlaps between these two tax books; but note the difference in residence assigned to William Preston between one and the other.

**1817 Personal Tax Roll**

24 June 1817 by Elijah Peters, Commissioner  
 Certified 5 October 1817 by David French, Clerk  
 Tithables: White males over 16

“C” section

Crawford, Zachariah                      1 tithe    11 Mar

**COMMENT:**

I did not find John Conner on this 1817 roll.

“M” Consecutive:

McNeeley, James

McDaniel, Joseph  
 Murphy, William  
 McComas, James

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢

McClagherty James  
 McKiney, Joseph  
 Maxey, Elizabeth

[skip 3]

Muncey, Holton, etc.

*“W” Consecutive entries:*

**White, Cornelius** [East R] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 10 Mar

**White, John** [Sr., Big Sp, East R] 4 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 38¢ 11 Mar

**White, William** [same] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 11 Mar

Wilson, William Jr

Wilson, William Sr

Wilson, Andrew

Wilson, Jane

**White, Benjamin** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 13 Mar

**White, James** [s of Benj.] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 13 Mar

Walker, Charles

Wilbern, William Jr.

Wray, Hambleton

Waddle, James, Alexander, Alba

Waddle, Robert

**White, John “H”** [Bear Spr] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 25 Mar

**White, Thomas** [s of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 25 Mar

Wilbern, William Sr.

Walker, James

Williams, Abraham

Watts, William

Wydoss, Thomas

Williams, John, Andrew, Jeremiah, Joseph

**White, James H** [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢ 7 Apr

Williams, Hugh

COMMENT:

- John White Sr. and Frankey appear to now have three sons of tithable age. None has been positively identified and the tax rolls of this period do not suggest their identity.
- Note the position of James who submitted his list of taxables on the same day as Benjamin. Neither Benjamin nor John has lost a tithe since 2015. However, Benjamin’s horse/mule count has dropped from 3 to 1. If James is Benjamin’s son, then he is just 16–18, given that this is the first time he is taxed.
- This James married Meeky McKinney in 1821 and died in late 1827, leaving property that was purchased at estate sale in early 1828 by Samuel Mills, Samuel’s son David Mills, and four Whites: Cornelius (son of Benjamin), and William (son or son-in-law of Benjamin) and Reubin and Thomas (apparent sons of John Sr.)
- This is the first year that there have been two Jameses on the tax roll. Note the addition of the “H” to the name of the older James of Doe Creek to distinguish him from the newly added James.

**1818**

**1818 Land Tax Roll**  
 Certified 30 June 1818

William Preston: Same data as 1817  
 Preston & **White**: Same data as 1817  
**John H White**: His 99 acres is said to be 10 miles SE “near the head of Bare Spring”  
**James White** [Doe Cr.] His data is the same

Two new White entries:

**White, Cornelius** 120a \$43, \$.33 “on E. River Joining Peashure [pasture] land 20 NW Deeded by Wm. \_\_\_\_\_ Monty & Co.”  
**White, Benjamin H.** 388a \$200, \$1.50 “Christians fork of Brush Cr. by Toney’s L[and] 25 NW, deeded by Benja. Stuarts Exrs.”  
 248a, \$140, \$1.13 Sd fork near the same, deeded by same

COMMENT:

- On 2 November 1816 and 26 July 1817, “Benjamin White” bought two tracts on Christians Fork of Brush Creek, east side, from the estate of Benjamin Stuart, Dec’d.<sup>61</sup> In September 1818, he and “John White,” apparently John Sr., petitioned the county court for an alteration of the road from “Five Mile Fork of East River to the poney Crossing on Brush Creek. Neighbors James and John McClaugherty and Robert Wilson were appointed to view the proposed alteration and submit an opinion to the court.<sup>62</sup> (While Benjamin almost certainly had a son John, that John was too young in 1818 to sign such a petition.)
- On 25 November 1817, Cornelius purchased 127 acres “on East River at mouth of Harmon’s Branch,” from Travis Stowers, adjacent to Richard Blankenship and Cornelius’s father-in-law William Garrison. See Map 2.

**1818 Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 25 June 1818 by David French, Clerk  
 Certified 30 June 1818 by Thomas Kirk, Commissioner  
 Tithables: White males over 16

[Only some entries are dated]

*“M” Consecutive entries:*

McNeeley, James  
 McDanold, Joseph  
 Murphy, William  
 McComas, James

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢

<sup>61</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17, 28–29.

<sup>62</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

McClagherty James  
 McKinney, Joseph [on original land claim of Benj White; dau. Micky m. 1821 James White]  
 Maxey, Elizabeth  
 [skip 3]  
 Muncey, Holton, etc.

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Walker, Anos [Enos]  
 Williams, Larkin C.B.  
 Wadkins, Benjamin  
 Williams, Richard  
 Wilson, Anthony  
 Walker, Oliver  
 Walker, George  
 Walls, William  
**White, Cornelius** [Harmons, East R] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 20 Mar  
**White, John Sr.** [Big Spr, East R] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢ 22 Mar  
**White, William** [East River] 1 tithe 23 Mar  
 Wilson, William Jr  
 Wilson, William Sr  
 Wilson, Andrew  
 Wilson, Jane  
**White, Benjamin H.** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 24 Mar  
 Walker, Charles  
 Wilborn, William Jr.  
 Waddle, James, Alexander, Abby J  
 Waddle, Robert  
**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 24 Apr  
**White, Thomas** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 24 Apr  
 William Wilborn Sr.  
 Walker, James  
 Williams, Abraham  
 Watts, William  
 Williams, John  
 Williams, Andrew  
 Williams, Hugh  
 Williams, Jeremiah  
 Williams, Joseph  
**White, James** [Doe Creek] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 6 horses or mules, \$1.08 24 Apr  
 Williams, George Jr.  
 [skip 26]  
 Wray, Daniel  
**White, William Jr.?** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 11 Feb  
**White, John, "son of Jack"** [s. of John H] 1 tithe  
**Wiley, Robert** 1 tithe

COMMENT:

- John White Sr. has lost a tithe since 1817. No new White male is added to the list.
- The James who came onto the roll with Benjamin in 1817 is no longer taxed. He has not returned to the household of Benjamin H.
- "Jack" White would be John H White, coupled with John H's proved son William.

Re Robert Wiley:

- William Mills-Witt of Franklin County (and Giles 1816) gave the name “Robert Wiley” to a son born c1824.
- “Robert Wiley” references have been found in Giles (an 1822 lawsuit against Pleasant Webb of lower Giles, who sold land in 1825 to Jacob White, son of James),<sup>63</sup> Monroe (petitions 1800–29), Botetourt (1811 tax roll; 1821–28 tax roll; 1820 and 1830 censuses), Cabell (1829 petition), and Montgomery (1822 tax roll). In 1830 William Wiley Sr. resided on land along New River that was “part of a tract granted to Robert Wiley Senior.”<sup>64</sup>

**1819**

**1819 Land Tax Roll**  
Certified 1 June 1819

William Preston:	Same data as 1818
Preston & <b>White</b> :	Same data as 1818
<b>John H White</b> :	Same data as 1818
<b>James White</b> :	Same data as 1818
<b>Cornelius White</b> :	Same data as 1818
<b>Benjamin White</b> :	Same data as 1818

**1819 Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 1 July 1819  
Tithables: White males over 16

*“M” Consecutive order:*

Maxey, Elizabeth  
 Miller, William  
 McLaugherty, James  
 Marris, Nathan  
 [skip 13]  
 Munsey, Tunis  
 Mannon, John Jr.  
 Martain, John  
 Miller, Charles  
 Mustard, James  
**Mills, Samuel**  
 McKenzie, Alexander  
 McKenzie, Sally  
 [etc.]

1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 21 Mar

<sup>63</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book, 1817–1822, unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 375.

<sup>64</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 680–81.

*“W” Consecutive entries:*

Walker, George			
Watts, William			25 Feb
<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[Harmons Br, East R]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	25 Feb
<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	[Brush Cr, East R]	2 tithes [self & James?], 1 horse, 18¢	3 Mar
Walker, John			
Walker, Eanos			
<b>White, John</b>	[Sr.; now on Brush Cr, East R]	4 tithes [self, _____?, Thos, & Reuben?, 3 horses, 54¢	5 Mar
<b>White, John Jr.</b>	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Mar
<b>White, William</b>	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 2 horses, 36¢	5 Mar
Wilson, Jane			
Wilson Andrew			
Wilson, William Jr			
Wilson, William Sr			
[skip 19]			
Williams, George Jr.			
Williams, George Sr.			
Williams, Henry			
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Creek]	2 tithes [self & Adam], 4 horses, 72¢	23 Mar
[skip 15 Williamses, Walkers, Wilburns, Woods & Waddles]			
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr, s. of John H]	1 tithe, 2 horses	5 Apr
Walker, James			
Wilbourn Stephen			
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	2 tithes [self & Accles or David], 2 horses, 36¢	5 Apr
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[son of John H]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Apr
<b>White, John</b>	[prev. called “son of Jack”]	1 tithe	5 Apr
Wilborn, William Sr.			

COMMENT:

Four John Whites are now adult tithables:

- John Sr., now at Brush Creek, with apparent grandsons William and John “Jr.”
- John “Jr.” of Brush Creek is named in the 1819 title-clearance deed by Christian Peters, “John White Senr.,” James White, William White, and Samuel Mills. Tax roll groupings and census data suggests this John of Brush Creek was a son of Benjamin H., brother of James of Brush Creek and Cornelius of Harmon’s Branch, and brother or brother-in-law to William of Brush Creek.<sup>65</sup>
- John H., aka “Jack,” formerly John Jr., at Bear Spring with grown sons
- John, son of John H.

Two Williams are now present in Giles:

- William in the Brush Creek neighborhood of John Sr., Benjamin H., and the new “John Jr.”
- William in the Bear Spring neighborhood of John H (aka “Jack”) and his sons Thomas and John is said to be John’s son in John’s deed of 25 April 1822 (Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391).

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<sup>65</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67; Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

**1820**

**1820 Land Tax Roll**

Certified 1 July 1820

Tithables: White males above 16

William Preston: Now said to be in Kentucky. Taxed on

- 673 acres on Cole River
- 500 acres, no locale
- 95 acres, no locale [*reference to co-owner John White is now dropped*]

**John H White:** Same data as 1819

**James White:** Same data as 1819

**Cornelius White:** Same data as 1819

**Benjamin White:** Not taxed on land [Also dropped from personal-tax roll. He sold both Brush Creek tracts in 1819<sup>66</sup>]

**1820 Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 5 June 1820

*"M" Consecutive entries:*

Miller, William

[*skip about 20*]

McDonald, Stephen 14 Mar

McDonald, Edward 14 Mar

McDonald, Joseph 14 Mar

**Mills, Samuel** [East R/Mills Valley] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 14 Mar

Mullins, John 20 Mar

Mannon, John Jr

Mustard, James

Miller, Charles

[*skip 4*]

McComas, David

Melvin, Hezekiah

Marrs, Archibald

Marrs, Andrew

Marr, Hugh

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Wilson, William

Wilson, Andrew

Walker, Eanos

**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 4 Mar

**White, John** [Sr.] [Brush Cr] 3 tithes [self, Thos? & Reuben?] 4 Mar

0 slaves, 1 horse/mule, 18¢ 4 Mar

**White, James B.C'** [Brush Cr.] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 4 Mar

<sup>66</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

[skip 10]

Walker, George  
 Watts, William 11 Mar  
**White, Cornelius** [Harmons, East R] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 11 Mar

[skip 15 Woods, Waddells, Wilbourns]

**White, James** D. Cr [Doe Cr.] 2 tithes [self, Adam], 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 90¢ 20 Mar

[skip 20, Webbs, Wilbourns, Walkers, Williams, etc.]

**White, John Hunt**<sup>r</sup> [Bear Spr] 1 tithe 4 Apr  
**White, William** [son of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr  
**White, John Junr.** [son of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr  
**White, Thomas** [son of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr

Wray, Daniel  
 Webb, George  
 Williams, George

COMMENT:

- Benjamin H. has dropped from the tithable list, after selling his Brush Creek property in 1819 with wife “Nancy.”<sup>67</sup> He appears this year on the 1820 census of Cabell Co.
- James of Brush Creek should be Benjamin H.’s son. He would marry Micky McKinney in June 1821. At his death in 1828, the administrators of his estate were William (the son or son-in-law of Benjamin) and Cornelius (proposed son of Benjamin).
- Cornelius has no taxpayer John coupled with him. However, the semi-alphabetized 1820 census places a John White household adjacent to Cornelius, suggesting relative proximity.
- Thomas White, who came onto the roll in his own name in 1822 when John Sr. was dropped, is said to be aged 66 on the 1 June 1870 census of Mercer. If accurate, that places his birth between 2 June 1803 and 1 June 1804. He would be 16 in this year (for which the minimum tithable age is not stated on the roll).

**1821**

**1821 Land Tax Roll**  
 Certified 26 June 1821

William Preston: Same data  
**John H White:** Same data but name is now rendered as “John White H”  
**James White:** Same data  
**Cornelius White:** Same data  
**Benjamin White:** Not listed  
**Samuel Mills:** Still isn’t listed.

COMMENT:

There seems to be a pattern in Giles whereby newly opened lands did not go onto the tax rolls until three or four years after they were titled. TO DO: Check the law on this point.

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<sup>67</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89, 103.

**1821 Personal Tax Roll**  
 Certified 31 July 1821  
 Tithables: White males 16 and over

*"M" Consecutive:*

McKenzie, Daniel		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢	
McKinney, Joseph		2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢	
<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	[East Riv Mtn]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	[n.d.]
Mullins, James		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	
Meadoes, Jacob		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	
Martin, Guidian			
Meadows, George			
Meadows, William Jr.			

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Walker, George			
Walker, John			
Walker, Eanoss			
<b>White, William</b>	[husb. of Editha]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	[n.d.]
<b>White, Neeley</b>	[Cornelius of Benj]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢	[n.d.]
<b>White, John</b> B.C <sup>r</sup>	[Sr.]	3 tithes [self, Thomas? & _____?], 0 slaves, 2 horses/mules, 27¢	[n.d.]
<b>White, James</b> B.C <sup>r</sup>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢	
<b>White, John</b>	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢	
Wilbourn, Robert			
Wilson, Andrew			
Williams, Larkin			
Wilson, William			
Walker, Charles			
Wilson, Harry			
Waddle, Alexander			
Waddle, Alba			
Waddle, James			

[skip 12 Waddles, Wilburns, Walkers, Williams]

Williams, Andrew			
<b>White, James</b> D. C <sup>r</sup>	[Doe Cr]	3 tithes [self, Adam & Jacob], 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢	14 Apr

Williams, George Jr.

[skip 12]

Webb, Stephen			
<b>White, John H</b>		2 tithes [self & Accles or David], 0 slaves, 2 horses, 27¢	21 Apr
<b>White, John J son</b>	[son of John H]	1 tithe	21 Apr

COMMENT:

Some of these tax rolls present the given name first, then surname. Some reverse the names. For consistency, this set of notes puts surname first. However, in the case of John (Hunter) White, the inversion does not clearly convey what is represented. H is rarely used for him as a middle name. Instead it is an appendage following his surname, as with the "B. C<sup>r</sup>," "D. C<sup>r</sup>," and "J son" used for other Whites.

Note that the above list explicitly places the old John on “B.C” where Benjamin H. had previously lived and where Benjamin H.’s apparent son James (John Sr.’s proposed grandson) acquired land. In fact, on this list John is flanked by four proposed grandchildren—i.e., three sons of Benjamin and a fourth, William, who (from known evidence) could be Benjamin’s son or son-in-law.<sup>68</sup> The nonlandowning offspring in this cluster were likely helping to farm his land, given his advanced age.

**1822**

**1822 Land Tax Roll**  
Certified 24 June 1822

William Preston:	Same data as 1821
<b>John H White:</b>	90a "near the Bear Spring SE 10" 65a "On the Bear Spring, SE 10" 80a "On the same" SE 10, "Deeded by E. Morgan"
<b>James White:</b>	Same data as 1821
<b>Cornelius White:</b>	Same data as 1821
<b>Benjamin White:</b>	Not listed
<b>Samuel Mills:</b>	Still not listed.

COMMENT:

On 25 September 1821 John White of Bear Spring (now calling himself “John White *Seigneur*” purchased two tracts from Edmund Morgan, 65 acres and 80 acres. When he could not pay the notes as they came due, Morgan sued, John was imprisoned for debt, and the land was sold by the sheriff at a discounted rate to clear part of the debt. In the course of that litigation John tried to protect two of his tracts by deeding the land to his “son William White” and to one Hannah White. The court accepted the sale to “son William” but required Hannah, along with John and wife Nancy, to execute a deed selling Hannah’s tract Hannah’s relationship is not stated. No husband authorized her action, suggesting that she was a widow or a *sole feme*.<sup>69</sup>

**1822 Personal tax roll**  
Certified 24 June 1822

Tithables: White males 16 and over

“M” Consecutive entries:

Maxy, John	
Maxy Thomas	
Maxy, Josian	
McKenzie, Alexander	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5c
McKinney, Joseph	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 67.5c

<sup>68</sup> For the ambiguous parentage of William White and his wife Editha née White, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney Families,” report to file 8 february 2020 (updated 20 December 2020), under comments on the 1810 census.

<sup>69</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–29, 389–91, 421–25. Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1817–1822, unnumbered page; imaged as FamilySearch digital film 008151679 > images 338, 340.

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slave, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢ [1<sup>st</sup> taxation on land]  
 Medder, Jacob 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 13.5¢  
 Martin, Guidian 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢  
 Meadder, George  
 Meadder, William

*“W” Consecutive entries:*

Walker, John

**White, William (B. Spring)** 1 tithe [William of Bear Springs, son of John H.]

Walker, Charles  
 Waddle, Alexander  
 Wilmore, Thomas  
 Waddle, Alby  
 Waddle, James  
 Wilbourn, William  
 [skip 12]

**White, James “D. Creek”** 3 tithes [self, Adam & Jacob], 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢  
 Williams, George Jr.

[skip 14]

Webb, Stephen

**White, John “(Hunter)”** [Bear Spr.] 3 tithes [self, Accles & David], 0 slaves 1 horse or mule, 12.5¢

**White, John Junr.** [s. of John H.] 1 tithe

**White, Thomas** [s. of John H.] 1 tithe

Wray, Daniel

[skip 7]

Watts, Polly 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

[skip 8]

Walker, Enos

**White, Cornelius** [Harmon’s Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

Wilson, Andrew

**White, John (B. Creek)** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢ [son of Benj?]

**White, James (same)** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5 [son of Benj?]

Williams, Larken

Wilbourn, Robert

Wilson, William

William, Wilson Junr.

**White, Major** 1 tithe [apparently of Cabell, as is the new James below]

Willis, James

Williams, John (Cole C)

Wall, Frances (Guyan)

**White, James (same)** [Guyandotte R.] 1 tithe

Walker, John

**White, William (B. Creek)** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

**White, Thomas (same)** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢ [Brush Creek]

COMMENT:

- The John White of Brush Creek should be the son of Benjamin, brother to James who is coupled with him.
- John White Sr. has been dropped from the list.
- Two new, propertyless Whites are added this year: Major and Thomas.

- Thomas appears to be one of the two tithables charged to John Sr. in 1821. He would remain in Giles until Mercer County was cut away in 1837.<sup>70</sup>
- This Major White is not taxed in Giles after this point. His name and 1830 census data suggests that he belongs to the marriage of John ‘S’ White and Susannah Marcum, sister of Major Marcum who served as their bondsman. The 1830 census places him in **Logan County**, as a male 20–29, with an apparent wife and four children.<sup>71</sup> The only candidate for him in 1850 *seems* to be the 53-year-old Major White, born Virginia, enumerated on the 1850 census of **Shelby County, Indiana**, at the end of the the household of John Perdew (41, b. Ky.), wife Nancy (40, b. Ky.), and children Ruth Ann, John H., Benjamin, Tharila E., George, and William A.<sup>72</sup> The Purdew association echoes the Perdue associations and intermarriages of this Mills-White family in Giles and Mercer Co.
- “James White (same)” [referring to an entry before him for a taxpayer on the Guyandotte], should be the man who, on 25 April 1810 in Cabell County, bought 300 acres on Guyandotte River from Henry Farler and wife Sally.<sup>73</sup> The 1809 and 1810 tax rolls of Cabell show three Whites in the county: John, James, and Benjn., listed consecutively. In 1811, that James witnessed a deed in Cabell for land on Guyandotte being purchased by James “Beis” [Bias?] and Ezekiel Smith; other witnesses were Henry Farley and Peter Dingess of Giles.

Regarding this James White of Cabell:

- 1812: He and “Benjamin” are on the Cabell tax list, John is not.
- 1813: Benjamin is the only White taxed in Cabell. Meanwhile “Benjamin H” is taxed in Giles. This Benjamin of Cabell 1809–13 is a different man.
- 1820: James White of Cabell sold to William White of Cabell a tract of Cabell land for 1 cent, with Wm. Toney as witness.
- 1823: Henry Farley Jr. sold “Benjamin White” 50 acres on Big Pigeon Creek of Sandy, using Justice Peter Dingess.

The Farley (aka Farler) family in the 1790s owned land on Sugar Run of Walker Creek—a neighbor of John ‘S’ White. Peter Dingess Sr. (d. 1809) and his son Charles were East River neighbors and associates of John Toney and Benjamin H. White. In fact, Charles appears to have fathered a daughter by Benjamin H.’s daughter Elizabeth.<sup>74</sup>

COMMENT:

For want of time on this research trip, I could not continue land tax research past 1822.

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<sup>70</sup> In 1870 Thomas White, age 66, was living one house from Cornelius White, age 77. See 1870 U.S. census, Mercer Co., WV, East River Township, p. 12, dwelling/family 81/81 (Cornelius) and 83/83 (Thomas). Also 1860 U.S. census, Mercer Co., VA, “My Division” p. 87, places Thomas and apparent wife Polly at dwell./family 599/366, while Cornelius is in the same division, p. 71, dwell./fam. 487/459 (with Polly 59, Henry M. 18, and Elizabeth V. 10) enumerated adjacent to Cornelius’s apparent son Harman, aged 34. Jacob Conner, aged 71 (also of Montgomery > Giles), is on the other side of Cornelius.

<sup>71</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Logan Co., VA, p. 286, in this sequence (starting with line 1): Isaac Workman, John White Jr., Jacob Watts, John White Sr., Robert Whitt, Charles White, William White, James White, John White, Arthur White, Benjamin White, Benjamin Williamson Sr. and Jr., Elizabeth Wallace, William Walker, James White, Major White, Charles White.

<sup>72</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Shelby Co., IN, pop. sch., Liberty Township, p. 313 (stamped), dwelling 29, family 30. Also see 1840 U.S. census, Shelby Co., IN, Liberty Township, p. 567, line 24; near neighbors are McKinneys and Peaks, both family names found in Giles Co.

<sup>73</sup> Carrie Eldridge, *Cabell County (W) Virginia: Abstracts of Deed Book 1: 1808–1814* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1996), 4; citing DB 1:43.

<sup>74</sup> The daughter is acknowledged in Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 480–81. See also the related records and analyses in “Mills & Associates; Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney,” 8 February 2020.

TO DO:

Finish the land-tax research on the next trip to the Library of Virginia. Specifically try to identify the heir or purchaser who paid tax on John Sr.'s Brush Creek land.

1823

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 30 September 1823

Tithables: white males 16 and over

*"M" Consecutive:*

Mannon, John Jr.		1 tithe
Mannon, Andrew		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢
<b>Mills, Samuel</b>		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢
McKenzie, Alexander		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢
Maxy, Thomas		
Miller, William		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢
McKenzie, Daniel		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Williams, George		
Williams, James		
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	3 tithes [self, Adam & Jacob], 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 60¢
Williams, Joseph		
Williams, Jeremiah		

*[skip 17, Williams, Walker, Wilbourn, etc.]*

Waddle, Alexander		
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Sp]	3 tithes [self, Accles & David]
<b>White, John</b>	[s of John H]	1 tithe
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[s of John H]	1 tithe
<b>White, William</b>	[s of John H]	1 tithe
Wilbourn, Robert		
<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[Harmons Br]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
<b>White, William (BC)</b>	[Br Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢
<b>White, James</b>	[Brush & 5-Mile Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢
Walker, Eanos		
Walker, John		

COMMENT:

- The roll no longer carries a John in the Brush Creek area.
- John H has no property to tax as a result of his imprisonment for debt and the seizure of his property in 1822.
- James's land appears to have been bounded by Brush Creek on one side and Five Mile Fork on the other. The 1827 tax roll clearly states that James was on "B.C." (the clerk's abbreviation for

Brush Creek). James then died before the next tax roll. In 1830, the land speculator James T. Watson of New York City made a land title out to James' three minor children saying the land lay on "Five Mile fork of East River adjoining the land on which the said James White deceased did live." See Giles Co. Deed Book C:689-91. Brush Creek and Five-Mile appear to come together near James' land.

- This Thomas of Brush Creek should be a son of John Sr. and Frankey.

**1824**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 29 June 1824

Tithables: White males above 16

*"M" Consecutive entries:*

Mares, Nathan  
 Mullins, John  
 McClaugherty  
 Medder, Ephrem  
 Medder, Jordan  
 Meder [sic], Jacob Senr.

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slave, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

Mullins, James  
 McKenzie, Alexander

**McKinney, Joseph** [on land whose rights were sold to Benj. White c1799 by Cloyd]

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Waddle, Ablin J  
 Waddle, James  
 Waddle, Alexander

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 3 tithes [self, Accles, David]

**White, John Junr.** [son of John H] 1 tithe

**White, William** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, Thomas** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Williams, George

[skip 21]

Williams, Henry

Walker, William

Williams, Jeremiah

**White, James (D. C')** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

**White, Adam** [son of James] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, Jacob** [son of James] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Williams, Joseph

Williams, Elitia

[skip 13 Williams, Webb, Wilson, Wilbourn & "Carancan" Wiley]

Wilson, Andrew

**White, William** [Harmons?] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢

**White, Cornelius** [Harmons Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, James** [Brush & 5-Mile] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

**White, Thomas** [Brush, East R.?] 1 tithe [possibly on land left by John Sr.]  
 Willbourn, William  
 Wilbourn, William Senr.  
 Wilbourn, Richard  
 Wilbourn, Stephen

**1825**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 7 October 1825

Tithables: White males over 16

*"M" Consecutive:*

Maxwell, Thomas  
 Maxey, Thomas  
 Maxey, Josiah  
 Mullins, James  
 McKenzie, Alexander  
 McKiney, Joseph

**Mills, Samuel** [Mills Vall. off East R Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

McCo\_\_\_\_\_, Lorenzo  
 McComm\_\_\_\_\_, Dennis  
 Mare, Nathaniel  
 McClaugherty, John  
 Moser, Francis  
 [etc.]

*"W" Consecutive entries:*

Wilson, Ann  
 Woodard, John  
 Walker, John  
 Walker, Chrispianon  
 Wray, Solomon

**White, Cornelius** [Harmons Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Walker, Chrispianous  
 Williams, Lisha

[skip 11]

Williams, Eleanor

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 3 tithes [self, Adam? & Jacob?], 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 50¢

Williams, Joseph  
 Williams Hugh

[skip 12 Williams & Wilsons]

**White, William** [Bear Spr] 1 tithe, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

**White, Thomas** [Bear Spr] 1 tithe, horse or mule, 12¢

**White, John** [Bear Spr] 1 tithe

William Wilson Jur.  
 Wilbern, Stephen

[skip 6 Williams & Wilburns etc.]

Wilson?, Richard

**White, John Jr.** [Bear Sp; s. of John H] 3 tithes [self, Accles? & David?], 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Waddle, Alexander

Woodrow, John

Williams, Larkin

Wiley, Reuben

**White, James** [5-Mile & Brush] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

Walker, Thomas

Waddle, James

[skip 6]

Wilbern, Rheuben

**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

[end of roll]

COMMENT:

Thomas of Brush Creek is dropped. He and the younger John (apparent son of Benjamin) would both be back in 1826.

1826

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 29–30 August 1826

Philip Peters, Commissioner

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*“M” consecutive entries*

[skip 40]

Mares, Archabald

14 April

Mares, Samuel

“

**Mills, Samuel** [Mills Valley] 2 tithes [self & David?], 3 horses, .36

“

Martin, David

“

Martin, Mary

“

Miller, Tobias

“

Meaders, John

“

[skip 8]

Maxey, Josiah & Thomas

20 April

COMMENT:

Samuel now has a tithable son, apparently. This should be David, who is added adjacent to him on the next year’s tax roll.

*“W” Consecutive entries*

Waddle, Albajance

14 Feb

Waddle, James

“

Waddle, Alexander

17 Feb

**White, John** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

“

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12

“

**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

“

**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 3 horses, .36

“

Williams, Joseph

**White, Cornelius** [Harmons, East R] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12 “  
**White, James** [5-Mile & Brush] 1 tithe, 3 horses, .36 “  
 Wilborn, William [Sr.?  
 Williams, Andrew  
 Wilborn, Reubin

COMMENT:

The second William of the East River & Brush Creek cluster has not been identified. He is not found in subsequent years. Considering that he was only cited as a tithe, on the same day as and adjacent to the 3-horse William, that entry might be a copying error.

[skip 22]

**White, John** [Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 1 horse, .12 6 Mar  
**White, Ake** [Accles] 1 tithe “  
 Williams, Frederick

COMMENT:

Accles was the son of John H. of Bear Springs, with whom he is coupled on those lists of 6 March.

[skip 2]

Williams, Hugh 10 Mar  
 Williams, George Ju<sup>r</sup> “  
**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 tithes [self & Isaac?], 3 horses, .36 “  
**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12 “  
 Williams, Jeremiah “

[skip 3]

Walker, Thomas 15 Mar  
 Wilborn, Reuben “  
 Weldon, Christopher T. “  
**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 2 horses, .24 “  
 Wray, Daniel

COMMENT:

Jacob White should be another son of James White of Doe Creek. He married the previous year<sup>75</sup> and bought land from his father-in-law Pleasant Webb.<sup>76</sup>

1827

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 11 July 1827

Tithes: White males over 16

“M” Consecutive entries

Maxey, Thomas 25 March  
 Maxey, Thomas “  
 Maxey, Josiah “

<sup>75</sup> Giles Co., Register of Marriages (1806–1870): 31. Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1825, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 404 of 821.

<sup>76</sup> Giles Co., Deed Book C: 285.

<b>Mills, Samuel</b> [Mills Valley]	2 whites [self & William], 3 horses, .36	“
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white [son of Samuel, above]	“
McDaniel, John		“
Mahood, Alexander		

COMMENT:

David, as Samuel’s oldest son, should be the young tithable for whom Samuel was charged in 1826, presumably the first tax year after he turned 16. This suggests his birth about 1809–10.

The new tithable in Samuel’s household in this year 1827 should be his son William who is first taxed in his own name in 1828.

“W” Consecutive entries

Wilbern, Stephen		
White, James	2 whites, 2 horses, .24	17 Feb
Walker, Robert		“
Wilbern, Will Senr.		“
[skip 4]		
Williams, Charles		“
<b>White, Cornelius</b> [Harmons]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
<b>White, William</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
<b>White, Thomas</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
<b>White, James B.C.</b> [Brush Cr] <sup>77</sup>	1 white, 2 horses, .24	“
<b>White, Reuben</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
Williams, George	“	
Watts, Christypianos	“	
Watts, Fountain F.	“	
[skip 5]		
Wilbern, Reuben	“	
Woods, William	“	
<b>White, Adam</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
[skip 12, including Larkin Williams]		
Williams, Henry		24 May
<b>White, John</b> [son of John H]	1 white	“
Wray, Daniel	“	
Workman, Joseph	“	
[skip 9]		
Williams, Hugh	“	
<b>White, Jacob</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	“
[skip 19]		
Webb, Stephen		19 May
<b>White, John</b> [H of Bear Spr]	3 whites, 0 horses	“

COMMENT:

Re the Harmons/Brush Creek/East River cluster:

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<sup>77</sup> There is ambiguity in the records as to where James of East River lived at this time. This 1827 tax roll clearly states that James was on “B.C.” (the clerk’s abbreviation for Brush Creek). James then died before the next tax roll. In 1830, the land speculator James T. Watson of New York City made a land title out to James’ three minor children saying the land lay on “Five Mile fork of East River adjoining the land on which the said James White deceased did live.” See Giles Co. Deed Book C:689–91. Brush Creek and Five-Mile appear to come together near James’ land.

- Reuben appears to have been the third tithable in the John White household of 1821. When James of Brush Creek died in 1828, William and Cornelius were appointed administrators of his estate. Thomas and Reuben both bought property from the estate sale, as did Samuel Mills.<sup>78</sup>
- In this year 1827, the above Thomas White—along with an **Isaac White and Wesley White** who are not taxed this year, are named in an *en masse* title clearance given by James Hector to 39 small-scale landowners “in Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties,” who had purchased 1973.5 acres from him “on the north side of Bluestone River.” Other purchasers included **David Mills** (son of Samuel), Blankenships, Workmans, Meadows, Purdues, and Princes (all connected to offspring of John White Sr. and Frankey), as well as *John Conner* and *Zachariah Crawford* (the two men whose 1816 or 1817 land leases from John Toney were witnessed by William Mills of Franklin County).<sup>79</sup> **Neither Isaac nor Wesley appear on the personal tax rolls of Giles**—not this year or later.
- The 1850 and 1860 censuses of Logan County place Wesley White’s birth about 1802 (citing him as “Benjamin W.” in 1850 and “Wesley” in 1860; with same family members). The (undocumented) online trees of descendants identify him as a son of Benjamin and Ann—and the naming patterns for his children suggests that he belongs to them; however, the 1810 Benjamin White census household does not have enough males 0–10 to accommodate Wesley, James, and John, unless a recording error occurred.
- Census data ambiguously supports an assignment of Wesley to Benjamin and Ann.
- Isaac White of the East River region has not been found in any subsequent record of Giles. He should not be confused with Isaac, son of James of Doe Creek.

**1828**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 14 July 1828

Tithes: White males over 16

“M” *Consecutive entries, undated*]

<b>Mills, Samuel</b> [Mills Valley]	1 white, 3 horses, .36
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white
<b>Mills, William</b>	1 white

“W”

[*Consecutive entries; undated, David White’s name leads the “W” list*]

<b>White, David</b>	[s of J H, Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
<b>White, Acles</b>	[s of J H, Bear Spr]	1 white

[*skip 13*]

Webb, Stephen

<b>White, Adam</b>	[s of James; Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[s of James; Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12

<sup>78</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > images 435–36. Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 481–82.

<sup>79</sup> Giles Co., Va, Deed Book C: 414; imaged at *FamilySearch*, from microfilm 31728. DB C does not have its own index.

Webb, George Jr.  
**White, James D.** [Doe Creek] 2 whites [self & Levi?, 3 horses, .36  
 [skip 22]  
 Wade, Lewis  
**White, Cornelious** [Harmons] 1 white, 2 horses, .24  
**White, Reuben** [Harmon or Br C] 1 white, 1 horse, .12  
 Wilson, John, B.C. [Brush Cr]  
 Walker ChristyEanos Jr. 1 white, 5 horses, .60  
 With Benjamin Workman 1 white only  
 Walker, ChrisbyEanos Sr.  
**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .24  
**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .12  
 Wiley, Ranken  
 [skip 8]  
 Woods, William  
**White, Thomas** J<sup>o</sup> son [Bear Spr] 1 white  
**White, John** J<sup>o</sup> son [Bear Spr] 1 white  
 Waddle, Alexander  
 Warden, Thomas  
 Waddell, James  
 [skip 11 to end of list]

COMMENT:

James of Brush Creek, husband of Micky McKinney, has died and is dropped from the tax roll.

1829

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 30 June 1829

Tithes: White males over 12 [sic]

*"M" Consecutive entries*

Mullins, John  
**Mills, Samuel** [Mills Valley] 2 whites, 3 horses, .30  
 Meadows, Ephraim  
 McKenny, Joseph Sr & Jr.  
 Meadows, Adam  
 McPherson, Joseph  
**Mills, David** 1 white  
 Morgan, John

*"W" Consecutive entries*

Pleasant Webb  
 [skip 12]  
 Webb, Alexander  
**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites [self & Isaac?], 2 horses, .20  
**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .20  
 Williams, David  
 Williams, George S

Wingo, John  
 Willson, Lodwick  
 Williams, John (Duke's son)  
**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites [self and Oratio?], 1 horse, .10  
**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white  
**White, John** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
 Webb, William Jr.  
 [skip 35]  
 Wright, Thomas  
**White, William R.** [Brush Cr; son of Benj?] 1 white, 3 horses, .30  
**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr; son of John Sr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
 Walker, Chrispianos  
 Waddle, Alby J.  
 Williams, Jacob  
 Wooldford, Michel  
 Waddle, Alexander  
 Wicklin, John  
**White, Cornelius** [Harmon's Br; s of Ben] 1 white, 2 horses, .20  
**White, Reuben** [Harmon's Br; s of John Sr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
 Wilbourn, Rhueben  
 Wray, Solomon  
 Wilkinson, John  
 Watts, Ruben F.  
 Wiley, Rankin  
 [17 to end of list, including Wileys: William Jr., William, James, Edward, James Jr., Delaney]

COMMENT:

- The extra tithe in the household of James White of Doe Creek appears to be his son **Isaac White** who, on 18 April 1829, m. Catherine Williams, daughter of Joseph Williams. His parents are not named.<sup>80</sup> [Joseph Williams was uncle of the spouses of Adam & Susan White]
- Isaac White, the landowner "north of Bluestone," is not included by name on this 1829 roll, although he appears to have turned 21 by 18 April.
- Joseph Williams has repeatedly been listed consecutively or very close to James White of Doe Creek.
- When Isaac came onto the roll in his own name in 1832, he is listed immediately after James of Doe Creek.
- Note that William of Brush Creek has added a middle initial "R".

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<sup>80</sup> Giles Co., Register of Marriages, 1806–1870, p. 33.

**1830**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 28 June 1830

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*"M" Consecutive entries*

Mullins, John

**Mills, Samuel** [Mills Valley] 2 whites, 4 horses, .32 [self & William]

**Mills, David** 1 white

Meadows, Ephraim

*"W" Consecutive entries*

Wray, Daniel

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 4 horses, .32 [self & Isaac]

**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .16

**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .16

Williams, David

Williams, George S.

Wingo, John

Williams, John (Duke's son)

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .16 [self & Oratio]

**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, John** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .16

Webb, Joseph

[skip 30]

Wright, David

**White, William R** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 3 horses .24

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .08

[skip 6, including Waddle]

Wicklie, John

**White, Reuben** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse. 08

Wilbourn, Reuben

Wray, Solomon

Watts, Reuben F.

Wiley, Rancan

[skip 17, including Wileys]

Wilbourn, Robert

**White, Isaac** [son of James of Doe C] 1 white, 1 horse, .08

COMMENT:

- Cornelius White is dropped this year. In November 1827 he had bought land across the county line in Tazewell at "Mouth of Six or Twelve Mile Creek." In 1829 he sold his Harmons Branch of East River land and moved onto the Tazewell land, where he is enumerated on the 1830

census.<sup>81</sup> In 1834 the Tazewell court nominated him as an appropriate person for county justice.<sup>82</sup>

- This Isaac of Doe Creek should not be confused with the Isaac who was one of 39 landholders between Bluestone and East River whose land titles were cleared in 1829.

TO DO:

Tazewell County’s original records need to be thoroughly mined.

**1831**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 30 June 1831

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

COMMENT:

The order of names under all letters is radically different from the year before.<sup>83</sup>

*“M” consecutive entries*

Martin, John Sen.

<b>Mills, Samuel</b> [Mills Valley]	2 whites [self & Robert], 3 horses, .18
<b>Mills, William</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white

COMMENT:

Samuel’s third son has reached tithable age. This should be Robert, b. 1810–11.

*“W” consecutive entries*

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

**White, Reubin** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wilbern, Robert

Wray, Daniel

Workman, Benjamin 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Workman, Robert 1 white

*[skip 19, mostly Wrays, Wilburns, and Wilsons]*

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12

**White, Aclis** [Bear Spr] 1 white

Williams, Henry

*[skip 6]*

Wingo, John

<sup>81</sup> Giles Co. Deed Book C: 429–30, 624–25.

<sup>82</sup> John Newton Harman Sr., *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia, from 1800 to 1924*, vol. 1, 1800 to 1852 (1922; reprinted Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Co., 1999), 213 (Shadrack) and 234 (Cornelius).

<sup>83</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1831 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

Wingo, \_\_\_ Francis  
**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites [self & Levi?] , 2 horses, .12  
**White, Isaa** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Watts?, Reubin F. 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Williams, John Capt.  
 Webb, Pleasant  
**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Wingo, Walker B.  
 Williams, Nancy (G. Est.)  
 [skip 18]  
 Wilson, James  
**White, Oratio** [Bear Spr] 1 white  
**White, Thomas** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**White, David** [Bear Spr ] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Warden, Thomas  
 Waddle, Alba J.  
 [skip 23, including Wileys, Walkers, Woodrams]  
 Workman, John  
 Wrighte, John  
 Wright, David  
 Wright, Francis Senr.  
 Wilbern, Reubin  
 Wade, Joshua  
**White, William** [Wm R., Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12  
 Wilbern, Lewis  
 [end of W's]

1832

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 28 June 1832

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*"M" consecutive entries*

Meadows, Ephrem  
 Melvin, Kiah  
**Mills, Samuel** [Mills Valley] 3 whites, 2 horses, .12 [self, Robert & Saml Jr.]  
**Mills, William** 1 white  
**Mills, David** 1 white

COMMENT:

The married Robert appears to still be in Samuel's home, with Samuel charged for his tithe.

*"W" consecutive entries*

**White, William** [Wm R., Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Wilbern, Reubin

Wilman [Wilmore?], Thomas  
 Woods, William Jr.  
 Watts, Reuben F.  
 Workman, Benjamin

[skip 5]

Williams, James F.

<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .12	[self & Levi?]
<b>White, Isaac</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	
Williams, Joseph			
<b>White, Adam</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	

[skip 29: Williams, Wingos, Webs, Walkers &c]

Wilson, John

<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white male, 2 horses, .12
<b>White, Aclis</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white male, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Oratio</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white male
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white male, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white male, 2 horses, .12

[skip 30: Wrays, Wrights, Wilberns, Wileys]

<b>White, Reubin</b>	[Brush Cr, East R]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
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Wilbern, Robert

Walker, Enos Jr.

Walker, John

Walker, Enos

Woodram, Arhibad [sic]

Wilson, Lewis

Woodram, John

<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Brush Cr, East R]	1 white male, 1 horse, .06
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[end of W's]

**1833**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 25 June 1833

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*"M" consecutive entries; start of new list date]*

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	2 whites [self & Saml Jr.], 2 horses, .12	4 Mar
<b>Mills, Robert</b>	1 white	4 Mar
<b>Mills, William</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	4 Mar
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white	4 Mar

Meadows, Adam

[skip several dozen]

*"W" consecutive entries*

[skip 14, including Benjamin Workman, Solomon Wray, Stephen Wilbern, Alexander Waddell]

<b>White, Reuben</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	25 Feb
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<b>White, William</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	“
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	“
[skip 14]			
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 whites [self & Levi?], 3 horses, .18	14 March
Williams, Tobias		“	
<b>White, Adam M.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	“
Williams, Jereiah			“
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	“
<b>White, Isaac C.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	“
[skip 12]			
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spring]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	19 March
<b>White, Oratio</b>	[Bear Spring]	1 white	“
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spring]	1 white, 1 horses, .06	“
<b>White, Thomas (Bear Spring)</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 March
Webb, Pleasant		“	
Williams, Jacob “(Dismal)”			“
Waddle, Alba J.		“	
[skip 14]			
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spring]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	16 April
<b>White, Acles</b>	[Bear Spring]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	“
Williams, Henry			
Wisenger, Joseph			
Wingo, John			
[skip 22 to end of W's]			

**1834**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 11 June 1834

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*“M” list, consecutive entries, new names added here at first of list*

McLaugherty, John Jnr.	1 white, 1 slave, 3 horses, .43	6 Feb
<b>Mills, Samuel Jnr.</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	6 Feb

*[no others on list with this date]*

**COMMENT:**

John McLaugherty Sr. married Sally Dingess in 1811. His step-daughter, “Sarah Mills,” who chose him as her guardian in 1824 after her mother’s death, appears to be the natural daughter of Samuel Mills Sr.<sup>84</sup>

*[skip 7]*

<b>Mills, Joseph W.</b>	[Sinking cr]	1 white, 3 horses, .18	17 Feb [only 1 for this day]
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<sup>84</sup> See E. S. Mills, “Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859; Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a working file last updated 5 March 2020, pp. 6–7, esp.; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways*, under the “Research” tab.

[skip 73]

Meadows, Ephrain			22 March
<b>Mills, Samuel Snr.</b> [Mills Valley]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		22 March
<b>Mills, Robert</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06		22 March

COMMENT:

- Samuel Jr. would have been born c1816.
- William Mills, son of Samuel, is now missing.
- Joseph W. Mills is a new resident, who moved in from Henry County according to his descendants. He bought land on Sinking Creek in 1835, adjoining Daniel Tawney, Allen Taylor, Mary Jimes & William Nida.<sup>85</sup>

*"W" consecutive entries:*

Wade, Joshua			
Workman, Benjamin			
Wilbern, Reuben			11 Feb
<b>White, John H.</b> [Bear Spring]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		14 Feb
<b>White, Aclis</b> [Bear Spring]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		
Williams, George H.			

[skip 28]

Waddle, Alexander			
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 4 horses, .24		24 Feb
<b>White, Levi</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white		"
Wright, Francis & John			"
Williams JohnJnr.		"	
Wilson, Edward		"	

[skip 4]

Workman, John			
<b>White, Jacob</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		26 Feb
<b>White, Isaac C.</b> [Doe Cr]	2 white		"
Williams, Josep		"	
Williams, George		"	
<b>White, Adam M.</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		"

[skip 5]

Wingo, John  
Williams, Nancy, Geo. Wid.,

[skip 20]

<b>White, Oratio</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		13 Mar
<b>White, David</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		"
<b>White, Thomas</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		"
<b>White, William</b> [Brush Cr.]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		15 March
<b>White, Thomas</b> (Brush Cr.)	1 white, 1 horse, .06		15 March
Wilbern, Robert			18 Mar
Walker, Crispianos Snr.			21 March
Waler, John (Bluestone)			"
<b>White, Reuben</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06		22 Mar
Wray, Solomon		"	
Wilbern Lewis (East R.)			"

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<sup>85</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 577-78.

**White, William** (Brush Cr.)                      2 whites [self & son?], 3 horses, .18                      28 Mar  
 Wiley, James Jnr.  
 [skip 9 to end of list]

**1835**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 10 June 1835

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*"M" Consecutive entries*

Melvin, Hezekiah		25 February
Moore, Richard		"
McKinney, Joseph		"
<b>Mills, Samuel Snr.</b> [Mills Valley]	2 white [self & Saml Jr.], 1 horse, .06	"
<b>Mills, Robert</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 9]		
Mills, Joseph W.	1 white, 4 horses, .26	
[skip 31]		12 March
McPherson Stephen		28 March
McPherson, Jesse		"
McPherson, Joseph		"
<b>Mills, Samuel Jnr.</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 36 to end of "M" section]		

*"W" Consecutive entries*

<b>White, Thomas</b> [Bear Springs]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	20 Feb
<b>White, David</b> [Bear Springs]	1 white	"
<b>White, William</b> [Bear Springs]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Wilson, Edward W.		21 Feb
<b>White, William (Br. Cr.)</b>	2 whites [self & son?], 5 horses, .30	23 Feb
<b>White, Thomas</b> [Brush Creek]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Wiley, James Snr.		"
Wiley, Delany		"
Walker, Crispianos Snr.		
[skip 4]		
<b>White, Reuben</b> [Brush Creek]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	26 Feb
Wray, Solomon		"
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Creek]	1 white, 6 horses, .36	2 Mar
<b>White, Levi</b> [Doe Creek]	1 white	"
Williams Jeremiah [m. Susan <b>White</b> ] <sup>86</sup>		"

<sup>86</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254, citing Giles Co. bonds. Susan appears to be a daughter of James of Doe Creek, several of whose children married Williamses.

<b>White, Adam M.</b> [Doe Creek]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	“
<b>White, Isaac</b> [Doe Creek]	1 white	“
[skip 15]		
Williams, David		9 March
<b>White, Jacob</b> [Doe Creek]	1 white	“
[skip 16]		
Wilson, Uriah		17 Mar
<b>White, John H.</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	18 Mar
<b>White, Aclis</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	“
<b>White, Rhasa</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	“
Wilborn, Robert		21 Mar
Wilson, Lewis M		23 Mar
Wilson, Ann		“
<b>White, John Jr.</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	“
Wolford, Samuel		“
[skip 22 to end of W list]		

**1836**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 27 June 1836

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*“M” Consecutive entries; skip about 50*

McClagherty, James Sr.	3 whites, 4 slaves over 16, 9 horses, \$1.54	
Melvin, Hezekiah		
<b>Mills, Samuel Senr</b> [Mills Valley]	2 whites, 2 horses, .12	[self & Robert?]
Meadows, Ephraim		
[skip 8]		
Mills, Joseph W. [South Giles]	1 white, 4 horses, .24	
[skip 30]		
McPhearson, Stephen		
McPhearson, Jesse		
McPhearson, Joseph		
<b>Mills, Samuel Jr.</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	
Martin, David		
Martin, John “Reeds Bottom”		
[skip 46 to end of list]		

COMMENT:

I did not find an entry for Samuel’s son William who would marry here in Giles nine months later (13 March 1837). Son David is also missing.

*“W” Consecutive entries*

[skip a couple of dozen]

Wright, Francis & David

Willis, Samuel

Willis, Ammol

**White, Thomas** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, William Senr.** 3 whites, 5 horses, .30

COMMENT;

The sequence of entries matches that of the Bear Springs cluster in 1785 (Thomas, David, William White, Edward W. Wilson). However, the data for this “William Senr.” matches William of Brush Creek whose was *Editha*; not the William who was previously coupled with Thomas, David, and Horatio of Bear Spring in 1834.

Wilson, Edward W.

**White, William Jr.** 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wiley, James Senr.

Wiley Delany

Walker, Chrispianus Jr. &c

Walker, Counsel

Williams, Joseph

Williams, William (Jno Son)

**White, Reubin** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12

Wray, Solomon

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites [self & Reuben?], 4 horses, .24

**White, Levi** [Doe Cr]

Williams, Jeremiah

**White, Adam M.** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12

**White, Isaac** [Doe Cr] 1 white

Williams, George S.

Williams, George H.

Williams, Frederick

Williams, Henry Senr.

[skip 11]

**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Williams, John M.

Williams, Nancy (D. Cr.)

[skip 13]

Walker, Uriah

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites [self & Robert?], 1 horse, .06

**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

**White, Rosa** [Rhesa, Bear Spr] [no data shown]

Wilbourn, Robert

Wilson, Lewis M.

**White, John Jr.** [Bear Spr] 1 white

Wolford, Samuel

[skip 22: Wilbourn, Waddles, Wileys &c]

Watts, Reuben F.

[skip 2]

Wingo, Ozben?

Whitson, Abraham  
 Workman, John  
 [end of W list]

**1837**

**Personal Tax Roll**

Certified 16 June 1837

Tithes: Minimum age not stated

*"M" consecutive entries*

Mills, Joseph W. (Precep.)	1 white, 0 horse, 0 tax	3 Feb.
Mozer, Francis		"
Mozer, William		"
[skip 19]		
<b>Mills, William</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	27 Feb.
Moody, Martin		
Morrison, William		
Mills, Joseph W. [sic]	1 white, 5 horses, .30	1 Mar
McClanahan, David		

COMMENT:

Samuel Mills (and Mills Valley) has been cut away into Mercer Co.

*"W" Consecutive entries*

Williams, Pleasant		14 Feb
Williams, George H.		
<b>White, John H.</b> [Bear Spr]	2 whites, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>White, Acles</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	"
[skip 4]		
Williams, George A.		17 Feb
Williams, William		"
Williams, John Jr.		"
Williams, Frederick		18 Feb
Webb, John		"
<b>White, Isaac</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white	"
Wingo, John		20 Feb
[skip 4]		
Williams, Nancy		"
Williams, John M		"
Williams, Hugh		"
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .12	"
<b>White, Adam</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>White, Levi</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white	"
<b>White, Jacob</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Williams, Amos		"
<b>White, David</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	21 Feb
<b>White, Thomas</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Feb

<b>White, William</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	“
Wilson, James		“
<b>White, John</b> [Bear Spr]	1 white	“
<i>[skip a couple of dozen to end of “W” list]</i>		

COMMENT:

From 1838 forward, I skimmed tax rolls for Mills & White, but did not capture the data for want of time before the library closed and my research trip ended. I found nothing that bears significantly on my identification of Frankey, Samuel, or William Mills.

Note that all the offspring of John Sr. and Benjamin are no longer taxed in Giles. Some of them were cut away into Logan County in 1824; the others were cut away into Mercer County in 1837. I have not yet studied the Logan or Mercer rolls.

  
**1838–39**  


COMMENT:

I have not yet gathered land or personal tax data for these years.

  
**1840**  


**Personal Tax Roll**  
 Certified 18 June 1840

**18 JUNE 1840** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. No list dates.

*[consecutive entries]*

Mills, Joseph W.	1 white, 1 slave 12–16, 4 horses, .62	11 March
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COMMENT:

- No other Mills is taxed in the county.
- The Samuel Mills family, along with Cornelius and other Whites appear this year on the Mercer Co. census.
- Perdues remain in Giles.
- I read White data but did not capture it for want of time on this research trip.

**1841**

**Personal Tax Roll**  
Certified 9 June 1841

Mills, Joseph W. 2 whites, 1 slave 12–16, 4 horses, .90

15 April

COMMENT:

- No other Mills is not taxed in the county. The Perdues remain.
- I read White data but did not have time to capture it.