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SUBJECT: William Mills of Haile's Tithe List, 1750, Lunenburg Co., Virginia: Identification Needed

BACKGROUND: The Nicholas Haile precinct of this tax roll enumerates 118 males who were of tithable age—i.e., aged 16 or older. Among them was one William Mills charged with one poll. No other data is provided for any of the men, only the number of tithes. 1750 is the only year in which he appears on the Lunenburg lists.

Numerous William Millses were settled across Virginia at this time. Most appear in records of multiple counties—often because of county splits and often because they chose to migrate onto new lands. I am attempting to separate the Williams and identify each as to origin and family.¹

Colonial Virginia land and court records identify a William Mills family whose activities straddled the Lunenburg–Albemarle border during the 1740s and 1750s.² In brief:

- 1747–48: 54 acres were surveyed for William Mills somewhere in Albemarle County, at an unstated location by Joshua Fry, surveyor for Albemarle County. On 1 April 1749, he received a patent to 400 acres on Pedlar River and Dancing Creek, just above the Lunenburg line. That land now falls into Amherst rather than Albemarle.³
- 5 April 1748: Thomas Watts, son-in-law of William Mills of Pedlar, received a patent to 400 acres on branches of Pedlar River. The land lay adjacent to that of Edward Watts, Thomas's father. Thomas sold the land shortly after getting his patent.
- 1748–52: This Thomas Watts appears on the Lunenburg lists consistently in one district. In 1749 Lewis Deloney was the captain; in 1749 and 1750, William Howard was the captain. In 1752, Field Jefferson was the captain. His data is consistent across all four lists.
- 1750: A second Thomas Watts was taxed in Lunenburg—in the same Hailes precinct as the William Mills of 1750.
- 1749–52: Ambrose Mills, son of William of Albemarle, was also taxed in Lunenburg. He appears on the Mathew Talbot list of 1749, and John Phelps's lists of 1750 and 1752 lists. (The 1751 Lunenburg lists are missing.)
- 1749–52: the Lunenburg lists include John Earl (reputedly married to Mary Watts, daughter of Edward Watts of Pedlar River.

¹ At my website *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the “Research” tab, I have posted a number of lengthy reports that provide all known data on each William Mills I've worked thus far—with analyses of their associations, locations, and activities in an attempt to sort out each from the other.

² See E. S. Mills, “William Mills (c1695–1766) ... Spouse Mary Walton?: Research Notes,” a working file updated 11 May 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

³ Albemarle Co., VA, Order Book 1744–1748, p. 364 (report of surveyor Joshua Fry, Gentleman, listing lands surveyed June 1747 to June 1748.

- 1752: Edward Watts, father of Thomas of Pedlar, was taxed in Phelps's precinct, together with his three unmarried sons: Edward Jr., John, and George.
- William Mills of Pedlar had a son William Jr. who, *possibly* could be William of the 1750 Lunenburg list. However, unlike his older brothers Ambrose and Thomas, no land grant was obtained in his name during the 1750s, suggesting that he was not yet of tithable age in 1750.

Also relevant:

- Tithing lists for Albemarle do not exist for this period.
- Lunenburg County was established in 1746 from Brunswick. In 1750, it was a huge dominion, spanning what is now nine different counties. (See Map 1) Determining exactly where in Lunenburg this William Mills was tithed is essential to determining his identity.

TASK: Study the 118 men on the Nicholas Haile list of 1750 to determine more precisely the location of Haile's precinct. Use online land grant records and a literature survey of published deeds, probate records, and road orders to place these men into residential and associational clusters on specific waterways.

Executive Summary

- The evidence strongly suggests that this William Mills was in the area that is now Franklin County (created 1784 from Bedford and Henry).
- 80 of the 114 men could be tracked for at least a few years after the 1750 list. A significant number could be tracked for decades.
- Most of the trackable men named immediately before and after William on the 1750 list were landowners along the Staunton River, that being the lower bounds of Bedford County after its 1754 creation and before its 1785 subdivision. The captain who compiled the 1750 list, Nicholas Hailes, held lands on both sides of the Staunton.
- 51 percent of the trackable men from this list lived in the part of lower Bedford (Staunton River down to Maggoty River and on to Blackwater River) that fell into Franklin County in 1785. Only 36% of the 1750 tithables on Hailes list remained in Bedford after Franklin was cut away. The last 13% of the 1750 men scattered across 6 other counties.
- The most-important associate for this William Mills appears to be the man listed immediately after him: **William Hays**. In 1752, Hays appears on the Phelps list, 6 listings from one **John Mills**. Before 1753, Hays married the widow of Edmond Smith—with John Mills and John Beard (of this 1750 list) serving as sureties for her (and then Hays's) administration of the Smith estate. This John Mills was still in the county in 1764 when estate heirs sued him and Beard claiming that Hays mismanaged the estate. One document filed by John Mills in the proceedings showed that he paid a total of 12.7.6 ½ to 8 men—debts due to the estate. The first of those eight was **William Mills**; another was an Andrew Hayes. Meanwhile, in 1753 **John Mills was appointed overseer of the road from Ewings Fork on Otter River, to the Blue Ridge "in lieu of William Mills."** He remained in Bedford until **c1786, then sold his land and moved to Botetourt.** William May, between 1764 and 1770, moved

to present Henry Co. where he appears in land records along Mayo River, Smith River and Fall Creek (later Franklin Co.) Associates included David and Jesse **Witt** (son of John), Drury Smith & John Jonnikan (Jernigan), the latter of Franklin.

- I have found no convincing evidence to connect the William Mills of this list to the Mills-Watts family along Pedlar River. The one tenuous connector is the fact that (a) William Mills and then John Mills were appointed overseers of a road from Otter River, while (b) William Mills of the Pedlar had a daughter who married into the Watts family of Otter River.
- I have found no evidence to connect the William Mills of this list to the still-unidentified Thomas Watts who lived in his precinct in 1750.
- I have found no evidence to connect the William of Lunenburg 1750 to the William Mills of Aberdeen, Scotland, who resided in Goochland and Cumberland from 1730–1765.⁴
- Several of the 1750 tithes migrated down from Bedford, past the Blackwater, to current Henry County—most notably, the William Hays who is listed consecutively with William Mills in 1750. There in Henry (after it was cut from Pittsylvania), these men are found interacting with yet another William Mills. That William of Pittsylvania and Henry first received land on Matrimony Creek in 1770 via a patent made out to “William Mills and Elizabeth Mills.” (The document did not name Elizabeth as his wife; the two appear to be coheirs to a patent process initiated by someone who died before the patent was issued.) That William of Henry—alleged to be the William Mills who married Elizabeth Fontaine in 1782 Goochland—wrote his will in 18__ and died in Henry in 18__. In 1787, he filed several deeds interacting with Millses of Hanover County, suggesting Hanover as his point of origin.
- The Franklin County locus for most men of the 1750 list may have another major significance. A younger William Mills (b. c1785), parents unknown, emerged in 1806 as a newly adult male on the Franklin County tax rolls. Although he was propertyless for years, he married into and associated with prominent families that were early settlers of the Blackwater River and its creeks—including several families founded by men enumerated on the 1750 Hailes tithe list with the William Mills of this study. (**N.B.** Y-line descendants of this William Mills carry the Y of the Virginia Witt family. Until further identification is made, I am referring to this William as William Mills-Witt.⁵

Research Notes

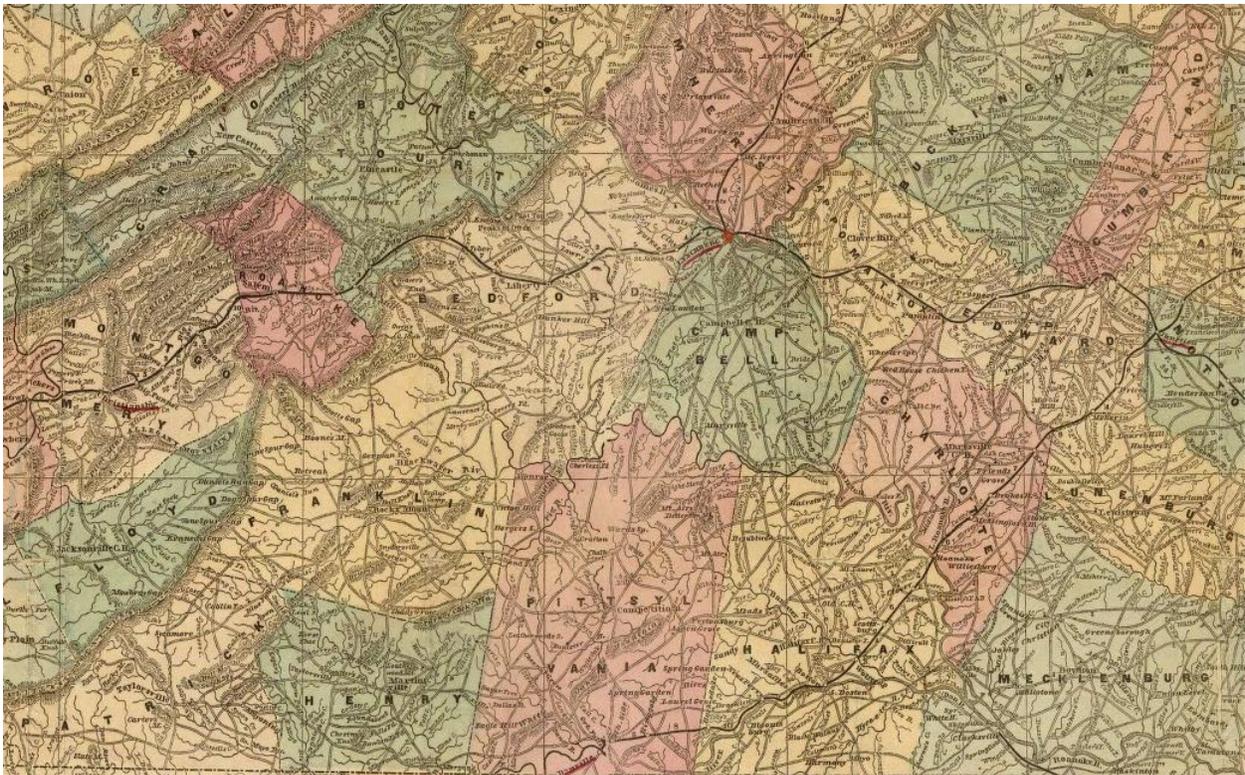
Lunenburg County in 1750 stretched 150 miles from east to west along the Virginia–North Carolina border. (See Map 1.) It embraced 9 modern counties. Its creation and division followed this timeline.

⁴ See E. S. Mills, “William Mills (1700–aft.1765) of Goochland & Cumberland Counties, Virginia: Research Summary, 21 June 2018. Also See E. S. Mills, “Mills: Literature Survey of Published Resources for Bedford, Henry, and Franklin Counties,” report to file, 28 May 2016. Also Mills, “Preliminary Survey of Resources for Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, VA,” draft report to file, 20 May 2018. Both will be archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

⁵ “See E. S. Mills, “William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse; Drucilla Kemp: Research Summary), a work-in-progress last updated 15 June 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways*, under the “Research” tab.

- 1746 Lunenburg was cut from Brunswick County
- 1752 Halifax was cut from Lunenburg; to the southwest of current Lunenburg
- 1754 Bedford was cut from Lunenburg; it now lies several counties to the west
- 1764 Mecklenburg was cut from Southeast Lunenburg; to the south of current Lunenburg
- 1764 Charlotte was cut from Lunenburg; to the west of current Lunenburg and Mecklenburg
- 1767 Pittsylvania was cut from the west of Halifax
- 1777 Henry County was cut from western Pittsylvania; called Patrick Henry County until 1790
- 1785 Franklin County was created from N half of Henry and S half of Bedford
- 1790 Patrick County was cut from western Henry

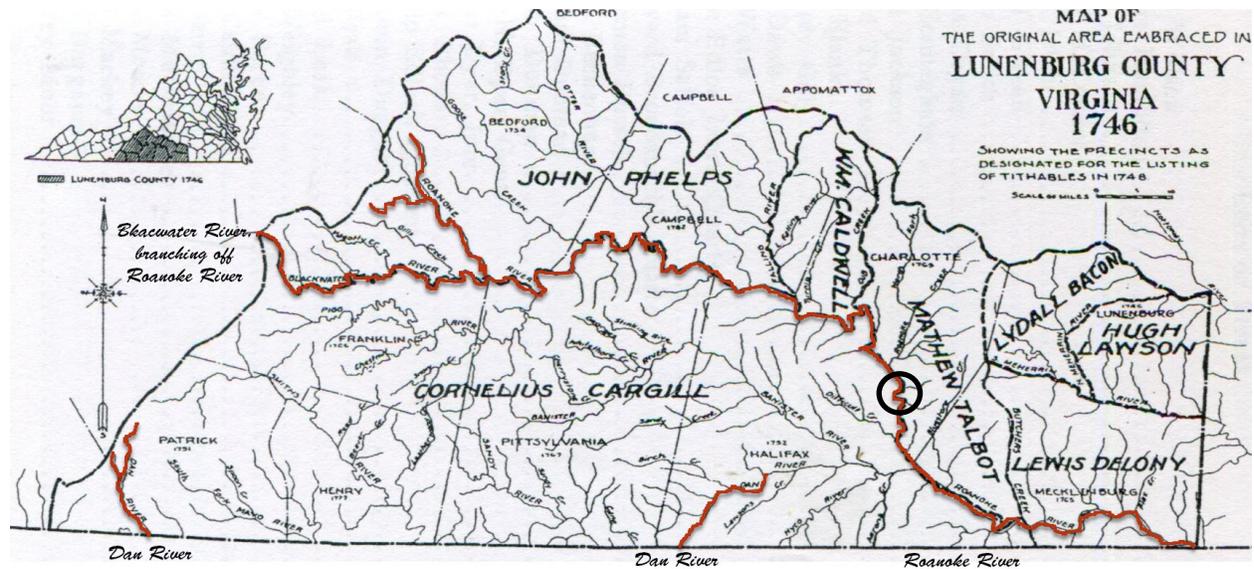
Map 1
Counties Cut from Old Lunenburg
Bedford, Charlotte, Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Patrick, Pittsylvania, ⁶



Landon Bell's published compilation of Lunenburg tithable lists, 1748–83, presents “a map of the County as it was when organized in 1746, and as it stood in 1748.” (See Map 2) Bell used descriptors from the 1748 title lists to “approximate” the boundaries of the precincts as they existed in 1748.

⁶ Particularly see J. T. Lloyd, *Lloyd's Official Map of the State of Virginia* (New York: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~3695~350006:Lloyd-s-official-map-of-the-State-o> : accessed 17 May 2018).

Map 2
Lunenburg County, Virginia, Tax Districts 1748⁷
(Annotated to Emphasize Blackwater, Roanoke, & Dan Rivers)



Bell also tells us: “The ... most thickly populated area of Lunenburg County at the time was that section north of Roanoke River westward to Falling Creek and ... probably the most thickly settled part of that territory was that lying upon the watershed of Meherrin River.” That would be the districts of Bacon, Lawson, and Delony—the Meherrin being the E-W dividing line between Delony on the South and Lawson and Bacon on the North.

“The size of John Phelps’ precinct from Falling River westward indicates that it was sparsely settled [current Campbell and Bedford Counties] ... This was true in greater degree of the **precinct of Cornelius Cargill**. Theoretically, his precinct embraced, presumably, all the territory from Butcher’s Creek westward, and in **the Forks of the Roanoke (and Dan) rivers**, and from the North Carolina line northward to the boundaries of other precincts, and westward to the limits of the County. **But probably such inhabitants as were then in the area were clustered in and about ‘the fork’ of the river. There were probably but few persons then resident in what is now Patrick, Henry, Franklin and a considerable part of Halifax Counties.**”

Bell’s reference to a cluster at “the fork” is ambiguous. Apparently, he is referring to the region where creeks of the Eastern Dan feed into the Roanoke along the Cargill-Talbot line. Cargill’s Creek appears on later maps at the area I have circled in black on Bell’s map, being in present Charlotte County.⁸

⁷ Landon C. Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside: Lists of Tithes; Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748–1783* (1931; reprint, Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1998), 58; color-annotated copy, source not identified, accessed via *Google Images*.

⁸ Particularly see J. T. Lloyd, *Lloyd’s Official Map of the State of Virginia* (New York: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~3695~350006:Lloyd-s-official-map-of-the-State-o> : accessed 17 May 2018).

1747

No tithable rolls survive for 1747, according to Bell.

1748

At a June court in 1748, precinct boundaries changed and Cargill's precinct was subdivided. The new bounds were as follows:

Hugh Lawson	"from upper Hounds Creek to Meherrin ... to the extent of this County downwards"
Lyddall Bacon	"from Hounds Creek to the head of Nottoway and Maherrin Rivers"
Cornelius Cargill	"in the fork and to Butchers Creek"
Lewis Delony	"from Butchers creek to Meherrin and from there to the extent of the county downwards"
Matthew Talbot	"from the fork to Cubb creek"
William Caldwell	"from Cubb creek to Falling River"
John Phelps	"from Falling River to the extent of the county upwards"

COMMENT:

No William Mills was taxed in any of these precincts.

At a June court in 1749, precinct boundaries changed yet again, as follows:

Nicholas Haile (Haile)	"from Goose Creek to the extent of the County upwards"
Matthew Talbot	"from Falling River to Goose Creek"
William Caldwell	"from Falling River to Little Ronoke [sic] River"
Hugh Lawson	"from Hounds Creek to the extent of the County downward"
Lyddall Bacon	"from Hounds Creek to Little Ronoke River"
William Howard	"from Butchers Creek to the extent of the County downwards"
Cornelius Cargill	"in the fork and from Butchers Creek to Little Ronoke River, and beyond Dan River"

COMMENT:

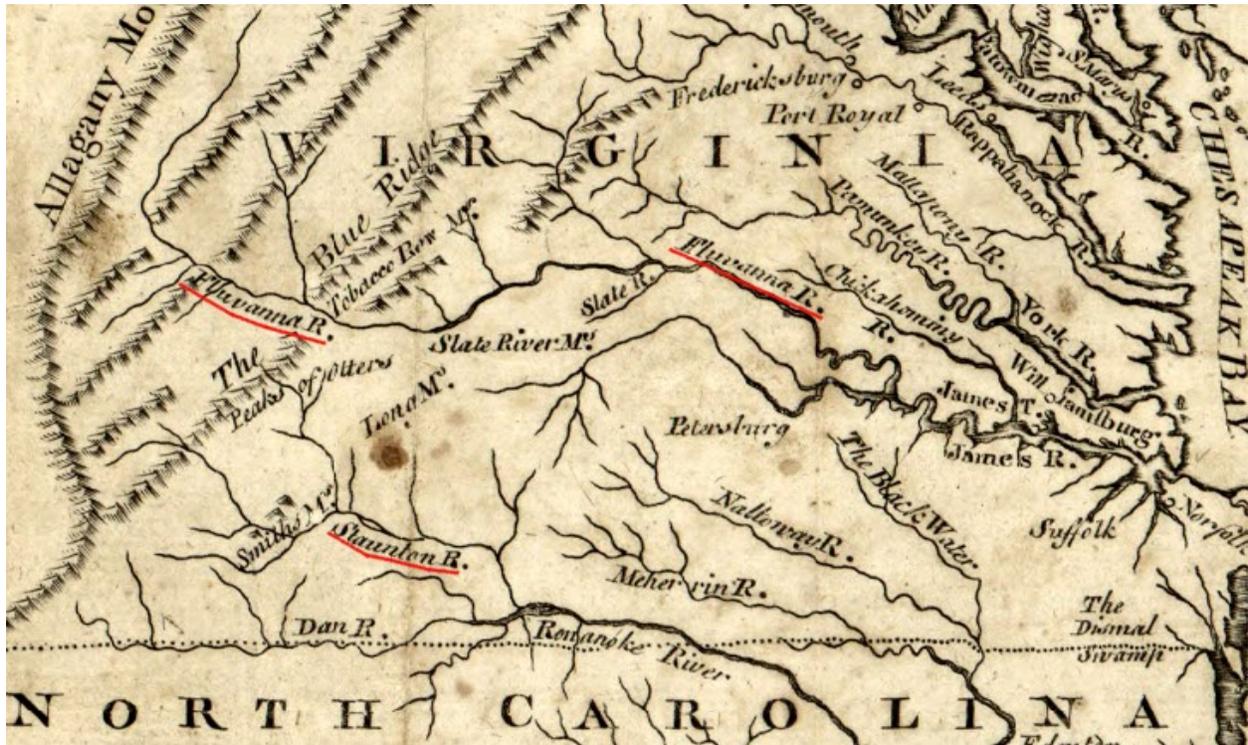
Note that

- No Hailes precinct existed prior to 1759
- No William Mills was taxed in any of these precincts prior to 1750.

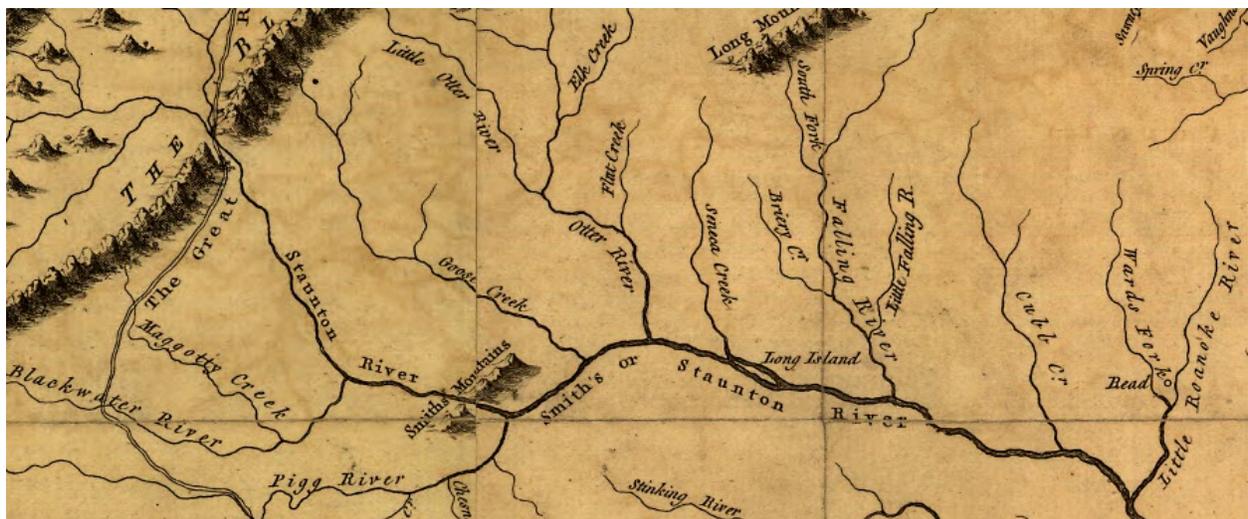
Goose Creek appears on Bell's map in the Northwest quadrant, above Roanoke River. **Haile's precinct should fall entirely in present Bedford County. After Bedford was created in 1752, Haile's assigned region would be bounded on the north by Albemarle County (now Amherst) and South by Lunenburg.**

As we proceed to analyze the 1750 list, the Fry-Jefferson Map of 1754 helps us to identify locations more precisely than the maps by Bell and Lloyd.

Map 2
Southside Virginia, 1767⁹
(Depicting Dan, Fluvanna, Meherrin, Roanoke, Slate & Staunton Rivers)



Map 3
Staunton River (aka Smith River) and Its Creeks¹⁰



⁹Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson, *The Fry Jefferson Map of Virginia and Maryland* (1754; reprint, Princeton, NJ: Harry Clemons Publication Fund, University of Virginia, 1950). Note that "The Black Water" of this map is not the Blackwater of Franklin Co.

¹⁰Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson, *The Fry Jefferson Map of Virginia and Maryland* (1754; reprint, Princeton, NJ: Harry Clemons Publication Fund of the University of Virginia, 1950).

The List

“For 1750: List taken by Nicholas Haile.”¹¹

COMMENT:

On this annotated list,

- **Column 1** identifies the present county in which this man held land.
- **Column 2** presents the name as given by the transcriber, Bell on the 1750 list.
- **Column 3** notes whether the person was there in a prior year and the name of the district the following year when Hailes was no longer a precinct captain. It presents details of land ownership or location that are documentable for this person. For each land grant or survey cited in this column, I identify the online database that I’ve used. For locations of streams, I have used *VA HomeTownLocator* (<https://virginia.hometownlocator.com/features>), as well as the historical maps cited in this report.

B	{Jo}hn Cole	1748	Deloney list; 1749 Howard list (same as Deloney); 1752 Phelps list
B, F	{Ma}rk Cole	1752	Phelps list
		1754	justice of the Bedford Court; assigned to view road petitioned from by Nicholas Haile, running from Hailes to Thomas Wright. ¹²
		1756	grant both sides of Story Cr of Pigg R, then Lunenburg, now Franklin ¹³
		1773	“Coles Branch,” Bedford ¹⁴
		1780	grant both sides of Little Back Cr, Bedford Co. ¹⁵
B, F	Nicholas Haile, Junr.	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Haile’s list
		1755	appointed (with John Day and James Standifer) to view path for a road petitioned for “from Black Water to the Road at the ford of Stanton R at Accquilla Greers,” then Bedford, now Franklin ¹⁶
		1756	patent S side of Stanton R in Bedford, now Franklin; <i>Lloyd’s Map</i> also shows Hailes Creek and Hailes Ford on the N side of Stanton River in present Bedford. ¹⁷

¹¹ Landon C. Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside: List of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia; 1748–1783* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 135–38; Bell provides no citations to the original records.

¹² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 21, 27.

¹³ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/pittsylvania.txt : downloaded 7 June 2018), Pittsylvania lands, Mark Cole, 16 Aug 1756, “200a Lunenburg/on both sides of,” item 70; citing VPB, 34:78. While the database states the land is in modern Franklin, the database field did not allow space for the identification of the waterway. The original patent at *Virginia Memory* states that the 200 acre tract is on both sides of Story Creek, adj. Stephen Cole (q.v.).

¹⁴ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : downloaded 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, John Forguson on Cole’s Branch, item 224; citing Virginia Patent Books [VPB] 41:191.

¹⁵ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : downloaded 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, Mark Cole, item 98; citing VPB, A:600.

¹⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 79.

¹⁷ In 1756, Nicholas Haile received a grant in **Lunenburg** on “both sides of a branch of **Phillip Finn’s Creek**”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=539&last=&g_p=P288&collection=LO_Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018), citing “Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756–1761 (v. 1 & w p.1-730), p. 56 (Reels 31–32).” Also see J. T. Lloyd, *Lloyd’s Official Map of the State of Virginia* (New York: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~3695~350006:Lloyd-s-official-map-of-the-State-o> : accessed 17 May 2018).

A 1924 history of **Halifax** includes this list of patentees; “**Philip Finn**, 119 acres south side of Stanton River; **William Hill**, 240 acres both sides of **Black water River**; **Nicholas Haile, Gent.**, 654 acres, being two surveys joined together south side of Stanton River; **Neal McNeal**, 125 acres on **Maggotty Creek**; Robert & Thomas Jones, 520 acres on **Pig River**.” **The last of these 4 individuals—the Maggotty Creek landowner—appears just 3 names from William Mills on this 1750 tax list. Blackwater and**

B,Ha,P	Thomas Dunken	1748 Phelps list; 1749 Haile's list
		1754 assigned (with Pierce Code "and their male laboring tithables) to Henry Haynes's road crew, Bedford ¹⁸
		1761 paid for traveling 42 miles [roundtrip, making him 21 miles from courthouse] for testifying in Yuile and Co. vs. Henslee, Bedford; on August jury, Bedford ¹⁹
		1765 through 1774, Thomas "Duncan" of Halifax frequently witnessed deeds in the Dan River area that became ²⁰
	a1774	grant, "Raccoon Br," Pittsylvania ²¹
B, F	Charles Merryman	1748 Phelps list; 1749 Haile's list; 1752 Phelps list
	&	1756 sued by Matthew Talbot; did not appear in court, Bedford ²²
	Charles Merryman Jr.	Merryman Run: off Staunton R, later Bedford, now Franklin, nr Gills Cr
B	Augustine Hawkins	1755 sued by Mathew Talbot, adm. of Nicholas Haile [Sr.], Bedford ²³
	Henry Fuller	
P,H,F	Richard Choat	1752 Phelps list
		1769 land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Sabret Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), James Standeford (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), William Mullins (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry & Franklin ²⁴
B, F	Sabret Choat	1749 Haile's list; 1752 Phelps' list
		1755 assigned his wolf-head bounty to William Mead, Bedford ²⁵
		1769 land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Richard Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), James Standeford (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), William Mullins (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry & Franklin ²⁶
		1781 grant both sides of Pigg R, Pittsylvania, then Henry, now Franklin;
		1784 witnessed sell of land on Pigg R, Henry Co, now Franklin ²⁷
	William Merryman	
B	John Board [Beard?]	1752 Phelps list
		1768 grant both sides Hailes Mill Cr, off Staunton R, along Franklin Co line
H, F	Joseph Coton [Caton]	1749 Haile's list as Joseph "Cayton" & Jeremiah Morrow

the Maggoty both appear in present Franklin County. The Maggoty was previously in Bedford. The Blackwater (before Franklin was created) was the dividing line between Bedford and Henry Counties. (For the quote, see Wirt Johnson Carrington, *History of Halifax County, Virginia* (Richmond: Appeals Press, 1924), unpaginated HTML edition at *Genealogy Trails History Group: Halifax County, Virginia* (<http://genealogytrails.com/vir/halifax/historyhalifaxbook.html>) : accessed 1 June 2018).

¹⁸ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12.

¹⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 246, 249.

²⁰ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 41, 45, 57, 58, 64, 84, 100, 106, 122, 175, 176.

²¹ "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/pittsylvania.txt : downloaded 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, Thomas "Duncan," item 1361, 7 Dec 1774, 713a Pittsylvania on both sides of Raccoon br"; citing VPB 42:896. This branch has not been locatable and the database shows no other individuals receiving grants on a stream with similar name.

²² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 31.

²³ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 36.

²⁴ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

²⁵ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 84.

²⁶ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

²⁷ On 1 February 1781, "Saboret" Choat was granted land in Pittsylvania, "30 acres on both sides of Pigg River"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=212&last=&g_p=PC&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Grants C, 1780–1781, p. 212 (Reel 44)." Henry Co. Deed Book 2:479, William Ferguson of Henry Co. to David Jones. Witnesses: Thomas Hill, "Sabrot" Choat.

Ha, F	Jeremiah Morrow	1763	Morrow: grant on Keytons Cr of Snow Cr off Pigg R, then Halifax, now Franklin ²⁸
		1778	Caton, land on Keaton's Cr of Snow Cr adj. Randolph's land & Jacob Crist; then Henry, now Franklin Co ²⁹
F	John Guthry	1749	Haile's list
	Robert Guthry		Guttrey Run aka Guthrie Branch in Henry deeds of 1780s, now Franklin
Br	James Henderson		
	Henry Baley	1745	grant on Sturgeon Run, Brunswick Co; 1752 N side of Meherrin ³⁰
B,P,H,F	James Handeford	1749	Hailes list; 1752 Phelps list
	[Standiford]	1755	appointed (with John Day and Nicholas Haile) to view path for a road petitioned for "from Black Water to the Road at the ford of Stanton R at Accquilla Greens," then Bedford, now Franklin ³¹
		1760	patent, S side Blackwater, then Lunenburg, now Franklin ³²
		1769	land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Richard Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), Sabra Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), William Mullins (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry & Franklin ³³
		1770	"of Bedford" when he bought from John Vanbebber of Botetourt land on Story Creek, crossing Jumping Run—then Pittsylvania, now Franklin ³⁴
		1771	grant on S side of Blackwater R, then Pittsylvania, now Franklin ³⁵
		1779	grant on Stony [Story] Cr adj. William Davis; then Henry, now Franklin ³⁶

²⁸ On 7 July 1763, Jeremiah Morrow was granted land in Halifax Co., "260 acres on Keytons Creek of Snow Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=234&last=&g_p=P35&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing Land Office Patents No. 35, 1762–1764 (v.1 & 2 p.1–556), p. 234 (Reel 35)."

²⁹ Henry Co., Deed Book 1:225–28, Jacob Crist heir of Henry Crist, and Elizabeth Crist, widow of Henry, to Samuel Luttrell, land adj. Joseph Caton's line, 7 November 1778.

³⁰ On 1 August 1745, "Henry Bailey" received a Brunswick Co. grant, "274 acres on the north side of Sturgeon run"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=961&last=&g_p=P23&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 23, 1743–1745 (v.1 & 2 p. 567–1147), p. 961 (Reel 21)." Henry Bailey grants were also made in the 1730s in Goochland and Hanover; and two additional Henry "Baley" grants were made in 1760 in Brunswick. Also "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, "Henry Baily to William T," item 297; citing VPB, 31:245.

³¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 79.

³² On 15 July 1760, James Standefor received a Lunenburg grant for "185 acres on the north side of Blackwater"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=614&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 614 (Reel 33–34)."

On 30 August 1763, Standefor received a Lunenburg grant for "333 acres on the south side of **Blackwater**"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=446&last=&g_p=P35&collection=LO Patent), citing "Land Office Patents No. 35, 1762–1764 (v. 1 & 2 p. 1–556), p. 446 (Reel 35)." **The Standifer settlement is the site of the 1815 Franklin Co. marriage of William Mills-Witt (parents unknown) to Drucilla Kemp, daughter of Robert Kemp & Millie Edmundson, with Stephen Standifer as bondsman.**

³³ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

³⁴ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

³⁵ On 3 August 1771 "James Standefore" received a patent on Pittsylvania land, "315 acres on the south side of Blackwater River"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=562&last=&g_p=P40&collection=LO Patent); citing Land Office Patents No. 40, 1771–1772, p. 562 (Reel 39)."

On 5 July 1774, Israel "Standefore" received a patent for Pittsylvania Co. land, "404 acres on both sides of Standefores Branch"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=589&last=&g_p=P42&collection=LO Patent); citing Land Office Patents No. 42, 1773–1774, p. 589 (Reel 41)."

		1780 grant on head branches of S Fk of Stony Cr, then Henry, now Franklin ³⁷
		1783 grant on S side of Blackwater R, then Pittsylvania, now Franklin ³⁸
B	James Arinsher [Ayres]	1749 Hailes List, "Arinshear"
		1754 James "Ayrse" is constable of the precinct from S side of Pate's Road (q.v. Jacob & Anthony Pate) to Otter River, Bedford
		1755 James "Ayres" sued by John Hall (q.v.), forfeited case, Bedford
		1761 served on jury, Bedford ³⁹
		1761 bought land on both sides S fk of Mill Cr on Goose Cr, Bedford ⁴⁰
B	Andrew Jones	1752 Phelps list
		1754 through 1758 sued (together with John Welch (q.v.) and John Vance) by James Patton; subsequent suits as plaintiff and defendant ⁴¹
B, F	Amus Richardson	1748 Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list
		1760 grant, both sides Grassey Fork of Snow Cr, then Halifax, now Franklin
		1779 sold his Grassey Fork grant on of Snow Creek ⁴²

³⁶ On 20 August 1779, "James Standefer Sr." received a Henry Co. grant for "493 acres on Stony [Story] Creek adjoining William Davis"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=18&last=&g_p=PA&collection=LO Grant), citing "Land Office Grants A, 1779–1780 (v.1 & 2 p. 1–685), p. 18 (Reel 42)."

On 20 October 1779, Israel "Stanefer" received a Henry Co. grant for "600 acres on Standefers Br."; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=65&last=&g_p=PA&collection=LO Grant), citing "Land Office Grants A, 1779–1780 (v.1 & 2 p. 1–685), p. 65 (Reel 42)." On 1 June 1779, Israel "**Stanifer**" of Henry sold **404 acres of this tract "on which the said I. Standefer live, lying on the south side of Blackwater on Stanifer Creek," to Richard Emundson, whose granddaughter Drucilla Kemp (daughter of Robert) married William Mills-Witt in 1815.** For the 1779 sale, see Henry Co. Deed Book 2:38–39.

Also on 20 October 1779, John Ramsey received a Henry Co. grant for 346 acres on the **branches of Chestnut Creek adj. Standefer's land**"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=131&last=&g_p=PA&collection=LO Grant); citing Land Office Grants A, 1779–1780 (v. 1 & 2 p.1–685), p. 131 (Reel 42)." **On 1750 list, John Ramsey is 7 tithable households from William Mills. See his entry below.**

³⁷ On 1 September 1780, "James Standefer" received a Henry Co. grant for "411 acres on head branches of the South Fork of Story Creek adjoining Luke Standefer"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=601&last=&g_p=PE&collection=LO Grant), citing "Land Office Patents E, 1775–1776, 1780–1781 (v.2 p. 463–930), p. 601 (Reel 46)." **Story (aka Stony) Creek is now in Franklin Co.**

30 June 1783, Israel "Standefer" received a Henry Co. grant for "419 acres on head branches of Bull Run and Standefers Creek"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=255&last=&g_p=GH&collection=LO Grant), citing "Land Office Patents H, 1782–1783, p. 255 (Reel 49)."

On 1 June 1783, James Edmundson received a Henry Co. grant for "180 acres on the south side of Blackwater River on both sides of **Standefers Creek**"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=215&last=&g_p=GG&collection=LO Grant), citing "Land Office Patents G, 1782–83, p. 215 (Reel 48)." **Edmundson's niece Drucilla Kemp married William Mills-Witt in 1815 on Standifers Creek.**

On 27 August 1783, **William Farguson** was granted Henry Co. land, "664 acres on the branches of Nicholas Creek adjoining William Standefer"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=411&last=&g_p=GH&collection=LO Grant), citing Land Office Grants H, 1782–1783, p. 411 (Reel 49)." **When William Mills-Witt first emerged as an adult in Franklin co. (1806 tax roll), he was coupled with Samuel McCarrell, whose mother was Mary Ferguson.**

³⁸ On 1 February 1781, "James Standerfer Sr." reived a Henry Co. grant, "374 acres on Story Creek adjoining James Standerfer Jr."; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=392&last=&g_p=PD&collection=LO Grant); citing Land Office Grants D, 1780–1783 (v. 1 & 2 p. 1–930), p. 392 (Reel 45)."

³⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 9, 12, 14, 31.

⁴⁰ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., VA, Deed Book A-1, 1754–1762* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 19.

⁴¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 25, 36, 47, 74, 147.

⁴² On 29 May 1760, Amos Richardson received a grant in Halifax, "150 acres on both sides the Grassey Fork of Snow Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=811&last=&g_p=P33&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756–1761 (v. 1, 2, 3, & 4 p.1–1095), p. 811 (Reel 31–32)." Also Henry Co. Deed Book 1:233–37, Amos Richardson to Leonard Tarrant, 26 and 27 May 1779. **Snow Creek was in the part of Halifax that fell into Henry Co and is is now Franklin Co.,** south of Standifer's Creek and just north of Turkey Cock Mountain along the Henry County line. One Amos Richardson was named as son in 1772 Bedford will of Jonathan Richardson with siblings Jesse, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Nancy, and Romy. A connection has not

B, F	Mary Day	1749	no Day entry and no female named Mary
		1752	John Day on Phelps list
		1755	John Day appointed with Nicholas Haile (<i>q.v.</i>) and James Standifer(<i>q.v.</i>) to view path for a road petitioned for “from Black Wwater to the Road at the ford of Stanton R at Acquilla Greers,” then Bedford, now Franklin ⁴³
		1756	grant, south of Stanton River, now Franklin or Pittsylvania ⁴⁴
Br	Thos. Jones	1749	Hailes list
		1743	to 1747; land S side Crooked Run of Great Cr, Brunswick ⁴⁵
		1755	no longer an “inhabitant of this county,” Bedford ⁴⁶
		1760	juror in Bedford
		1761	appointed overseer of road in room of John Hardeman, “overseer of Randolps Road from Molley’s Creek to Lunenburg line.” ⁴⁷
B or C	John Jones	1749	Hailes list
		1748	N side of Difficult Creek, modern Bedford or Charlotte ⁴⁸
B	Thomas Prater [Prather]	1749	Phelps list; 1752 Phelps list
		1754	Appointed to view a way petitioned for “from Otter R by Anthony Pates” to the extent of the county ⁴⁹
		1771	one Thomas Prather named as son in will of Jonathan Prather (<i>q.v.</i>)
B, F	Benjamin Richardson	1752	Phelps list
		c1765	bought 107 acres on Little Cr of Blackwater R, then Bedford now Franklin ⁵⁰
		1782	one Benjamin Richardson named in Bedford will of Randolph R. ⁵¹
	James Cole	1749	Hailes list
L,F	Stephen Cole	1749	Hailes list; 1752 Phelps list
		1756	grant Stoney Creek, Pig River, now Franklin] ⁵²

been made, other than the fact that a Benjamin Richardson (*q.v.*) is listed 5 tithables after him in 1750. A Benjamin Richardson was also in Bedford, named as son in the 1772 will of Randolph Richardson. For these wills, see *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 21, 27; and Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988); citing Will Book 1:183, 428.

⁴³ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 79.

⁴⁴ On 16 August 1756, Mary Day received a grant in Lunenburg, “320 acres on thte south side of Stanton River”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=114&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing “Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 114 (Reel 33–34).”

⁴⁵ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/lunenburg.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Lunenburg lands, Thomas Jones, items 150, 170, 279, 483 Thomas Jones, Thomas Jones Jr. jointly with Charles Jones; citing VPB, 23:613, 33:766; 28: 32; 40:460.

⁴⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 39.

⁴⁷ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 182, and 222.

⁴⁸ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/halifax.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Halifax lands, John Jones, item 26, 20 Aug 1748, 1736a Lunenburg N side of the N fork of Difficult Creek;” citing VPB VPB 26:545.

⁴⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12.

⁵⁰ Before 26 March 1765 (recording date), James Cole [Jr.] of Craven Co, SC, sold his 215a grant on Blackwater to William Rentfro (*q.v.*), who sold 107 acres of it to Benjamin Richardson (*q.v.*); see Bedford Co. Deed Book B-2, 525–26.

⁵¹ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988)15, 46; citing Will Book 1:428.

⁵² On 16 August 1756, Stephen Cole received Lunenburg land, “400 acres on both sides of Stoney Creek a branch of Pig River”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=34&last=&g_p=P33&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing “Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756–1761 (v.1, 2, 3 & 4 p.1–1095), p. 34 (Reel 31–32).” Pigg River and Stony (aka Story) Creek are now in Franklin Co.

L,F	James Cole, Junr.	1749 Hailes list 1756 grant Little Cr of Blackwater R., now Franklin] ⁵³
P	Edward Haley Thomas Hargit	1762 grant, Strawberry Cr, now Pittsylvania ⁵⁴ 1768 witnessed Pittsylvania deeds, some land on Smith's R 1771 sold his land on Strawberry Cr, adj Thomas Hill (q.v.) ⁵⁵
P,H,F	Benjamin Richards & Edward Richards	1760 grant, Chestnut Cr adj. Walton & Ramsey, then Pittsylvania, later Henry, now Franklin Co ⁵⁶ 1769 land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (q.v.), Richard Choate (q.v.), Sabra Choate (q.v.), James Standeford (q.v.), Israel Standeford, Augusten Choate (q.v.), William Mullins (q.v.), John Ramsey (q.v.), later Henry & Franklin ⁵⁷
F	William Ditto & 	1748 Phelps list; 1749 Hailies list; 1752 Phelps list 1750s Snow Creek, now Franklin Co ⁵⁸
H,F	William Cook	1759 N fork of Pigg River, then Halifax, later Henry, now Franklin ⁵⁹
B & F	John Marley	1752 Phelps list 1754 sued for debt in Bedford court by Matthew Talbot ⁶⁰ 1757 John "Marlo" is said to have absconded from Bedford leaving a small debt due to Aug.Leftwich, for which the sheriff seized corn in a crib and wheat still growing in the field ⁶¹ 1771 Marley's Creek was a S fork of Maggoty, now in Franklin Co. ⁶²

⁵³ On 16 August 1756, "James Cole Jr." received a Lunenburg grant, "215 acres on both sides of Little Creek, a branch of Blackwater River"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=28&last=&g_p=P33&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756–1761 (v. 1, 2, 3 & 4 p. 1–1095), p. 28 (Reel 31–32)." Before 26 March 1765 (recording date), James Cole of Craven Co, SC, sold this land to William Rentfro (q.v.), who sold 107 acres of it to Benjamin Richardson (q.v.); see Bedford Co. Deed Book B-2, 525–26.

⁵⁴ On 12 July 1762, Thomas "Hargett" received land in Halifax County, "1079 acres on both sides of the middle fork of Strawberry Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=1046&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : accessed 18 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 1046 (Reel 33–34)."

⁵⁵ Lucile C. Payne and Neil G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1765–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 24, 25, 28, 69, 79, 104, 124.

⁵⁶ On 14 July 1769, Edward Richards was granted Pittsylvania land, "80 acres on both sides of Chesnut Creek, adjoining Walton and Ramsay"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=804&last=&g_p=P38&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 38, 1768–1770, p. 804 (Reel 38)." Chestnut Creek and Ramsey's land is now in Franklin.

⁵⁷ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1765–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

⁵⁸ The patent database at *Virginia Memory* returns no hits for a patent to someone named "Ditto" (and logical variants). It does return a half dozen or so grants to individuals whose land is said to adjoin Ditto on Snow Creek.

⁵⁹ On 12 May 1759, William "Cooke" received land in Halifax (cut 1752 from Lunenburg), "225 acres on both sides of the North Fork of Pig River adjoining Stephen Rentfro (q.v.); see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=229&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1755–1765, p. 229 (Reels 33–34)."

On 1 June 1782, "William Cook" received a Henry County grant for "107 acres on the north fork of Pigg River adjoining James Rentfro"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=206&last=&g_p=GG&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents G, 1782–1783, p. 06 (Reel 48)."

⁶⁰ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 22.

⁶¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 129.

⁶² On 16 February 1771, Robert Graham received a grant then in Bedford Co., "328 acres on both sides of Marley's Creek a south fork of Maggoty Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory*

F	George Simmons	1771	grant Staunton River, Franklin Co. ⁶³
B	John Philip Weafer	1749	Hailes list: "John Philip "Waveer"; 1752 Phelps list
		1758	sued by George Walton in Bedford ⁶⁴
		1760	through 1771, grants on N side of Staunton R at Beaverdam Cr and Falling Cr, Bedford ⁶⁵
B	Benjamin Greer	1749	Hailes list
		1777	witnessed will of Henry Taylor, Bedford, with Clay Rundfro [Rentfro"], Bedford ⁶⁶
	Andrew Vance	1748	Phelps list
	Thomas Kent		
B	Jonathan Prather	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list
		1760	Stoney Fk, Bedford ⁶⁷
		1772	Wrote will in Bedford naming son Amos Richardson (q.v.), also children Jesse, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Nacy, Romy ⁶⁸
	Abraham Frisell	1754	"Isaac Frizzel Jr." is in Bedford ⁶⁹ ; but haven't found Abraham anywhere.
B	William Morgan	1749	Hailes list;
		1754	through March 1758 Morgan sued or was sued in Bedford court ⁷⁰
H, F	Robert Pusey	1755	grant Blackwater R, then Lunenburg, later Henry, now Franklin
		1782	wit deed for land on Pigg R, then Henry, now Franklin ⁷¹

(http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=246&last=&g_p=P39&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 39, 1770–1771, p. 246 (Reel 39)."

⁶³ On 1 August 1771, "George Simmons," Lunenburg, received "100 acres on the first branch above Simons's [sic] Plantation on Staunton"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=37&last=&g_p=P41&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents 41, 1772–1773, p. 37 (Reel 40)." Simmons Creek is today off **Blackwater**, which is the first branch off Staunton River. **The Blackwater divided Bedford County from Henry County before the creation of Franklin County.**

On 10 November 1779, he expanded his plantation with another adjacent grant said to then lie in Henry County: "250 acres on Simmons Creek, adjoining his old lines; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=9&last=&g_p=GB&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents B, 1779–1780, p. 9 (Reel 43)."

⁶⁴ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 149.

⁶⁵ On 26 September 1760, John Philip "Weaver" received a grant in Bedford, "150 acres on the north side of Stanton River"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=950&last=&g_p=P33&collection=LO Patent : accessed 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents 33, 1756–1761, p. 950 (Reels 31–32)."

On 20 July 1768, Weaver received another 200 acres on both sides of **Beaverdam Creek** in **Bedford** (a tributary of the Staunton on the N side); see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgibin/GetLONN.pl?first=333&last=&g_p=P37&collection=LO Patent : accessed 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 37, 1767–1768, p. 333 (Reel 37)."

On 3 August 1771, Weaver received a third grant in Bedford, 114 acres on both sides of Falling Creek"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=576&last=&g_p=P40&collection=LO Patent : accessed 14 June 2018); citing Land Office Patents No. 40, 1771–1772, p. 576 (Reel 39). Falling Creek is just beside Beaverdam, next to Lynnwood Mountain.

⁶⁶ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 14; citing Will Book 1:260.

⁶⁷ "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, Jonathan Prather, item 173; citing VPB, 33:744. **Stoney Fork** in Bedford is a branch of Goose Creek.

⁶⁸ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988) 15; citing Will Book 1:183.

⁶⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 19.

⁷⁰ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 19, 27, 59, 88, 89, 91, 98, 118, 136, 147.

⁷¹ On 10 September 1755, Robert Pusey was granted land in **Lunenburg**, "160 acres on both sides of Rich Run, a branch of **Blackwater River** adjoining land of Randolph"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=571&last=&g_p=P31&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May

	Thomas Ellison		
	Peter Bellow	1749	Hailes list: Peter "Belleu"
	Abel Richardson	1749	Hailes list]
F	William Rentfro	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list; 1752 Phelps list
		1757	bought Bedford land on Indian Run and Rentfro Wagon Road from Nicholas Haile Jr? ⁷²
		1778	witnessed bond of Rentfro heirs on Pig River, then Henry, now Franklin;
		1780	"of Henry" when sold Henry Co land on Rennett Bag Creek ⁷³
B & F	Joseph Rentfro	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list; 1752 Phelps list
		1754	appointed surveyor of road from Staunton R to Maggoty Cr, then Bedford, now Franklin ⁷⁴
		1755	through 1761, bought 2350a on Blackwater R, then Bedford, now Franklin, being "the land Joseph Rentfro resides on."
		1758	militia captain, Bedford ⁷⁵
		1761	county justice, Bedford ⁷⁶
		1780	Jas & Josh. Rentfro, 1780, Blackwater, then Henry, now Franklin ⁷⁷
B & F	Joseph Raa [Ray]	1748	Phelps list: Joseph & Moses "Ray"; 1749 Haile list: "Rea"
		1754	Joseph "Ray" appointed surveyor or road from Staunton R to Maggoty Cr, then Bedford, now Franklin ⁷⁸
		1755	"Joseph Ray, Gent" authorized to build water grist mill on Otter R, Bedford ⁷⁹
B	Thomas Morgin &	1755	both sides Hunting Cr, Bedford Co ⁸⁰
		1774	wrote will in Bedford naming sons Thomas, John, William, Samuel, Rease, Morgan, Mordecai, and Abraham ⁸¹
H, F	Thomas Morgin Junr.	1781	sold land on Chesnut Cr, then Henry, now Franklin, with Louis Morgan ⁸²

2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 31, 1751–1756, p. 571 (Reel 29)." Also Henry Co. Deed Book 2:782, Thomas Jones to William Mavity, both of Henry, land on Island Runn of Pigg River; witnesses: William **Standefer [of Standefer's Creek, now Franklin Co]**, Robert Pusey (*q.v.*), and others., 15 April 1782.

⁷² Bedford Co. Deed Book A-1:159-60; Nicholas Haile and wife Ruth of Roane Co., NC, give power of attorney to William Mead to sell 350a to William Rentfro and to "act and do as if he Nicholas Haile were present."

⁷³ Henry Co. Deed Book 1: 181–82, John, Moses, Isaac, and Joshua Rentro, bond to James Rentfro, for land on Pig River, William Rentfro, wit., 4 November 1778.

⁷⁴ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12.

⁷⁵ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 157.

⁷⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 249.

⁷⁷ Bedford Co. Deed Book A-1: 333, Richard Randolph Ex'r of Richard Randolph to Joseph Rentfro, 2350 in Bedford and Halifax on both sides of Black Water River, granted to Randolph 10 Sept. 1755; no date of deed; recorded 23 March 1761. On 1 September 1780, Joshua "Rentfro" was granted land in Henry Co., "110 acres on the branches of Blackwater River adjoining William Cook"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=649&last=&g_p=PE&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents E, 1775–1776, 1780–81 (v. 2 p. 649 (Reel 46)." Henry Co. Deed Book 2:89–90, William Rentfro to John Peak, 27 July 1780.

⁷⁸ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12.

⁷⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 38.

⁸⁰ On 10 September 1765 Thomas Morgan, Bedford, received "620 acres on both sides of Hunting Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=618&last=&g_p=P32&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 32, 1752–1756, p. 618 (Reel 30)." Also "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, Thomas Morgan, item 132; citing VPB, 32:618.

⁸¹ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988) 17; citing Will Book 1:207.

⁸² Henry Co. Deed Book 2: 200–1; Lewis & Christian Morgan, with Thomas & Sarah Morgan, all of Wash Co. NC sell to Samuel Patterson "being the plantation the said Lewis Morgan formerly lived on near the ford and mouth of Chestnut Cr, bounded by Isham Hodges. 3 November 1781.

	Samuel Willson & Jeadly Smith		[See 3 names below]
F	Luis Morgin	1781	sold land on Chesnut Cr, then Henry, now Franklin, with Thomas M. ⁸³
L	Samuel Willson	1743	through 1750, grants on head branches of Bears Element Cr, Great Br of the Nap of Reeds Cr, Lunenburg ⁸⁴
	John Loveless	1749	Hailes list
B	John Greer	1749	Hailes list: "Green"; 1752 Phelps list
		1762	and 1763, grants on N side of Stanton R, Bedford ⁸⁵
H, F	Robert Baker	1748	Talbot's list; not found 1749;
		1762	grant, Green Cr, Callaway Furnace area, now Franklin ⁸⁶
		1777	Robert Baker "of NC" buys land on Green Cr in Henry, now Franklin;
		1783	sold 479a on Green Cr & Mayo R, Henry Co ⁸⁷
H, F	John Helton	1749	Hailes list;
		1783	grant, Blackwater R, then Henry, now Franklin ⁸⁸

⁸³ Henry Co. Deed Book 2: 200–1; Lewis & Christian Morgan, with Thomas & Sarah Morgan, all of Wash Co. NC sell to Samuel Patterson "being the plantation the said Lewis Morgan formerly lived on near the ford and mouth of Chestnut Cr, bounded by Isham Hodges (q.v.), 3 November 1781.

⁸⁴ On 1 June 1750, Wilson received a Lunenburg grant for "293 acres on the head branches of Bears Element Creek, adjoining Benjamin Wainlow"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=84&last=&g_p=P30&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 30, 1750–1752, p. 84 (Reel 28)." Also "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/lunenburg.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Lunenburg lands, Samuel Wilson, items 106, 363; citing VPB, BRDB 2:286–88 and VPB 30:84.

⁸⁵ On 25 March 1762, John Greer received a grant in Bedford, "580 acres on the north side of Stanton River"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=1010&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 1010 (Reel 33–34)." Also "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, John Greer & Aquila Greer, item 115 & John Greer, item 813; citing VPB, 34:1010 and 35:213.

On 7 July 1763, he received another 331 on the N side of Stanton (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=213&last=&g_p=P35&collection=LO Patent), citing "Land Office Patents No. 35, p. 213 (Reel 35)."

⁸⁶ On 1 February 1781, a Robert Baker received 2 grants in Henry Co., "205 acres on the waters of Green Creek adjoining Thomas Low" and "155 acres on Green Creek waters adjoining Archelaus Hughes"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=482&last=&g_p=PD&collection=LO Grant : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Grants D, 1780–81, pp. 482 and 488 (Reel 45).

On 20 August 1769, Archelaus Hughes married, in Pittsylvania, "Mary Dalton, dau. of Samuel Dalton who consents"; see Catherine Lindsay Knorr, *Marriage Bonds and Marriage Returns of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1767–1805* (1956; reprint, Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 2002), 44. On 15 June 1773, Archelaus Hughes and John Wimbish received 3 Pittsylvania Co. grants of "400 acres on Sandy Creek, adjoining Billings land," "100 acres on Locton's Branch of the Mayo River, adjoining Randolph, and "287 acres on both sides both forks of Mill Creek of Mayo River, adjoining Hughes"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=353&last=&g_p=P41&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 41, 1772–1773, p. 353–55 (Reel 40)." Several other grants to Hughes, adjoining "Walton" in Henry County and "Allen" in Patrick County would follow this. For many other records created by Archelaus Hughes before he was cut away into Henry Co., see Pittsylvania County's deed books 1–3.

On 25 July 1791, in Henry County, one "William Mills sold to Archelaus Hughes for 75£ " a tract of land containing 1,000 acres more or less on Crooked Creek of Mayo River [adjoining] Fontaine and Walton . . . Wit: John Childress, Lea. Hughes, Henry France, [Signed] William Mills." This William Mills was the William who received a 1770 grant on Matrimony Creek, jointly with Elizabeth Mills in a patent that did not name her as his wife. However, the land conveyed here was not part of the Matrimony Creek grant. See E. S. Mills, "Mills: Literature Survey of Published Resources for Bedford, Henry, and Franklin Counties," report to file, 28 May 2016. Also Mills, "Mills: Preliminary Survey of Henry and Pittsylvania Counties," report to file, 2018. Both are archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the "Research" tab.

⁸⁷ Henry Co. Deed Book 1:70–71, Ralph Shelton Jr. to Robert Baker, 119 1/2a on Green Creek in Henry Co., 10 September 1777. On 7 March 1783 Robert Baker and Archelaus Hughes co-witnessed a deed between John Grisham and Samuel Clark, both of Henry Co., for 744 acres on Spoon Creek; see Deed Book 2:296–98. Also Deed Book 2:487–88, Baker of Henry Co. to William Gray, 7 November 1783.

	Michal Macdowel		
	Nicholas Alle[n]	1749	Hailes list
B, F	John Pybon	1754	appointed constable in fork between Staunton R and Blackwater R, then Bedford, now Franklin ⁸⁹
	Jacob Pybon	1749	Talbot list; 1752 Phelps' list
B, F	Jacob Pate	1756	Jacob & Anthony Pate, Thomas Owen, and William Morgan (<i>q.v.</i>) reported to Bedford court that they owed sums to Erwin Patterson who was being sued by "Greer." Ordered to pay those sums to Greer ⁹⁰
		1762	grant on S side of Staunton, then Bedford, now Franklin ⁹¹
B, F	Anthony Pate	1754	lived on Otter River, Bedford ⁹²
		1756	see Jacob Pate note, above
		1780	grant, S branches of Gills Cr, then Bedford, now Franklin ⁹³
		1782	"of Bedford" when he sold enslaved people to Thomas Pate of Montgomery County, in presence of William Watts ⁹⁴
		1789	sold 15 a on Gills Creek adj. Randolph, "Wades & Bowkers old line"; witnesses: William & John Charter, Wray Pate, and James Mills [formerly of Bedford, now of Maggoty Cr, Franklin]. ⁹⁵
P, F	William Hill	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list
		1768	"of Pittsylvania" when he bought land on Bull Run, off Blackwater R, then Pittsylvania, now Franklin
		1771	sold to Francis Kerby (<i>q.v.</i>) land on both sides Jonekin Cr, now Franklin;
		1771	sold land on S side Pig R & both sides Bull Run, now Franklin
		1772	sold land on S side Pig R, then Pittsylvania, now Franklin ⁹⁶
L & F	Thomas Hall, Junr.	1750	adj. Francis Kirby grant on Pigg River, then Lunenburg, now Franklin ⁹⁷
B	William Hall	1748	Talbot List; 1749 Haile list
		1758	adm of his estate assigned to John Hall (<i>q.v.</i>), Bedford ⁹⁸
		1759	Church wardens ordered to bind out his orphans, Bedford ⁹⁹

⁸⁸ On 3 October 1783, a John Hilton received a grant in Henry Co., "200 acres on both sides Blackwater River, beginning at Randolph's corner"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=517&last=&g_p=GH&collection=LO Grant : downloaded 14 June 2018), citing "Land Office Grants H, 1782–1783, p. 517 (Reel 49)." This appears to be the John Hilton who was previously in Brunswick, the parent county of Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Bedford, Henry, and Franklin. **Archelaus Hughes and Robert Pusey (*q.v.*) also had land adjoining Randolph in what is now Franklin & Henry Counties.**

⁸⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 20.

⁹⁰ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 98.

⁹¹ On 25 March 1752, Jacob Pate received Bedford Co. land, 145 acres on S side of Stanton River; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=1015&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 1015 (Reel 33–34)."

⁹² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12.

⁹³ On 1 September 1780, Anthony Pate received Bedford Co. land, 640 acres on south branches of Gills Creek; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=73&last=&g_p=PD&collection=LO Grant : downloaded 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Grants D, 1780–1781 (v.1 & 2 p.1–930), p. 73 (Reel 45). **Gills Creek is now in Franklin.**

⁹⁴ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 56; citing pp. 264–65.

⁹⁵ Franklin Co. Deed Book 2:75.

⁹⁶ Lucile C. Payne and Neil G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1765–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 22, 31, 80, 81, 122.

⁹⁷ See note for Francis Kerby, below.

⁹⁸ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 156.

⁹⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 162.

		1772	named in suit against estate of Edm. Smith whose widow married William Hayes (<i>q.v.</i>) before 1753
H & F	Jacob Adkins	1778	survey N fk Story Cr, then Henry, now Franklin ¹⁰⁰
H & F	William Mullins	1749	Haile list
		1769	land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Richard Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), Sabra Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), James Standeford (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry & Franklin ¹⁰¹
		1773	granted land on E fk of Town Cr of Smith R, then Henry, now Franklin ¹⁰²
L	John Curby, Senr. [Kirby]	1749	Haile list: Kirby;
		1750	grant N side Flat Rock Creek, Lunenburg ¹⁰³
	John Curby, Jr. [Kirby]		
L,H,F	Francis Curby [Kirby]	1749	Haile list: Kirby
		1750	through 1781 grants on both sides of Pigg R adj. Wm. Hunter, Thomas Hall in 1751 ¹⁰⁴
F	John Lynus	1749	Haile list: "Lynas"
		1796	"Lynass Br" of Pigg River, in Franklin Co. ¹⁰⁵
	James Macferin		
P, F	Robert Hill	1749	Haile list
		1769	land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Richard Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), Sabra Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), James Standeford (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry & Franklin ¹⁰⁶
	&		
B	John Beard	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Haile list
		1749	through 1768 land both sides Hailes" Mill Cr, N side of Staunton R, Bedford Co—across river from Franklin Co ¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁰ Henry Co. Deed Book 1:340–46, list of surveys by John Dickerson: 5 May 1778, Jacob Atkins north fork Story Crk."

¹⁰¹ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

¹⁰² Henry Co. Deed Book 1:240–42, William Mullins and wife Jean to Thomas Hill, 70 acres; William Mullins and wife Jean to John Mullins, 70 acres, 24 June 1779.

¹⁰³ "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, "John Kirby of York," item 209, 2 Jul 1750, 330 in Lunenburg N side Flat Rock Creek; citing LUDB 2:68–71.

¹⁰⁴ On 3 November 1750, Francis "Kirby" was granted land in Lunenburg, 300 acres on both sides of Pigg River, adjoining William Hunter, Thomas Hall &c"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=424&last=&g_p=P30&collection=LO Patent : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 30, 1750–1752, p. 424 (Reel 28)." The document image also places the land on east side of Snow Creek and "Jonakin" Creek.

On 1 March 1782, Francis "Kerby" received a grant then in Henry Co., "584 acres on the PoleCat Branch of Pigg River on Coons Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=616&last=&g_p=PD&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Grants D, 1780–1781 (v. 1 & 2 p. 1–930), p. 616 (Reel 45)." Pigg River is now in Franklin Co.

¹⁰⁵ On 15 March 1796, George Ferguson was granted land in Franklin Co., "68 acres on Pig River and **Lynass's Branch**"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=506&last=&g_p=G33&collection=LO Grant : accessed 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office grants No. 33, 1795–1796, p. 506 (Reel 99)." I have not located a grant to Lynus/Lynas/Lynass himself in the *Virginia Memory* database.

¹⁰⁶ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

¹⁰⁷ On 20 May 1749, John "Biard" received a grant in Lunenburg, "53 acres on the north side of Stanton river": see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=171&last=&g_p=P27&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018), citing "Land Office Patents No. 27, 1748–1749, p. 171 (Reel 25)." Also "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, John Beard, 20 July 1768, item 202; citing VPB, 37:244.

			c1750 through 1764, surety for William Hays (<i>q.v.</i>), as administrator of estate of Edmond Smith whose widow Hays married; John Mills was co-surety; William Mills was a creditor of the estate. ¹⁰⁸
B	Nicholas Haile [Sr.]	1754	His estate administrator sued Isaac Frizzel in Bedford ¹⁰⁹
B	Mathias Rush	1755	N side Staunton R, Bedford ¹¹⁰
B	Jester Cock [Cox]	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Haile list; both w/ Charles Cock; 1752 Phelps list alone
		1754	made recantation in court in favor of John Mead, Bedford ¹¹¹
		1756	& 1759–60 did jury duty, Bedford ¹¹²
		1761	in jail on felony charges that were dismissed, Bedford ¹¹³
	Charles Cock [Cox]	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Haile list; both with Jester Cock; 1752 Phelps list alone
F	Christopher Choate, Junr.	1749	Haile list; 1752 Haile’s list
		1781	land on Little Otter Creek, now Franklin ¹¹⁴
	William Kahey	1749	Haile list: “Kahoy”; 1752 Phelps list
F	Neal Macneal	—?—	Maggoty R. in present Franklin ¹¹⁵
B	John Keeth	1749	Hailes list
		1756	(John Keeth) assigned his wolf-head bounty to James Talbot ¹¹⁶
B	John Macfaull	1749	Haile list
		1754	sued Anthony Pate for debt in Bedford; court paid Geo. Thomas for guarding McFaul in Bedford’s county jail ¹¹⁷
	William Mills	1	Nothing further found for him in Bedford; but <i>q.v.</i> John Mills references below
B & H	William Hays ¹¹⁸	1	1752 Phelps list, 6 tithables from a new John Mills ¹¹⁹

On 16 June 1756, John “Biard” received a grant in Lunenburg, “402 acres on both sides of Callaways Waggon road adjoining his own & Pleasants line”: see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=15&last=&g_p=P33&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018), citing “Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756–1761, p. 15 (Reels 31–32).”

¹⁰⁸ See John Beard & John Mills vs. Admr. of Edmund Smith, Bedford Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005 : accessed 27 May 2016).

¹⁰⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 19, September Court 1754.

¹¹⁰ “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, Matthias Rush, 10 July 1755, 54a Lunenburg on the N side of Stanton,” item 630; citing VPB, 31:514.

¹¹¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 13.

¹¹² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 89, 172, 204.

¹¹³ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 249–50.

¹¹⁴ Henry Co. Deed Book 2:317–18, Samuel and Mary Fox to John Huff, land adj. Christopher Choats on Little Otter Creek, 8 September 1781.

¹¹⁵ A 1924 history of Halifax includes this list of patentees; “**Philip Finn**, 119 acres south side of Stanton River; **William Hill**, 240 acres both sides of **Black water River**; **Nicholas Haile, Gent.**, 654 acres, being two surveys joined together south side of Stanton River; **Neal McNeal**, 125 acres on **Maggotty Creek**; Robert & Thomas Jones, 520 acres on **Pig River**.” **The last of these 4 individuals—the Maggotty Creek landowner—appears just 3 names from William Mills on this 1750 tax list. Blackwater and the Maggoty both appear in present Franklin County. The Maggoty was previously in Bedford. The Blackwater (before Franklin was created) was the dividing line between Bedford and Henry Counties.** (For the quote, see Wirt Johnson Carrington, *History of Halifax County, Virginia* (Richmond: Appeals Press, 1924), unpaginated HTML edition at *Genealogy Trails History Group: Halifax County, Virginia* (<http://genealogytrails.com/vir/halifax/historyhalifaxbook.html> : accessed 1 June 2018). I have not yet located the “Neal McNeal” grant on Maggoty in the state patent database under any spelling—only a “Neal McNeal” grant 18 October 1800 in present Washington.

¹¹⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 116.

¹¹⁷ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 22, 31.

¹¹⁸ William Hays/Hayes of Lunenburg married Ann (allegedly Ann Harrold), widow of Edmond Smith before 1753. Their son Henry Hays allegedly married Mary Partree Burks. See Ken Gabriel, “Gabriel Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/118192640/person/140178640868/facts> : accessed 18 June 2018); no valid evidence presented for either claim. Problems also exist with numerous other assertions.

The settlement of Smith’s estate involved both **William Mills** and **John Mills**. See John Beard & John Mills vs. Admr. of Edmund Smith, Bedford Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory*

(http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005 : accessed 27 May 2016). Surviving documents are as follows:

[1746, 1766]

"This is to Certifi to all to hoom these may Consarn that the Bond **John Mills** gave me, bearing date the **13th day of Aught 1746** for forty pounds was money that the sd. Mills agreed to pay me for money due to My husband before he di[e]d (Edmond Smith) which bond I took in my name for the noe [sic] of the Heirs of the sd. Edmond Smith as I was Intend to admr. on the sd. Estate, as witness my hand this **28th day of Octr. 1766**. [Signed] Ann (her mark) Hays. Test: Richard Edwards, Benjamen Juvenan [?], James Keatch."

[1753]

"I, **William Hays**, Admr. of Ed. Smith Deced. and Guardian to Henry Smith, eldest Son of the aforesaid Edmund Smith do hereby acknowledge that I have Reced. of James Gray Sixty two Pounds, ten Shillings, the Consideration Money Bargained for by the [said] Smith in full satisfaction for four hundred Acres of Land which Land the said Edmund Smith Sold but Died before [he] had time to Execute Deeds for the said Land it being the Land which the aforesaid James Gray now prays there w[ill be] a Patent Granted him for, to which prayer I in no wise Object. Witness my hand this **eleventh Day of June 1753**. [Signed] William Hayes. Teste: John Woodson, Benja. Childress. A Copy Teste P. Pelham Jurat. [Signed] -?- Waller, C. L."

[Undated]

"The Total of the Appraisement of Edmond Smith's Estate	£50.13.3
"To the Total of Hays Acct. against Smith's Estate	194.1.0
"To the Total of Mills Acct. Against sd. Estate	12.7. 61/2

[undated]

"Proven ac_____ against Edmond Smiths Estate:

William Mills acct.	9.8.6 ½
William Hall "	0.17.0
John Mathews jner	1.17.0
Handrew Hays	0.9.6
Samuel Hailnekr[?]	3.10.0
William March	0.18.6
William Sayers	0.5.0
William Sayers	<u>2.5.0</u>
	12.7.6 ½

[1764]

"This is to Certify that I Wm. Hays has Receivd full Satisfaction of Henery Smith for all Edmond Smith's Children for all Diet and Cloathing and Necessary Learning given under my hand this 6th Day of Novbr 1764. [Signed] William Heyes; Witness pres. Geo. Ruddy? [Gundy?], Nicholas Welsh?

[n.d.]

"To the worshipful Court of Bedford sitting in Chancery. Hum[b]ly complaining, sheweth unto your worships your Orators **John Beard** [q.v.] and **John Mills** that after the Death of Edmund Smith, long since decd., your Orators intend themselves as Securities for the Widow Hays for the full and just Administration of the goods and chattels of the decd. Edmund Smith aforesaid. That sometime after the administratrix intermarried with William Hayes so that the Administration delivered unto him, together with the care of the children Henry [big blank space] being the Infants, that the Estate of the said Edmund Smith deceased was exhausted by Paiment of Debts and Charges of the maintenance of the Children ____ so that at the time of their coming of Age tehre was not any Part of it in the Hands of the Administrator Wm. Hayes. That William Hayes, as he has often assured your Orator, constantly kept Acct. Vouchers for money paid for the Estate and every Thing necessary for his own Justification and to indemnify your Orators as his Securities. But that sometime past the vouchers aforesaid were secretly to him out of the said Hayes's Custody by some ____ Person, as your Oratorso believe and circumstances appear, in Order your Orators suppose to make way for the perpetrating a manifest Fraud against your Orators, as the said Hayes had no Estate of his own and therefore your Orators were to make good any Amount due from him as Admr & ____ that had your Orators been able to have regained the said Vouchers they would have made it appear that the Estate of the said Emund Smith Decd was not wasted by the Admr. But now so it is that the Heirs of the said Edmund Smith have brought your Orators in this Court charging your Orators together with the Adm. Wm. Hayes with having wasted the Estate aforesaid, with sums of Money received by the said Hayes for the said Estate and ____ upon the same ____ manner particularly the Sum of sixty two Pounds ten Shillings said by them to be received by the said Hayes of a certain [blank space] for a certain Piece of Land belonging to the Estate of the Edmund Smith aforesaid and sold

- 1754 sued by Mathew Talbot, adm. of Nicholas Haile [Sr.], deceased, Bedford; subsequent suits 1755, 1757, 1758 as plaintiff & defendant, Bedford¹²⁰
- 1764 sued by the **John Mills** and John Beard (*q.v.*) sureties on his bond as administrator of the estate of his wife's first husband, Edmund Smith.¹²¹

by the said Hayes to the said [blank] together with sundry other Articles entirely unjust, amounting in the whole to a more significant Sum. And the said Defendants state ____ing the said Suit against your Orators recovered a Judgt. against your Orators for £118?. Although your orators were by no Means liable for the sum of £52.40.0 before mentioned to be received by Hayes. And that your Orators had not the Benefit of the Vouchers before mentioned to be taken from Hayes amounting to £68.11.0, as well as what your Orators were charged with Interest or Money received by the Admr. Hayes. And that your Orators [illegible] not allowed the Sum of £12.16.6 ½ paid by one of your orators for the said adm in Behalf of the said Estate. All which Actings and Doings of the said Deft. are contrary to Equity and good Conscience and ____ to the Oppression & Injury of your Orators. In under Consideration whe__ and for as much as your Orator is only relievable in this Court of Chancery, to the E____ therefore that the said Defendants may upon their several and respective Oaths separately and distinctly set forth whether the Administration of the goods and Chattels of Edmond Smith was not granted to his widow, whether she did not intermarry with Wm. Hayes & whether your Orators [torn] not Sureties for the Administratrix? Whether the Estate under the Admr was not indebted to several Persons? Whether the Admx did not pay such? Whether your Orator **John Mills**, did not keep? the sum of £12.16.6 ½ for the Estate?

¹¹⁹ In **1754** this **John Mills of Bedford** was appointed road overseer "in room of **Nicholas Welsh**" (*q.v.*). In **1755** he sued **Patrick Downey**; suit dismissed with no further details. In 1757, he sued **William Woods**; suit dismissed with no further details. See *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 17, 68, 140. In **1764** Bedford, one **John Mills**, James Mfall [McFall], An. Bledsoe, Fran. Thorp, Thos. Barnes, Francis Smith, witnessed the sale of three tracts in and adjoining New London Town by Alexander **Sayers of Augusta Co.** to Israil **Christian**. See Ann Chilton, *Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book B2* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1992), 33.

No John Mills appears on the next two surviving Lunenburg tax lists: 1764 and 1769. Lists also survive for 1772–76 and 1783. In **1772 Lunenburg**, one appears on the list taken by Elisha Betts, living in the home of Elisha Betts. In **1783 Lunenburg**, one John Mills is taxed in the district of Christopher Robertson, with 10 white tithes and 6 black tithes. See Landon C. Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside: List of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia; 1748–1783* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 187, 411. No links are yet known between these various same-name men.

The John Mills who associated with William Hays, more certainly, is the John Mills of Bedford who seems to be one person there from its 1754 creation until 1786. Principal documents:

- 1753 Appointed surveyor of the road "from Euing's fence to the Blew Ridge in room of **William Mills**." "Ewing's Fork" lay on Otter River (see Bedford Deed Book A-1: 342), which was the locus of the Edward Watts family.
 - 1754 Road order: "Nicholas Welch [*q.v.*] is appointed Surveyor of the Road in the room of **John Mills**."
 - 1755 Sued Patrick Downey
 - 1757 Sued William Woods
 - 1764 Witnessed 3 Bedford deeds (filed 26 July 1764), between Alexander Sayers of Augusta County and Israil Christian, for land adjoining New London Town; other witnesses were An. Bledsoe, Fran. Thorpe, James McFall, Thos. Barnes, and Francis Smith.
 - 1774 Probably the "Mills" who sued "Bandy," with no other identifying information
 - 1777 May be the "Mills" who bought land from "Crawford"
 - 1784-5 Taxed on 240 acres in Bedford; ditto 1785; not taxed 1786
 - 1786 Not taxed
 - 1786 Possible parents of Elizabeth Mills "of lawful age," who married William Burton 12 Aug. 1786 with Jesse Reynolds as surety. (A James Mills was also taxed in Bedford from 1782; his oldest son William m. in Franklin Co. 1796)
 - 1787 Resident of Botetourt Co. when (April 1787) he and wife Patty sold their Bedford land to Wm. Buford (DB 7:697–98)
- For 1753, see June Banks Evans, *Lunenburg County, Virginia: Order Book 2 ½-B, 1753–1754* (New Orleans, LA: Bryn Ffylliaid Publication, 1998), 41; citing Order Book 2 ½-B: 469. For 1754–57, see *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–1761* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 17, 68, 140. For the deeds, see Bedford Deed Book B-2: 512–15. New London, then in Bedford, is now in Campbell Co. For 1774 and 1777, see Bevin J. Creel, *Bedford County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1774–1783* (N.P.: Lulu.com, 2011), 2, 17, 42; citing original pages 5, 63–64, 124. For the 1782 and later records see E. S. Mills, "Mills: Literature Survey of Published Resources for Bedford, Henry, and Franklin Counties, Virginia," report to file, 28 May 206; archived at *Historic Pathways*.

¹²⁰ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 33, 38, 42, 60, 128, 135, 149, 152.

		1770	also 1779, 1783, witnessed deeds on Fall Cr (of Smith R near Mayo R), Henry Co] ¹²²
		1781	grant on Mayo R, Henry Co ¹²³
B	John Richardson	1748	Phelps list; 1749 Haile list; 1752 Phelps list
		1755	through 1760, grants both sides of Goose Creek & Mill Cr. Fork, now Bedford—across Staunton from Gill Cr, Franklin] ¹²⁴
B	William Bennet	1749	Haile list: William “Benet”
		1754	sued John Partree Birks for assault and battery, dismissed, Bedford
		1756	suit against Birks dismissed again, Bedford
		1760	served on jury, Bedford ¹²⁵
B	Peter Bennet	1748	Phelps list
		1761	served on jury, Bedford ¹²⁶
		1778	will named son William, Reuben, Micajah, Abner, and Richard, but did not include a Joseph, Bedford ¹²⁷
M	Joseph Bennet	1748	Phelps list
		1749	grant, Parham’s Cr, now Mecklenburg Co ¹²⁸
B	Nicholas Welsh	1749	Haile list
		1754	appointed “surveyor of the Road in the room of John Mills ” ¹²⁹
		1768	will of Nicholas Welsh named son Nicholas Welch Jr. (<i>q.v.</i>) ¹³⁰

¹²¹ See John Beard & John Mills vs. Admr. of Edmund Smith, Bedford Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005 : accessed 27 May 2016).

¹²² Henry Co. Deed Book 1:69–70, Thomas Harbour to John Journican, 8 August 1770, William “Hay,” witness; then Pittsylvania Co.. *Ibid.*, pp. 230–31, John Matlock to Zachariah Smith, adj. Journycan’s line on Fall Creek, 15 March 1779, William “Hayes,” witness. Deed Book 2: 475–75, Jesse Witt to Henry Mayse, land on Fall cr adj. David Witt, William “Hayse” and John “Jonnikin,” witnesses.

¹²³ On 1 February 1781, William “Hayes” received a grant in **Henry Co.** (formerly Lunenburg) described as “112 acres in the fork between the north and south **Mayo Rivers** adjoining the land of Lambert Dotson”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=501&last=&g_p=P31&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018; citing “Land Office Grants C, 1780–1781, p. 233 (Reel 44). **As with Hays, for several other names in this William Mills district there are no grants until the 1770s and 1780s, after which those grants were also in Henry.**

¹²⁴ On 10 July 1755, John Richardson received a patent to **Lunenburg** land, “68 acres on the south side of Goose Creek”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=501&last=&g_p=P31&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018; citing “Land Office Patents No. 31, 1751–1756, p. 501 (Reel 29).” Goose Creek is now in Bedford, just above the Franklin Co. line. Also “Index of Pool,” *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/bedford.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Bedford lands, John Richardson, 10 July 1755, 10 Sep 1755, 10 Sep 1760,” items 15, 107, 728; citing VPB, 31:401, 32:620; 33: 895.

¹²⁵ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 13, 97, 212.

¹²⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 223.

¹²⁷ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 7, 10; citing Will Book 1:292.

¹²⁸ On 25 July 1749, Joseph Bennet received a patent to Lunenburg land, “285 acres on both sides of Parhams Creek, adjoining Amos Timm’s upper line” and “298 acres on both sides Parhems Creek, adjoining Tanners lower line”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=285&last=&g_p=P27&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing “Land Office Patents No.27, 1748–1749, p. 285–87 (Reel 25).” Parham’s Creek is now in Mecklenburg Co., which was cut from Lunenburg in 1765.

¹²⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 17.

¹³⁰ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 7, 10; citing Will Book 1:71.

The same-name son is likely the man who, on 20 July 1768, as “Nicholas Welch,” received a patent to Bedford land, 110 acres on both sides of Shocco’s Creek”; see Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=336&last=&g_p=P37&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing “Land Office Patents No. 37, 1767–1768, p. 336 (Reel 37).”

B	& John Welsh	1754	appointed surveyor of road from Ewings to ford of Otter River in room of John Vance, Bedford; served as bondsman for Robert Jones (<i>q.v.</i>) ¹³¹
		1755	various suits, said in January Court 1756 "to be run away," Bedford ¹³²
	William Welsh		
B	& John Welsh	1774	estate inventory, Bedford ¹³³
F	Robert Hodge	1748	Phelps list
		1755	grant Chesnut Creek, Halifax, now Franklin ¹³⁴
	Thomas Hall, Senr.	1748	Talbot list; 1748 Phelps list; 1749 Haile list
F	John Ramsey	1759	grant N fork of Chesnut Cr, now Franklin, adj. Standifer (<i>q.v.</i>)
		1769	land surveyed in Pittsylvania, concurrently with Robert Hill (<i>q.v.</i>), Richard Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), Sabra Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), James Standeford (<i>q.v.</i>), Israel Standeford, Edward Richards (<i>q.v.</i>), Augusten Choate (<i>q.v.</i>), William Mullens (<i>q.v.</i>), John Ramsey (<i>q.v.</i>), later Henry and Franklin ¹³⁵
		1779	sale of land on N fork of Chestnut, patented 1759 ¹³⁶
H,F	Isom Hodg	1749	Haile's list
		1781	grant Chesnut Cr, now Franklin, adj. Lewis Morgan (<i>q.v.</i>) ¹³⁷
B	John Hall	1748	Bacon's list, 1748 Phelps list; 1749 Hailes list
		1750	and 1755, grants on Spring Field Cr & Reedy Cr, Lunenburg ¹³⁸
		1755	through 1758 "John Hall, Gent." prosecuted several suits against others in Bedford, including three of this list: James Ayres (constable from Pate's Road to Otter River), James Standifer (of Blackwater, later Franklin), and Thomas Watts (location uncertain) ¹³⁹

On 20 July 1768, he received another patent to Bedford land, 110 acres on both sides of Shocco's Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=336&las=&g_p=P37&collection=LO Patent : 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 37, 1767–1768, p. 336 (Reel 37)."

¹³¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 17, 25

¹³² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 17, 25, 35, 39, 55, 82, 87, 92.

¹³³ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co., Va., Will Book 1, 1749–1787; Will Book 2, 1787–1803* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 19; citing Book 1: 224.

¹³⁴ On 10 September 1755, Robert "Hodge" received a grant in Halifax Co., "388 acres on Chesnut Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=711&last=&g_p=P31&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 31, 1751–1756 (v. 1 & 2 p. 1–751), p. 711 (Reel 29)."

¹³⁵ Lucille C. Payne and Neal G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1756–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 45, 25 July 1770; citing Deed Book 1:453.

¹³⁶ On 10 August 1759, "John Ramsey" received a patent to Lunenburg land, "150 acres on both sides of the North fork of Chesnut Creek"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=449&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 666 (Reels 33-34)." Henry Co. Deed Book 1:242–44, John Ramsey to Thomas Warren, 24 June 1779.

On 20 October 1779, Ramsey received a Henry Co. grant for 346 acres on the branches of Chestnut Creek adj. Standefor's land"; see *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=131&last=&g_p=PA&collection=LO Grant); citing *Land Office Grants A, 1779–1780* (v. 1 & 2 p.1–685), p. 131 (Reel 42)." **William Mills-Witt (parents unknown) in 1815 married (with Stephen Standefor as bondsman), Drucilla Kemp, the granddaughter of Richard Edmundson who bought Israel Standifer's home place on Standifer's Creek in 1779.**

¹³⁷ On 1 Marsh 1781 "Isham Hodges" received a Henry County grant, "193 acres on Chesnut Creek adjoining Robert Grimmitt"; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=462&last=&g_p=PC&collection=LO Grant : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Grants C, 1780–1781, p. 462 (Reel 44)." Chesnut Creek is now in Franklin Co.

¹³⁸ "Index of Pool," *Direct Line Software* (www.directlinesoftware.com/Pool/Lunenburg.txt : accessed 7 June 2018), Lunenburg lands, John Hall, items 234, 410 1 Jun 1750 and 10 Sep 1755, 1300a on both sides of Spring Field Creek and 280 a on head branches of Reedy Creek; citing VPB, 29:212 and 31:570. I have not located Spring Field or Springfield. Today, there is a Reedy in Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, and Brunswick.

¹³⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 59. 64–68. 89–90, 156, 212.

		1757	bought land on Back Creek, Bedford. ¹⁴⁰
		1758	administrator of estate of William Hall (<i>q.v.</i>), Bedford ¹⁴¹
		1762	sold two tracts of land on Back Cr & both sides Tick Cr, Bedford ¹⁴²
		1764	bought land on Rock Castle Creek, Bedford ¹⁴³
		1769	& 1770 bought & exchanged land S side Pig R with Isham Hall ¹⁴⁴
	Moses Brown	1749	Hailes list
Bu	David Grifeth &	1749	Hailes list
	&	1748	Griffiths Cr of Slate R, Albemarle; now Buckingham ¹⁴⁵
	William Grifeth		
B & F	George Grifeth	1749	Hailes list; 1752 Phelps list
		1754	sued John Caldwell, Bedford ¹⁴⁶
		1759	patent Blackwater River, Bedford, now Franklin ¹⁴⁷
	Jacob Gross		
B & F	Pearce Codey	1748	Phelps list "Thomas & Pearce Codey"; 1752 Phelps list as "Cody"
	&	1754	assigned with Thomas Dunkan to Henry Haynes road crew, between
			Island Ford on Staunton R and mouth of Blackwater R, then Bedford,
			now Franklin ¹⁴⁸
		1756	sued by James Johnson ¹⁴⁹
	Thomas Codey		
B	Charles Simmons	1758	he & Jacob Pate (<i>q.v.</i>) assigned their wolf-head bounties to William
			Callaway, Bedford ¹⁵⁰
		1760	bought land on N fk Falling R, Bedford ¹⁵¹
B	William Linch	1749	Hailes List "William & Patrick Linch"
		1757	Sued Sarah Lynch executrix of the will of Charles Lynch, Bedford ¹⁵²
B	Thomas Wats	1748	through 1752, another Thomas Watts is a tithable, every year, in the
			precinct captained by Deloney, Howard, and then Field Jefferson. ¹⁵³

That Thomas Watts is the same man in these two Bedford records:

¹⁴⁰ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co. VA, Deed Book A-1, 1754–1762* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 19.

¹⁴¹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 156.

¹⁴² Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co. VA, Deed Book A-1, 1754–1762* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 13, 14, 15.

¹⁴³ Ann Chilton, *Bedford Co. VA, Deed Book B-2* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1992), 26.

¹⁴⁴ Lucile C. Payne and Neil G. Payne, *Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Deeds, 1765–1774* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1991), 31, 36, 62. The John Hall of Pittsylvania and Franklin may not be the same man as the John Hall Esq. of Bedford.

¹⁴⁵ On 20 August 1748, "David Griffith" received a patent to Albemarle land described as 200 acres on both sides of Griffiths Creek of Slate River; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.e.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=666&last=&g_p=P26&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 26, 1747–1748, p. 666 (Reel 24)."

¹⁴⁶ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 69.

¹⁴⁷ On 12 May 1759, "George Griffith" received a patent to Lunenburg land described as 130 acres on both sides of Blackwater River; see Library of Virginia, "Land Office Grants," database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.e.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=218&last=&g_p=P34&collection=LO Patent : downloaded 20 May 2018); citing "Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756–1765, p. 218 (Reels 33-34)." This land would later fall into Bedford and Henry, then Franklin Co.

¹⁴⁸ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 12, 8.

¹⁴⁹ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 90, 92.

¹⁵⁰ *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 157.

¹⁵¹ Bedford Co. Deed Book A-1: 311, James and Mary Walker to Charles Simmons. Witnesses: James & Crances Callaway, Wm. Thompson; no purchase date; recorded November 1760.

¹⁵² *Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754–61* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 2000), 132.

¹⁵³ This Thomas (who moved c.1756 to Craven Co., SC, together with his brothers Edward & William Watts and his brother-in-law Ambrose Mills) is a different man from the Thomas who owned land on Chestnut Creek in Henry Co. (1784) and Franklin Co. (after 1785). See, for example, Henry Co. Deed Book 1:503–4, Dillingham to Byrd, adj. Thomas Watts; Thos. Prunty, witness. The subsequent Franklin tax rolls taken by Prunty include Watts in his district. **Note: Kinseys were also in Henry contemporaneously**, while not found in other counties cut from Lunenburg, Halifax, or Brunswick.

