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SUBJECT: Sessums & Fishers of Sampson County (Formerly Duplin), NC: Preliminary Survey

PRINCIPALS: **Jacob Sessums** (*var.* Sessoms) and wife **Penny**—said to be née Fisher—arrived in Mississippi prior to the 1818 tax roll of Lawrence County. In 1819, Jacob is taxed there adjacent to one Elisha Fisher. The 1850 census places Jacob's birth in North Carolina c1776–77. Penny was by then dead, but the 1880 census data for their son Thomas and daughter Mary<sup>1</sup> cite NC as their mother's birthplace. Census data for all identifiable children of Jacob and Penny also place the couple in North Carolina c1798–1807 and Kentucky c1807–12. One Jacob Sessums appears on the 1810 census of Christian County, KY, where an Elijah Fisher had also settled.<sup>2</sup>

Regarding identity and parentage, descendants make competing claims as well as some irrational assertions:

- Countless online trees identify Jacob as “Jacob *Albert* Sessums” and “Jacob *Albert* Sessums Jr.” without evidence for the second given name that would have been aberrational in their place and time.
- Jacob is alleged to be the minor Jacob named in the 1792 will of Jacob Sessums Sr. of Edgecombe Co., NC.<sup>3</sup> This Edgecombe ‘Jacob Jr.’ is said to have married Penny in Mississippi in 1797; then returned with her to NC to settle in Sampson before 1800. None of these assertions carry evidence to link Jacob of Edgecombe to Jacob of Sampson other than “name’s the same.” None of the online assertions offer evidence that both counties have been thoroughly worked to correlate “Jacob Sessums” activities in the two regions.
- Penny is said to be “full-blooded Choctaw,” born in the Choctaw Nation in Mississippi<sup>4</sup> or in North Carolina (the latter, a region where the only Choctaws were

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. census, Leake Co., MS, pop. sch., stamped p. 427-C, ED 51, p. 35, unnumbered dwellings and households, Thomas Sessums, 73, b. KY, mother and father b. NC; his sister Mary resided with him.

<sup>2</sup> For a consolidation of all evidence I have documented to-date for Jacob and Penny, see “Jacob Sessums (c1777–aft.1850) & Spouse Penny Fisher (c1780–aft.1840): Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 29 June 2021, 83 pp.; archived online at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

<sup>3</sup> For example, Lisa LeAnn Harris, “Harris/Townsend/Rodes/Haddock/Blackwood et al Family Tree,” user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156340241/person/232082386607/facts> : accessed 1 May 2021).

<sup>4</sup> This assertion is based on a slew of rejected claims to Choctaw ancestry begun by grandson W. R. Sessums (son of Redding) amid the turn-of-the-century giveaway of Choctaw Nation lands to those who could prove descent. See “W. R. Sessums et al., plaintiffs v. The Choctaw Nation, defendant,” *Senate Documents*, vol. 15, 62d Congress, 3d Session, December 2, 1912–March 4, 1913 (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1913), 595–600; and the other Dawes Commission claims abstracted in this research paper.

those being held in slavery). Most online trees present her as the daughter of one of two couples:

- **Bailey Fisher** (1740–1821) and alleged wife **Charity** (d. 1818), a claim apparently based on the fact that Jacob and Penny named a daughter *Charity*.<sup>5</sup> However, no proof is offered for the alleged name of Bailey’s wife.
- “**Capt. William Southey Fisher**” and a “**Phoebe Pierce,**” who are said to have married 7 April 1756 in Freetown, Massachusetts, while Phoebe allegedly was born 5 February 1732 in Windham, Connecticut, and died 11 September 1811 in Bristol County, Massachusetts.<sup>6</sup> These geographically aberrant events stem from finding similarly named people on record “somewhere” and assuming they were one and the same as the person of interest. The double-given name asserted for Phoebe’s husband is also highly questionable.

One online tree establishes Jacob and Penny’s presence in Sampson County 1802–7, with (a) an uncited bill of sale in which the couple jointly conveyed title to an enslaved person and (b) an uncited deed in which they jointly disposed of land.<sup>7</sup>

**GOAL:** This project begins the task of combing Sampson and Duplin records, gleaning all evidence prior to c1830 that may point to the birth families and pre-Sampson origins of Jacob and Penny. A basic literature search will be made first in published sources, followed by research in the imaged original courthouse records available online at *FamilySearch* and *Ancestry*, as well as the imaged colony-and-state grants at *nclandgrants.com* and *Ancestry*. The results will be presented in chronological sequence rather than by record type.

**STRUCTURE:** This report is divided into four parts:

1. Major Findings for Jacob and Penny. (Begins page 3)
2. Family Overview: Sessums in Duplin & Sampson. Here, I identify each man who appeared in the records prior to the c1807 removal of Jacob and Penny from Sampson County, show relationships between the family members, and provide a chronological list of their activities. (Begins page 5)
3. Family Overview: Fishers in Duplin & Sampson. Same structure. (Begins page 17)
4. Research notes that provide documented abstracts, transcriptions, and/or images of every document found for each of the men in Part Two and some key associates. (Begins page 23)

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<sup>5</sup> For example, see notha55, “Fisher Family,” user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37538537/person/19105048131/facts> : accessed 10 May 2021)

<sup>6</sup> For example, see Jeff Inman, “Jon Robinson Family Tree,” user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/164506504/person/302140974566/facts> : 2 May 2021); and Cwillis, “William Southy Suthey Fisher (Slave Owner),” user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/67293991/person/112136453844/facts> : accessed 3 May 2021).

<sup>7</sup> See notha55, “Fisher Family,” user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37538537/person/19105048131/facts> : accessed 10 May 2021).

**PART 1:**  
**Major Findings for Jacob & Penny**

**Re Jacob's parentage:**

- **Jacob Sessums of Sampson, beyond reasonable doubt, was the son of Isaac of Sampson.** That conclusion is based on the following evidence:
  - At Jacob's first appearance on record in 1793, he purchased a piece of land adjoining Isaac, with Isaac as his witness.
  - At his first assignment to road duty, he is again coupled with Isaac, cited immediately after Isaac.
  - At Jacob's first enumeration in 1800, he again is listed immediately after Isaac.
  - Isaac's 1790 census household includes males of age to be Jacob: 2 males under 16 and 1 male over 16 (in addition to Isaac himself). Between 1801 and 1812, Isaac transferred land to three young males; Jacob was the first of the three. The fact that the Jacob to whom he transferred land was one and the same as the husband of Penny is established by the deed in which Jacob *and Penny* sold that same land two years later.
  - The 1790 census enumerates Isaac Sessums at 5 households from Southy Fisher, father of Penny who married Jacob.
  - In 1797, after Jacob married, Isaac Sessums bought land adjoining Jacob on *west* side of Beaverdam Swamp.
  - In 1806, Isaac's land still adjoined Jacob when Isaac conveyed land on **Beaverdam Swamp** to the newly adult Young Sessums.
  - This same pattern is seen between other family members, as when Isaac's brother Solomon sold land to his first-born son John on 5 August 1812, and then to his sons Solomon Jr. and Nicholas in 1822.
- The wife of Isaac Sessums is not named in any document.
- **The father of Isaac Sessums is explicitly said to be Nicholas Sessums** in a 17 October 1797 deed in which Nicholas gave "to son Isaac Sessums" his mill site of two acres on Beaverdam Branch of the Great Swamp and South River.
- The Jacob who married Penny was not the first Jacob in Sampson. An earlier Jacob, apparently his father's brother, bought land in the family cluster in 1776 and disappeared from the county records after October 1782, leaving no evidence that he married and left offspring. (I am distinguishing these men by the labels **Jacob I** and **Jacob II**.) The land that Isaac conveyed to Jacob II, after young Jacob married, was not the land that was owned by Jacob I—thereby discounting the possibility that Jacob I may have died leaving a son Jacob II, for whom Isaac was guardian of the child and property until he came of age.
- **Not one of the thirty-nine documents thus far found for Jacob II in this project** (twenty-two in North Carolina, two in Kentucky, and fifteen in Mississippi—all original documents created *by or about him during his lifetime*) **include a middle name or initial.** Double given names were a rarity in his time, place, and social group. They began to appear, inconsistently, in his children's generation.

**Re Penny's parentage:**

- **Penny Fisher was the daughter of Southey Fisher—but *not* “William Southey.”** Southey, a Duplin County militia captain whose company was called up for the Battle of Moore's Bridge at the start of the Revolution, was a prosperous planter, slaveholder, and ordinary keeper who apparently died in the winter of 1801–2. Three separate documents show Jacob Sessum's participation (as heir) in the settlement of Southey's estate:
  - 25 October 1807, “Thomas Fisher, John Fisher, Reuben Fisher, Elijah Fisher, and Jacob Sessums to Thomas Wallace, sale of Negro man Jim.” (The document is indexed as “Thomas Fisher and others” to Wallace, with no reference to Sessums; the actual document names all the “others.”)
  - 27 October 1807, “Thomas Wallis to John Fisher, Elijah Fisher, and Jacob Sessoms,” sale of certain enslaved people who would be delivered to them “after the death of my wife Phebe.”
  - 10 June 1805, Reuben Fisher to Neil Colbreath, sale of 30 acres “willed to him the said Rubin Fisher by Southy Fisher Dec'd,” with a reservation that “Phebe Wallace to have free priviledge of the Land on the east side of the Main Road ... During her natural life.”
- Southey Fisher was last on record in the August term of court, 1801, when he requested and received permission to build a grist mill and saw mill on his own land across the Little Cohary. He then died in the fall or winter of 1801–2, more likely winter; his widow Phebe and son John Fisher applied for administration in February 1802.
- Southey Fisher's widow Phoebe married secondly Thomas Wallis (*var.* Wallace), possibly by May 1802 when Thomas Wallace began to be included in Fisher-Sessum road assignments—and almost certainly by November 1802 when Wallace went to court to request a license to “keep a publick ordinary at his own house.” That house of “his” appears to be the house where Southy Fisher had previously kept his ordinary. Thomas is not on record buying land or receiving grants in his own name, prior to marrying the widowed Phoebe.
- Note the order in which Southy's children and heirs are named. Jacob Sessums is consistently last, because he married the only female heir. In the list where all heirs are named (commonly, but not always, in birth order or birth-order for males, then birth-order for females) the sons are cited as Thomas, John, Reuben and Elijah. In the deed in which Thomas Fisher did not appear, the sons are cited as John and Elijah. Elijah consistently appears as the last son (ostensibly the youngest). *Ergo*: Southy's son Elijah is not the Elijah Fisher who first appeared on the Duplin tax roll (with Southy and Bailey) as an adult taxpayer in 1782, took out land in the 1780s, moved to Cumberland County between 1798 and 1800, and died in Cumberland in 1808.
- Phoebe died before 4 May 1816, when Thomas Wallace executed a sale with a new wife named Nancy (daughter of their neighbor Robert Magee). Phoebe likely died shortly before June 1812 when Wallace, without a wife's participation, sold her son John Fisher 150 acres of land, after which a deed of gift from her and Wallace to her son John Fisher “for a number of articles” was proved in court by the oath of witnesses, with no date being given for the gift that seems to have excluded her other children.
- No document has been found that explicitly states a maiden identity for Phoebe.

## PART 2:

### Family Overview: SESSUMS of Duplin & Sampson Individual Chronologies in Alpha Sequence

(For documented abstracts, transcriptions, and/or images of each activity summarized below for each man, see the corresponding date under “Research Notes”)

#### OVERVIEW:

In 1766, on the same day (8 February) two males of this surname—**Samuel** and **Richard**—made their first appearance in Duplin’s records, taking out land between South River and the Great Coharie. A year later, a land entry was made in that same neighborhood in the name **Thomas Sessums**, but was abandoned. Samuel left Duplin for Bladen before Sampson was carved out of Duplin. Richard remained in Sampson until his death in 1797, leaving a widow Mary and four minors.<sup>8</sup>

In 1774, and once again on the same day, two other Sessums appeared in Duplin—**Nicholas** and **Solomon**. Both settled in the immediate vicinity of Richard. Over the next five years, three more male Sessums came of age and took out adjacent land: **Jacob**, **Isaac**, and **John**. Jacob soon dropped out of Sampson’s records. John died and Richard took over his land. Nicholas, Solomon, and Isaac—like Richard—remained in Sampson until their deaths. Nicholas last appeared on record in 1799, after conveying his mill site to “my son Isaac” in whose household he appears to reside in 1800 but not 1810.

The records provide direct evidence for one son of Nicholas and suggest five other children:

1. **Richard Sessums**, who first entered land in 1766 and died in 1797, leaving a widow Mary and four unidentified children under 18 or 21.
2. **Solomon Sessums**, who took out land in 1774, served in the Revolution, married Obedience Baker in 1780, and died in 1832 after applying for a Revolutionary War pension. His pension file contains family record pages identifying his numerous children. Past that point, Sampson County males carrying the Sessums name appear to be his offspring.
3. **Jacob Sessums I**, who took out land in 1777 and dropped from the records after 1782.
4. **Isaac Sessums**, called son by Nicholas in 1797, when Nicolas conveyed to him his mill site, with Solomon as witness. Isaac took out his first land in June 1782 and lived adjacent to Jacob and Penny from their marriage until they moved to Kentucky in late 1807. In 1812, after his own sons had died left the region, Isaac transferred his land to Solomon’s son Blake Sessums, with whom he appears to be living in 1820.<sup>9</sup>
5. **John Sessums**, who took out his first land in October 1782 and his last on 25 July 1783. That last tract was patented by “Richard Sessums (Heir of John Sessums)” on 8 October 1787. Under common law, if a propertied man died without legal children, his heir was (a) whomever he named in his will; or (b) his siblings. Parents inherited only if there were no siblings. No will or

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<sup>8</sup> Simultaneously, there was in Sampson County one Richard *Sessions*, with sons Uriah and Joseph, who should not be confused with Richard *Sessums*.

<sup>9</sup> One Blake Sessums is identified as Solomon’s son in the “family pages” submitted in the pension application of Solomon’s widow. Pension application of Obedience (Baker) Sessums, Widow of Solomon Sessums (Pvt., Sgt., Lt.; Capt. Southey Fisher’s Company, NC Militia, Rev. War), W19330; imaged “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/15490011> and [15490021](https://www.fold3.com/image/15490021) : accessed 28 May 2021).

probate record has been found for John. Thus, Richard's heirship suggests that he was John's brother and likely the eldest.

6. **Axy Sessums**, born c1767, married Isaac and Jacob's neighbor **James Grice**. She was aged 78 on 11 April 1845 when she made an affidavit for the pension application of Solomon Sessum's widow Obedience. Therein she identified herself as Solomon's sister and stated that she had long lived within a mile of Solomon and Obedience.

The parents of Nicholas have not been proved. Several branches of the North Carolina Sessumses used the same names for their children. *Superficially*, the known data suggests two possible links between Nicholas of Duplin > Sampson and the Sessums of Edgecombe: **Parker and Faircloth**:

- One Nicholas Sessums Sr. left a will in Edgecombe in 1764 witnessed by a Benjamin **Faircloth**, in which he named his wife Elizabeth; sons William, **Nicholas**, and Thomas (the latter of whom was to be cared for by Nicholas after Elizabeth's death, implying that Thomas was handicapped in some way), and daughters Grace Mars, Elisabeth Duffield, Rachel **Parker**, Lurane Dunn, Ann Dunn, and Sarah Marley.<sup>10</sup>
- The daughter Rachel is said by modern researchers (without evidence cited) to be the wife of Sampson County's John Parker Sr., whose sons included a **Sessums Parker** and **Nicholas Parker**. In Sampson County, that Parker family owned land adjacent to, and interacted with, Nicholas Sessums and his offspring.<sup>11</sup>
- One **Benjamin Faircloth** was also an adjacent neighbor of the Sampson County Nicholas and his offspring. The two families interacted frequently in Sampson.<sup>12</sup>

Thorough research must be done in Edgecombe to prove or disprove relationships and potential links to Duplin > Sampsn

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<sup>10</sup>"North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004755012\\_00019](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004755012_00019) : accessed 1 June 2021) > Edgecombe > Wills, Scr-Wo, Vol. 9-10, 1758–1830 > image 22–23.

<sup>11</sup> John Parker Sr.'s first land grants in Duplin were dated 22 April 1763: four grants for 100a each on *east* side of South River between South and Little Coharie, "at the North of the Great Swamp" and in the fork of the great Swamp and the Beaver Dam Swamp near a place called **Hicks Island**." *His locale is the same one settled by Nicholas, Richard, Isaac, and Jacob Sessums of Sampson*. In 1764, also in Duplin, Parker took out two tracts of 170 acres on "**Rattlesnake, a branch of the N.E.**" Many such grants followed in Duplin and subsequently Sampson. Particularly see David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.343&qid=659070&rn=5>), citing Patent Book 13:392–93. The database shows no grants for John Parker in Edgecombe and I have found no record in Duplin or Sampson that names Parker's wife—raising a question as to what evidence identifies him as the husband of the "Rachel Parker" named in the will of Nicholas Sessums of Edgecombe.

<sup>12</sup> The first Faircloth land entries in Duplin were in 1779 when John and Hardy Faircloth took out land on Great Swamp and Little Coharie; both tracts fell into Sampson in 1784. In 1784, one Benjamin Faircloth is named as father of a young purchaser named Samuel Faircloth in a 1784 deed from Nicholas Sessums.

—SESSUMS Males on Record before 1807—  
An Alphabetical Summary

**BLAKE SESSUMS**

- 1806 May 2 witnessed with Solomon Sessums, a deed from Isaac Sessums to Young Sessums for three tracts of land adjoining Jacob Sessums.
- 1812 Dec 10 bought from Isaac Sessums two tracts totaling 200a between **Little Coharie** and **South River** in the fork of the **Great Swamp** and the **Beaverdam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**, adjoining Thomas Copeland, Isaac Sessums' Spring Branch, Frazier, and Willis West. Witnesses: Solomon Sessums, John Sessums.
- 1815 Feb 2 bought from John Fisher, 200 acres between Great Swamp and Little Coharie. Wit: Solomon and John Sessums.

**CULMER (var. CULMAN) SESSUMS**

- 1757 One Culmer Sessums is taxed in Bertie County
- 1774 Oct 9 bought 100a from Richard Sessums, on **Great Swamp** at **Edge's Branch**, with **Solomon Sessums** as witness.
- 1775 Apr 12 bought 200 acres on west side of **Little Coharie** from Samuel Sessums, land Samuel had bought from John Williams. Wit: Solomon Sessums.
- 1783 Aug resident of **Bladen County** [where Samuel had relocated], when he sold 100a "on west side of **Little Coharie** to **Southey Fisher**.
- 1784 taxed in Bladen.
- 1790 not enumerated as a head-of-household.
- 1790 Oct 10 sold 100a in Sampson, east side of **Great Swamp**, both sides of **Edge's Branch**.

**ISAAC SESSUMS**

- 1779 Jun 26 entered two tracts (50a and 100a) that were patented on 29 October 1782.
- 1782 Jun Obtained from Samuel Sessums 100 acres between **Little Coharie** and **South River** in the fork of the **Great Swamp** and the **Beaverdam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**. Witnesses were Nicholas, Solomon, and Richard Sessums.
- 1782 Oct patented 100 acres on west side of the **Great Swamp** in the marsh of the **Reedy Branch** adjoining John Jones—and another 100 acres on east side of **South River**, beginning at mouth of **Scotchman's Branch**.
- 1783 Nov 8 served with Richard Sessums as chain bearer for survey of land entered by John Sessums, now claimed by Richard as John's heir.
- 1784 taxed in Sampson. Details not presently available.
- 1785 Sep 14 entered 145a on east side of **Great Swamp**, entry 37, grant 238 dated 10 July 1788.
- 1787 May 24 had 145a surveyed on east side of **Great Swamp** at edge of **Beaverdam Swamp** adj. Willis West; chain bearers: Nicholas Sessums, Elias McLemore.
- 1788 July 10 patented 100 acres on east side of **Great Swamp**, adjoining his own land on **Beaverdam Swamp**, Willis West, and **Cypress Branch**.
- 1790 Feb 17 served as chain bearer for 100a surveyed for Nicholas Sessoms on east side of **South River** at lower end of **Hixes Island**.
- 1790 Aug 5 witnessed a deed for Nicholas Sessums.

- 1790 enumerated with 2 males 16+ (himself & 1 other), 2 males under 16, 2 females, and 0 enslaved persons or free persons of color; in following sequence: **Solomon Sessoms**, Samuel Faircloth, **Isaac Sessums**, Benjamin Faircloth, Lewis Lucas, John Harwood, Hardy Faircloth, **Southy Fisher**.
- 1791 Jan 29 witnessed a deed for Richard Sessums.
- 1791 Feb 15 had 100a surveyed, fork of **Beaverdam** and **Big Swamp**, adjoining Elias McLemore and Widow Davis.
- 1791 Dec 20 patented 100a at fork of **Beaverdam** and **Big Swamp**, adjoining Elias McLemore and Widow Davis.
- 1793 Feb 12 witnessed the purchase of 200a by **JACOB SESSOMS** from William Owens on *west side* of **Little Coharie** and *both sides* of **Beaverdam Marsh**.
- 1794 Nov 11 assigned to road crew along with **Sessums Parker**, John Fisher, and Elijah Fisher,
- 1795 Aug assigned to road crew along with **Nicholas Sessums**, Sessums Parker, John Fisher, and Elijah Fisher,
- 1795 Nov assigned to road crew along with **JACOB SESSUMS**, with **Sessums Parker** as overseer.
- 1797 Aug 14 bought from Nicholas Sessums 100a on *east side* of **South River** at lower end of **Hicks Island** adjoining John Parker.
- 1797 Oct 17 named as "*my son*" in deed to him by Nicholas Sessums, who gave him his millsite and two acres of land "for support to the mill." Situated on **Beaverdam Branch** of the **Great Swamp** and **South River**. Witnessed by Solomon Sessums and John Butler.
- 1798 Feb 10 sold 100a to Solomon Sessums on *west side* of **Great Swamp** at the **Rocky Branch**. Granted to Isaac in 1782. Witnessed by Nicholas Sessums.
- 1799 Sep 30 bought 100a on *west side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining **JACOB SESSUMS** and James Grice. Witnesses: Nicholas Sessums and **JACOB SESSUMS**.
- 1800 Aug enumerated as 2 males 45+ [Isaac and father Nicholas], 2 females 45+ 1 male 0–9, 1 female 0–9; his immediate cluster is Mary Sessoms (widow of Richard), Isaac Sessums, **JACOB SESSUMS**.
- 1800 Dec 24 bought from Lewis Parker, 100a on *both sides* of **Beaverdam Swamp** adjoining James Grice [husband of Axy Sessums] and John Parker near school house.
- 1801 Jan 25 bought from Caleb Faircloth 2 tracts of 100a each on *east side* of **Great Swamp** and *south side* of **Cow Branch**, adjoining Solomon Sessams.
- 1801 Feb 9 conveyed these last two tracts to **JACOB SESSUMS** who, with WIFE **PENNY**, sold them in 1803 to Neal Culbreath.
- 1801 Feb 9 received from **JACOB SESSUMS** 200 acres on *west side* of **Little Coharie** and *both sides* of **Beaverdam Marsh**. Witness: Solomon Sessums.
- 1802 Oct 8 had 75a surveyed on *east side* of **South River** and *south side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**; chain carriers: James Grice & Young Sessums.
- 1803 Dec 16 patented 75a on *east side* of **South River** and *south side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**.
- 1806 May 2 conveyed to Young Sessums, three tracts of land on *east side* of **South River** and waters of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining **JACOB SESSUMS**, James Grice, John Parker, school house, Frazier, Witnesses: Solomon Sessums and Blake Sessums.
- 1808 Nov 2 sold to John Johnston Sr. 100a on *east side* of **South River**. Witnesses: Solomon Sessums, John Sessums.
- 1810 Aug enumerated as 1 white male 45+, 1 white female 45+, 1 white female 16–25, 0 fpc, 0 slaves. (Young Sessums to whom he transferred his land in 1806 does not appear.)
- 1811 May 18 purchased from [brother-in-law] James Grice, 50a on *east side* of **Beaver Dam** at mouth of **Big Branch**, adjoining Grice, granted to James Davis in 1788. Witnesses: Solomon Sessums, John Sessums.
- 1811 Nov 2 sold to John Johnston Sr., land on *east side* of **South River** on **Scotsman's Branch** granted to Isaac in 1802.
- 1812 Dec 10 sold Blake Sessums two tracts totaling 200a between **Little Cohara** and **South River** in the *fork* of the **Great Swamp** and the **Beaverdam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**, adjoining Thomas Copeland, **Isaac Sessums' Spring Branch**, Frazier and Willis West. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums**, **John Sessums**.



1820 Aug enumerated apparently in the household of Blake Sessums to whom he had transferred his land in 1812.

#### JACOB SESSUMS I

1777 Jan bought land on **Cow Branch** of the **Great Swamp** from Hezekiah Jones, with Nicholas and Solomon Sessums as witnesses. (Nicholas, **ISAAC**, and Solomon all later sold or owned land on Cow Branch. In 1802, **ISAAC** conveyed one Cow Branch tract to **JACOB II**, husband of Penny; but the physical description of the land is not the same as the land of Jacob I.)

1779 Aug 12 entered 100a *east side* of **Great Swamp**, "a drain of **Scotts Branch**." Patented 29 October 1782.

1779 Nov 12 had surveyed 100a on *east side* of **Great Swamp**, at mouth of a branch, adjoining self. Solomon Sessums and John Harrod, chain bearers.

1782 Oct patented an adjacent 100 acres on *east side* of **Great Swamp**.

1784 not taxed in Sampson.

1790 Oct not a head-of-household on census. Apparently deceased or had moved away.

#### JACOB SESSUMS II (HUSBAND OF PENNY FISHER)

1793 Feb 12 bought from William Owens 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** and *both sides* of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining Nathaniel Jones. Witness: **ISAAC SESSAMS**.

COMMENT:  
Jacob who married Penny Fisher would be about sixteen at this time, old enough to buy property and begin to farm but not old enough to sell it.

1793 Jul 11 witnessed, with Lawrence Hall, a deed from Benjamin Bullock to Nicholas Parker; both X'd.

1794 Jan 23 his future father-in-law, Southy Fisher, bought land from William Owens also.

1795 Nov assigned to road crew for the first time (now aged 18); assigned with, and immediately following **ISAAC SESSUMS**.

1797 Aug 15 bought from Willis West 100a on **Beaverdam Marsh** and **Gum Branch**, adjoining self and **Sessum Parker**.

1799 Sep 30 named as adjacent landowner to 100a bought by **ISAAC SESSUMS** on *west side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining James Grice [husband of Axy Sessums].

1799 Sep 30 witnessed **ISAAC SESSUMS'** purchase of land.

1800 Aug enumerated as 1 male 16–25 with 1 female 16–25, 1 male 0–9, 1 female 0–9, in this sequence: Mary Sessums (widow of Richard), **ISAAC SESSUMS**, **JACOB SESSUMS**.

1801 Feb 9 sold to **ISAAC SESSUMS** 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, *both sides* of **Beaverdam Marsh**, adjoining Nathaniel Jones. Witness Solomon Sessums.

1801 Feb 9 bought from Isaac two tracts of 100a each on *east side* of Great Swamp and *south side* of Cow Branch, adjoining Solomon Sessums. Witness: Solomon Sessums.

1801 May appointed to crew to "make navigable a Stream of Water Called Little Coharie," together with brother-in-law John Fisher and other landowners along that stream.

1801 Aug reappointed to the crew to work the Little Coharie from Fisher's Bridge to John Parker's Bridge; again with John Fisher.

1802 May appointed to a road crew with John Fisher and Thomas Wallace [the man who married Southy Fisher's widow].

1802 Nov served as surety for new stepfather-in-law Thomas Wallace to "keep a publick ordinary at his own house" [apparently the house where Southy Fisher had previously kept his ordinary].

1802 Nov 20 with wife Penney, sold to Neal Culbreath, the two tracts he had obtained from **ISAAC SESSUMS** in 1801. Witness, Elisha Fisher.

- 1805 Jan 2 bought from John Porter Jr. 150a on *east side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining John Williamson (or John Williams Senr.).
- 1805 Nov 23 bought 114a on *east side* of **Little Coharie** and *south* of **Haus Branch**, adjoining Thomas Holland, John Haus, Ben Howard and himself—part of the Roger Alden grant for 20,000 acres, etc.
- 1806 May 2 named as adjacent neighbor to land ISAAC SESSUMS sold to Young Sessums, 3 tracts on *east* side of **South River**, waters of **Beaverdam Swamp**.
- 1807 Oct 25 sold (together with Thomas Fisher, John Fisher, Reuben Fisher, and Elijah Fisher) “one Negro Man Called Jim” for 100£.
- 1807 Oct 27 executed agreement by which Thomas “Wallis” promised to sell four enslaved people to John and Elijah Fisher and Jacob “Sessions” ... “after the death of my Wife Pheebe.”
- 1807 Oct 29 sale to John Hair, two tracts on *east side* of **Little Coharie**: (1) 150 acres adj. John Williams Sr.; (2) 114a *south* of **Hare’s Branch** joining Thomas Holland, John Hare, Ben Howard, and self.
- 1807 Nov court filing of the sale from Jacob and Penelope Sessums to Neill Culbreath for “a Negro Woman Called Venice and her child named Daniel;” proved by Love Culbreath, witness in absence of the sellers.

COMMENT:

**This is the point at which Jacob and Phoebe appear to have left Sampson**, after selling their land and the enslaved people they inherited from the Fisher estate, for money to finance the move and (ostensibly) purchase land at the new location. The birth of their son Thomas Sessums, is placed in Kentucky by four subsequent censuses; two of which place Thomas’s birth between 2 June 1807 and 1 June 1808.

- 1808 Aug included on a list of men ordered to attend court at next term to do jury duty. He did not do so; and no subsequent warrant was issued against him for non-appearance. Apparently the county clerk who compiled the juror list was not aware that he had left the county and state.

**JOHN SESSUMS I**

- 1779 Nov 10 served as chain bearer for 150a entered by Richard Sessoms, adj. Nathan Hall, *west side* **Little Coharie**.
- 1779 Nov 15 had 100 a surveyed, *east side* of **South River** and *west side* of **Great Swamp**, with Samuel and Richard Sessums as chain bearers.
- 1782 Oct patented 100a on *east side* of **South River** and *west side* of **Great Swamp**.
- 1783 Jul 25 entered 50a near *junction* of **South River** and **Great Swamp**.
- 1783 Aug-Oct died
- 1783 Nov 8 deceased when his 50a were surveyed for Richard Sessums, heir of “John Sessums, dec’d,” with Richard and Isaac Sessums as chain bearers.
- 1783 Oct 8 patent for his July entry was issued to “Richard Sessums (Heir of John Sessums)”: 50 acres near *junction* of **South River** and **Great Swamp**.
- NOTE: Under common law, if a propertied man died without legal children, his heir was (a) whomever he named in his will; or, if he died intestate, (b) his siblings. Parents inherited only if there were no siblings. No will has been found for John.
- 1797 Jun 30 named as grantee of land adjacent to grant of 200a made to John Hall Jr. on fork of **South Fork** and **Great Swamp**, along Carter’s line.

**JOHN SESSUMS II**

- 1785 Feb 28 born to Solomon Sessums and wife Obedience Baker, according to Bible pages submitted in Obedience’s RW pension application about 1837.
- 1808 Nov 2 John and Solomon Sessums witness sale by Isaac Sessum to John Johnston Sr.
- 1811 May 18 John and Solomon Sessums witnessed sale by Isaac Sessum to James Grice [husband of Solomon’s sister Axy]

- 1815 Feb 2 witnessed, with Solomon Sessums, a land purchase by his brother Blake from John Fisher, 200 acres between **Great Swamp** and **Little Coharie**.
- 1831 Aug 25 named in father's will. A Bible page submitted in pension file about 1837 states death as 18 April 18\_\_ [illegible].

#### NICHOLAS SESSUMS (FATHER OF ISAAC)

- 1774 Oct 9 witnessed a deed of sale by **Richard Sessums** to Thomas Bedsole.
- 1777 Jan 7 witnessed a deed by Hezekiah Jones to **Jacob Sessums**.
- 1777 Jan 9 witnessed deed of Zachariah Faircloth to **Solomon Sessums**.
- 1779 Jun 26 entered 100 acres on *east* side of **Great Swamp**; patented on 29 October 1782.
- 1779 Nov 13 had 100a surveyed on *east* side of **Great Swamp**; Solomon Sessums and James Hall, chain bearers.
- 1782 Jun 13 witnessed a deed from **Samuel Sessums** to **ISAAC SESSUMS**, with Richard & Solomon Sessums.
- 1782 Oct 29 patented 100a on *east* side of **Great Swamp**. Entered 26 June 1779.
- 1783 entered 200 a on *north side* of **Cow Branch**. Granted 8 October 1787.
- 1783 Jan 28 entered 100a *east side* of **South River**, *lower end* of **Hixes Island**. Surveyed 17 February 1790. Granted 20 December 1791. **ISAAC SESSUMS** and Nathan Hall, chain bearers.
- 1784 taxed in Sampson
- 1784 Nov 30 sold 100a to Samuel Faircloth, son of Benjamin, on *east side* of **Great Swamp**, patented to himself in 1782; witness: Solomon Sessums.
- 1785 Aug had surveyed 200a on **Cow Branch** and **Cabbin Branch** "near Saml. Faircloth's plantation." No chain bearers named.
- 1787 May 24 served as chain bearer for 145a surveyed for **ISAAC SESSUMS**, on *east side* of **Great Swamp** at edge of **Beaverdam Swamp** adj. Willis West.
- 1787 Oct 8 sold 200a on *north* side of **Cow Branch** near Samuel Faircloth and **Cabin Branch**.
- 1790 Feb 17 had 100a surveyed on *east side* of **South River** at *lower end* of **Hixes Island**. Isaac Sessoms, chain bearer.
- 1790 Aug 5 sold 200 acres on *north side* of **Cow Branch** at **Cabin Branch**, with Solomon Sessums and **ISAAC SESSUMS** as witnesses.
- 1790 enumerated with 1 male 16+, 1 male under 16, 2 females, 0 slaves or fpc. He appears in this sequence: John Butler, John Daniel, Rachael Autry, John Johnston, Josiah Carter, **Nicholas Sessums**, **Richard Sessums**, James Grice [husband of Axy Sessums], Lewis Lucas, "Old Natt" and William Owens [who sold Jacob II his first land in 1793].
- 1791 May 3 witnessed a deed for Samuel Faircloth and Benjamin Faircloth Jr.
- 1791 Dec 20 patented 100a on *east side* of **South River** and lower end of **Hicks Island**, adjoining John Parker [who named a son **Sessums Parker**].
- 1795 Aug assigned to road crew along with **ISAAC SESSUMS**, Sessums Parker, John Fisher, and Elijah Fisher,
- 1797 Aug 14 sold **ISAAC SESSUMS** 100a on *east side* of **South River** at lower end of **Hicks Island** adjoining John Parker.
- 1797 Oct 17 gave to "my son **ISAAC SESSUMS**" a water mill and two acres on **Beaverdam Branch** of the **Great Swamp** and **South River**.
- 1797 Nov proof presented in court for purchase of three tracts of land by Nicholas Sessums from Jeremiah Simmons. I have not found these deeds.
- 1798 Feb 10 witnessed **ISAAC SESSUMS'** sale of 100a to Solomon Sessums on *west side* of **Great Swamp** at the **Rocky Branch**.
- 1799 Sep 30 witnessed, with **JACOB SESSUM**, **Isaac SESSUM's** purchase of 100a on *west side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining **JACOB SESSUMS** and James Grice.
- 1800 Aug not enumerated. Census has two males 45+ and two females 45+ in the household of his son **ISAAC SESSUMS**, to whom he had conveyed his mill, suggesting that old Nicholas may be in the care of that son.
- 1801 May appeared in court to prove a deed from Nathaniel Harrod to Samuel Faircloth.

COMMENT:

**This Nicholas *might* be the named son of Nicholas Sr. of Edgecombe** (considerably more research is needed), who made his will 26 May 1764, probated in October 1764, leaving the following heirs:

Wife: **Elizabeth:** all of his estate during her lifetime  
 Daughter: **Grace Mars**  
 Son: **Thomas Sessums:** his wearing clothes, his still, half the gains of his Orchard, and one horse and one "mear" for the use of the plantation. Thomas was to be supported by the testator's son Nicholas after the decease of the testator's wife.  
 Daughter: **Elisabeth Duffield,** five shillings  
 Daughter: **Rachel Parker,** five shillings  
 Daughter: **Lurane Dunn,** five shillings  
 Daughter: **Ann Dun,** five shillings  
 Daughter: **Sarah Marley,** five shillings  
 Son: **William Sessums,** 100 acres adjoining **Sisemore's** line in Edgecombe Co.  
 Son: **Nicholas Sessums** the whole of his estate after his wife's death to support his younger brother Thomas  
 Witnesses: John Soleinnea? Jnr.; **Benjamin Faircloth** his X mark<sup>13</sup>

**RICHARD SESSUMS**

1766 Feb 8 purchased from John Williams 200a on the side of **Little Coharie** (on same day that Solomon Sessums also purchased land from John Williams).  
 1772 patented land (200 acres?) on **Great Swamp** at **Edge's Branch**.  
 1774 Oct 8 named executor of will by Robert Wright, to act with Robert's wife Sarah; will probated 7 January 1798 [Pursue possibility that Sarah Wright may have been a Sessums or that Richard married a Wright.]  
 1774 Oct 9 sold Thomas Bedsole 100a on **Great Swamp** at **Edge's Branch**, part of tract patented 22 May 1772. Witness: Nicholas Sessums  
 1774 Oct 9 sold **Culmer Sessums** 100a on **Great Swamp** at **Edge's Branch**. Wit: Nicholas Sessums.  
 1779 Sep 24 entered 200a in **Bladen County** on west side of **South River**, "including his own improvement"; patented 7 November 1784.  
 1779 Nov 10 had 150a surveyed adj. Nathan Hall, west side **Little Coharie**; John Sessums chain bearer.  
 1779 Nov 15 served as chain bearer with Samuel Sessums for survey of land entered by John Sessums.  
 1782 Jun 13 witnessed, with Nicholas and Solomon Sessums, a deed from Samuel Sessums to **ISAAC SESSUMS**.  
 1783 Nov 8 served with **ISAAC SESSUMS** as chain bearer for survey of land entered by John Sessums, now claimed by Richard as John's heir.  
 1784 taxed in Sampson.  
 1784 Nov 7 patented 200a on west side of **South River** in **Bladen Co.**, "including his own improvement"; entered 24 September 1779.  
 1784 Nov 30 with Solomon Sessums as witness, sold 100a to Samuel Faircloth, son of Benjamin, on east side of **Great Swamp**, patented to himself in 1782.  
 1786 Feb 6 part of his grant on east side of **Great Swamp** and upper side of **Edge's Branch** was sold by John Manuell to Lewis Lucas, with Southy Fisher and Robert Butler as witnesses.

<sup>13</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004755012\\_00019](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004755012_00019) : accessed 1 June 2021) > Edgecombe > Wills, Scr-Wo, Vol. 9-10, 1758–1830 > image 22–23. .

- 1786 Jun 10 sold John Owens 150 acres on *west side* of **Little Coharie** by "**Rooty**" [Reedy?] **Branch** near main road, adjoining Nathan Hall. The tract was not patented to him until 11 July 1788.
- 1787 Feb 9 entered 150a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, patented 11 July 1788.
- 1787 Mar 6 sold 300a to Lewis Williamson, on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, adjoining **Little Coharie**. [In other words: like Samuel Sessums, his land is in the fork between the two Coharies.]
- 1787 Oct 8 "Richard Sessums (Heir of John Sessums)" patented 50 acres near junction of **South River** and **Great Swamp**, on *south side* of swamp; entered 25 July 1783.

NOTE:

Under common law, if a propertied man died without legal children, his heir was (a) whomever he named in his will; or, if he died intestate (b) his siblings. Parents inherited only if there were no siblings. No will has been found for John.

- 1788 Jul 11 patented 150a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, at **Rooty Branch**.
- 1790 enumerated with 1 male 16+, 2 males under 16, 2 females, 0 slaves or fpc. He appears in this sequence: John Butler, John Daniel, Rachael Autry, John Johnston, Josiah Carter, Nicholas Sessums, **Richard Sessums**, James Grice, Lewis Lucas, "Old Natt" and William Owens.
- 1791 Jan 29 sold 50a in fork of **Great Swamp** and **South River**, granted to him on 8 October 1787. Witnesses: Jas. Grice & ISAAC SESSUMS.
- 1791 Nov 21 had surveyed 100a at **Great Swamp** and **South River** at *head* of **Solomon Sessums' Branch**, previously entered by Lewis Hall.
- 1793 Jan 1 patented 100a between **Great Swamp** and **South River**, at "*head of Solomon Sessums' Branch.*"
- 1797 Jun 30 his grant (now owned by Lewis Lucas) adjoins a new patent to Lucas of 100a on *east side* of **Great Swamp** between Sessum's grant line and the **Juniper**.
- 1797 Jun 30 cited as adjacent landowner to new patent of John Dickson, 400a on *east side* of **Black River** on **Buck Branch**, adj. Harrad and Main Road.
- 1797 Nov **Mary Sessums**, widow of **Richard**, petitions to be named administrator of his estate.
- 1800 Aug Mary is enumerated as a female 26–44 with a male 16–25, a female 0–9, and 2 males 0–9; she had no slave or fpc. She is enumerated consecutively with ISAAC SESSUMS and JACOB SESSUMS.

COMMENT:

An earlier Richard died 1769 in Edgecombe, leaving the following heirs:

Wife: **Sarah**: five "Negroes" Bob, Pat, Beck, Jane, and Betta

Daughter: **Priscilla Hart**: Five shillings sterling

Son: **Jacob**: to receive land on Coneto in Edgecombe "that I purchased from Thomas Wills known by the name of Kayan Islands, a second tract [metes and bounds] that is part of the land Richard now lives on, and Negroes Joseph and Mingo, also Rachel and Beack after his wife's decease, furniture, cattle and half his "great Still."

Son: **Isaac**, his mill and lands on N and S side of Maple Swamp; also Benborough, Simon, George, Nell; also the second part of his "great Still"; also his blacksmith Nell [*sic*] and "Gat" after his wife's death

Daughter: **Patience**: bed and furniture, cattle, mare, and also Negroe girls "Else and Cloe"

Son: **Solomon**: land lying on N side of Farr River with 60 acres purchased from Robert Clary; also Negroes Andrew, David, and one girl named Jane after his wife's decease; also bed, furniture, small still and cattle

Daughter: **Sarah Sessums**: two Negro girls named Ireva? and Suck; also Bet after his wife's death

Executors: Wife Sarah and son Isaac.

Witnesses: Micajah Little and Sarah Bryan her X mark

Signed: Richard Sessums his mark)

Proved: May court 1769<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry>)

## SAMUEL SESSUMS

*Likely married by 1750, if he had a son Samuel "Jr." who was an adult by 1771.*

- 1766 Feb 8 Samuel Sessums purchased (from John Williams) 200a on the *east side* of **Black River** on the **Beaverdam Swamp** of Duplin. (Two versions of this document are recorded, both garbled transcriptions. In one, Richard Sessums is said to have paid for the land that was being titled to Samuel.) NOTE: Black River is formed in southern Sampson Co. by confluence of **Great Coharie Creek** and **Six Runs Creek**.
- 1771 bought an adjacent 100a on **Little Coharie** at **South River** in the *fork* of the **Great Swamp** and the **Beaverdam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**, which he sold to **Isaac Sessums** [son of Nicholas] in June 1782. Note: Nicholas Sessums patented land at Hicks Island in 1792.
- 1771 Jan 25 sold (as "Samuel Sessums Senior, planter of Duplin") to Thomas Copeland 100 acres in fork of **Great Swamp** and **Beaverdam Swamp**, near **Hicks Island**, which he held by patent.<sup>15</sup>
- 1775 sold to **Culmer Sessums** 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, part of land granted to John Williams. This record calls him both Samuel and Solomon; the error appears to be "Solomon."
- 1779 Nov 15 served as chain bearer with Richard Sessums for survey of land entered by John Sessums.
- 1780 Mar 13 swapped 200 acres on Great Swamp, *east side* of **South River**, to John Davis, receiving 200 acres in adjacent **Bladen County**.
- 1782 sold to **ISAAC SESSUM**, 100 acres between **Little Coharie** and **South River** in *fork* of **Great Swamp** and **Beaverdam Swamp** near **Hicks Island**. Witnesses Nicholas, Solomon, and Richard Sessums.
- 1784 taxed in Bladen, where Culmer also had moved.

## SOLOMON SESSUMS

- 1774 Oct 9 witnessed deed from Richard Sessums to Culmer Sessums.
- 1775 Apr 12 witnessed deed from Samuel Sessums to Culmer Sessums.
- 1776 served three months as private with Duplin militia, including Battle of Moore's Bridge,
- 1777 Jan 7 witnessed deed from Hezekiah Jones to Jacob Sessums I.
- 1777 Jan 9 bought 100 acres from Zachariah Faircloth on *west side* of **Great Swamp**, with Nicholas Sessums as witness.
- 1779 Nov 12 served as chain bearer for Jacob Sessums' survey of 100 acres on *east side* of **Great Swamp**, at a branch, adj. Jacob's own land.
- 1779 Nov 13 served as chain bearer for Nicholas Sessums' survey of 100 acres on *east side* of **Great Swamp**.
- 1780 Jan 27 married Obedience Baker according to her RW widow's pension application; no record of marriage.
- 1780 Feb 21 entered two tracts: 100a on *west side* of **Great Swamp** and 100a on "side" of same. Patented 29 October 1782.
- 1780 Mar 3 had 150a surveyed on *west side* of **Great Swamp**; chain bearers: self and James Hall.
- 1780 Mar 17 had 100a surveyed on *west side* **Great Swamp** and *both sides* of **Mire Branch**. Chain bearers: self and James Hall.
- 1780 served three months in Duplin militia, as sergeant, at PeeDee.
- 1781 May began another three month tour, as sergeant under Captain Clinton; service at Wilmington.
- 1782 Jun 13 witnessed a deed from Samuel Sessums to **ISAAC SESSUMS**, with Richard and Nicholas Sessums.
- 1782 Oct 29 granted 100a on *west side* of **Great Swamp**, entered 21 February 1780.

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.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004755012\_00022 : accessed 1 June 2021) > Edgecombe > Wills, Scr-Wo, Vol. 9-10, 1758-1830 > image 22-23. Son Isaac's will was probated in Edgecombe in 1784; son Jacob's will was probated there in 1792; son Solomon's will was proved there in 1818.

<sup>15</sup> One Samuel Sessums patented two tracts of 640 acres each on South side of Tar River in Edgecombe County on 11 July 1739. No Samuel Sessums patent in Duplin < Sampson appears in the statewide database (<https://nclandgrants.com/query>).

- 1783 Jan 29 entered 150a on *west side of Great Swamp*; entry 1009; issued 10 July 1788
- 1784 Nov 30 witnessed deed from Nicholas Sessoms to Samuel Faircloth.
- 1782 Oct 27 patented 100a on west side of Great Swamp and another 100 at **Great Swamp** on *both sides of Miry Branch*.
- 1788 Jul 10 patented 100a on *west side of Great Swamp*.
- 1790 Aug 5 witnessed a deed for Nicholas Sessums.
- 1790 enumerated with 2 white males under 16, 5 females, and 1 enslaved person; in following sequence: **Solomon Sessoms**, Samuel Faircloth, **Isaac Sessums**, Benjamin Faircloth, Lewis Lucas, John Harwood, Hardy Faircloth, **Southy Fisher**.
- 1793 Jan 1 his land adjoined a new patent of Richard Sessums between **Great Swamp** and **South River**, at "head of Solomon Sessums' branch."
- 1795 Feb 2 entered 100 acres on *both sides of Great Swamp*, joining his own land and Lewis Lucas.
- 1795 Dec 4 had 100 acres surveyed *both sides* of Great Swamp, joining Lewis Lucas. Patented 30 June 1797.
- 1796 May elected constable for Capt. Parker's District.
- 1796 Nov 16 Ordered to serve with Southy Fisher as "overseers of the road," to build a free bridge across the Great Swamp "with their usual hands."
- 1797 Oct 17 witnessed **NICHOLAS SESSUMS'** sale of his grist mill to "my son **ISAAC SESSUMS**."
- 1797 Dec 6 cited as adjacent landowner to new patent of Samuel Faircloth for 100a on *west side* of the **Great Swamp**.
- 1797 Nov 30 patented 100a on *both sides* of **Great Swamp** adj. Lewis Lucas.
- 1798 Feb 10 bought 100a from **ISAAC SESSUMS** on *west side of Great Swamp* at the **Rocky Branch**. Granted to Isaac in 1782. Witnessed by Nicholas Sessums.
- 1798 Aug appointed overseer of road leading from **Great Swamp**, "the new way" to **Horn's Bridge**.
- 1800 Feb reelected constable.
- 1800 Aug on census as 1 male 45+, 1 female 45+, 1 female 26–44, 1 male 16–25, 1 female 16–25, 2 females 10–15, 4 males 0–9; he is adjacent to Lewis Lucas and in a cluster with Josiah Carter, Faircloths, Halls, John Johnston, and Mary/Isaac/Jacob Sessums.
- 1801 Jan 25 mentioned as adjacent neighbor to land **ISAAC SESSUM** bought on *east side of Great Swamp* and *south side of Cow Branch*, from Caleb Faircloth. Served as witness to the deed.
- 1801 May reelected constable in the same district now under "Capt. Frasher."
- 1801 May appeared in court to prove the deed from Caleb Faircloth to **ISAAC SESSUMS** that he had witnessed.
- 1801 Nov appeared in court to prove the deed from **ISAAC SESSUMS** to **JACOB SESSUMS**.
- 1802 May appeared in court to prove a deed from Hardy Faircloth to Caleb Faircloth.
- 1802 Nov replaced as road overseer by Caleb Faircloth.
- 1803 May reelected constable.
- 1803 Nov appeared in court to prove a deed from Benjamin Faircloth to Solomon Faircloth.
- 1806 May 2 witnessed a deed from **ISAAC SESSUMS** to Young Sessums.
- 1806 May 12 appointed poll keeper in Frazier's District for upcoming state and congressional elections.
- 1806 May appeared in court to prove a deed from Lewis Lucas to Charles Lucas.
- 1807 May ordered to appear for jury duty at next term of court; appointed poll keeper for Capt. Butler's District.
- 1807 Aug served on grand jury; appeared in court to prove the deed from **ISAAC SESSUMS** to Young Sessums, also a deed from Solomon Faircloth to Elizabeth Lucas.
- 1808 Feb ordered to appear at May term of court to do jury duty.
- 1808 May appointed (with "N. Parker") poll keeper for the upcoming congressional election.
- 1808 Nov appeared in court to prove a deed between Hardy Faircloth and John Johnson Jr.
- 1810 Aug enumerated as 1 male and female 45+, 2 males and 1 female 16–25, 1 male and 2 females 10–15, 2 males and 1 female 0–9.
- 1811 May 18 witnessed (with son John) purchase by **ISAAC SESSUM** from [their brother-in-law] James Grice.
- 1811 Nov appointed to a special jury to inspect the road from the Great Swamp to the Cross Roads and apportion hands to work it.

- 1812 Feb appeared in court to prove a deed from Elizabeth Faircloth to Josiah Carter, and a deed from **ISAAC SESSUMS** to John Johnson Sr.
- 1812 Aug 5 sold to [son] John Sessums 100a on *west side* of **Great Swamp** on both sides of **Mire Branch**.
- 1814 Aug 31 witnessed will of John Johnston, whose four daughters had married a Hall and three Faircloths.
- 1815 Feb 2 witnessed, with [son] John Sessums, a land purchase by [his son] Blake Sessums from John Fisher, 200 acres between **Great Swamp** and **Little Coharie**.
- 1822 Mar 22 sold to Nicholas Sessums [his son] 100a on *west side* of **Great Swamp**, adj. John Jones at Reedy Branch. Witness: Lemmon Sessums.
- 1822 Mar 25 sold, as "Solomon Senr.," 100 acres to "Solomon Junr." on *east side* of **South River** and *east side* of **Great Swamp**, beginning at **Cow Branch Run**. Witness: **Lemmon Sessums**
- 1830 enumerated on census
- 1831 Aug 25 made will that was proved in August 1832
- 1832 Aug 16 died leaving widow Obedience whom he had married in 1780.

Children named in family-record pages submitted as part of Obedience's pension application:

1. Susannah, born 17 October 1780 (Susannah Hailes in will)
2. Blake, b. 27 November 1782
3. John, born 28 February 1785
4. Suffier [Sophiniah in his will], born 17 February 1787
5. Elizabeth, born 27 September 1789 (Elizabeth Holland in will)
6. Solomon Jr., born 14 January 1792
7. Nicholas, born 12 October 1794
8. Lemon, born 12 September 1797
9. Isaac? [Didroey?], date illegible (not named in will)
10. Owen, born 22 April 1800
11. Gray, born 5 May 1802
12. Mary Ann, born 25 September 1804

#### THOMAS SESSUMS

- 1767 Apr 16 entered 100a on Cypress Creek, Duplin, entry no. 94.
- 1768 Feb 29 had land surveyed on Cypress Creek, to include Richland Pond; chain bearers: James & Thomas Magee; he did not remain in the county to finalize the patent.
- 1784 taxed in Bladen county.

#### YOUNG SESSUMS

- 1802 Oct 8 chain carrier, with James Grice, for survey of 75a entered by **ISAAC SESSUMS**.
- 1806 May 2 received from **ISAAC SESSUMS** three tracts of land on *east side* of **South River** and waters of **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjoining **JACOB SESSUMS**, James Grice, John Parker, school house, Frazier, Witnesses: Solomon Sessums and Blake Sessums.

Young has not been found after that date, not in Sampson or elsewhere in the U.S. He does not appear as a child in Solomon's and Obedience's "family records" submitted to the Pension Bureau, suggesting that he was a son of Isaac.

Another male with the Sessum(s) name is widely alleged to be the son of John Parker by Rachel Sessums, daughter of Nicholas Sessums of the 1769 Edgecombe will:

#### SESSUM PARKER

- 1791 Oct 15 witnessed a deed for John Parker on *west side* of **Little Coharie**.
- 1797 Aug 15 adjacent owner to land that **JACOB SESSUMS** bought from Willis West 100a on **Beaverdam Marsh** and **Gum Branch**, adjoining Jacob's own land.



1798 Apr 5 patented 18a on *west side* of Little Coharie, adj. Jeremiah Simmons, **John Hall**, John Parker, "Brown's old line." Document recorded in a cluster with John Parker, Nicholas Parker, and William Parker.

[Many other documents.]



### **Family Overview: FISHERS of Duplin & Sampson Individual Chronologies in Alpha Sequence**

(For documented abstracts, transcriptions, and/or images of each activity summarized below for each man, see the corresponding date under "Research Notes")

#### **OVERVIEW:**

**Bailey Fisher**, the first Fisher to appear in Duplin records, sold three tracts there in 1772. He appears to be of the same generation as Southey Fisher, below. At his last known appearance, in 1821, Bailey conveyed his property to his "**daughter Anna**," with the provision that he and his wife (unnamed) would remain on the property until their deaths. Records suggest the following offspring:

1. **Spencer**, who was appointed in 1805 to serve as overseer of a road for which Bailey had petitioned. This survey of Sampson's legal records did not find him after 1811. One Spencer Fisher was taxed in 1809 in Christian County, KY with Southey's son Elijah; but left before the 1810 census.
2. **Thomas** "Junr.", b. 1785–94, who appeared on the 1810 census as head of a household that seems to include Bailey and his wife (45+), a likely wife of his own, two teen sisters, and four children 0–9. (Bailey himself is not a head-of-household in 1810. This Thomas is called "Junr." (meaning "the younger" Thomas) because Southey Fisher also had a son Thomas who was older.
3. **Anna "Anny"** named as daughter in the 1821 deed.

**Southey Fisher** made his first appearance in Duplin in 1779, also selling land, rather than entering it. He died in the winter of 1801–2, leaving a widow Phebe and five heirs, one of whom executed a document referring to Southey's will. That will has not been found on record. The five heirs who participated in the division of his estate were

1. **John**, who received his first grant in 1794 and administered the estate with the widow Phoebe, apparently acting as oldest son remaining in the county.
2. **Thomas**, who received his first grant in 1797 and was still alive in 1818 when brother John made his will.
3. **Reuben**, who received his first grant in 1799.
4. **Elijah**, who first appeared on record in 1807 as an heir.
5. **Penny**, whose husband Jacob Sessums acted on her behalf in the 1807 estate settlement.

—FISHER Males on Record before 1807—  
An Alphabetical Summary

**Bailey Fisher**, bricklayer; 1772 wife was Charity

- 1771 Nov 25 patented 500a on *east* side of **Great Coharie** and head branches of **Cedar Creek**; no date of entry.
- 1772 Jul-Aug sold three tracts on **Great Coharie** at **Cedar Creek**, part of a grant to himself. Purchasers: Fleet Cooper (200a), William Wright (200a), and Lancelot Jones (120a). Wife Charity participated in the sale to Wright.
- 1773 May 5 entered 200a on *east* side of **Great Coharie**; patented 29 October 1782
- 1780 Jul 11 entered 100a on *both* sides of **Great Coharie**; patented 29 October 1782.
- 1782 Jan 13 bought from Nathan Hall 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining George Purkins and John Owens, with Southey Fisher as witness.
- 1782 Oct 29 patented 200a on *east* side of **Great Coharie**; entered 5 May 1778. Also patented 100a on *both* sides of **Great Coharie**; entered 11 July 1780.
- 1783 Aug 30 sold to James Wright three tracts totaling 400a on *both sides* of **Great Coharie** at **Governor's Marsh**.
- 1784 Feb 17 sold to John Wiggs 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, on **Coharie Swamp** above **Marsh**, "adjoining or near" Richard Sessom [Session] and George Bockins improvement.
- 1784 taxed in Sampson County. Details not presently available.
- 1785 May 23 entered 150a on the *fork* of **Great Coharie** and **Little Coharie** on *both sides* of **Canadies Branch**; patented 26 November 1789.
- 1787 Mar 17 bought from Lewis Hutson 100a in *fork* of **Great and Little Coharie** at Joshua Riche's line.
- 1788 May 8 bought from Richard Tatum 150a on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, being upper part of a 150-acre tract Tatom bought from Joshua Rich.
- 1789 Nov 26 patented 150a in *fork* of **Great Coharie** and *both sides* of **Canada Branch** adjoining John Cannon and Richard Tatom; entered 23 May 1785.
- 1790 enumerated as 1 male 16+, 2 males -16, 2 females, and one enslaved person.
- 1793 Jan 12 bought land from Jacob Warren in *fork* of **Great & Little Coharie**, adjoining Canandy, Cannon, and Lott Riche.
- 1792 Aug 1 bought from **Elihu Wiggins** 150a of his home tract on west side of **Great Coharie**
- 1795 Feb 10 sold to John Carrell, 150a on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, **Great Branch**, and **Coharie Creek**, part of 500a granted to Patrick Canady.
- 1796 Feb ordered to appear as juror for the next (May) term of court.
- 1796 Nov 16 appointed overseer of road with Solomon Sessums.
- 1797 May fined 20£ for "not obeying the Summons Relative [to] bringing orphan children in their possession to this court." Ordered to "produce to this Court a orphan child by name Cornelius Cooper."
- 1798 Nov signed a petition for a new road "near John Parker."
- 1800 Feb was exempted from paying a poll tax for the year 1799, reason not stated.
- 1802 May 4 bought 44 acres on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, adjoining Elihu Wiggins, John Carrell.
- 1802 Nov summoned to serve on jury (with Nicholas and Sessums Parker) for a new road from "Thos. Wallace's to James Devauns."
- 1803 Feb appointed to a jury to lay off the dower land of Mrs. Alice Robinson.
- 1805 Aug appointed to a jury to lay off a road to cross the **Great Coharie** at D. Dodd's bridge.
- 1810 Aug not enumerated as a head-of-household; he and wife appear to be part of the household of a newly adult "Thomas Fisher Jr."
- 1810 Nov ordered to appear in next term of court for jury duty.
- 1818 May 19 entered 50 acres of land in Sampson County; on the *west side* of **Great Coharie**; patented 22 December 1819.

- 1819 Dec 22 patented 50 acres of land in Sampson County; on the *west side* of **Great Coharie**; entered 19 May 1818.
- 1821 Feb gave to "my beloved Daughter Anna Fisher," all land and household furniture, and all stock except what he needed to support himself and wife.

#### **Elijah Fisher (likely son of Bailey)**

- 1782 Appeared on Duplin tax roll with Bailey and Southey, but taxed in his own name.
- 1787 Oct 8 patented 100a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** adjoining **Barnabas Hall**. (Entered by 1786 or earlier; thus he was born by 1765.)
- 1793 Jan 1 patented 100a adjoining Barnabas Hall on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** on both sides of main road, including **Blue Pond**.
- 1793 Nov 26 patented 183a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** adjoining John Hall Sr., Barnabas Hall, William Owens, and John Crumpler. [Crumpler was adjacent to Bailey Fisher on 1790 census.]
- 1794 Nov 16 patented three tracts: 100a on both sides of main road by **Goose Pond**; 25 adjoining acres on main road; 25a near head of **Wolf Branch**.
- 1794 Nov 16 entered 100a, no watercourse cited, joining himself and Barnabas Hall. Patent issued 3 November 1797.
- 1795 Aug signed petition to open new road from **Governors Ford** on **South River**, crossing at **Parker Bridge** on **Little Coharie**, to John Crumpler's plantation. Other signers: James Grice [m. Axy Sessums]; ISAAC SESSUMS and Nicholas Sessums; also Lewis, Sessums, and William Parker
- 1796 Feb granted license to keep an ordinary "at his Own House."
- 1798 Jun 27 sold to Barnabas Hall 100a on both sides of Main Road, beginning at **Goose Pond**.
- 1798 Aug his sale to Barnabas Hall was proved in court by oath of witness Daniel Coore.
- 1800 Sep 11 "of **Cumberland Co., NC**" when he sold Needham Vann two tracts: (1) 100a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**, adjoining Barnaby Hall; and (2) 300a at mouth of **Juniper Branch**, joining Barnaby Hall and William Owens.
- 1800 enumerated in Cumberland Co. as 2 males 26–44 (self and brother Reuben?), 1 female 26–44, 2 females 16–25, 1 male 10–15, 2 females 10–15, 3 females 0–9, 1 male 0–9.
- 1801 Mar 13 "of **Cumberland Co., NC**," when he sold to Jesse Nelms, 225a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**, adjoining Barnabas Hall, patented 3 November 1796.
- 1801 May his deeds to Vann and Nealms proved in court by witness "R. Crumpler."
- 1805 Mar 26 residence not stated when he sold 180a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** joining John Hall Sr., Barnabas Hall, William Owens, and John Crumpler all his land on *east side* of **Juniper**, except what he had already sold to Needham Vann.
- 1806 Nov 3 Elijah "of **Sampson Co.**" sold Smedick Faircloth his 25a grant near head of **Wolf Branch**.
- 1808 Sep 13 **Cumberland County**. Widow Elizabeth posted administrator's bond on the estate of **Elijah Fisher**, minors Fereby and Sally named in March 1809 appointment of their guardian, John Dickson.

#### **Elijah Fisher (son & heir of Southey)**

- 1807 Oct 25 Thomas, John, Reuben, and **Elijah Fisher**, with **JACOB SESSUMS**, sold "Jim" to Thomas Wallace, their stepfather.
- 1807 Oct 27 John and **Elijah Fisher** and **JACOB SESSIONS**, executed an agreement by which Thomas Wallis promised to sell them four enslaved people "after the death of my Wife Pheebe."  
[moved to Christian County, KY, with sister Penny and her husband Jacob Sessums; then followed them to Lawrence County, MS, by 1819]

#### **John Fisher (son of Southey)**

- 1794 Nov 11 bought from Southey Fisher 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, "including George Purkins' improvement, adjoining Richard Sessums.

- 1796 Jan 12 entered 100a patented on *west side* of **Little Coharie** near head of N. **Hall's Branch**. Patented 9 March 1797. [Entered by early 1795; thus he was born by 1774.]
- 1796 Aug served on grand jury.
- 1796 Nov 16 ordered to appear at next term of court as a juryman from "Parker's District."
- 1797 Mar 9 patented 100a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** near head of N. Hall's branch.
- 1800 enumerated as 1 male 26–44, with female 26–44, 2 females under 10, 2 males under 10.
- 1801 Feb 9 summoned to appear for jury duty at next term of court.
- 1801 May signed petition to make the **Little Coharie** navigable, with **JACOB SESSUMS**, Barnabas Hall and others. Assigned to the crew to work on the river, with Southy Fisher.
- 1801 Aug assigned to crew to work on **Little Coharie** leading from **Fisher's Bridge** to **John Parker's Bridge**.
- 1802 May 4 appointed to road crew with **JACOB SESSUMS** and Thomas Wallace (their new or soon-to-be stepfather).
- 1805 Sep 21 bought 100a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** on head of the branch on which Fisher lives, adjoining "Amon" and "Owen"; land was part of a patent granted to Roger Alden for 20,000a.
- 1805 Nov served on grand jury.
- 1807 May appeared in court to prove deed from John Dickson to Thomas Owens.
- 1807 Oct 25 with Elijah, Thomas, and Reuben Fisher, and Jacob Sessums, he sold "Jim" to Thomas Wallace.
- 1807 Oct 27 Executed agreement wherein Thomas "Wallis" promised to sell four enslaved people to John and Elijah Fisher and **JACOB SESSUMS**, "after the death of my Wife Pheebe."
- 1807 Nov appointed road overseer in the place of Neil Galbreath [Culbreath].
- 1808 Nov ordered to appear in court at next term for jury duty.
- 1810 May 16 sold to Benjamin Faircloth 150a in two tracts on *west side* of **Great Swamp**. Thomas Wallis and Josiah Hall, witnesses.
- 1810 May 24 purchased from Benjamin and Solomon Faircloth, 250a in two tracts on *east side* of **South River**. Same witnesses.
- 1811 Aug served on jury.
- 1812 Jun 18 purchased 150 acres from stepfather Thomas "Wallis" on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**. (Deed proved February 1813 by witness Lewis Royall.)
- 1812 Oct 26 purchased 200 acres from the 20,000-acre grant owned by James William Johnston of Stratford, Connecticut, between **Great Swamp** and **Little Coharie**.
- 1812 Nov deed to him from "Thos. Wallis & wife" for "a Number of Articles" was proved in court by his son "Sander" Fisher.
- 1815 Feb 2 sold to Blake Sessums 200a in Sampson between **Great Swamp** and **Little Coharie**.
- 1815 Mar 24 sold to Lewis Spell 150a on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** at *mouth* of **Juniper Branch**, then to **Shades Branch**.
- 1819 Dec 27 made will naming wife **Catharine**; sons **Sandar, John, Ralph, Elijah**; daughters **Sally, Phebe, Penney**; executors: brother Thomas Fisher and "friend" Daniel Parker; witnesses James White, Solomon Faircloth, Lemmon Sessoms.
- 1828 May 22 sold to [son] Elijah Fisher four tracts totaling 400a on *west side* of Great Swamp and *east side* of **South River**, reserving lifetime use for himself and his wife. Witness: Sanders Fisher.
- 1830 Aug will was probated.

#### Reuben Fisher (son & heir of Southey)

- 1799 Mar 9 patented 50a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** near head of **Fisher's Mill Branch**. Sold this on 10 June 1805, below.
- 1805 Jun 10 "**of Bladen County**" when he sold to Neil Culbreath 5 tracts totaling 390a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, (1) near head of **Fisher's Mill Branch**, (2) at side of **Coharie Swamp** near William Dees; (3) adj. John Butler and Southy Fisher; (4) on Marsh, adj. Culbreath, himself, Roger Alden's line and Charles Butler's line; and (5) 30 acres on N side of Fisher's Mill Branch, being part of a grant to

- Mark Phillips and **willed to Reuben by Southy Fisher. Phebe Wallace** "to have free privilege" of the land on the *east side* of the Main Road during her natural lifetime.
- 1805 Nov deed to Neill Culbreath proved in court by oath of witness Cornelius Culbreath.
- 1807 Oct 25 with Thomas, John, Reuben, and Elijah Fisher, and Jacob Sessums, sold "Jim" to Thomas Wallace.
- 1807 Dec 16 cited as "Reubin Fisher, my son" in deed by Phoebe Wallis to Neill Colbreth.
- 1808 Aug 3 sells to Neill Culbreath "a Negro boy by name Sam."
- 1813 Dec 27 "of **Bladen County**," when he sold to Thomas Fisher, all his right in "a small Stock or family of Negroes, one named Bash, one named Rachel, & Lucy, & Luke, & Edny."

### **Southy Fisher (husband of Phoebe, father of Penny)**

- 1774 Jul 22 patented 100a on *east side* of **Little Coharie**. Entry date not shown but would be 1772 or before.
- 1779 Aug 17 entered 50a on *east side* **Little Coharie**, adjoining Thomas Magee.
- 1779 Nov 30 sold to William McLemore, 100a on **Little Coharie** at **Marsh Branch**.
- 1780 Apr 17 sold to Jacob Magee another 100a on west side of the **Great Coharie**, both sides of **Sheppard's Branch**, adjoining William Owens and Fleet Cooper.
- 1780 Fall was captain of Duplin militia company called up for RW service, according to pension application of the widow of Solomon Sessums who served under Southy.
- 1782 Oct 29 patented 50a on *east side* **Little Coharie**, adjoining Thomas Magee.
- 1783 Aug 30 bought 100a adj. Richard Sessums on *west side* of **Little Coharie** from Culmer Sessums [who got his land from Richard Sessums].
- 1783 Oct 20 sold to Gabriel Holmes, 50a on **Bud's Branch**, *east side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining Thomas Magee.
- 1784 purchased two tracts from Theophilis Williams on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, 100a granted to Mark Phillips in 1756, and 100a granted to William Dees in 1774.
- 1784 Feb sold 200a *west side* of **Little Coharie** adjoining Richard Sessums, near George Bockins, side of **Coharie Swamp**; land patented by Nathan Hall.
- 1784 taxed in Sampson County; details not presently available.
- 1785 Jan 21 bought 200a from John Owens on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining Richard Sessums.
- 1786 Feb 6 with Robert Butler witnessed a deed from John Manuel to **Lewis Lucas** for land on *east? side* of **Great Swamp** at *upper side* of **Edge's Branch**, part of a tract granted to Richard Sessums in 1772. (Lucases from Accomack and Northampton.)
- 1787 Mar 29 bought from Thomas Gray, a "Negroe Man called James, about Twenty one years olde." (In 1807, Southy's heirs Thomas, John, Reuben, and Elijah Fisher, and Jacob Sessums, sold "Jim" to Thomas Wallace, who had married Southy's widow.)
- 1787 May 10 entered 50 acres on the *west side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining himself and John Butler.
- 1787 May 11 entered 150 acres, on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; patented 10 July 1788.
- 1788 Mar 14 sold to John Hall 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; patented 10 July 1788.
- 1788 May 8 bought from Richard Tatom 30a on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, which Tatom bought from Joshua Rich; **adjoins Bailey Fisher**.
- 1788 Jul 10 patented two tracts (50a and 150a) on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, adjoining himself and John Butler.
- 1788 Aug 11 entered 50a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; patented 16 November 1790.
- 1790 Aug enumerated as 2 males 16+, 3 males -16, and 2 females (should be self, wife Phebe; daughter Penny, sons John, Thomas, Reuben, and -?-); Elijah is living separately.
- 1790 Nov 16 patented 50 acres on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; entered 11 August 1788.
- 1792 Aug 1 bought from Elijah Wiggins 150a on *west side* of **Great Coharie**, at **Great Branch** and **Coharie Creek**.
- 1792 Feb 11 entered 25a on *east side* of **South River** at **Beaverdam Swamp**; patented 16 July 1795.
- 1794 Jan 23 bought from William Owen 150a on **Little Coharie** and **Little Coharie Marsh**, near **Berry Branch**.
- 1794 Jan 23 bought from Daniel Coor 100a on *both sides* of **Little Coharie** adjoining William Owens, himself, and **Barnabas Hall** [bought land from Elijah Fisher]

- 1794 Aug 11 obtained license to keep an ordinary "at his Own House."
- 1794 Nov 11 sold to **John Fisher**, 200a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**, "including George Purkins' improvement, adjoining **Richard Sessums** on **Coharie Swamp**."
- 1795 Mar 20 entered 50 acres on *east side* of **Little Coharie**; patented 3 November 1797.
- 1795 Apr 18 bought from William Haire, 150a on *east side* of **Great Coharie Swamp** and *west side* of **Beaverdam**.
- 1795 May appeared in court to acknowledge his deed to William Haire.
- 1795 Jul 16 patented 25 acres on *east side* of **South River** at **Beaverdam Swamp**; entered 11 February 1792.
- 1796 Feb exempted from paying poll taxes "in future" (a suggestion that he was in poor health).
- 1796 May 2 entered 100a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; patented March 1799.
- 1796 May his deed for to John Hall was proved in court by witnesses. Deed not found.
- 1796 Nov his deed from Daniel Coor for 100a was proved by oath of witness Charles Butler.
- 1797 Feb renewed license to keep an ordinary "at his Own House."
- 1797 Mar 30 sold two tracts to **Thomas Fisher** at a greatly reduced price: (1) 160a on *east side* of **Great Swamp** and *west side* of **Beaverdam**; (2) 25a on *east side* of **South River** on **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjacent to his own line.
- 1797 Oct 20 entered a tract of 75a on *both sides* of **Little Coharie**, joining John Fisher, "John Fisher's Branch," and "Barnabas Hall dec'd." Patent issued 9 March 1799.
- 1797 Nov 3 patented 50 acres on *east side* of **Little Coharie**; entered 20 March 1795. February 1798, renewed his license to keep an ordinary "at his Own House."
- 1798 May 19 entered 160a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** joining himself, Roger Alden's patent, Charles Butler, Neill Culbreth; patented 26 November 1799.
- 1798 Nov renewed his ordinary license.
- 1799 Mar 9 patented 75a on *both sides* of **Little Coharie** adj. John Fisher and **Barnabas Hall**, dec'd. Also 100a on *west side* of **Little Coharie** adj. John Fisher, Nathan Hall, and land he bought from Daniel Coor. Land entered 2 May 1796.
- 1799 Nov 26 patented 160a on *west side* of **Little Coharie**; entered 19 May 1798.
- 1800 Feb appointed overseer of the road to fill the post being vacated by Charles Butler. Two other actions at court: (1) renewed ordinary license; and (2) won a case against John Butler, nature unspecified.
- 1801 May assigned with John Fisher to the road crew to make **Little Coharie** navigable.
- 1802 Feb** "**Mrs. Phebe Fisher and John Fisher**" applied for letters of administration on his estate. His deed (singular) to Thomas Fisher was proved in court by witness Daniel Coor. (Cf. November 1797 above.)
- 1802 May Sampson Dees was appointed road overseer to replace Southy Fisher.

#### Spencer Fisher (son of Bailey Fisher)

- 1800 enumerated adjacent to Bailey, as a male 18–25, with female 16–25, 2 males 0–10, 1 female 0–10.
  - 1805 Nov appointed overseer of a road from **Owen Owens' Path** to **Dodd's Bridge** on **Great Coharie**, after Bailey Fisher (in August 1805) was appointed to a jury to lay off the path of this road.
  - 1806 Nov replaced as road overseer; Willis Dodd was his replacement.
  - 1811 Feb 19 Named to list of men ordered to appear for jury duty at next term of Superior Court.
- NOTE: Spencer is not included among the heirs of Southey Fisher who executed deeds and bills of sale in settlement of Southey's estate. By elimination, he would be a son of Bailey, as his 1800 residence suggests.

#### Thomas Fisher (son & heir of Southey)

- 1797 Mar 30 bought two tracts from **Southey Fisher** at a greatly reduced price: (1) 160a on *east side* of **Great Swamp** and *west side* of **Beaverdam**; (2) 25a on *east side* of **South River** on **Beaverdam Swamp**, adjacent to Southey's own line.

1798 May 15 bought land (unspecified acreage) from Thomas Frazer "including Sanders' Old Field."  
 1800 enumerated as 1 male 18–25, white female 16–25, 1 male 0–10, 2 females 0–10  
 1801 Aug his deed from John Hall for 200a was proved in court by Thomas Wallace.  
 1805 Aug his deed from Enoch Hall for 100a proved by witness Thomas Wallis.  
 1807 Oct 25 Thomas, John, Reuben, and Elijah Fisher, and **JACOB SESSUMS**, sold "Jim" to Thomas Wallace.  
 1805 May 13 assigned to a crew to "work on the river under Barney Hall, overseer."  
 1808 Nov ordered to appear at next term of court to do jury duty.  
 1811 Aug served on jury.  
 1813 Dec 27 bought from Reuben Fisher of **Bladen County** all Reuben's right in "a small Stock or family of Negroes, one named Bash, one named Rachel, & Lucy, & Luke, & Edny."

#### "Thomas Fisher Junr." (apparent son of Bailey)

1810 census enumerates him, aged 16–25, 2 households from Neil "Culbirth," as head of a family that appears to include his parents. Factors to consider:

- This "Thos. Fisher *Junr.*" is enumerated with ?male 45+, female 26–45, and 2 females & 1 male 0–9.
- In the column for males 45+, the enumerator has overwritten one number with another number or a scratch out, making the intent questionable.
- Bailey Fisher does not appear as a head-of-household on this census although he was still alive in 1822 when he transferred his home to an unmarried daughter with provision that he and his wife remain in the home.
- It would appear that son Thomas by 1810 had assumed the role of caring for the parents. He was not there on the 1820 census.
- This census of 1810 includes a second "Thomas Fisher" (aged 45+, with wife 26–44 and five children) who would be Southey Fisher's son Thomas; that Thomas is one household from Southey's son John Fisher.



## RESEARCH NOTES

### 1717–1769

#### NORTH CAROLINA

##### Taxpayer lists<sup>16</sup>

CESSUMS	None		
FISHER	Adam	Currituck	1755
	Andrew	Surry	1771–72
	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>
	Caspar Surry		1782
	<b>Elijah</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>
	George & 12 slaves	Currituck	1765
	George	Craven	1769, 1779
	George	Onslow	1771

<sup>16</sup> Clarence E. Ratcliff, *North Carolina Taxpayers*, vol. 1, 1701–1786 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 69 (Fisher), 181 (Sampson). Also Ratcliff, *North Carolina Taxpayers*, vol. 2, 1679–1790 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 66 (Fisher), 181.

	Gideon	Caswell	1784	
	James	Albemarle	1694	
	James	Onslow	1770	
	James	Surry	1771–72	
	John	Chowan	1721	
	John	Rutherford	1782	
	Joseph Onslow	1770		
	Malcolm	Surry	1782	
	Nathaniel	New Haven	1755	
	Nicholas	Rutherford	1782	
	Randel, Constable	Craven	1720	
	Sarah	Surry	1782	
	<b>Southey</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	
	Thomas	Craven	1742	
	Thomas	Hertford	1779	
	Wm	Carter	1779	
SESSANE	John	Hertford	1784	
SESSION	John	Pittsylvania	1764	
	Walter Pittsylvania	1762		
	Walter Pittsylvania	1764		
SESSIONS	Benjamin	Hertford	1779	
	<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Bladen</b>	<b>1784</b>	
	Cullen	Bertie	1757	
	<b>Culmer</b>	<b>Bertie</b>	<b>1757</b>	
	Isaac	Perquimans	1787	
	John	<b>Bertie</b>	1757	
	John	Chowan	1717	
	John	Chowan	1721	
	John	Hertford	1779	
	Joseph Dobbs	1779		
	Nicholas	Chowan	1721	(700 acres)
	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Dobbs</b>	<b>1779</b>	[Wayne created 1779; Dobbs became Glasgow & Lenoir in 1791; 1799, Glasgow became Green]
	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	[adjoins Wayne on SW, Duplin on west]
	Samuel	Cumberland	1767	
	Samuel	Bladen	1784	[cut fr New Hanover 1734; adj SW Sampson]
				[Sam'l of Sampson 1780 bought Bladen land]
	Thomas	Bladen	1784	
	Thomas	Brunswick	1769	
	Thomas	Brunswick	1772	
	Walter Beaufort	1755		
SESSOMS	Waltson	Beaufort	1755	
	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	
	<b>Nicholas</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	
	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	
	<b>Solomon</b>	<b>Sampson</b>	<b>1784</b>	
SESSONS	Absalom s. of John	Dobbs	1769	
	John	Dobbs	1769	
SISSON	David	Rutherford	1782	
	John	Rutherford	1782	



Wm	New Bern	1779
Wm. Jr.	Rutherford	1782

TO DO:

The Sampson tax lists, which are not available at *FamilySearch* or elsewhere online, should be consulted at the NC State Archives to glean all possible clues to ages and relationships.

**1729–1749**

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC**

Historical context

New Hanover was cut from Craven in 1729 (county seat: Wilmington). In 1749, Duplin would be created from part of New Hanover (county seat: Wilmington).

Deed Book A-B, 1734–1741:

FISHER:	No
SESSUMS:	No

Deed Book C, 1754–1752:

FISHER:	No
SESSUMS:	No

COMMENT:

- The index covers only grantors. I read all grantee columns for unindexed entries.
- **Blakes** are in the county (a point to pursue considering that Solomon Sessums of Sampson named a son Blake).

**1749–1799**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Courthouse records

COMMENT:

**Court minutes:** These do not begin until 1784, by which time Sampson had already been cut out of Duplin.

**Land:** The index to grantors and the index to grantees have **no Fisher or Sessums entries**. The Sampson deed books do include deeds for their sales while in Duplin.

**1755**

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC**

Tax roll

"A list of Taxables Returned from New Hanover County 1755."<sup>17</sup>

COMMENT:

No Sessums or Fisher entries.

**8 FEBRUARY 1766**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

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<sup>17</sup> 1755 tax roll, New Hanover County; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007856620, images 85–92.

Land purchase

**John Williams** to **Samuel Sessoms**, both of Duplin County, sale for 40£ proclamation money in hand paid, one tract of land in Duplin, containing **200 acres**, on the *east side* of **Black River** on the **Beaver Dam Swamp**

Beginning at a red oak on the side of the swamp, thence N 20 E 179 poles to a pine, thence N 70 W 179 poles to a pine, thence S 20 W 179 poles to a stake, thence S 70 E 179 poles to the beginning.

Patented at 200 acres on **6 May 1757** to **Fergaurd Campbell**, conveyed by Campbell to John Williams. Full guarantee, etc. Witnesses: **John Parker, John Porter** his I mark.<sup>18</sup>

COMMENT:

- On the 1790 census, John Porter is six households from Neal Culbreath to whom Jacob and Penny (Fisher) Sessums later sold both their land and an enslaved woman inherited from Southey Fisher.
- On the other side of Porter that year was an extensive cluster of families surnamed *Williams*: Crecy, Hannah, Henry, Isaac, Joseph, Nathan, and Reuben.
- In January 1820, in Lawrence County, MS, Jacob and Penny's oldest daughter Mary wed one Neil Williams. Many online trees assert (but do not provide evidence) that Neil was a son of John Holland Williams of Sampson County.
- **In 1780, Samuel sold this land to John Davis, swapping it for 200 acres in adjacent Bladen County.**

**8 FEBRUARY 1766**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Williams** to **Richard Sessoms**, both of Duplin County, sale for 40£ proclamation money in hand paid, one tract of land in Duplin, containing 200 acres on the side of **Little Cohary**, rounded as follows:

Near the creek, thence along the creek, a stake, thence N 30 E 179 poles to W [blank] to W 179 poles to the beginning

Patented 7 October 1756 to **Robert Palmer Esquire** and conveyed by deed from **Archer Blackburn** to the abovesaid John Williams on 3 January 1760. Full guarantee, etc. Witnesses: **John Parker, John Porter** [no mark shown]. Signed: John Williams.

"Return made to the Secretary's Office 4 Apl. 1768."<sup>19</sup>

**8 FEBRUARY 1766**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

Header: **John Williams** to **Samuel Sessoms**

Deed: John Williams "for and in consideration of the sum of 40£ proclamation money to me in hand paid by **Richard Sessoms** of the County and Province ... do hereby exonerate, acquit, and discharge the said

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<sup>18</sup> Sampson Co., NC, "Record of Deeds (with Wills)," Book 1, 1754–1768, pp. 275–76; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007513438 > images 144–45.

<sup>19</sup> Sampson Co., NC, "Record of Deeds (with Wills)," Book 1, 1754–1768, pp. 275–76; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007513438 > images 103–4.

**Richard Sessoms** his heirs Executors administrators or assigns forever by these presents, Have Given Granted bargained sold alienated Conveyed and Confirmed and By these presents do fully freely and absolutely Give grant Bargain bargain [*sic*] Sell alien Convey and Confirm unto the said **Samuel Sessoms** his heirs” [etc.] one tract of 200 acres in Duplin County “on the side of **little Cohary** Rounded as Follows”:

Near the creek thence along the creek, a stake, thence N 30 E 179 poles to [blank space in the record] Beginning at a pine nigh or upon Mr. **Robert Palmer’s** line, thence 45 W 179 poles to a pine, thence N 45 E 179 poles to a stake, thence W 179 poles to the beginning.

Patented to the said **John Williams** on 26 November 1757. Full guarantee, etc. Witnesses: **John Parker**; **John Porter** his X mark [*sic*].

“Return made to the Secretary’s Office 4 Apl. 1768.”

“N.B. part of the Old Deed being entirely gone. E. Vail Transcriber.”<sup>20</sup>

COMMENT:

Note that this re-copied record makes seemingly contradictory statements as to the identity of the purchaser. In the header and in the text both, the land is said to be titled to **Samuel**, although **Richard** is said to have paid the money for it. This appears to be the same tract in the immediately preceding document, wherein the metes and bounds are clearly incomplete.

The Sampson deed books (which include early Duplin books) underwent recopying multiple times in the 1800s when the courts deemed them to be too damaged to continue using them.

**16 APRIL 1767**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry no. 94. **Thomas Sessums** entered a tract of unspecified size “Upon **Cypress Creek**” but did not pursue the title to a patent.<sup>21</sup>

**17 APRIL 1767**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry no. 195. **Solomon Fisher** entered 100 acres in Duplin on *northeast* side of **Little Coharie**. “No matching Patent was found.”<sup>22</sup>

COMMENT:

This database also carries two entries for a Solomon Fisher in Surry County. He entered land in 1779 (assigned to William Deuling, who patented 300 acres in 1792 on the waters of Forbis

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<sup>20</sup> Sampson Co., NC, “Record of Deeds (with Wills),” Book 1, 1754–1768, pp. 194–96; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007513438 > images 104–6.

<sup>21</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.4280&qid=656384&rn=71> : accessed 1 June 2021), Thomas Sessoms; citing File No. 0110, State Archives of North Carolina MARS database.

<sup>22</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.4280&qid=656384&rn=71> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Fisher; citing File No. 0147, State Archives of North Carolina MARS database.

Creek) and in 1781 (assigned to Henry Speer who assigned to Martin Armstrong, who patented 300a in 1795 on Little Grasse Creek).

**18 APRIL 1767**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry no. 359. **Solomon Fisher** entered 200 acres in Duplin on *northeast* side of Little Coharie. "No matching Patent was found."<sup>23</sup>

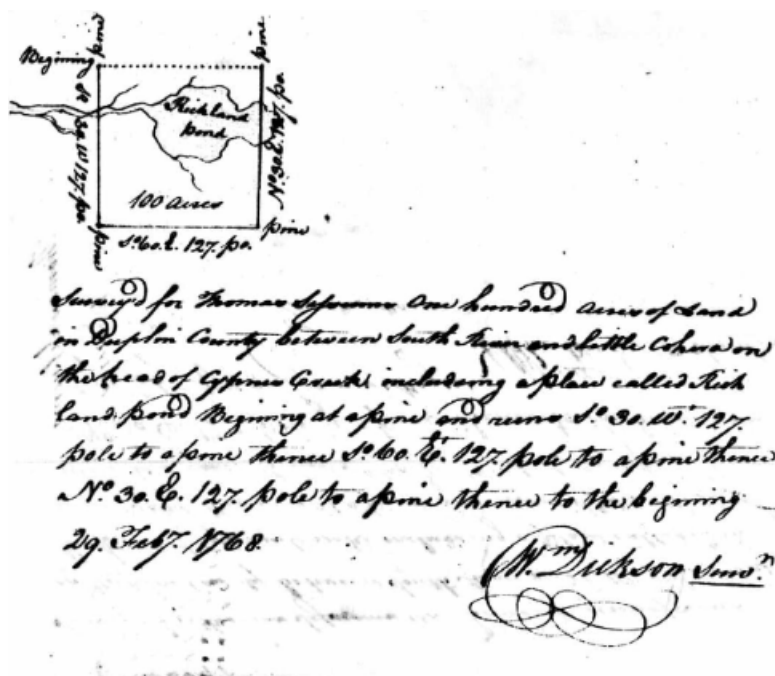
**29 FEBRUARY 1768**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Surveyed for **Thomas Sessums** one hundred acres of Land in Duplin County between **South River** and **Little Cohara** on the *head* of **Cypress Creek**, including a place called **Richland pond** Beginning at a pine and runs S° 30 W<sup>t</sup> 127 pole to a pine, thence S° 60 E<sup>t</sup> 127 pole to a pine thence N° 30 E 127 pole to a pine, thence to the beginning. W<sup>m</sup> Dickson Surv<sup>r</sup>." **James Magee, Thomas Magee** Cha. Bear.<sup>24</sup>

Entered 16 April 1767. Returned Dec<sup>4</sup> Court 1769.<sup>25</sup>



<sup>23</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.4317&qid=659014&rn=2> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Fisher; citing "File No. 0146, State Archives of North Carolina MARS database.

<sup>24</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351295-01339](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351295-01339) : accessed 17 June 2021). Image 44173\_351295-01337 for entry and patent dates.

<sup>25</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351295-01338](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351295-01338) : accessed 17 June 2021). Image 44173\_351295-01337 for entry and patent dates.

**25 JANUARY 1771**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Thomas Copeland** of Bladen County, NC, planter, to **Samuel Sessoms Senior** of Duplin for 30£ proclamation money, sale of one tract containing 100 acres in the County of Duplin lying between **Little Cohary** at **South River** in the *fork* of the **Great Swamp** and the **Beaver Dam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**:

beginning at a pine on the *east side* of the Great Swamp above **Samuel Sessams** field, running N 70 E 127 poles to a pine, thence S 20 E 127 poles to a pine by the Beaver Dam Swamp, thence S 70 W 127 poles, thence to the Great Swamp to the beginning.

Copeland holds the land by virtue of “a patent under the great seal of the above said Collony.” Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Thomas Copeland. Witnesses: **Richard Sessams, John Parker**. Registered 20 January 1772, Thomas **Blake**, registrar.<sup>26</sup>

COMMENT:

Twenty years later, on 20 December 1791, Isaac Sessums also took out 100 acres “in the fork of the Beaverdam and the big Swamp.”

**25 NOVEMBER 1771**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

“**Bailey Fisher** 500 acres Duplin on the E<sup>t</sup> side of **Great Cohera** & on the Head branches of **Cedar Creek**”:

Begin<sup>8</sup> at a red oak by a branch and veeres down the branch N 20 E 17 poles to a pine in the fork of the marsh by **Emanuel Dowd’s** line, thence N<sup>o</sup> E 5 E<sup>t</sup> 94 poles to a stake by Dowd’s corner, thence along his line N 16 W 100 poles to a small white oak, thence the same course crossing the branch 100 poles to a stake, thence E 240 poles to a stake, thence S 20 W along a line of marked trees 444 poles to a pine, thence the same course continued 100 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Entry no. [not given]. Entry date [not given].<sup>27</sup>

**22 MAY 1772**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

“**No. 298. Richard Sessums**, 200 Acres Duplin, Between **Little Cohera** and the **great Swamp** on both sides of **Edges Branch**:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of the Great Swamp and runs N 70 E 180 poles to a pine sapling in a **savannah** thence N 20 W 180 poles to a pine, thence S 80 W 180 poles, thence down the **Great Swamp** to the beginning.

Entry No [not stated]; entry date [not stated].<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 4: 446–48; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007513439 > image 2027.

<sup>27</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1436&qid=659021&rn=1> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, Duplin Co., 25 November 1771; citing Patent Book 24: 31.

COMMENT:

According to a 9 October 1784 sale to Thomas Bedsole (see that date below), Richard Sessoms on 22 May 1772 patented land on the Great Swamp at Edge's Branch from which he sold Bedsole 100 acres saying it was part of the tract. The other part of the tract seems to be the 100 acres that Richard sold that same day to Culmer Sessums.

**8 JULY 1772**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Baily Fisher, brick layer, to Fleet Cooper**, both of Duplin, sale for 6£ proclamation money, sale of one certain messuage or part of a tract of 500 acres more or less in Duplin on **a branch** on the *east side* of **Great Cahory**, known by the name of **Cedar Creek**:

Beginning at the back line and at an agreed corner pine, thence running N 20 E along a line of marked trees, to a pine, at a branch which runs through **Emanuel Daud's** plantation, thence W down the branch to the said Daud's line, thence along sd. Dowd's line with the various courses and the line of the abovesaid land, to an agreed corner pine, thence E to the first station.

Said land is part of a tract of 500 acres granted to Baily Fisher on **6 December 1772** [1771]. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Baily Fisher his X mark. Witnesses: Nehemial Scall, John Cooper. Proved October Court 1772.<sup>29</sup>

COMMENT:

No participation by a wife appears in this deed or the subsequent sale of 28 August 1772. But see the sale of 17 August 1772.

**22 JULY 1774**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Grant 587. "**Southy Fisher** 100 Acres of Land Duplin On the East side of **little Cohera**"

Beginning at a small white oak by the side of a marsh branch on **Gabriel Homes's** [Holmes] line, thence running up the branch N° 5 E<sup>t</sup> 100 poles to a pine, thence N° 85 W<sup>t</sup> 160 poles to a pine near the creek, thence S° 5 W<sup>t</sup> 100 poles, thence joining Gabriel Homes's line to the beginning.

Entry 312: no date of entry.<sup>30</sup>

**17 AUGUST 1772**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Bailey Fisher**, bricklayer, sells to **William Wright**, both of Duplin, for 20£ proclamation money, "one messuage or part of a tract of land and Plantation" in Duplin, being 200 acres more or less on the **Head Branches of Cedar Creek**:

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<sup>28</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1233&qid=659661&rn=1>), Richard Sessums, 22 May 1772; citing Patent Book 22: 73.

<sup>29</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 3: 389–90; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540365 > images 1383–84.

<sup>30</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1507&qid=658532&rn=2>), Southy Fisher, 22 July 1774, Duplin County; citing Patent Book 26: 7.

Beginning at an agreed corner pine, the dividing line between me and **Fleet Cooper**, running S along a line of marked trees to a corner pine, stake, thence W at a corner oak, thence N along a line of marked trees to Fleet Cooper's corner tree, thence E to the first station.

Said land was "part of a part of land granted to me for five hundred [500] acres" made on **6 December 1771**. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Bailey Fisher** his X mark; **Charity Fisher** her X mark. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, James Meeks, his X mark. Proved in open court by oath of Fleet Cooper, April Term 1774.<sup>31</sup>

**28 AUGUST 1772**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Bailey Fisher** to **Lancelot Jones**, both of Duplin, sale for 15£ in hand paid, one tract of land in Duplin estimated at 120 acres "adjoining **Manuel Dall Daud** lands on the *east side* of **Great Cahary**:

Beginning at a white oak in S side of Dordel's [sic] Branch, running along Daud's line W 16 degrees 100 poles to a stake in the said line and then E 240 poles to a stake in the center of three pines by a **pond**, thence S 29 W 100 poles to a pine in a pond, thence along the line of marked trees to the beginning.

Said land is part of a tract granted to Bailey Fisher by patent **9 December 1771** [6 December]. Full rights, etc. Signed: **Bailey Fisher** his X mark. Witnesses: Prisceller Johnston her X mark, Matthew Johnston. Proved in open court by oath of Matthew Johnston, October 1772.<sup>32</sup>

COMMENT:

No participation by a wife appears in this deed or in the earlier sale of 8 July. But see sale of 17 August 1772.

**8 OCTOBER 1774**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Association

"Wright, Robert 'of Edgecombe County' (CR.035.801.12/A-524)

7 Jan 1798 – 8 Oct 1774 {?} {also filed in **Pitt County**}

"**wife SARAH**, Ten Breeding Cattle, one breeding Mare, one feather bed, one Iron pot, one bason, Three Ews and one hundred Acres: **FRANCES PATRICK** one Shilling; dau. **JANE** Six breeding Cattle, one breeding Mare, one bason, One Small Dish, one Skillet, two Ews, one ram; son **ROBERT** two hundred and twenty Acres with the Plantation that **LEWIS PATRICK** now lives on, Six breeding Cattle, tree two year old Stears [sic], one large bason, one pot, two Ews and Lambs, one ram, one young breeding Mare and a gun; grandson **WILLIAM PATRICK** one Cow and Calf, one young Mare, one Ew and Lamb; wife Rest of my Estate.

extrs: wife Sarah, **Richard Sessoms**

wit: Henry Tantony, John ± Clark, Richard X Welch.

Signed: Robert Wright."<sup>33</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 3: 479–80; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540365 > images 1463–64.

<sup>32</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 3: 376–77; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540365 > images 1370–71.

<sup>33</sup> William L. (Bill) Murphy, *Genealogical Abstracts: Duplin County Wills, 1730–1860* (Rose Hills, NC: Duplin County Historical Society, 1982), 191.

TO DO:

- Investigate the possibility that (a) Sarah was a Sessoms.
- Investigate Pitt as a possible county of prior residence for these Sessums.

**9 OCTOBER 1774**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessums** to **Culmer Sessum**, both of Duplin County, sale for 5£ proclamation money in hand paid, a tract of 100 acres on the **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a white oak on the said swamp on the lower side of **Edge's Branch**, N 70 E 180 poles to a pine, then along the patent line to a gum in Edge's Branch, thence down the said branch to the Great Swamp, thence down the said swamp to the first station.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Richard Sessums. Witnesses: **Nathan Hall**, **Solomon Sessums**. Proved in open court July Term 1777 by oath of Nathan Hall.<sup>34</sup>

**9 OCTOBER 1774**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessoms** to **Thomas Bedsole**, both of Duplin County, sale for 5£ proclamation money, one tract of 100 acres on the **Great Swamp**, part of a patent granted to Richard Sessoms 22 May 1772:

Beginning in the mouth of **Edge's Branch** to a live oak on the Great Swamp, thence running the various courses of the said branch to the patent line, to a gum, thence along the said line to a pine, thence along the patent line to a pine on the Great Swamp, thence down the Great Swamp to the mouth of the said Edge's Branch to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Richard Sessoms. Witnesses: **Nicholas Sessoms**, Charles Butler his X mark. Proved in open court by Butler; date not given.<sup>35</sup>

COMMENT:

Note that the sales to both Culmer Sessum and Thomas Bedsole occurred on the same day, same acreage, same price. When a grantor divided his land between multiple individuals on the same day, at least one of whom bore his own surname (and often at a reduced value as the above two transactions seem to be), the transactions often represented a father dividing property between sons and sons-in-law.

**12 APRIL 1775**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Solomon [Samuel?] Sessums** to **Culmer Sessums**, both of Duplin County, sale for 40£ proclamation money in hand paid, one tract of 200 acres on *west side* of **Little Cahary**.

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<sup>34</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 5: 213–14 imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 242–43; note: the pages are not imaged in sequence.

<sup>35</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 5: 42–43; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 69–70; note: the pages are not imaged in sequence.



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Beginning at a pine, S45 W 179 poles to a pine, S 45 E 179 poles to a pine, thence N 45 E 179 poles to a stake, thence N 45 W 179 poles to the beginning.

Land was granted to **John Williams** on 16 November 1757. Full guarantee, etc. "In witness whereof, I the said **Samuel** [*sic*] **Sessums** hath set his hand and affixed his seal ..." Signature [as rendered by clerk]: **Samuel Sessums** his (x) mark. Witnesses: Nathan Hall, **Solomon Sessums**. Proved in open court by oath of Nathan Hall, July Term 1777.<sup>36</sup>

COMMENT:

Samuel and Solomon are being used interchangeably (or carelessly confused) in this recorded copy. (See my earlier remarks about the state of the Duplin deeds as attested by county officials in 1842 and 1865.)

The referenced patent to John Williams suggests that the seller in this case is **Samuel** who bought land in 1766 from John Williams.

**7 JANUARY 1777**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Jacob Sessums** from **Hezekiah Jones**, purchase for 25£ proclamation money in hand paid, one tract of 100 acres on *east side* of **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of the **Cow Branch** and runs thence S 10 W 127 poles to a red oak in the head of a small branch, thence down the said small branch N 80 W 127 poles to a gum in the **Great Swamp**, thence up the swamp N 10 E 127 poles, then up the Cow Branch to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: Hezekiah Jones his X mark. Witnesses: **Nicholas Sessums, Solomon Sessums**. Proved in open Court, January Term 1779, by Nicholas Sessums.<sup>37</sup>

COMMENT:

This purchaser is Jacob I. In 1803, Jacob Sessums [II] and wife Penny sold 100 acres on S side of Cow branch, adjoining Solomon Sessums, but a comparison of the legal descriptions attests they were not the same tract.

**9 JANUARY 1777**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Solomon Sessums** purchased from **Zachariah Faircloth**, both of Duplin County for 30£ proclamation money in hand paid, one tract of 100 acres on *west side* of the **Great Swamp**

Beginning at a red oak on the swamp, thence W 127 poles to a black jack, thence N 127 poles to a pine, thence E 127 poles to a stake at the Great Swamp, thence down the swamp to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Zachariah Faircloth (x). Witnesses: **Nicholas Sessums, Solomon Sessums**. Proved in open Court, January Term 1779 by oath of Nicholas Sessums.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 5: 224; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > image 252.

<sup>37</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 6:294–95; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007513439 > images 805, 808; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

**5 MAY 1778**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 22. **Bailey Fisher**, 200a on *east* side of **Great Cohera**; patented 29 October 1782.<sup>39</sup>

**1778–1779**

**DOBBS COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

(6 January 1778) “No. 48. **Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessions** 100a, Dobbs, Joining his own Land, near **Muse river**, on the North side.”<sup>40</sup>

(1 Feby 1779) “No 595. **William Faircloth** 600a, Dobbs, Joining Capt. Pidgeon’s line and Thomas Aldridge’s line, William Hams and Simon Turners and his Own line.”<sup>41</sup>

COMMENT:

- I stopped reading with 1784, by which time the Sessums were in Sampson Co. Also, I did not read every line of every entry to see if a Sessums appears as an adjacent landowner. I may need to do this later.
- Richard Sessions should not be confused with Richard Sessums.

**5 MARCH 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 322. **Bailey Fisher**. 100a on *west* side of **Great Coharie**. Granted 29 October 1782.<sup>42</sup>

**26 JUNE 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Nos. 492 and 493, **Isaac Sessums**, 50 acres and 100 acres. Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>43</sup>

**26 JUNE 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 494, **Nicholas Sessums**, 100 acres. Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 6: 295–96; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 807–8; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>39</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2193&qid=658966&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 181.

<sup>40</sup> Dobbs Co., NC, land entries, 1778–1797, unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 7513427 > image 15.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, image 148.

<sup>42</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2193&qid=658966&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, Duplin Co., 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 143.

<sup>43</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2077&qid=659030&rn=2> : accessed 1 June 2021), Isaac Sessum, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 191.

<sup>44</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2032&qid=656384&rn=35> : accessed 1 June 2021), Nicholas Sessum, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 97.

**1 JULY 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Duplin Co. Grant 58. "Know Ye, That We, for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fifty Shillings for every Hundred Acres hereby granted, paid into our Treasury by **Southey Fisher**, have Given and Granted, and by these Presents do Give and Grant unto the said **Southey Fisher** a Tract of Land, containing one hundred [100] Acres, lying and being in our County of Duplin ..."

On the *west side* of **Great Cohera**, on both sides of **Sheppard's Branch** beginning at a pine in the branch **William Owens' corner** tree, thence as his line N 18 W 127 poles to a pine, his corner, thence along **Fleet Cooper's** line S 72 W 127 poles to a pine over the branch, thence S 20 E 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Entry 24, no date.<sup>45</sup>

**12 AUGUST 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 601, **Jacob Sessums**. 100 acres, *east side* of Great Swamp in Duplin, "a dreen [drain] of **Scotts Branch**." Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>46</sup>

**17 AUGUST 1799**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 611. **Southey Fisher**. 50 acres, *east side* of **Little Cohera**." Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>47</sup>

**24 SEPTEMBER 1779**

**BLADEN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 1066, **Richard Sessums**. 200 acres, *west side* of **South River** in Bladen Co. Patented 7 November 1784.<sup>48</sup>

**10 NOVEMBER 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Surveyed for **Richard Sessoms** one hundred fifty acres of land in Duplin County on the *west side* of **Little Cahara** Beginning at a pine by the **Rooty branch**, his Corner, thence as his Line N 30 W 164 po to a pine by the Rooty branch near the **Main Road**, thence S 50 W 64 po to a stake on **Nathan Hall's** Line, thence as his Line S 35 W 40 po to a Black Oak, his Corner, same Course Continued 80 po to a pine,

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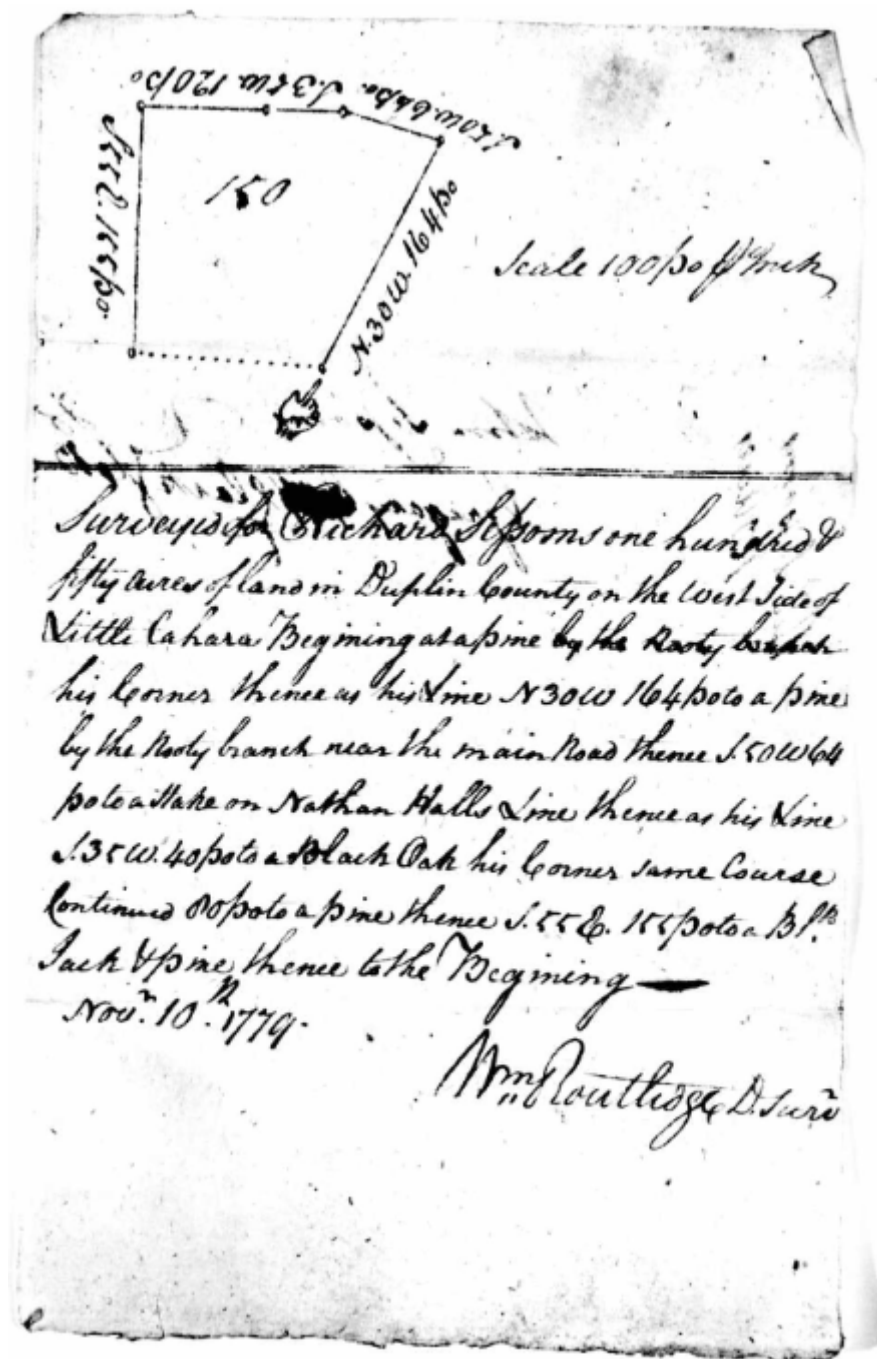
<sup>45</sup>David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1726&qid=658532&rn=3> : accessed 3 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 1 July 1779, Duplin County; citing Patent Book 32: 58.

<sup>46</sup>David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.155&qid=656384&rn=55> : accessed 1 June 2021), Jacob Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing grant No. 401, Patent Book 47: 117.

<sup>47</sup>David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2172&qid=658532&rn=4>: accessed 3 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 171.

<sup>48</sup>David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.33.4140&qid=659031&rn=2> : accessed 10 June 2021), Richard Sessoms, 7 November 1784, entry 1066, grant 1004; citing Patent Book 69: 70.

thence S 55 E 155 po to a Blk. Jack & pine, thence to the Begining. Wm Routledge, D. Surv<sup>r</sup>." John Sessoms and Gregory Clark, C.B. [Chain Bearers]<sup>49</sup>



<sup>49</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351289-00010](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351289-00010) : accessed 17 June 2021).

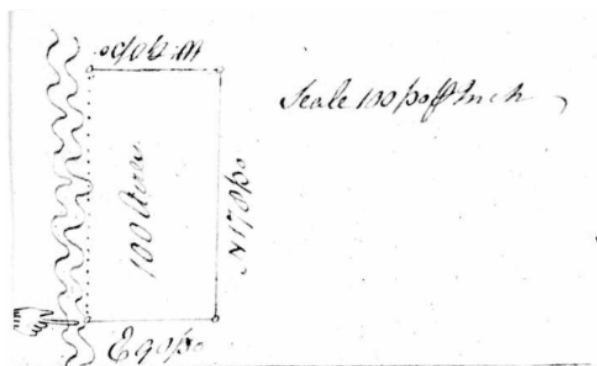
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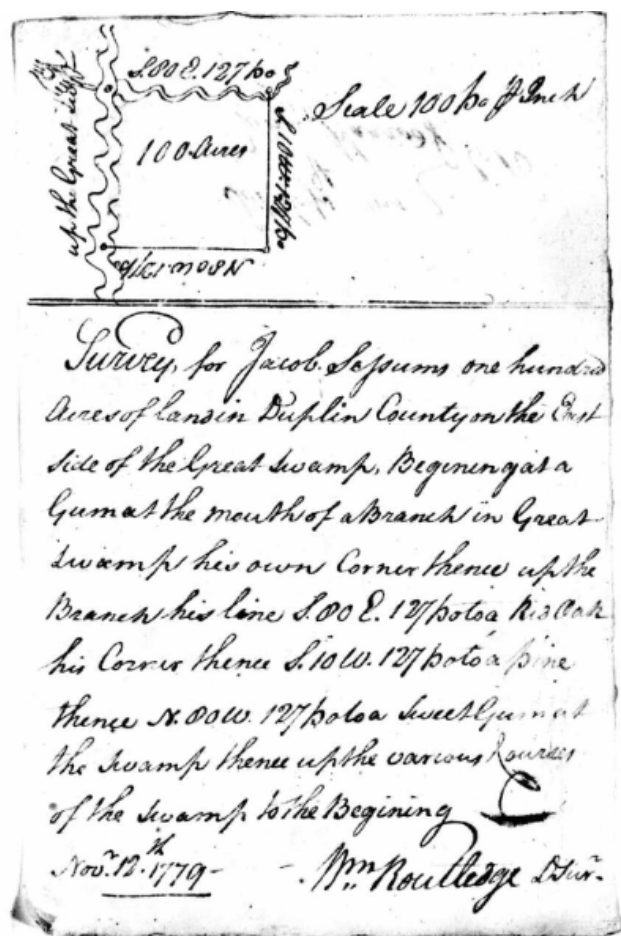
Land survey

"Survey<sup>d</sup> for **Jacob Sessums** one hundred Acres of land n Duplin County on the *East* side of the **Great Swamp**, Beginning at a Gum at the *mouth* of a **Branch** in Great Swamp, **his own Corner**, thence up the Branch his line S 80 E 127 poles to a Red Oak, his Corner, thence S 10 W 127 po to a pine, thence N 80 W 127 po to a Sweet Gum at the Swamp thence up the various Courses of the Swamp to the Beginning." Wm. Routledge D. Sur<sup>y</sup>.

Backside: **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums & John Harrod**, C.B.  
[Chain Bearers]<sup>50</sup>



Survey for **Nicholas Sessoms** one hundred  
Acres of Land in Duplin County ~~County~~  
on the *E<sup>t</sup>* Side of Great Swamp Beginning at  
a Red Oak by the side of the Swamp, thence E 90  
po to a pine thence N 178 po to a Stake thence  
W 90 po to a pine by the side of the Swamp  
thence to the Beginning.  
Nov. 13. 1779. Wm. Routledge D. Sur.



Survey for **Jacob Sessums** one hundred  
Acres of Land in Duplin County on the *East*  
Side of the Great Swamp, Beginning at a  
Gum at the mouth of a Branch in Great  
Swamp his own Corner thence up the  
Branch his line S 80 E 127 po to a Red Oak  
his Corner thence S 10 W 127 po to a pine  
thence N 80 W 127 po to a Sweet Gum at  
the Swamp thence up the various Courses  
of the Swamp to the Beginning.  
Nov. 12. 1779. Wm. Routledge D. Sur.

13 NOVEMBER 1779

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land survey

"Surveyed for **Nicholas Sessoms** one hundred Acres of Land in Duplin County ~~County~~ on the *E<sup>t</sup>* Side of **Great Swamp** Beginning at a Red Oak by the side of the swamp, thence E<sup>t</sup> 90 po to a pine, thence N 178 po to a Stake, thence W 90 po to a pine by the side of the swamp, thence to the Beginning. Wm. Routledge, D S<sup>r</sup>." Chain bearers: **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** and James Hall.<sup>51</sup>

<sup>50</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351289-00010](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351289-00010) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>51</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351462-01188](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351462-01188) : accessed 17 June 2021).

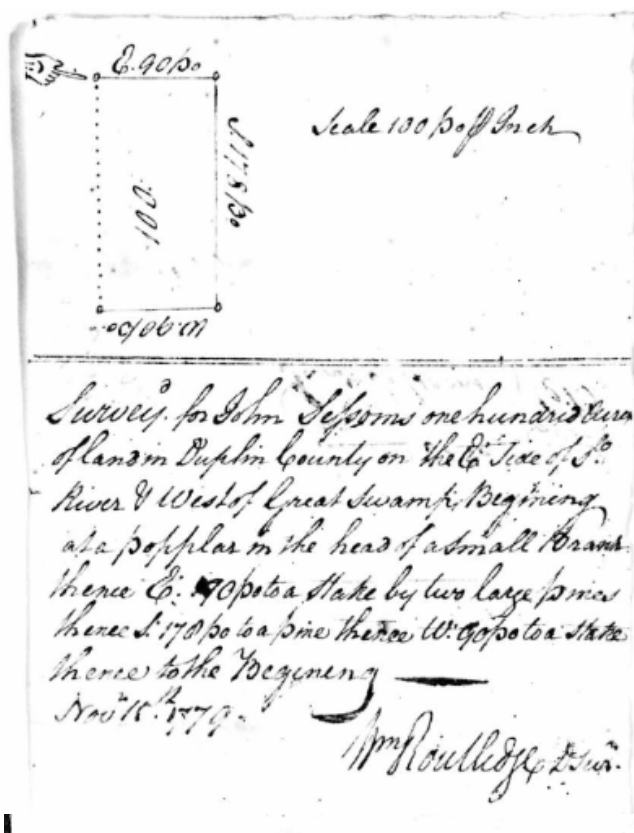
**15 NOVEMBER 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Survey<sup>d</sup> for **John Sessoms** one hundred Acres of land in Duplin County on the *E<sup>t</sup>* side of **S<sup>o</sup> River & West of Great Swamp**, Beginning at a popplar in the head of a **Small Branch**, thence E 170 po to a Stake by two large pines, thence S 170 po to a pine, thence W 90 po to a stake, thence to the Beginning. Wm Routledge, D. Sur<sup>r</sup>.

Backside: **Richard Sessoms, Saml. Sessoms, C.B.** [Chain Bearers]<sup>52</sup>



**30 NOVEMBER 1779**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **William McLemore**, both of the County of Duplin, sale for 30£ of "One Certain Messouage or tract of land" in Duplin, on the side of **Little Cohary**, 100 acres more or less:

Beginning at a small white oak by the

**Marsh Branch** in **Gabriel Holmes'** line, thence running up N 5 E 100 poles to a pine, thence N 85 W 160 poles to a pine near the creek, thence S 5 W 100 poles, thence joining Gabriel Holmes to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: **Southey Fisher**. Witnesses: John Morgan his X mark, Joseph Fauller. Acknowledged in Open Court by Southey Fisher 1780 [session not stated].<sup>53</sup>

**21 FEBRUARY 1780**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Entry of two tracts by **Solomon Sessoms**:

- Entry 1007. 100 acres on West side of Great Swamp. Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>54</sup>
- Entry 1008. 100 acres on "side" of Great Swamp. Patented 29 October 1782.<sup>55</sup>

**3 MARCH 1780**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

<sup>52</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351462-01273](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351462-01273) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>53</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 6: 432–33; imaged, FamilySearch> digital film 007540366 > images 949–50.

<sup>54</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1991&qid=656384&rn=62> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 44: 325.

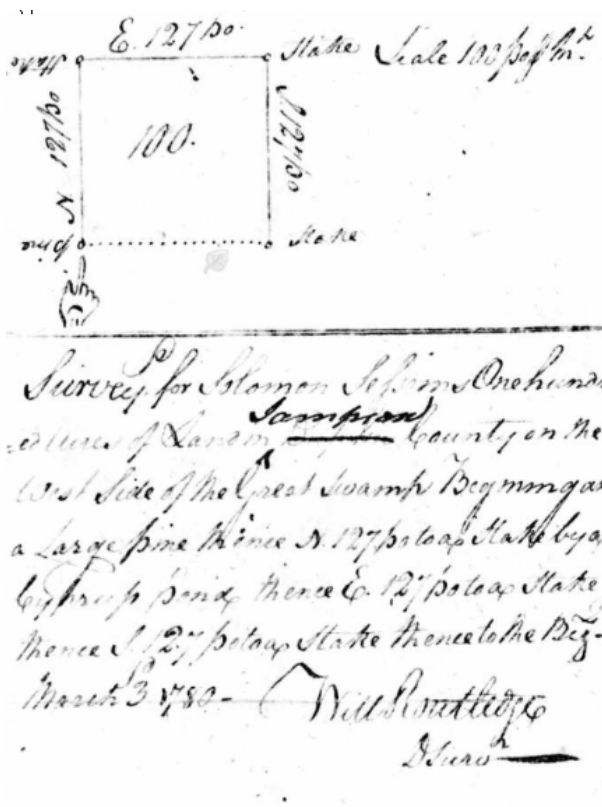
<sup>55</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2180&qid=656384&rn=63> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 174.

"Survey<sup>d</sup> for **Solomon Sessims** One hundred acres of Land in **Duplin** Sampson County on the West Side of the **Great Swamp** Beginning at a Large pine, thence N 127 po to a Stake by a **Cypress pond**, thence E 127 po to a Stake, thence S 127 po to a Stake, thence to the Beg<sup>n</sup>. Will. Routledge, D Surv<sup>r</sup>." Chair bearers: James Hall & **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessoms**.<sup>56</sup>

#### COMMENT:

This record (or the file it is a part of) has a problem. The jacket states that it is for 100 acres entered 29 January 1783, entry 1009, with grant 156 issued 10 July 1788. (44173\_355838-0074). However, the survey very clearly states that it was made on 3 March 1780, at which time the land was indeed in Duplin County. The correction, to the name Sampson County, is made in a different ink, obviously at a different time.

The surname is variously spelled throughout as Sessims, Sessoms, and Sessums.



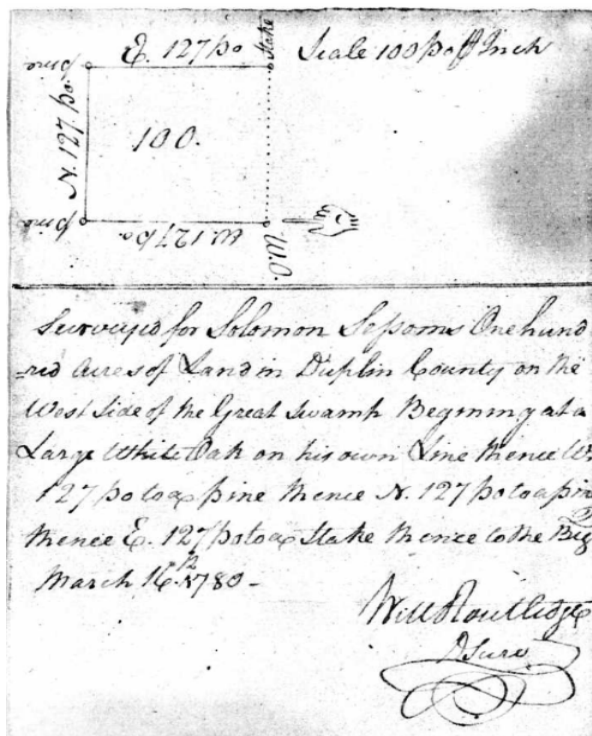
**13 MARCH 1780**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Samuel Sessums** of Duplin County, planter, to **John Davis**, "for and in consideration of the same as a tract of land containing two hundred acres and Two Cows and Calves lying in **Bladen County** Only [on the] west side **South River** paid to me in hand before the Ensealing And delivery hereof by **John Davis Junior** of the County and province aforesaid, Planter, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge" sells one tract of 200 acres in Duplin County on east side of **South River** on **Beaverdam Swamp**:

Beginning at a red oak on the side of the swamp, thence N 20 E 179 poles to a pine, thence N 10 [70] W 179 poles to a pine, thence S 20 W 179 poles to a stake, thence S 70 E 179 poles to the beginning.



<sup>56</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693-1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-00746](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-00746) : accessed 17 June 2021).

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Samuel Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: James Davis, John Cashall. Proved in open court by oath of James Davis, April Term 1780.<sup>57</sup>

COMMENT:

Samuel bought this land in 1766 from John Williams of Duplin. It lay adjacent to Richard Sessums who is said to have paid Williams for another tract of land to be deeded to Samuel. In 1775, Samuel sold 200 acres on *west side* of Little Coharie to Culmer Sessums. After the 1780 sale to Davis, he apparently moved to Bladen, where he was taxed in 1784.

**16 MARCH 1780**  
**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

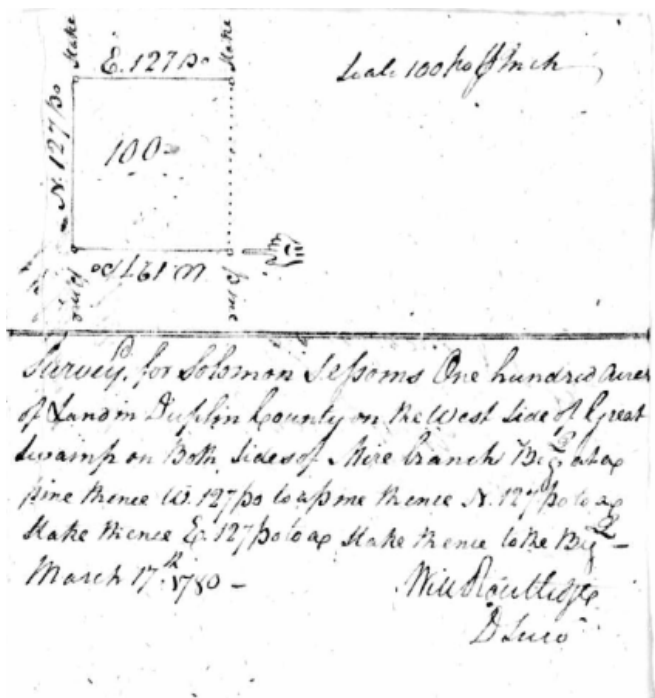
Land survey

"Surveyed for **Solomon Sessoms** One hundred Acres of Land in Duplin County on the *west side* of the **Great Swamp**, Beginning at a Large White oak on his own Line, thence W 127 po to a pine, thence N 127 po to a pine, thence E 127 po to a Stake, thence to the Beg<sup>s</sup>. Will Routledge, D. Surv." **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessoms**, and James Hall, C.B.<sup>58</sup>

**17 MARCH 1780**  
**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Survey<sup>d</sup> for **Solomon Sessoms** One hundred acres of Land in Duplin County on the *west side* of **Great Swamp** on *Both Sides* of **Mire branch**, beg<sup>s</sup> at a pine, thence W 127 po to a pine, thence N 127 po to a Stake, thence E 127 po to a Stake, thence to the Beg<sup>s</sup>. Will Routledge, D. Surv<sup>r</sup>." James Hall and Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessoms, C. B.<sup>59</sup>



**17 APRIL 1780**  
**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **Jacob Magee**, both of Duplin, for 200£, receipt acknowledged, sale of "One Certain Mesuage tract or parcell of land and plantation" in Duplin, being 100 acres more or less on the *west side* of **Great Caheary**, on *both sides* of **Sheppard's branch**:

<sup>57</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 7: 19–20; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1025 and 1028; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>58</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351289-00533](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351289-00533) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>59</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_351462-00990](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_351462-00990) : accessed 17 June 2021).



MILLS: SESSUMS & FISHER OF SAMPSON COUNTY, NC..... 29 June 2021

Beginning at a pine on the branch, **William Owens'** own corner tree, thence as his line N 18 W 127 poles to a pine on his corner, thence along **Fleet Cooper's** line S 7 W 127 poles to a pine over the branch, thence S 20 E 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. **Signed: Southey Fisher.** Witnesses: John Wright, Mark McLemore. Proved in open court by oath of John Wright, January Court 1781.<sup>60</sup>

**11 JULY 1780**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry 706. **Bailey Fisher.** 100a, *both sides of Great Cohara."* Patented 29 October 1782..<sup>61</sup>

**13 JANUARY 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Nathan Hall to Baily Fisher,** both of Duplin, sale for 50£ in "gold and silver money" paid in hand, one tract of 200 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Little Cohary**, including **George Purkins's** improvements:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of Cohary Swamp, above the **marsh**, and running near or joining **John Owens'** line S 35 [25?] W 180 poles to a black oak, thence N 35 W 180 poles to a pine, thence S 35 E 180 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Full guarantee. Signed: Nathan Hall his X mark. Witnesses: **Southey Fisher**, Jeremiah Bullard (x). Proved in open court by Southey Fisher, January Term 1782.<sup>62</sup>

COMMENT:

On 11 November 1794, Southy Fisher sold a similar tract to his son John Fisher.

**13 JUNE 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Samuel Sessums to Isaac Sessums,** both of Duplin, sale for 20£ proclamation money, one tract of 100 acres in Duplin county "Between **Little Cahary** and **South River** in the **fork of the Great Swamp** and the **Beaver Dam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**:

Beginning at a pine on the *east side* of the Great Swamp running N 70 E 127 poles to a pine thence S 20 E 127 poles to a pine by the Beaver Dam Swamp thence S 70 W 127 poles, thence up the Great Swamp to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Samuel Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: **Nicholas Sessums, Solomon Sessums, Richard Sessums.** Proved open court by oath of Nicholas Sessums, April Term 1783.<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 7:170–71; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1177–78; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>61</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2032&qid=656384&rn=35>; accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, 29 October 1787; citing Patent Book 47: 177.

<sup>62</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 7: 320–21; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1327–28; note: the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>63</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8 (1783–1792): 4–5; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1498–99.

**27 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 508. State of North Carolina to **Solomon Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin “on the side of **Great Swamp** on *both sides* of **Miry Branch**:

Beginning at a pine, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence N 127 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>64</sup>

COMMENT:

The data panel on the imaged state-patent book states that the land was entered 21 February 1780.<sup>65</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 321. State of North Carolina to **Soloman Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *west side* of the **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a large white oak on his own line, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence N 127 poles to a pine, thence E 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>66</sup>

COMMENT:

The data panel on the imaged state-patent book states that the land was entered 21 February 1780, entry no. 1007.<sup>67</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 539. State of North Carolina to **Isaac Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *west side* of the **Great Swamp**:

beginning at a pine in a marsh, **John Jones'** corner, thence W 40 poles to a stake in the **marsh** of the **Reedy Branch**, thence S 127 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence N 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>68</sup>

COMMENT:

The land was entered 26 June 1779, entry No. 492.<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>64</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 11; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 28.

<sup>65</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2180&qid=656384&rn=63> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 174.

<sup>66</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 7; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 26.

<sup>67</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.1991&qid=656384&rn=62> : accessed 1 June 2021), Solomon Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 44: 325.

<sup>68</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 6; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 26.

<sup>69</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2049&qid=656384&rn=31> : accessed 1 June 2021), Isaac Sessum, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 191.

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 405. "Know Ye that we have granted unto **Isaac Sessums** One hundred Acres of land in Duplin County on the *East side* of **South river**":

Beginning at a pine at the mouth of the **Scotsman's branch**, thence N 127 poles to a stake in the center of three black jacks, thence E 127 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.<sup>70</sup>

COMMENT:

- The land was entered 26 June 1779, entry No. 492, according to the site's source note.
- On 2 November 1808 (see that date below), Isaac conveyed this tract to John Johnston Sr.
- The deed books also record this grant, as follows:

No. 405. State of North Carolina to **Isaac Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of **100 acres** in Duplin on *east side* of **South River**:

Beginning at a pine at the **mouth** of **Scotchman's branch**, thence N 127 poles to a stake in the center of three black jacks, thence E 127 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.<sup>71</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 377. State of North Carolina to **John Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *east side* of **South River** and *west side* of **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a poplar at the **head** of a **small branch**, thence E 90 poles to a stake by two pines, thence S 178 poles to a pine, thence W 90 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>72</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 401. State of North Carolina to **Jacob Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a gum at the **mouth** of a **branch** in **Great Swamp**, his own corner, thence up the branch his line S 80 E 127 poles to an oak, his corner then S 10 W 127 poles to a pine, thence N 80 W 127 poles at the great swamp, thence up the various courses thereof to the beginning.<sup>73</sup>

COMMENT:

The land was entered 12 August 1779, entry no. 601.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2077&qid=656384&rn=21> : accessed 1 June 2021), Isaac Sessum, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 119.

<sup>71</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 13; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 29.

<sup>72</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 8; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 27. Also David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2049&qid=656384&rn=31> : accessed 1 June 2021), John Sessums, 9 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 105.

<sup>73</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 10; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 28.

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

No. 360. "Know Ye that we have granted unto **Nicholas Sessoms** One hundred [100] Acres of land in Duplin County on the *East* side of **Great Swamp**":

Beginning at a red oak by the side of the swamp, thence E 90 poles to a pine, thence N 178 poles to a stake, thence W 90 poles to a pine by the side of the swamp, thence to the beginning.<sup>75</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 521. "Know Ye that We have granted unto **Bailey Fisher** two hundred [200] Acres of land in Duplin County On the *east side* of **Great Cohera**":

Beginning at a gum in **Great Cohera Swamp**, thence E 244 poles to a red oak stump in his **corn field** supposed to [be] at or near **Cade Weathersby's** corner, then as or near his line S 83 E 156 poles to a white oak, thence N 7 E 200 poles to a small pine, thence N 83 W 64 poles to a stake at Cade Weathersby's corner of another survey, then as or near his line S 88 W 100 poles to a stake in the Pocason, then to the beginning.

Entry 22; entered 5 May 1778.<sup>76</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Grant 450 "Know Ye that we have granted unto **Bailey Fisher** One hundred [100] Acres of Land in Duplin County on the *west side* of **Great Cohera**":

Beginning at a red oak in an **island** of the **Governor's Marsh**, thence W 127 poles to a stake, thence S 127 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a stake in a **branch**, thence joining the **pocason** to the beginning.

Entry 322. 5 May 1778.<sup>77</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

Grant 514. "Know Ye that We have granted unto **Bailey Fisher** One hundred [100] Acres of land in Duplin

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<sup>74</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.155&qid=656384&rn=55> : accessed 1 June 2021), Jacob Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 117.

<sup>75</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2032&qid=656384&rn=35>: accessed 1 June 2021), Nicholas Sessums, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 97.

<sup>76</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2193&qid=658966&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 181–82.

<sup>77</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2193&qid=658966&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 143.

County On *both sides* of **Great Cohera**”:

Beginning at a red oak his corner in an *island* of the **Governors Marsh**, thence N 40 E 105 poles to a stake in his **corn field**, his corner, thence as his line W 24 poles to a gum at the run of the **swamp**, his corner, thence as his other line “NorthEward”<sup>78</sup> [W?]E 85 poles to a stake, thence N 78 W 90 poles to a stake, thence S 12 W 186 poles to a stake on his line, thence as the same to the Beginning.

Entry 706; entered 11 July 1780.<sup>78</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1782**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 500. “Know Ye that We have granted unto **Southey Fisher** Fifty [50] Acres of land in Duplin County on the *East side* of **little Cohera**”:

Beginning at a bay in the **bud branch** on **Thomas Magee’s** line, thence down the branch his line S 30 W 130 poles to a laurel at the mouth of the branch, thence S 65 E 76 poles to a stake at or near his own line, thence on the same N 5 E 60 poles to a pine, his corner, thence as his other line S 85 E 20 poles to a w. oak, thence N 5 E 80 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Entry 611; entered 17 August 1779.<sup>79</sup>

**28 JANUARY 1783**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 1309. **Nicholas Sessoms** entered 100a on *east side* of South River, *lower end* of **Hixes Island**. Surveyed 17 February 1790. Granted 20 February 1791, no. 365.<sup>80</sup>

**25 JULY 1783**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

“**Richard Sessums** (Heir of **John Sessums**),” South River & Great Swamp, Sampson Co. Entered 25 July 1783. Patented 8 October 1787.<sup>81</sup>

**30 AUGUST 1783**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Bailey Fisher** to **James Wright** [identity on document label] or **John Wright** [identity in text of document], both of Duplin, for 100£ Specia in hand paid, sale of three tracts totaling 400 acres in Duplin:

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<sup>78</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2122&qid=659037&rn=1> : accessed 1 June 2021), Bailey Fisher, 29 October 1787; citing Patent Book 47: 177.

<sup>79</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2172&qid=658532&rn=4> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 29 October 1782; citing Patent Book 47: 171.

<sup>80</sup> “North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960,” database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00471](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00471) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>81</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.155&qid=656384&rn=55> : accessed 1 June 2021), Richard Sessums, 8 October 1787, Grant No. 141; citing Patent Book 66: 222.

**Tract 1:** (200 acres) on *east side* of **Great Cahary**, Beginning at or near **Page's** corner, thence at or near his line S 83 E 156 poles to a white oak, thence N 7 E 200 poles to a small pine, thence N 83 W 64 poles to a stake at **Page's** corner of another survey, thence near said line S 88 W 100 poles to a stake in the **pocason**, thence to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** (100 acres) on *both sides* of **Great Cahary**, Beginning at a red oak in an **island** of the **Governor's Marsh**, thence N 40 E 185 poles to a stake in "my **corn field**", thence as the above mentioned line W 24 poles to a gum at the turn of the **swamp**, the aforesaid line, thence N 12 E 85 poles to a stake, thence N 78 W poles to a stake, thence S 12 W 181 poles to a stake in the aforesaid line, thence as the same to the beginning.

**Tract 3:** (100 acres) on *west side* of **Great Cahary**: Beginning at a red oak in an **island** of the **Governors Marsh**, W 107 poles to a stake, thence S 27 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a stake in the branch, thence \_\_\_\_\_ of the pocason to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Bailey Fisher. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, Nicholas Parks [Parker?]. Proved in open court by oath of Fleet Cooper, April court 1784, Duplin County.<sup>82</sup>

**30 AUGUST 1783**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Culmer Sessions of Bladen County to Southey Fisher** of Duplin, for 60£ in hand paid, sells a tract of 200 acres on *west side* of **Little Cohary** and bounded as followeth:

Beginning at a pine, thence S 45 W 179 poles to a pine, thence S 45 E 179 poles to a pine, thence S 45 E 179 poles to a stake, thence N 45 W 179 poles to the beginning.

Land was patented to **John Williams** on 16 November 1757. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, Nicholas Parks [Parker?]. Proved in open court by oath of Fleet Cooper, April term, 1784.<sup>83</sup>

**8 OCTOBER 1783**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry 1006 to **Nicholas Sessums**. 200 acres on N side of **Cow Branch**. Patented 8 October 1787.<sup>84</sup>

**20 OCTOBER 1783**

**DUPLIN COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **Gabriel Holmes, planter**, both of Duplin Co., sale for 10£ Specia, receipt acknowledged, a parcel of 50 acres by survey, in Duplin on *east side* of **Little Cohary**:

Beginning at a bay, the **Bud branch**, on **Thomas Magee's** line, thence down the branch his line S 30 W 130 poles to a laurel at the **mouth** of the **branch**, thence S 63 [for] 76 poles to a stake at or

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<sup>82</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8: 126–28; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1620–21, 1623; note that the imaged pages do not appear in proper sequence.

<sup>83</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8 (1783–1792): 128–29; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1622–23; the imaged pages do not appear in proper sequence.

<sup>84</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.143&qid=656384&rn=36> : accessed 1 June 2021), Nicholas Sessums, 8 October 1787, Grant No. 127; citing Patent Book 66: 219.

near his own line, thence as the same N 5 E 60 poles to a pine, his corner, thence as his other line S 85 E 20 poles to a water oak, thence N 5 E 80 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Said 50 acres granted to Fisher by patent dated 29 October 1782. Full guarantee, etc. **Signed: Southey Fisher.** Witnesses: James Moore, Michael Kennan, Owen Holmes. Proved in open court by oath of Holmes, January Term 1784.<sup>85</sup>

### 3 DECEMBER 1783

#### DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase

**Jacob Wearing** of Duplin County to **Richard Sessions of Wayne County, NC**, for 300£ Specie in hand paid, sale of three tracts in Duplin on *east side* of **Great Cohara**, totaling 585 acres:

**Tract 1: 200 acres.** Beginning at a water oak in the bent of the creek, opposite the **mouth** of **Little Cohara Creek**, and runs thence S 57 E 190 poles to a red oak, thence N 33 E 190 poles to a hickory by a branch, thence N 5 W 210 poles to a stake at the creek, thence down with the meanders hereof to the beginning.

**Tract 2: 300 acres.** Beginning at a hickory on the *east side* of **Great Coheara**, joining the aforesaid lines, and running thence S 33 W 200 poles to a water oak by his other corner, thence S 30 E 56 poles to a pine on said line, thence along the same N 55 E 48 poles to a red oak the other corner, thence along the other line S 35 E 183 poles to a large pine, his other corner, thence N 55 E 180 poles to a small pine, thence to the beginning. Patented 16 December 1769

**Tract 3: 85 acres.** Joining the aforesaid premises between that and **Richard Tatom's** lines, taken off of the upper part of a tract of 185 acres granted by patent to **Benjamin Blackburn** and by him sold by deed to **James West**, and by **James West** to **Jacob Wearing**, patented 26 September 1766.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Jacob Wearing his + mark. Witnesses: Benjamin B. Easom, **Jos. Sessions.** Proved in open court, September Term 1784. Registered 20 June 1786. Transcribed 9 January 1832.<sup>86</sup>

#### COMMENT:

This is the first reference I've found in Duplin > Sampson to Richard *Sessions*. He was clearly a different man from Richard *Sessoms*. While he settled somewhat near the Sessums, I have found no meaningful interaction between him and the various members of the Sessums family.

### 1784

#### SAMPSON & DUPLIN COUNTIES, NC

Historical context

Sampson Co. was created this year from Duplin County. It lies several counties to the SW of Edgecombe where one Jacob died in 1792 leaving a will that named sons Solomon and Jacob.

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<sup>85</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8: 102–4; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540365 > images 1596–97, 1599; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>86</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 19: 30–31; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 319. **Book 19 carries a note on first page saying that it is a transcription of Book B.**

**N.D. 1784**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Theophilis Williams** to **Southy Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for 100£, two tracts in Sampson on *west side of Little Coheara*:

**Tract 1:** 100 acres. Beginning at a pine on Little Coheara and runs S 53 W 187 poles to a pine, thence N 37 W 127 poles, thence N 53 E 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning. Granted to **Mark Phillips** by patent 19 March 1756.

**Tract 2:** 100 acres. Beginning at a red oak by the side of Coheara Swamp, near the aforesaid line, and runs along said line S 43 W 160 poles to a red oak by a branch, thence N 45 W 100 poles to a pine, thence N 43 E 160 poles to a white oak, thence down Coheara to the beginning. Granted to **William Dees** by patent 22 July 1774.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Theophilus Williams. Witnesses: Young Ryall, Alexander Canell. Proved March Term 1785. Registered 10 July 1786. Transcribed 18 January 1832.

**17 FEBRUARY 1784**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Bailey Fisher** to **John Wiggs**, both of Sampson County, for 50£ in hand paid, sells 200 on *west side of Little Cohara near George Bockin's improvement ... on side of Cohera Swamp* above the **marsh**:

Beginning near or Joining **Richard Sessom's** line, S 25 W 180 poles to a black oak, thence N 55 W 180 poles to a pine, thence N 25 E 180 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Said land was taken up and patented by Nathan Halls, then transferred by sale to the aforesaid Fisher. Signed: **Bailey Fisher his B mark**. Witness: John Butler. Proved in court by Butler's oath, September Term 1784, "Registered in Book B, Page 1 by me this 20<sup>th</sup> June 1786, Thos. Clinton Register. Transcribed the 23d day of December 1831, Wright Faison, Register."<sup>87</sup>

**10 JULY 1784**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 409. 100a in fork of the Beaverdam. Surveyed 15 February 1791. Granted 20 December 1791, grant 362.<sup>88</sup>

**7 NOVEMBER 1784**

**BLADEN COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

"Know Ye that We have granted unto **Richard Sessoms** Two hundred [200] acres of Land in **Bladen County** on the *West side of South River* Including **his Own Improvement**":

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<sup>87</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 20: 1; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 304.

<sup>88</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00453](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00453) : accessed 17 June 2021).



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Beginning at a pine and running W 44 chains and 73 links to a pine, thence N 44 chains and 73 links to a small oak, then E 44 chains and 73 links to a stake, then S 44 chains and 73 links to the beginning.

Entry 1066; entered 24 September 1779.<sup>89</sup>

COMMENT:

Bladen lies on the SW boundary of Sampson. It was created in 1734, from New Hanover Precinct, as Bladen Precinct of Bath County. Anson County was cut from Bladen in 1750.

**30 NOVEMBER 1784**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Nicholas Sessoms** to **Samuel Faircloth**, “son of Benjamin Faircloth,” both of Sampson Co., for 30£ Special money, sells one tract of 100 acres in Sampson on the *east side* of **Great Swamp**;

Beginning at a red oak on the side of the swamp thence E 9 poles to a pine, thence N 178? poles to a stake, thence W 90 poles to a pine by the side of the swamp, thence to the beginning.

Granted to said Nicholas Sessoms in 1782. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Nicholas Sessoms** his X mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessoms**, **Benjamin Faircloth**. Acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered, 20 July 1786.<sup>90</sup>

COMMENT:

The reference to the buyer’s father suggests that the buyer is underaged—as Jacob Sessoms was when he bought his first land in 1793. Note that the father was present and signed the document—as Isaac did with Jacob’s deed.

**21 JANUARY 1785**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Owens** to **Southy Fisher** for 200 acres on *west side* of **Little Coheara**:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of the above said Coheara Swamp, above the marsh, and running or Joining **Richard Sessom’s** line S 35 [24?] W 180 poles to a black oak, thence N 55 W 180 poles to a pine, thence N 35 [25] to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Granted to Nathan Hall 20 February 1772. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: John Owens his X mark. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, Silas Myhand. Proved by oath of Fleet Cooper, June Term 1785. Registered 15 July 1786. Transcribed 27 January 1832.<sup>91</sup>

**23 MAY 1785**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry.

Entry 25. **Baily Fisher**, 150a on the *fork* of **Great Cohera** and **Little Cohera** on *both* sides of **Canadie’s Branch**. Patented 26 November 1789.<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.33.4140&qid=659031&rn=2> : accessed 10 June 2021), Richard Sessoms, 7 November 1784, entry 1066, grant 1004; citing Patent Book 69: 70.

<sup>90</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 20: 47–48; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 329.

<sup>91</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 19: 114; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 362.

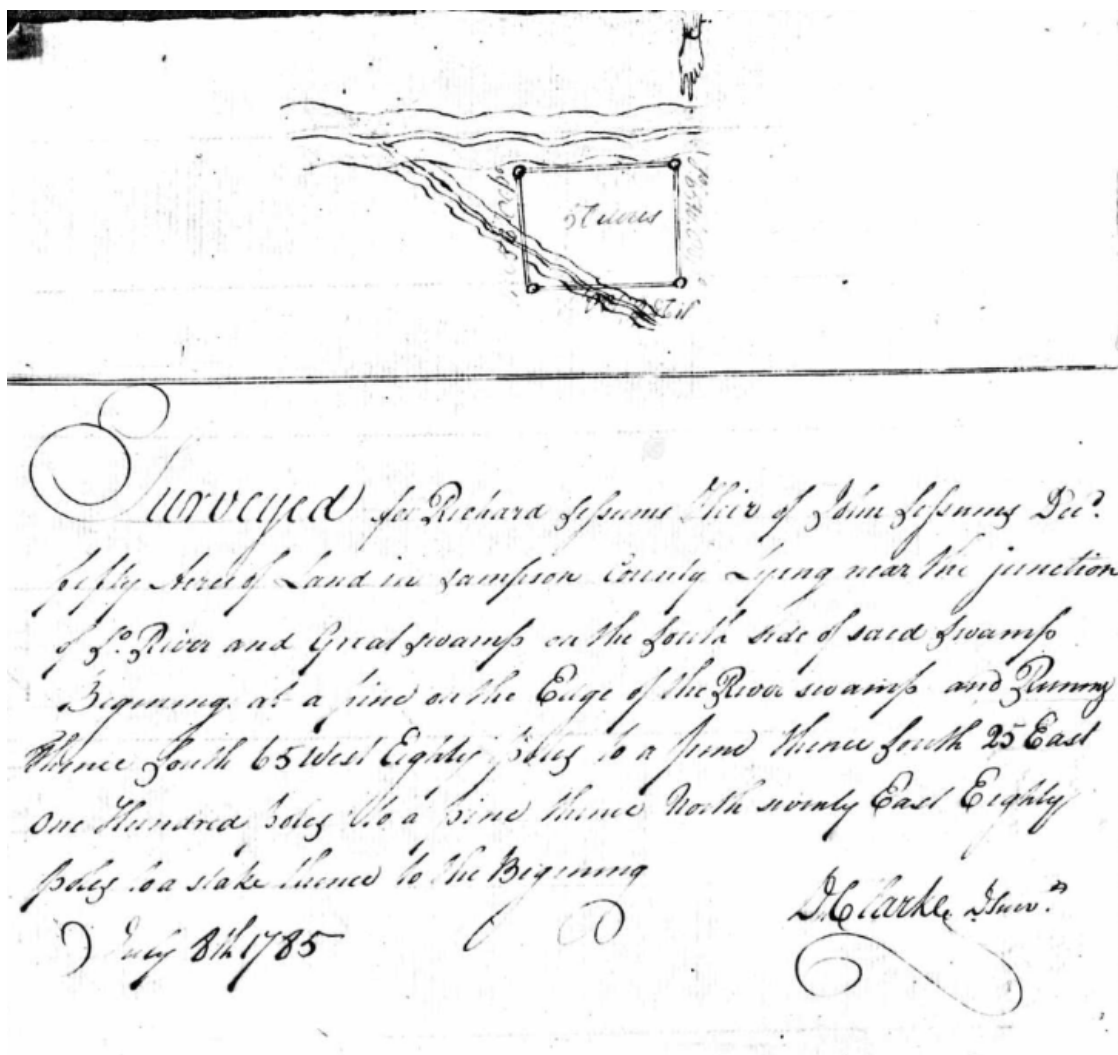
8 JULY 1785

SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Survey

"Surveyed for **Richard Sessums**, heir of **John Sessums**, Decd., fifty Acres of Land in Sampson County Lying near the junction of **S<sup>o</sup> River** and **Great Swamp** on the *South side* of said Swamp. Begining at a pine on the Edge of the River swamp and Running thence South 65 West Eighty poles to a pine, thence South 25 east one Hundred poles to a line, thence North seventy East Eight poles to a stake, thence to the Beginning. D. Clare, D. Surv<sup>r</sup>."<sup>93</sup>

[Backside] Richd Sessums, Isaac Sessums, C.B. [chain bearers]



<sup>92</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.300&qid=659038&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Baily Fisher, 26 November 1789; citing Patent Book 73: 143.

<sup>93</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-00670](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-00670) : accessed 17 June 2021).

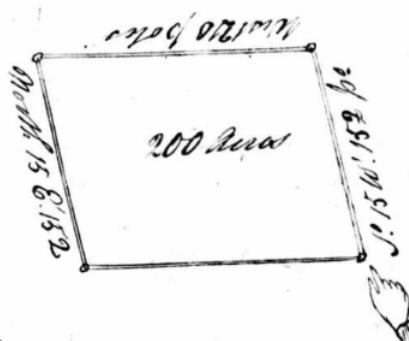
[N.D.] AUGUST 1785

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land survey

"Surveyed for **Nicholas Sessums** Two Hundred Acres of land in Sampson County on the north side of **Cow Branch** Beginning at a pine and white oak in the edge of said Branch and running from thence S° 15 W<sup>t</sup> 152 poles to a poplar in the edge of **Cabbin Branch** near **Saml. Faircloth's** plantation, thence S<sup>t</sup> 210 poles to a stake on the west side of **Great Swamp**, thence N° 15 E 152 poles to a stake, thence to the Beginning. D. Clarke, D. Surv<sup>r</sup>. [No identification of chain bearers.]<sup>94</sup>

Scale 100 po  
to an inch



Surveyed for Nicholas Sessums Two Hundred Acres of land in Sampson County on the north side of Cow Branch Beginning at a pine and white oak in the edge of said Branch and running from thence S° 15 W<sup>t</sup> 152 poles to a poplar in the edge of Cabbin Branch near Saml. Faircloth's plantation thence S<sup>t</sup> 210 poles to a stake on the west side of Great Swamp thence N° 15 E 152 poles to a stake thence to the Beginning  
D. Clarke Surv<sup>r</sup>  
Aug: 1785

14 SEPTEMBER 1785

SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land entry

Entry 37. **Isaac Sessoms** entered 145a on east side of **Great Swamp**. Surveyed 24 May 1787. Grant 238 issued 10 July 1788.<sup>95</sup>

1786

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

State census

COMMENT:

No Sessums (etc.) or Fisher in Duplin County.<sup>96</sup> All of both families apparently were cut away into Sampson in 1784.

<sup>94</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-00616](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-00616) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>95</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-01121](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-01121) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>96</sup> Alvaretta Kenan Register, *State Census of North Carolina, 1784–1787*, 2d ed. rev. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983).

**6 FEBRUARY 1786**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

**Southy Fisher** and Robert Butler (his X mark) witnessed a deed from **John Manuell** to **Lewis Lucas**, for land on *east? side* of **Great Swamp** and *upper* side of **Edges Branch**, “being a part granted to **Richard Sessoms** Bearing date 1772.” Proved February Term 1787. Registered 1 July 1788. Transcribed 30 May 1832.<sup>97</sup>

**10 JUNE 1786**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessoms** to **John Owens**, planter, both of Sampson County, for 20£ “spetia money” in hand paid, sells one parcel of land in Sampson County, 150 acres, on the *west side* of **Little Cohara**:

Beginning at a pine in the said Richard Sessoms’ corner, thence as his line N 30 W 164 poles to a pine by the **rooty [Reedy?] branch** near the **main road**, thence S 50 W 64 poles to a stake on **Nathan Hall’s** line, thence as the same S 35 W 40 poles to a black oak, thence the same course continued 30 poles to a pine, thence 55 E 155 poles to a black jack and pine, thence to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed Richard Sessoms. Witnesses: **N. Parker, Wm. Owens**.<sup>98</sup>

COMMENT:

This tract was not patented to Richard until 11 July 1788.

**9 FEBRUARY 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry.

No. 656. **Richard Sessoms**, 150 acres on west side of “Little Cohera.” Patented 11 July 1788.<sup>99</sup>

**6 NOVEMBER 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Richard Sessions** of **Lewis Williamson**, both of Sampson, purchase for 100£ currency of NC paid in hand, one tract of 300 acres in Sampson on *west side* of **Great Cahary** and adjoining **Little Cahary**:

Beginning at a cypress on the west side of Great Cahary, running N 63 W 78 chains to a white oak by a pocason, thence N 15 W 42 chains to a small white oak on Little Cahary and Great Cahary to the beginning.

“*[Missing words]* dated the 3 M 1755” [apparently meant to say that Williamson owned the land by grant of that day. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Lewis Williamson. Witness: William Roon. Acknowledged in open court 2 November 1787.<sup>100</sup>

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<sup>97</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 19: 250–51; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 439.

<sup>98</sup> Sampson Co. Deed Book 19: 211–12; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > images 415–16.

<sup>99</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2685&qid=656384&rn=44> : accessed 1 June 2021), Richard Sessums, 11 July 1788; citing Patent Book 66: 331.

<sup>100</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8 (1783–1792): 192–93; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1686–87; pages not imaged in proper sequence.

**17 MARCH 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Lewis Hutson** sells to **Bailey Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for 50£ current money of NC, 100 acres of land in the *fork* of **Great** and **Little Coheara**:

Beginning at a cypress on the bank of Great Coheara Creek, **Joshua Riche's** corner, thence his line N 65 W 300 poles to a pine, his corner, thence N 75 E 192 poles along to Joshua Riche's line to a water oak in the creek, thence the creek as it meanders to the first station.

Patented 28 September 1785. Full guarantee, etc. Signed Lewis Hutson, his H mark. Witnesses: Lewis Holmes, John Morgan, his ⊕ mark. Proved in court May Term 1787. Recorded 18 July 1788. Transcribed 8 June 1832.<sup>101</sup>

**29 MARCH 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Bill of sale.

**Thomas Gray** to **Southy Fisher** for 120£ specie, title to "a Negroe Man called James, about Twenty one years olde." No witness. Acknowledged in open court May Term 1787. Registered in Book B, page 350, 10 July 1788. Transcribed 8 June 1832.<sup>102</sup>

COMMENT:

On 25 October 1807, Southy's heirs (Elijah, Thomas, John and Reuben Fisher, and Jacob Sessums) sold one "Jim" to Thomas Wallace, who had married Southy's widow.

**10 MAY 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry No. 90. **Southy Fisher**. 50 acres on *west* side of **Little Cohera**. Patented 10 July 1788.<sup>103</sup>

**24 MAY 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Survey'd for **Isaac Sessums** One Hundred and Forty Five acres of Land in Sampson County, Lying on the *East side* of the **Great Swamp**, Beginning at a Pine, his corner, on the East side of the Great Swamp, and down along his line N 70 E 127 po to his other corner, a Pine, thence his other Line S 20 E 127 po to his corner, a pine, by the **Beaver dam Swamp**, thence N 60 E 114 po to a pine in the Edge of the Beaver dam swamp, then up the Beaver dam Swamp N 54 po to a Stake in the Marsh of said Swamp on **Willis West's** Line, then along West's Line N 70 W 240 po to his corner, and past his corner, to a Pine in the **Cypress Branch**, thence down the Various Courses of the Branch to the **Great Swamp** and down the said Swamp to the Beginning. Enoch Herring Surv<sup>r</sup>." **Nicholas Sessums**, Elias McLemore, Chn Bearers.<sup>104</sup>

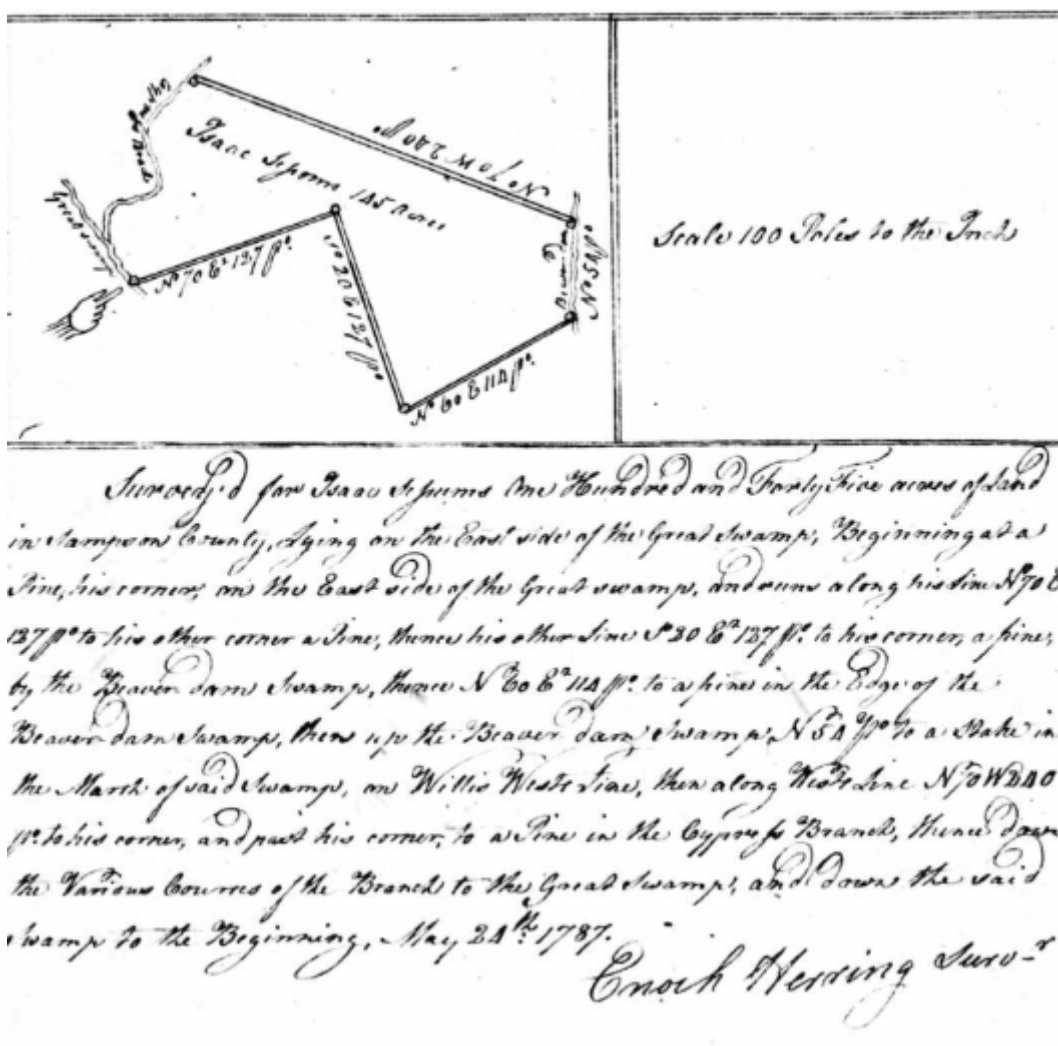
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<sup>101</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 20: 286–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 459.

<sup>102</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 19: 283; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > image 457.

<sup>103</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.226&qid=658532&rn=5> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southy Fisher, 10 July 1788; citing Patent Book 67: 263.

<sup>104</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-01121](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-01121) : accessed 17 June 2021).



8 OCTOBER 1787  
SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land grant

"No. 102" Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 100 acres in Duplin on west side of **Bearskin Swamp**:

Beginning at a small pine on **Bernaby Hall's** line and runs S 40 E 68 poles to a stake at the run of said Bearskin, thence up said run N 50 E 180 poles to a stake near the run, thence N 40 W 110 poles to a small black jack, thence to the beginning.<sup>105</sup>

COMMENT:

This Elijah had five children by the 1790 census. Before 1800, he moved to adjacent Cumberland County and sold most of his Sampson County land. His estate was opened in Cumberland in 1808, naming widow Elizabeth and minors Feraby and Sally.<sup>106</sup> He is possibly a son of Bailey, but

<sup>105</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 304; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 176.

<sup>106</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2239824:9061> : accessed 2 September 2024) > Cumberland > Estates Records, Faulk, Malcolm–Geddie James, 1663–1978 > Elijah Fisher, 1808, Estate Folder, images 437–441 of 1653.

is too old to be Southy's son Elijah.

**8 OCTOBER 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

"No. 129. Know Ye that we have granted unto **Nicholas Sessoms** a tract of land Containing Two hundred Acres lying and being in our County of Sampson On the *North side* of **Cow Branch**, BEGINNING at a pine and white oak in the edge of said branch and running from thence ~~South~~ NORTH fifteen West One hundred and fifty two poles to a poplar in the edge of **Cabbin branch** near **Samuel Faircloth's plantation**, then West two hundred and ten poles to a stake on the West side of **great Swamp**, thence ~~North~~ SOUTH fifteen East one hundred and fifty two poles to a stake, thence to the beginning. ... [Marginal note] "Pursuant to an Order of Court I have altered the Record 13<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>b</sup> 197. Wm. Hill, D. Surv. "<sup>107</sup>

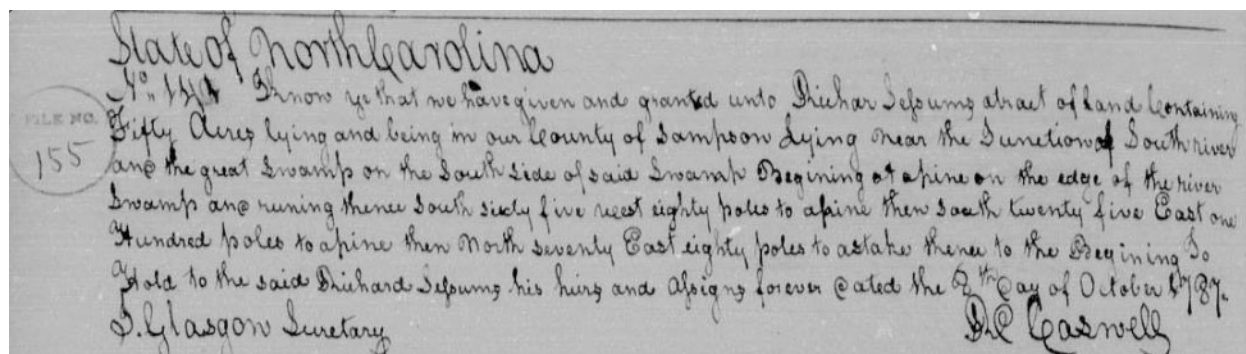
COMMENT:

The entry was made on 25 July 1783, entry 1006, according to the website's data panel for this image. The alterations appear in small caps above.

**8 OCTOBER 1787**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant



No. 141. Know ye that we have given and granted unto **Richard Sessums** a tract of land Containing [50] Fifty Acres lying and being in our County of Sampson lying near the Junction of **South river** and the **great Swamp** on the South side of said Swamp,

Beginning at a pine on the edge of the river swamp and running thence S 65 W 80 poles to a pine, thence S 25 E 100 poles to a pine, then N 70 E 80 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Entry 1181; entered 25 July 1783<sup>108</sup>

**14 MARCH 1788**

<sup>107</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.143&qid=659039&rn=2> : accessed 1 June 2021), Nicholas Sessums, 8 October 1787, Grant No. 127; citing Patent Book 66: 219.

<sup>108</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.155&qid=656384&rn=55> : accessed 1 June 2021), Richard Sessums, 8 October 1787, Grant No. 141, Patent Book 66: 222.

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **John Hall**, both of Sampson County, for 60£ Specia money in hand paid, sells “One certain tract” of 200 acres more or less in Sampson on *west side* of **Little Cohary**:

Beginning at a pine, then S 4 W 179 poles to a pine, then S 45 E 179 poles to a pine, then N 45 E 179 poles to a stake, thence N 45 W 179 poles to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Southey Fisher. Witnesses: Lazarus Hall his H Mark, Josiah Hall his X mark. Proved in open court by oath of Lazarus Hall May Term 1796.<sup>109</sup>

COMMENT:

The mark of Lazarus Hall, here and at Deed Book 11: 358 (as rendered by the clerk) consists of two, straight, down strokes followed by a cross-stroke that was a bit higher on the left than on the right—thereby forming an “H” of sorts. We might think this represents his surname. However, the clerk made that mark for other individuals who did not carry an “H” name.

**8 MAY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Bailey Fisher** from **Richard Tatom**, both of Sampson County, for 15£ current money of NC, purchase of a tract of **30 acres** more or less, being “the upper part of a tract of land containing” 150 acres in Sampson on the *west side* of **Great Cahary**, which was conveyed to Tatom by Joshua Rich:

Beginning at a water oak at or upon the banks of the Great Caheary Creek, thence running out from the creek along a line of marked trees agreed upon by said Richard Tatom and Bailey Fisher to the back line of the aforesaid 150 acres, thence the back line of the 150 acres to the other corner continuing between three pines, thence it runs along the open line of said 150 acres down to the creek, thence down the creek as it meanders to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Richard Tatom his X mark. Witnesses: William Vann, Needham Vann, his X mark. Proved in Open Court May Term 1788.<sup>110</sup>

**10 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Grant 238. **Isaac Sessoms** received grant of 145a on *east side* of **Great Swamp**. Entered 14 September 1785. Surveyed 24 May 1787.<sup>111</sup>

**10 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

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<sup>109</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 143–44; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 355–56.

<sup>110</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8: 214–15; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1708–9; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>111</sup> “North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960,” database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355838-01121](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355838-01121) : accessed 17 June 2021).



“No. 212” “This Grant to **Southey Fisher** for [50] acres of Land is in the same form as the aforesaid registered grant in this Book Page 61, all but the difference of the persons name and various courses of the same, viz. on the *west side* of **Little Cohara**”:

Beginning at a white oak, **his corner**, and runs along his line S 43 W 124 poles to a pine on his line, thence N 30 W 72 poles to a pine near **John Butler’s** corner, thence along Butler’s line N 60 E to his corner, and past his corner 168 poles to a stake, then S 47 E 20 poles to a water oak on the side of Cohara, thence to the beginning.

Entry 90; entered 10 May 1787.<sup>112</sup>

COMMENT:

The unorthodox verbiage in this document results from the clerk’s desire to shortcut the recording process. He wrote out a grant in full on p. 61. Thereafter, each time he had to record a grant, he wrote a short version prefaced by “in the same form as the foresaid registered grant ...”

**10 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“No. 222” State of North Carolina to **Southey Fisher** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 150 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Little Cohara**”:

Beginning at **his own corner**, a pine, and runs S 53 W 100 poles to a pine, thence N 58 W 246 poles to a white oak, thence N 43 E 100 poles, thence S 47 E 20 poles to Fisher’s corner, and the same course continued along his line 100 poles to his corner, a red oak by a branch, thence his other line N 43 E 32 poles to a small pine on his line, thence to the beginning.

Entry 110; entered 11 May 1787.<sup>113</sup>

**10 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 156. State of North Carolina to **Solomon Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a large pine, then N 127 poles to a stake by a **cypress pond**, then E 127 poles to a stake, then S 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>114</sup>

**10 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 238. State of North Carolina to **Isaac Sessoms** for 50 shillings per 100 acres, a tract of 100 acres in Duplin on *east side* of **Great Swamp**:

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<sup>112</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 196; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 122. For the state-level record, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.226&qid=658532&rn=5> : accessed 7 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 10 July 1788; citing Patent Book 67: 263.

<sup>113</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 193; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 120. For the state-level record, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.236&qid=658532&rn=6> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 10 July 1788; citing Patent Book 67: 267.

<sup>114</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 230–31; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 139.

Beginning at a pine, his corner, the *east side* of the **Great Swamp** and running along his line N 70 E 127 poles to his other corner, a pine, thence his other line S 20 E 127 poles to his corner, a pine by the **Beaverdam Swamp** thence N 60 E 114 poles to a pine in the Beaverdam Swamp, N 54 poles to a stake in the marsh of said swamp, on **Willis West's** line, thence along West's line N 70 W 240 poles to his corner and past his corner to a pine in the **Cypress Branch**, thence down the various courses of the branch to the Great Swamp and down the said swamp to the beginning.<sup>115</sup>

COMMENT:

In 1797, the year Jacob I married Penny Fisher, he also bought land from Willis West.

**11 JULY 1788**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 991. "This grant to **Richard Sessoms** for [150] acres of land is in the same form as the aforesaid registered grant in this Book Page 41, only the persons names and various courses of the same Viz: On the *west side* of **Little Cohara**":

Beginning at a pine his corner, then as his line N 30 W 164 poles to a pine by the **Rooty Branch** near the main road, then S 50 W 64 poles to a stake on **Nathan Hall's** line, thence as the same S 35 W 40 poles to a black oak, his corner, same course continued 80 poles to a pine, thence S 55 E 155 poles to a black jack and pine, thence to the beginning.<sup>116</sup>

COMMENT:

- Richard had already sold this tract on 10 June 1786 to John Owens, above.
- According to the data panel for the online image, the land was **entered 9 February 1787**.<sup>117</sup>

**26 NOVEMBER 1789**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 286. Grant to **Bailey Fisher** for 150 acres in the *fork* of **Great Cohara** and **Little Cohara** and **both sides of Canada Branch**:

Beginning at a pine and black jack at **John Cannon's** corner, thence along **Richard Tatom's** line N 32 poles to a pine, his corner, thence W 240 poles to a center of two pines and black jack, then S 160 poles to a pine, thence E 130 poles to a pine on **John Cannon's** line, thence along Cannon's line N 128 poles to a pine, his corner, thence to the beginning.<sup>118</sup>

**17 FEBRUARY 1790**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

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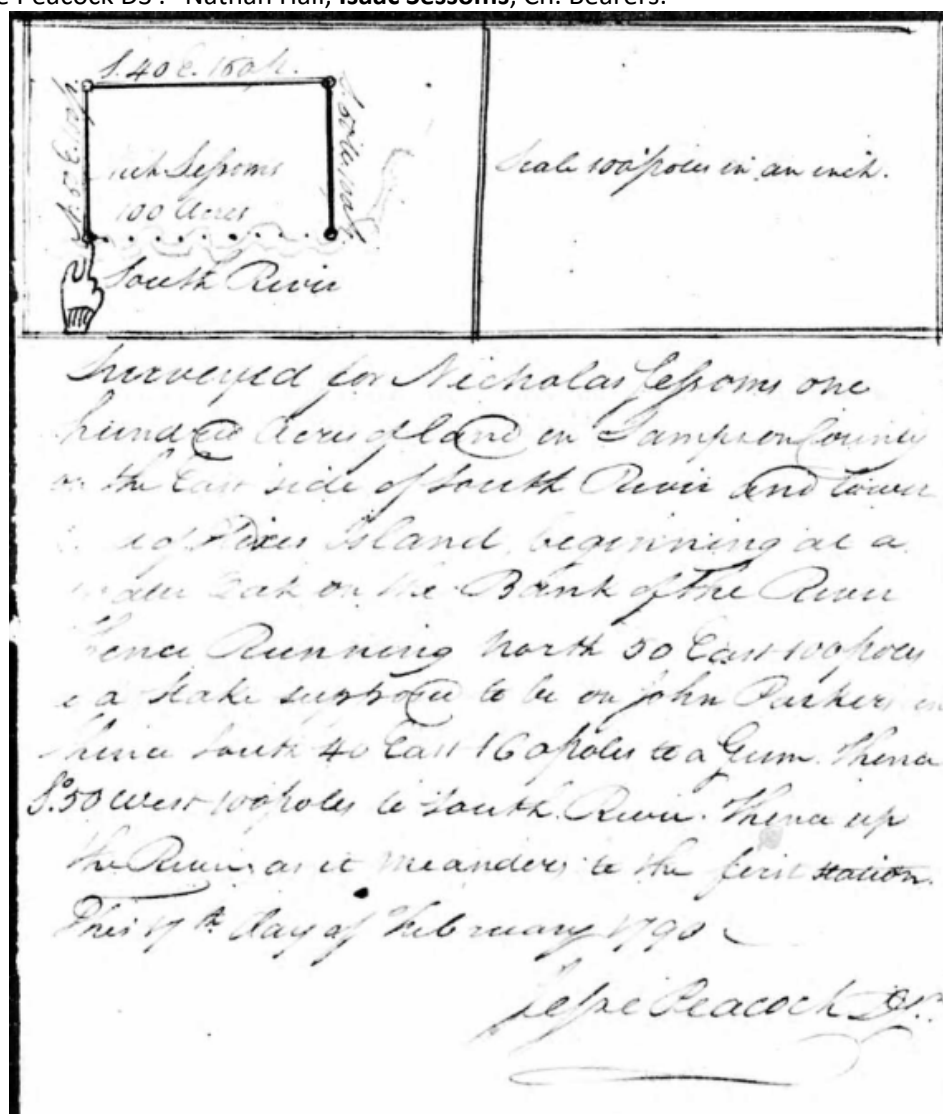
<sup>115</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 231–32; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > images 139–40.

<sup>116</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 335; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 136.

<sup>117</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.57.2685&qid=656384&rn=44> : accessed 1 June 2021), Richard Sessums, 11 July 1788, Grant No. 991; citing Patent Book 66: 331.

<sup>118</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 258; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 153. For the state-level registration, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.300&qid=659038&rn=5> : accessed 1 June 2021), Baily Fisher, 26 November 1789; citing Patent Book 73: 143.

"Surveyed for **Nicholas Sessoms** one hundred Acres of land in Sampson County on the *East side of South River* and *lower end of Hixes Island*, beginning at a water Oak on the Bank of the river, thence Running North 50 East 100 poles to a Stake supposed to be on **John Parker's** line, thence South 40 East 160 poles to a Gum, Thence S 50 West 100 poles to **South River**, Thence up the River as it meanders to the first station Jesse Peacock DS'." Nathan Hall, **Isaac Sessoms**, Ch. Bearers.<sup>119</sup>



**5 AUGUST 1790**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**  
 Land sale

**Nicholas Sessums** to **Samuel Faircloth**, both of Sampson, for 90£ Species money in hand already paid, sells one tract of 200 acres in Sampson County on *north side* of the **Cow Branch**:

<sup>119</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00471](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00471) : accessed 17 June 2021).

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Beginning at a pine and white oak, the edge of the said branch, running N 210 poles to a poplar in the **Cabbin Branch**, thence W 152 poles to a stake, thence S 192 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning










Full warranty, etc. Signed: Nicholas Sessums. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, Isaac Sessums** his X mark. Proved in open court August session 1790.<sup>120</sup>

**1790**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Census

“All 1790 United States Federal Census results for **Sessums**” in Sampson County, NC (*Ancestry*):




Results 1–7 of 7					
View Record	Name	Home in 1790 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sessums	Sampson, North Carolina		2	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Richard Sessums	Sampson, North Carolina		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Nicholas Sessums	Sampson, North Carolina		4	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Richard Sessions 	Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Nicholas Sessions 	Sampson, North Carolina		3	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Solomon Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		8	
1–7 of 7			Per page 50 ▼		

COMMENT:

The families of Richard, Nicholas, and Isaac are double-listed this year. Deeds, grants, and court orders do not support the existence of 2 men of each name in the county at this time.

“All 1790 United States Federal Census results for **Fisher**” in Sampson County, NC (*Ancestry*):

<sup>120</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8 (1783–1792): 374–75; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1857–58.

Results 1-3 of 3					
View Record	Name	Home in 1790 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Censu
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Elijah Fisher	Sampson, North Carolina	1	9	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Southy Fisher	Sampson, North Carolina	3	10	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Bailey Fisher	Sampson, North Carolina	1	6	
1-3 of 3				Per page	50 ▼

**1790****SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Census

(p. 113; column B)

William Blocker

**Solomon Sessoms**

1 free white males 16+      5 free white females      0 other free persons  
 2 free white males –16      1 slave

Samuel Faircloth

[bought land in 1784 from Richard Sessoms]

**Isaac Sessums**

2 free white males 16+      2 free white females      0 other free persons  
 2 free white males –16

Benjamin Faircloth

[father of Samuel above, according to 1784 deed]

**Lewis Lucas**

[1786, bought land patented to Richard Sessoms on Great Swamp at upper side of Edge's Branch; family from Accomack Co., VA]

John Harwood

Hardy Faircloth

**Southy Fisher**

2 free white males 16+      2 free white females      0 other free persons  
 3 free white males –16      3 slaves

## COMMENT:

The household members should be self, wife Phebe, daughter Penny, and sons John, Thomas, Reuben, and —?—. Son Elijah is a separate head-of-household, living in a cluster of Williams families.

Ephrim Emanuel

James Spiller

David James

Bartrum Bryan

John Stanly Sr.

Leven Stanly

Stephen Stanly,

John Stanly Jr.

Jesse Powers

Thomas Underwood

John Cook  
 James Carrell  
 John Wester  
 David Clark  
 Joseph Holley  
 William Williford  
 John Bracker  
 Jeremiah Dean  
 Christopher Bracker  
 Nathan Vick Sr & Jr.  
 Sion Williford  
 James Brown  
 Mathew Mason  
 James Hollingsworth  
 Thomas Gregory  
 Solomon Hines  
 John Crumpler

**Bailey Fisher**      1 free white males 16+      2 free white females      0 other free persons  
 2 free white males –16      1 slave

COMMENT:

Elijah Fisher [the elder] of Duplin > Sampson, who was born by 1761, took out land adjoining Cumpler. Bailey was of age to father Elijah by that time.

In 1821, the aged Bailey conveyed property to Anna Bailey, whom he identified as his daughter, saying that he and his unnamed wife would remain in the property until their deaths. They are likely the two females in the household above.

Sarah Newman  
 Jesse Emanuel  
 Joshua Hayle  
 Mathew Purgen  
 George Fields  
 John Hall  
 Thomas Bullard  
 Josiah Hall  
 Jacob Halley  
 Martha Herring

*(pp. 125–26; Column A)*

Josiah Blackmon  
 Westbrook Lee  
 Nathaniel Thornton  
 Thomas Thornton Sr.  
 Bud Lee  
 Furnifold Wood  
 Joab Blackmon

<b>Niel Colbraith</b>	1 free white male 16+ 7 free white males –16	4 free white females	0 other free persons 1 slave
Theophilus Autry Christ <sup>r</sup> Sutton Frances Wood John Moss Jones John <b>Porter</b> Samuel <i>Faircloth</i> Robert Williams Cornelius Autry Moses Hall <b>John Butler</b> John Daniel Rachael Autry <b>John Johnston</b>	1 free white male 16+ 1 free white male –15	4 free white females	0 other free persons 0 slaves
Josiah Carter	[January 1791 Josiah/Joshua bought 50a from Richard Sessums in fork of Great Swamp & South River]		
<b>Nicholas Sessums</b>	1 free white male 16+ 1 free white male –16	2 free white females	0 other free persons 0 slaves
<b>Richard Sessums</b>	1 free white male 16+ 2 free white males –16	2 free white females	0 other free persons 0 slaves
<b>James Grice</b>	1 free white male 16+	2 free white females	0 other free persons 0 slaves
COMMENT: James Grice is married to Solomon Sessums' sister Axy. She, Solomon, and Richard appear to be children of Nicholas, as was Isaac (for whom paternity is explicitly stated in a deed from Nicholas).			
Lewis Lucas	[apparently Lucas is enumerated twice; see the sequence for Isaac Sessums & Southey Fisher]		
Old Natt <b>William Owens</b>	1 free white male 16+ 1 free white male –16	2 free white females	2 other free persons 0 other free persons 2 slaves
John Wiggins Young Ryal Alexr. Cambell Murdock McKinnen Sarah Moore Nathan Jackston Elias Daniel Samuel <b>Porter</b> Hardy <b>Dees</b> Timothy <b>Williams</b> Sarah Gibbs			

Nathan **Williams**  
 Reuben **Williams**  
 Isaac **Williams**  
 Joseph **Williams**  
**George House**  
 Henry **Williams**  
 Arthur **Brown**  
 Sherod **Brown**

COMMENT:

Even though the two clusters of Sessums are on widely separated pages, they are clearly in the same neighborhood. This arbitrary separation routinely happened when, say, the enumerator went up one fork of a river then down the other. Families living back to back, facing the waterway, could be quite widely separated on the enumeration.

**(p. 127, column A)**

Zebulon Hollingsworth  
 Lewis Holmes  
 Amsy Brewington  
 Crecy **Williams**  
 Hannah **Williams**  
 James Faison  
 Elisha Faison  
 Lott Gregory  
**Elijah Fisher**  
 Drury Maclemore  
 Soarbe Johnston  
 Curtis Ivey  
 Daniel **Williams**  
 James Thompson

1 free white males 16+	4 free white females	0 other free person
2 free white males –16		1 slave

{See images that follow}



1790 United States Federal Census for Bailey Fisher									
North Carolina > Sampson > Not Stated									
Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to Guilford County									
113									
Names of heads of Families									
Cumberland County									
Fayetteville									
Amount brought over	368	163	372	29	596				
James Hogg (of Hillsborough)				2					
Polly Campbell			2						
Margaret Fuller			1						
Norman Wood (Slaves)	1	1	2						
John McPhail	1	2	1						
Engy McPhail			3						
Hugh McCall	1								
Daniel Thompson	1								
James Necks	1								
Charles Tatham	1								
Peter McInnes	1		2						
Elizabeth Tabitha		3	4						
Abel McArthur	1								
John Fritts	1								
John Bittle	1		2						
William Ruffell	1		2						
Isaac Lamon	1	1	1						
William McCants	2								
John McNaughton	1	2	3						
Wm Toney				5					
James Aronby	2								
Thomas Coffey	2	1	1						
William Hickey	1								
Callender Dean	2								
Arch D. McCall	1								
The Rev. Mr. Herr	3	2	2						
	394	195	398	34	571				
Amount of Cumberland County									
brought Forward	1397	1362	2661	19	1661				
1394	1791	1557	3059	83	2181				
Total 8,671									
Sampson County									
William Blocker		2	5	3					1
Solomon Sessoms		1	2	5					
Samuel Faircloth		1	1	3					
Isaac Sessoms		2	2	2					
Benjamin Faircloth		3	4	4					
Lewis Lucas		1	3	3					
John Barwood		2	4	3					
Hardy Faircloth		1	5	1					
Louisy Fisher		2	3	2					3
Ephraim Emanuel								3	
James Spiller		1	1	4	1	32			
David James		3	4	5					
Barthum Bryan		1	1	2					
John Stanly Sr		2	2	7		8			
Leven Stanly		2	6	6					
Stephen Stanly		2	1	4					
John Stanly Jr		3	2	6					
Isaac Powers		2	3	2					
Thomas Underwood		2	2	4					
John Cook		1	2	4					
James Gaxrol		3	1	7		1			
John Wether		2	1	3		6			
David Clark		3	1	3		2			
Joseph Kelley		6		4					
William Milliford		2	3	4					
John Bracher		2		2					
Jeremiah Dean		1	1	3					
Christopher Bracher		1	1	2					
Nathan Vick Jr		1		4					
Nathan Vick Jr		1		5					
Lien Milliford		1	1	2					
James Briner		3	4	3					
Nathan Mason		1	1	6		3			
James Hollingsworth		2	4	4					
Thomas Gregory		1	2	3					
Solomon Hines		2		2					
John Crumpler		1	3	4		10			
Bailey Fisher		1	2	2		1			
Sarah Newman		1	5	2					
Isaac Emanuel						6			
Joshua Hayli		1	2	4					
Nathaniel Pargen		1	1	6		1			
George Field		1	1	5					
John Hall		3	3	3					
Thomas Bullard		1	1	3					
Isiah Hall		1	1	1					
Isaac Kelley		1	2	2					
Nathan Herring		1	2	4		6			
Amount Brought over	79	95	63	10	74				

1790 United States Federal Census for Richard Sessums									
North Carolina > Sampson > Not Stated									
Schedule of the whole number of persons—					within the Division allotted to Guilford Dudley.				
185					126				
Names of heads of Families.					Names of heads of Families.				
Sampson County.					Sampson County.				
Amount brought over	718	852	1394	73 804	Amount brought over	782	927	1538	75 845
Levi Blackmon	1	1	4	9	Luke Smith	1	2	4	1
Westbrook Lee	1	2	4		Isidiah Brown	1	2	4	
Nathaniel Hornum	1	4	4	4	John Chesnut	1	2	2	
Thomas Floraker Sr.	2	2	2	8	Frances Rounsels	1	2	2	
Ben Lee	1	2	2		Ella Houston	2	6	6	
Turnipfield Wood	1	2	2		Joseph Rich	1	4	4	
Levi Blackmon	1	4	4	3	Joshua Rich	1	1	2	
Wiel Colbraeth	1	7	4	1	Christopher Bracher	1	1	2	
Highshes Rinty	1	3	3		William Wright	1	4	4	
Christ <sup>n</sup> Sutton	1	3	4		Robert Wright	1	2	2	3
Francis Wood	1	4	2		John Hair	1	4	4	
John Mcg Jones	1	1	6	7	Jeremiah Bullard	2	1	1	1
John Porter	2	1	2		Elliott Edge	1	2	2	
Samuel Fawcett	1	1	4		John Adam	1	1	4	
Robert Williams	1	4	4	5	Wynn France	1	1	2	3
Cornelius Rinty	1	1	1		Baker Walker	1	3	3	
Moses Hall	1	2	2		Jacob Chesnut	1	1	2	
John Butler	2	3	5		William Williamson Jr.	6	1	4	
John Daniel	1	4	1		Jeremiah Pope	1	5	3	
Isaac Rinty	3	1	2		Lewis Moore	1	1	4	8
John Johnston	1	3	4		Ann Moore	1	1	4	17
Levi Carter	1	2	3		Ezekiel Moore	1	1	1	5
Nicholas Sessums	1	1	2	←	Silas Myhand	1	5	1	1
Richard Sessums	1	2	2	←	Jacob Pope	1	3	3	
James Grace	1	2	2		Willis Magee	1	1	1	
Lewis Lucas	1	3	3		Philip Magee	1	1	3	
Wm. Craft	1	2	2	2	Harris Pope	1	4	4	
William Owens	1	1	2	2	Charles Chesnut	2	5	5	
John Wiggins	2	2	4		John Jackson Jr.	1	2	3	
Young Royal	1	3	4	4	Simon Cruch	1	4	3	1
Walter Campbell	1	2	2		John Jackson Jr.	1	2	2	
Murdock McHennen	2	4	4		Richard Jackson	1	1	1	
Isaac Moore	1	1	5		Mary Smith	2	2	3	13
Nathan Jackson	1	1	4		John Smith	1	2	2	5
Elias Daniel	1	1	1		William Dean	1	2	2	
Samuel Porter	2	3	5		Edward Bird	3	2	5	9
Handy Dees	2	1	6		Michael King Jr.	1	2	1	1
Timothy Williams	3	4	4		Henry Izard	1	2	1	6
Isaac Little	2	4	4		Isaac Pritchard	2	1	3	
Nathan Williams	1	1	3		Jacob Goodman Jr.	1	3	3	
Ruben Williams	1	1	1		Jacob Goodman Jr.	1	1	1	
Isaac Williams	3	5	8		Edward Lee	1	2	3	1
Joseph Williams	2	6	5	2	John Bryant	1	2	4	
George House	1	1	1	1	John Register Jr.	1	2	4	
Henry Williams	1	1	1		Charity Carson	3	4	4	1
Arthur Brown	2	4	3		Amount carried over	800	963	1657	75 921
David Brown	1	1	1	2					
Amount carried over	782	927	1538	75 845					



1790 United States Federal Census for Elijah Fisher

North Carolina > Sampson > Not Stated

Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to Guilford District.						Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to Guilford District.					
127						128					
Names of heads of Families.						Names of heads of Families.					
Sampson County						Sampson County					
Amount brought over	880	963	1657	75	921	Amount brought Forward	981	1016	1777	85	1013
Zebedee Hollingsworth	1		3			Minister Young				4	
Lewis Holmes	1	1	2		7	Joseph Williams					7
Amey Brewington				4		Thomas Jacobs					5
Greig Williams				3		Amey Ireland					2
Hannah Williams				2		Sammy Davis		2	3		
James Faison	1	4	3		5	William Whitley	1		1		
Eliza Faison	1	1	1		1	Jack Mason					4
Leff Gregory	2	3	3		3	Henry Hobbs	1	1	2		
Elijah Fisher	2	2	4		1	John Hobbs	1	1	1		
Drury Macdonald	1		5			Edward Bird Jr	1	1	1		2
Isabel Johnston	1	3	3			Christopher Lee	1		4		
Charles Lucy	1	2	3		5	Catharine Busnet		1	1		
Daniel Williams	1	3	3		11	Ann Brewington					3
James Thompson	1	3	5		5	Isabel Thomas	1	1	3		1
Thomas Lucy	3		4		12	John Justice	1		3		
Rogal Stewart	2		2			Mary Darden	1		3		
Filly Porter	1				4	William Darden	1	1	1		4
Mayford Crumpler	1					Stephen Blackman	1	1	3		2
William King	1	2	5	1	31	Simon McBlenden	1	1	2		10
Stephen Gilmore			1	2	2	Thomas Sutton	1	4	2	1	5
William Davis	4	4	3			Jacob Dunn	1	2	2		
Leburn Barber	1	1	1		2	Sammy Faison	3	1	2		1
Thord Holley	1		1			John McCallen Jr	2		2		
Walter McPhail	1		1		2	John McCallen Jr	1	1	2		
Cooper Vick	1	3	2			Stephen Ephson	1	1	4		1
John Mean	2	1	4			John Livingston	1	5	3		1
Shadrach Jones	3	2	6			Lewis McCallen	1	1	1		1
Leviash Jones	1		2			George Williamson	1		1		
Walter McPhail	4		2			Bernard Stephens	1	1	5		7
Eliza Guller			1	2		James McBlenden	1	1	3		1
John Fowler	3	3	3			Benjamin Bell	2	1	3		1
Joseph Fowler	1	3	4			Francis Hill	6	1	3		14
Jeremiah Simmons Jr	4	1	3			Willis West	1	2	3		1
Jeremiah Simmons Jr	1	1	4			Arch? Jackson	1	4	3		
James Herringdine	1	1	4		1	William Darden	2	1	3		4
John Simmons	2	1	4			William Colby	1	5	2		
John Morgan	1		7			Joseph Hodges Jr	1		1		
Andrew Morgan	1		1			Joseph Hodges Jr	1	2	1		
Eliagar Barnes	1	1	1			Thomas Hicks	2	1	1		16
John Sampson Young	1		3			Niles Murphy	2	2	3		2
Henry Merrill	2		3			Richard Murphy	1	3	2		
David Mathews	1	2				Blackburn Pope	1	1	1		
Paul Mathews	2	2	7			Jeremiah Pope	2	2	4		
Niles Mathews	1		3			Michael Murphy	2	3	4		
Amount Carried Over	981	1016	1777	85	1013	John Riggs	3	2	4		
						Minson Howard	1	1	1		1
						Levi Emanuel					5
						Isabel Daniel	1		2		
						Isabel King	2				3
						Amount Carried Over	957	1075	1878	111	1081

## 1790 United States Federal Census for Nicholas Sessions

North Carolina &gt; Sampson &gt; Not Stated

Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to Guilford Precinct					
129					
Names of heads of families	957	1075	1878	111	1881
Sampson County					
Amount brought over	957	1075	1878	111	1881
Jacob Magee	1	3	5		
Lease Wright			1		
Mary Smith		1	2		
Rachael Jones		1	2		
Rebecca Harris		1	2		
John Harris	2	1	2		
Samuel Dyer	1				
Sarah Beach			1		
Colly Higgins				5	
Willy Glavis				3	
Mary Higgins				6	
Jack Waldon				1	
Ruth Coggin			1		
Martha Jones			2		
Eloeraly				4	
Samuel Fields	1				
Judy Womble		1	2		
Jude Bayles		1	3		
Isaac Boyner	1		1		
Anna Hatcher		1	1		
Russella Godwin		1	1		
Anna Williams			3		
Becky Cobb				3	
Niles Hammonds				1	
Gilbert Danson	1				
George Taylor	1				
John Gilbert	1				
John Segars	1	1	4		
Alex. Kirkland	1	2	2		
Robert Sullivan	2	1	3		
Benjamin Williams	1				
John Williams	1				
Elizabeth Stanley		1	1		
William Duane	1				
Robert Duane			1	3	
Sylvia Goodman			1	2	
Nancy Caruthers	1		1		
Thomas Page Jr.	1		1		
Isaac Waring	1		1	2	
Shas Elliott	1	1	2		
Isaacson Daves	1	1	3		
Richard Price	1	2	3		
Richard Lefrom	1	2	3		
Nicholas Sessions	1	1	1		
Henry Daves	1	1	3		
John Daves	1	1	2		
John Daves	1	1	2		
Mary Daves	1	1	2		
Ellis Edge	1	1	2		
Jacob Allen	1		2		
Amount carried over	986	1104	1949	134	1163
130					
Names of heads of families	986	1104	1949	134	1163
Sampson County					
Amount brought forward	986	1104	1949	134	1163
William Hair	1	1	3		
Thomas Hair	1	2	5		
Amey Whitty		1	2		
Samuel Perkins	1	1	2		
William Smith	1	1	1		
Frederick Morgan	1		1		
Polly Bell			1	2	
Christian Williams		2	2		
Thomas Owens	1	1		1	
Benjamin Bullock	2	2	2		
Lewis Parker	1		1		
Thomas Clinton	1	1	1	4	
John Easton	1	2	3	1	
Polly Ward		1	2		
Jane Ward			1		
Josiah Price	1		2		
Gray Bagnove	1		1		
John Bagnove	1				
William Whitfield	1	1	1	3	
James Clark	1	1	1	4	
John Williams	1	1	2		
Nathan Clark	1	2	3	1	
Esther Powell	1		1	4	
Henry Holland	1	2	3		
Stephen Smith	1	1	3		
John Griggs	1	1			
John Harris	1	1	3		
John Brooks	1	2	4		
John Royal	1	2	1	3	
Isaac Powell	1	1	3		
Eliza Cooper	1	3	4	1	
William Cooper	2	3	3		
Marion Gutch	1	1	2		
John Jenkins	1		2		
Thomas Jenkins	1		2		
Betsy Hatcher			2		
Lewis Nelson	1		3		
George Nelson	1	3	3		
Lot Hudson	1	1	1		
Isitha Mote	2	4	5		
Joseph Hudson	1	2	1		
Lewis Hudson	1	2	5		
Charlotte Elkins			2		
Madham Van	1				
Madham Tyler	1	2	3		
Joseph Bonbaze	1	1	2		
Elisha Morris	1		1		
Amount carried over	1029	1155	2165	134	1163

**10 OCTOBER 1790**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Culman Sessums** to **Lewis Lucus** of Duplin, for 24£ one tract of 100 acres on *east wide* of **Great Swamp** and on both sides of **Edges Branch**:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of the Great Swamp and running N 73 E 180 poles to a pine sapling, thence N 20 W to said Edge's Branch, thence down said branch to the said swamp and down the swamp to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: **Culman Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: **Christopher Sutton, Willis West** his X mark. Proved in open court, May Term 1793.<sup>121</sup>

**16 NOVEMBER 1790**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Entry 159. "Know Ye That We have granted unto **Southy Fisher** fifty [50] Acres of Land n Sampson County On the *West side* of **Little Cohera**":

Beginning at a water oak, his own corner on the bank of Cohera, then S 85 W 48 poles to his corner, a white oak, thence with his line S 47 E 100 poles to a red oak, his corner, then with his line S 37 E 127 poles to a pine, his corner on Little Cohera, thence up the various courses of Cohera to the beginning.

Entered 11 August 1788.<sup>122</sup>

**29 JANUARY 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessums** to **Joshua Carter** [Josiah on 1790 census], both of Sampson Co., for 20£ Specia money in hand already paid, sells one tract of 50 acres in Sampson County in the *fork* of the **Great Swamp** and **South River**:

Beginning at a pine on the edge of the river swamp and running thence S 80 poles to a pine, S 25 E 100 poles to a pine, thence N 70 E 80 poles to a stake, then to the beginning.

Land was granted to **Richard Sessums** on 8 October 1787. Full guarantee, etc. Signed **Richard Sessums**. Witnesses: **Jas Grice** his X mark; **Isaac Sessums** his X mark. Proved in open court August Term 1791.<sup>123</sup>

COMMENT:

This James Grice was the husband of Axy Sessums, sister to Solomon Sessums.

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<sup>121</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8: 353–54; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1846, 1849; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.

<sup>122</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.303&qid=658532&rn=7> : accessed 7 June 2021), Southy Fisher, 16 November 1790, Duplin County; citing Patent Book 73: 334.

<sup>123</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 8: 470–71; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 1952–53; the pages are not imaged in proper sequence.



**15 FEBRUARY 1791**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

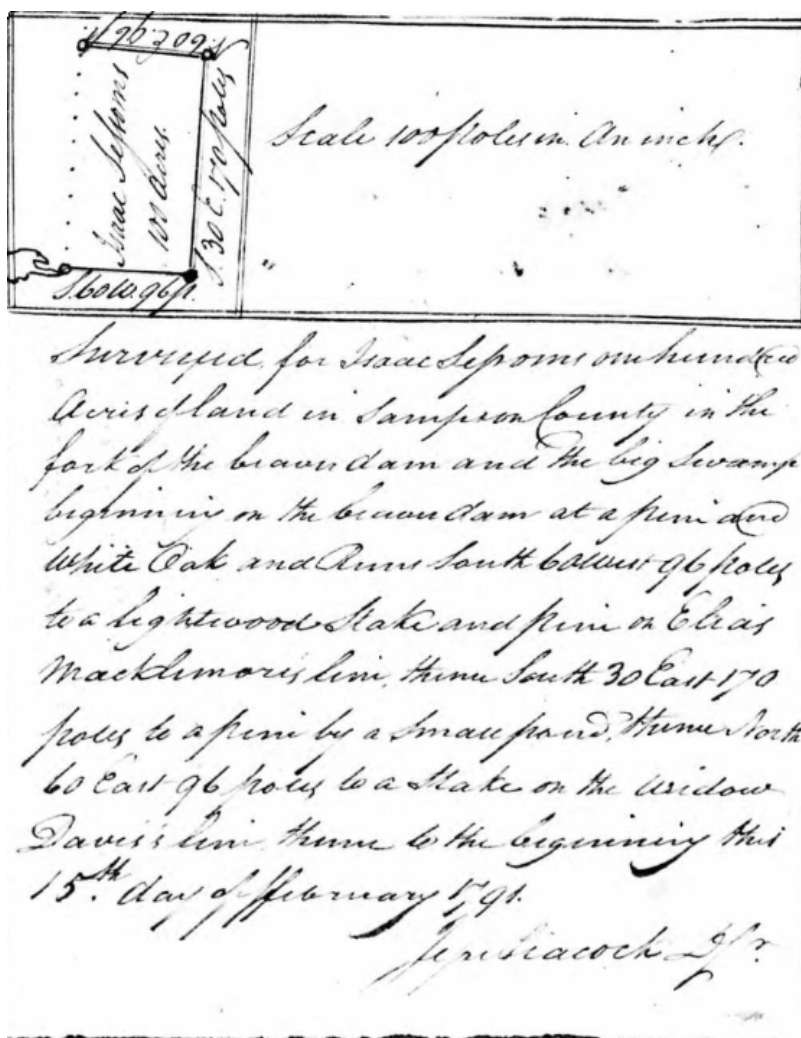
Land survey

"Surveyed for **Isaac Sessoms** one hundred Acres of land in Sampson County in the fork of the **Beaverdam** and the **Big Swamp**, beginning on the beaverdam at a pine and White Oak and Runs South 60 west 96 poles to a lightwood Stake and pine on **Elias Macklemore's** line, thence South 30 E 170 poles to a pine by a **small pond**, thence North 60 East 96 poles to a Stake on the **Widow Davis's** line, thence to the beginning." Jesse Peacock, D S<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Bullard and James Grice, Ch. bearers.<sup>124</sup>

**20 February 1791**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 365. **Nicholas Sessoms** granted 100a on east side of South River, lower end of **Hixes Island**. Entered 28 January 1783, entry 1309. Surveyed 17 February 1790.<sup>125</sup>



**3 MAY 1791**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

Samuel **Faircloth** to Benjamin **Faircloth Junior**, both of Sampson County, sale for 20£ Specia money in hand already paid, one tract of 100 acres in Sampson on the north side of **South River**:

Beginning at a pine and lightwood stump on the river bank and running from thence S 80 E 100 poles to a pine, thence N 10 E 160 poles to a pine, thence N 80 W 100 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

<sup>124</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00457](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00457) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>125</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00471](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00471) : accessed 17 June 2021).

"It Being a pattend granted to Samuel Faircloth" on 12 October 1787. Full warranty, etc. Signed: Samuel Faircloth his X mark. Witnesses: Benjamin Faircloth and **Nicholas Sessams**. Proved in open court February Term 1792.<sup>126</sup>

**2 AUGUST 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

**James Davis** of Bladen County to **James Grice** of Sampson, sale for 20£ a tract of 200 acres in Sampson County on the *east side* of the **Beaverdam Swamp**:

Beginning at a hickory near the **Juniper** or **Rooty branch**, then E 180 poles to a pine in the **Meadow**, thence S 180 poles to a pine, thence W 180 poles to a stake, and thence to the beginning.

Land was patented to James Davis in 1783. Full guarantee, etc. Witnesses: **Nich Sessums; Isaac Sessums** his X mark. Proved in court May 1794. Registered 18 August 1795.<sup>127</sup>

**15 OCTOBER 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

Jeremiah Bullard, planter, to **John Parker**, both of Sampson County, sale for 20£ Specia one tract of 100 acres in Sampson on *west side* of **little Cahary**, back of Jeremiah Bullard's and **John Parker's Home place**, adjoining **John Brown's** land:

Beginning at a red oak John Brown's corner in Little Cahara swamp, thence running up his line S 42 W 29 chains to a red oak, N 41 West 95 chains to a pine near **Allum's Branch**, N 42 E 19 chains to a maple, Jeremiah Bullard's corner, thence along as above delined their back line, S 41 W 84 chains to a stake at said **Parker's** corner, thence down his line to Little Cahara swamp and along the swamp to the first station.

The survey contains 200 acres "in the whole, To Have and to Hold part of the said Tract or parcel of land and premises, Vizt. *One hundred acres at the lower End, being one half of said tract.*" Full warranty, etc. Signed: Jeremiah Bullard his X mark; **Sessum Parker** and Lewis Parker. Proved in open court August Term 1791.<sup>128</sup>

COMMENT:

John Parker does not appear in the online indexes to the 1790 census of Sampson and I've not located him by reading the Sampson returns. John Brown is also missing. Jeremiah Bullard does appear among appropriate neighbors.

The households of the other Parkers (Sessums, Jonathan, Lewis, Nicholas, and William) do not include extra adult males.

**14 NOVEMBER 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

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<sup>126</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 65–66; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 37–38.

<sup>127</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 299–300; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 167–68.

<sup>128</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 1–2; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 4–5.

**Richard Sessums to Prisella Hall**, both of Sampson, sale for 40£, 100 acres in Sampson on *east side of South River* and *west side of the Great Swamp*:

Beginning at a poplar in the *head* of a small **Branch**, then E 90 poles to a stake by two pines, thence S 178 poles to a pine, then W 90 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

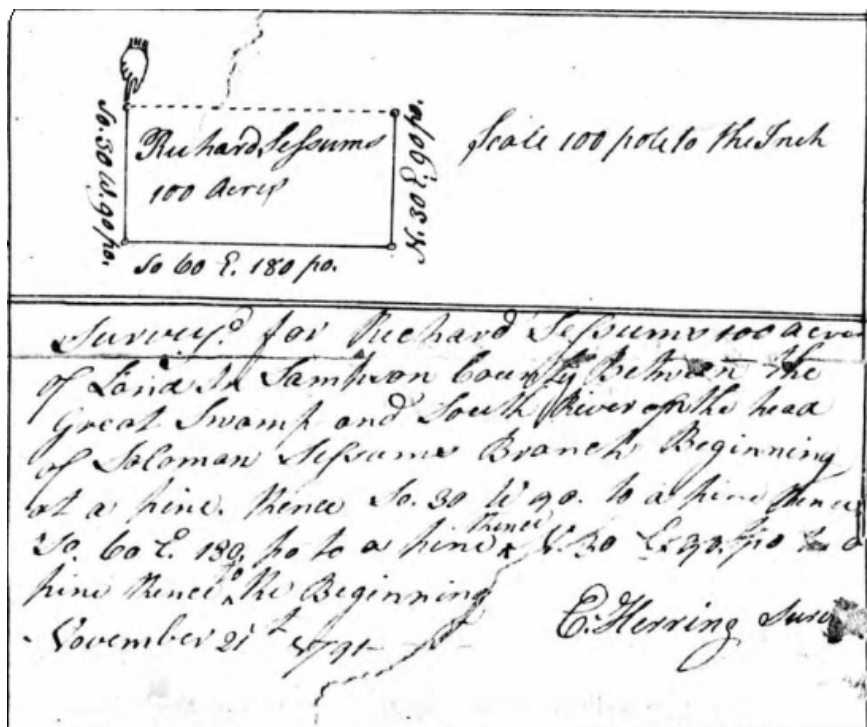
The land was granted to **John Sessums** on **9 October 1782**. Full guarantee, etc. Signed **Richard Sessums**. Witnesses: **Jas Grice** his X mark; **Nicholas Sessams**. Proved in open court May 1792. Registered 11 May 1793.<sup>129</sup>

**21 NOVEMBER 1791**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"Survey<sup>d</sup> for **Richard Sessums** 100 acres of Land In Sampson County Between the **Great Swamp** and **South River** on the *head* of **Solomon Sessums' Branch** Beginning at a pine, thence So. 30 W 90 to a pine, thence So. 60 E 189 po to a pine, thence N 30 E 90 po to a pine, thence to the Beginning. E. Herring Survey<sup>r</sup>." Chain bearers: Saml. Faircloth, Moses Hall.

Notation: "Enterd by Lewis Hall and Surveyd for **Richard Sessums**."<sup>130</sup>



**20 DECEMBER 1791**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 367. "This Grant to **Isaac Sessoms** for [100] acres is in the same form as the aforesaid registered Grant in this Book Page 37, only the persons names and various courses of the same, to wit: lying and being in our County of Sampson in the *fork* of the **Beaverdam** and the **Big Swamp**":

Beginning on the Beaverdam at a pine and white oak and running S 60 W 96 poles to a lightwood stake and pine on **Elias McLemore's** line, thence S 30 E 170 poles to a pine by a small pond, then N 60 E 96 poles to a stake on the **Widow Davis'** line, thence to the beginning.<sup>131</sup>

<sup>129</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 87–88; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 48–49.

<sup>130</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00241](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00241) : accessed 17 June 2021). Also image 44173-355839-00240 for Hall notation.

<sup>131</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 286–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 167.



**20 DECEMBER 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“No. 367” Grant to **Nicholas Sessoms** for [100] acres in Sampson Co. on the *east side* of **South River** and **lower end of Hicks Island**.

Beginning at a water oak on the bank of the river, thence running N 50 E to a stake supposed to be on **John Parker’s** line, thence S 40 E 160 poles to a gum, thence S 50 W 100 poles to South River, thence up the run as it meanders to the first station.<sup>132</sup>

COMMENT:

Samuel Sessions, in 1771, took out land “near Hicks Island” that he subsequently conveyed to Isaac.

**20 DECEMBER 1791**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 362. 100a in fork of the Beaverdam. Entry 409; entered 10 July 1784. Surveyed 15 February 1791. Granted 20 December 1791.<sup>133</sup>

**11 FEBRUARY 1792**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry.

No. 282. **Southy Fisher**, 25 acres on *east side* of **South River** at **Beaverdam Swamp**. Patented 16 July 1795.<sup>134</sup>

**1 AUGUST 1792**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Baily Fisher of Elihu Wiggins**, both of Sampson Co., for 200£ in hand paid, purchased 150 acres, being part of a tract of land in Sampson on *west side* of **Great Cahara** on which Wiggins then lived:

Beginning at a pine, thence S 80 W to a corner pine, thence along an agreed line to a **branch** known by the name of the **great branch** and down said branch to **Cahara Creek** and down Cahara to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Elihu Wiggins his X mark. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, Coor Cooper. Proved in open court February Term 1795.<sup>135</sup>

**1 JANUARY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

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<sup>132</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 323; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 185.

<sup>133</sup> “North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960,” database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-00453](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-00453) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>134</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.514&qid=658532&rn=8> : accessed 7 June 2021), Southy Fisher, 16 July 1795; citing Patent Book 86: 478.

<sup>135</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 451–52; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 250–51.

“No. 389” Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 100 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** on **both sides** of the **main road**, including the **Blue Pond**:

Beginning at a post oak on **Bernabas Hall's** line, thence his line S 56 E 172 poles to a pine, thence N 85 W 115 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.<sup>136</sup>

**1 JANUARY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 399. Grant to **Richard Sessoms** for 100 acres in Sampson County between the **Great Swamp** and **South River** on the **head** of **Solomon Sessums'** branch:

Beginning at a pine, thence S 30 W 90 poles to a pine, thence S 60 E 180 poles to a pine, thence N 30 E 90 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.<sup>137</sup>

**17 JANUARY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

William Williamson (x) to Jas. Perrines, both of Sampson, sale for 30£ on *south side* of **Cohara** and *both sides* of **Reedy Branch** [metes and bounds], *also 150 acres on south side of Little Cohara* [metes and bounds], adjoining John Haynell. Witnesses: **Joseph Sessums**, D. Williams. Proved in open court, February 1793. Registered 20 May 1793.<sup>138</sup>

COMMENT:

I have not otherwise placed a Joseph *Sessums* in this county. There did exist a Joseph *Sessions*. The name in this case is very clearly written; however, the register has been recopied due to the poor condition of the original register. The name is likely misread. Williamsons and Perrines are not among the associates established for the *Sessums* family.

**12 JANUARY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Baley Fisher** from **Jacob Warren**, both of Sampson County, for 20 current money of NC, purchases a tract of land in the **fork of great and little Cahara**, which was granted to John Hannon 28 September 1785:

Beginning at a pine in Hannon's back line **Lott Riche's** NW corner and running N 146 poles to a pine, Kannon's Corner, thence along his other line 110 poles to a black jack on **Canandy's** line, thence S along Kannon's line 146 poles to a lightwood stake in **Lott Riche's** corner, thence W along Lott Riche's line 110 poles to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed Jaab Warren. Witnesses: David Dodd, Byers Boykin. Deed from Jacob Warren proved in open court May Term 1795.<sup>139</sup>

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<sup>136</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 304; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 176.

<sup>137</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 286–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 167.

<sup>138</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 184–95; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 103.

<sup>139</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 476–77; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 265

**12 FEBRUARY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**William Owens** to **Jacob Sessome**, both of Sampson Co, for 30£ old Specia money to him in hand already paid, sale of one tract of 200 acres in Sampson County on *west side* of **Little Cahary** and on *both sides* of the **Beaverdam Marsh**:

Beginning at a black jack near the corner of **Nathaniel Jones** fence and runs N 34 E 200 poles to a gum in the Beaverdam Marsh, thence N 56 W 160 poles to a pine, thence S 34 W 200 poles to a pine and thence to the beginning.

"It being a pattent granted to **John Owens**" on 18 October 1787. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: William Owens. Witnesses: **Christopher Sutton** and **Isaac Sessams** his mark. Proved in open court February Term 1793.<sup>140</sup>

COMMENT:

The Jacob Sessums who later married Penny Fisher would have been about sixteen at this time. However, the older Jacob Sessums I, who obtained land in 1777, has been absent from county records since 1782.

Six factors support a conclusion that the purchaser was the minor Jacob who married Penny Fisher:

- Minors were legally entitled to *purchase* land, although they could not sell it without the consent of a parent or guardian.
- The witness, Elijah Sessums, lived next door to Jacob when he first appeared on a census, 1800.
- Eleven months after Jacob's purchase, Penny's father Southey Fisher also bought 150 acres of William Owens's land.
- Landowners were required to serve on road crews or supply enslaved labor. Only one Jacob did so. He did not come on the list until he turned 18 and, when he appeared, he was coupled with Isaac in the court order.
- On 9 February 1801, Jacob exchanged lands with Isaac Sessums, giving Isaac the Owens tract on the *west side* of the Cohare and taking from Isaac two tracts of 100 acres on the *east side* of the Great Swamp and South Side of Cow Branch, adjoining Isaac's brother Solomon Sessums. The Cow Branch tract was the land that Jacob, with Penny's participation, sold in 1802 to Neal Culbreath.

**11 JULY 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

**Benjamin Bullock** sells to **Nicholas Parker**, both of Sampson, for 10£, 100 acres on *west side* of **Little Cohara** and on the **Marsh branch** [metes & bounds]. Witnessed: **Jacob Sessums** his X mark, Lawrence Hall his X mark.<sup>141</sup>

**26 NOVEMBER 1793**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

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<sup>140</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 64–54; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 37.

<sup>141</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 81; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 319.

#### Land grant

“No. 222” State of North Carolina to **Elijah Fisher** for 183 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp** joining **John Hall Senr. & Barnabas Hall’s** lines:

Beginning at a lightwood post, Barnabas Hall’s corner, thence his line S 56 E 240 poles to his corner, a pine, thence S 41 W 40 poles to a pine on **William Owen’s** line, thence his line N 40 W 52 poles to his corner, a juniper in the **Juniper Branch**, thence his line S 41 W 106 poles to his corner, a pine, thence his and **John Crumpler’s** line N 55 W 164 poles to Crumpler’s corner, a post oak, thence his line S 40 W 66 poles to his corner, a black Jack on John Hall Senr. line, thence Hall’s line N 56 W 46 poles to a stake on his line, thence to the beginning.<sup>142</sup>

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#### COMMENT:

Many online trees present **Barnabas Hall** as the husband of **Tabitha Benthall** of Northampton Co., VA (where Benthalls intermarried with our Fishers), without documentation and irrational dates. The universal *FamilySearch FamilyTree* profile for Barnabas has undergone numerous changes that alternately identified Tabitha’s husband as “**John Lewis Lucas**” and eventually merged the two as alternate names for one man.<sup>143</sup>

Most *Ancestry* trees present “Lewis Lucas” as son “John Lewis Lucas 1740–1790” and wife Tabitha Benthall (again with irrational dates) and husband of Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Jacob Barnes and “Rebecca Mary Mourning.”<sup>144</sup>

The identity issues need serious research to resolve. Some connection obviously exists. Both Lewis Lucas and Barnabas Hall were neighbors and frequent associates of the Fishers here in Duplin; and Bailey Fisher’s grandmother Elizabeth in Accomack married a William Lucas after the death of Bailey’s grandfather Philip Fisher.<sup>145</sup>

#### 23 JANUARY 1794

#### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

#### Land purchase

**Southey Fisher** from **William Owen**, both of Sampson Co., purchase for 30 Specia, 150 acres on **Little Caharee**:

Beginning at a pine Near **Berry branch**, thence S 15 S 155 poles to a stake, thence S 75 E 15½ poles to a stake in **Little Caharee Marsh**, then N 15 E 155 poles to a stake, thence N 75 W 15½ poles to the beginning.

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<sup>142</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 303; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 175.

<sup>143</sup> *FamilySearch FamilyTree* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L61D-J9J>) : accessed 2 September 2024), “Tabitha Benthall about 1710 — about 1770 L61D-J9J.”

<sup>144</sup> These trees are as problematic as *FamilySearch FamilyTree*. For example, see “Raynor Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/197122248/person/162568449595/facts>) : viewed 2 Sept. 2024), “Lewis Lucas” profile and (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/197122248/person/162568449594/facts>) : viewed 2 Sept. 2024), “Elizabeth Barnes.”

<sup>145</sup> JoAnn Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1703–1710 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 218.

Signed: William Owens. Witnesses: Daniel Coor, Charles Butler his X mark. Proved in open court February Term 1790.<sup>146</sup>

**23 JANUARY 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Daniel Coor** to **Southey Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for 70£ in hand paid, sells "One Certain messuage or tract of land" in Sampson, being 100 acres on *both sides* of **Little Cahara**:

Beginning at a hickory near **William Owens'** corner and runs S 60 W 155 poles to a sweet gum in the **marsh** of Little Cahara, thence N 30 W 80 poles to a red oak on the bank of Little Cahara, thence S 75 W 19 poles to a red oak near **Southey Fisher's** line, thence S 35 E 26 poles to a pine near Fisher's corner, thence S 51 W 56 poles to two small pines, thence S 30 E 45 poles to a white oak, thence E 280 poles to a stake in **Barnabas Hall's** line, and thence to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: Daniel Coor. Witnesses: Charles Butler his mark, William Owens. Proved in open court November Term 1796.<sup>147</sup>

**11 AUGUST 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"**Southy Fisher** Came into Court and prayed for License to keep A Publick Ordinary at his Own House and also to Sell Spiritous Liquors by retail at the Court house, which was granted."<sup>148</sup>

**11 AUGUST 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"**Sessum Parker esq<sup>r</sup>** made return of the List of Taxables of Capt. Parkers District. Ordered that the Justices who was appointed to Recive the Lists of Taxables of the Several Districts in this County and who is not prepared to make return thereof to this Court exhibit the same to the Clerk at this office within Twenty days after Term time."<sup>149</sup>

**11 AUGUST 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Richard Sessions** be overseer of the River & Road in Room & stead of Labon Tatom & that the Usual hands work on the same."<sup>150</sup>

**11 NOVEMBER 1794**

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<sup>146</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 330–31; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 184. This Fisher family originated in Accomack, was split off into Northampton in the 1760s, and lived in both counties.

<sup>147</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 199–200; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > images 387–88.

<sup>148</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 5. This first order book begins 11 August 1794.

<sup>149</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 6.

<sup>150</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 6.

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that **Nicholas Parker** be Overseer of the river Leading from **Jn<sup>o</sup> Parkers Sen<sup>r</sup>** to Stephen Beks plantation and likewise of the Road where Thos. Frasher Was overseer of, And that **Jno Parker Senr** hands, Thos Owens, Luke Parker, Burrell Dun, **Sessums Parker**, Lewis Parker, Josiah Carter, Thos. Bullard, **Elijah Fisher**, Phillip Magee, **Jno Fisher**, William Fowler, William Owens, Lewis Candle, Owen Owens, Josiah Hall, Charles Hall, Henry Davis, Jno. Hall, Thos. Frasher, Barnabas Hall, James Davis, Jesse Davis, Willis Magee, Archibald MLeMore, **Isaac Sessums**, Jeremiah Simmons & their Hands work under him.”<sup>151</sup>

COMMENT:

Jacob Sessums obviously is not of legal or tithable age yet. He is not assigned to work this section along with Isaac, even though he owned adjacent land. It is likely, however, that he did labor on the road as one of Isaac’s “hands.” The label “hands” included sons, indentured servants, and slaves—as well as the landowner if he were physically capable and did not have sufficient sons, servants, or slaves to perform his share of that community responsibility.

**11 NOVEMBER 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **John Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for 30£ in hand paid, sale of “one certain tract” of land in Sampson on *west side* of **Little Cahara**, 200 acres, “including George **Purkins**’ improvement”:

Beginning at a white Oak on the side of **Cahary Swamp** above a **marsh** and runs near or joining **Richard Sessoms**’s line, S 25 [35?] W 180 poles to a black gum or oak, thence N 55 W 180 poles to a pine, thence N 35 E 180 poles to a pine, and thence to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Southey Fisher** **his X mark**. Witnesses: Danl. Coor, Silas Myhand. Proved in open Court, November Term 1794.<sup>152</sup>

**12 NOVEMBER 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“A deed from **Southy Fisher** to **Jno. Fisher**, for 200 acres of land Was acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be Registered.”<sup>153</sup>

**16 NOVEMBER 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 591. Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 100 acres in Sampson, on *both sides* of the **main road**:

Beginning at a pine by the **Goose Pond**, thence S 45 W 160 poles to a black jack, thence S 45 E 100 poles to a pine, thence N 45 E 160 poles to a black jack by the **road**, thence to the beginning.<sup>154</sup>

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<sup>151</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 10.

<sup>152</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 260–61; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 145.

<sup>153</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 13.

**16 NOVEMBER 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 590. Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 25 acres in Sampson, on the **main road** joining his own line:

beginning at his own corner, a pine, thence S 55 W 45 poles to a stake, thence S 35 E 90 poles to a stake, thence N 55 E 45 poles to a pine on his own line, to the beginning.<sup>155</sup>

**16 NOVEMBER 1794**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 589. Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 25 acres in Sampson, near the *head* of **Wolf branch**:

Beginning at a post oak, thence N 15 W 90 poles to a stake, thence S 75 W 45 poles to a pine, thence S 15 E 90 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>156</sup>

**16 NOVEMBER 1794 (WARRANT)**

**3 NOVEMBER 1797 (GRANT)**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 592. Grant to **Elijah Fisher** for 100 acres in Duplin, joining his own land:

Beginning at his own corner a post oak on **Barnabas Hall's** line, thence N 35 W 10 poles to a pine, thence N 55 E 121 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 35 E 120 poles to a blackjack, thence S 55 W 69 poles to a blackjack, thence S 13 W 6 poles to his own corner black jack, thence with his line to the beginning.<sup>157</sup>

**2 FEBRUARY 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

**Solomon Sessums** entered 100 acres in Sampson. Patented 30 June 1797.<sup>158</sup>

**2D MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Malcom Robertson came into court and was bound unto **Nicholas Parker** to learn the Art and Mistery of a Saddlers trade, he being about the age of Nineteen years & Remain bound till he attains to the age of twenty one years."<sup>159</sup>

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<sup>154</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 22; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 284.

<sup>155</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 23; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 284.

<sup>156</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 23; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 284.

<sup>157</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 22; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 284.

<sup>158</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.565&qid=656384&rn=61> : accessed 1 June 2021), Soloman Sessums, 30 June 1797; citing Patent Book 92: 72.

<sup>159</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 17.

**10 FEBRUARY 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Baily Fisher** to **John Carrell**, both of Sampson County, for 130£ in hand paid, sale of 150 acres on the *west side* of the **Great Cahara**, the place whereon the said **John Carrell Now lives**, it being part of a tract granted to **Patrick Canady**" 1 September 1753 for 500 acres, being "part of the said land under the present conveyance" of 150 acres:

Beginning at a pine, thence S 80 W to a corner pine, thence along an agreed line to a branch known by the name of the **Great Branch**, and down the said branch to **Cahara Creek** and down Cahara to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Bailey Fisher his X mark. Witnesses: Fleet Cooper, William Kilby. Proved in Open Court November Term 1795.<sup>160</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"A deed from Luke [Elihu?] Wiggins to **Bailey Fisher** for 150 acres of land was proven in open Court by the oath of Fleet Cooper and ordered to be Registered."

COMMENT:

See the deed of 1 August 1792, Elihu Wiggins to Bailey Fisher, with Fleet Cooper as witness.

"A deed from Henry Davis to **Nicholas Parker** for 100 acres of land Was proven in Open Court by the oath of **Sessums Parker** & ordered to be Registered."<sup>161</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Richard Sessions** be allowed the sum of twenty four Shillings for his attendance on the grand Jury as constable.

"Ordered that **Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessions** Const<sup>d</sup> Summon the Jury to convene the Jury at Stephens Becks, When Col<sup>o</sup> Dodd will attend and Qualify them as the law Directs.

"Ordered that **Sessums Parker** & Benjamin Carr be Clerks to assist the Sheriff in the present Election for Members to Congress and that Hardy Holmes and Owen Holmes be Inspectors to said Election."<sup>162</sup>

**20 MARCH 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

No. 503. **Southey Fisher**, 50 acres on *east side* of **Little Cohera**; patented 3 November 1797.<sup>163</sup>

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<sup>160</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 36–37; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 296.

<sup>161</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 19.

<sup>162</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 22.

<sup>163</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.626&qid=658532&rn=9>), Southey Fisher, 3 November 1797, Duplin County; citing Patent Book 94: 120



**18 APRIL 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**William Haire to Southey Fisher**, both of Sampson, for 12£ in hand paid, sells 150 acres on *east side of Great Cahary Swamp* and the *west side of Beaverdam*:

Beginning on the Beaverdam at a white oak, then running W 110 poles to a pine, thence N 220 poles to a pine, thence E 110 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed William Hair his X mark. Witnesses: Daniel Coor, William Honeycutt. Proved in open court May Term 1795.<sup>164</sup>

**MAY TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

Justices present: Jno. Beck, **Jonathan Parker**, Laban Taylor. "**Col<sup>o</sup> Parker** Returned into court a Bond against Betsey Neeley, Andrew Neely, and Peter Hay, to indemnify this County from being charged with the Maintenance of Bastard Child."<sup>165</sup>

**MAY TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**Jonathan Parker, Sessums Parker** and **Thomas Ivey** are three of the sixteen justices present.

"The Court proceeded to Elect constables. **Lewis Parker** was chosen for **Sessums Parker's District**. ... **Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessions** for Capt. Blackburn's District."

"Joseph Scott came into Court with a petition praying leave to have a new Road laid off leading from Sampson Court House to the **Govern<sup>r</sup>s ford** on **South River** And that O Holmes, Fleet Cooper, Willm. Wiggins, Joseph Scott, Wilis Cooper, Cone? Cooper, David Dodd, Daniel Williams, Jno. Fowler, Willis Magee, Joseph Williamson, Silas Myhand, John Crumpler, Byus Boykin, **Sessums Parker, Nicholas Parker**, Lott Rich, Lazarus Hall, Phillip Magee, Thos. Clinton, Stephen Beck, be a Jury to lay off the same. Ordered that **Richard Sessions** Summon them to lay off said Road."

"**Thomas Ivey Junr.** came into Court and was duly qualified as Sheriff."

"Ordered Laban Taylor Esqr. take the list of Taxables in Capt. Scotts Company for the year 1795. **Sessums Parker Esq.** for **Capt. Parkers** Compy. ... **Jonathan Parker Esqr.** for Capt. Tucker's Compy."

"A deed from **Richard Sessions** to Ezekiel Haws for 50 acres of land was Acknowledged in open court & ordered to be Registered."

"A deed from William Hair to **Southy Fisher** for 150 acres of land Was Acknowledged in open court and Ordered to be Registered."

"A deed from Jacob Warrin to **Bailey Fisher** for 100 acres of land was proven in open court by the Oath of David Dodd & ordered to be Registered."

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<sup>164</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 2–3; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 277.

<sup>165</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 23.

"A deed from **Jno. Parker** to **Lewis Parker** for 100 acres of Land Was proven in Open Court by the Oath of **Sessums Parker** & ordered to be Registered."<sup>166</sup>

**16 JULY 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

Sampson Co. Grant No. 500. "Know ye that We have granted unto **Southey Fisher** Twenty five [25] acres of land in our County of Sampson On the *East Side of **South River** On the **Beaverdam Swamp**:*"

Beginning at his own corner a pine, thence S 45 poles to a pine, thence E 90 poles to a black jack, thence N 45 poles to a stake in his own line, thence with his own line to the beginning.

Entry 282; entered 11 February 1792.<sup>167</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Richard Sessions** be allowed the Sum of four pounds for Summoning two Jurys to lay off two New Roads leading from the Court House in Sampson County to the **Governors Ford** on **South River**."

"**Sessums Parker** Esqr. Returned the list of Taxables of his own Company."

"John Crumpler Handed into Court a petition praying leave to open a New Road from the **Governors Ford** on **South river**, crossing **Little Cohary** at **Parker Bridge**, from thence into the Old Road at or near John Crumplers plantation. Order<sup>d</sup> that a Jury (to wit) Owen Holmes, Silas Myhand, John Bennit, Jno. Crumpler, Fleet Cooper. Owen Owens, William Owens, **Sessums Parker**, William Fowler, **Elijah Fisher**, Lazarus Hall, Thos. Bullard, Lewis Canle, Barnabas Hall, Josiah Hall, Thos. Owens, Jno. Hall, **Lewis Parker**, **William Parker**, John Fowler, **Isaac Sessums**, **Nicholas Sessums** & James Grice, be a Jury to lay off the Same & Report their proceedings to our next court. Ordered that ~~Lewis Parker~~ **Sessums Parker** Summon the Jury and Sessums Parker Esqr. will attend and Qualify them accordingly as the law Directs."

"Ordered that **Richard Sessions**, Jonathan Parker, David Clark, Stepen Beck, and Jno. Bek attend at Fayetteville Superior Court next as Jurymen."

"Ordered that a Pillory & Stocks be erected on the Court House Ground ..."

"Col<sup>o</sup> Parker returned the list of Taxables of Capt. Parker's Company for the year 1795."<sup>168</sup>

COMMENT:

Due to time restraints on the page-by-page reading of these court minutes (a project of several thousand pages) and the prominence of the Parkers, I am not going to further note routine Parker incidences. I'll do so later if the Parkers prove essential to the case I'm building.

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<sup>166</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 24–29.

<sup>167</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.514&qid=658532&rn=8> : accessed 7 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 16 July 1795; citing Patent Book 86: 478.

<sup>168</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 30–31, 37.

I *will* continue to note when one of the Parkers returned their list of taxables for the Fisher-Sessums neighborhood, because I may need that data when I begin to work the tax records.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1795**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**"Sessums Parker Esqr.** Returned into Court the Report of a Jury to lay off a new road leading from the **Governor's ford** on South River to Sampson Court House, which was ordered to be filed. Ordered that Barnabas Hall be overseer of the Road in the Room of Lazarus Hall & that the usual hands work under him."

"Ordered that Jonathan Caudle, Thos Bullard, Charles Hall, Enoch Hall, Josiah Hall, James Davis, **Isaac Sessums, Jacob Sessums, James Grice**, William Parker, Lewis Parker, Thos. Frasher, Thos. Parker & John Crumpler's hands Work on the road leading from the Governors ford on South river to the Old road at or near the old road by Jno. Crumpler's plantation and that **Sessums Parker** be Overseer of said Hands." (image 40)

COMMENT:

As with the census records, when Jacob Sessums first comes on the road-work list, he is listed immediately after Isaac. Jacob, born 2 June 1776–1 June 1777 according to the 1850 census, has now turned 18. Grice was married to Axy Sessums.

Solomon Sessums appears to be named to the list of jurors summoned for the next term of court.<sup>169</sup>

COMMENT:

A new clerk appears in this court term, one who tends to render lower-case letters as a squiggly, almost-flat line. I've not yet had sufficient experience with his handwriting to be certain of the reading.

"A deed from **Bailey Fisher** to John Carrell for 150 acres of land Was proven in Open court by the Oath of Fleet Cooper & ordered to be registered."<sup>170</sup>

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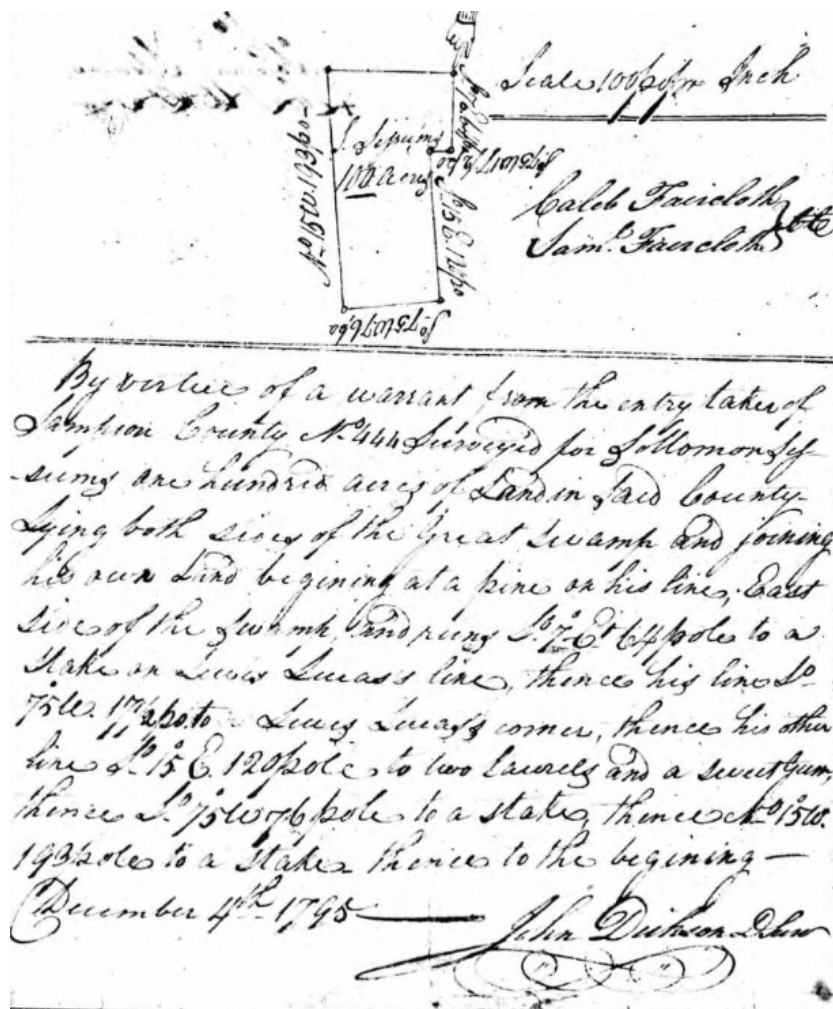
<sup>169</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 39–40.

<sup>170</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 42.

**4 DECEMBER 1795**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land survey

"By virtue of a warrant from the entry taker of Sampson County No. 444, Surveyed for **Sollomon Sessums** one hundred acres of Land in said County Lying both sides of the Great Swamp and joining his own Land beginning at a pine on his line, East Side of the Swamp and runs S 7 E 64 poles to a stake on **Lewis Lucas's** line, thence his line S 75 W 1 ½ po. to Lewis Lucas's corner, thence his other line S 15 E 120 poles to two laurels and a sweet gum, thence S 75 W 76 poles to a stake, thence N 15 W 193 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning. John Dickson D. Surv." Chain carriers: Caleb Faircloth, Saml. Faircloth.<sup>171</sup>



**FEBRUARY TERM 1796**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Southy Fisher** be exempted in future from paying a poll tax in future."<sup>172</sup>

**Bailey Fisher** is named to the list of jurors for the May term.

"Ordered that **John Parker's** hands work on the New Road under **Sessums Parker.**"

"**Elijah Fisher** came into court & prayed for license to keep a publick ordinary at his Own House & sell Spiritous Liquors on the Court House Ground & offers for his Security Labon Taylor who was approved on. Bond filed."<sup>173</sup>

<sup>171</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355839-01313](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355839-01313) : accessed 17 June 2021). Also image 44173-355839-00240 for Hall notation.

<sup>172</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, FamilySearch > digital film 008139513 > images 43.

<sup>173</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, FamilySearch > digital film 008139513 > images 43, 46.

**2 MAY 1796**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry

Entry no. 116. **Southey Fisher**, 100a on west side of *Little Cohera*; patented 9 March 1799.<sup>174</sup>

**MAY TERM 1796**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**Bailey Fisher** was named to the grand jury that was impaneled.

“Bennit Smith came into Court being charged with Begetting a Bastard Child by **Mary Parker**. Ordered that he enter into bond in the Sum of two Hundred pounds & offers Laban Tatom Security Who was approved of to keep said bastard child from being any way Chargeable to the Wardens of this County. Bond filed.”

“The court proceeded to Elect Constables, to wit ... **Solomon Sessums** for Capt. Parkers District. ... Richard Sessions for Capt. Blackburn’s Dist.”<sup>175</sup>

“**Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessions** produced to this Court a petition praying leave to have a New Road laid off, Leading from Tatom’s road to Haney’s Bridge ...”

COMMENT:

None of those appointed to the jury for the road Richard *Sessions* requested were neighbors named in *Sessoms* deeds or grants of this era.

A deed from **Southy Fisher** to John Hall was proven in open Court by the oath of Lazarus Hall & ordered to be Registered.”<sup>176</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1796**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that the following Justices take the list of Taxables for the year 1795 ... **Sessums Parker** for his own district.”

**John Fisher** is impaneled on the grand jury.

**Sessums Parker** is ordered to attend as Juryman at Fayette in the next term (October).

**Richard Sessions Sennr.**, Joseph Sessions, Richd. Sessions Junr., William Blackburn, etc. are named as hands for the new road “leading from Tatom’s Road to Haney’s Bridge,” under Joshua Tatom as overseer.<sup>177</sup>

COMMENT:

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<sup>174</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.730&qid=658532&rn=10> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 9 March 1799, Sampson County; citing Patent Book 99: 318.

<sup>175</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 48–49, 52.

<sup>176</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 48–49, 52–53.

<sup>177</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 55–56.

At this point, it is clear that Richard Sessions Sr. and Jr., as well as Joseph Sessions, are distinctly different from Richard Sessums. I will not continue to gather references to the Sessions unless something is otherwise significant.

**16 NOVEMBER 1796**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Solomon Sessums & Southy Fisher**, Overseers of the road & their Usual hands build a free Bridge across the **Great Swamp** at the place where the road now crosses."<sup>178</sup>

"Mrs. **Charity** Chesnut came into court & prayed leave to sell the Perishable property of her Decd. Husbands estate Which Was Granted."

"Ordered that the hands under **Solomon Sessions** mark & keep in good repair the road leading from the Great Swamp to **Faircloth's bridge** instead of the road leading to **Horn's bridge**."

"**John Fisher**, Wm. Owens, and Lewis Parker ordered to appear as jurymen for "Parker's district" in the next term.

"A deed from Danl. Coors to **Southy Fisher** for 100 acres of land was proven in Open Court by the Oath of Charles Butler ..."<sup>179</sup>

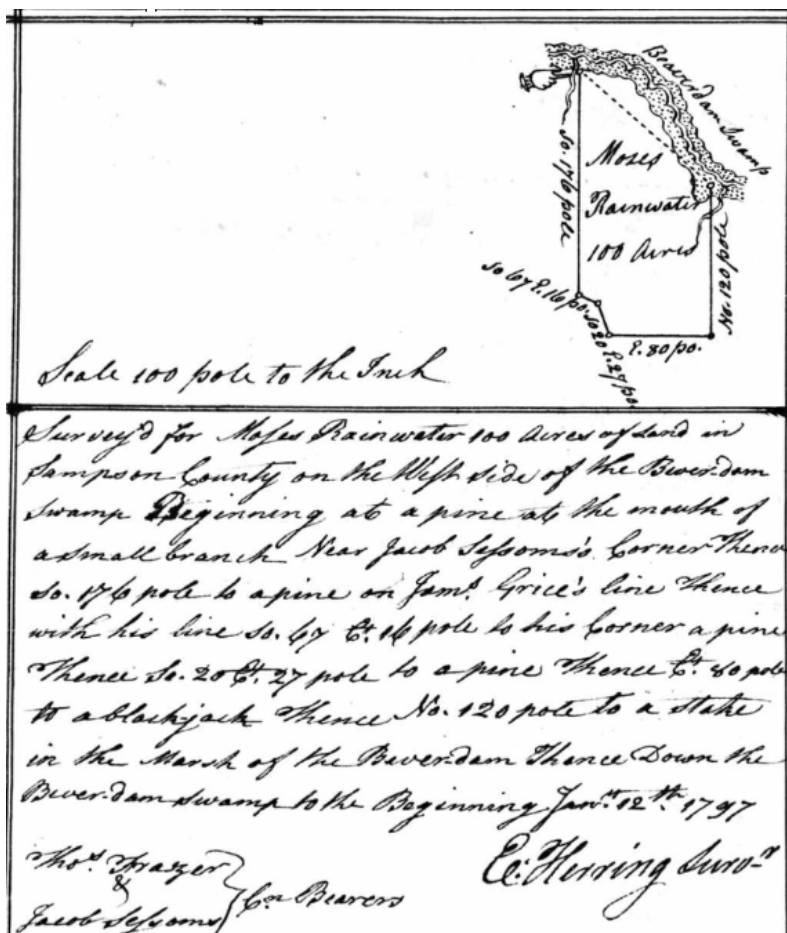
COMMENT:

A **Penelope** Clinton is also mentioned in this term, one whose husband appears in prior Sessums-Fisher records. I'm noting her here as a possible clue to the maternal family of Penny Fisher.

**12 JANUARY 1797**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

"Survey'd for **Moses Rainwater** 100 Acres of Land in Sampson County on the West side of the **Beaverdam Swamp** Beginning at a pine at the mouth of a small branch near **Jacob Sessoms's** Corner, Thence So. 176 pole to a pine on **Jam<sup>s</sup> Grice's** line, Thence with his line So. 67 E<sup>t</sup>. 16 pole to his Corner a pine, Thence So. 20 E<sup>t</sup>.



<sup>178</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, FamilySearch > digital film 008139513 > images 63.

<sup>179</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, FamilySearch > digital film 008139513 > images 63–65.

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27 pole to a pine, Thence E<sup>t</sup>. 80 pole to a blackjack, Thence No 120 pole to a stake in the Marsh of the Beaverdam, Thence Down the Bever-dam Swamp to the Beginning. E. Herring Surv<sup>r</sup>. Thoms. Frazer, **Jacob Sessoms** Cn. Bearers.<sup>180</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1797**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that **Southy Fisher** have leave to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House, he complying with Law in that case.”<sup>181</sup>

COMMENT:

Note that Southy has resumed his lincese and Elijah did not reapply. However, Southy has no longer asked for a license to sell liquor on the courthouse grounds as well as at his home.

**9 MARCH 1797**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“No. 692” Grant to **John Fisher** for 100 acres in Sampson, on *west side* of **Little Cohara** lying near the **head** of **N. Hall’s branch** above said Fisher’s plantation:

Beginning at a post oak, thence S 40 W 127 poles to a pine, thence S 50 E 127 poles to a pine, thence N 40 E 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Entered 12 January 1796.<sup>182</sup>

COMMENT:

The date of the patent is clearly written as 9 March 1797, but note that Southy Fisher and Reuben Fisher had grants whose dates are recorded very clearly as 9 March 1799.

**30 MARCH 1797**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Southey Fisher** to **Thomas Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for 5£ in hand paid, sells:

**Tract 1:** 150 acres on *east side* of the **Great Swamp** and on the *west side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**, Beginning on the Beaverdam at a white oak, running W 110 poles to a pine, thence N 220 poles to a pine, thence E 110 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** 25 acres on *east side* of **South River** on the **Beaverdam Swamp** beginning at his own Corner at a pine, thence S 45 poles to a pine, thence N 45 poles to a stake in his own line, then with his line to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Southey Fisher** his X mark. Witnesses: Daniel Coor, Thomas Holland. Proved in open court May Term 1802 by oath of Daniel Coor.<sup>183</sup>

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<sup>180</sup> “North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960,” database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355835-01143](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355835-01143) : accessed 17 June 2021).

<sup>181</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 69.

<sup>182</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 64; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 305.

<sup>183</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 548–49; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > image 350.

**MAY TERM 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**Sessums Parker** is still a justice. Jonathan Parker is not. "Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums contin'd [as constable] in Capt. Parker's Compy. ... Rich<sup>d</sup> Parker in Capt. Matthews Compy."

"Ordered that Jesse Tatom, William Blackburn, Jacob Merrit & **Bailey Fisher** be fined the Sum of Twenty pounds each for not obeying the Summons Relative [to] bringing orphan children in their possession to this court."

"Ordered that **Bailey Fisher** produce to this Court a orphan child by name **Cornelius Cooper** under the Penalty of fifty pounds."<sup>184</sup>

**30 JUNE 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 576 Grant to **Samuel Faircloth** for 200 acres in Sampson, on the *east side* of the **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a pine, a corner of the 100 acre survey that said **Faircloth lives on**, thence E 87 poles to a stake, the corner, thence N 30 W 75 poles to a stake on **Culbreth's** line, thence S 80 W 75 poles to a pine, his corner, thence his other line and past his corner N 18 W 143 poles to a stake by a small white oak, thence S 72 W 70 poles to a stake, thence S 296 poles to a stake, thence E 86 poles to a stake on his "open" line, thence with that line N 120 poles to the beginning.

Warrant dated 20 March 1795.<sup>185</sup>

COMMENT:

I am not getting all Faircloth grants. I am noting this one because it states his residence. On the same page is a 16 July 1795 grant to him (no. 512) for land on **Cabbin's branch**, *east side* of Great Swamp, that is said to adjoin "his own line."

Faircloth bought from Nicholas **Sessums**, in 1790, 200 acres at Cabbin's Branch and Cow Branch.

**30 JUNE 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

"No. 550" Grant to **Solomon Sessums** for 100 acres in Sampson, on *both sides* of the **Great Swamp** and joining his own land:

Beginning on his own line *east side* of the swamp and runs S 7 E 64 poles to a stake on **Lewis Lucas'** line, thence his line S 75 W 15½ poles to a pine Lewis Lucas' corner, thence his other line S 15 E 120 poles to two laurels and a sweet gum, thence S 75 W 76 poles to a stake, thence N 15 W 193 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>186</sup>

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<sup>184</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 76–77.

<sup>185</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 30; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 288.

<sup>186</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 25; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 285.



Entered 2 February 1795.<sup>187</sup>

**30 JUNE 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 553. Grant to **Lewis Lucas** for 100 acres in Sampson, on the *east side* of the **Great Swamp** and between his line and the **Juniper**:

Beginning at two red oaks near his corner and running his line N 70 E 180 poles to a pine in a **savannah**, his corner, **formerly Richard Sessoms'**, thence S 121 poles to a stake, thence W 174 poles to a stake in the Great Swamp, thence N 63 poles to the beginning.

Warrant dated 20 December 1794.<sup>188</sup>

**30 JUNE 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

"No. 563" Grant to **John Dickson** for 400 acres in Sampson, on *east side* of **Black river** on **Buck Branch**

Beginning at a pine and two black jacks by the S edge of the main [road], thence N 32 E 78 poles to a stake on **Sessoms'** line, thence N 42 W 102 poles to a black jack **Harrads'** corner, thence S 70 W 32 ½ poles to a pine, **Richard Sessom's** corner, thence S 29 W with his line 113 poles to a pine by the **main road**, thence N 52 W 57 poles to a black jack, thence S 38 W 140 poles to a stake in the field and corner of the old survey, thence the lower line of said survey, N 52 W 109 poles to a pine on said line, thence S 38 W 120 poles to a pine, thence N 52 W 40 poles to a pine thence S 50? W 60 poles to a stake, thence S 52 E 209 poles, thence N 38? [58??] E 320 poles to a stake, thence S 52 E 91 poles to a stake, thence N 32 E 44 poles to the beginning.

Warrant dated 5 November 1793.<sup>189</sup>

**30 JUNE 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 565. Grant to **John Hall Junr.** for 200 acres in Sampson, in the *fork* of **South River** and the **Great Swamp**:

beginning at a poplar, his corner of his land **patented by John Sessoms**, thence E 90 poles to his corner, thence his other line S 112 poles to a pine, thence N 20 E 50 poles to a pine on **Carter's line**, thence his line N 22 W 59 poles to a pine, his corner, thence his other line N 62 E 85 poles to two oaks, thence N 22 W 214 poles to a stake, thence S 120 poles to the beginning.

Warrant dated 20 December 1794.<sup>190</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

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<sup>187</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.565&qid=656384&rn=61> : accessed 1 June 2021), Soloman Sessums, 30 June 1797; citing Patent Book 92: 72.

<sup>188</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 44; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 295.

<sup>189</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 48; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 297.

<sup>190</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 43; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 294.

Court order

“Ordered that the following Justices take the Different list[s] of taxable property ... **Sessums Parker Esqr.** in Capt. Frasher’s Company.”

COMMENT:

Sessums Parker obviously is no longer the captain of his community militia.

“Jno. Bennit Jun<sup>r</sup> Came into Court & prayed leave to keep a public Ordinary at his own House and at the Court House Which was Granted. Ordered that he enter into bond in the Sum of two Hundred pounds & offers for his Security **Sessums Parker** & Lazarus Hall, who was approved & Bond.”

COMMENT:

See the earlier note wherein Jno. Bennit was accused of fathering a child by one Mary Parker. The willingness of Sessums Parker to assume a financial risk for Bennit implies a close relationship between Sessums Parker and Mary Parker.

“**Elijah Fisher** came into Court & prayed for license to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House & sell Spirituous Liquors on the Court House Ground which Was Granted. ... Security Robt. Magee & John Magee ....”

“A bill of Sale from Matthew Powell to **Jonathan Parker** was proved by **Tabitha Parker** & order<sup>d</sup> to be Registered.”

Deed previously proved at May Term 1797 ... “A deed from **Nicholas Sessums** to **Isaac Sessums** was acknowledged in open Court & ordered to be Registered.”<sup>191</sup>

**14 AUGUST 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Nicholas Sessums** to **Isaac Sessams**, both of Sampson, sale for 20£ current money of NC in hand paid, one parcel of 100 acres in Sampson on the *east side* of **South River** and *lower end* of **Hickses Island**:

Beginning at a water oak on the bank of the river, thence running N 50 E 100 poles to a stake supposed to be on **John Parker’s**, thence S 40 E 100 poles to a gum, thence S 50 W 100 poles to South River, thence up the river as it meanders to the first station.

Granted to Nicholas Sessum **on 20 December 1791**. Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Nicholas Sessoms. Witnesses: **Nicholas Parker**, James Howard. Proved in open court August Term 1797.<sup>192</sup>

**15 AUGUST 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Jacob Sessums** of **Willis West**, both of Sampson, purchase for 16£ current money of NC already paid, one tract of 100 acres in Sampson:

Beginning at three small gums in the **Beaver Dam Marsh**, thence E 140 poles to a stake on **Sessum Parker’s** line, thence with his line N 150 poles to a black jack post, his corner, thence W

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<sup>191</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 76–77, 82, 84.

<sup>192</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 362–63; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > image 478.

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80 poles to a pine, thence S 15 W 40 poles to the **Gum Branch**, thence down the said branch as it meanders to the marsh of the Beaver Dam, thence up the marsh 20 poles to the beginning.

"It Being a patent granted to **Thomas Frazer**" 20 July 1795. Full warranty. Signed: Willis West his X mark. **Thomas Ivey, Nathl. Thornton Junr.** Proved in open court November Term 1797.<sup>193</sup>

**17 OCTOBER 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Nicholas Sessums** to **Isaac Sessums**, both of Sampson County "I give freely to **my son Isaac Sessums**" a Water mill and 2 acres of land "for support to the said Mill, the land granted to the said Nicholas Sessums by Order of Court." Said land being in Sampson County on a **branch** of the **great swamp** and **South River, the Beaverdam Branch**. Full warranty, etc. Signed: Nicholas Sessums. Witnesses: **John Butler, Solomon Sessums**, Charles Butler. Proved in open court, November Term 1797.<sup>194</sup>

**3 NOVEMBER 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

"Know Ye that We have granted unto **Southy Fisher** fifty Acres of Land in Sampson County on the *East* Side off **Little Cohara** including the **Muster Meadow**":

Beginning at a pine, thence N 61 E 66 poles to a pine, thence N 29 W 124 poles to a stake, thence S 61 W 66 poles to a pine on his own line, thence with his line to his corner, and the same course to the beginning.

Entry 503; entered 20 March 1795.<sup>195</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"**Sessums Parker Esqr.** Returned into Court the list of Taxables for Capt. Frasher's Compy."

"**Mary Sessums**, Widow of **Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessums** came into Court and pray<sup>d</sup> Administration on the estate of her Dec<sup>d</sup> Husband which Was Granted. Ordered therefore that She enter into bond in the Clerks Office in the Sum of five Hundred pounds and offers for her Security Thos. Bullard & Josiah Carter Who was approved of. Bond filed. Mary Sessums came into Court & Returned a Inventory of her deceased Husbands estate which was filed. Mary Sessums came into Court and was qualified as an admini<sup>x</sup> to her Dec<sup>d</sup> Husband's estate Which Was filed."

"Ordered that **Mary Sessums** Sell the Perishable propy. of her Dec<sup>d</sup> Husbands estate & report her proceedings to next Court."

COMMENT:

The 1800 census enumerates Richard's widow Mary Sessums adjacent to Elijah.

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<sup>193</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 9: 449–50; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540366 > images 526–27.

<sup>194</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 428–29; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367 > image 515.

<sup>195</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.626&qid=658532&rn=9> : 8 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 3 November 1797; citing Patent Book 94: 120

James Anderson was charged with begetting a bastard child onto the body of Elizabeth Goodman and ordered to post bond. Willis West and **Sessums Parker** became his sureties.

"A deed from **Nicholas Sessums** to **Isaac Sessums** for a Grist mill of two acres of land was proven by Jno. Butler & ordered to be Registered."

"A deed from Jeremiah Simmons to **Nicholas Sessums** for three tracts of Land Was proven in Court & ordered to be Registered."<sup>196</sup>

COMMENT:

I have not found the Simmons-Sessums document in the master index to deeds, not under either name. The deed book for this period has no internal index and, in this preliminary survey of Sampson's records, I have not read the deed books page-by-page for all unindexed references to the family.

**4 NOVEMBER 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Probate inventory

"A Description of Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessums Estate Dec<sup>d</sup> Propriety"

- One Hundred acres of Land
- One Horse Bridle and Saddle
- Fifteen head of Hogs their Sows and twelve Sholts
- One Bed and their old Blankets
- Two Dishes and four Plaits and two Pewter Basons
- Two Potts
- One Cotton Wheel and one Pair of Cotton Cards
- One Chest and Small Trunk
- One \_\_\_\_ Barrel and one Small Cagg
- One keeler? [cooler?] and one water pail and milk Pale
- One Tub
- Three Hoes and one ax, all worn out
- One old Plow Hoe worn out
- One Loom
- One meal Sifter
- One Candle Stick
- Four old Books
- One Pare old Shews
- One old Table
- One old gimblet
- One old pare of penchers
- Drawing knife
- One old Bread Tray
- Two Small Bowls
- Two Small Hogs

[Signed] **Mary Sessums**<sup>197</sup>

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<sup>196</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 86–87, 89.

**30 NOVEMBER 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“Know Ye that we have granted unto **Solomon Sessums** One hundred Acres of Land in Sampson County lying both sides of the **Great Swamp** and joining his own land”:

Beginning at a pine on his line *east side* of the swamp and running S 7 E 64 pole to a stake in **Lewis Lucas’s** line, thence his line S 75 W 17.5 pole to a pine Lewis Lucas’s corner, thence his other line S 15 E 120 poles to two laurels and a sweet gum, thence S 75 W 76 poles to a stake, thence N 15 W 193 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>198</sup>

Entry no. 144; entered 2 February 1795.

**6 DECEMBER 1797**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“No. 607” Grant to **Samuel Faircloth** for 100 acres in Sampson, on the *west side* of the **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a pine **Solomon Sessom’s** corner and running with his line W 43½ poles to a pine, thence S 20 poles to a stake, said Faircloth’s corner, thence his other line E 127 poles to his corner, thence N 177 poles to a stake, thence W 84 poles to a stake on **Sessom’s** line, thence with his line to the beginning.<sup>199</sup>

**10 FEBRUARY 1798**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums** to **Solomon Sessums**, both of Sampson County, sells for 30£ species money, in hand paid, one tract of 100 acres in Sampson County on the *west side* of **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a pine in a marsh **John Jones’** corner, thence W 40 poles to a stake in the marsh at the **Rocky Branch**, thence S 127 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence N 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. The land was **granted to Isaac Sessums** in 1782. Signed: Isaac Sessums His X mark. Witnesses: **Nich. Sessums** and **Josiah Carter** x his mark.

Deed from Isaac Sessums to “Solomon ~~th~~ Sessums,” [sic] proved in court May Term 1798. Registered 24 November 1798. No mention of a wife for Isaac.<sup>200</sup>

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<sup>197</sup> “North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 June 2021) > Sampson > Probate Records 1663–17978 > image 29210 and ff. for folder “Richard Sessums, 1799, specifically image 29217. NOTE: Documents relating to Richard *Sessions*, who lived considerably past 1799, and his wife Esther (dated 1818–23) are also included in error in this folder. Images 29211, 29212, 29213, 29214, 29215, 29219, 29220, 29221 relate to Richard and Esther *Sessions*, not to Richard and Mary *Sessums*.

<sup>198</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.565&qid=656384&rn=61> : accessed 1 June 2021), Soloman Sessums, 30 June 1797; citing Patent Book 92: 72.

<sup>199</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 32; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 289.

<sup>200</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 10: 524–25; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540367, image 570.

**FEBRUARY TERM 1798**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**“John Bennit Jun<sup>r</sup>** came into court and Resigned his authority as a tavern keeper.”

**Southy Fisher** Came into Court and prayed for a license to Keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House Which was Granted. “ Posted 200£ bond with Fleet Cooper as surety.”<sup>201</sup>

**5 APRIL 1798**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 631. Grant to **Sessums Parker** for 178 acres in Sampson, on the *west side* of **Little Cohara**:

Beginning at a large cypress at the run of Cohara in a small **slough**, thence S 56 W 226 poles to a pine, the upper corner of a survey of land patented by **Jeremiah Simmons**, thence his line S 34 E 88 poles to a pine, **John Hall’s** corner, thence Hall’s line S 56 W 122 poles to **John Parker’s** corner, a stake by a marked pine, thence his line N 216 poles to his corner, a pine on **Brown’s old line**, thence Brown’s line N 48 E 127 poles to his corner, a maple in a pond, thence his line N 48 W 127 poles to a small persimmon tree, thence N 42 E 24 poles to a water oak at the run of Cohara, thence down the run as it meanders to the beginning.

Warrant dated 16 November 1794.<sup>202</sup>

COMMENT:

This Sessums Parker grant is recorded in a cluster with John Parker, John Parker, **Sessum Parker**, Nicholas Parker, William Parker, and John Parker.

**MAY TERM 1798**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“A deed from **Moses Rainwater** to **Isaac Sessums** for 100 acres Was Acknowledged for Registration.”<sup>203</sup>

COMMENT:

A year or so earlier, Moses Rainwater was brought up on bastardy charges.

The next term of court for which minutes are entered in this register is February 1800. The gap is not explained. As filmed, the start of February 1800 orders appears on the backside of the end of May 1798 orders.

The May 1798 court orders resume at frame 108, right side of the double-page spread. The list of justices appointed in that term (image 109) to take the taxable lists did not include Sessums Parker.

**“Neil Culbreath** came into Court and prayed leave to keep a publick Ordinary at his own House, Which Was Granted, Ordered that he enter into bond ... Security Owen Holmes.”<sup>204</sup>

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<sup>201</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 90.

<sup>202</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 53; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 299.

<sup>203</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 98.

**15 MAY 1798**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Thomas Fisher** from **Thomas Frazer**, both of Sampson County, for 20£ in hand paid, purchase of a tract of land [acreage not stated] “including **Sanders’ Old Field**”:

Beginning at a mulberry tree in said field, then N 25 E 90 poles to a hickory tree, then N 65 W 90 poles to a pine, thence S 25 W 90 poles to a pine in the **Beaverdam Swamp**, thence down the swamp to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: Thomas Frazer. Witnesses: Owen Holmes, Begars Mobley. Proved in open court August Term 1798.<sup>205</sup>

**19 MAY 1798**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

“No. 824” **Southey Fisher** entered 160 acres in Duplin on *west side* of **Little Cohara** joining his own, **Roger Alden’s**, **Charles Butler’s**, **Neill Culbreth’s** lines:

Beginning at a pine on Culbreth’s line on the side of the **marsh**, then his line S 60 W 70 poles to his corner stake, thence his line S 53 W 127 poles to his corner pine, thence his line S 22 E 127 poles to his corner stake, thence his line N 53 E 119 poles to a stake on **Fisher’s line** near his own & Colbreth’s corner, thence Fisher’s line S 30 E 70 poles to his corner, a pine, thence N 89 W 22 poles to his corner a pine, thence his line S 42 W 102 poles to his corner, a white oak, thence his line of another survey N 38 W 123 poles to a pine, past his corner on the side of a branch, thence S 75 W 30 poles to a pine on **Roger Alden’s** line, thence his line N 22 W 118 poles to a lightwood tree on **Charles Butler’s** line, N 53 E 240 poles to his corner, a pine on the side of the Marsh, thence to the beginning.

Entered 1328; entered 19 May 1798. Granted 26 November 1799. “Entrance money 50p or hund. acres.”<sup>206</sup>

**27 JUNE 1798**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Elijah Fisher** to **Barnabas Hall**, both of North Carolina, for 12£ in hand paid, sale of “one Certain Messuage or tract of land” containing 100 acres on *both sides* of the **main road**:

Beginning at a pine by the **Goose Pond**, thence S 45 W 160 poles to a black jack, thence S 45 E 100 poles to a pine, thence N 45 E 160 poles to a black jack by the road, thence to the beginning.

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<sup>204</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 110.

<sup>205</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 32–33; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > image 47.

<sup>206</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 353; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 200. For the state-level registration, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.846&qid=658532&rn=11> : 5 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 26 November 1799; citing Patent Book 107: 1.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Elijah Fisher** his X mark. Witnesses: Daniel Coor, Smedick Faircloth his X mark. Proved in open court August Term 1798.<sup>207</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1798**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"Ordered that **Solomon Sessums** be Overseer of the Road Leading from the Great Swamp, the New Way to Horn's Bridge & that the usual hands work under him."

"A deed from Thomas Frasher to **Thos. Fisher** for 50 acres of land was acknowledged in open Court for Registration."

"A deed from **Elijah Fisher** to Barnabas Hall for 100 acres of land Was proven by Danl. Coore for Registration."<sup>208</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1798**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"**Southy Fisher** came into Court and prayed for a license to Authorise him to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House Which Was Granted and offers for his Surety Charles Butler who was approved. ..."

"Agreeable to a petition filed, a road be laid off leading out of the old road near **John Parker** and to come into the Wilmington Road near Jas. Rogers? and that the following persons be a Jury to lay off the said Road, that R<sup>d</sup> Sessoms [Sessions], Constable, summon said Jury & David Dodd, Qualify said Jury ... L\_\_\_\_\_ Royal, **John Parker**, Owen Owens, William **Parker**, Charles Butler, **Baly Fisher**, Byne Boykin, Nathan Peterson, Laban Tatum, Wm. Blackburn, Lott Ritch, John Wright, Jno. Peterson & John Treadwell."

"Benj<sup>n</sup> Scarboro came into Court & offered as Securities Michl. Scarboro & Lazarous Matthis for the maintenance of a Bastard Child begot on the body of **Leurena? Parker**, bond for £100 filed."

COMMENT:

Rachel (Sessums) Parker, named as a daughter in the 1769 will of Nicholas Sessums of Edgecombe, had a sister named "Lurane" Dunn.

"Ordered that **Jonathan Parker**, Will<sup>m</sup> Tucker & James Matthis be a Committee to Divide the land of James Wadkins Decd. among his Lawful Representatives ..."<sup>209</sup>

COMMENT:

At this point the paper suddenly whitened for one last page, that being the color that distinguished the entries of 1800 from 1798. The book then ends. there are no entries for 1799.

**9 FEBRUARY 1799**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

"Return of Sale of **Sessums, Rich<sup>d</sup>** [by] D. Coors & **Solo. Sessoms**."

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<sup>207</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 28–29; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > image 45.

<sup>208</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 113, 116–17.

<sup>209</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 118–21.



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"The amount of the Sale of the Estate of Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessums Dec<sup>d</sup> as it Came before us: £17.6.8

"Claims against said Estate £5.8

"Certifyd by [us] in this 9<sup>th</sup> Feby 1799" D. Coor, **Sol<sup>n</sup> Sessums**"<sup>210</sup>

**9 MARCH 1799**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

"No. 689" Grant to **Reuben Fisher** for 50 acres in Sampson, on *west side* of **Little Cohara** and near the *head* of **Fisher's mill branch**:

Beginning at a red oak and post oak, thence N 50 E crossing the branch twice 80 poles to a stake, thence N 40 W 100 poles to a stake, thence S 50 W 80 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.

Entered 12 January 1796.<sup>211</sup>

COMMENT:

On 10 June 1805, as a resident of **Bladen County**, NC, Reuben sold this land to **Neil Culbreath**, the same man who bought land and slaves from **Jacob** and **Penny [Fisher] Sessums** before they left Sampson. Jacob and Penny also named a son Reuben Fisher Sessums.

**9 MARCH 1799**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

"No. 706" Grant to **Southy Fisher** for 75 acres in Sampson, on *both sides* of **Little Cohoera**, joining lines of **Barnabas Hall dec'd** and **John Fisher**:

Beginning at his corner, two bay saplings and sweet gum at the run of **John Fisher's branch** on John's line, thence with his line S 55 E 122 poles to his corner white oak, thence N 35 E 28 poles to a persimmon tree at the run of Cohara, thence up the run as it meanders to **Barnabas Hall's** corner, a holly on the bank of Cohara, thence with Hall's line N 41 E 100 poles to Fisher's corner stake on his line, thence Fisher's line W 40 poles to his corner water oak at the run of Cohara, thence down the run as it meanders to the **mouth** of John Fisher's branch, thence up the run of the branch as it meanders to the beginning.

Entered 20 October 1797.<sup>212</sup>

**9 MARCH 1799**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

"No. 715" Grant to **Southy Fisher** for 100 acres in Sampson, on *west side* of **Little Cohara** joining **John Fisher's lines**, including the land said to be taken up by **Nathan Hall** and joining his own lines:

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<sup>210</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 June 2021) > Sampson > Probate Records 1663–17978 > image 29210 and ff. for folder "Richard Sessums, 1799, specifically images 29221–29222. NOTE: Documents relating to Richard *Sessions*, who lived considerably past 1799, and his wife Esther (dated 1818–23) are also included in error in this folder.

<sup>211</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 63; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 304.

<sup>212</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 64; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 305. For the state-level registration, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.721&qid=658532&rn=1> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southee Fisher, 9 March 1799; citing Patent Book 99: 314.

Beginning at two bay saplings and sweet gum at the run of **John Fisher's branch** on his line, thence his line N 55 W 58 poles to his corner pine, thence his line S 35 W 111 poles to a red oak on his line on the side of the branch, thence N 75 W 90 poles to a pine on Southey Fisher's line, thence his line N 48 E 112 poles to his corner pine, thence his line N 51 E 84 poles to a stake on his line near the corner of the **land he bought of Daniel Coor**, thence S 30 E 48 poles to his corner white oak, thence his line E 78 poles to a water oak at the run of **Little Cohara**, thence down the run as it meanders to the mouth of John Fisher's branch, thence up the branch as it meanders to beginning.

Entry 1136; entered 2 May 1796.<sup>213</sup>

**9 MARCH 1799**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 713 Grant to **Neil Culbreth** for 50 acres in Sampson, on *west side* of **Little Cohara**, joining his own lines:

Beginning at a cypress in the run of Cohara, thence S 61 W 38 poles to his corner, a pine stump thence N 29 W 140 poles to a stake in a **marsh** past his corner, thence N 61 E 80 poles to a water oak at the run of Cohara, thence down the run as it meanders to the beginning.

Entered 21 February 1798.<sup>214</sup>

**30 SEPTEMBER 1799**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Isaac Sessums** from Moses Rainwater [county of residence not stated], for 10£ Current money of NC in hand paid, sells one tract of 100 acres on *west side* of **Beaverdam Swamp**:

Beginning at a pine at the mouth of a small branch and **Jacob Sessums** corner, thence S 176 poles to a pine at **James Grice's** line, thence with his line S 16 poles to his corner, a pine, thence S 20 E 27 poles to a pine, thence E 80 poles to a black jack, thence N 120 poles to a stake in the marsh of the Beaver dam, thence down the Beaver dam swamp to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. "Being a patent granted to the said Moses Rain Water" on 7 June 1799. Signed: Moses Rain Water his X Mark. Witnesses: **Nich Sessums** and **Jacob Sessums**. Proved in open court November Term 1799.<sup>215</sup>

COMMENT:

On 4 January 1797, James Grice entered 100 acres on *east side* of **South River** "joining his own and John Parker's line." Metes and bounds cite **Moses Rainwater's line** "W 48 poles to a pine in Grice's line, thence his line S 132 poles to a stake on John Parker's line ..." <sup>216</sup>

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<sup>213</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 65; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 305. For the state-level registration, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.730&qid=658532&rn=10> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southey Fisher, 9 March 1799; citing Patent Book 99: 318.

<sup>214</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 64; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 305.

<sup>215</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 193–94; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 140–41.

<sup>216</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book B: 85; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 315.

James Grice's wife was a sister of the Revolutionary War militia sergeant, Solomon Sessums.<sup>217</sup>  
That should make her also the sister of Isaac Sessums, whose father was Nicholas of Sampson.

## 26 NOVEMBER 1799

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

#### Land grant

"Know Ye that we have granted unto **Southy Fisher** one hundred and Sixty Acres [160] on the *west* side of **Little Cohera**, joining his own, **Roger Alden's**, **Charles Butler's** and **Neill Culbreath's** lines":

Beginning at a pine on **Culbreath's** line on the side of the marsh, thence his line S 60 W 70 poles to his corner stake, thence his line S 53 W 127 poles to his corner pine, thence his line S 22 E 127 poles to his corner stake, thence his line N 53 E 119 poles to a stake on **Fisher's** line, near his own and Colbreath's corner, thence Fisher's line S 30 E 71 poles to his corner, a pine, thence N 89 W 22 poles to his corner pine, thence his line S 43 W 102 poles to his corner white oak, thence his line of another survey N 38 W 123 poles to a pine past his corner on the side of a branch, thence S 75 W 30 poles to a pine in **Roger Alden's** line, thence his line N 22 W 118 poles to a lightwood tree on **Charles Butler's** line, thence Butler's line N 53 E 240 poles to his corner, a pine on the side of the marsh, thence to the beginning.

Entry 1328, entered 19 May 1798.<sup>218</sup>

## FEBRUARY TERM 1800

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

#### Court order

"Ordered that **Southy Fisher** be Overseer of the road in the Room of Charles Butler and that the usual hands Work Under him."

"**Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** Constable Returned into Court two executions, to wit:

- Wm. Hair vs. Jno Butler. Ordered that the clerk issue a Order of sale to sell the lands of the Defendant to the Sheriff as the law directs.
- **Southy Fisher** vs. John Butler. Ordered that the clerk Issue a order of Sale to sell the lands of the Defendants to the Sheriff as the law Directs."

"**Southy Fisher** came into Court and prayed for a license to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House Which Was Granted, and Offers for his Security John Crumpler who was approved ..."

"Ordered that **Baily Fisher** be exempt from paying a Poll tax for the year 1799."<sup>219</sup>

## MAY TERM 1800

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

#### Court order

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<sup>217</sup> Affidavit of Axy (Sessums) Grice, aged 78, 11 April 1845; Pension Application of Obedience (Baker) Sessums, Widow of Solomon Sessums (Pvt., Sgt., Lt.; Capt. Southy Fisher's Company, NC Militia, Rev. War), W19330; imaged "Revolutionary War Pensions," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/15490011> and [15490021](https://www.fold3.com/image/15490021) : accessed 28 May 2021).

<sup>218</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 353; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > image 200. For the state-level registration, see David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.846&qid=658532&rn=11> : accessed 5 June 2021), Southy Fisher, 26 November 1799; citing Patent Book 107: 1.

<sup>219</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 99, 101.

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“Richd. Sessions is appointed cons<sup>e</sup> in Capt. Robinson’s company ... **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessions** [**Sessoms**] in Capt. Fraasher’s Compy.”

“Rich<sup>d</sup> Parker is appointed Constable in Capt. Matthis Compy.”<sup>220</sup>

1800

## SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Census

“All 1800 United States Federal Census results for **Sessums**” in Sampson County, NC (*Ancestry*):

Results 1–5 of 5					
View Record	Name	Home in 1800 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Jacob Sessoms	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		4	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sessoms	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Solomon Sessoms	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		12	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mary Sessoms	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Richard Sessions	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina	20	31	
1–5 of 5			Per page 50 ▾		

“All 1800 United States Federal Census results for **Fisher**” in Sampson County, NC (*Ancestry*):

Results 1–5 of 5					
View Record	Name	Home in 1800 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Fisher	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Bailey Fisher	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina	2	5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Spencer Fisher	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Southy Fisher	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina	12	16	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Thomas Fisher	Fayetteville, Sampson, North Carolina		5	
1–5 of 5			Per page 50 ▾		

<sup>220</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1794–1800, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 108.

# 1800 United States Federal Census for Jacob Sessoms

North Carolina > Sampson > Fayetteville

1800 United States Federal Census for Jacob Sessoms											
North Carolina > Sampson > Fayetteville											
NAME	AGE	MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	BLACK	INDIAN	PALE	FREE	SLAVE	FREE	SLAVE
John Sessoms	1			1			1				
Yoursam Sessoms	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	531
Perry Sessoms	2	-		1	-	2	-	1	-	-	
Lewis Lucas	3	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1		3
Solomon Sessoms	4	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	
George Blocher	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	
Lewis Hall	4	-		1	-	1	-	1	-	-	
Josiah Carter	2	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	
Solomon Faircloth	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Trisilla Hall	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1		703
Benjamin Faircloth	1	-		1	-	-	-	2	1	1	
Hardy Faircloth	3	-	3	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	
John Johnston	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	
Mary Sessoms	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Isaac Sessoms	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	
Jacob Sessoms	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
James Grace	3	-		1	-	1	1	-	1	-	7
William Parker	2	3	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	
John Parker	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
TOTAL	55	17	24	22	15	46	19	19	27	12	75

(p. 531; Fayetteville Dist.)

### Consecutive entries

John Aughtry

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Lewis Lucas

<b>Solomon Sessoms</b>	1 white male	45+	1 white female	45+	0 slaves	12 total
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1 white male 16–25 1 white females 26–44

1 white male 10–15 1 white females 16–25

4 white males 0–9      2 white females 10–15

George Blocker

Lewis Hall

Josiah Carter

Solomon Faircloth

Prisilla Hall

Benjamin Faircloth

### Hardy Faircloth

John Johnston

<b>Mary Sessoms</b>	1 white male 16–25	1 white female 26–44	0 slaves	6 total
	2 white males 0–9	1 white female 0–9		
<b>Isaac Sessoms</b>	2 white males 45+	2 white females 45+	0 slaves	6 total
	1 white male 0–9	1 white female 0–9		
<b>Jacob Sessums</b>	1 white male 16–25	1 white female 16–25	0 slaves	4 total
	1 white male 0–9	1 white female 0–9		
James Grice	[husband of Axy Sessums, sister of Solomon]			
William Parker				
John Parker				

COMMENT:

- The ages and household composition for Jacob above is compatible with known facts for the Jacob who married Penny Fisher.
- As in 1790, his placement on the 1800 census suggests he is the son of the older Isaac. Note that this Sessoms cluster is 21 pages from Southy Fisher and his apparent sons, below—**but both have Faircloth neighbors** and the deed records document that they owned adjacent tracts. This circumstance often happened when an enumerator came to a fork in the road or a river branch, and pursued one path before doubling back down the other. (In other words, families with adjacent property were often “back door neighbors” as opposed to living in a straight string of houses.)
- Note also the **Culbreath** neighbors of Southy. Before leaving Sampson, Jacob and Penny sold land and a slave to Neal Culbreath, with Elijah Fisher [son of Southy] as witness to the land sale.
- Grices were in Lawrence County, Mississippi, with Jacob and Penny Sessums. I did not take notes on the Grices there because I did not then know of a kinship.



1800 United States Federal Census for Southy Fisher												
North Carolina > Sampson > Fayetteville												
Calist Fawcett	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	519
Ben Owens	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	1
Joseph Watson	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	2
William Owens	1	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Lazarus Hall	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
Barnabas Hall	3	2	-	1	-	4	1	-	1	1	-	-
Imidia Fawcett	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Southy Fisher	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	12
Thomas Owens	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
John Fisher	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Thomas Fisher	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Amel Colbreath	1	2	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	7
Daniel Colbreath	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
John Colbreath	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ephraim Johnston	2	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Laban Tatom	1	-	1	1	-	4	2	-	1	-	-	4
William Wright	3	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	4
Robert Wright	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Elisha Harris	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Monchen Seaborn	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	50	20	19	19	17	45	15	16	22	19	-	108

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LOGAN COUNTY, KY

Tax roll

Sessions, Solomon Logan Co.

8/26/1800<sup>221</sup>

COMMENT:

Logan County adjoins Christian County, where Jacob Sessums appeared in 1810.

This Solomon is clearly not from the Sampson family. However:

- Two Solomon Sessums existed in prior years in Edgecombe: (1) son of Richard who died in 1769; (2) son of Jacob who died in 1792.
- One Solomon Sessums of Edgecombe was still in Edgecombe in 1808 when he, on 13 February for love and affection toward John Alexander Irwin, conveyed "one half Lot or fourth Acre" in the town of Barborough, with John Ingles [or Byles] and Turner Young as witnesses.<sup>222</sup>

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SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

<sup>221</sup> G. Glenn Cliff, "Second Census" of Kentucky, 1800: A Privately Compiled and Published Enumeration of Tax Payers ... (1954; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 263.

<sup>222</sup> Edgecombe Co., NC, Deed Book 9 (1798-1800): 69-70.

Land sale

**Elijah Fisher** of **Cumberland County, NC**, to **Needham Vann** of Sampson County, sale for \$100, two tracts of land in Sampson:

**Tract 1:** 100 acres on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**: Beginning at a small pine on **Barnaby Hall's** line and running S 40 E 68 poles to a stake at the run of said Bearskin, thence up said run N 50 E 188 poles to a stake near the run, thence N 40 W 110 poles to a small black jack, thence to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** 300 acres, "a tract of another survey granted to **Elijah Fisher** ... to contain all the lands in said survey at the *mouth* of the **Juniper Branch**, joining **William Owens'** and **Barnaby Hall's** land.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Elijah Fisher his X mark; R. Crumpler, Jesse Nelms his X mark. Proved in open court May Term 1801.<sup>223</sup>

COMMENT:

Cumberland adjoins Sampson on Sampson's W & NW bounds. It was created in 1754 from Bladen County.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1800**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**Southy Fisher** did not appear in court to renew his tavern license.<sup>224</sup>

**24 DECEMBER 1800**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Isaac Sessums** from **Lewis Parker**, both of Sampson County, for 10£ Specia in hand paid and acknowledged, one tract of 100 acres on *both sides* of the **Beaver dam Swamp**:

Beginning at **John Parker's** corner, a black jack near the **school house**, thence his line S 50 E 116 poles to his corner, a black jack, thence his line S 50 W 180 poles to his corner, a black jack, thence his line S 40 W 104 poles to his corner, a small black jack, thence **Frazer's** line W 50 poles to his corner, a pine on said **Parker's** line, thence his line S 6 poles to his [*sic*] **James Grice** a pine, thence Grice's line N 55 E 180 poles to his corner, a pine, thence his line N 35 W 95 poles to his corner, a stake in the **Marsh** at the **Beaver dam**, thence crossing the Beaverdam to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Lewis Parker. Witnesses: **Luke Parker**, **William Fowler**. Proved in open court February Term 1801.<sup>225</sup>

**25 JANUARY 1801**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

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<sup>223</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 354–55; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > image 234.

<sup>224</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 129–33.

<sup>225</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 324–25; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 214–15.



**Isaac Sessoms** from **Caleb Faircloth**, both of Sampson, for 50£ in hand paid, purchases “Two Different tracts or parcells of Land Containing” 100 acres each, situate in the County of Sampson on the *east side* of **Great Swamp** and *south side* of **Cow Branch**:

Beginning at a red oak on **Solomon Sessams’ line**, thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

And another tract in Sampson on *east side* of the **Great Swamp**,

Beginning at his [Faircloth’s] own corner a black jack, thence S 127 poles to a small pine, thence W 127 poles to a ~~maple~~ small pine, thence N 127 poles to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Caleb Faircloth his X mark. Witnesses: Benjamin Faircloth his X mark; **Solomon Sessams** his X mark. Proved in open court May Term 1801.<sup>226</sup>

COMMENT:

On 9 February 1801, Isaac conveyed these two tracts to “Jacob Sessums.”

In 1803, **Jacob Sessums [II]** and wife Penny sold these two tracts to Neal Culbreath.

TO DO:

Considering the amount of interactions between Faircloths and Sessoms, investigate the possibility that the Faircloths provided wives for Richard, Isaac and/or Nicholas Sessums.

#### 9 FEBRUARY 1801

##### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums** to **Jacob Sessums**, both of Sampson County, sale for 50£ in hand paid, “two different tracts” of land containing 100 acres each in Sampson County on the *east side* of the **Great Swamp** and *south side* of **Cow Branch**:

Beginning at a red oak on **Solomon Sessums’ line**, thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

The other tract on the *east side* of the Great Swamp:

Beginning at his own corner, a black jack, thence S 127 poles to a small pine, thence W 127 poles to a small pine, thence N 12 poles to the beginning.

“As far and Round with the patent line so as to include the aforesaid Quantity of 200 acres.” Full warranty, etc. Signed: **Isaac Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: **Tho. Frazier**, **Solomon Sessums**. Proved November Term 1801. Registered 3 January 1802. No reference to a wife for Isaac.<sup>227</sup>

#### 9 FEBRUARY 1801

##### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land sale

**Jacob Sessoms** to **Isaac Sessoms**, both of Sampson Co., for \$100, sells one tract of land containing 200 acres in Sampson Co. on *west side* of **Little Cohara** and on *both sides* of the **Beaverdam Marsh**:

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<sup>226</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 367–68; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 241–42.

<sup>227</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 491–92; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 310–11.

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Beginning at a black jack near the corner of **Nathaniel Jones'** fence and runs N 34 E 200 poles to a gum in the Beaverdam Marsh, thence N 56 W 160 poles to a pine, thence S 34 W 200 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning ... running with the patent lines.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Jacob Sessums his X mark**. Witnesses: **Thomas Frazier** and **Solomon Sessums**. Proved in open court, February Term 1801. Registered 2 April 1801.<sup>228</sup>

#### **FEBRUARY 1801**

##### **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**John Fisher** and **Jonathan Parker** are among the list of men summoned to appear for jury duty in the next term of court.

"A deed from Lewis Parker to **Isaac Sessums** for 100 acres of land was proven by Luke Parker and ordered to be registered." [This is the deed dated 24 December 1800.]

"A deed from **Jacob Sessums** to **Isaac Sessums** for 200 acres of Land was proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** and ordered to be Registered."<sup>229</sup> [This is the deed dated 9 February 1801.]

#### **13 MARCH 1801**

##### **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Elijah Fisher** of Cumberland Co., NC, to **Jesse Nelms** of Sampson, sale for \$160 in hand paid, three tracts of land containing 225 acres by estimation, one being a patent granted to Elijah Fisher on 1 January 1793 and the other two being patents dated 3 November 1796, lying in Sampson County on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**:

Tract 1: Beginning at a post oak on **Barnabas Hall's** line, thence his line S 56 E 172 poles to a pine, thence N 85 W 115 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.

Tract 2, adjoining: Beginning at a post oak in Barnabas Hall's line, thence N 35 W 180 poles to a pine, thence N 55 E 120 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 35 E 120 poles to a black jack, thence S 55 W 69 poles to a black jack, thence S 13 W 6 poles to his corner black jack, thence with his line to the beginning.

Tract 3, 25 acres: Beginning at his own corner, a pine, thence S 55 W 45 poles to a stake, thence S 35 E 90 poles to a stake, thence N 55 E 45 poles to a pine on his own line, thence with his line to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Elijah Fisher his X mark**. Witnesses: R. Crumpler, Lazarus Hall his H mark. Proved in open court May Term 1801 by oath of **Redmond Crumpler**.<sup>230</sup>

#### **MAY TERM 1801**

##### **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

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<sup>228</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 309—10; imaged, *Family Search* > digital film 00540368 > images 206—7.

<sup>229</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800—1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 138—39.

<sup>230</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 357—58; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 235—36.

"A petition Handed into Court by **Lazarus Hall** praying leave to open and make navigable a Stream of Water Called **Little Cohary** which Was Granted. Ordered therefore that the hands (to wit) Owen Owens, Felix Hare, Isaac Nelson, Wm. Owens, **Barnabas Hall**, Smidick Faircloth, Needham Vann, Martin Hare, Auther Hare, John Hare, Thomas Hall, Wm. Hare Junr., Eli Lackerman, Jon<sup>n</sup> Pope, Federick William, Robert Butler, John Williams, Josiah Hall, **Jacob Sessums**, Charles Lucus, Thos. Sanders, Lewis Lucus, Christophe Edmonds, John Parker, Luke Parker, Luke Butter, **Rich<sup>d</sup> Sessions**, **John Fisher**, Thomas Owens, Joshua Tatum, Laban Tatum."

"Ordered that the following hands to wit **Barnabas Hall** Overseer and Willis Magee overseer and Smithwick Faircloth, Needham Vann, Jesse Nealms, William Hair, Arthur Hair, Felix Hair, Martin Hair, John Hair, John Williams, Sampson Dees, Luke Butter, Robert Butter, **Southy Fisher**, **John Fisher**, Thos. Owens, Enoch Hall, James Hall, John Parker, Luke Parker, Owen Owens, Eli Lackerman, Thos. Hall, and their Hands work on the river called **Little Cohary** under the overseers named and agreeable to a petition filed." (image 141)

**Jonathan Parker** is appointed Constable in Capt. Spillr [sic] Compy, with Jno. Vann as surety. **Richd. Sessions** is appointed constable in Capt. Robinson's company; his security is Wm. Robinson. **Solomon Sessums** is appointed same in Capt. Frasher's Compy, with Danl. Coore, Security. (143)

"A deed from Caleb Faircloth to **Isaac Sessums** for 200 acres of Land was proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** and ordered to be Registered." (148)

"A deed from **Elijah Fisher** to Needham Vann for 100 acres of Land was proven by R. Crumpler and ordered to be Registered." (148)

A deed from **Elijah Fisher** to Jesse Nealms for 225 acres of Land was proven by R. Crumpler and ordered to be Registered." (148)

"A deed from Nath<sup>n</sup> Harrod to Sam<sup>l</sup> Faircloth for 10 Acres proven by **Nicolas Sessums** for Registration." (148)<sup>231</sup>

#### AUGUST TERM 1801 SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

##### Court order

"Ordered that John Williams, Robert Butler, Luke Butler, **Jacob Sessums**, Charles Lucas, John Hair, Martin Hair, Wm. Hair Junr., Arthur Hair, **John Fisher**, Thomas Owens, Sidick Faircloth, Thos. Hall, Charles Hall, Enoch Hall, James Hall, and Noah Hall And their Hands work on **Little Cohary River** Leading from **Fisher's Bridge** to **John Parker's Bridge** under Barnabas Hall." Another cluster, Parkers, Owens, etc., were ordered to "work on the River Called Little Cohary river, Leading from the Widow Robinsons Landing to **Parkers Bridge**, under **Sessums Parker, overseer.**"

"Ordered that **Southy Fisher** have leave to erect a publick Griss Mill and Saw Mill across a stream of Water called **little Cohary** on his Own Land. Petition filed."

**Mr. Southy Fisher** came into Court and prayed leave to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House, which was granted ... bond, Security Thos. Owens & Sampson Dees."

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<sup>231</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 141, 143, 148.

“Richard Sessions be allowed the Sum of Sixteen Shillgs for his Services as Constable to this Court.

‘Wm. Owens, **Neil Culbreath, Thos. Fisher** and others summoned to appear for jury duty at next (November) term of court.”

“A deed from **Sessums Parker** to Josiah Hall for 100 acres of Land proven by Fredk. Williams ... Ordered to be Registered.<sup>232</sup>

“A deed from John Hall to **Thos. Fisher** for 200 acres of land was proven in court by **Thomas Wallice** for Registration.<sup>233</sup>

COMMENT:

Thomas Wallace was the man who married Southey Fisher’s widow. This is the earliest reference I’ve seen to him.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1801**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that **Jonathan Parker** be exempt from paying a poll tax on one Poll, he being over charged for that Sum for the year 1800.”

“A deed from **Isaac Sessums** to **Jacob Sessums** for 200 acres was proved by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** and ordered to be Registered.<sup>234</sup>

**25 JANUARY 1802**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessions** to **John Dodd**, both of Sampson, for \$20 in hand paid, sells one tract of [acreage not stated] in Sampson County *in the drains of Buck horn*:

Beginning at a stake **Daniel Williams** corner on **Nehemiah Scott’s** line near a marked black jack and running Scales’ line N [to] his corner and past his corner to a pine 90 poles, thence E 166 poles to a small pine **John Pridgin’s** line, thence [with] Pridgin’s line S 20 E 90 poles to a pine on his line, thence S 87 W 34 poles to a black jack [on] Daniel Williams’ corner, thence [with] William’s line to the beginning.

“The abovesaid land was patented by **William Odom** on **16 November 1791**. Full guarantee, etc. Signed **Richard Sessions**. Witness: **Silas Sessions**. Proved in open court May Term 1802.<sup>235</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1802**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

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<sup>232</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 150–54.

<sup>233</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 150–54.

<sup>234</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 159, 162.

<sup>235</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 519–20; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > images 330–31.

MILLS: SESSUMS & FISHER OF SAMPSON COUNTY, NC..... 29 June 2021

8 February: “**Mrs. Phebe Fisher** and **John Fisher** came into court and prayed Admini<sup>n</sup> on the estate of **Southy Fisher** Which Was Granted. Ordered that she inter into bond in the Sum of two thousand pounds and offers for their Security **Sessums Parker**, Jacob Crumpler & Laban Tatom, who was approved of. Bond filed.”

“A deed from **John Dickson** to **Bailey Fisher** for 44 acres of land was Acknowledged in Court for registration.”

“A deed from **Southy Fisher** to **Thos. Fisher** for 150 acres of Land was proven by Danl. Coore for Registration.”<sup>236</sup>

COMMENT:

In March 1809 Cumberland County one **John Dickson** was appointed guardian of the two minor children of the recently deceased Elijah Fisher, suspected son of Bailey. See that date below.

**4 MAY 1802**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Bailey Fisher** of Sampson from **John Dickson** of Cumberland County for **R. C. Johnston** of city and state of New York, £5.10 in hand paid, purchases a tract of 44 acres on *west side* of **Great Cahara**:

Beginning at a stake on his [seller’s] line and corner of a survey of 150 acres patented by **Elihu Wiggins**, and running with his line of that survey W 46 poles to a pine, a corner made for **John Carrell**, then with Carrell’s line W 166 poles to a stake, thence S 39 poles to a stake and pointers, said Fisher’s corner, thence E with his line to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. Signed: John Dickson for Robert C. Johnson. Witnesses: Thos. Maxwell, Thomas Hicks. Proved in Open Court February Term 1802.<sup>237</sup>

**MAY TERM 1802**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

3 May: “Ordered that Sampson Dees be Overseer of the road in the room of **Southy Fisher** and that the usual hands work under him.”

“**Richd Sessions** was elected Constable in Captn Robertson’s District.”

“A deed from Hardy Faircloth to Caleb Faircloth for 224 acres of Land was proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** for Registration.”<sup>238</sup>

**MAY TERM 1802**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

4 May: “Ordered that **John Fisher & Jacob Sessums & Thos. Wallace** work on the road under Sampson Dees.”<sup>239</sup>

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<sup>236</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 165, 168.

<sup>237</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 11: 516–17; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540368 > image 328.

<sup>238</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 169, 172, 174.

## COMMENT:

Wallace has insinuated himself into the family cluster very quickly after Southy Fisher's death. I'm wondering whether he was not already working for Southy, perhaps as a farm manager of keeper of his ordinary.

8 OCTOBER 1802

## SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land survey

"Surveyed for **Isaac Sessums** Seventy-five acres of land by Warrant No. 1675, in Sampson County, *East side, South River* and *South side Beaverdam Swamp*, Beginning at a stake, his own Corner, and runs North 33 East 204 pole to a pine on the Beaverdam, his other Corner, thence South along his other line 204 pole to a pine in **Grice's** line, thence W 130 pole to a stake, thence to the Beginning. Dan Williams, D. Survy.; E. Herring, Surv<sup>r</sup>." **James Grice & Young Sessums**, Cha. Bear.<sup>240</sup>

NOVEMBER TERM 1802

## SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Court order

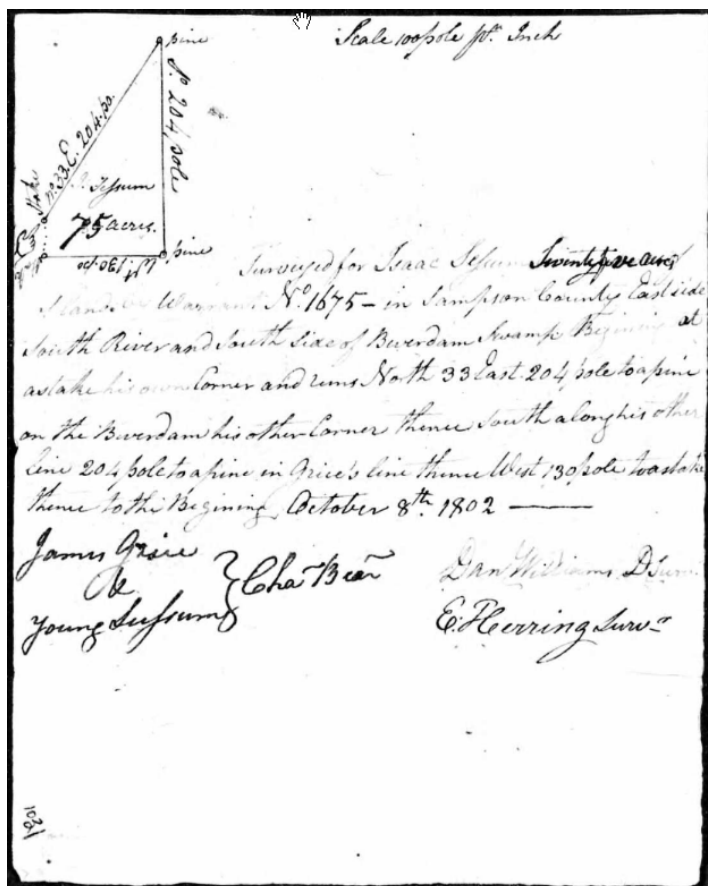
**Sessums Parker** having resigned his post as overseer of the "work on the river called Little Cohary," Owen Owens is appointed to take his place.

"Ordered that **Jonathan Parker Esqr.** have leave to build a publick Griss Mill on a Stream of water called **Matthis' Branch** on his Own Land and **Richard Parker's** Land. Ordered that **Thomas Wallace** have leave to keep a publick Ordinary at his Own House, he complying with the Requisites of the Law. Ordered that he enter into bond in the Sum of five Hundred pounds and offers for his Security **Jacob Sessums** who was approved of. Bond filed."

## COMMENT:

It does appear that Wallace has already married the widow and has moved into her home that was already set up as an ordinary under her first husband.

"Ordered that Caleb Faircloth be overseer of the road in the room of **Solomon Sessums** and that the usual hands work under him."



<sup>239</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 176.

<sup>240</sup> "North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173\\_355836-00935](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60621/images/44173_355836-00935) : accessed 17 June 2021).

“Ordered that Neil Culbreath, **Thomas Wallace**, Nicholas Parker, **Sessums Parker**, Thos. Parker, Thos. Bullard, Thos. Owens, Owen Owens, Wm. Owens, Willis Magee, John Peterson, John Wright, Nathan Peerson, **Bailey Fisher**, John Dodd, David Dodd Esqr., Wm. Blackburn, John Tredwick? Junr. George Taylor, John Robinson, Jas. Robinson, Stephen Herring, John Herring, And that Daid Dodd Esqr. qualify the Jury and **Richd. Sessions** Constable Summons the Same to lay of[f] the New Road Leading from **Thos. Wallace’s** to James Devauns.”

“A deed from **Lewis Parker** to **William Parker** for 100 acres of Land was proved by **Sessums Parker** for registration.”<sup>241</sup>

**20 NOVEMBER 1802**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

“**Jacob Sessums** to Neal Culbreath, both of Sampson Co., NC, sale for 50£ in hand paid, one tract in Sampson County the *east side* of the **Great Swamp**”:

Beginning at the *south side* of **Cow Branch** at a red oak **Solomon Sessums’** line, thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

and 100 acres more:

Beginning at the aforesaid corner, a black jack, thence S 127 poles to a small pine, thence W 127 poles to a small pine, thence N 127 poles to a corner of the aforesaid 120 acres, a pine, thence [with] that line E 127 poles to the beginning.

Full warranty, etc. “In witness Whereof, I the said **Jacob Sessum** and his wife **Penny Sessums** have hereunto set our hand & seals” ... **Jacob Sessums his x mark**, and **Pennelope Sessums her x**. Witnesses Arch’d Culbreath, **Elisha Fisher**. Proved in open court May Term 1803. Registered 5 June 1803.<sup>242</sup>

COMMENT:

In 1801, **Isaac Sessums** bought these two tracts from Caleb Faircloth, then conveyed them to Jacob in 180e.

Penny’s participation was apparently provided because the property was acquired after their marriage.

**FEBRUARY TERM 1803**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that David Dodd, John Dodd, Wm Blackburn, Moses Peterson, **Bailey Fisher**, John Wright, Edwd Currey, James Harrindine, Archd. McLemore, Willis Magee, **Nicholas Parker**, Owen Owens, Wm. Owens, **Sessums Parker**, Joshua Tatom, John Peterson, or any twelve of them be a Jury to lay off the Dower of Land to **Mrs. Alice Robinson** of which her Husband died Siezed. Ordered that David Dodd, **Nicholas Parker** and Willis Magee, James Matthis & Stephen Herring be a committee to lay off to the Heirs of **Benja. Robinson** Decd. their Distributive Share of Land and that Enoch Herring be Surveyor.”

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<sup>241</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 182–83, 186–87.

<sup>242</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 12: 227–28; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > images 478–79.

“A Jury to lay off a New road Leading from **Thos. Wallace’s** to the Auld Road Leading to Wilmington.”

**Thomas “Wallis”** and Nicholas Parker are named to jury duty for the next term of court.

“A deed from **John Parker** to Wm. Parker for 100 acres of Land was proven by **Sess. Parker** for Registration.”

“A deed from **Lewis Parker** to **William Parker** for 100 acres of Land was proved by **Sessums Parker** for Registration.”<sup>243</sup>

COMMENT:

Has the old John Parker died, after which several of his heirs are selling out to one heir (William)?

**MAY TERM 1803**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Capt. Frasher’s Compy. **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** is appointed Constable and offers [smudged name] Jackman & **Alexander Carrell** Securities. Bond filed.”<sup>244</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1803**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

“Ordered that Shad<sup>k</sup> Cook and **Rich<sup>d</sup> Clinton** have leave to Build a Boothe on the Court House Ground, Observing to keep Sixty feet off from the Court House, to Sell liquor under.”

“Readon Bennit” was charged with fathering a Bastard child onto the Body of Sarah Pope,” etc. Securities were **Alexander Carrell**, Morning Bennit, Elias Jordan<sup>245</sup>

COMMENT:

- This is the first time I’ve seen the name “Readon” as a given or surname in the county. I should explore it as a possible origin for the name “Redding” that Jacob and Penny (Fisher) Sessums gave to their first-born son.
- Note that Bennit’s first surety is the same man who stood as surety of Solomon Sessums’ constable bond.
- In the February 1804 term (image 232), Alexander Carrell is identified as a constable.
- In November Term 1804 (image 242) Moorning Bennett is charged with fathering a child by Anne Tyler. (In November 1806, John Porter would be accused of fathering a child by “Anne Tiler.” Image 297)

**NOVEMBER TERM 1803**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

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<sup>243</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 189, 191, 193–94, 196.

<sup>244</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 207.

<sup>245</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 211, 220.



"A deed from Benj<sup>a</sup> Faircloth to Solomon Faircloth for 50 acres of land was proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** for Registration." Also another deed from same to same by same, for 150 acres.<sup>246</sup>

**16 DECEMBER 1803**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land grant

No. 982. "This Grant to **Isaac Sessoms** for 75 acres is in the same form as the aforesaid registered Grant in this Book Pages 1 & 2, only the persons' names and various courses of the same, to wit: lying and being in our County of Sampson on the *east side* of **South river** and the *south side* of the **Beaverdam Swamp**:

Beginning at a stake his own corner, runs N 38 E 204 poles to a pine on the Beaverdam, his other corner, thence S along his other line 204 poles to a pine on **Green's** line, thence W 180 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.<sup>247</sup>

Entry 1675; entered 10 November 1801.<sup>248</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1804**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

"A deed from **Benj<sup>a</sup> Faircloth** to **Solomon Faircloth** for 50 acres of land was proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** for Registration." Also another deed from same to same by same, for 150 acres.<sup>249</sup>

**MAY TERM 1804**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

**Jonathan Parker** is still a justice. **John Fisher** serves on jury.<sup>250</sup>

**4 NOVEMBER 1804**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Thomas Fisher** from **Enoch Hall**, both of Sampson, for 200 in hand paid, sale of 100 acres of land on *west side* of **Little Cohary** at **John Hall's** line:

Beginning at a pine, **Thomas Owens'** corner near a small **Old field**, thence with Owens' line N 45 E 110 poles to a small sweet gum in a **Marsh** by **Cohary Swamp**, thence S 40 E 64½ poles to a cypress in the swamp, thence S 4 [48?] W 32 poles to a corner, a pine, thence his line S 44 W 32 poles to a blackjack past his corner, thence N 46 w 67 poles to a pine near Owens' corner, thence Owens' line to the beginning.

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<sup>246</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 228.

<sup>247</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Grant Book A: 401–2; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007519327 > images 224–25.

<sup>248</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.1013&qid=659060&rn=2> : accessed 1 June 2021), Isaac Sessum, 16 December 1803; citing Patent Book 118: 92.

<sup>249</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 228.

<sup>250</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 235–36.

Full warrant, etc. Signed: Enoch Hall. Witnesses: **Thomas Wallice, Noah Hall**. Proved in court August Term 1805.<sup>251</sup>

**4 NOVEMBER 1804**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Thomas Fisher** from **John Hall**, both of Sampson, for \$200 in hand paid, purchases 200 acres on *west side* of **Little Cohera**:

Beginning at a pine, thence S 45 W 179 poles to a pine, thence S 45 E 179 poles to a pine, thence N 45 E 179 poles to a pine, thence N 45 W 179 poles to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: John Hall, his mark. Witnesses: Noah Hall, **Thomas Wallace**. Proved in court, November Term 1804.<sup>252</sup>

**2 JANUARY 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Jacob Sessums** from **John Porter Junr.**, both of Sampson, for 42£ 10 shillings current money of NC in hand paid, "one certain Plantation tract" of 150 acres in Sampson County on *east side* of **Little Cohara** joining **John Williamson's** [John Williams Senr.'s ?] line:

Beginning at a pine on said line and runs N 70 E 90 poles to a white oak, thence N 20 W 230 poles to a hickory by a branch, thence S 70 W 227 poles down the branch to a stake, thence S 20 E 100 poles to a stake on **John Williamson's** [Williams Senr.'s?] line, thence said line N 70 E 40 poles to Williamson's [Williams Senr.'s?] corner, thence to the beginning.

With full guarantee, etc. Signed: John Porter. Witnesses: **M. Crumpler, J. Crumpler**. Proved for registration, February Term 1805.<sup>253</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(11 February, first court day)

"Ordered that **Thomas Wallace** be Overseer of the Road in the Room of Sampson Dees and that the usual hands work under.

"A deed from John Porter to **Jacob Sessums** for 150 acres of land was proven in Court for Registration by Matthew Crumpler.<sup>254</sup>

**26 MARCH 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

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<sup>251</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 13: 235–36; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > images 126–27.

<sup>252</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 52–53; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 42.

<sup>253</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 13: 80–81; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 57.

<sup>254</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 250, 252.

**Elijah Fisher to Smideck Faircloth**, for 100£ in hand paid, sells a Sampson Co. tract “supposed to contain 180 acres more or less,” on *west side* of **Barskin** [*sic*] Swamp, joining “**Jon. Hall’s Senr** and **Barnabay Hall’s** lines”:

Beginning at a light wood post [at] Barnabas Hall’s corner, thence his line S 56 E 240 poles to his corner, a pine, thence S 41 W 40 poles to a pine on **William Owens’** Line, thence his line N 40 W 52 poles to his corner, a juniper in the **Juniper Branch**, thence his line S 41 W 106 poles to his corner, a pine, thence his and **John Crumpler’s** line N 55 W 164 poles to Crumpler’s corner, a post oak, thence his line S 40 W 66 poles to his corner, a blackjack on **John Hall Senr** line, thence Hall’s line N 56 W 46 poles to a stake on his line, thence to the beginning.

“that is to say all the above tract of land except what lies on the *east side* of **Juniper Branch** which is deeded to **Needham Van.**” Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Elijah Fisher his X mark, Lazarus Hall his x mark, Barnabas Hall his x mark. Proved in open court August Term 1806.<sup>255</sup>

COMMENT:

On occasion, in the court minutes, “Smedick” appears as *Smithwick*.

**MAY TERM 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(13 May, first court day)

“Ordered that **Thomas Fisher** work on the River under Barney Hall Overseer.”<sup>256</sup>

**10 JUNE 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Reubin Fisher** of **Bladen Co., NC**, to **Neil Colbreath** of Sampson Co., for \$600 in hand paid, sells five tracts of land in Sampson:

**Tract 1:** 50 acres on *west side* of **Little Cohera** near the *head* of **Fisher’s mill branch**. Beginning at a red oak and post oak, thence N 50 E, crossing the branch twice 80? poles to a stake, thence N 40 W 100 poles to a stake, thence S 50 W 80 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** 100 acres on *west side* of said **Little Cohera**, beginning at a red oak by the side of **Cohera Swamp** near **William Dees’** corner, and running thence along his line S 43 W 160 poles to a red oak by a branch, thence N 47 W 100 poles to a pine, thence N 43 E 160 poles to a white oak, thence down Cohera to the beginning. “It being a patent granted to **Wm. Dees** 13 September 1793.”

**Tract 3:** 50 acres on *west side* of said Cohera. Beginning at a red oak S by Fisher’s corner, and run along his line S 43 W 124 poles to a pine, thence N 30 W 72 poles to a pine **John Butler’s** corner, thence along Butler’s line N 60 E to his corner, and past his corner 168 poles to a stake, thence S 47 E 20 poles to a water oak on the side of Cohera, thence to the beginning, it being a patent granted to **Southy Fisher** 25 May 1787.

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<sup>255</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 13: 454–55; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 244.

<sup>256</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 253.

**Tract 4:** 160 acres on the *west side* of said Cohera, joining his own lines. Beginning at a pine on **Culbreath's** line on the side of the **marsh**, thence his line S 60 W 70 poles to his corner, a stake, thence his line S 53 [55?] W 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ ? poles to his corner, a pine, thence his line S 22 E 127 poles to his corner a stake, thence his line N 53 E 119 poles to a stake on **Fisher's** line near his own and **Colbreath's** corner, thence **Fisher's** line S 30 E 71 poles to his corner, a pine, thence N 89 W 22 poles to his corner, a pine, thence his line S 43 W 102 poles to his corner, a white oak, thence his line of another survey N 38 W 123 poles to a pine post, his corner on the side of a branch, thence S 75 W 30 poles to a pine on **Roger Alden's** line, thence his line N 22 W 118 poles to a lightwood tree on **Charles Butler's** line, thence Butler's line N 53, E 24 poles to his corner, a pine, thence the side of the **marsh** to the beginning, it being a **patent granted to Southy Fisher** 25 September 1798.

**Tract 5:** 30 acres more or less (part of a survey granted to Mark Phillips on *west side* of said **Cohera** and *north side* of **Fisher's Mill Branch**, it being all of that survey **willed to him the said Rubin Fisher by Southy Fisher Dec'd.**

Full guarantee, etc., "only for **Phebe Wallace** to have free privilege of the Land on the *east side* of the **main Road** leading from Fayetteville to Sampson Court house so far as belonged to me as far as timber for the use of the plantation and pine wood During her natural life, only for him or them to pay the taxation that may hereafter become due.

Signed: **Reuben Fisher**. Witnesses: Danl. Coore. Cornelius Colbreath. Proved in court November Term 1805.<sup>257</sup>

COMMENT:

Reuben's Tract 1, whose origin was not stated, was granted to Reuben Fisher on 9 March 1799.

Bladen County (which was created from New Hanover in 1734) lies on the WSW of Sampson, adjoining Cumberland which lies to the WNW of Sampson. Elijah Fisher [Sr.], by September 1800, was a resident of Cumberland from which he sold off his Sampson County land. As so often happens, the parent dies and the grown children scatter.

- Elijah to Cumberland Co.
- Reuben to Bladen Co.
- Penny & husband to the Cumberland River (Christian Co., KY)

The several documents that relate to the settlement of the estate(s) of Southy Fisher and wife Phebe do not include a son Southy Fisher. However:

- One Southy Fisher migrated to Lawrence County, MS, where he was first taxed in 1827, shortly after Jacob and Penny (Fisher) Sessums moved across the into Simpson County. This younger Southy entered land in extreme NE corner of Lawrence, three or four miles below the Simpson County boundary; the patent for his land there was issued in February 1837.
- Numerous online trees assert (without evidence) that the Southy of Mississippi was son of Southy and Phoebe.

**AUGUST TERM 1805  
SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

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<sup>257</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 13: 274–75; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 146.

Court order

(12 August, first court day)

**"Bailiff" Fisher** is apointed to a jury to lay off a road to cross **Great Cohari** at D. Dodd's bridge."

"A Deed from Enoch Hall to **Thomas Fisher** for 100 acres was proven by **Thomas Wallis** and Ordered to be Registered."<sup>258</sup>

**21 SEPTEMBER 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Fisher** of John Dickson of Cumberland County as attorney for Robert Charles Johnston of city and state of NY, for 13£ 6 shillings in hand paid, 100 acres on *west side* of **Little Cohera** and on the *head* of the **branch said Fisher lives on**:

Beginning at a stake, **Amon's** corner on **Owens' Line** and runs with his line N 34 E 78 poles to a stake at a black oak stump said Fisher's corner, thence with said Fisher's own line and past his corner N 56 W 250 poles to a pine, thence S 34 W 50 poles to a black jack, thence to and with said Fisher's line and Amon's line to the beginning.

"being part of the contents of a patent granted to Roger Alden for 20,000 acres" in 1796 and by Alden conveyed to Robert Charles Johnston, etc. Full warranty. Signed: John Dickson, attorney for Robert C. Johnston. Witnesses: Angus Wilkinson, Thomas Owens. Proved in court February Term 1806.<sup>259</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(11 November, first court day)

**John Fisher** served on the Grand Jury.

"Ordered that **Spencer Fisher** be Overseer of the Road from **Owen Owens' Path** to **Dodd's Bridge** on **Great Cohari** and the following hands to work under him: Lott Rich and hands [of] Joshua Rich, Cornelius Cooper, Wm. Miller, Alice Roberson's two hands, William Lockerman, Kintchin Scarborough, John Wrights hands and two of D. Dodds hands."

**Reddin Carr**, Theophilus Carr, Thomas Carr, William Carr, **Elisha Turlington**, and Joshua Chesnut were appointed to work "the road from the Sampson Courthouse to Duplin Old Courthouse and work under John Dodd, Overseer of said Road."

"A Deed from **Reuben Fisher** to **Neill Culbreath** for 5 pieces of land was proven By the Oath of Cornelius Culbreath and Ordered to be Registered."<sup>260</sup>

COMMENT:

The Turlington family also used the given name *Southey*. I've not seen a Southey yet in any family other than Fisher and Turlington. However, the Turlingtons have not been active in any of the Fisher documents I've gathered up to this point.

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<sup>258</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 263, 267.

<sup>259</sup> Sampson Co. NC, Deed Book 13: 334–35; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 177.

<sup>260</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 268, 270, 272, 274.

**23 NOVEMBER 1805**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Dickson** of Cumberland County, NC, as attorney in fact for **Robert Charles Johnson** of the city and state of New York, on the one part, to **Jacob Sessoms** of Sampson County, NC, on the other part, by virtue of his power of attorney dated 9 April 1801: sale for 15£ 1 shilling "in hand paid or secured to be paid" one tract of land, being 114 acres in Sampson County on *east side* of **Little Cohera** and **S of Haus Branch**, joining **Thomas Holland's**, **John Haus'**, **Ben Howard's** and his own lines:

Beginning at a juniper in **Haus' Branch** near Holland's corner, thence his line S 13 chains & 50 links to a stake, thence S 35 E 37 chains and 50 links to a black jack on **John Haus'** line, thence as that line N 85 E 6 chains to a red oak his corner, thence his other line N 56 E 11 chains to two small oaks, thence S 85 E 10 chains to a pine at said Haus third corner, thence N 25 w 20 chains 50 links to a stake on **Howard's** line, thence that line W 14 chains to a pine at his corner, thence as his other line N 18 W 25 chains 75 links to a bay by Howards corner, thence down the various courses of the branch to the beginning.

The 114 acres were "a part of the contents of a patent granted to **Roger Alden** for [blank] acres in the year 1796 and by said Alden conveyed to Robert Charles Johnston by Deed duly recorded in the register's office of Sampson County. Full guarantee, etc.

Signed: John Dickson, Attorney for Robert C. Johnston. Witnesses: Angus Wilkinson, Thomas Holland. Deed acknowledged in court, November Term 1807. Registered 20 December 1807.<sup>261</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1806**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(10 February, first court day)

"**Thomas Parker** came into Court and Records a Crop and half Crop in the left ear and a Smooth Crop in the Right as his usual stock mark."

"**Nicholas Parker & Sessum Parker** came into Court and prayed Letters of administration on the estate of **John Parker** Decd. which was granted."

"**Nicholas Parker** Came into Court and Records a Crop and X? Crop in the Right ear and a Staple fork in the left as his usual stock mark."<sup>262</sup>

**2 MAY 1806**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums** to **Young Sessums**, both of Sampson County, 30 £ in hand paid, sale of "three certain messuages or tracts of land" in Sampson County containing 275 acres, lying on *east side* of **South river** and on the *waters of* the **Beaverdam Swamp**:

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<sup>261</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 359–60; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > images 474–75.

<sup>262</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 275–77.

**Tract 1:** *west side* of Beaverdam Swamp. Beginning at a pine at the mouth of a small branch near **Jacob Sessums** corner, thence S 176 poles to a pine on **James Grice's** line, thence with his line S 67 E 16 poles to his corner, a pine, thence S 20 E 27 poles to a pine, thence E 80 poles to a black jack, thence N 127 poles to a stake in the **marsh** of the **Beaverdam**, thence down the Beaver dam to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** joining **John Parker's** lines on *both sides* [of] the Beaverdam Swamp. Beginning at John Parker's corner, a black jack near the **school house**, thence his line S 58 E 116 poles to his Corner, a black jack, thence his line S 50 W 10 poles to his corner, a black jack, thence his line S 40 W 108 poles to his corner, a small black jack, thence [with] **Frazier's** line W 50 poles to his corner, a pine, on the said Parker's line, thence his line 6 poles to his and **James Grice's** corner pine, thence Grice's line N 55 E 10 poles to his corner, a pine, thence his line N 35 W 95 poles to his corner stake in the **marsh** of the Beaverdam, thence crossing the Beaverdam to the beginning.

**Tract 3:** Beginning at a stake his own corner and runs N 33 E 204 poles to a pine on the Beaverdam, his other corner, thence S along his other line 204 poles to **Grice's** line, thence W 130 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Signed: **Isaac Sessums** his  $\S$  mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, Blake Sessums**. Proved by Solomon Sessums in open court, August Term 1807. Registered 14 October 1807.<sup>263</sup>

**MAY TERM 1806**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order  
(12 May, first court day)

"**Richard Parker** Exr. to the Estate of **Jonathan Parker** Decd. returned into Court the last will and testament of said Decd. which was admitted to probate by the oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses Micajah Newsom and Felix Hines which was ordered to be filed."

Poll keepers for the upcoming election were to be ... **Frazier's** District, Daniel Coor, Thomas Frazier Esqr., **Sessoms Parker, Nicholas Parker, Solomon Sessoms, and Luke Parker**.

Court ordered a jury of freeholders to lay off the Dower of **Penelope Clinton**, widow of Richard Clinton Dec'd.

"A Bill of sale from Drewry McClemore to **Thos. Wallace and Phebee Wallace** for a mare bridle and Saddle, also one Bed and furniture was proven in Open Court and Ordered to be Registered."

"A Deed from Lewis Lucas to Charles Lucas for 100 acres of land was proven by **Solomon Sessoms** and Ordered to be Registered."<sup>264</sup>

COMMENT:

I did not see a reference to the McMcmore-Wallace document in the deed index where other bills of sale were found for Wallace and the Fishers. It is uncommon that the bill of sale includes the purchaser's wife.

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<sup>263</sup> Sampson Co. Deed Book 14: 353–54; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > images 471–72.

<sup>264</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 282–83, 286–87.

**AUGUST TERM 1806**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(11 August, first court day)

**"Nicholas Parker & Sessums Parker** Excrs to the last will & testament of **John Parker Decd.** came into Court & are duly Qualified. **Nicholas Parker** Returned into court an Inventory of the Estate of John Parker Decd. which was filed."

**"Richard Parker** returned into court an Inventory of the Estate of **Jonathan Parker** Decd. which was filed."

"A Deed from **Jonathan Parker** to **Richd. Parker** for 200 acres of land was proved in Open Court by Charles Chesnut and Ordered to be Registered."<sup>265</sup>

**3 NOVEMBER 1806**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Elijah Fisher** of Sampson County to **Smedick Faircloth** of same, for \$20 in hand paid, sale of 25 acres **near the head of the Wolf Branch:**

Beginning at a post oak, thence N 15 W 90 poles to a stake, thence S 75 W 48 poles to a pine, thence S 15 E 90 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Witnesses: Elijah Fisher his X mark. Witnesses: Lazarus Hall, Wm. Owens. Proved in open court November Term 1810.<sup>266</sup>

COMMENT:

This tract was taken out by the older Elijah Fisher in 1794. Note also that the above Elijah X'd, as in all other deeds by which the elder Elijah disposed of his land amid his move to Cumberland County. Southy's son Elijah signed his deed of 1807.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1806**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(10 November, first court day)

"Ordered that Niel Galbreath [*sic*] be Overseer of the Road in the Room of **Thos. Wallace** and that the usual hands work under him."

"Ordered that **David Grantham** be Overseer of the Road and that the following hands work under him, Sampson **Lee's** hands, Joseph Burks' hands, Noel Jones, John Bagget, Cato **Lee's** hands, James Hartley's hands, **Simon Parker** and John Miller."

"Ordered that Willis Dodd be Overseer of the Road in the Room of **Spencer Fisher** and that the usual hands work under him."

**"Sessoms & Nicholas Parker** Returned into Court a/c sales of the Estate of **John Parker** Decd which was filed."<sup>267</sup>

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<sup>265</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 291–92, 294.

<sup>266</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 158–59; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 109.



**FEBRUARY TERM 1807**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(9 February, first court day)

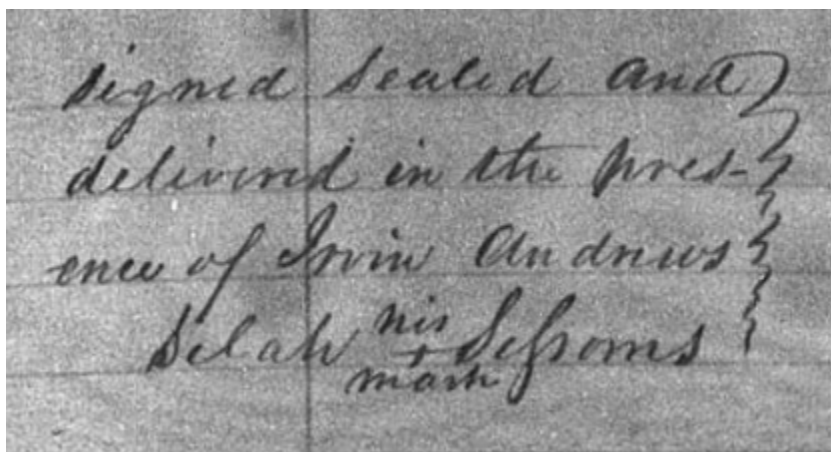
"Ordered that **Sessums Parker** be Overseer of the Road from Bullard's Branch to **Thomas Wallace's**."<sup>268</sup>

**6 MAY 1807**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

Jesse Butler (x) of **Cumberland County** to Hardy Royal of Sampson Co., sale for \$100, 37a on *south side* of **Great Cohara** joining **Robert Magee's** line ... **Juniper Branch** .... "it being part of a patent of land patented by John Royall dated [no day] day of [blank]." Witnesses: Irvin Andrew; "**Selah Sessoms** hir [his?] + mark"<sup>269</sup>



Signed sealed and  
delivered in the pres-  
ence of Irvin Andrews  
Selah his Sessoms  
mark

**COMMENT:**

Selah" (aka *Celia*) was most commonly a female name. I've found no other reference to this name in this preliminary search of Sampson's records, for which I used *indexes* to locate deeds. I spotted this item only because it was immediately above a document recorded for Jacob Sessums.

Robert Magee's daughter and heir married Thomas Wallace after the death of Phoebe (widow Southey) Fisher.

**TO DO:**

The deed books need to be *read*, page by page, for other unindexed references such as this.

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<sup>267</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 295, 297–99.

<sup>268</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 304.

<sup>269</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 480–81; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 369.

**MAY TERM 1807**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(11 May, first court day)

**Solomon Sessums** ordered to appear for jury duty at next term of court. **Richard Parker** served on Grand Jury for this term. **Solomon Sessums**, Thomas Frazier Esqr, and Luke Butler appointed poll keepers for Capt. Butler's District.

"A deed from John Dickson to Thos. Owens for 122 acres was proven by **John Fisher** in Court for Registration."<sup>270</sup>

**27 JUNE 1807**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Slave sale

**Jacob Sessoms** and **Penny Sessoms** of Sampson County, for \$400, sell to Neil Culbreth "a certain Negro woman called Venice and child called Daniel." Witnesses: Daniel Coor; Love Colbreth. Signed: Jacob Sessums his X mark; Penelope Sessums her X mark. Proved November term 1807 by Love Colbreth.<sup>271</sup>

COMMENT:

The enslaved mother and child almost certainly were inherited from Penny's father.

**AUGUST TERM 1807**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(10 August, first court day)

**Solomon Sessums** serves on the grand jury.

"**Nicholas Parker** Produced to this Court the last will and Testament of Nathaniel Williamson Decd., which was admitted to Probate by the Oaths of two of the Subscribing witnesses James Williamson and Timothy Williamson, which was filed. **Nicholas Parker** and Nathan Williamson came into Court and was duly qualified as Execu<sup>rs</sup> to the Estate of said Decd."

"Ordered that Willis Dodd be Overseer of the Road from David Dodd's Bridge to Owen's Path and that the following hands work under him (to wit) **Spencer Fisher**, Cornelius Cooper, Wm. Millar, two hands of Mrs. Robinson's, Lott Rich one hand, John Wright one hand."<sup>272</sup>

"A Deed from **Isaac Sessums** to **Young Sessums** for 275 acres of land was proven in Open Court by the Oath of **Solomon Sessums** & Ordered to be registered."

"A Deed from Solomon Faircloth to Elizabeth Lucas for 100 acres of land was proven in Court by **Solomon Sessums** for Registration."<sup>273</sup>

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<sup>270</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 310–11, 313, 317.

<sup>271</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 481; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 369.

<sup>272</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 320–22.

<sup>273</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 324–25.

**16 [OCTOBER?] 1807**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Quitclaim deed

“This indenture made this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1807” from **Phoebe Wallis** to **Neill Colbreth**, for \$125 “do hereby assign all my right and title of a certain tract or parcel of land lying on the *upper side of the road* leading to Fayetteville and **Little Coharie**, by estimation 150 acres, it being in part of my right of Dower lying within the lines of **Reubin Fisher, my son**, which tract or parcel of land I warrant and defend,” etc. Signed: Phebe Wallace her x mark. Witnesses: Gabriel Holmes, Jess Parker. Proved in court November Term 1807 [sic]. Registered 20 December 1807.<sup>274</sup>

COMMENT:

Clearly, the deed was not proved in court before it was executed by the parties. In the clerk’s recorded copy, all three dates are very clearly written. “The November Term 1807” should not be in error; there was no December term of court for the deed to be presented. All things considered, the deed was likely executed in October 1807 along with the other documents below that relate to the settlement of Southey Fisher’s estate between his widow and children.

**25 OCTOBER 1807**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

Index entry: “John Fisher & others to Tho. Wallace”

“We, **Thomas Fisher, John Fisher, Reuben Fisher, Elijah Fisher** and **Jacob Sessums** have bargained, sold and delivered unto **Thomas Wallace** one Negro Man Called Jim for the consideration of one hundred pounds lawful money of this State and we the said Fishers and Sessoms do by these presents forever warrant and defend said Negro Jim unto him the said **Thomas Wallace** and his heirs forever. In witness whereunto we have set our hands and Seals this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1807.”

[Signed] John Fisher his mark, Thomas Fisher, Reuben Fisher, Elijah Fisher, **Jacob Sessums** his mark.  
Witness: Tho<sup>s</sup> Owens.

November Term 1807. Then was the within Bill of Sale proven in open Court by Thomas Owens for registration. H. Holmes, CC. Registered Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1807, Owen Holmes Regr.”<sup>275</sup>

COMMENT:

See the 10 June 1805 deed, above, by Reuben Fisher to Neil Culbreath, selling four tracts of land—including a tract “willed to him ... by Southey Fisher Dec’d.”

In that document, Reuben excluded from the sale of the inherited land the portion on which “Phebe Wallace” was to live for the rest of her life.

Clearly, Thomas, John, and Elijah Fisher, as well as Jacob Sessum’s wife Penelope, were—like Reuben—heirs of Southey Fisher whose wife and widow was Phebe.

**27 OCTOBER 1807**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**  
Bill of sale

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<sup>274</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 381–82; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > images 488–89.

<sup>275</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 481; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 369.

**Thomas Wallis** to **John Fisher**, **Elijah Fisher**, and **Jacob Sessoms**, for 200£, conveys “one Negro woman called Bash, one Negro Girl called Rachel, one Negro boy called Jo. and one Negro Girl called Lucy and all their increase forever after the death of **my Wife Phebe**.” Signed: Thos. Wallis. Witness: Thos. Owens. Acknowledged in open court, May Term 1808.<sup>276</sup>

**29 OCTOBER 1807**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**  
Land sale

**Jacob Sessums** to John Hair, both residents of Sampson, for \$130 in hand paid, sale of two tracts of land in Sampson County

**Tract 1:** 150 acres on *east side* of **Little Cohara** [adjoining?] **John Williams Sen. Dec’d**. Beginning at a pine on said line and N 70 E 90 poles to a white oak, thence N 70 W 230 poles to a hickory by a branch, thence S 70 W 127 poles down the branch to a stake, thence S 20 E 100 poles to a stake on **John Williams’** line, thence said line N 70 E 40 poles to Williams’ corner, thence to the beginning

**Tract 2:** 114 acres of land on the *east side* of **Little Cohara** and *south* of **Hare’s branch**, joining **Thomas Holland**, **John Hare**, **Ben Howard**, and **his own lines**. Beginning at a juniper in **Hare’s Branch** near Holland’s corner, thence his line S 13 chains and 50 links to a stake, thence S 35 E 37 chains 50 links to a lack Jack in John Hare’s line, thence as that line N 85 E 6 chains to a red oak his corner, thence his other line N 56 E 11 chains to two small oaks, thence N 85 E 10 chains to a pine said Hare’s third corner, thence N 25 W 20 chains 60 links to a stake on Howard’s line, thence that line west 14 chains to a pine, his corner, thence as his other line N 18 W 25 chains 75 links to a bay by Howard’s corner, thence down the various courses of the branch to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Jacob Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: M. Crumpler, **Thomas Wallis**. Proved in open court by Matthew Crumpler, November Term 1807.<sup>277</sup>

COMMENT:  
No reference to Penelope.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1807**  
**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order  
(9 November, first court day)

“Ordered that **John Fisher** be Overseer of the Road in the Room of **Neil Galbreath** and that the usual hands work under him.”

“A Deed from **Jacob Sessums** to John Hare for 264 acres of land was proven in Court by Matthew Crumpler for Registration. A Deed from **Pheby Wallace** to Neill Culbreath for 150 acres of land was proven in Court by G. Holmes Esq<sup>r</sup> for Registration.”

“A Bill of sale from **Jacob** and **Penelope Sessums** to Neill Culreath [*sic*] for a Negro Woman Called Venice and her child named Daniel was proven by Love for Registration.”

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<sup>276</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 404; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 501.

<sup>277</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 383; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 489.

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“A Bill of Sale from **John Fisher** and others to **Thomas Wallace** for a negro man call’d Gim was proven by Thomas Owens for Registration.”<sup>278</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(8 February, first court day)

**Thomas Wallace** and **Solomon Sessums** ordered to appear at the next term of court for jury duty.<sup>279</sup>

**MAY TERM 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(9 May, first court day)

**N. Parker** and **Solomon Sessoms** are two of the named poll keepers for the congressional election and **Sessums Parker** for the state election at the polls to be held in Capt. Butler’s Company.<sup>280</sup>

**9 JUNE 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Thomas Wallace** from **Christopher Edmonds**, for 56£ specie, purchase of 150 acres more or less in Sampson County on **Bearskin Swamp**:

Beginning at a poplar in the edge of Bearskin Swamp at the mouth of **Juniper Branch**, then N 70 W 150 poles to a pine, thence N 20 E 160 poles to two junipers in **Shades Branch**, thence down the branch as it meanders to Bearskin Swamp, thence down said swamp as it meanders to the beginning.

Signed: Stephen [*sic*] Edmonds his X mark. Witnesses: Gab. Holmes, John Manuel. Proved May Term 1809. Registered 11 June 1809.<sup>281</sup>

**3 AUGUST 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Bill of sale

**Reuben Fisher** to **Neill Culbreath**, residences not stated, for \$250, sells “a Negro boy by name **Sam**, which I warrant to be sound in health, and clear of Defection in his limbs or Constitution.” Signed: Reuben Fisher. Witnesses: Gab. Holmes, **Thomas Wallis**. Proved in court August Term 1809.<sup>282</sup>

**AUGUST TERM 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

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<sup>278</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 327, 329.

<sup>279</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 327, 329.

<sup>280</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1800–1808, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 339.

<sup>281</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 494–95; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 554.

<sup>282</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 169; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 115.

(8 August, first court day)

**Jacob Sessoms** appears on the list of men ordered to attend court at its next term to do jury duty.<sup>283</sup>

COMMENT:

Jacob would not appear in response to this order. Apparently, he had left the county shortly after (a) he sold his land to John Hair and (b) the Fisher heirs settled with the widow—all in October 1807. When the deed was proved in November 1807, Jacob did not appear to acknowledge the deed. Instead, it was proved by one of his witnesses.

**2 NOVEMBER 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums** to **John Johnston Senr.**, both of Sampson, for 10£ in hand paid, sells one tract of 100 acres on *east side of South River*:

Beginning at a pine at the mouth of the **Scotsman's Branch**, thence N 127 poles to a stake in the center of three black jacks, thence E 127 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Isaac Sessums** his X mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, John Sessums**.<sup>284</sup>

COMMENT:

Isaac patented this on 29 October 1782.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1808**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(14 November, first court day)

**John Fisher** and **Thomas Fisher** appear on the list of men ordered to be at the court's next session for jury duty.

**Jacob Sessums** is not among the list of men who appeared to do jury duty in this term, even though he was summoned. The court orders have no subsequent charge against him for ignoring the summons.

"A deed from Hardy Faircloth to John Johnson Junr. for 96 acres of land as proven by **Sol<sup>o</sup> Sessums** for Registration."<sup>285</sup>

**MAY TERM 1809**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(8 May, first court day)

"A deed from Christopher Edmonds to **Thos. Wallace** for 150 acres of land was Acknowledged in Court for Registration."<sup>286</sup>

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<sup>283</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 351.

<sup>284</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 278–79; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 175.

<sup>285</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 351, 356, 359.

<sup>286</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 372.

**AUGUST TERM 1809**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(14 August, first court day)

"A Bill of sale from **Reubin Fisher** to **Neil Culbreath** for a Negro Boy Sam Was proven in Court by Gabl. Holmes for Registration."<sup>287</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1809**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(13 November, first court day)

"A deed from **Luke Parker** to **Nicholas Parker & others** for two acres of land was proven in Court for Registration."<sup>288</sup>

COMMENT:

Two acres was a customary amount for a mill or ferry site.

**16 MAY 1810**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Fisher** from **Benjamin Faircloth, Sr.**, both of Sampson, for 50£ in hand paid, purchase of 150 acres representing two tracts on *west side* of **Great Swamp** [metes & bounds]. Signed: **Benjamin Faircloth** his X mark. Witnesses: **Thomas Wallis**, Josiah Hall.<sup>289</sup>

**24 MAY 1810**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Fisher** from **Benjamin & Solomon Faircloth**, all of Sampson Co., for 100£ in hand paid, two tracts of land totaling 250 acres, on *east side* of **South River** [metes & bounds], Signed: Benjamin Faircloth his X mark, Solomon Faircloth his X mark. Witnesses: **Thomas Wallis**, Josiah Hall.<sup>290</sup>

**AUGUST 1810**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Census

All 1810 U.S. Federal Census results for Sessums in Sampson County, NC (*Ancestry*)


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<sup>287</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 377.

<sup>288</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 383.

<sup>289</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 217; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 140.

<sup>290</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 219; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 141.

Results 1-1 of 1					
View Record	Name	Home in 1810 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		3	
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*Consecutive entries*

Joel Horn

Jas. Lockamy

John Simmons

Jas. Herrantine

Nathan Hall

Eliza Fowler

<b>Isaac Sessoms</b>	1 white male 45+	1 white female 45+	0 fpc	0 slaves
		1 white females 16-25	1 loom	50 cloth

William Watkins

Arthur Faircloth

Jas. Hall

**Nicholas Parker**

**William Parker**

**Luke Parker**

Thos. Sanders

Cornelius Culbirth

<b>Solomon Sessums</b>	1 white male 45+	1 white female 45+	0 fpc	0 slaves
	2 white males 16-25	1 white female 16-25	1 loom	100 cloth
	1 white male 10-15	2 white female 10-15		
	2 white males 0-9	1 white female 0-9		

Josiah Carter

**James Grice** [married to sister of Solomon Sessums]

Isaam Faircloth

Mark Johnston

Robert Butler

Danl. Culbirth

Charles Butler Junr. & Sr.

Archd. Culbirth

Eliza Faircloth

Solomon Faircloth

Alexr. Culbirth

David Davis

(stamped p. 153-bottom; penned p. 492)

Absalom Aughtry

Cornelius Aughtry



Tho. Parker

Josiah Hall

James Hall Junr.

Thos. Owens

Thos. Frazer

<b>John Fisher</b>	1 white male	26–44	1 white female	26–44	0 fpc	2 slaves
	1 white male	10–15	2 white females	10–15	1 loom	250 cloth
	2 white males	0–9	1 white female	0–9		

Charles Hall Senr.

<b>Thos. Fisher</b>	1 white male	45+	1 white female	26–45	1 fpc	0 slaves
	1 white male	10–15	2 white females	10–15	1 loom	100 cloth
			2 white females	0–9		

COMMENT:

- Thomas Fisher's tick mark appears to be in the wrong column. These two neighboring Fishers, John and Thomas, were sons of Southey and Phebe.
- The fact that both Southey and Bailey Fisher named a son Thomas (the only known overlap in the names of their children) suggests that they may have been sons of an older Thomas.
- The only Thomas who appears earlier than this on surviving tax rolls is one Thomas who was taxed in Craven in 1742.

Robert Grice

Eliza Lucas

Michael Johnston

Lewis Hall

Hardy Faircloth

John Johnston

Caleb Faircloth

Neusam Aughtry

John Aughtry

Jesse Elms

Neal Campbell

Barnabas Hall

Jonathan Pope

John Hall Junr.

William Owens

Ezekiel Owens

Barton Bullard

Sam'l Faircloth

Davis Faircloth

Joel Hare

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*Begin line 20:*

Everit Bass

Joshua Chesnutt Jr.

Alexr. Grice

James Hollingsworth

<b>Neil Culbirth</b>	1 white male	45+	1 white female	45+	0 fpc	16 slaves
	1 white male	16–25	2 white females	16–25	1 loom	800 cloth
			2 white males	10–15		
Jas. Thomson						
<b>Thos. Fisher Junr.</b>	? white male	45+	1 white female	45+		
	1 white male	16–25	1 white female	26–44	0 fpc	1 slave
	1 white male	0–9	2 white females	10–15	1 loom	200 cloth
			2 white females	0–9		

COMMENT:

- The “writing” that appears in the column for males 45+ is indiscernible. It appears to be a “2” that is overwritten with “0” or else scratched out.
- Bailey Fisher is not enumerated as a head-of-household. The data for this household is compatible with known data for Bailey and compatible with similar situations in which an aging couple has relinquished the reins of the property to an adult son.
- In 1822, when “Thomas Jr.” was no longer in the county, the aged Bailey Fisher transferred property to his unmarried daughter Anna Fisher, reserving the use of the property for himself and wife until death.

George Taylor  
David Kornegay

COMMENT:

I read the entire county and did not find Thomas Wallis/Wallace.

**NOVEMBER TERM 1810**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(19 November, first court day)

“**Bailey Fisher** appears on the list of men ordered to serve jury duty in the next term of court.”

“A deed from **Elijah Fisher** to Smedk. Faircloth for 25 acres of land was proven by Lazarus Hall for Registration.”<sup>291</sup>

COMMENT:

This is the deed for 25 acres on Wolf Creek that Elijah of Cumberland sold to Faircloth in 1806.

**FEBRUARY TERM 1811**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(19 February, first court day)

**John Fisher** and **Spencer Fisher** on list of men ordered to appear at the Superior Court’s next term to do jury duty.<sup>292</sup>

<sup>291</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 410, 415.

<sup>292</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 419.

**18 MAY 1811**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Isaac Sessums** of **James Grice**, both of Sampson Co., for \$50 paid by Sessums and acknowledged by Grice, Grice sells one tract of 50 acres in Sampson Co on *east side* of **Beaver Dam**:

Beginning at a gum in the **mouth** of the **Big Branch**, thence E 180 poles to a stake in Grice's line, thence S 45 poles to a pine, the old corner, thence W 180 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

It being the lower part of a 200 acre tract granted to **James Davis** in 1788 "the said tract of Land including fifty acres of land so as far and Round with the line so as to include the aforesaid quantity" of 50 acres. Full guarantee, etc.

Signed: James Grice, his J mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, John Sessums**. Deed proved in open court February Term 1812. Registered 2 April 1812.<sup>293</sup>

COMMENT:

James Grice was married to Axy Sessums, a sister of Solomon (and apparently a sister of Isaac).

Grices also appear in early tax rolls of Lawrence Co. MS. John was Solomon's son.

**MAY TERM 1811**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(20 May, first court day)

Josiah Sessums, **Thomas Wallis** and **Thomas Fisher** are among the list of men ordered to be jurors in next term of court.<sup>294</sup>

COMMENT:

This Josiah has not been identified. He does not appear on the list of children in the Family Bible pages of Solomon. By elimination, he should be a son of Isaac or the deceased Richard. Both of these older men appear on censuses with a young male I've not yet identified.

**AUGUST TERM 1811**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(19 August, first court day)

"Ordered that **Thomas Wallis** be Overseer of the Road in the Room of Griffith Crumpler decd. and that the usual hands work under him." He also served on the grand jury with **Thomas Fisher** and **John Fisher**. **Nicholas Parker** is a Constable. "**Nicholas Parker Senr.** is named on the list of men ordered to attend the next Superior court term as jurors."<sup>295</sup>

**2 NOVEMBER 1811**

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<sup>293</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 279–80; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > images 175–76.

<sup>294</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 425–26.

<sup>295</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 433–34, 438.

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums to John Johnston Senr.**, both of Sampson County, for 10£ in hand paid, sale of 100 acres in Sampson County on *east side* of **South River**:

Beginning at a pine at the *mouth* of the **Scotchman's Branch**, thence N 12 poles to a stake in the center of the black jacks, thence E 127 poles to a lightwood stump, thence S 127 poles to a black jack, thence to the beginning.

Granted to Isaac Sessums in the year 1782. Full guarantee, etc. Signed Isaac Sessums his x mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, John Sussums**. Proved in court February Term 1812. Registered 2 April 1812.<sup>296</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1811**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(18 November, first court day)

"Ordered that Barnabas Hall, Wm. Owens, Wm. Hare Senr. and **Solomon Sessoms** be appointed a Special Jury to Inspect the Road from the Great Swamp to the Cross roads and apportion the same fairly between the hands that work under Gabriel Holmes, **Thomas Wallace**, and **Niel Colbreath** and make a return to next Court ..."<sup>297</sup>

**FEBRUARY TERM 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(17 February, first court day)

"A Deed from Elizabeth Faircloth to Josiah Carter for 100 acres of land was proven in Open court by **Solomon Sessums** for Registration. A deed from **Isaac Sessums** to John Johnson Senr. for 100 acres of Land was proven by **Solomon Sessums** for Registration."<sup>298</sup>

**18 JUNE 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Thomas Wallis to John Fisher**, for 100£, sale of 150 acres on *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**:

Beginning at a poplar standing in the edge of Bearskin Swamp at the *mouth* of a **Juniper Branch**, then N 70 W 150 poles to a pine, thence N 20 E 160 poles to two junipers in **Shades Branch**, thence down the branch as it meanders to Bearskin Swamp, then down said swamp as it meanders to the beginning.

Signed: Thomas Wallis. Witnesses: Owen Butler his X mark, Lewis Roy, A.L.S. [or Lewis Royals]. Proved February Term 1813. Registered 22 March 1813.<sup>299</sup>

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<sup>296</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 15: 278–79; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 175.

<sup>297</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 443.

<sup>298</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > images 447.

<sup>299</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 73–74; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 266–67.

COMMENT:

This event may mark the death of John Fisher's mother Phoebe who had remarried to Thomas Wallis. By 4 May 1816 (see below) Wallace has a new wife named Nancy, daughter and heir-at-law of their neighbor Robert Magee.

**5 AUGUST 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Solomon Sessums** to **John Sessums**, both of Sampson County, sale for 20£ in hand paid, a tract of 100 acres in Sampson Co. on *west side* of **Great Swamp**, both sides of **Mire branch**:

Beginning at a pine, thence W 127 poles to a pine, thence N 12 poles to a stake, thence E 127 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Solomon Sessums. Witnesses: Cornelus Colbreath, James Faircloth his + mark. Acknowledged November Term 1814. Registered 10 December 1814.<sup>300</sup>

COMMENT:

This John Sessums would be Solomon's son, born 1785 according to Sol's widow's pension file.

**14 AUGUST 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Deed of gift

"We **Richard Sessions & Esther Sessions** his wife, of the county of Sampson ... in consideration of the natural love and affection which we have and bear unto our beloved son **Jesse Sessions** of the County of **Adams, Mississippi Territory**," give him "one Negroe boy by the name of **Ben, about four years of age**."<sup>301</sup>

**26 OCTOBER 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**John Fisher** from John Dickson attorney for James William Johnston of Stratford in Fairfield Co., Conn., for \$50 purchased 200 acres between **Great Swamp and Little Cohera**. [Metes and bounds given but not copied.]<sup>302</sup>

**NOVEMBER TERM 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(16 November, first court day)

"A deed of Gift from **Thos. Wallis & wife** to **John Fisher** for a Number of Articles was proven by **Sander Fisher** for Registration."<sup>303</sup>

COMMENT:

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<sup>300</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 305; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 07537437 > image 391.

<sup>301</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 169; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 316.

<sup>302</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 357–58; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 419.

<sup>303</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 460.

I have not yet found this deed in order to date it—and thereby identify the last known date for Phoebe. She is not mentioned in the June 1812 deed above, which only covered land and was not witnessed by Sander(s) Fisher.

**10 DECEMBER 1812**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Isaac Sessums** to **Blake Sessums**, both of Sampson County, sale for 60£, two tracts totaling 200 acres in Sampson. Land located between **Little Cohera & South River** in the **fork of the Great Swamp** and the **Beaverdam Swamp** near a place called **Hicks Island**:

**Tract 1:** Beginning at a pine on the *east side* of the Great Swamp, above **Thomas Copeland's** field, running N 70 E 127 poles to a pine, thence S 20 E 127 poles to a pine by the Beaverdam Swamp, thence S 70 W 127 poles, thence up the Great Swamp to the beginning.

**Tract 2:** Beginning at a pine, his corner, on the *east side* of the Great Swamp running along his line N 70 E 127 poles to his other corner, a pine, thence his other line S 20 E 127 poles to his corner, a pine, by the Beaverdam Swamp, thence N 60 E along the patent line to a maple in **Isaac Sessums' Spring Branch** agreed corner by the said Isaac Sessums and Blake Sessums, thence up the various courses of the branch to the *head*, thence a straight direct course to **Frazier's** corner that is called **Willis West's** corner in the patent line, thence N 70 W to a pine in the **Cypress**, thence down the various courses of the branch to the Great Swamp and down the swamp to the beginning.

Full guarantee etc. Signed Isaac Sessum his X mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums** and **John Sessums**. Proved in open court November Term 1814. Registered 6 December 1814.<sup>304</sup>

COMMENT:

This is not the same land that Isaac had previously conveyed to Young Sessums—as might be the case if Young had died and the property reverted back to Isaac, his apparent father. Although Young seems to have left the county or died, I've found no disposition of his land. Finding it will likely require page-by-page reading of all deeds in the next Sampson Co. project.

**5 JANUARY 1813**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Richard Sessions** to **Aaron Peterson**, both of Sampson, for \$150 Current money of this state in hand paid, 300 acres in Sampson County on *west side* of **Six Runs** and *east side* of **Great Cohara**:

Beginning at a pine on Willis' line near his corner & running thence W 26 poles to a pine and black jack, thence N 236 poles to a stake near the **Crane Pond**, thence E 214 poles to a stake on the back line, thence with said line S 236 poles to a pine, thence to the beginning.

Excluding 15 acres the property of **James Matthis**, the aforesaid land being part of a tract of 640 acres deeded by **Jane Fryer** to me the said Richard Sessions. Full guarantee, etc.

COMMENT:

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<sup>304</sup> Sampson County, NC, Deed Book 16: 293–95; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > images 385–86.

Again, Richard *Session's* neighbors and waterways are different from those of the *Sessums* family.

**FEBRUARY TERM 1813**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Court order

(15 February, first court day)

"A deed from **Thomas Wallis** to **John Fisher** for 150 acres of land was proven by Lewis Royall for Registration."<sup>305</sup>

COMMENT:

At this point I stopped reading the Sampson County court minutes. Jacob and Penny (Fisher) Sessums have been gone for six years. Penny's mother, the wife of Thomas Wallace, appears to be dead. The deeds are showing no further interaction between Wallace and her Fisher sons.

**27 DECEMBER 1813**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Bill of sale

**Reuben Fisher** of **Bladen County, NC**, to **Thomas Fisher** of Sampson Co., for \$200, "all my whole right of [to] ... "a small Stock or family of Negroes, one named Bash, one named Rachel, & Lucy, & Luke, & Edny." Signed: Reuben Fisher. Witnesses: Barton Bullard, Snedick Faircloth.<sup>306</sup>

**12 MARCH 1814**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Deed of gift

**Richard Sessions** of Sampson Co. "for and inconsideration of the Natural love good will and affection which he hath and beareth to his son **William Sessions**, as also for the better maintainance and performance of the said William Sessions, hath given ... certain Negroes by the name of **Dans, James,** and **Charles**, also [300] acres of Land lying on the **W of great Cohera**." Signed: Richard Sessions his X mark. Witnesses: Hiram Blackburn, John Wright, Junr.<sup>307</sup>

**12 MARCH 1814**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Deed of gift

**Richard Sessions** of Sampson Co. "for and in consideration of the natural love, good will, and affection which he hath and beareth to his son **Uriah Sessions** and also for the better maintainance and performance of the said Uriah" gives "four certain Negroes by the names of Luke, Hager, Lewis, and Cesar, together with theree further increase," also 1666 acres of land "being the said lands and plantation whereon I now live." Signed: Richard Sessions X his mark. Witnesses: Hiram Blackburn, John Wright, Jr.<sup>308</sup>

**31 AUGUST 1814**

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<sup>305</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1808–1812, no visible pagination; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 008139513 > image 471.

<sup>306</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 271; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 375.

<sup>307</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 218; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 343.

<sup>308</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 235; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 353.

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Association

"JOHNSTON, John. –D[ate of will] August 31, 1814

Wife: Elizabeth Johnston

Sons: John, Mark, Mathew Johnston

Daus.: Elizabeth Faircloth, Hannah Faircloth, Mary Hall, Milly Faircloth

Granddaus.: Mary (dau. of Isham Faircloth), Susannah Faircloth (dau. of James Faircloth)

Exec: Wife Elizabeth Johnston, John Johnston

Wit: **Salmon Sessoms**, Robert Grice, James Faircloth<sup>309</sup>

**2 FEBRUARY 1815**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land purchase

**Blake Sessums** from **John Fisher**, both of Sampson County, for \$50 cash in hand paid, purchases one tract of 200 acres in Sampson "butted & bounded" as follows *between* the **Great Swamp** and **Little Cohera**:

Beginning at a pine *east side* of the **Juniper**, thence N 85 E 116 poles to a black jack, thence N 5 W 240 poles to a pine, thence S 85 W 134 poles to a small pine, thence S 5 E 240 poles, thence N 85 E 18 poles to the beginning.

Said 200 acres conveyed from **John Dickson** to John Fisher in 1812. Full guarantee, etc. Signed **John Fisher** his X mark. Witnesses: **Solomon Sessums, John Sessums**. Proved in court November Term 117. Registered 17<sup>th</sup> December 1817. Signed: Richard Sessions. Witnesses: John Herring, James Peterson.<sup>310</sup>

**24 MARCH 1815**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**John Fisher** to **Lewis Spell**, both of Sampson, for \$130, sale of 150 acres on the *west side* of **Bearskin Swamp**:

Beginning at a poplar standing at the edge of Bearskin Swamp at the *mouth* of **Juniper branch**, thence N 70 W 150 poles to a pine, thence N 20 E 180 [160?] poles to two junipers in **Shade's branch**, thence down the branch as it meanders to Bearskin Swamp, thence down said swamp as it meanders to be beginning.

Signed: John Fisher his X mark. Witness: Owen Crumpler his X mark. Proved August Term 1817.<sup>311</sup>

**6 JUNE 1815**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Bill of Sale

**Richard Sessions** of Sampson Co. "for the love & affection I bear to my Grand son **Richard W. Cromartic** of the same county," gives a "Negro boy by the name of Jacob." Signed: Richard Sessions his X mark.

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<sup>309</sup> Cora Bass, *Abstracts of Sampson County, NC, Wills, 1784–1895* (N.P.: N.p., n.d.), 10.

<sup>310</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 17: 271–72; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540370 > images 147–48.

<sup>311</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 17: 233; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540370 > image 128.



MILLS: SESSUMS & FISHER OF SAMPSON COUNTY, NC..... 29 June 2021

Witnesses: Hiram Blackburn, James Peterson.<sup>312</sup>

**4 MAY 1816**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Deed

**Thomas Wallis** and **wife Nancy** to Redman Crumpler, sale for \$40.05, about 50 acres of the lands of **Robert Magee** Decd., as the Commissioners shall allot or appropriate to the said **Nancy Wallis, Daughter & Heir** at at [*sic*] Law of the said Robert Magee, Decd. Signed: Thomas Wallis, Nancy Wallis her x mark. Witnesses: Frederick Morgan his X mark; Tobias Magee his X mark. Proved May Term 1817. Registered 3 June 1817.<sup>313</sup>

COMMENT:

Thomas Wallis has found not only a new wife, but also another heiress.

**19 MAY 1818**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land entry.

No. 1007. **Baily Fisher** entered 50 acres on *west* side of **Great Cohera**; patented 22 December 1819.<sup>314</sup>

**22 DECEMBER 1819**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land patent

No. 1954. "Know ye that we have granted unto **Bailey Fisher** fifty [50] acres of land in Sampson County; on the *west* side of **great Cohera**:"

Beginning at a cypress on the bank of **Great Cohera**, his corner, thence his line N 65 W 300 poles to a dead pine, his other corner, thence S 8 E 57 poles to three black jacks on the **Meeting House Path**, Dodd's corner, thence his line S 0 E 272 poles to a water oak, his corner, on the bank of **Great Cohera**, thence up the run a it meanders to the beginning."

Entry 1007; entered 19 May 1818.<sup>315</sup>

**27 DECEMBER 1819**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Will

Testator: **John Fisher (x)**

Wife: Catharine Fisher

Sons: Sandar Fisher, John Fisher, Ralph Fisher, Eligah Fisher

Daus.: Sally Fisher, Phebe Fisher, Penney Fisher

Grandson: Colan [strike this name]

Exec: Brother **Thomas** Fisher; friend Daniel Parker

Wit: James White, Solomon Faircloth (x), Leman Sessums Ø

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<sup>312</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 16: 491; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537437 > image 489.

<sup>313</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 17: 148; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540370 > image 84.

<sup>314</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.1389&qid=659038&rn=6> : accessed 1 June 2021), Baily Fisher, 22 December 1819; citing Patent Book 134: 206.





<sup>315</sup> David McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.109.1389&qid=659038&rn=6> : accessed 1 June 2021), Baily Fisher, 22 December 1819; citing Patent Book 134: 206.

Proved: August 1830<sup>316</sup>

# **AUGUST 1820**

## **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

"All 1820 United States Federal Census Results for Sessums" (*Ancestry*)

Results 1-4 of 4					
View Record	Name	Home in 1820 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Blake Sessoms	Halls, Sampson, North Carolina		9	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Soloman Sessums	Halls, Sampson, North Carolina		13	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sessums Junior	Halls, Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Sessums	Halls, Sampson, North Carolina		3	

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# **23 MAY 1821**

## **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Uriah Sessom [Sessions]** to **Hiram Blackburn**, both of Sampson, for \$10 a parcel of land, 8 acres in Sampson on *east side* of **Great Coharie**:

Beginning at a pine on **Little Juniper**, then running down his own line to a stake on **Sandy Bottom Branch**, thence up sd. branch to the head at the road, thence across the road a direct course to a stake on his line; thence up the s<sup>d</sup> line to the beginning, including his new building,

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Uriah Sessoms**. Witnesses: Harman Merritt his = mark, Isaac Matthis, his = mark. Proved in open court August Term 1821.<sup>317</sup>

# **29 MAY 1821**

## **SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Uriah Sessions** to **John Wright Junr.**, for \$1500 in hand paid, and in Sampson bounded as follows:

Tract 1: On the *east side* of **Great Cohera**. Beginning at a white oak on the bank of the **creek** opposite the mouth of Little Cohera Creek and runs thence ... [very lengthy metes and bounds] 85 acres more or less, being part of of a patent dated 26 September 1766 to Benjamin Blackburn for 185 acres and by him sold to James West & from West to Jacob Waring ...

<sup>316</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998," database with images ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640055\\_00075](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640055_00075)) > Sampson > Original Wills, 1663-1978, Faircloth, Martha-Jackson, Julia J > images 251-52. The published abstract of this will makes a significant error in identifying the first executor as "Brother Worthy Fisher"; see Cora Bass, *Abstracts of Sampson County, NC, Wills, 1784-1895* (N.P.: N.p., n.d.), 36. The recorded will says "my worthy brother Thomas and my worthy friend Daniel Parker." Also, the original will cites the first son as "Sandar," while the published abstracts calls him "Sandars."

<sup>317</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 21: 108; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540371 > image 65.

**Tract 2:** Land conveyed by Jacob Waring to **Richard Session Dec<sup>d</sup>**, &c.

Signed: **Uriah Sessions** and **Esther Sessions** her mark. Witnesses: John Owen, H. Blushlas?, etc.<sup>318</sup>

**15 FEBRUARY 1821**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Deed of gift

"I, **Baley Fisher** for an in Consideration of the nteral [*sic*] love and good will and affection which I have and do bare towards my Beloved Daughter **Anna Fisher** as also for the beter Maintainance of the said Anny Fisher, hath given ... all and singular my lands and ... appurtenances ... and all my ... hous hold firniture of every kind and stock of all kinds to Excepting the use of the said stock for the support of my self **and wife**" [not named. Signed Bailey Fisher his X mark. Witnesses: Owen Rich, Lot Rich. Proved in court February Term 1821.<sup>319</sup>

**25 MARCH 1822**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Solomon Sessums Senr.** to **Solomon Sessums Junr.**, both of Sampson Co., for \$50 in hand paid, conveys 100 acres in Sampson on the *east side* of **South River** and *east side* of the **Great Swamp**:

Beginning at a white oak on the side of the **Cow Branch Run**, thence S 10 W 12 poles to a red oak in the head of a small branch, thence down the s<sup>d</sup> branch N 10 W 127 poles to a gum in the Great Swamp; thence up the swamp N 10 E 127 poles, thence up the Cow Branch to the beginning.

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: **Solomon Sessums**, proved in open court November Term 1822. Witnesses: **Jas. White. Lemmon Sessums** his X mark.<sup>320</sup>

COMMENT:

Solomon Jr. (b. 1792) and Lemon (b. 1797) are named as sons of Solomon Sr. and Obedience in the family-record pages submitted in Obedience's RW widow's pension application.

**25 MARCH 1822**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale

**Solomon Sessums** to **Nicholas Sessums**, both of Sampson, for \$50 conveys 100 acres in Sampson on the *west side* of the **Great Swamp**

Beginning at a pine in a marsh, **John Jones'** corner, thence W 40 poles to a stake in the **marsh** of the **Reedy Branch**, thence S 127 poles to a stake; thence E 127 poles to a pine, thence N 127 poles to a stake; thence to the beginning

Full guarantee, etc. Signed: Solomon Sessums. Witnesses: Jas. White, **Lemmons Sessums**, his ☉ mark.<sup>321</sup>

COMMENT:

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<sup>318</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 19: 371–3; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > images 244–45.

<sup>319</sup> Sampson Co. Deed Book 19: 379–80; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007537436 > images 248–49.

<sup>320</sup> Sampson Co. Deed Book 21: 113–14; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540371 > images 75–76.

<sup>321</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 21: 114; imaged, *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540371 > image 76.

This Nicholas, born 1794, is named in the family-record pages for Solomon and Obedience. Clearly, the aging Solomon is parceling off his land among his children.

## 22 MAY 1828

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Land sale

**John Fisher** to **Elijah Fisher**, both of Sampson Co., for 150£ in hand paid, sale “excepting his life time and his wife ... two tracts of land containing” 400 acres [four tracts are actually described] in Sampson Co. on *west side* of the **Great Swamp** and *east* of **South River**, including his improvements ... [In this research segment, I’m not copying metes and bounds for land transactions past 1822]. Signed: John Fisher his X mark; **Sanders Fisher**, Solomon Faircloth his X mark. Proved in open court by oath of Sanders Fisher, November Term 1829.<sup>322</sup>









COMMENT:

Book 14 contained deeds from the 1805 period. Book 15 has now jumped to 1828.

## JUNE 1830

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

“All 1830 United States Federal Census Results for Sessums” (*Ancestry*)

Results 1–7 of 7					
View Record	Name	Home in 1830 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slave	View Image
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isack Sipoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		8	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Owens Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		4	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Surrel Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		2	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		4	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Solomon Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		10	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Nicholas Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina	1	5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Blake Sessoms	Sampson, North Carolina		14	

## 4 MARCH 1831

### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Pension

Solomon “Sessoms or Sessums” and Obedience W19330<sup>323</sup>

COMMENT:

<sup>322</sup> Sampson Co., NC, Deed Book 14: 50–51; imaged *FamilySearch* > digital film 007540369 > image 293.

<sup>323</sup> Pension application of Obedience (Baker) Sessums, Widow of Solomon Sessums (Pvt., Sgt., Lt.; Capt. Southey Fisher’s Company, NC Militia, Rev. War), W19330; imaged “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/15489785> and 70 subsequent images : accessed 28 May 2021).

There are 71 pages in this pension file. I am abstracting and extracting only highlights that will assist me in my current project.

Solomon Sessums was entered on the U.S. pension roll on 4 March 1831, as a Revolutionary war private for 10 months and a lieutenant for 3 months. He died 13 August 1832. (image 15489790)

COMMENT:

The affidavits in the file identify him as private, corporal, and sargeant, but not lieutenant.

Obedience Sessums, his widow, was entered on the roll on 24 March 1853, to commence 13 August 1832 and ending 17 January 1846. "Certificate of Pension issued the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1824." [sic] (image 15489797)

**February Term 1837**

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Before George W. Robinson, Peyton R. Parker, and Joab Johnston, Justices of the Peace, personally appeared **Obedience Sessoms**, a Sampson Co. resident, aged 74, who applies for a pension under the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. She is the widow of **Solomon Sessom** who was a "private & sargeant" in the militia of NC during the war. He served as follows:

1. "In a company of Duplin militia Infantry in the first of the year 1776 as a private and served three months, was in the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge." She knows no further detail and has no proof but "expects that she can prove that her husband was seen in the army towards the close of the war by **Lot Riche Senr.** of this County."
2. "Three months in a company of Duplin militia infantry in the Fall of 1780 as a sargeant." She does not know the other officers "as it has been so long ago that most of the Revolutionary Soldiers of her acquaintance have deceased."
3. "In a company of Duplin militia Infantry under Captain Clinton in May 1781 and served three months as a sargeant, marched to Wilmington in this tour or the \_\_\_\_\_ she thinks she understood from her husband and that he was under Col. Hen\_\_\_\_?"

"In the 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of his service he marched into South Carolina on Peedee and was there she thinks under Genl. Hanington as she has heard her Husband mention his name. And in his first tour of service when he was in the battle at Moore's Creek bridge she thinks **his Captain was Southy Fisher**. She knows that her husband was absent from home after their marriage and served two terms of three-months each and from his account suffered a great deal and was no doubt the cause of a great deal of the afflictions which he endured towards the close of his life."

"She further declares that she was married to the said **Solomon Sessoms** on the **27<sup>th</sup> January** a. d. (1780) ... that her husband ... died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 and that she has remained a widow ever since." [Signed] Obedience Sessoms her X mark.

"Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 23<sup>rd</sup> February A. D. 1837. Thos. J. Faison Clk." (images 15489803 and 15489807)

**23 February 1837**

Affidavit of **William Hall, Esquire** who "will be fifty years of age the 20<sup>th</sup> April next and was born and raised in the neighbourhood where the aforesaid Solomon Sessoms ... and his said Widow Obedience Sessoms now lives and this Deponent still lives in the same neighbourhood and it is the common reputation of the neighbourhood and this Deponent has never heard it doubted or disputed that the

said **Solomon Sessoms** was a soldier & Sargeant in the War of the Revolution." Sessoms had told him that he served three tours, one (Moore's Creek Bridge) before his marriage and two after his marriage.

Sessoms died 16 August 1832 "of a lingering disease which confined him to his bed about eighteen months, thinks he had a complication of diseases, symptoms, dropsy, gravel, and being very old and his constitution worn out. Said Solomon Sessoms decd. told this Deponent that he was married before the termination of the War, that his first child was born while he was in service, that his **oldest son Blake Sessoms** is about six years older than this Deponent, that this said Solomon Sessoms & wife Obedience always lived peacably together as man and wife ever since he knew them, which has been since he was large enough to know anything." Obedience has remained single. Signed: Wm. Hall. (images 15489807 and 15489814)

### **23 February 1837**

Affidavit of **Mark Johnson** [*sic*] aged 47. He knew Solomon Sessoms & wife Obedience, "has known them ever since he knew anything" and has heard sd. Solomon Sessoms relate the same matters as stated in the Deposition of Squire Hall. Etc. "He believes that the *oldest child* **Blake Warren** is about fifty six years of age." Etc. Signed: Mark Johnston [*sic*]. (images 15489814 and 15489820)

### **(Undated scrap of paper)**

Solomon Sessums and Bedence his wife was married January the 27 Day 1780.  
John Sessums departed April 18 Day 18\_\_? (image 15489827)

### **(Undated scrap of paper)**

Solomon \_\_\_\_\_ his book  
Susana Sessums was Born October the 17 Day 1780  
Blake Sessums was Born Nov<sup>ber</sup> the 27 Day 1782  
John Sessums was Born February the 28 Day 1785  
Suffier Sessums was Born February the 17 Day 1787  
Elizabeth Sessums was Born September the 27 Day 1789  
Solomon Sessums was Born January the 14 Day 1792 (image 15489842)

### **(Undated scrap of paper)**

Nicholas Sessums was Born October the 12 Day 1794  
Lemon Sessums was Bornd Sept. the 12 day 1797  
Gray Sessums the ....\*  
Owen Sessums was Bornd April the 22 Day 1800  
Didroey? Sessums [no date follows]  
Gray Sessums was Born May the 5 day of 1802  
Mary ann Sessums was Born the 25 Day of Sept. 1804 (image 15489836).

### **Letter of pension office**

to Mrs. Etta S. Palmer, Box 217, Columbus, MS, April 20, 1936:

"Solomon Sessoms served in the Duplin County, North Carolina militia, from sometime in February 1776 at various times as private, sergeant, and Lieutenant under Captains Southy Fisher, Clinton and Stalions in Colonel Kenan's regiment, he was in the battle of Moore's Creek bridge, length of service about thirteen months.

"The date and place of his birth are not shown in the claim nor are the names of his parents stated." Solomon Sessoms married January 27, 1780 in Sampson County, North Carolina, Obedience Baker of **Pitt County**, North Carolina. He died August 16, 1832.

His widow, Obedience Sessoms, applied for pension, February 23, 1837, at which time she was aged seventy-four years, and a resident of Sampson County, North Carolina. The pension was allowed. The widow died February 17, 1846 in Sampson County.

[Names and birthdates of children are copied from the family-record pages transcribed above.]  
(Images 15489852 and 15489856)

### 15 May 1837

Affidavit before William Mackay, James Bennett & John Wright & Louis F. Williams, Esquires, by **Lott Riche Senr.**, a resident of Sampson Co. He was acquainted with Solomon Sessoms, a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and knew him in time of the war and saw him in the army at an encampment near Genl. Kenan's on Turkey in this County in the Fall of the year 1781 where they had some British Prisoners under Guard. This Deponent then being a Waggoner for the army in consequence of a wound received at a skirmish at Coles Bridge, was not in actual service, and knew personally nothing more of said Solomon Sessom ... has been acquainted with him since the war till the time of his death. Signed Lot Riche Senr his \_\_\_\_\_ mark.  
(images 15490033 and 15490041)

#### COMMENT:

Riche's mark was the same O with a dot in the middle that Lemmon Sessums made in the 25 March deed from Solomon Sessums to his son Nicholas.

### 11 April 1845

Affidavit before Neill Campbell, J.P., of **Axy Grice, aged 78**, that she is a **sister-in-law** of Obedience Sessums ... a **sister of Solomon Sessums**. She was not at his wedding to Obedience but "has a distinct recollection of her brother, the said Solomon Sessums, going off to get married and that [she] was at the Innfair [infare, i.e., wedding celebration] on the next day, after the marriage." She cannot remember the date of the marriage "but **her brother settled within one mile of Where this deponent lived** and that she ... recolects that at the time the first child was born of the aforesaid Solomon & Obedience ... Solomon ... was from home in a tour of duty to the South ... and she was frequently at her Sister in Law during the absence of the said Solomon Sessums while in the Service of the United States. Signed: Axy Grice her X mark.  
(images 15490011 & 15490021)

### Sampson Co. Clerk to pension office

30 August 1851

A county official notifies pension office that Mrs. Obedience Sessums died on 17 February 1846 and has four surviving children: Nicholas Sessams, John Sessams, Lemuel Sessums, Solomon Sessums, "the only children Known to be living." (image 15489898)

#### COMMENT:

This statement of just four surviving children contradicts other information in this file. The inclusion of John in 1851 does not sync with the Bible scraps from c1837 that show John as deceased.

### 3 January 1853

Affidavit of **Captain Mark Johnson**, aged about 63, who attests that he was “intimately acquainted with Old Mr. Solomon Sessums and his wife Obedience Sessums, that he lived in Two to three miles of said [couple] about 58 years. I heard again and again from the lips of said Solomon that he was married to Obedience Baker of Pitt County, NC in the year 1780, January of that year, the 27 day. ... That Obedience Sessums whose maiden name was Obedience Baker **came from the County of Pitt N.C., but was married in Sampson County, N.C.** to the said Solomon Sessums in 1780. ... Mrs. Obedience Sessums died in Sampson County N.C. in February 1846 and leaves Nicholas Sessums and many other Brothers and Sisters [of Nicholas] who prays for a Pension in Right of their Father Solomon Sessums and his mother Obedience. The said Solomon Sessum was a true friend to his Country And all the old Citizens of his County Believed it. ... and his high moral worth.

“I saw the Old Family Bible of Solomon Sessums and Obedience Sessums his lawful marriage of himself to Obedience Baker written in his own hand writing that he was married in January 1780. I saw his hand writing Rendering the ages of his Children, saw 10 or 11 Heirs of his own, all now living but one who died a few years ago. The Original Record of his age (marriage) was Cut out from Solomon Sessums and his wife Obedience Family Bible and Carried away by one of the agents of pension Calling himself (Pickard). A Copy has been preserved by his children or heirs of said Solomon and Obedience — and forwarded some time ago to the pension office at Washington DC. I knew Solomon Sessions hand writing well ...” (images 15489949 and 15489958)

### 25 AUGUST 1831

#### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

##### Will

Testator: **Solomon Sessums Senr.**  
Children: Blake, John, Solomon, Nicholas, Owen, Lemmon, Gray,  
Daughters: Lowreigna Hailes, Elizabeth Holland, Sophiniah Sessums, Mary Ann Sessums  
Grandson: Colan [no surname given]  
Exec: Sons Nicholas, Gray Sessums  
Wit: William Hall, Gray Sessums”  
Probated: August 1832<sup>324</sup>

##### COMMENT:

To each of the children, he bequeaths what they already have, then adds some items. Clearly, he minimized probate by giving them the substantial part of their inheritance ahead of time.

### 17 OCTOBER 1833

#### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

##### Will

Testator: **Blake Sessums (x)**  
Wife: Rachel Sessums  
Sons: Irvin Sessums, John Nelson Sessums, Solomon Sessums, Giles Sessums, Miles Sessums  
Daughters: Polly Mariah Sessums, Elizabeth An Sessums, Elsebeth  
Exec: Nicholas Sessums, Gray Sessums, John Sessums

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<sup>324</sup> “North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998,” database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414\\_00132](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414_00132)) > Sampson > Wills, Book 1–3, 1820–1895 > images 75–76.



Wit: Enoch Hall, Sophia Sessums (x)"

Proved: November 1841<sup>325</sup>

### 9 JULY 1838–NOVEMBER 1840

#### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Will

Testator: **Lott Ritch** [his mark, a ragged O]

Sons: Lott Ritch, Owen Rich

Daus: Harriot, Dicey, Polly; Becky Peterson, **Jenny Fisher**, Susannah Spell

Granddau: Mary Jane Ritch, Harriot Chesnutt

Exec: Sons Owen, Lott Ritch





















Wit: Gabl. Holmes, Love A. Tatom<sup>326</sup>

### JUNE 1840

#### SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

"All 1840 United States Federal Census Results for Sessums" (*Ancestry*)

Results 1–11 of 11

View Record	Name	Home in 1840 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Image
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Surrill Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		9	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Gray Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		10	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Colen Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Blake Sipoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		9	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Raeferd Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		1	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Solomon Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Leml Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		3	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Nicholas Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		7	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Sissoms	Sampson, North Carolina		5	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Owen Sissoms 	Sampson, North Carolina		6	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Isaac Sepones	Sampson, North Carolina		8	

<sup>325</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414\\_00132](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414_00132)) > Sampson > Wills, Book 1–3, 1820–1895 > images 131–32. Note that the published abstract of the will misreads several of the family names. Polly Mariah is misidentified as "Polly Hanah," the son Giles and the daughter Elsebeth are omitted, and the executor Gray Sessums is misidentified as "Guy"; see Cora Bass, *Abstracts of Sampson County, NC, Wills, 1784–1895* (N.P.: N.p., n.d.), 76. Sampson's 1850 census enumerates, with the widow Rachael, age 57, a daughter Mary 36, Elizabeth 25, Solomon 24, Elsey 23, Giles 21, and Myles 18; see pop. sch., Southern District, stamped p. 452, dwell./fam. 401/401.

<sup>326</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640077\\_00932](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640077_00932)) Sampson > Original Wills, Moore, Mary – Spell, John, 1663–1978 > images 931–32.

**4 JANUARY 1861–MAY 1862**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Will

Testator: **Thomas Fisher**  
Wife: Jane Fisher  
Sons: Southy Fisher  
Daus.: Cassa Fowler, wife of John; Ann Hall  
Granddaus.: William T. Fisher, Marthy White, Percilla Burten (daughters of his son Southy)  
Grandson: Henry Howard  
Exec: Son-in-law John Fowler  
Wit: Joseph Herring, R. C. Holmes  
Proved: May 1861<sup>327</sup>

COMMENT:

The name Percilla[?] is written twice, badly in both cases. In the second instance it might be Panella.

**17 NOVEMBER 1875**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Will

Testator: **Jno. Johnson (x)**  
Principal heir: "one half of all proceeds of my property to **Fanny A. Sessums** for her trouble with me"  
Other heirs: "my niece Margaret M. Johnson and her daughter Electy Johnson  
Daughter: Martha A. Peterson "has already had as much of my property as I intend for her"  
Wit: W. E. Herring, Lucian Herring  
Proved: 13 December 1875<sup>328</sup>

**5 SEPTEMBER 1884**

**SAMPSON COUNTY, NC**

Will

Testator: **Elizabeth Fowler (x)**  
Sons: R. B., O.J., W. S. Fowler  
Daus.: **Frances J. Sessums** (wife of Uriah Sessoms), Serena D. Lawhon (wife of A. J. Lawhon)  
Exec: Son, R. B. Fowler  
Wit: W. R. McKinzie, Jr., J. T. McKinzie  
Proved: 9 March 1885<sup>329</sup>

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<sup>327</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640055\\_00260](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640055_00260)) > Sampson > Original Wills, 1663–1978, Faircloth, Martha – Jackson, Julia J > images 259–60.

<sup>328</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004779669\\_00173](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004779669_00173)) > Sampson > Record of Wills, Vol 2–3, 1860–1895 > images 172–73, being vol. 2: 110–12.

<sup>329</sup> "North Carolina, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414\\_00545](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/004772414_00545)) > Sampson > Record of Wills, Vol 1–3, 1820–1895 > images 544–45.

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### FUTURE WORK

#### TO DO ONLINE:

- “Record of Land Grants, Book B, 1796–1814; also 1874–1894” (Not indexed, not read)
- Read all deed and probate volumes through 1830, page-by-page
  - Extract all additional Fisher and Sessums data
  - Include extraction on the following families whose deeds were not sought through the index:
    - Autry, Rachel: census neighbor; potential for kin to Rachel (Parker) Sessums
    - Faircloths
    - Grices: James and Axy, in particular
    - Magee: Robert in particular
    - Parkers
- Extract all relevant Fisher entries from the *Ancestry* database “North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693–1960.” (I quickly reviewed each of them for relevant data, but did not have time in this research block to do the transcriptions and make image copies.)

#### TO DO AT STATE ARCHIVES:

- Tax records, 1782–1830.