

Moses Smith

Wives:

Judith (d. 1753–61); Catherine King (b. c1707)

Research Notes

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

MOSES:

Born: Before 1726 (first came on record 1746), allegedly Virginia¹

Married: 1. **Judith [—?—]**, before 10 October 1752 when she cosigned a deed of sale with him. (possibly by 1750 if she was mother of Susannah)
2. **Catherine King, widow of John Byrd** (after May 1761 when Byrd's will was proved)

Died: Last provable record, 27 September 1787²

Birth Family: Possible son of **William Smith** (1744 patentee on South side of Tarr River,³ where Moses bought his first land in November 1746. William's 1759 tax household included a Moses Smith (a year in which Moses is not taxed separately).⁴

CATHERINE:

Born: Allegedly 1733 Nansemond County, VA⁵; first on record May 1741, Bertie Co., NC

Died: Last known record, Fairfield District, SC, 25 March 1795⁶

Parents: **Michael King**, d. 1741, Bertie County, NC, leaving will
Isabella née Ferguson or Bell, allegedly b. 1707, remarried 1742, **Edward Dial**; d. before 1795, presumably in North Carolina

Siblings: Michael, Henry, John (**of Fairfield**), Isabele, Penelope, and Mary (m. Edward Bird)⁷

Married: 1. **John Byrd**, c1750
2. **Moses Smith** (after February 1761 when John Byrd's will was probated)

¹ Online trees present a range from 1716–1731. See, for example:

- Crburton22, "Luttrell Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<http://person.ancestry.com/tree/2882401/person/6023744752/facts> : no access date shown), person page for Moses Smith giving his birth as 1731 in Virginia.
- Arh711, "Working Tree:H-R," *Ancestry* (<http://person.ancestry.com/tree/10979440/person/6243599075/facts> : no access date shown), citing birth in 1716, place unknown. Neither assertion is supported by evidence.

² Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book I:437, FamilySearch Library (FSL) microfilm 23992, item 3; the document was filed 20 July 1795, apparently after King's death

³ David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data* (<http://www.nclandgrants.com> : accessed 7 July 2018), for file 469, William Smith, 200a S. side of Tarr River, and file 852, 200a on S. side of Tar River; possibly same as file 578 and 725 both 1738 patents (300 and 300 acres) on mouth of Maple Branch of Horn River. Each patent is imaged from the Edgecombe County land grant files at the North Carolina State Archives.

⁴ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 95.

⁵ JohnByrd29, "Byrd and Johnson Family Tree," who provides no evidence for the asserted data.

⁶ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book L: 191.

⁷ David B. Gannon, *Abstracts of Wills, Bertie County, North Carolina, 1722–1774* (Raleigh, NC: P.p., 1990), 34, citing Secretary of State Wills, no. 119. It is not clear whether the record numbers are his or whether they were assigned by the secretary's office. For Mary's husband, see Michael A. Stroschio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22; FSL microfilm 1033718, item 8.

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CHILDREN: **Moses Smith and Judith** appear to be the parents of.

1. **SUSANNAH SMITH** (born bef. February 1751), who witnessed a deed for Moses on 13 February 1765.⁸
2. **[—?—] SMITH** (born c1753–54?) proposed wife of John Watts, m. c1768 and bore a daughter Catherine who named a son **Moses Smith** Hornsby. She may be the Judith who appears in Covington County, Mississippi, as John Watts's widow in 1823.
3. **MOSES SMITH** (born bef. 1760), militia age by 1777; enrolled Wilkes Co., GA, with Catherine's son Michael Byrd and John Watts' brother George Watts.⁹

John Byrd and Catherine King were the parents of two sons and two daughters named in their father's will, proved 5 February 1761, Duplin:¹⁰

4. **MICHAEL BYRD** born c1752; first son named in father's will, suggesting that he was the eldest; enlisted 1777 in George Clarke's minutemen, Wilkes Co, GA.¹¹ Supposedly, Michael m. **Laney Branch**, lived 1790 in Orangeburg Dist., SC; and died 1857 in Avara, Greene Co., MS.¹²
5. **JOHN BYRD** born 1754, Duplin Co., NC; enlisted Camden Dist. (later Fairfield) 1776 under Col. Joseph Kirkland. Postwar, he lived in Edgefield Dist., SC, then Montgomery Co., GA, then in Dade Co., AL, where he applied for a pension on 8 November 1833.¹³
6. **BETHIAH BYRD** born c1756–57; first daughter named in father's will; d. 1838 Jasper Co., MS; buried in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery, Paulding. About 1772, she married **Charles Gavin** (b. Duplin Co., NC, c1750), whose RW accounts-audited file includes an affidavit by one John Watts who "signed" with an X. Gavin received land grant in Orangeburg in 1789. Bathia is said to be enumerated as a widow in 1820 on both the Orangeburg, SC, and Greene Co., MS, censuses. Children: **Catherine** (c1773–c1813, Orangeburg), married **William Gressett**; **Charles** (15 July 1775 Spartanburg–18 March 1824, Noxubee Co., MS, m. Margaret Horger; **Mary** (5 Sept. 1777, Orangeburg; d. c1820, Green Co., MS), m. **William Beverly Clayton**. **John** (1 June 1780, Orangeburg–16 Apr. 1838, Colleton Co, SC), m. **Anne Hughes**; **Ann** (1781, Colleton [sic]—after 1829, Perry Co., MS), m. **Thomas C. Bolton**, who d. 1821 in Perry; **Charlotte** (b. 1785), m. **Alexander McKenzie**; **Abraham Thomas**; **Berthia E.** (17 Jan. 1799, S.C.—7 Aug. 1887 MS) m. **John D. Ratliff** (25 Sep. 1796—12 Oct. 1863, Jasper Co., MS).¹⁴

⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 15; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:138.

⁹ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file.

¹⁰ William L. (Bill) Murphy, *Genealogical Abstracts: Duplin County Wills, 1730-1860* (Rose Hill, NC: Duplin County Historical Society, 1982), entry 83, p. 24; citing CR.035.801.2/A-57.

¹¹ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file.

¹² Cherie Fine cheriefine@cox.net, "Re: [BYRD-L] Lewis Young," *RootsWeb: Byrd-L Archives* (<https://lists.rootsweb.com> : downloaded 26 September 2018).

¹³ John Bird (Pvt., Graves Co., Goodwin's Regt., SC, RW), S10372; imaged "Revolutionary War Pensions," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/11035822> and 29 subsequent images: accessed 4 October 2016). Applying from Dade Co., AL, on 8 Nov. 1833, John said he was born 1754 in Duplin Co., NC, and that he "was carried" to Camden Dist., SC, as a boy by his stepfather (unnamed). In 1833, he was living in Dade Co. with an unnamed daughter, was said to be impoverished, and could not walk about the house. He had no proof of age because he "left it in South Carolina, Camden District in the possession of William Cason." He knew of no living witness to prove his claim. (**Proof of age was typically kept in a Family Bible, which raises the question of why John would leave such in the possession of Cason. Were he and Cason brothers-in-law?** See also William Cason (Pvt., Graces Co., Goodwin's Regt., SC, RW) S16338, *Fold3*, in which Cason described service similar to Bird's (but did not name Bird) and said he had proof of age in the form of a Family Bible that was kept in his home in Warren Co., GA. Cason applied 13 Aug. 1833 in Warren Co., saying he was born 10 April 1749, Pitt Co., NC. No family members are named.

¹⁴ Gene Jeffries, "Migration of Charles Gavin and Bathiah Byrd," *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society* (<https://ogsgs.org/exodus/exodus.php?f=7gavin> : downloaded 1 October 2018); the account is informally documented.

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7. SELAH "CELIA" BYRD born c1759–60, last child named in her father's will; said to have married **Hezekiah Ford**, moved to Mississippi, and left two children: **Bartlett Ford** and **Mary Ford** who married [—?—] **Witherspoon**.¹⁵ She and Hezekiah (alleged son of Nathaniel) lived 1800 Fairfield Co., SC; 1806 Jefferson Co., MS; and 1810 Franklin Co., MS.¹⁶ Celia is said to last be on record in Franklin in 1845.¹⁷ Others claim she is buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Jasper Co., MS¹⁸ (site of the burial of her sister Bethiah).

Moses Smith and Catherine King were the parents of one proved son:

8. **BARTLETT SMITH**, born c1762–66, Duplin Co., NC; allegedly married Mary E. Ford (allegedly b. 1776, daughter of "Hezekiah Ford, 1759–1848, and Elizabeth Susannah Wood, b. 1752"), Fairfield Dist., SC.¹⁹ On 1810–15 tax rolls and 1816 territorial census Franklin Co., MS; 1818–21 Amite Co., MS, tax lists.; 1820 Amite Co., MS, census.²⁰ Will dated 1822 and proved 28 Feb. 1823, Adams Co., MS. Named children **Moses Smith**, **Betsey Kirkland**, **Mary Rives/Reeves**, "beloved wife" and heirs to her property after her death: **John K. Smith**, **William M. Smith**, and **B. Ford Smith**.²¹ One 1823 probate document was signed by "Hezekiah F. Kirkland & Elizabeth Smith Kirkland."²²

20 MAY "1740 (1741?)"

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Will.

"Michael King, "being very sick of body" makes will with following provisions: "Wife **Isbell King**, Negroes Mary, Towerhile, Ben, Hannah and Murrear for her lifetime, also bed, horse, etc. Horse, stewpot, etc. to be divided among my children as they come of age. Son **Michael King**, Negroes Green and Isbell(?), trading gun, 250 acres I bought of **Richard Byrd**. Son **Henry King** – Negroes Robin and Pegg, my manor plantation containing 225 acres. Son **John King** – Negroes Jack, Taffey and Frank. Daughter **Catherine King** – Negro Pat. Daughter **Isbele King** – Negro Sary. Daughter **Penelope King** – Negro Vilet, and if she (Vilet) dies with

¹⁵ Gene Jeffries, "Migration of Charles Gavin and Bathiah Byrd," *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society* (<https://ogsgs.org/exodus/exodus.php?f=7gavin> : downloaded 1 October 2018); the account is informally documented.

¹⁶ Fairfield County Genealogical Society, "Lyles DNA Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/112226267/person/290098566581/facts> : accessed 6 October 2018), "Hezekiah Ford" Facts page.

Celia's marriage to Hezekiah Ford is supported by the fact that her mother Catherine on 6 June 1795 sold to "Hezekiah Ford and Bartlett Smith" for 60£ all slaves and property she was inheriting from the estate of her father Michael King. See Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book L: 191.

¹⁷ Fairfield County Genealogical Society, "Lyles DNA Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/112226267/person/290098566580/facts> : accessed 6 Oct. 2018), "Celia Selah Byrd" Facts page, citing "Mississippi Census, 1805-90," apparently an Ancestry database.

¹⁸ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/143754747> ; accessed 6 Oct. 2018), "Celia Byrd Ford," memorial page.

¹⁹ Tara Chambless, "Tara's Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/151678430/person/202008609842/facts> : accessed 20 Sept. 2018), "Mary E. Ford" Facts page; no evidence provided.

²⁰ Elaine3751, "Smith Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15505841/person/285603035/media/5b801c2b-6e16-4bf6-9708-9c50fd29db6b> : accessed 2 September 2016), "Bartlett Smith my 3rd Great maternal Grandfather on" [sic], posted 22 July 2012. Also, 1820 U.S. census, Amite Co., MS, p. 44 (penned), line 31, taped over and barely legible: (1 male 26–44, 3 females 16–25; 2 females 0–10, 1 male 0–10; 7 slaves, 2 engaged in commerce); National Archives microfilm M33, roll 57,

²¹ "Mississippi, Wills and Probate records, 1780–1982," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : downloaded 2 Sept. 2016) > Adams > Will Records, Vol. 1, 1802–1812, imaging p. 342.

²² Elaine3751, "Smith Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15505841/person/285603035/media/5b801c2b-6e16-4bf6-9708-9c50fd29db6b> : accessed 2 Sept. 2016), "Bartlett Smith my 3rd Great maternal Grandfather on" [sic], posted 22 July 2012.

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the sickness she now lies with my daughter shall have the child Bes (sic) is now with child with (sic). Daughter **Mary King** – Negro Prissilla. Ex: wife, Col. Robt. West and his son Robt. West. Wit.: Roger Snell, Jno. Hill, J. Hollbrook.” Proved October Court 1741.²³

20 MAY 1741

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

“KING, MICHAEL. “May 20, 1741. October 29, 1741. *Sons*: Michael, Henry and **John**. *Daughters*: **Catherine**, Isbel, Penelope and Mary King. **Wife and Executrix: Isbel**. *Executors*: Coll. Robert West and his son Robert. *Witnesses*: Roger Snell, Jno. Hill, J. Holbrook. Proven before J. Montgomery, C.J.”²⁴

AUGUST 1742

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Estate settlement.

“**Michael King**. Inventory ... by **Isabell King**, admx.”²⁵

10 AUGUST 1742

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Court minute.

“An Invy. of the Estate of **Michael King** Decd. retd. By **Isabel King** admx: on Oath. A Deed of Gift from *Isbell King* to her Son **Henry King** Ackd. in open Court.”²⁶

23 SEPTEMBER 1742

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Kinship.

“**Isabell King**, widow to **King Children**, for “Love ... I bear to my children **Michael, Henry, John, Cathrina, Isabell, Penelope, Mary King** ... these following Negroes & their increase... Via. Tower, Hill, Harry, Hannah, Bess, Maria, Armstead...and all other moveable estate...” Wit: Archbill Bell, Charles Mitchell, Peter Wynant. North Carolina Court October 20 1742. W. Smith, C.J.”²⁷

COMMENT;

- Stroschio reports a 9 October 1742 [actually 9 November] document in which Isabel “Dyall” seeks the appointment of a guardian for her minors John, Penelope, and Isabel.²⁸ Apparently, Isabell married Dyal between 23 September and 9 October—and conveyed the slaves prior to that marriage. Stroschio does not report the fact that guardians were also appointed for Isabel’s other four children.

²³ David B. Gannon, *Abstracts of Wills, Bertie County, North Carolina, 1722–1774* (Raleigh, NC: P.p., 1990), 34, citing Secretary of State Wills, no. 119. It is not clear whether the record numbers are his or whether they were assigned by the secretary’s office.

²⁴ J. Bryan Grimes, *Abstract of North Carolina Wills; Compiled from Original and Recorded Wills in the Office of the Secretary of State* (Raleigh: E. M. Uzzell & Co., 1910), 204. **Note:** the original must be sought. Grimes’s work is notoriously riddled with errors. These should be in the Secretary of State’s records at the NC State Archives.

²⁵ David B. Gannon, *Records of Estates: Bertie County, North Carolina*, vol. 1, 1728–1744; 1762–1790 (Raleigh: P.p., 1986), 17–16; citing vol. 1:229.

²⁶ Weynette Parks Haun, *Bertie County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes, 1740 thru 1743; 1758 thru 1762* (Durham, NC: P.p., 1977), 29. TO DO: the full record is needed.

²⁷ Mary Best Bell, *Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina*, vol. 5, *Abstracts of Deed Book G, 1744–1753* (Windsor, NC: Colonial Bertie, 1965), 284; citing Deed Book G: 109. TO DO: the full record is needed.

²⁸ Michael A. Stroschio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22; FamilySearch Library microfilm 1033718, item 8.

- The abstracted deed books through 1794 contain no Dial, Diall, Dyal, Dyall entries at all. It would appear that the family left Bertie.

9 NOVEMBER 1742
BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Court minutes.

[*Consecutive entries*]

"A Deed of Sale from **Jno. Byrd** to James McDowell ackd.

"On the Petition of **Isabell Dyal** praying this Court to Choose Guardian for her Children this Court appoints **Archibald Bell** to be Guardian to **John King Penelope King & Isabel King** & produced for his Securities John Bell & Arthur Williams & James Castellaw to be Guardian to **Henry King Catherine & Mary King** & produced for his Securities Thos. Jackson & William Byrd. Ordered that Bonds be prepared accordingly in the Sum of two thousand Pounds currency each. Then appeared in Court **Michael King** an Orphan and chose Collo. Robt. West as his Guardian."²⁹

9 October 1742

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

"In the Bertie Co. Court Minutes – 9 October 1742, p. 194 is recorded: 'On petition of **Isabell Dyal** praying this court to choose guardian for her children, court appoints **Archibald Bell**, guardian to **John, Penelope, and Isabell King**. Sec: John Bell, Arthur Williams."³⁰

11 MAY 1743
BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Court minutes.

"The Court met according to adjournmt. Present **James Castellaw**, John Harrell, Jas. McDowell, Jno. Wynns & Jno. Brown Esq. On the motion of Jas. Castellaw Esq. relinquishing his Guardianship to **Michael King's** Orphans to wit **Henry Catharine & Mary King**, this Court do appoint **George Bell** Guardian of the sd. Orphans he giving Security in the Sum of two thousand Pounds whereupon he produced Jas. Castellaw & **Wm. Byrd** for his Securities ordd. Bonds be prepared. Collo. Robt. West, Roger Snell, & Nath. Hill or any two of them are appointed to take out of the Hands of **Isabell Dyal** the Estate belonging to the Orphans of Michael King Decd. and deliver the Same to the respective Guardians."³¹

AUGUST 1744
BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Associations.

John Hollbrook estate. "Account of sale August Court 1744 by James McDowall." Buyers included: "**Jno. Bird**, Wm Yates, Jno. Edwards, **Michl. King** (consecutive entries), ... **Wm. Smith, Henry King**" (consecutive entries). "Money was *paid to* [40 people including:] ... **Isabill Dial, Jno. Dial, Wm. Bird**" (consecutive entries) ... **John Bird**."³²

²⁹ Weynette Parks Haun, *Bertie County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes, 1740 thru 1743; 1758 thru 1762* (Durham, NC: P.p., 1977), 32.

³⁰ Michael A. Stroschio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22; FamilySearch Library microfilm 1033718, item 8.

³¹ Weynette Parks Haun, *Bertie County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes, 1740 thru 1743; 1758 thru 1762* (Durham, NC: P.p., 1977), 40.

³² David B. Gannon, *Records of Estates: Bertie County, North Carolina*, vol. 1, 1728–1744; 1762–1790 (Raleigh: P.p., 1986), 17–18; citing vol. 1: 248.

COMMENT:

- Given that Michael King [Jr.] is buying in his own name, we have an implication that he has turned 21. Michael in 1742 was over 14 but under 21. If this implication is correct, then he was born no later than 1723.
- The Henry King of this document appears to be the one who wrote his will in 1751 naming wife Ann and several young children. This should not be the still-minor son of Michael and Isabel.

1749

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Kinship.

“Later in the 1749 Bertie records appears: ‘**Isabel Diall** deeds property to sons Michael King and Henry King.’ It thus seems that this **John King** [her son, as differentiated from other John Kings in the family] was a minor in 1742.”³³

COMMENT:

- At this point, we have nothing more on Catherine or her mother for several years.
- Meanwhile, Moses Smith makes his first appearance in Granville County, that had just been cut out of Edgecombe Co.
- The Fairfield Perrys of 25-Mile Creek, who intermarried with Watts, also came from Granville. Jesse Perry, son of Jacob who obtained a Fairfield grant in 1767, stated in his Revolutionary War Pension application that he was born 15 March 1765 in Granville County, NC.³⁴

1 DECEMBER 1744

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NC

Land grant

“George the Second &c. Know ye that we &c have given unto **William Smith** two hundred acres of Land in Edgecombe Cty on the S^o side of **Tarr river**, Including the said **Smith’s plantation**, Beginning at a Hickory, then S^o 15 W 179 poles to a pine, thence South 75^o 174 poles to a pine, N^o 15 W 174 poles to a red oak on the Said river, then up the Said river to the first Station, to Hold &c. Dated the 1st of December 1744.”³⁵

10 DECEMBER 1744

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NC

Land grant

“George the Second &c. To all to whom &c. Know ye that we &c have given & Granted unto **William Smith** a tract of Land Containing Two hundred acres Lying & being in Edgecombe County on the S^o Side of **Tar River**, Including the said Smith’s Plantation beginning at a Hickory, then N^o 15 West 179 Poles to a pine,

³³ Michael A. Stroschio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22; FamilySearch Library microfilm 1033718, item 8.

³⁴ Declaration of applicant, 18 August 1832, Knox County, TN, in Jesse Perry (Pvt., Capt. Wm. Long’s Co, Sumter’s Brigade, S.C.) pension application S 3655; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 1 November 2017), images 27194983 (for birth date and place), also 27194948, 27194951, 27194957, 27194980, 27194986, 27194992. Perry’s affidavit is one of the most detailed I’ve yet to see, although his signature was extremely shaky. He also states that he had a family Bible that belonged to his father but it burned in “his brother-in-law’s house several years ago.” When he enlisted, he moved his wife to the home of her mother (no names) “three miles away.” After the war, he lived in Fairfield until 1806, moved to Duck River in Tennessee until 1812, then moved to his current neighborhood in Knox County.

³⁵ David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data*, database with image (<http://www.nclandgrants.com> : accessed 7 July 2018), image of Book 4:190; citing patent issued 1 December 1744, File No. 469, Mars 12.14.59.470, North Carolina State Archives.

then S° 75 deg^s East 179 Poles to a pine, N° 15 West 179 Poles to a red oak on the said River, then up the said River to the first Station. To hold &c. Yielding & paying &c. four Shillings Proclamation Money Yearly for every hundred acres Seating the same according to his Rights Clearing & Cultivating three acres for every hundred within three Years Clearing & Cultivating three Acres for every hundred within three Years [sic] and Entering those Letters with the Auditor Six Months. In Testimony &c. Witness &c Dated 1st day of Decem^r 1744.”³⁶

1746

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Historical context

“Granville County was formed in 1746 from Edgecombe County, but the first extant marriage bond dates from the year 1753. Orange County was formed in part from Granville County in 1752. ... In the eighteenth century Granville County was a gateway for migration to the South and West, both for people coming from Pennsylvania and the Valley of Virginia and for people coming from southside and eastern Virginia”³⁷

1747

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Historical context

“Expansion of Settlement 1746-50. An effort is here attempted to present lists by years, for five successive years, 1746–1750, showing the appearance of the settlers in the County, with their location when possible. In any given case, the name is given in their year of first appearance on the records. This by no means indicates that the person named came in that year, it simply means that it is the first appearance recorded. In the majority of cases it is not unlikely that the settlers came at least one, if not several years, before any mention is made of them in the records.”

1747 Henry Hunt – on Tarr river; John **Rackley** on Tarr river, **Wm. Smith** – on Tarr river; Jno Brantley – on Tarr river; Robt. **Southerland** – on Tarr river; Peter Hill – on Tarr river; Abraham Bledsoe – on Tarr river; John Terrill – on Tarr river; Anthony Crocker – on Tarr river; **Henry Ivey** – on Tarr river; Theophilus Goodwin – on Tarr river; Robert Parker – probably on Tarr river [skip 17]; **Moses Smith [no river cited]**³⁸

27 NOVEMBER 1746

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

“Wm. Pace of Edgecombe Co. N.C. to **Moses Smith** of Granville Co., N.C. for 9 pds. 100 acres on **S side of Tarr River**. Wts: William Roberts, Daniel Potter.”³⁹

COMMENT:

- This is the earliest record yet found for Moses Smith. Granville offers no evidence of Smith purchasing this land
- No land grant appears for him in David M. McCorkle’s database of imaged NC patent records—

³⁶ David McCorkle, *NC Land Grant Images and Data*, database with image (<http://www.nclandgrants.com> : accessed 7 July 2018), image of Book 10:38; citing patent issued 1 December 1744, File No. 952, Mars 12.14.59.853, North Carolina State Archives.

³⁷ Brent H. Holcomb, *Marriages of Granville County, North Carolina 1753–1868* (1981, reprinted Baltimore: Clearfield, 2003), “Introduction.”

³⁸ Thomas McAdory Owens, *History and Genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1993), 208-12.

³⁹ Zae Hargett Gwyn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 3; citing Deed Book A: 21–22.

not in Granville or its parent county, Edgecombe.⁴⁰

- It is also the year that Granville deeds begin.
- Granville was cut 1746 from Edgecombe.
- In 1752 Orange County was created from parts of Granville, Bladen, and Johnston
- In 1764, the eastern part of Granville became Bute.
- In 1881, parts of Granville, Franklin, and Warren combined to form Vance.

1747

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

Extremely short list, in two sections—less than 50 people. No Ivey or Smith.⁴¹

COMMENT:

- It appears that most of the 1747 lists are lost.
- I am tracking Ivys because the accumulated evidence for Moses Smith suggests that Ivy might be a candidate birth family of his wife Judith.

1748

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

Again, just one short list. No Ivey. Only one **Smith: [torn]lliam**.⁴²

5 MARCH 1749

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Associates

“Thomas Hardin (Harding in other places). Admn. Bond, March 5, 1749 (O.S.); Francis Maberry, Admn. to Gov. Johnston, pen. £50. Sur: **Henry Ivy, Wm Smith**. Id. p. 5 Inv ret. to Ct. March 6, 1749 (O.S.) Id. p. 22.”⁴³

1749

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

List “by Lemuel Lanier.”

John Davies, Jacob Powel, William Munrow, John Juffress, Thos. Smith, Gipson Martin, Thos Hunt, John Bishop

[*then*]:

Robert Smith	1
Samuel Hardin	1
Abner Gray	1
Giles Bowers	2
James Massey	1

⁴⁰ David M. McCorkle, *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* (<https://www.nclandgrants.com> : accessed 7 Oct. 2018). To use this database, one must search each county individually for the name of interest. I have not made a colony-wide search of all counties for Moses.

⁴¹ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 1.

⁴² Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 1–2.

⁴³ Thomas McAdory Owens, *History and Genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1993), 46; section headed: “Abstracts of Each Will, Administration and Guardianship in the Records of Granville County, North Carolina, 1750-1772.”

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Mackney Williams	1	
John Halford [Alford]	1	
Moses Smith	1	
<i>Parson Rackley</i>	1	[son of John Rackley, brother of Martha (Rackley) Smith] ⁴⁴ [1752, Moses Smith bought land from John Rackley; sold it 1752]
John Farril	5	
Thos. Jones	2	
Thos. Jones	1	
William Jackson	1	
Robert Clark	2	

[skip 28]

William Smith	1	[This Willliam is a likely candidate for Moses' parent or brother.]
<i>William Massey</i>	1	
Howard Worly	1	
<i>Robert Southerland</i>	1	
Danel Mackdanel	3	
Ruben Lossen	2	
John Plowman White	2	
Bird Thos. Lanier	1	
Thos. Tharingtun	1	
Joseph Sims	3	
William Eaves	1	
Thomas Ash	1	
Francis Mabry	1	
Henry Eivy	2	
James Pace	2	
Robert Buttler	1	
Julious Alford	1	

[about 20 more on this list].⁴⁵

2 MARCH 1749
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC
Land sale.

"**Moses Smith** to Thomas Cooke, both of Granville Co., N.C., for 27 pds. 100 acres on **S side of Tarr River**, which was patented by *George Pace* of Edgecombe Co., N.C. and descended to William Pace, son of George Pace, deceased, and by said William Pace conveyed to Moses Smith. Patent dated May, 1742 (also spelled Cook). Wts: *Wm. Southerland, Robert and Alex Southerland*.⁴⁶

⁴⁴ Will of John Rackley, 18 September 1767; inventory, 25 August 1769 (filed November term 1769), mentions wife, bequests to grandson **Henry Hunt**, daughter Selovias Rackley, and daughter Seletee Wheler; rest to be divided between "all my Children ... whose names are Passon Rackley, **Martha Smith, Susannah Hunt**, Mills Rackley, Saul Rackley, Mary Hunt, Lucrecia Anthony, Selevias Rackley & Selelee Wheler"; executors James Hunt and Passon Rackley; signed Wilm. **Hunt**, James Denby (Jurat), Kezia Denby. See "Rackley, John, 1769," file, Bute County, NC, probate records, Department of Archives and History, Raleigh. Also "North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665–1998," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/9061/005328792_00447 : accessed 27 April 2019) > Bute > Wills and Estate Papers, 1764–1784, images 447 and 448 of 585

⁴⁵ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 4.

⁴⁶ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 16; citing Deed Book A: 245–47.

COMMENT:

This sale appears to leave Moses landless until his September 1749 purchase of land, below, on both sides of Tarr River.

The state's land grant files contain a card for this George Pace land, saying that it was recorded in Book 4, p. 443; but the image carries a notation "There were no documents in the shuck at the time of filming."⁴⁷

The following deed is also of potential relevance for locating Moses' land:

11 January 1753. **William** and **Robert Southerland** of **Duplin Co.**, N.C. to Osborn Jeffreys of Granville ... for 30 pds. 170 acres on **N side of Tar River** in Granville ... being part of land granted to us for 300 acres Apr 20, 1745. Wts: John Bishop, **Mary** and **Alexa Southerland**. (Gwynn, 44; citing B:201-4)

The unalphabetized 1749 tax list enumerates Moses 37 entries before Robert Southerland, with Robert being **3 entries from William Smith**. But see the entry below by which Southerland witnessed Moses' last land purchase. The significant distances between Moses and Southerland on the 1749 tax list seemingly stems from Moses' residence on one side of the river, while William and Southerland lived on the other side. Cf. 1759 tax roll below, whereon William, Moses and John Smith are coupled into a single entry.

29 SEPTEMBER 1749
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

"James Mathews, Jr. of Edgecombe Co.,, N.C. to **Moses Smith** of Granville Co. for 30 pds. 640 acres and also the contents [remainder?] of a deed of 480 acres granted to John Mathews on **both sides of Tarr River** adjoining **Henry Hunt**'s land. Wts: Thos. Cook **Henry Hunt**, **Alex Southerland**."⁴⁸

COMMENT:

The wording of the above abstract appears to have a problem.

See (a) the Mathews-to-Hunt deed below, by which Hunt bought 100 of a 480-acre grant to Mathews; and (b) the 31 August 1756 sale by Moses of 180 acres, being part of 480 granted to Mathews.

Consulting the original deed resolves the issues and corrects other details. See next entry.

29 SEPTEMBER 1749
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

James Mathews, Jr. of Edgecombe Co.,, N.C. to **Moses Smith** of Granville Co. for 30 pds current money of Virginia, **630** acres on both sides of Tarr River the same more or less being the contents of a Pattent granted to John Rackley for **250** acres bearing date ~~~ [sic] and also part of the contents of a deed granted to the aforesaid James Mathews for **[480]** acres ...March the 25th 1749 ... the said six hundred and thirty acres of Land being bounded as followeth:

⁴⁷ "North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1690–1980," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/60621/44173_351303-00191?pid=170062 : accessed 7 Oct. 2018) > Edgecombe > 1–1300.

⁴⁸ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 17; citing Deed Book A: 254–56.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

“Beginning at a White Oak on the North side of the foresaid Tar River_[,] thence Eastward along **Henry Hunt**’s line to a Hickory [on] the said Hunts Corner_[,] thence South by a line of Trees to a White Oak Standing in the upper line of the foresaid Land granted to **John Rackly**_[,] thence thence [sic] along the said Rickly’s line East to a Hickory a Corner of the said Rackly’s Survey_[,] thence South to a Pine Another of the said Rackly’s Corners_[,] thence West to a Live Oak Standing on the bank of the foresaid River being another of the said Rackley’s Corners_[,] thence a Cross the said River and down the same to a Pine Standing on the Bank thereof being the lower Corner of the Lands Contained in the forementioned Deed_[,] thence West to White Oak another Corner mentioned in the said Deed_[,] thence North to a pine Standing in the said **Moses Smiths** former Lands now bargained to be Sold to **Thomas Cook**_[,] thence Eastward along the said Cook’s line to the foresaid Tar River_[,] thence over the said River to a pine the foresaid Rackley’s beginning Corner_[,] thence up the several Courses of the said River to the first station.

Witnesses: Thos. T (his mark) Cook; Henry + (his mark) Hunt, Alex. Southerland.
Proved: Granville County, March Court 1749 on oath of Thoams Cook.⁴⁹

29 SEPTEMBER 1749
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC
Association.

“James Mathews, Jr. of Edgecombe Co., N.C., planter, to **Henry Hunt** of Granville Co., N.C. for 6 pds. 100 acres on **N side of Tarr River**, being part of **480-acre grant to said Mathews** granted Mar. 25, 1749. Wts: **Moses Smith**, Thomas Cooke, Alexa Southerland.”⁵⁰

19 OCTOBER 1749
BERTIE COUNTY, NC
Association.

John Byrd witnessed deed of Michel Hill to Samuel Cook, land on Blackwalnut Swamp adjoining **Hollbrook**, Hill, Ryan, “Lawrence Sarsons Dec’d. Arthur Williams co-witnessed.”⁵¹

1750
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC
Tax list.

List by Leml. Lanier

Richard Arnnedale, Andrew Hartsfield, Thos. Jones, Robt Butler, Gibson Martin, Robt Douglas, Jacob Powell, Thos Douglas, Richd Macdlin, Robt Wallis, William pace, Roger Reese, Edward Woodom, Charles Ryals, Thos Hunt, William Mainerd, Kenney Williams, Williams [Jackson?], John Perry [then....]

Thos. Tharinton	1
Julius Alford	1
Abner Gray	1
John Dunkin	1
William Smith	1

⁴⁹ Granville County, NC, Deed Book A:254-46.

⁵⁰ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 16; citing Deed Book A:243–45.

⁵¹ Mary Best Bell, *Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina*, vol. 5, *Abstracts of Deed Book G, 1744–1753* (Windsor, NC: Colonial Bertie, 1965), 297; citing Deed Book G:244.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

John Bishop	2
Arthumpus Thomas	2
Manuel Earp	1
John Sullivant	1
Robt. Smith	4
Joseph Brantley	1
Arthur West	1
Henry Hunt	4
Parson Rackley	1
<i>Robt. Southerland</i>	1
Robt. Cade	2
John Booker	1
William Jones	1
[torn]oses Smith	1 [Note his proximity to Henry Ivy, beow]
[torn]uel Lanier	3 [This should be Lemuel or Samuel Lanier]
Henry Ivy	1
William Stacy	1
Bretherd Truelove	1
John Golden	1
James Ross	3
Anthony Rackley	1

John Rackley, John Jeffers, Evan Perry, Wm. Wilder, Robt. Sanders, Bena. Arrendale. Joseph Jeffers, William Parish, John Mooney

Smith, Thos. 1

Thos [Cook?], John Davis, Francis Bradley, John Farrill, Robt Moody, James Bunn, William Odom, William Edwards, William Wright, John Wright, Samuel Parks, Robert Parker, Joseph Fuller, Arther Fuller, Thomas Linch, *Samuel Hardin, Hezekiah Masey*, John [torn] Sen, Giles [torn]rs, Wm. Davis, *Thomas Ash*, Samuel Fowler, Theophilus Hunter, Osborn Jeffreys, Howard Worley, Abraham Green, *Wm Massey, Wm Chavis*.⁵²

1751

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

List “appears to be 1751 by Lemuel Lanier”

Bretherd Trulove, James Pace, William Parrish, Robt Butler, John Davis, Jacob Powel, Thos Hunt, William Jackson, Joseph Jeffres, Thos Jones, Julius Alford, John Mooney, {illegible due to strikethrough}, Isaac Garrot, John Meliseck, Abner Gray, Thomas Tharrington, Robt Moody Senr, Richard Rabon [then...]

William Smith	1
Parson Rackley	
James Brogdon	4
William Stacy	1
Thomas Woodley	2
John Ledbetter	1
Henry Ivy	2

⁵² Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 7.

William Southerland, Alex'r Southerland, John Sullivant, Thomas Kid, John Bishop, Samuel Fowler, Thoams Cook, William Massey, James Todd, Nicholas White, William Perry, John Rackley, John Reaves, Anthony Rackley, John Martin, William Tommas, William Kinkins, James Massey, Joseph Wright, Thomas Hunt, Thomas Hulin, John Moody, Joseph Fuller, Arthur Fuller, John Farril, James Renn, John Dunken, Benjamin Arrindel, Agness Hunt, William Edwards [then...]

Moses Smith **1**

Francis Mabry, Charles Rials, Lodowick Alford, Robert Cade, Thomas Linch, **John Rackley**, Thomas Ash, Samuel Harding, Joseph Brantly, Robart Parker, William Richendson, Henry Ginkins, John Masey, Hezekiah Masey, Robert Sanders, Joseph Davis, Edward Woodham, William Hunt, John Halford, Aaron Eaves, Jeremiah Strother, John Clarke, John Gouldin, Wm Davis, Wm Beckam Denis Linsey, John Burt, Benjamin Sims, Willm Linsey, Joseph Holden, Wm Eaves, Mathew Mattis, Howard Worley, Sarah Sims, Henry Thornton, Edward Harris, Wm Chavis Tho Jones, John Hewisns, Philip Chaves, Joseph Halley, Thomas Going, Michall Going, Michall Going [*sic*].⁵³

1752
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

List by Jno. Brantly.

James Barnet, Francis Walker & son Francis, Jno. Wood & Negro Sip, Wilm Vinson and Wilm Richason, Jno Burfet, Thomas Cooper, Antony Croker & son Jacob, Wilm Williamson & Negro woman Moll, Arter Croker, Jethro Rountree & Negros Peter & Dina, Samuel Freeman, Wilm Wood & Negroes Seaser & Charrity, Jno Thornton Constabel, Jno Clark & sons Wilm & John, James Shepard, Henery Weefer, George Underwood & son Wilm & Negros Jack & Dick, James Ross, Antony Rackly,

Wilm Smith	1
Wilm Jones	1
Charles Ive	1
Henery Ive	1

Shurley Whatley & son Wilm, Benjamin Tomson & sons John & Benjamin, Jeremiah Burdum, Thoms Wootten & son George, Francis Strother & Negros Tom, Peter, Sary & Pegg, Danniell Underwood & son James & Negro man Sam, Joshua Perry & brother Jerymiah Perry, Burrel Perry, Ntheniell Perry, Wilm Perry & Negro man Rodger, John Perry, [skip about 20], Howard Worley, Sarah Sims & Negros Jack and Jene, Robert Parker & Negro Cofree [*skip about 50*], *Stephen Garret*, Francis Bradly & son John, Jno Mooney, Rodger Reece, Benjemin Arandall, [*skip about 50*], Benjemin Rice, James Wihite, Jacob Blidso & Negro man Ned,

Richard Smith	1
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Robert Phillips, John Hallford, Thoms Harris, Jno Bishop & Negro Quick, Saml Fowler & son Samuel, Jno Parnal, Shuger Jones & Negros, Jno Brantly, son Jos & Negros,

Samuel Smith & Negros Jefry & Peter	3⁵⁴
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[end of district]

COMMENT:
No **Moses Smith**.

⁵³ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 19–20.

⁵⁴ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 24–25.

31 AUGUST 1752
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“**Moses Smith** to Joseph Bridges for 40 pds. **100 acres on N side of Tarr River**, which is part of 250 acres granted to **John Rackley** Apr. 20, 1745, and also **180 acres** on both sides of **Tar River** adjoining Cokes’ and Adams’ lines, being part of 480 acres granted Mar. 25, 1749 [*sic*] to **James Mathews**. Wts: *Osborn Jeffreys*, Robt. Moody, William Porch.”⁵⁵

COMMENT:

29 Sept. 1749 Moses purchased Rackley’s 250 acres from James Mathews

29 Sept. 1749 Moses purchased Mathews’ 480 acres

31 August 1752 Moses sold 100 acres of the Rackley tract

10 October 1752 Moses and Judith sold the remaining 150 acres of Rackley tract

- Note that when Moses sold Rackley and Mathews land two months earlier, no wife participated. **Did he marry Judith between August and October?**
- But also note that, according to the published abstract, Smith sold another tract of Mathews land in November 1752 *without Judith’s participation*.

15 SEPTEMBER 1752
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Association.

“Robert Moody, Sr. to Osborn Jeffreys for 40 pds. 300 acres on NE side of Tar River at **mouth of Buffalo Creek**, which was granted July 6, 1743 to John Pope. Wts: Hall Hudson, Danl. Potter, James Mathews, **Moses Smith**.”⁵⁶

10 OCTOBER 1752
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“**Moses and Judeth Smith** to Barnaby Godwin for 25 pds. **150 acres on N side of Tarr River**, being part of land granted to John Rackley and deeded to **Moses Smith** Oct. 10, 1752. Wts: Richard Crutchfield, William Bridges, Robert Moody.”⁵⁷

COMMENT:

- The abstract’s statement that the land was bought and sold on the same day is suspicious on its face, and erroneous in fact. See the prior Mathews-Smith deed.
- When Godwin sold this land in 1760, according to this set of abstracts, Godwin reported that the land had been *granted* to Smith on 10 Oct. 1752:

26 MARCH 1760
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

“Barnaby Goodwin and Wilkerson, his wife, of Edgecombe Co., N.C. to Robert Sheffield of

⁵⁵ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 39; citing Deed Book B: 106–7.

⁵⁶ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 44; citing Deed Book B: 206–7.

⁵⁷ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 46; citing B:232–33.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Granville Co., N.C. for 30 pds. 150 acres on N side of Tar River granted [*sic*] to **Moses Smith** Oct. 10, 1752, and by him conveyed to Goodwin. Wts: James Carey, Green Hill, Henry Bradley.”⁵⁸

1 NOVEMBER 1752
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC
Land sale.

“**Moses Smith** to William Kimball for 10 pds. 200 acres being part of tract granted to James Mathis on Tarr River Wits: John Goodwin, Richard Crutchfield.”⁵⁹

COMMENT:

The full pattern of Moses’ land acquisitions and sales is this:

27 Nov 1746	bought from Wm Page 100 acres on S side of Tar
2 Mar 1749	sold these 100 acres
(25 Mar 1749)	(James Mathews obtained patent on 480 acres)
(29 Sep 1749)	(James Mathews sold 100 of his 480 to Henry Hunt)
29 Sep 1749	bought Mathews’ remaining 380 + another 600 acres from Mathews
<i>Before</i> 1752	bought 100 of John Rackleys 250 acres
31 Aug 1752	sold 100 acres of Rackleys land
	sold 180 acres of the Mathews land
10 Oct 1752	bought 150 acres from John Rackley
	sold Rackley’s 150 acres same day (with wife Judith)
1 Nov 1752	sold remaining 200 acres of Mathews land (without Judith)

- **At this point, Moses should still own the 600 acres he bought from Mathew in 1749.**
- Moses does not appear on the 1751 Granville tax roll—nor would be appear on the 1753, 1754, 1755, and 1756 rolls, suggesting that he was an absentee landowner.

1753
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC
Tax List.

List by Osborn Jeffreys, starting with ...

William Smith T.R. [*sic*] 1 — — [i.e., William Smith of tar River]

John Rackley Senr & Saul Rackley & Mills Rackley, Thomas Cook Con[s]table & Phillis & Fany, James Rayley, William Edwards & Jenny & Patt, Isaac Garrett, John Perrey, Ezekiah Massey, Thomas Huland, Joseph Wright Senr & Joseph Wright Junr & John Wright, William White, John Sutton, Robert Moody Senr & Daniel Moody, Robert Davis, Samuel Carlile, Thomas Bridges, Thomas Jones Carp^r, Henry Weaver, William Bridges & Bab, Thomas Going, Joseph Holley, James Ross & Christopher Clark, **John Rackley Junr**, Daniel Potter

Henrey Ivoy 1 — 1

William Eavas, Joseph Brantley & James Brantley, *James Massey* & Sampson, Howard Worley, Thomas Brogdon & Sam & Venas

Charles Ivoy 1 — —

⁵⁸ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 162; citing D:373-74.

⁵⁹ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 47; citing B:239-41.

[several dozen more entries]⁶⁰

COMMENT:

No Moses Smith, Stephen Smith, or Thomas Smith. The compiler does not explain what the 2nd and 3d columns mean. Analyzing the data, it appears to me that

- Column 1 = white polls
- Column 2 = black polls
- Column 3 = ? total polls

1753—

DUPLIN (LATER SAMPSON) COUNTY, NC

Inheritance.

"In the Records of Sampson County are to be found Deeds for years subsequent to 1753 involving **Michael** and Mary Snell **King**, Roger Snell, **John King**, **Moses Smith**, and **Edward Byrd**. These records refer to land on 'Six Runs' and 'Beaver Dam Swamp' in Duplin (Sampson) County. For example ...

- Book 6; page 303 – 25 Jan. **1799** ... '**John King** of S.C. to Roger Snell 250 acres on Six Runs, being the plantation patented by **Michael King** in 1763....' [ESM: should be 25 Jan. 1779. See my notes below for that date.]
- Book 5; page 272 – 21 Feb. **1774** ... '**John King** of Craven County, S.C. to **John Yarborough**, 150 acres on Beaver Dam Swamp, in Duplin County, N.C.'

"In view of these records it *appears* that John King, son of Michael and Isabell King moved to Fairfield Co., S.C. and not Onslow Co., N.C. It thus seems that both the theories in *The Lees and Kings of Virginia and N.C.* and in *William R. King and His Kin* are to be viewed with some suspicion."⁶¹

28 JANUARY 1753

BERTIE COUNTY, NC

Kinship.

Will of Thomas Ryan, land and mill on **Cypress Swamp**, who states: "I have bought certain Negroes of John Holdbrook whose service **during the lifetime of their mistress Isabella Dyal** was made over by **Edward Dyal** during the lifetime of his said wife **Isabella**; these are to be divided between my wife and children."⁶²

COMMENT:

From this we learn:

- An identity for Isabel's 2nd husband. However, the August 1744 estate settlement of John Holbrook implies that Isabel's husband was John Dyal, not Edward.
- That she seems to have died between 1742 and 1753. However, see below the 19 November 1762 will of Henry King, the apparent son of Isabel and Michael King, which (if that date is the will date and not the probate date) says his mother was still alive.

⁶⁰ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 30.

⁶¹ Michael A. Stroschio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22–23.

Stroschio's bibliography identifies these two books as follows:

- Henry Poellnitz Johnston, Sr., *William R. King and His Kin* (Birmingham, Ala.: Featon Press, 1975), "LC 75-32081"
- Reba Shropshire Wilson and Betty Shropshire Glover, *The Lees and Kings of Virginia and North Carolina, 1636–1976* (Ridgely, TN: Wilson and Glover Publishing Co., 1975). I need to get both of them

⁶² David B. Gannon, *Abstracts of Wills, Bertie County, North Carolina, 1722–1774* (Raleigh, NC: P.p., 1990), 52–53, citing Secretary of State Wills, no. 185. It is not clear whether the numbers are hers or whether they were assigned by the secretary's office.

No will has been found for Isabel in this county. Probate records have not yet been searched.

TO DO:

Check the original for both of these documents to verify that the names are correct.

1754

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax lists.

List by Osborn Jeffreys.

Anthoney Lewis with Swan & Simon, Daniel Potter & Littlebery Woodlif, Robert Morgan, William White, John Green, Thomas Mullins

William Smith 2 — 2

Edward Tucker

Daniel Moody, Osborn Jeffreys with Jeremiah Hilliard & William Bledso & Will & Coley & Sharper & Sarah & Doll, William Taquell with William Halley & Thomas Taber

James Smith 2 — 2

Nathaniel Smith

William Burnal, Andrew Hartsfield & William Brewer, Thomas Cook & Drewry Cook & Fillis and Fanny, John Gouldin Junr., William *Massey* & Mingo

Henry Ivoy 2 — 2

William Ivoy

Thomas Ash & Abbegal his wife, Lodowick Alford with Jon Mick Smith & Jacob Alford and [slaves] Sam & Frank & Park [*skip several dozen*], Burrell Perry, Thomas Brogdon & Venice & Sam, John Sandland Junr, William Mabree, **Thomas Going**

Tab ck William Smith [*sic*] 1 — 1

Francis Bradley & Jon Bradley, John Farrell & slaves, James Hobs & Judah, Thos. Jones & Nathaniel Jones, John Gouldinn Senr, James Hunt, Richard Arrendell & Thomas Arrendell, Robert Allen, William Paschal with Saml & Josiah & William & Elisha & James Paschals, Howard Worley,, ~~Joseph Kimbell~~ [*sic*], Hannah Thomas Nutt. [*end of list*]⁶³

COMMENT:

Again, Moses, Stephen & Thomas Smith are gone. The wife taxed to Thomas Ash should be a free woman of color; otherwise she would not be taxable.

JUNE 1754

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

"Benjamin Nevil vrs. **Thomas Smith**; suit dismissed in favor of defendant."

"**Moses Smith** vrs. Barnaby Goodwin. Jury finds for plaintiff." ⁶⁴

8 OCTOBER 1754

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

⁶³ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 36.

⁶⁴ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Court Minutes of Granville County North Carolina, 1746–1820* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1977), 41.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Militia service.

"Muster Roll of the Regiment in Granville County under the Comand [sic] of Col. William Eaton as taken at a General Muster of the said Regiment 8th October 1754 ...

Capt. John Glover's Company:

William Smith, John Smith, Thomas Smith, Stephen Smith, William Chavers, Negro, William Chavers, Mul., Gilbert Chavers, Mulatto, Thomas Woodliffe, **Thomas Smith, Mercht.** [skip 48] "**John Smith**, Nut Bush"

Capt. Osbourn Jeffrey's Company:

No. 35: **William Smith** ... Nos. 78-82: Thomas Gowen, Malatto, Michael Gowen, Malatto, Edward Gowen, Malatto, Robert Davis, Malatto, William Burnel, Malatto."

Capt. Richard Coleman's Company:

No. 69: **William Smith** ...

Capt. John Sallis's Company:

No. 27: **John Smith** ...

Capt. Sugar Jones's Company:

No. 75-83: William Watley, Shirly Watley Junior, Henry Jennings, **Moses Smith**, Thomas Harris, William Gibbons, Allan Montjoy, Lawrance Kerwin, **William Smith** ..."

Capt. Benjamin Sims's Company:

John Burt, Lieut., William Mercy, Ensign, Giles Bowers, Serjeant, John Bishop, Serj., William Eves, Serj. James **Ross**, Corp. John Meldey, Corp., Mathew Mathews, Corp. William Jones, Drummer, **Henry Ivey, Drummer**, William Jackson, Thomas Smith, William Moxley, William Thomas, **Charles Ivey**, Daniel Carrol, John Duncan, Thomas **Hunt [of] Little Creek**, Robert Smith, Richard Crutchfield, John Meekie, Henry Clark, Thomas **Hunt** [of] up the river [skip 28], Miles **Rackley, Parsons Rackley**, John Rainwater, Thomas Tharrington, Robert Butler, Edward Thomas, John Reeves, **William Smith, John Smith**, George Woodly, Joseph Wright, John Wright, James Massey, John Douglas, George Hill, Francis Strother, Thomas West, Joseph Wright, Junior, James **Pace, James Smith, Nathaniel Smith**, John Parnal, John Massey ..."

Capt. Andrew Hampton's Company:

No. 47 **Samuel Smith** ... No. 56 **William Smith**.⁶⁵

NOVEMBER 1754

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

"Deed: William Drake to Abraham Herring. ... Trans.: 20 pounds 'money of Great Brittain' for 200 acres 'Beginning on the South side of Horse Swamp.' Deed mentions Houston's line and 'a meadow.' Wit.: **John Yarbrough, Moses Smith, and Judy Smith**. Deed was proven 9 April 1755."⁶⁶

COMMENT:

⁶⁵ Nola Duffy, Deloris Williams, Tina Tarlton Smith, et al., "Muster Roll of the Regiment in Granville County under the Comand [sic] of Col. William Eaton as taken at a General Muster of the said Regiment 8th October, 1754," *NC GenWeb: Granville Co., North Carolina* (http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncgranville/deeds/Granv-deeds1746_pt2.htm : accessed 1 March 2018).

⁶⁶ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1-3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 72; citing Duplin Deeds 2:269.

This presents interesting possibilities.

- Moses Smith is in the Byrd-King neighborhood at least 7 years before he married John Byrd's new widow, Catherine King.
- In October 1752, he and then wife "Judeth" sold land in Granville. Her identity presents a possibility to develop. John Watts (whose widow was named Judith "Judy") married ca. 1768. His firstborn, Catherine, gave the name "Moses Smith" to her own firstborn son. If Moses Smith was the father of John Watts's 1768 wife, then she should have been born during the period that Moses was married to Judith—not the post-1761 marriage to Catherine King Byrd.
- This Duplin publication shows no other entries for Judy or Judith Smith.
- John Yarbrough and Henry Ivy would move to Fairfield about the time that Moses Smith moved.
- In Fairfield, in 1783, John Yarbrough, Moses Smith, John King, and John Watts would jointly sign a letter of recommendation for Patriot Lt. William Coggins who was planning a move to Georgia.

1755

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax list.

"Composite List"⁶⁷

COMMENT:

Moses Smith is missing. Henry Ivey (with William Ivey) and Charles Ivey are there in Granville.

4 MARCH 1755

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tavern license

"License to **Wm. Smith** 'to keep an Ordinary at his house near **Mount Misery** on **Tarr River**.'" ⁶⁸

COMMENT:

One Mount Misery is today a hill on Buck Quarter Creek in NE Orange County. This does not appear to be the relevant location.

23 AUGUST 1755

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

"Deed: Druly Fort (Forte) to Matthew Carter. ... Trans.: 15 pounds 'Current money of Virginia' for 113 acres 'on Kill Swamp a branch of **Coheary**.' Deed mentions Moses Fort. Land was granted to James Pace by patent dated 13 March 1754. Wit.: **Moses Smith**, Robert Hutchinson, and John Ward. Deed was proven by the oath of Thomas **Castellaw** 10 January 1756."⁶⁹

COMMENT:

Note that this deed associates Moses Smith with Thomas Castellaw, the former guardian of the inheritance of Catherine King.

⁶⁷ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 48-51.

⁶⁸ Thomas McAdory Owens, *History and Genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1993), 184.

⁶⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 75; citing Duplin Deeds 2:299.

One year later (18 August 1756) Catherine's husband John Byrd sold land on the Great Coheary.

1756

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax List.

List by William Johnson [covering the old Moses Smith—Henry Ivy neighborhood].⁷⁰

COMMENT:

Moses Smith, Henry Ivy & Charles Ivy are all missing.

4 MAY 1756

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

"Deed: John Holly to **Moses Smith**. ... Trans.: 20 pounds 'Current money of Virginia' for 200 acres 'Beginning ... On the east side of **Horse Swamp**.' Land was part of a tract granted to William Drake late of said province the Patent Bearing date' 1 September 1752. Wit.: **John Yarbrough, Robert Bell**, and Abraham Huggins. (See notes 15 and 20.)"⁷¹

7 SEPTEMBER 1756

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Court minutes

"Darwin Elwick vrs. **William Smith**." [no further details]

"Charles Turnbull vrs. **William Chavers** and mentions suit brought by plaintiff vrs. **Thomas Smith**." [no further details]

"**Peter Ivy** vrs. Francis Parker" [no further details]⁷²

COMMENT:

The Duplin Co. John Bird of the next two documents appears to be the husband of Catherine King.

18 AUGUST 1756

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

"Deed: **John Bird** to **William Drew**. ... Trans.: 35 pounds 'Current money of Virginia' for 100 acres 'Beginning...On the east side of **Great Coheary Creek** By the swamp of the creek.' Deed mentions John Turner. Land was 'Conveyed By Deed of sale from Col. John Sampson to the said **John Bird** Bearing date" 28 September 1754. Wit.: Robert Butler, Geo. M. Daniel, and Benjamin Craford."⁷³

26 APRIL 1756

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

"Deed: **John Bird** to Marmaduke Norfleet (of Edgecomb). ... Trans.: 5 pounds for 50 acres 'On the West Side of **Great Coheary**.' Deed mentions Simon Herring. Land was part of a tract granted to the said John

⁷⁰ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 59–61.

⁷¹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 80; citing Duplin Deeds 2:356.

⁷² Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Court Minutes of Granville County North Carolina, 1746–1820* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1977), 52.

⁷³ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 80; citing Duplin Deeds 2:362.

Bird by patent dated 25 September 1754. Wit.” Robert Butler, Sr.”⁷⁴

1757

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Tax List.

List by John Martin

[skip ca. 150]

John Dunkin, Richard Rabon, William Walker, Richard Upchurch, William Tant, Julias Alford, John Davis, Jacob Powell, William Pace, Sampson Brazwell, John Wilder, Robert Butler with John Butler and Abram Reed, Rustian Honicutt, John Benton, George Mainer, Francis Johnson, Gipson Martin & Martin & Godferry, Lodowic Alford & Negros, James Arnald, William Freeman, Joseph Bridges Jun [then ...]

Moses Smith 1

Christopher Jean, Thomas Grey & son, Richard Pinell, Henry Brewer⁷⁵

COMMENT:

- Although Moses Smith has returned to Granville, the Ivys haven’t.
- The fact that Moses appears on the 1757 list suggests that he was back in Granville, as a resident, by at least late 1756.

TO DO:

Check NC tax law to see whether it specifies the date by which the list is to be compiled.

“List by William Johnson”

[semialphabetical by first letter of surname]

Richd Smith	1
John Stuflemire	
John Smith	1
Moses Smith	1
James Smith	3
James Swiney	
Edward Scarburoh	
James Sensing	
Wm Smith unknown [sic]	
Thos Therington	
[etc.] ⁷⁶	

COMMENT:

The neighborhood is very clearly the Moses Smith—Henry Ivy neighborhood, as is the neighborhood in the John Martin list, although the two lists are significantly different. Could one of these lists be for a different year? In some other years, the compiler of these tax roll abstracts questions whether the year is correct.

⁷⁴ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 88; citing Duplin Deeds 2:449.

⁷⁵ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 64.

⁷⁶ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 77.

13 APRIL 1757
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **Moses Smith** (of ‘the County of Graville’ [*sic*], N.C.) to Arthur Herring. ... Trans.: 20 pounds for 200 acres Beginning ... On the East side of Horse Swamp.’ Land was part of a tract granted to William Drake by patent dated 1 September 1753. Wit. **John Yarbrough**, Edward Outlaw, and **John King**.⁷⁷

12 OCTOBER 1757
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **Michael King** to **Moses Smith** (‘of Granville County’). ... Trans.: 16 pounds for 150 acres ‘at a Place called the **Six Runs swamp**.’ Land was part of a tract granted to Michael King by patent dated 29 March 1753. Wit.: Robert Warring and Richard Caswell.⁷⁸

COMMENT:

Moses Smith’s pattern of activity is curious:

- November 1754, he is in the King-Byrd neighborhood of Duplin, with his wife Judith (and is missing from Granville tax rolls)
- May 1756, he buys John Holly’s land in Duplin.
- April 1757, he sold the Duplin land as a resident of Granville.
- 12 October 1757 (six months after selling the Duplin land from Granville) he is back in Duplin, still calling himself a resident of Granville, when he buys land from Michael King. This time he apparently stayed in Duplin.
- 1757, 1758, 1759, he is taxed in Granville; the 1759 roll taxes him jointly with William and John Smith
- 1760, Moses buys land in Duplin from Michael King Jr., brother of Catherine who was married to John Byrd. As John’s widow, she would marry Moses about 1762.

Something disruptive appears to have happened in Moses’ life in the 1756–60 period, raising a series of questions:

- Why did he buy land in Duplin in 1756 and then move back to Granville to be taxed in 1757?
- Why would he buy King land in Duplin just six months after selling his Duplin land as a resident of Granville?
- Why, after buying the King land in Duplin, did he remain a tithable in Duplin through 1759?
- Did Judith die in Duplin in 1756, prompting Moses to return to Granville to get help in caring for their child or children?
- Could an illness on Judith’s part have prompted the removal to Granville where family could care for her and their children?
- Did he and Judith separate in 1756, with him buying land for her in Duplin while he returned to Granville?

These thoughts are sheer speculation—points to investigate more deeply.

⁷⁷ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 82; citing Duplin Deeds 2:395.

⁷⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 88; citing Duplin Deeds 2:445.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

List by John Pope
[skip about 100]
Henry Hill & Negroes Harry and Lusey

Benjamin Arnidald & **William Ivey**

Thomas Cook & Nego wench Fillis & Nego wench Fanney, Thomas Sharrod, Thomas Jones & Thomas Jones Jr, Charles Merreman Jr, William Massey [and 3 Negroes], William Young, Richard Taylor, John McKissec & George Stephens & Negroe girl Nan, Joseph Goin mulattoe, Edward Going mulattoe, Thomas Goin & William Gray, John Golding & John Golding Jr.

William Smith & Moses Smith & John Smith 3

James Bugg, William Wilkerson, John Stallions, John Cape, Johh [sic] Simmons Peechtree, Capt. William Massey, Philemon Bradford Senr & Negroes Gilbert & Ginney, John Sandlin Jr., William Braisher & William Braisher Jr, Robert Shuffle,

John Madslin, **Solomon Harper**, Robert Bagley 3

Morgan Murry, Robert Clarke & John Carlile, John Simmons, Sabrit Short, John Reves & Thomas Reves & Joseph Reves & Wilham Ellet, Benjamin Rice, James Hobbs & Negroe Jude, Daniel Potter, William Freeman Senr & Nego Jeffrey, **Passon** [sic] **Rackley** ...⁸¹

COMMENT:

Henry Ivey and son John do not appear on this tax roll. The previous December, Ivy had sold at least part of his land:

19 December 1758

GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“**Henry Ivy** to **William Ditto** for 18 pds. 130 acres, being part of grant to **William and Robert Southerland** for 300 acres Apr. 20, 1745, and by them conveyed to Henry Ivy Feb. 28, 1749 on W side of **Mill Swamp** in Ross’ line. Wts: James Ross, Thomas Jones.”⁸²

Ditto sold this land *the next day* to Thomas Hill of Edgecombe Co. NC for 13 pds & 5 shillings, with Blake Baker as witness. (C:549-50) Why the quick transfer at a loss?

TO DO:

Investigate whether this is the same set of Dittos that located on the waters of the Wateree about the same time as Henry Ivy and Moses Smith.

2 MARCH 1760

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Community service.

“Matchitt, Edward. “Came by his Death by the faling of a horse a gainst a Pine Tree” on 2 Mar 1763. Inquest held at the house of Thos. Kenan in Duplin Co. on 3 Mar 1760. **Edward Bird, Gent.**, coroner. JURY: Joseph Williams, foreman; Thos. Kenan; **Archbil Bell**; Thomas Hicks; **Moses Smith**; Andrew Thompson; John Austine; Denis Follwy; John Dickson; Benjamin Johnson; Uriah Blanshard; Jos. Willson; David Thompson;

⁸¹ Timothy W. Rackley, *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists, 1747–1759* (Kernersville, NC: P.p., 2003), 95.

⁸² Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 208; citing C:548–49.

Anthony Mills; **Michael King**; William Ritcherson.”⁸³

COMMENT:

This document appears between one dated 3 June 1760 and another dated 12 November 1763.

TO DO:

Vol. 3 of NCGSJ journal has 3 Moses Smith entries. I’ve already done vols 8–9. Do rest of series.

AUGUST 1760

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

“Deed: **Michael King** [Jr.] to James Massey. Dated: (blank) August 1760. Trans.: 8 pounds 10 shillings for 100 acres ‘at a place called the Six Runs’ ... Beginning in the Old line On the North side of the **six Runs**.” Deed mentions **Edward Byrd** and **John Byrd**. Land was part of a larger tract granted to the said **Michael King** by patent dated 29 March 1753. Wit.: **Moses Smith** and **Edw’d Byrd**.”⁸⁴

COMMENT:

Edward Byrd was married to Mary King, sister of Catherine (King) Byrd and Michael King Jr.

5 FEBRUARY 1761

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Will.

“**Byrd, John**. Proved 12 May 1761. “son **John** 100 acres with the Plantation whereon I now Live, negro Lue, 1 cow & yearling, 1 horse colt Names Major; son **Michael** negro Fillis, 1 cow & Yearling, 1 Rifle Gun, 1 mare cold [*sic*] Names Murih; dau. **Beththioh** 1 meluter named Chloe, 2 cows & yearlins; dau. **Selah** first child that negro Pat shall have to Live to be Two years, 2 cows & Calfs; **Wife Cathrine** negro Pat and all the remaining part of my estate except Twelf sows and pigs & my other Negroes that is not yet mentioned which are to be Equily Devided between my fore Children. Extrs: **Michal King**, **Edward Byrd**. Wit: **John Yarbrough**, **George Belle**. Signed: **John Byrd**.”⁸⁵

COMMENT:

- The proof of John’s will in 1761 eliminates the possibility the John Watts married a daughter of Catherine King by Moses Smith. Any child born after her 1761 widowhood would be too young to marry John Watts in 1768. (John’s daughter Catherine, born c1769, named a son Moses Smith Hornsby.)
- Selah (Celia) is also a name that at least one child of John Watts’s children gave to their daughter. However, the above Selah, as the apparent youngest daughter of John Bird, would be too young to have married John Watts ca. 1768. Subsequent evidence suggests that she was the wife of Hezekiah Ford by 25 March 1795.
- The elder daughter Beththioh (Bethia) is possibly old enough to be married by 1761, depending upon her placement amid John and Catherine’s sons. (The fact that the sons are named first does not mean that they are the oldest children. In this society, it was common to name sons

⁸³ Haywood Roebuck, “North Carolina Colonial Coroners’ Inquests, 1738-1775,” *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* 1 (January 1975): 11-45, particularly p. 27.

⁸⁴ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 98; citing Duplin Deeds 3:62.

⁸⁵ William L. (Bill) Murphy, *Genealogical Abstracts: Duplin County Wills, 1730–1860* (Rose Hill, NC: Duplin County Historical Society, 1982), entry 83, p. 24; citing CR.035.801.2/A-57.

first, in birth order, then the daughters in birth order.) However, she married Charles Gavin and moved to Orangeburg, then Mississippi.

- George Bell is the name of Catherine's maternal uncle, the brother of her mother Isabel King.
- John Yarbrough would cosign the William Coggin character affidavit in Fairfield Co., SC, 1783, with Catherine's husband Moses Smith, with Catherine's brother John King, and with Moses's proposed son-in-law John Watts. The Fairfield John Yarbrough also bought land in 1791 adjacent to John Watts.
- Note that Coggins are also here in Duplin and Bertie, associating with the King family. *However*, the William Coggins for whom John King, Moses Smith, and John Watts signed a character affidavit swore in his pension application of 1854 that he was born 8 January 1755 in *Barnwell District, SC* and that his parents moved from there to Camden District where he was raised.⁸⁶ If he is part of this Granville family, then his parents left there before 1755.

23 FEBRUARY 1761
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

"Deed: **Moses Smith** to **Henry Ivey** (of Granville County). ... Trans: 80 pounds for 150 acres 'at a place Called the **Six Runs**.' Land was part of a tract granted to **Michael King** by patent dated 29 March 1753. The 150 acres are all conveyed 'Excepting **sixteen foot square a Burying place** so that neither I the said Moses Smith nor my heirs nor any other person or persons for us or in our names any Right estate title Claim use interest dower title of dower or demand of and in the aforesaid one Hundred fifty acres of land...' Wit.: **John Yarbrough**, Abraham Huggins, and **John Ivey**.⁸⁷

COMMENT:

- This is a tract that Michael King sold to Moses Smith in October 1757 when he returned from his brief residence in Granville County.
- At this point, this seems to be the only piece of land that Moses has in Duplin. Twelve months later, he would buy another piece from Michael King.
- *Why would Moses sell this tract to someone of Granville? Almost certainly he did not sell it out of the family. Is it possible that Henry Ivey was an in-law?*
- **Has Moses already proposed to John Byrd's widow, hence his no longer needing land of his own—i.e., he is planning to move in with Catherine and farm the land that John Byrd left?**
- **Is the burying ground—which was not part of the deed when Moses acquired the land in 1757—the burial site of his wife Judith?**
- On 22 January 1780, John Easom conveyed part of this land to John Sampson Young for 2100 pounds saying it was 'part of a Patent granted to Michael King Bearing date (29 March 1753)

⁸⁶ Pension application of William Coggin (Lt., Sumter's Brigade, S.C., Rev. War), S2838; accessed at *Fold3* (www.fold3.com : 25 April 2014), specifically image 12739963. When Coggin applied in 1854, aged 99, he lived in Gordon Co., GA; an 1856 affidavit by him, aged 101, was drafted in Fannin Co., GA. On 18 March 1878 his widow Cynthia applied, saying she had married Coggin on 17 July 1850 at Fairmont, Gordon Co., before Parson Allen Hewitt and that she had previously been married to Abram Cox who died in 1843. William died 24 December 1863, "aged 108 years (less 15 days) in Gordon Co., Geo." An 1880 affidavit states that she was 73, that she was his second wife and that his former wife was named Gussie. (image 12739923). 25 September 1879, widow supposedly was in Stevenson, Ala. (image 12740257). 26 January 1855, William Coggin made affidavit that his father Thomas Coggin died in the state of Virginia, having gone there upon business (image 12740361).

⁸⁷ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 115; citing Duplin Deeds 3:195.

and Conveyed by deed from the said King to **Moses Smith** and from Henry Ivey to said John Easom ... 25 November 1779.”⁸⁸

- On 24 December 1783, Easom also conveyed for 150 pounds a burial grounds and 208 acres described as “On the East side of the Six Runs swamp Joining **John King** and Abraham Herrings lines [with mention of] Snell’s line ... granted (does not specify to whom) by patent dated 25 October 1766 ... “Twenty five yards square Excepted for a Grave yard where the graves all Now is.” Witnessed by Henry Jones, Catheran Stewart, and Moses Jones.⁸⁹ Note the enlargement of the cemetery between 1761 and 1783.

9 NOVEMBER 1761
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“**Henry Ivey** and wife **Mary** to Green Hill for 160 pds. (Hill of Northampton Co., N.C.), 140 acres in Granville Co., N.C. on **Fox Swamp**, 190 acres of which was granted to Ivey or 300 acres Apr. 20, 1745 and 250 acres granted to Samuel Lanier for 500 acres June 20, 1749 at Ross’ corner in Ivey’s line to **Rocky Branch**. Wts: Thomas Sherrod, Paul Patrick, Henry Hill.”⁹⁰

8 FEBRUARY 1762
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

“Deed: **Michael King** to **Moses Smith**. ... Trans.: 20 pounds for 100 acres ‘On the East side of the Six Runs swamp.’ Deed mentions Abraham Herring, Sauls Branch, and ‘a white Oak marked On the East side with two letters. M.R.’ [A later deed says M.K., which would be appropriate for Michael King.]⁹¹

COMMENT:

- Moses sold this land outside the family in 1763.
- Meanwhile, Michael King also sold parts of this tract to Catherine’s brother John King (later of Fairfield, where he owned land adjacent to John Watts) and George Bell, the brother of Michael, Catherine, and John’s mother Isabell (Bell) Byrd Dyal.

7 May 1762

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

“Deed: **Michael King** to **George Bell**. ... Trans.: 20 pounds for 150 acres ‘on a branch that makes out of the East side of the **Six Runs Swamp** it being the land where the said **George Bell now lives**.” Deed mentions John Chesnutt and ‘Chinkapin Corner.’ Land was part of ‘a large tract’ granted to the said **Michael King** by patent dated 29 (month not given) 1753. Wit.: Joseph Coker and **Roger Snell**.”⁹²

⁸⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 7–9 (ca. 1780 to ca. 1794)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1985), 3; citing Duplin Deeds 7:24.

⁸⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 7–9 (ca. 1780 to ca. 1794)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1985), 63; citing Duplin Deeds 8:101.

⁹⁰ Zae Hargett Gwynn, *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746–1765* (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1974), 171; citing Deed Book D:23–24.

⁹¹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 120; citing Duplin Deeds 3:256.

⁹² Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 119; citing Duplin Deed Book 3:234.

10 August 1762

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

“Deed: William Fryer to William Fryer (a ‘Sadler’). ... Trans.: 18 pounds for 210 acres ‘On the North side of the **Six Runs** adjoining **John Kings** land.’ Land was granted to William Fryer by patent bearing date ‘2th’ December 1761. Wit: William Dickson and John Dickson, C.C.”⁹³

9 AUGUST 1763

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **John King** to William Fryer. ... Trans.: 10 pounds for 100 acres ‘On the South side of the **six Runs swamp** Joining to *Esoms* land.’ Deed mentions *Joseph Esom*. Land was granted to the said John King by patent dated 22 October 1762. Wit.: John **Bell** and **Roger Snell**. ‘Proved August Term 1763.’”⁹⁴

10 NOVEMBER 1763

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **Moses Smith** to William Miller. ... Trans.: 20 pounds for 100 acres ‘On the East side of the **six Runs swamp**.’ Deed mentions ‘Snells brough and a white oak with initials “M.K.” on it. Wit.: Felix Kenan and Henry Hollingsworth.”⁹⁵

COMMENT:

Moses bought this land from Michael King on 8 February 1762.

27 JANUARY 1764

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“**Michael King** to **Edward Bird (Byrd)**. ... Trans[action?]: 20 pounds for 200 acres ‘on a branch that makes Out of the North East side of the **six Runs swamp**, it being the land where the said **Edward Byrd** now lives.’ Deed mentions James Mercy and **George Bell**. Land was part of a large tract granted by patent to Michael King dated 29 March 1753. Wit.: **Moses Smith** and **Roger Snell**.⁹⁶

COMMENT:

- This Edward Bird would appear to be the one who married Mary King, sister of Michael, George, and Catherine—and brother-in-law of Moses Smith, Catherine’s second husband.
- Roger Snell should be the brother-in-law of Michael King, as named in the will of Michael Snell Sr., above.
- It would appear that Catherine (King) Byrd married Moses Smith here in Duplin, before moving to South Carolina.
- Note that the next two Bird deeds, filed consecutively with the one above, involve Cogginsses also.

⁹³ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 5; citing Deed Book 4:85.

⁹⁴ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 35; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:343.

⁹⁵ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 38; citing Duplin Deeds 1:377.

⁹⁶ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 39; citing Duplin Deeds 1:387.

1 FEBRUARY 1764
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

“Edward Byrd to **Thomas Coggin** (‘late of Bertie County’), ... Trans.: 40 pounds for 200 acres ‘On a branch that maketh Out of the East side of the **Six Runs Swamp** it being the land where the said Edward Byrd now lives.’ Deed mentions James Mercy and **George Bell**. Land was part of a large tract that the said Edward Byrd bought of **Michael King**. Wit: Dancy Holland and **Moses Smith**.”⁹⁷

7 APRIL 1764
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

“Deed: William Millar (‘Revirend’) to **Edward Byerd (or Byrd)**. ... Trans.: 21 pounds for 100 acres on the east side of **Six Runs Swamp**. Deed mentions Abraham Herring and **Snell’s Branch**. Wit.: **Moses Smith** and John Millar. (See note 1.)”⁹⁸

COMMENT:

Under “note 1,” the compiler of these abstracts identifies the record as a “Return made to Secretary’s Office 4 April 1768.”

16 APRIL 1764
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

“Deed: William Atkeison (of **Craven County, South Carolina**) to **Moses Smith**. ... Trans.: 10 pounds for 134 acres in **Six Runs Swamp**. Deed mentions Joseph Easom, Mary Parker, and Isaac Atkeison. Wit: **John Yarbrough, Henry Ivey**, and William Fryer. (See note 1.)”⁹⁹

COMMENT:

Others who moved from Duplin to Craven Co (Camden Dist. after 1768) include the following:

- William Vining of Craven County, SC, 25 February 1768, sold land on White Oak Branch.¹⁰⁰
- Richard Graves of Craven County, 4 April 1769, sold Duplin land on East of Cape Fear.¹⁰¹
- Peter Smith of Craven, 7 April 1769, sold Duplin land on N side of Goshen Swamp in fork of Buck Branch and Holly Spring, with Alexander **Outlaw** as witness.¹⁰²
- William Hullom of Craven County, 16 August 1771, sold land on **Six Runs**.¹⁰³

⁹⁷ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 39; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:390.

⁹⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 6; citing Duplin Deeds 1:36.

⁹⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 11; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:91.

¹⁰⁰ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 10; citing Deed Book 4:150.

¹⁰¹ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 17; citing Deed Book 4:219.

¹⁰² Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 34; citing Deed Book 4:406

¹⁰³ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 40; citing Deed Book 4:470.

- **John King** of Craven County, 21 February 1774, land on Beaver Dam Swamp [of Six Runs].¹⁰⁴
- Henry Bishop of Craven County, 14 November 1774, sold land on NE of Cape Fear.¹⁰⁵
- Abraham Neason of Craven County, 18 November 1774, sold land on NE of Cape Fear.¹⁰⁶
- Charles Acklin of Craven County, 5 August 1776, sold land on Stewarts Creek, Murrows Br.¹⁰⁷
- **Frederick Bell** of Craven County, 9 March 1778, location not stated [a possible King relative].¹⁰⁸
- Benjamin Pickren of Craven County, 21 November 1777(?) bought Duplin land from John Pickren of Georgia.¹⁰⁹
- James Massey of Craven County, 24 November 1779, sold land on West side **Six Runs**.¹¹⁰
- **Henry Ivey Sr.** of Camden District, SC, to *John Easom*, 25 November 1779 sold for 130 acres 'On the north side of the **six Runs** ... part of a tract of land" and bounded on all sides by *Sampson Young*. Witnesses: Benjamin Easom, **John Yarbrough**, and **Elizabeth Ivey**.

TO DO:

- Explore the probable connection (maybe in Granville or Edgecombe) between Henry Ivey and Moses Smith.
- Find the Atkieson land in Craven.

16 APRIL 1764

DUPLIN COUNTY, SC

Land purchase.

"Deed: Isaac Atkeison (of **Craven County, South Carolina**) to **Moses Smith**. ... Trans.: 10 pounds for 200 acres in **Six Runs Swamp**. Deed mentions Joseph Easom and Mary Parker. Wit.: **John Yarbrough, Henry Ivey**, and William Fryer. (See note 1.)"¹¹¹

21 JULY 1764

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

"Deed: **Michael King** to **John King**. ... Trans.: 28 pounds for 300 acres on Six Runs Swamp, land granted to Michael King 15 November 1762. Deed mentions *William Fryar*. Wit.: *William Byrd* and *Samsom Young*. (See note 1.)"¹¹²

¹⁰⁴ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 71; citing Deed Book 5:272.

¹⁰⁵ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 60; citing Deed Book 5:168.

¹⁰⁶ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 47; citing Deed Book 5:34.

¹⁰⁷ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 75; citing Deed Book 5:309.

¹⁰⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 100; citing Deed Book 6:78.

¹⁰⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 97; citing Deed Book 6:97.

¹¹⁰ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 133; citing Deed Book 6:456.

¹¹¹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 11; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:92.

¹¹² Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 8; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:55.

29 OCTOBER 1764
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

“Deed: William Byrd to **Moses Smith**. ... Trans.: 75 pounds for 113 acres on the east side of **Six Runs Swamp**. Land was part or a larger tract granted to George Bell by Patent dated 10 April 1752. Deed mentions **Beaver Dam Branch** and Myna’s Branch. Wit.: **Michael King, Edward Bird**, and Thomas **Coggin**. (See note 1.)”

Note 1: “Return made to Secretary’s Office 4 April 1768.”¹¹³

13 FEBRUARY 1765
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **Moses Smith** to Saul Rackley. ... Trans.: 15 pounds 10 shillings for 200 acres, ‘being a certain tract of land Pattented by Isaac Atkinson Bearing date’ 18 November 1760. Deed mentions Joseph Esom and **Six Runs Swamp**. Wit.: **Marian Byrd, John Yarbrough, Sr., and Susannah Smith**. (See note 1.)”¹¹⁴

COMMENT:

By this time, Moses should be married to the widowed Catherine (King) Byrd. Susannah should not be his wife. ***She might be considered a potential daughter who is now old enough to witness deeds—i.e., at least age 14.***

9 MAY 1767
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

“Deed: William Ball to Thomas **Yarborough**. ... Trans.: 12 pounds for 100 acres ‘On the North side of the **Beaver dam branch**.’ Land was granted to **Henry King** by patent dated 23 February 1754. Wit.: Joseph Rhodes and **Moses Smith**.”¹¹⁵

27 OCTOBER 1767
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **Moses Smith** to **George Bell** (of Dobbs County). ... Trans.: 105 pounds for 113 acres ‘On the Damn (sic) Branch which maketh out of the East side of the **Six Runs**.’ Deed also mentions **Miery Branch** and **Beaver Dam Branch**. Land was ‘apart of the Patant Granted to **George Bell** of 640 acres Bearing Date’ 10 April 1752. Wit.: Simon Bright, Jr., James Bright, and John Parrott.”¹¹⁶

COMMENT:

This is the last record found for Moses in Duplin or Granville. A move to South Carolina in the wake of this sale would place the Smith-King couple there in time for a daughter to marry John Watts and bear their firstborn *Catherine* in 1769.

¹¹³ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 7; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:51.

¹¹⁴¹¹⁴ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 15; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:138.

¹¹⁵ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 26; citing Duplin Deeds 1:257.

¹¹⁶ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 27; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:268.

10 NOVEMBER 1767
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **John King** to William Roberts (a blacksmith). ... Trans.: 6 pounds for 50 acres. Deed mentions¹¹⁷ ‘the Road.’ Land was ‘part of the tract of land which the said **John King now lives On.**’ Wit.: Richard **Yarborough**, John Mauldin, and Joshua Chesnutt.”

3 MARCH 1768
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land sale.

“Deed: **John King and Cenea, his wife**, to James Faison. ... Trans.: 100 pounds for 250 acres ‘Beginning ... upon the East side of the six Runs at the great Branch at the mouth from thence up the said Branch to the fork thence up the west fork.’ Deed mentions the main road. Land was patented by **Michael King** and conveyed from him to the said **John King** in 1763. Wit.: Elias Faison, William Duvact, and John **Martain**. (See notes 10 and 17).”

Note 10: Thomas Blake was Register.

Note 17: Deed was registered 10 November 1769.”¹¹⁸

COMMENT:

- On 20 July 1768, Edward Byrd sold 100 acres on E side of **Six Runs Swamp** to Elias Faison.¹¹⁹
- This picture I’m getting from the Duplin records of the Smith & King sales from SC is not at all the picture portrayed by Stroschio who created his narrative by reading two prior genealogies.

15 NOVEMBER 1768
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Migration.

“Power of Attorney: **John Rogers (Rodgers; of Craven County, South Carolina)** to Thomas Rogers (his brother; of Black River in New Hanover County). ... Wit.: Peleg Rogers and Edward Aren (or Areny). (See notes 10 and 17.)”¹²⁰

6 DECEMBER 1768
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC (FAIRFIELD)

Land petition.

“To Certify Platts”:

John King 100 acres “Craven County Surveyd for Wm Aldridge”¹²¹

COMMENT:

- The Aldridges were early settlers in modern Fairfield, on the (south) western side of the Wateree River.

¹¹⁷ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1–3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 30; citing Duplin Deed Book 1:299.

¹¹⁸ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 11; citing Deed Book 4:154.

¹¹⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 12; citing Deed Book 4:173.

¹²⁰ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 11; citing Deed Book 4:145.

¹²¹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 6, 1766–1770 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 213, citing pp. 278–82.

- The timing of this grant is about the time that Moses Smith moved to the Wateree from Duplin. His brother-in-law John King is twice mentioned in Duplin in 1769, although the last document (December 1769) could have been executed in Fairfield.
- The SCDAH online database to land plats, grants, and memorials has only one 100-acre tract for William Aldridge (under the spelling “Alderage”). The land is said to be in Craven County, with no other individuals named, and is dated 15 March 1771. It is not imaged online. It can be ordered using this citation: Series S213019, vol. 23:215.

TO DO:

Find this Aldridge plat. I have searched the database under every conceivable variant and have not found it.

22 DECEMBER 1768

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Land purchase.

“Deed: **John Yarbrough, Jr.** to **John King**. ... Trans.: 75 pounds for 150 acres ‘Beginning ... at the mouth of **Beaver Dam swamp**.’ Deed mentions Edward Brown. Land was part of a tract granted to John Sampson and conveyed by him ‘to Benjamin Foreman and from him to William Foreman his son and from him to **Sarah Hobgood** the same is now **wife** of the above named **John Yarbrough**.’ Wit.: **John Yarbrough, Sr.**, **John Yarbrough**, and **Lewis Yarbrough**. (See notes 10 and 17.)”¹²²

COMMENT:

It appears that John King has not yet moved to SC.

25–26 JANUARY 1769

CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

Neighbor.

“**Robert Wilson** and **Barshaba** his wife of Craven County, to **John Winn** of same, by grant dated 29 Apr 1768 to Robert Wilson, 200 acres on a **small branch of Wateree and Jacksons Creek** in Craven County, adj. land survey’d for **Richard Story**, **Kirkland**, now for £100 to John Winn. Rob’t Wilson (LS), **Bathsheba Wilson** (X) (LS), Wit: **Thos. Addison**, **John Roden** (X), William Gaines. Proved in Craven County by the oath of Thomas Addison 26 Jan 1769 before **Thos Fletchall**. Recorded 10 July 1783.”¹²³

COMMENT:

- Col. Thomas Fletchall, later a Tory, was a brother-in-law of the Tory colonel Ambrose Mills; both married sisters from the Brown family.
- Ambrose’s sister Sarah married Thomas Watts, whose brother William Watts settled on Jacksons Creek adjoining Winn.
- Thomas Roden later cosigned with Moses Smith, John King, and John Watts (son of Thomas and Sarah) the 1783 character affidavit of Patriot Lt. William Coggin.
- The Wilsons were frequent associates of George Watts, another son of Thomas and Sarah.
- John Watts named a daughter Bathsheba aka Barsheba.

¹²² Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 14; citing Deed Book 4:194.

¹²³ Brent H. Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783; Books Y-4 through H-5* (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1994), 244, citing Book H-5, pp. 77–80.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

- Thomas Addison's son Christopher married John Watt's sister Agnes.¹²⁴

2 JUNE 1769

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC (KERSHAW)

Memorial.

"**King, John**, memorial for 100 acres on **Dutchmans Creek**, Craven County. Names indexed: King, John; *Martin, Benjamin*."¹²⁵

COMMENT"

This should be the tract that was surveyed for Aldridge. The location is definitely that of John King of Duplin.

7 MAY 1771

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC?

Land petition.

"The following Petitions for Warrants of Survey, to prolong Warrants and Certify platts were presented and read:

John Bird 200 acres [no location given; could be anywhere in SC]¹²⁶

2 JULY 1771

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC (LATER KERSHAW)

Neighbor.

600 acres surveyed for *John Glaze* in "Craven County on the **Middle Fork of Dutchman's Creek**: Bounding N.E. by land of Thos. Moon and part vacant; to the N.W. by land of **John King**; and S.W. by land of *Benjamin Martin*, and the other sides by vacant land. John Winn, D.S."¹²⁷

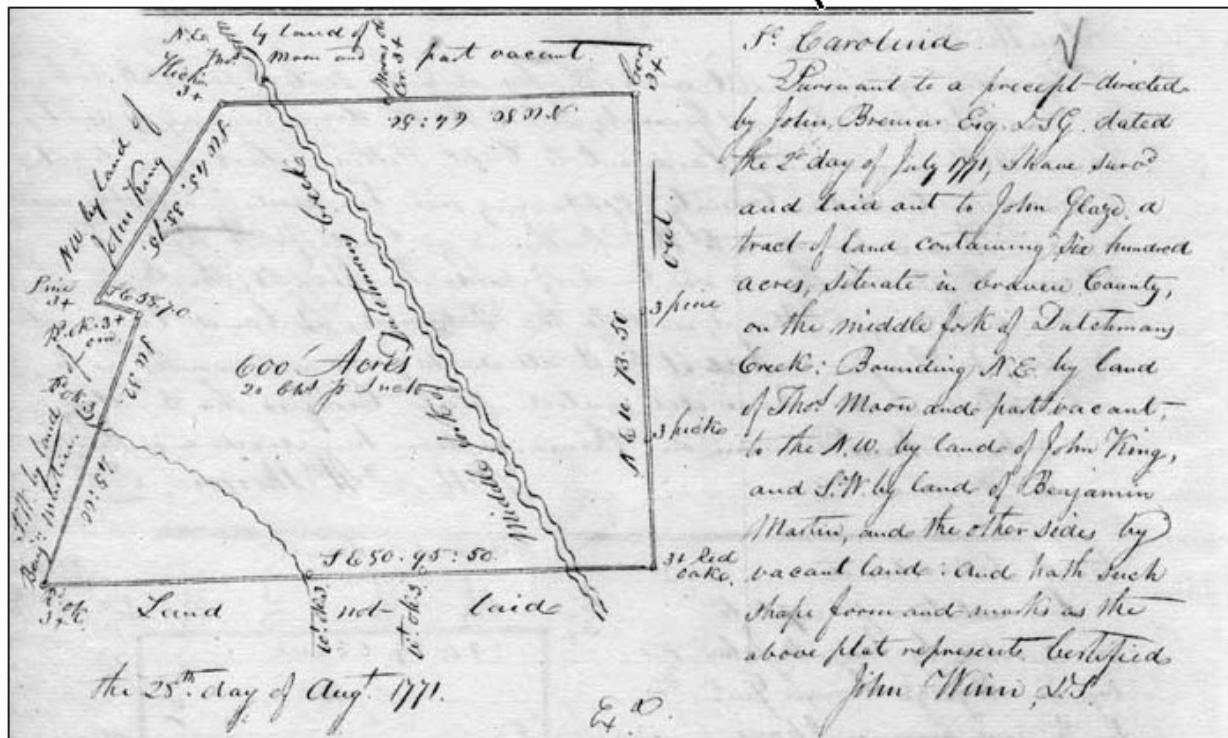
¹²⁴ See Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Christopher Addison (c1758–1823 & Spouse Agnes "Aggy" Watts (c1762–aft. 1831): Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 10 March 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the "Research" tab

¹²⁵ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/>), database entry citing Series S111001, vol. 0008, page 000445, item 005.

¹²⁶ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 7, 1771–1774 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 84, citing pp. 43–48.

¹²⁷ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/>), database entry citing Series S213184, vol. 0003, page 00307, item 02.

Moses Smith
 Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
 Wife 2: Catherine King



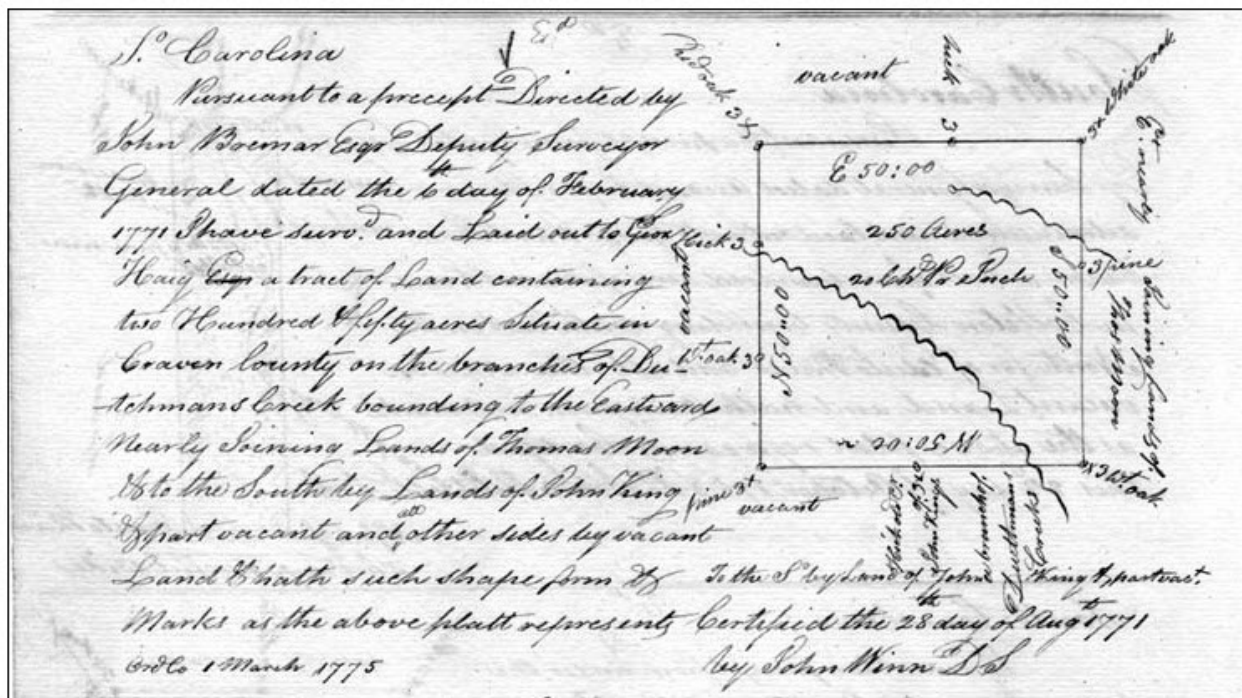
COMMENT

John King's adjacent tract would appear to be the Aldridge land, for which no survey has been found. None of his earlier plats had a SW-oriented line.

28 AUGUST 1771
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC
 Neighbor.

250 acres surveyed for George Haig "in Craven County on the branches of Dutchmans Creek bounding to the Eastward Nearly Joining Lands of Thomas Moon & to the South by Lands of **John King** & part vacant and all other sides by vacant land." John Winn, D.S.¹²⁸

¹²⁸ South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213184, vol. 0015, page 00242, item 02.



28 AUGUST 1771
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC
Neighbor.

Plat for John Glaze, "600 acres on Middle Fork of Dutchmans Creek, Craven County, Surveyed by John Winn on August 28, 1771. Names indexed: Glaze, John; **King, John**; Martin, Benjamin; Moon, Thomas; Winn, John."¹²⁹ Filed with state, 1795.

1 OCTOBER 1771
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC?
Land petition.

"The following Petitions for Warrants of Survey and Certifying platts were presented and read:

John King 200 acres [no location given]¹³⁰

15 OCTOBER 1771
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC
Land plat.

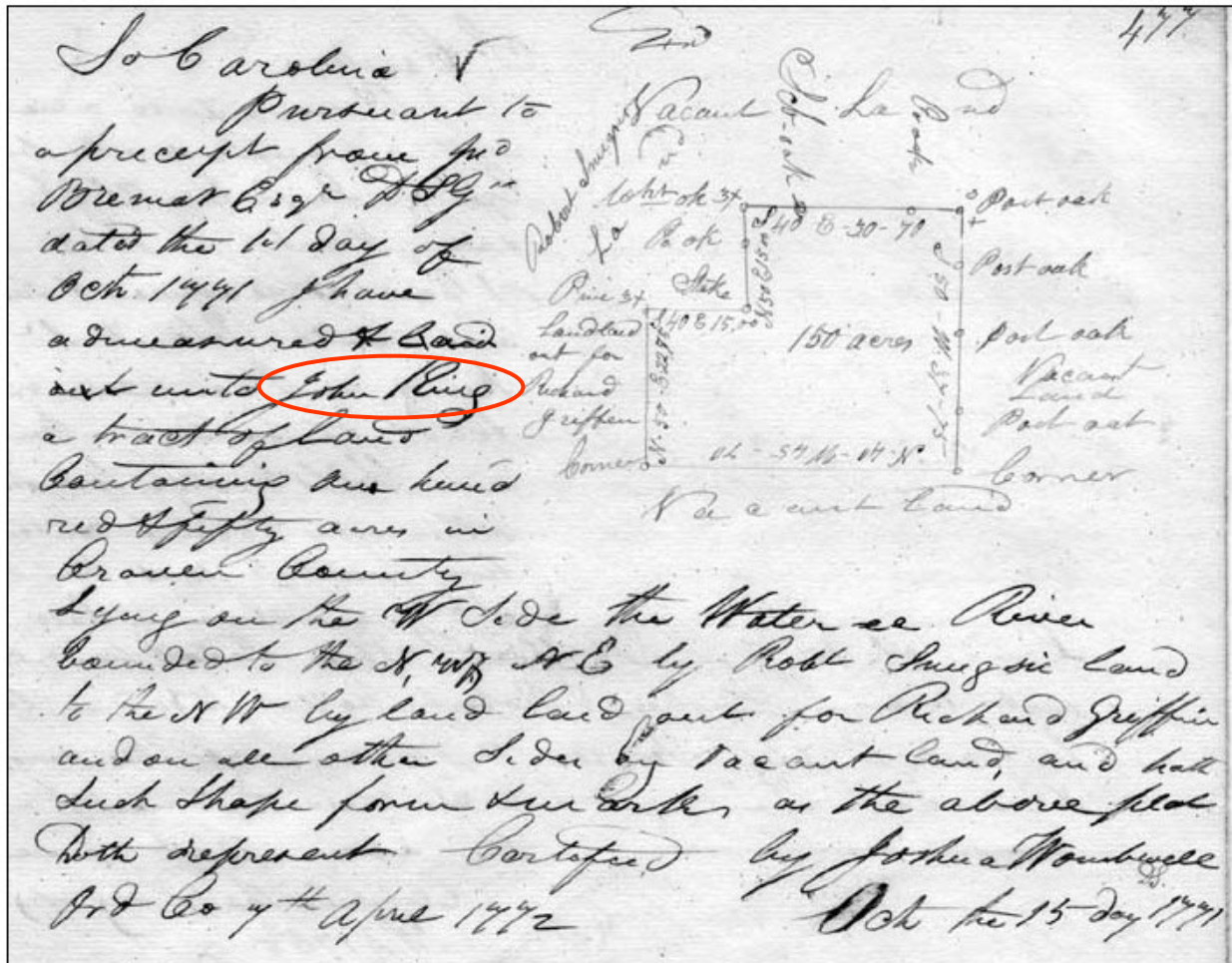
"Pursuant to a precept from Jno. Bremer Esqr. D.S.GI. dated the 11 day of October 1771, I have admeasured & laid out unto **John King** a tract of land Containing one hundred & fifty acres in Craven County Lying on the W Side the Wateree River, bounded to the N.W. & N.E. by Robt. Snugs's land; to the NW by land laid

¹²⁹ South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213190, volume 0033, page 00418, item 001.

¹³⁰ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 7, 1771–1774 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 48, citing pp. 194–200.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

out for *Richard Griffin*, and on the other Side by vacant land, and hath Such Shape form & marks a the above plat Doth represent. Certified by Joshua Wombwell, Ord Co 7 April 1772.¹³¹



13 JANUARY 1772
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

John Glaze's memorial for 600 acres on Dutchman's Creek, adj. **John King**, Benjamin Martin, Thomas Moon.¹³²

4 FEBRUARY 1772
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC?

Land petition.

"The following Petitions praying for Warrants of Survey were presented and Read:

Nathaniel Bird 300 acres [no location given]

¹³¹ South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213184, vol. 0017, page 00477, item 01.

¹³² South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S111001, vol. 0011, page 000107, item 003.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

John Bird 300 acres [no location given]¹³³

COMMENT:

This Nathaniel and John are not identified. Catherine's son John, who was born 1754 according to his pension application, would be too young to apply for land.

7 APRIL 1772

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC?

Land petition.

"The following Petitions for Warrants of Survey and Certifying platts were presented and read:

John King 100 acres [no location given]¹³⁴

7 APRIL 1772

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC?

Land petition.

"To Certify Platts"

Charles Ogilvie 300 acres, "survey'd for Joseph Freeman"

Charles Ogilvie 700 acres, ditto

John Blake 250 acres, ditto

Edw. Mobberly 100 acres, ditto

John King 150 acres, ditto¹³⁵

COMMENT:

Mobberlys, Blakes, and Ogilvies were all residents of the area that is now Fairfield—implying that the John King grouped with them may be the Fairfield John. This appears to be the tract that adjoins Snuggs and Griffin.

21 MAY 1772

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land grant.

"**King, John**, Land grant for 150 acres in Craven County."¹³⁶

AUGUST 1772

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Memorial.

"**King, John**, memorial for 150 acres on **Wateree River**, Craven County. Names indexed: Griffen, Richard, Snuggs, Robert; King, John."¹³⁷

12 AUGUST 1772

¹³³ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 7, 1771–1774 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 24, citing pp. 96–107.

¹³⁴ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 7, 1771–1774 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 97, citing pp. 71–80.

¹³⁵ Brent H. Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals*, vol. 7, 1771–1774 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1999), 101, citing pp. 71–80.

¹³⁶ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213019, vol. 0025, page 00624, item 000.

¹³⁷ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S111001, vol. 0011, page 000331, item 02.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC [FAIRFIELD]

Neighbor.

Moses Smith is named as adjacent neighbor to **Martha Havis** “Plat for 500 Acres on Dutchmans Creek of Wateree River, Surveyed by William Downs for Barnard Elliot on August 12, 1772. Date 8/12/1795. [Other] people in this record: ... McDonald, Jerry.”¹³⁸

Related entry:

“Elliott, Barnard, Unrecorded Plat for Land Not Granted, 350 Acres on Marion Creei, Wateree River, Craven Co. Surveyed by William Downes. Date: 8/13/1772. [Other] people in this record: Burns.”¹³⁹

TO DO:

Get these two plats on next trip to SCDAAH—or else order it.

22 MARCH 1773

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC [FAIRFIELD]

Association.

“Thomas Dye ... parish of St. Marks, Blacksmith” to Burwell Boykin of same. FL50 [? bound into crack of book] releases him from the return of land that on the previoius day he had leased for “one whole year.” Said land being a tract of 100 acres situated on Dry Fork of Wateree Creek, granted to Dye on 4 December 1771. Signed: Thomas Dye. Witnesses: Alexander Bordie, **John King**, Surles Lewis.¹⁴⁰

COMMENT:

Could this possibly be a son of Edward/John Dyal who, in 1742, married John King’s widowed mother, Isabel (Bell), widow Michael King in Bertie/Duplin counties, NC? Dyal & Isabel both disappear from the records of NC, although Isabel appears to have lived until the late 1780s or early 1790s.

15 APRIL 1773

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

“Terry, Stephen, Unrecorded plat for land not granted, 23 acres on Wateree Creek, Craven County, surveyed by John Bremar. Names indexed: Breman, John; Griffin; **King, John**; Martin, James; McDowell, Andrew; Terry, Stephen.”¹⁴¹

21 FEBRUARY 1774

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land sale.

“Deed: **John King (of Craven County, South Carolina)** to **John Yarborough** (‘of the same place’). Trans.: 50 pounds current money of North Carolina for 150 acres ‘Beginning ... at the mouth of the Beaver dam

¹³⁸ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/> : accessed 10 October 2018), citing Series S213190, vol. 32, page 448, item 3.

¹³⁹ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/> : accessed 10 October 2018), citing Series S213197, box 2, item 394.

¹⁴⁰ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book DEFG (specifically D: 67-69); FSL microfilm 23992, item 1.

¹⁴¹ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213197, vol. 0004, page 001062, item 000.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

swamp.' Deed mentions Edward Brown. Land was 'purchased from John Sampson By Benjamin Foreman.' Wit.: **John Byrd**, Henry Page, and John Fulgham."¹⁴²

COMMENT:

This John Byrd should be the son of Catherine (King) Byrd Smith and stepson of Moses Smith.

1 MARCH 1774
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Association.

"Deed: **John Yarborough (Yarboro)**, **John Jr.**, and **Sarah, his wife**, to Edward Tool. (The Yarboroughs were of **Craven County, South Carolina**.) ... Trans.: 50 pounds for 150 acres 'beginning ... at the mouth of the **Beaver dam Swamp**.' Deed mentions Edward Brown. Wit.: **John Bird**, **Henry Page**, and **Moses Smith**."¹⁴³

COMMENT:

This deed apparently was drawn up in Craven, with Moses Smith and his step-son John Bird as witnesses.

7 SEPTEMBER 1775
CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

Memorial by George Haig for "two tracts, one for 250 acres on **Dutchmans Creek**, Craven County and one for 100 acres on Cherokee Creek. Names indexed: Haig, George; **King, John**; **Morris, Thomas**. Topics: Mining and Minerals." ¹⁴⁴

31 JANUARY 1777
DUPLIN COUTY, NC

Associations.

"Deed: Hezekiah Walker and Darkis Walker (his wife) to John Sampson Young. ... Trans.: 35 pounds 'lawfull money of North Carolina' for 20 acres 'at a place called the **six Runs swamp**.' Land was part of a tract granted to **Michael King, Sr.** [son of Michael and Isabel] by patent dated 29 March 1753 and conveyed from him to **Moses Smith** and from him to **Henry Ivey** and from him to the said Walker by deed dated 20 November 1775. Wit.: **Thomas Coggin** and James Oates."¹⁴⁵

1777–1778
WILKES COUNTY, GA
RW service certificate.

No. 756. "This is to certify, That **Moses Smith** was *Enlisted* to serve as a *Soldier* in the Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly, passed the 3d June 1777; and that the said *Moses Smith* was not, at the Time of his *Enlistment* an Inhabitant of this State, nor had he resided in any Part thereof for *six Months* preceding his *Enlistment* And further, That he was in Service at the Time

¹⁴² Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 71; citing Deed Book 5:272.

¹⁴³ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 1-3 (ca. 1750 to ca. 1774)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1983), 156; citing Duplin Deeds 3:595.

¹⁴⁴ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S111001, vol. 0002, page 000329, item 004.

¹⁴⁵ Max R. Peterson Jr. *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 63; citing Deed Book 5:195.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

the said Battalion was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st, 1778. Given under my Hand, at Washington this The 4th Day of November 1784. E. Clarke, L. Col.
By his order, Horatio Marbury.¹⁴⁶

COMMENT:

Thirty years have passed since Moses Smith, husband of Catherine King, first went on the tax rolls in North Carolina. It is doubtful that he would be the man who went to Georgia to enlist in 1777. Note the following two documents for other Fairfield men below: Moses Smith's step-son **Michael King Byrd** (b. c1752); and **George Watts** (b. 1756).

The evidence suggests that this Moses Smith was also a young man—more likely a son of the Moses who married Michael K. Byrd's mother. Note, however, that the elder Moses, as a resident of Burke Co., GA, and his wife Catherine would in 1795 below documents in favor of her brother George King. The Moses Smith who went to war with Michael King Byrd almost certainly fits into this family.

1777–1778

WILKES COUNTY, GA

RW service certificate.

No. 323. "This is to certify, That **Michal Bird** was *Enlisted* to serve as a *Soldier* in the Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly, passed the 3d June 1777; and that the said **Michal Bird** was not, at the Time of his *Enlistment* an Inhabitant of this State, nor had he resided in any Part thereof for six Months preceding his *Enlistment* And further, That he was in Service at the Time the said Battalion was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st, 1778. Given under my Hand, at Washington this The 4th Day of November 1784. E. Clarke, L. Col.
By his order, Horatio Marbury.¹⁴⁷

1777–1778

WILKES COUNTY, GA

RW service certificate.

"State of Georgia. This is to certify, that George Watts, was enlisted to serve as a soldier in the _____ Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly, passed the 3d June, 1777; and that the said George Watts was not, at the Time of his Enlistment an Inhabitant of this State, nor had he resided in any Part thereof for Six Months preceding his Enlistment And further, That he was in Service at the Time the said Battalion was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st, 1778. Given under my Hand at Washington this the 3rd Day of January 1785. [Signed] E. Clarke, Lt. Col. [Witness] Horatio Marbury."

Reverse: George Watts 10 [The number "10" is not explained]

No. 842¹⁴⁸

COMMENT:

George and his brother Edward in 1784–1786 would settle on adjacent land in Wilkes County.

¹⁴⁶ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file.

¹⁴⁷ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file (1 document).

¹⁴⁸ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9M7-SBW1?i=462&wc=M61W-HTL%3A200740201&cc=1914217> : accessed 1 March 2018) > Warsdon, James—Watts, William > George Watts > image 463 of 527.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Edward in 1789 moved to Burke County, as did Michael King Byrd and Moses Smith. Part of George's Wilkes County land was cut away in Elbert. He and his wife Barbara in 1797 sold that Elbert land as residents of Pendleton District, SC.

21 JULY 1778

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land purchase.

"James Love to **John King (of Craven(?) County, South Carolina)**. ... Trans.: 130 pounds for land 'On the East side of the **six Runs** at the mouth of the great marsh.' Deed mentions the fork of the branch, the west fork, and 'the marsh Road.' Land was granted to **Michael King** by patent and sold by him to **John King** and sold by him to James Faison and conveyed by him to James Love and by him to James Love (sic, error in deed?) and by him sold to the said **John King** (by this deed). Wit.: Michael J. **Kenan**, and **David Dodd**."¹⁴⁹

COMMENT:

The next recorded document is the deed by which Faison sold to James Love, 26 April 1778.

1778–1779

CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

Jury list.

"Petit Jurors between Broad and Catawba (Upper Wateree) Rivers: ... **John Yarbrough**, **David Boyd**, John Gill Junr., Robert Kilsaw, Alexander Pagam, Christopher Straight, John Morton, James McQuiston, David McQuiston, John Walker, Mathew Paten, James Harbeson, James Smith, Edmond Strange, **John Blake**, John Gaston, John Wear, Thoms Garrott [*I've worked on him before, he was on Fishing Creek in Chester Co.*], Robert Laird, Benjamin Street, William Sandefen [Sandefer], John Kell, James Begum Rice Hughs, **Moses Smith**, Michael Strange, **John Morris**, William Ferguson, William Rocuhen, Robert Martin, Adam McCool, John Anthony, Thomas Akin, William Anderson, Benjamin Love, Thomas Brown ...

COMMENT:

The cluster of names suggests that this is not the Moses Smith of Fairfield.

One other Moses Smith is listed for the state: in Ninety-Six District:

"A list of Petit-jurymen and jury men in civil causes: The lower part of Ninety-Six District in the Fork of Broad and Saluda Rivers: Thomas Gibson, James Pettey, Charles Pettey, Thomas Miles, **Moses Smith**. John Jones, John Parmer, William Golle, Thomas Black, Daniel Purkins"¹⁵⁰

25 JANUARY 1779

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land sale.

"Deed: **Amos (Moses in one place) Smith (of Craven County, South Carolina)** to James Oates (Oats). ... Trans.: 200 pounds for 334 acres 'on the west side of the Six Runs Swamp.' Deed mentions **Easones [Esom's] Corner**," Mary Parker, a branch, and a path. Land was from 'Two patents by Isaac Atkinson Bearing date' 18 November 1760. Wit.: **Roger Snell** and Jethro Oates."¹⁵¹

¹⁴⁹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 106; citing Deed Book 6:151.

¹⁵⁰ Ge Lee Corley Hendrix and Morn McKoy Lindsay, *The Jury Lists of South Carolina, 1778–1779* (Greenville, SC: P.p., 1975), 89.

¹⁵¹ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 121; citing Deed Book 6:320.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

COMMENT:

On that same day, John King of Craven also sold land to Roger Snell, with Oates as witness to both. It would appear that Smith and King, brothers-in-law, had gone back to Duplin to conduct this business.

25 JANUARY 1779

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land sale.

"Deed: **John King (of Craven County, South Carolina) to Rodger (Roger) Snell.** ... Trans.: 600 pounds for 'all my Right title claim and possession interest and demand whatsoever' in 250 acres 'at a place called the **Six Runs Swamp Beginning** ... near the mouth of the great Branch Running up the said Branch North 44 to the fork of the said Branch thence up the North East prong of the said Branch to a Hickory near the main Road,' etc. Deed mentions 'a **mash** in the **six Runs Swamp.**" Land was granted to **Michael King** by patent dated 15 November in the 3rd year of 'our Reign.' Wit.: James Oates and Jethro Oates."¹⁵²

6 JULY 1781 – 5 NOVEMBER 1783

CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

RW contribution.

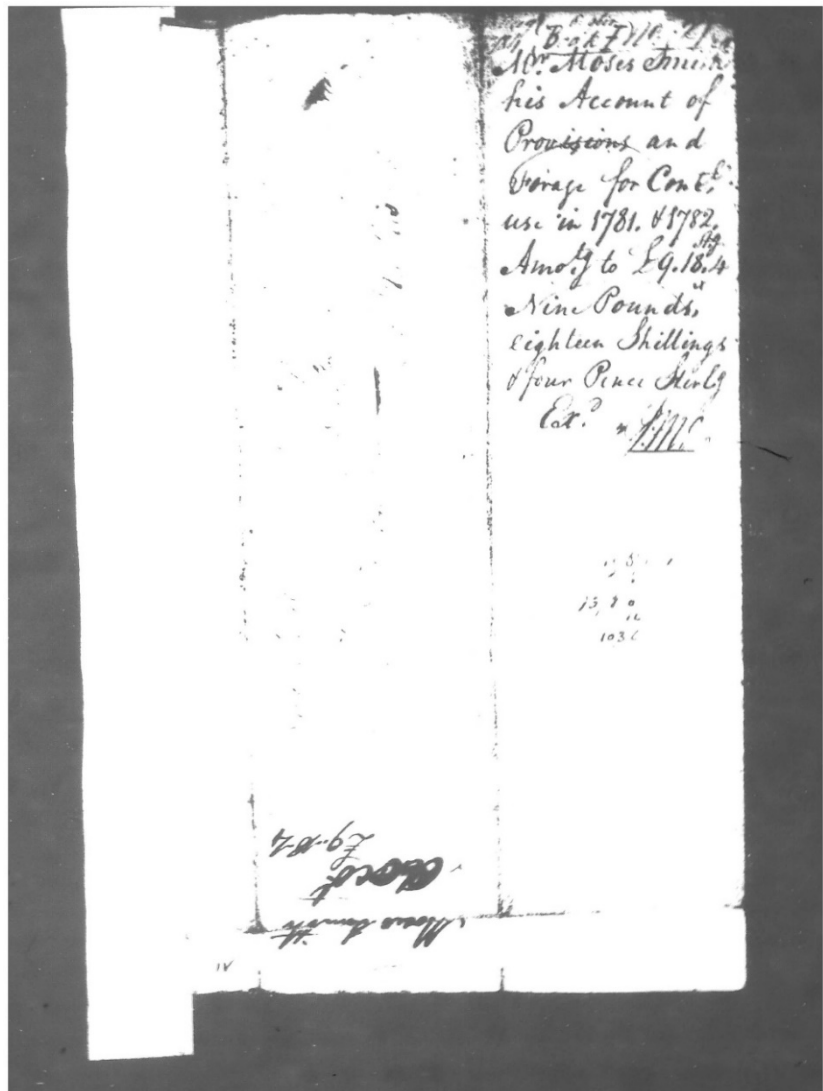
Account audited File 7146, **Moses Smith**, Claims Growing out of the American Revolution.

(1)

Backside: "**Mr. Moses Smith**, his Account of Provisions and Forage for Contl. Use in 1781 & 1782. Amo'tg. to £9.18.4 Nine Pounds, eighteen Shillings & four Pence Sterlg. Exd. J. Mc."

"6 July 1781. To **Moses Smith**, Dr. To 10 Bushels Wheat @ 7/ pr. Bushl. = £3.10.0.

To 2 Beeves estimated 50g Wt @ 25/8 = 6.8.4¹⁵³



¹⁵² Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 4–6 (ca. 1762 to ca. 1779)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1984), 119; citing Deed Book 6:303.

¹⁵³ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=126346> : accessed 1 October 2016).

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Camden District. **Moses Smith** personally appeared & made Oath that the above Account is Just and that there has not any Pay been received for the same. Sworn this 5th Day of November 1783 before me—William Long J.P.

COMMENT:

This William Long does not appear to be a Fairfield County justice.

The Public
1783 To Moses Smith Dr
6 July To 10 Bushels Wheat at 7/11 Bush. £3. 10.
5 Nov. 2 Busses estimated 500 W. at 25/8 1/2 100 8. 4
S. Carolina } £3. 18. 4
Camden District } Moses Smith personally appeared & made
Oath that the above Account is Just and that there has not
any Pay been receiv'd for the same. Sworn this 6th Day of
November 1783 before me William Long J.P.

(2)

30 April 1784

"I have this day received of **Samuel Mathis** the full value of my account against the public which is lodged in the Auditors Office. I request the Commissioners of the Treasury of this State after the said account is audited to grant unto the said Saml. Mathis and in his name, or his assigns an Indent with Interest pursuant to a resolve of the Legislature I that Case and to accept this as a receipt in full for the amount of said account. [Signed] **Moses Smith**. Test: T? Galbraith.

Wife 2: Catherine King

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This carries a nice signature. However, the document below carries his mark. It is likely that the 1784 document was created by Moses Smith of Ninety-Six. Many of these Account-Audited files contain documents for multiple same-name men.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

I do hereby Assign, transfer and
sell over unto William Kershaw
all my Right, Title & Interest, of
in and to the within Indent for value
received this 14th Day of Novemr. 1784. —
Test. ^{his} Moses X Smith
William Lang J.P. Mark

Recd. 3 March 1785, of the
Commissioners of the Treasury
the within. Expects on discount
of my Bond dated 20th June 1783
William Kershaw

Back F

October 22nd 1784 Received from Moses Smith
the within for my wife Judith
the sum of 100th Dollars
J. Mathus

Back F

Recd. 3 March 1785, of the
Commissioners of the Treasury
the within. Expects on discount
of my Bond dated 20th June 1783
William Kershaw

Test. ^{his} Moses X Smith
William Lang J.P. Mark

(3)
“I do hereby Assign, transfer and sell over unto
William Kershaw all my Right, Title & Interest of in
and to the within Indent for value received this 14th
Day of Novemr. 1784. [Signed] **Moses Smith** X his
mark. Witness William Lang J.P.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES MICROCOPY NUMBER

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

PURSUANT to an ACT of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY passed the 16th of March, 1783, We, the COMMISSIONERS of the TREASURY, have this day delivered to

Moses Smith

this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of *nine pounds*
Eighteen Shillings and four pence Sterling
Provisions and Storage for Continental Army
in 1781 and 1782 of amount Audited

the said *Moses Smith*
his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns will be entitled to receive from this Office the Sum of *Eighteen Shillings and four pence Sterling* due the first day of *April* last on the demand for one Year's Interest on the Principal Sum of *nine pound eighteen Shillings and four pence Sterling* and the like Interest Annually *Revised of the Genl Assembly 1783*

The said *Moses Smith* his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, will be entitled also to receive, and shall be paid, if demanded, the principal Sum of *nine pounds Eighteen Shillings and four pence Sterling* on the *fourteenth day of August 1783*

And the said *Moses Smith* his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, may make any Purchases at any Public Sales of Confiscated Property, (except such as shall be ordered by the Legislature for special Purposes;) and this INDENT shall be received in Payment.

For the true performance of the several payments in manner abovementioned, the PUBLIC TREASURY is made liable, and the FAITH of the STATE pledged by the aforeaid ACT.

GIVEN under our Hands at the TREASURY-OFFICE, in CHARLESTON, the *fourteenth* Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty *three*

Edmund A. Blake.
Peter Boquet Jr.

Commissioners of the Treasury.

6.7.18.4 Principal.
6.0.13.10 Annual Interest.

No. *27*
Book. *1*

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Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

1 AUGUST 1782
CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

Associates.

“Memorandum of Appraisement of Thomas **Milos’s** estate.” Signed: Moses Knighten, **John King, John Bird.** ... Memorandum of Sundrys Bought and Sold at the Estate of Thomas Milos. Isaac? *Knighton, Thomas Knighton, Wishart Gibson, Michael Byrd, Charles Lewis, Sarah Kniton, Micajah Pickett; Leah Tidwell; William Miller, Moses Knighton, James Hollis, Alice? Knighton, Charles Johnston, John Byrd, Isaac? Knighton, John Byrd, Charles Pickett.*¹⁵⁴

COMMENTS:

- Most purchasers were 1790 Fairfield neighbors of John Watts and his adjacent landowner, Thomas Watts [Jr.].
- This Michael Byrd and John Bird were the sons of Catherine King by her first husband John Byrd. John would subsequently move to Montgomery where John Watts moved in the 1790s.

10 AUGUST 1782
CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

Military service.

“Return of Men and Bounty Paid Each Belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hamptons Regt of Cavalry.”¹⁵⁵

COMMENT:

Moses Smith is not included,

1783
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC

Kinship.

Will of Michael King, “Date c1783 Orig Only” held at State Archives.”¹⁵⁶

COMMENT:

- This Michael appears to be the brother of Catherine (King) Smith and John King of Fairfield. Note below, under 1799, that John is appointed the administrator cum testamento annexo of Michael’s will.
- This state-wide index has no entry for Edward Bird/Byrd and wife Mary—only one Mary later in the 1800s in Orange County.

5 DECEMBER 1783
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

“South Carolina. Camden District: William Coggin Lieut. The Barer here of has Removed to the State of Georgia and has Desired his **former Neighbours** to signifie his Character agreeable to his Deserts. We therefore Certify to all persons to Whom this present writing shall come that he the same William Coggin has Lived in our State this fifteen years and has behavd him self in A very honest quiet way of Living and is

¹⁵⁴ Kershaw Co., SC, “Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1,” 2; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1. **Many early Fairfield documents are found in this book.**

¹⁵⁵ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213089, box 0004, folder 00022, item 000.

¹⁵⁶ Thornton W. Mitchell, *North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665–1900* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 289.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

South Carolina } William Coggin Lieut.
Camden district) The Barer here of has
occasion to Remove to the State of Georgia and has
Desired his former Neighbours to signify
his Character agreeable to his Deserts We
therefore Certify to all persons to Whome
this present writing shall come that he the
Same William Coggin has Lived in our State
this fifteen years and has behav^d him self in
A very honest just way of Living and is an
Industrious Man and is Quite inoffensive person
and has bin a friend to his Country Certified
under our hands this 5 day of December 1783
Ralph Jones
Moses Knighten
John Holles Lieut.
Moses Smith
John Watts
Thos. Roeger
John King
Jesse Steven
J. James R. Howard

COGGIN, WILLIAM
(S.C.)
S-3238

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

an Industress Man and is Quite inofensive person and has bin a friend to his Country. Certified under our hands this 5 day of December 1783.

Ralph Jones Moses Knighten	Chas. Pickett, J.P. Thos. Starke, Capt. William Miller, Lieut. John Hollis, Luft. Moses Smith John Watts Thom. Roaden John King Jno. Yarbrough Moses Hollis Jesse Stevenson James Rutland ¹⁵⁸	[m. John King's daughter Selah] [an obsolete English variant of Lieutenant] ¹⁵⁷ [married Catherine King] [brother of John, ?father of Ann?]
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COMMENT:

On 9 August 1784, Coggins had not yet left and was still in this same neighborhood, where he went back before Chas. Pickett, J.P., to acknowledge the accuracy of a service memorandum given him by Thos. Taylor.¹⁵⁹

Almost all of the signers are traceable, they all lived between Wateree Creek and Dutchman's Creek in east central Fairfield, and they shared that neighborhood with Moses Smith, John King and our John Watts.

- **Ralph Jones**, whose name appears at the head of column one on this character affidavit was the pioneer Baptist minister discussed above, who headed two churches in Fairfield, one on Little Wateree Creek (John Watts's neighborhood) and one a bit south on 25-Mile Creek (George Watt's neighborhood).¹⁶⁰
- **Moses Knighten** appears on the 1790 census next door to Charles Pickett and 12 households from our Watts. In 1782, he and two of the other signers above (John King and Charles Pickett) had participated in the estate sale of a deceased neighbor, Thomas Milos.¹⁶¹ Knighten also appears in the first document recorded locally for our John Watts, another neighborhood estate sale.¹⁶² Knighten's land grant confirmed in 1786, after the state land office reopened, placed him on Layton's Creek,¹⁶³ almost adjacent to land later granted to Thomas Watts Jr.¹⁶⁴ In 1788, he and John Watts were called upon by

¹⁵⁷ Patricia T. O'Conner and Stewart Kellerman, "Is it loo-TEN-ant or lef-TEN-ant?" *Grammarphobia*, blog (<http://www.grammarphobia.com/blog/2015/02/lieutenant.html>) : published 25 Feb. 2015) discusses the centuries-old British pronunciation of this military rank.

¹⁵⁸ Pension application of William Coggin (Lt., Sumter's Brigade, SC, Rev. War), S2838; accessed at *Fold3* (www.fold3.com) : 25 April 2014), specifically image 12739959.

¹⁵⁹ Affidavit of claimant, 1 June 1852, William Coggins (Lt., Sumter's Brigade, SC, Rev. War), no.S2838; accessed at *Fold 3* (www.fold3.com), image 12740238.

¹⁶⁰ Townsend, *South Carolina Baptists*, 147 for the quote; for Jones, also see 140, 145–47. Fairfield Co., Deed Book I: 415-22, sale of land by McClendon, 25-Mile Creek, adjoining Jones. *Mills's Atlas*, Fairfield Co., notes the site of Joneses' Meeting House.

¹⁶¹ Kershaw Co., SC, "Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1": 2; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1. The filmed index begins with this statement: "Index to Wills: This Index was made by Mrs. Minnie Reese for W. L. McDowell & presented to Kershaw County, W. L. McDowell, May 3, 1934." Some wills go back as early as 1771. Most inventories are in the early 1780s. All are recopied documents. **Many early Fairfield documents are found in this book.**

¹⁶² Kershaw Co., SC, "Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1": 295; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1.

¹⁶³ Camden District, SC, Commissioner of Locations, "Plat Book C, 1786–1788," p. 220; Fairfield County, SC, Courthouse; FSL microfilm 1,294,175, item 2. Many of the page numbers are illegible.

¹⁶⁴ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book K:171–72; see also N:173–74 for James Barber's sale of this tract to Robert Barber, 1801.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

the j.p. John King (a signer above) to appraise a stray horse that had been taken up by a neighbor.¹⁶⁵ In 1791 Knighton would take out a new grant on the Wateree adjacent to Thomas Watts Jr.¹⁶⁶

- **Charles Pickett, J.P.** appears in numerous documents executed by our John Watts, William Watts, and Thomas Watts Sr.¹⁶⁷ On Fairfield's 1790 census, he is 13 households from Rev. John and Thomas Watts
- **Thos. Starke Capt.**, His brother Reuben, in 1796, bought from *Thomas Watts Sr.* the Kershaw Co. Wateree River land that had been Thomas Sr.'s plantation for three decades.¹⁶⁸
- **John Hollis**, in 1790, was 3 households from Charles Pickett, 4 from Knighton, 5 from fellow signer John King], and 16 from John Watts. In 1794, John Hollis bought the Mill Creek land owned by John Watts's next-door neighbor of 1790, Rev. Edward Pigg. That 1794 deed was witnessed by two fellow signers of the above affidavit, Moses Hollis and John Yarbrough.¹⁶⁹
- **Moses Smith**, brother-in-law of John King below.¹⁷⁰ His wife Catherine was daughter of Michael King and widow of John Byrd. They moved to Burke Co., GA. Catherine's grandson Jesse Byrd¹⁷¹ appears to be the Jesse who was a Watts neighbor in Tattnall Co. (see Tattnall notes below). *These Smiths need to be explored thoroughly. John Watts, by his unknown first wife, named his first daughter Catherine; Catherine would then name a son Moses Smith Hornsby.*¹⁷²
- **Thomas Roaden**, father of Jeremiah Roaden who married Mary Hornsby, sister of John Watts's son-in-law Moses Hornsby.¹⁷³
- **John King**, in 1782, with fellow signer Moses Knighton, appraised a neighborhood estate. Fellow signer Charles Pickett was a buyer at the estate sale.¹⁷⁴ In 1784, after the land office reopened, the survey of King's land placed him adjacent to Moses Knighton.¹⁷⁵ In 1790, he was enumerated next door to Knighton and 11 households from our John Watts. In 1791, he applied for a land grant next door to Moses Hornsby, son-in-law of our John Watts.¹⁷⁶
- **John Yarbrough**, in 1792, bought land on Layton's Creek adjoining Frances Layton whose neighbor was *Thomas Watts Jr.* The land had previously been the home place of *Ambrose Mills*, whose smaller tract John Watts bought from the Mills estate in 1784.¹⁷⁷ In 1794, Yarbrough witnessed the sale of the Pigg

¹⁶⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Court of Common Pleas, Record of Estrays, 1788–1799, p. 6 (counting back from legible p. 10); FSL film 1,294,199, item 1. Much of these pages are faded to the point of illegibility.

¹⁶⁶ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), "Knighton, Moses, Plat for 117 acres on Wateree Creek."

¹⁶⁷ See E. S. Mills, "Watts: Initial Survey of Published South Carolina Resources for Old Craven County, Camden District, and the Counties Cut from Them," report to file, 17 October 2014; and Mills, "Watts: Legal Records of Fairfield and Kershaw Counties, South Carolina (Previously Camden District and Craven County), Pre-1830," report to file, 27 October 2014

¹⁶⁸ Lancaster Co., Deed Book C&E: 182 or 248–49 (Watts to Starke); Register of Mesne Conveyances, Lancaster. For Thomas Starke's identity as Reuben's brother, see Reuben's will, Fairfield Co., "Estate Record Book C, Vol. 5," 85–87; imaged, *Family Search* > South Carolina Probate Records, Loose Papers, 1732–1964 > Fairfield > County Court, Estate Records > 1803–1812, images 44–46.

¹⁶⁹ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123.

¹⁷⁰ Fairfield Co., Deed Book I:437 (Smith and wife Catherine to John King, her brother).

¹⁷¹ As a beginning point for this family see Cherie Fine, "[BYRD-L] Lewis Young," message, *RootsWeb Archives: Byrd-L Archives* (<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/BYRD> : posted 28 Feb. 2005) > Archiver > Byrd > 2005-02 > 1109652938.

¹⁷² McGraw, *Watts Is My Line*, 32.

¹⁷³ McLaurin, "Genealogy Report: Descendants of Leonard Hornsby" (<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/m/c/l/Rex-Mclaurin/GENE1-0003.html>), citing "The actual old 1756 (printed date) Hornsby/Stroud bible ... archived at Winthrop University-Dacus Library (rare books section), Rock Hill, York Co., SC; Winthrop University Manuscripts acc. 1015, box 1, folder 1."

¹⁷⁴ Kershaw Co., SC, "Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1": 2; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1. The filmed index begins with this statement: "Index to Wills: This Index was made by Mrs. Minnie Reese for W. L. McDowell & presented to Kershaw County, W. L. McDowell, May 3, 1934." Some wills go back as early as 1771. Most inventories are in the early 1780s. All are recopied documents. **Many early Fairfield documents are found in this book.**

¹⁷⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Plat Book C:110.

¹⁷⁶ Camden District, SC, Commissioner of Locations, "Plat Book D, 1788–1791," p. 181; Fairfield County, SC, Courthouse; FSL microfilm 1,294,175, item 2. Many of the page numbers are illegible.

¹⁷⁷ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book H: 92–94.

land adjacent to John Watts in 1790. The purchaser and a fellow witness were both signers, with John Watts, of the 1783 character affidavit.¹⁷⁸

- **Moses Hollis**, in 1794, owned land adjoining the Pigg property, where John Watts lived in 1790.¹⁷⁹
- **James Rutland** in 1785 took out land next door to fellow signer Ralph Jones.¹⁸⁰
- **Charles Pickett, J.P.** appears in numerous documents executed by our John Watts, William Watts, and Thomas Watts Sr.¹⁸¹ On the 1790 census of Fairfield, he is 13 households from our John Watts and Thomas Watts.
- **Moses Knighten** appears on the 1790 census next door to Charles Pickett and 12 households from our Watts. Knighten appears in the first document recorded locally for our John Watts, as buyers at a neighborhood estate sale.¹⁸² His land grant confirmed in 1786, after the state land office reopened, placed him on Layton's Creek,¹⁸³ adjacent to land granted to Thomas Watts Jr.¹⁸⁴ In 1788, he and our John Watts were called upon by the j.p. John King (see signers above) to appraise an estray horse that had been reported.¹⁸⁵
- **John Hollis**, in 1790, was 3 households from Charles Pickett, 4 from Moses Knighten, 5 from fellow signer John King, and 16 from our John Watts. In 1794, John Hollis bought the Mill Creek land owned by John Watts's next-door neighbor of 1790, Rev. Edward Pigg. The document was witnessed by two fellow signers, Moses Hollis and John Yarbrough.¹⁸⁶
- **Moses Hollis**, in 1794, was the adjacent landowner to the Pigg property on Mill Creek, where John Watts lived in 1790.¹⁸⁷
- **John King**, in 1782, he and fellow signer Moses Knighten were co-appraisers of a neighborhood estate. Fellow signer Charles Pickett was a buyer at the estate sale.¹⁸⁸ In 1784, after the land office reopened, the survey of his land placed him adjacent to Moses Knighten.¹⁸⁹ In 1790, he was enumerated next door to Knighten and 11 households from our John Watts. In 1791, he applied for a land grant next door to Moses Hornsby, son-in-law of our John Watts.¹⁹⁰
- **John Yarbrough**, in 1792, bought land on Layton's Creek adjoining Frances Layton whose neighbor was Thomas Watts. The land had previously been the larger home place of Ambrose Mills, whose smaller

¹⁷⁸ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123.

¹⁷⁹ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123.

¹⁸⁰ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/> : accessed 7 October 2014), Rutland, James," S213190, vol. 0020, page 00008, item 1, Plats for State Grants.

¹⁸¹ See E. S. Mills, "Watts: Initial Survey of Published South Carolina Resources for Old Craven County, Camden District, and the Counties Cut from Them," report to file, 17 October 2014; and Mills, "Watts: Legal Records of Fairfield and Kershaw Counties, South Carolina (Previously Camden District and Craven County), Pre-1820," report to file, 27 October 2014

¹⁸² Kershaw Co., SC, "Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1": 295; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1

¹⁸³ Camden District, SC, Commissioner of Locations, "Plat Book C, 1786–1788," p. 220; Fairfield County, SC, Courthouse; FSL microfilm 1,294,175, item 2. Many of the page numbers are illegible

¹⁸⁴ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book K:171–72; see also N:173–74 for James Barber's sale of this tract to Robert Barber on 14 January 1801.

¹⁸⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Court of Common Pleas, Record of Estrays, 1788–1799, p. 6 (counting back from legible p. 10); FSL film 1,294,199, item 1. Much of these pages are faded to the point of illegibility.

¹⁸⁶ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123.

¹⁸⁷ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123, for Pigg's purchase of the mill site.

¹⁸⁸ Kershaw Co., SC, "Camden District 1782–1788; Kershaw District 1817–1824, Estate Records Book A-1": 2; FSL microfilm 1,029,441, item 1. The filmed index begins with this statement: "'Index to Wills: This Index was made by Mrs. Minnie Reese for W. L. McDowell & presented to Kershaw County, W. L. McDowell, May 3, 1934.'" Some of these wills go back as early as 1771. Most of the inventories are in the early 1780s. All have been neatly recopied, apparently at the time Kershaw was created. **Many early Fairfield documents are found in this book.**

¹⁸⁹ Fairfield Co., SC, Plat Book C:110.

¹⁹⁰ Camden District, SC, Commissioner of Locations, "Plat Book D, 1788–1791," p. 181; Fairfield County, SC, Courthouse; FSL microfilm 1,294,175, item 2. Many of the page numbers are illegible.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

mill site our John Watts bought from the Mills estate in 1784.¹⁹¹ In 1794, Yarbrough witnessed the sale of the Pigg mill site that lay next to John Watts in 1790. The purchaser and a fellow witness to the document were both signers, with John Watts, of the 1783 character affidavit.¹⁹²

- **James Rutland** in 1785 took out land next door to fellow signer Ralph Jones.¹⁹³
- **Ralph Jones**, whose name appears at the head of column one on the character affidavit was a pioneer Baptist minister in Fairfield County who headed two churches in Fairfield, one on Little Wateree Creek (John Watts's neighborhood) and one a bit south on 25-Mile Creek.¹⁹⁴

CONCLUSION

- The John Watts of this document, beyond reasonable doubt, is our John Watts, not the John of Lynches Creek, some 35 miles to the east.

The fact that John Watts joined with leaders of the Patriot forces to sign this character reference—although he did not personally serve—suggests he had an occupation that exempted him from service. It might then be expected that he contributed goods for which he should later appear among stub indents. However, none were found for him.

4 NOVEMBER 1784

WILKES COUNTY, GA

RW service certificate.

No. 756. "This is to certify, That **Moses Smith** was *Enlisted* to serve as a *Soldier* in the Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly, passed the 3d June 1777; and that the **said Moses Smith was not, at the Time of his Enlistment an Inhabitant of this State**, nor had he resided in any Part thereof for six Months preceding his *Enlistment* And further, That he was in Service at the Time the said Battalion was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st, 1778. Given under my Hand, at *Washington* this *The 4th Day of November 1784*. E. Clarke, L. Col.
By his order, Horatio Marbury.¹⁹⁵

¹⁹¹ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book H: 92–94.

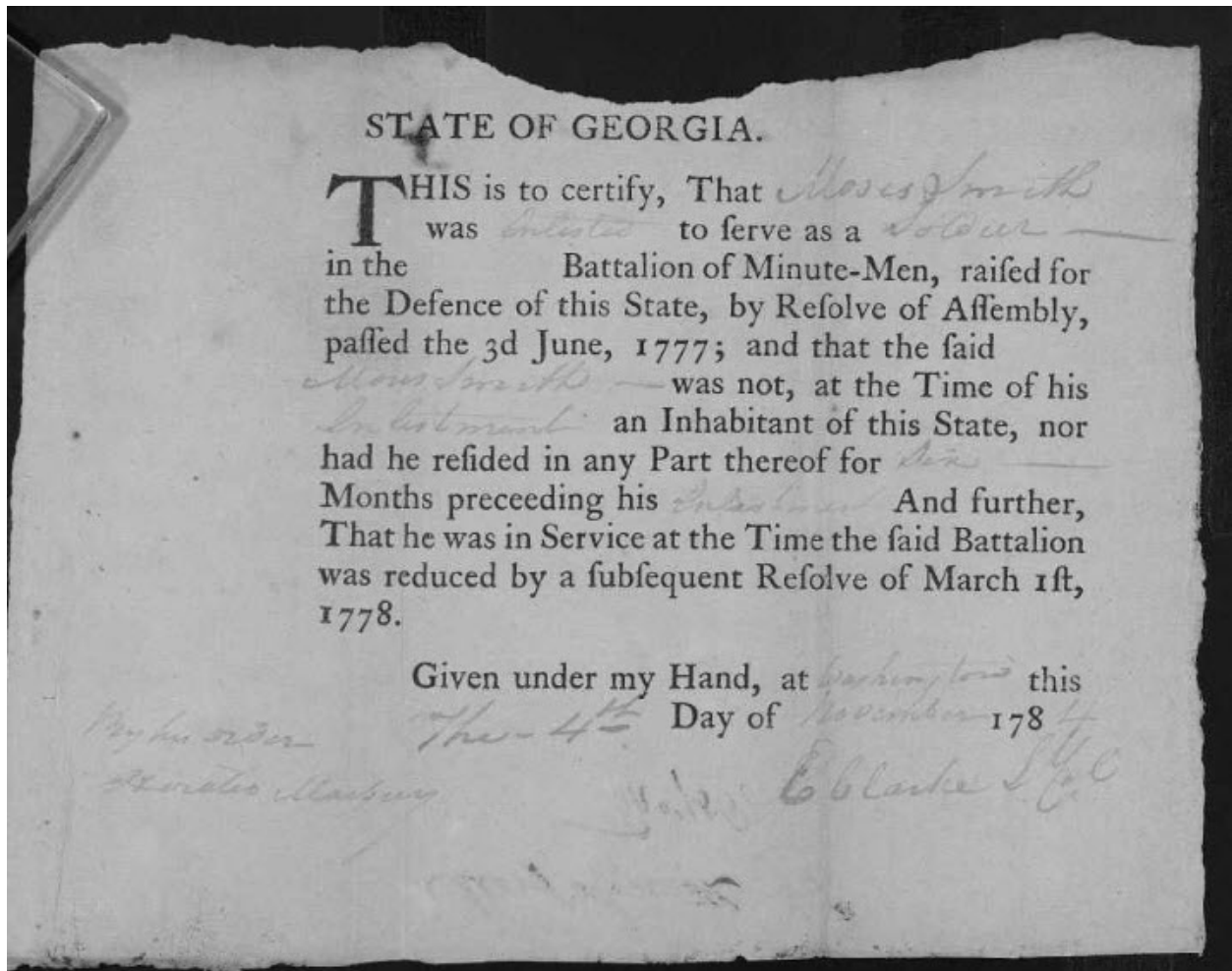
¹⁹² Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:123.

¹⁹³ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/> : accessed 7 October 2014), Rutland, James," S213190, vol. 0020, page 00008, item 1, Plats for State Grants.

¹⁹⁴ Leah Townsend, *South Carolina Baptists, 1670–1805* (1935; reprinted Baltimore: Clearfield, 2003), 147 for the quote; for Jones, also see 140, 145–47. Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book I:415–22, sale of land by Bryant McClendon, 25-Mile Creek, adjoining Ralph Jones. *Mills's Atlas* for Fairfield Co. depicts the site of Joneses' 25-Mile Meeting House.

¹⁹⁵ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King



COMMENT:

- This is a pre-printed form. The italicized words are those that are penned.
- Col. Elijah Clarke of Wilkes County, GA, raised minutemen in SC and NC to provide Wilkes County's defense during the Revolutionary War. Post-war, he created great numbers of these bounty-land warrants for the men under him who had gone back home rather than remain in the state. He then cashed in many for land in his own name—or sold them to other men.

4 NOVEMBER 1784

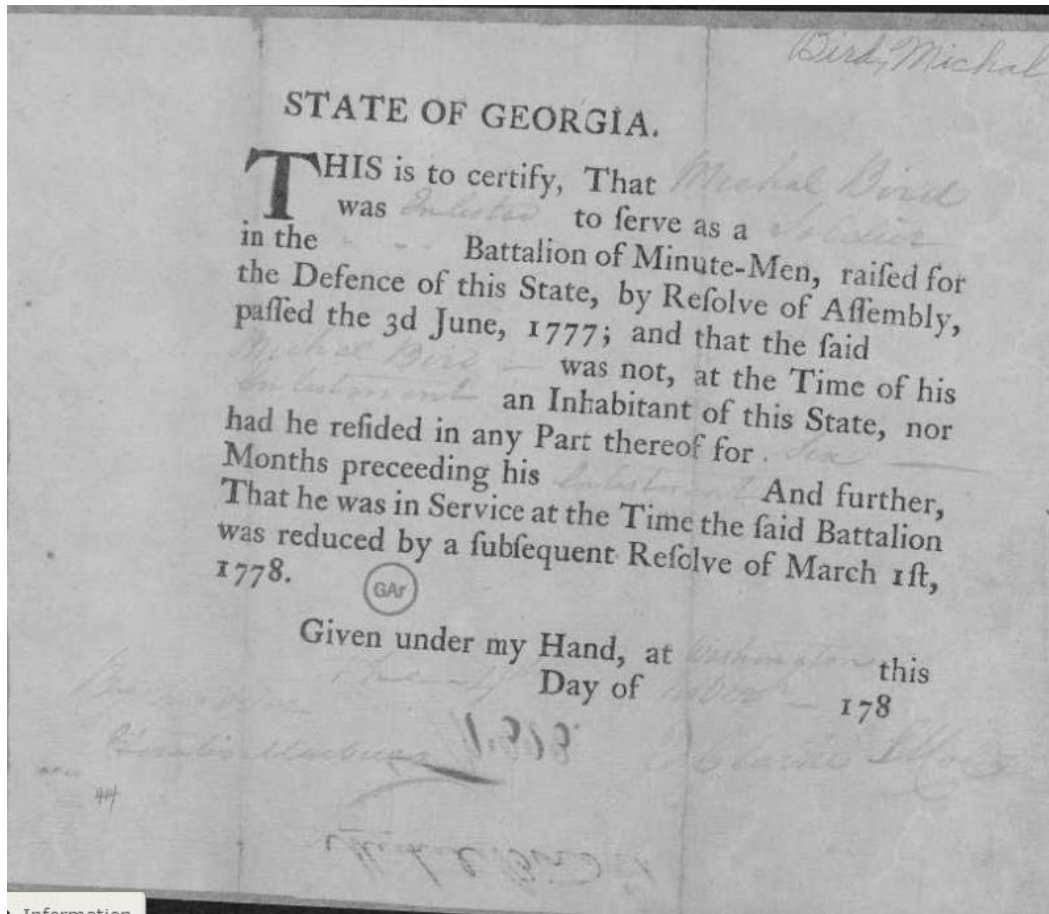
WASHINGTON COUNTY, GA

RW service certificate.

No. 323. "This is to certify, That **Michal Bird** was *Enlisted* to serve as a *Soldier* in the Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly, passed the 3d June 1777; and that the said **Michal Bird** was not, at the Time of his *Enlistment* an *Inhabitant* of this State, nor had he resided in any Part thereof for *six* Months preceding his *Enlistment* And further, That he was in Service at the Time the said Battalion was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st, 1778. Given under my Hand, at *Washington* this *The 4th* Day of *November* 1784. *E. Clarke, L. Col.*

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

By his order, Horatio Marbury.¹⁹⁶



22 FEBRUARY 1785

WASHINGTON COUNTY, GA

Bounty-land warrant.

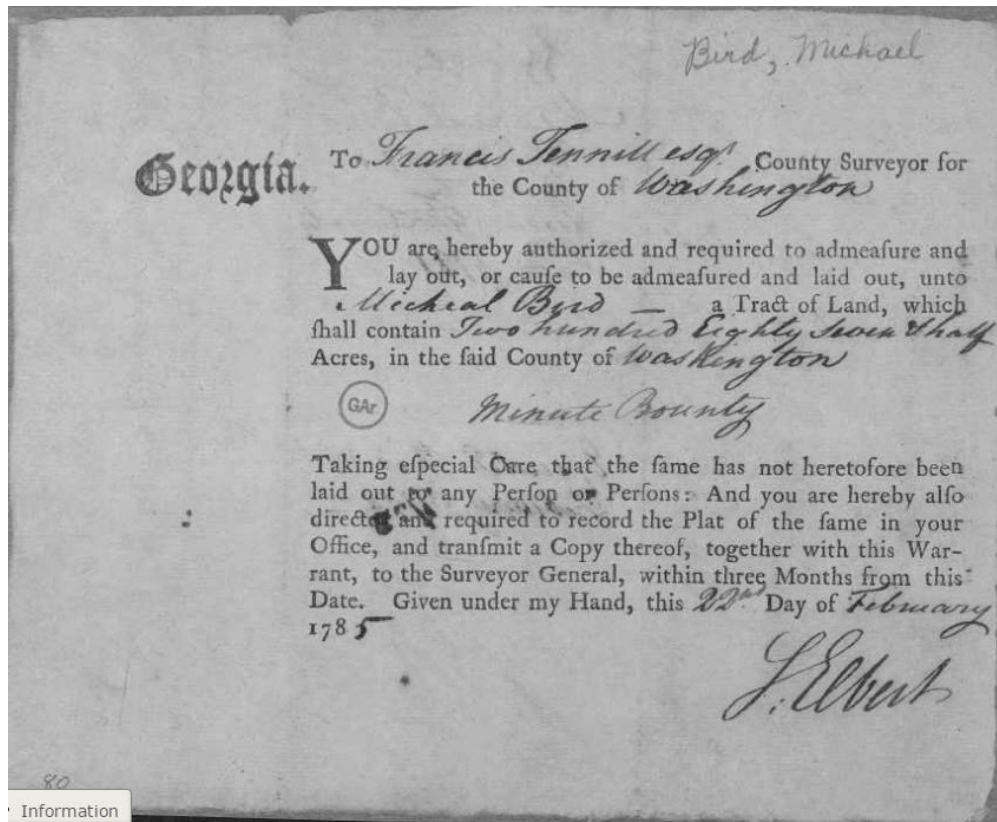
"To Francis Tennill esqr. County Surveyor for the County of Washington. You are hereby authorized and required to admeasure and lay out, or cause to be admeasured and laid out, unto **Michael Bird** a Track of Land, which shall contain *Two hundred Eighty Seven & half* Acres, in the said County of Washington. **Minute Bounty.** Taking especial Care that the same has not heretofore been laid out to any Person or Persons: And you are hereby also directed and required to record the Plat of the same in your Office, and transmit a Copy thereof, together with this Warrant, to the Surveyor General, within three Months from this Date. Given under my Hand, this 22nd Day of February, 1785. L. Elbert."¹⁹⁷

Notation on reverse: Warrt. Micheal Bird, 287 ½ Bounty, Washington County, No. 3181, Executed this 28th February 1785.

¹⁹⁶ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file (1 document).

¹⁹⁷ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Birch, Charles–Blackmon William > Michal Bird file, image 147 of 1069.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King



25 SEPTEMBER 1785

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC & BURKE COUNTY, GA

Stock sale.

"I, Priscilla Tedwell of Burk County and State of Georgia" for £25 paid by John Byrd of the county of Burk, sell 14 "Hheads of Horse Creatures more or less being all of the Stock that formerly was or is now in the State of South Carolina wherever they can be found Some of which are branded P.T. and an underbit out of the left Ear and Some of which are neither branded nor Ear marked, the greatest part of them being of the sid Priscilla Tedwells own raising." Signed Priscilla Tedwell (X her mark). Witnesses: John Miller, Michael Byrd.

"Chester County [South Carolina]. Personally comes John Miller before the Subscriber and being duly Sworn Saith on his Oath that on the Twenty fourth day of September 1785 that He the said John Miller did See the within [____ ?] Deponent was a subscribing Witness thereunto and that he saw Michael Byrd Sign his name to sd Bill of Sale as a Witness. Sworn to this 5th January 1785. John Miller. [Also signed:] Andrew Hemphill J.P. delivd to Mr. King."¹⁹⁸

COMMENT:

No date for recording in Fairfield. "Mr. King" should be John King.

25–26 JANUARY 1786

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Land sale.

¹⁹⁸ Fairfield Co., SC, Deeds A, section 2 "Bonds and Notes of Hand Recorded B ... 1785 ... 1786," 20–21.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

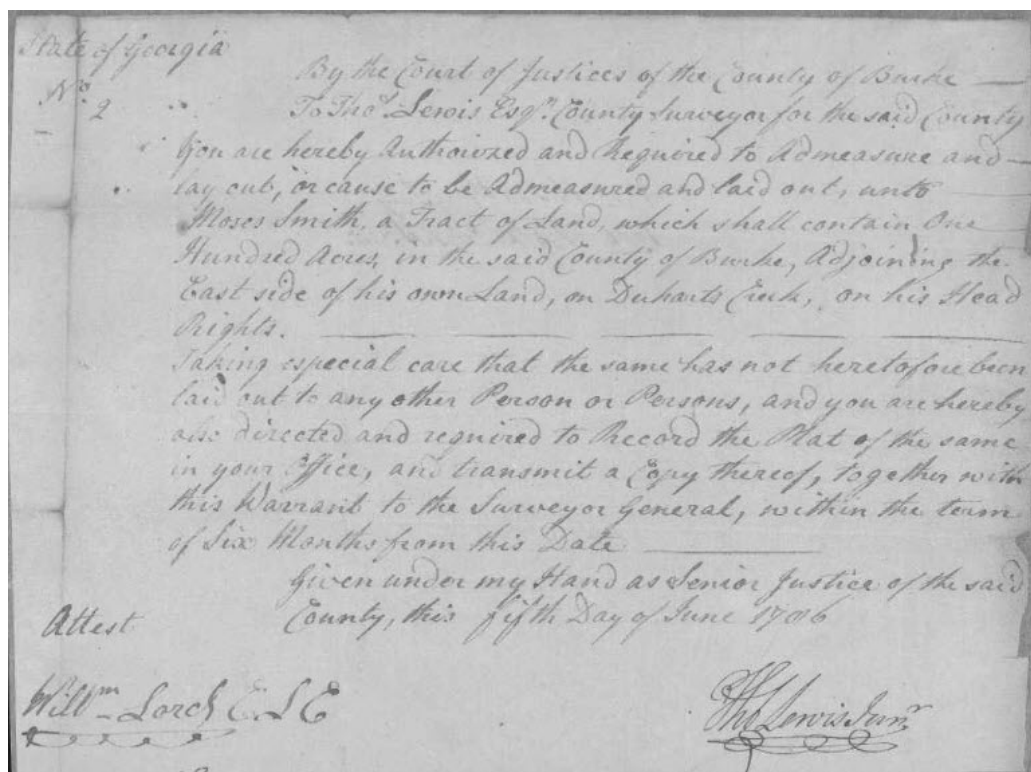
"Lease and Release. **Henry Ivey** of Fairfield County, Planter for 50 pounds to William Willingham of the same place, Planter, 150 acres on **Reedy Creek** at the mouth of **Cool Branch**, a fork of Wateree creek and a branch of the Wateree River, at the time of survey bounded on all sides by vacant land, granted to Henry Ivey. (signed) Henry Ivey. Witness: Edwd. Hancock, **Robert Stark**, D. Evans. Proved 12 May 1786 in open court by Edward Hancock and David Evans. Recorded 15 July 1786.¹⁹⁹

5 JUNE 1786
BURKE COUNTY, GA

Land warrant.

No. 2. "By the Court of Justices of the County of Burke — To Thos. Lewis Esqr. County Surveyor for the said County, You are hereby authorized and Required to Admeasure and lay out, or cause to be Admeasured and laid out, unto **Moses Smith**. A Tract of Land which shall contain **One Hundred Acres** in the said County of **Burke** Adjoining the East side of his own Land, on **Duharts Creek**, on his **Head Rights**. Taking especial care that the same has not heretofore been laid out to any other Person or Persons, and you are hereby also directed and required to Record the Plat of the same in your Office, and transmit a Copy thereof, together with this Warrant to the Surveyor General, within the term of Six Months from this Date. Given under my Hand as Senior Justice of the said County, this fifth Day of June 1786. [Signed] Tho. Lewis Junr. Attest: Willm Lord, C.L.C. [Clerk of Land Court]."²⁰⁰

[On reverse: Excd. This 25th day July 1786, Richd. Childers. A. Surv.]



¹⁹⁹ Tony Draine, *Fairfield County, S.C., Deed Book A, 1785–1788* (Columbia, SC: Draban Publications, 1991), 8–9.

²⁰⁰ "Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 2 October 2016) > Headright and Bounty documents > Smith, Laban–Smith, Zadock > Moses Smith file.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

16 AUGUST 1786
SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Estate settlement

"King, Michael

Late of Bertie Co

Wit: Curtis Ivey, John Fort

*Sampson Co Court Minutes 16 Aug. 1786 – **Edward Byrd** apt. Admr. With Will annexed on behalf of **Mary King Byrd**, wid/o sd Edward & dau of **Michael King** dec., bond £4000. No Will found in Sampson Co Records."²⁰¹

COMMENT:

This appears to mark the **death of Isabel (Bell) King Dyal, mother-in-law of Edward Byrd and Moses Smith**. At her death, under the terms of the will of Michael King of Duplin, 1741, the slaves left to Isabel was to be divided among their children. After Edward's death, the administration would be taken over by John King who settled it in 1795. See events below.

JUNE 1786–MARCH 1787

BURKE COUNTY, GA

Land grant.

Plat 1868. **Byrd, Michel**. Position "AL". 4 Dec 1786, 100 acres. Duhart's Creek. (William Millar plat)

Plat 2377. Byrd, Michel. Position "CC". 6 Mar 1787. 200 acres. Duharts Creek; Long Branch (Nathaniel Sample plat)

Plat 2581. **Smith, Moses**. Position "Plat". 5 June 1786, 100 acres [no location given, but the warrant says Duharts Creek]; Nathaniel Sample was adjacent owner; **Samuel Smith had adjacent plat**, George Spann and Nathaniel Sample were chain carriers.²⁰²

COMMENT:

The compiler's codes are as follows:

AL = Adjoining landowner

CC = Chain carrier

Duhart Creek is in present Jefferson County.

27 MARCH 1787

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Land purchase.

"Frederick Briggs of Fairfield County, Planter for 75 pounds to John King of the same place, Planter, two tracts containing 250 acres, that is to say, one tract of 100 acres granted to John Sutton 29 April 1768 on Wateree Creek, S. side of Wateree River, bounded N.E. & N.W. by land laid out for Joseph Cates and John Lee, S.W. & S.E. by lands laid out for Moses Kirkland, all other sides vacant, conveyed by John Sutton to Ely Kershaw by Lease and Release 16 & 17 November 1768 and sold by Lease and Release 27 & 28 November 1777 from Ely Kershaw to Frederick Briggs, Also 150 acres on Wateree Creek being part of 400 acres granted to Joseph Cates 11 August 1754 conveyed by Lease and Release 27 & 28 November 1777 from Ely Kershaw to Frederick Briggs. (signed) Frederick Briggs. Witness: John King, Jr., Wm. Smith, Henry

²⁰¹ Elizabeth E. Ross, *Sampson County Will Abstracts, 1784–1900* (Clayton, NC: P.p., c1994), 71.

²⁰² Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Burke County, Georgia, Land Records: Boundaries as of 1777; Including All of Burke County, Portion of Screven County, Portion of Jefferson County, Portion of Warren County, Portion of Glascock County, Portion of Jenkins County* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2009), 669 (Michael Byrd), 716 (Michael Byrd), 733 (Moses Smith).

Ratcliffs. Proved 7 May 1787 in open court by Frederick Briggs. Recorded 10 July 1787.”²⁰³

COMMENT:

This William Smith has not been identified. The coupling with John King Jr. and Henry Ratcliff is suggestive.

22 SEPTEMBER 1787

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC & BURKE COUNTY, GA

Bond.

“Know all men by these presents that I, **George Heartfield** of the state and county aforesaid [**Burke County, Georgia**] am held and firmly bound unto **John King** [of] the state of South Carolina, Fairfield County in the just and full sum of two hundred pounds Sterling. I bind my self, my heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, well and truly to be made firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this **Twenty-second day of September one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven** and in the Eleventh year of American independence.

“The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound *George Heartfield* do well and truly make or cause to be made *good and lawfull Rights and Titles on or before the Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight* to **John King** his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns to a certain tract of land containing **four hundred acres more or less being a Island lying in Oconey River &** conveyed by Nicholas Long for the aforesaid George Heartfield about **three miles below the White Bluffs**, then the above obligation to be Void, else to remain in full force power and Virtue. Signed, Sealed and Delivered [by] George Heartfield in the presence of Charles Pickett, Charles Lewis and **John Watts**.

Proved in open Court by Charles Lewis, 20th July 1795, Fairfield. Recorded 29th July 1795.”²⁰⁴

COMMENT:

This document, and the one below, reveal that there was a family gathering in this week of September 1787, with the Smiths and Heartfield coming back from Georgia. John Watts is there amid this gathering for a reason.

Crumpton’s reconstructed plats for Burke County offer only entry for Nicholas Long:

5 March 1792

Plat 2279 for John Raiford, 200 acres on **Ogeechee** “Unnamed Road/Path; Impassable Swamp.”

Adjacent Landowners: Nicholas Long, John Mason, John Mason Sr., Samuel Griffin, William price, Jacob Parker.”²⁰⁵

According to Crumpton grants made in Old Burke now fall into 5 other counties: Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Screven, and Warren. All lie along the Ogeeche, not the Oconee.

I have not been able to locate the landmark “White Bluffs.” (The only one identifiable for Georgia is in Chatham County, now within Savannah.)

²⁰³ Tony Draine, *Fairfield County, S.C., Deed Book A, 1785–1788* (Columbia, SC: Draban Publications, 1991),15; citing Fairfield Deed Book A:362–65.

²⁰⁴ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book I:438, FSL microfilm 23992, item 3

²⁰⁵ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Burke County, Georgia, Land Records: Boundaries as of 1777; Including All of Burke County, Portion of Screven County, Portion of Jefferson County, Portion of Warren County, Portion of Glascock County, Portion of Jenkins County* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2009),

The Oconee River stretches for 220 miles from Hall County on the north down to Montgomery, where it runs into the Ocmulgee. As shown on the map below, the modern counties that include Oconee land are Baldwin, Barrow, Greene, Hall, Hancock, Jackson, Laurens, Montgomery, Morgan, Oconee, Putnam, Treutlen, Walton, Washington, Wheeler, and Wilkinson.²⁰⁶



COMMENT:

The Georgia Vault's collection, "Headright and Bounty Plats," has four survey plats for grants made to Nicholas Long, but all are on the **Ogeechee in Wilkes Co.**, not the Oconee, and none fit the

²⁰⁶ "Georgia Lakes, Rivers and Water Resources," *Geology.com*: Geoscience News and Information (<https://geology.com/lakes-rivers-water/georgia.shtml>; downloaded 13 October 20108).

description of an island in the middle of the river.²⁰⁷

The *FamilySearch* collection, “Georgia Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783–1909,” offers a “Nicholas Long” folder with a number of warrants issued for land not only in Wilkes but also in **Washington County**—a region that was washed by the Oconee. Two items are of particular interest:

- 6 April 1784
“This day personally appeared before us **Nicholas Long Jr.** and after producing a satisfactory certificate or voucher of his honesty and fidelity made oath that he intends to become a citizen of Georgia within twelve months and intends to have ... sixteen in family beside himself.”²⁰⁸
- 7 June 1785
“By the Court of Justices for the County of Washington. To Francis Tennell Esqr. County Surveyor for said County. You are hereby Authorised & Required to admeasure and Layout or Cause to be Admeasured and Layd out unto **Nicholas Long Junr.** in Lieu of Three old warrants a tract of Land which shall Contain one Thousand Thirty Five Acres in Washington County ...”²⁰⁹

This is the only warrant in Long’s file that was issued early enough for the land to be surveyed and then conveyed to George Heartfield before the date of the Heartfield-King bond. Two other Washington County warrants were issued to Long later in 1787, followed by several more in Wilkes.

The one surviving volume of plats from Washington County—covering the year 1784 only—does not include Nicholas Long. It does include one John King who received 230 acres by Warrant dated 28 October 1784, adjoining Johnston and “Champaings.” Not only is that date too early, but the land does not fit the “island” description. Given the commonness of the name John King, there is no reason to suspect a connection. No Bird/Byrd grants appear.²¹⁰

TO DO:

- Identify George Heartfield and his connection to the family.
- Determine what happened to this land.

27 SEPTEMBER 1787

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC & BURKE COUNTY, GA

Bond.

“Know all men by these presents that I, **Moses Smith** of the state and county aforesaid [**Burke County, Georgia**] am held and firmly bound unto **John King** [of] the state of South Carolina in Fairfield County in the just and full sum of twenty thousand pounds Sterling. We bind ourselves, heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, well and truly to be made firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and

²⁰⁷ “Headright and Bounty Plats,” database with images, *Georgia Archives: University System of Georgia* (vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/search/collection/looseplats : accessed 13 October 2018), citing “Headright and Lottery Loose Plat File, Georgia Surveyor General, RG 3-3-26, Georgia Archives.

²⁰⁸ “Georgia Headright and Bounty Land Records,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBHV-RS2?i=300&wc=M61W-MP8%3A200664101&cc=1914217> : accessed 13 October 2018) > Headright and bounty documents 1793–1909, Livingston, Aaro–Louther Joseph > Long, Nicholas, image 300 of 559.

²⁰⁹ “Georgia Headright and Bounty Land Records,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBHV-RS2?i=300&wc=M61W-MP8%3A200664101&cc=1914217> : accessed 13 October 2018) > Headright and bounty documents 1793–1909, Livingston, Aaro–Louther Joseph > Long, Nicholas, image 301 of 559.

²¹⁰ Clifford S. Dwyer, *Washington County, Georgia, Surveyor’s Plat Book A, 1784* (Gainesville, FL: P.p., 1985).

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

dated this **Twenty-seventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven** and in the Twelfth year of American independence.

“The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound **Moses Smith** and **Catharine Smith** do bargain and sell all the Negroes that the said John King has in his hands and all in South Carolina of the State [Estate] of Michael King Deceased in North Carolina we bind our selves, our heirs, Executors Administrators and assigns firmly by these presents unto the aforesaid John King his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns firmly by these presents dated above mentioned Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents [sic] of

Chas Pickett
Charles Lewis
Selah Pickett + her mark
Sarah Smith S? her mark

Moses Smith {seal}
Catherine Smith C her mark

Proved in Open Court by Charles Lewis the **20th day of July 1795**, Fairfield. Recorded 29 July 1795.²¹¹

COMMENT:

Moses and Catherine are clearly back in Fairfield when this was executed.

Sarah Smith has not been identified. One Sarah Smith of Fairfield was John Watts’s sister Sarah Watts, married to a not-yet-identified James Smith.

A published abstract of this document makes noticeable errors:

Fairfield County, S.C. — Book 1; page 437 – 20 July 1795

Moses Smith of Burke County, Georgia, to **John King** of Fairfield County, S.C. in the sum of 20,000 pounds sterling, bond; the condition of the bond being that Moses Smith and **wife Catherine Smith** sell all the negroes that John King has in his hands and all in the hands of **Michael King, deceased of North Carolina**. Signed: Moses Smith; Catherine (x) Smith. Witnesses: Chas. Pickett, Charles Lewis, Selah Pickett (X her mark), and Sarah Smith (X, her mark)”²¹²

- The bond is actually dated 27 September 1787; the 1795 date given in the abstract is the date the document was proved in court.
- This Michael of NC should be Michael Sr. who died in 1742, Bertie or Duplin, leaving slaves to widow Isabel with a provision that they be divided between his children at her death. She has obviously died.
- Note that this document was executed at the same time—and filed at the same time, 8 years later—as the document below that involves John Watts.

10 JULY 1788

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Land survey.

Plat for Reuben Hall, 50 acres on **Lots Creek**, Camden District, surveyed by Alexander Johnston for **Michael Bird** on July 10, 1788. Names indexed: Bird, Michael; **Glaze, John**; Hall, Reuben; Hunter, Henry; Johnston, Alexander; Milling, John. Locations: **Dutchmans Creek**, Lot Branch; Wateree River.” Filed with state, 16

²¹¹ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book I:437, FSL microfilm 23992, item 3.

²¹² Michael A. Strosio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22.

September 1794.²¹³

COMMENT:

This puts Michael Bird, the son of Catherine King, next door to John Glaze, whose land adjoined that of John King. Although Michael is selling his only known land, he is found in Fairfield through at least the 1792 tax roll.

1 SEPTEMBER 1788
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC
Petition.

"To the Honorable John Lloyd Esquire, President and Members of the Senate: The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Fairfield County Sheweth

"That the distressing scenes frequently exhibited in our vicinity, as well as through the State at large, by the rigorous enforcing the payments of debts at this critical Juncture, have impressed Your petitioners with the deepest Concern.

"That there is not a circulating Medium sufficient to obtain at Sheriff Sales, more than one fifth of the intrinsic Value of Property so exposed.

"That the present Mode of Collecting Small Debts is ruinous and distressing in the highest Degree, as the Costs amount often to more than the debt.

"Therefore, Your petitioners humbly pray that Your Honorable House will take these [illegible word] into immediate and serious Consideration and relieve Your fellow Citizens by any Mode for that purpose, as You in your wisdom shall devise.

"And Your Petitioners will ever pray &c ...

John Winn
John King?
Moses Knighton
Willis _____
D _____
E _____
Wm Boyet
John Bell
Thomas Goodrum X
Robbert **Tidwell** X
Benjamin Jones X
Jno. King junr.
John Hollis
Bartlet Hinson
Richd. Roberts

Robert Hinson
Wilson Gibson
Turner Starke
William Cugin
James Hollis
Hampton Strouds
John Thomson
Wm Wallace
Daniel Tinn?
Charles Wall
John Goodrum
Mabney Helmns
George Lot
Obediah Henson
Isac Grymes
Thomas Starke

William **Tidwell**
Patrick Busheys
William Lewis
Fredrick Brigs
Janes [sic] Lewis
John Bradley
Gorge [sic] pey
John Yarbro
Reubin Harresin
William Harrosin
Nichilis pey [Peay]
James Manes
Edward Maynard
Moses Arledge

W. Ls? Miler
Isac Arledge
William Starks
Benjama Perry
James Austen
George Jinny?
George Scied?
Ephrm. Tully
Joseph Quarrill ²¹⁴

COMMENT:

Notably missing: Moses Smith, Bartlett Smith, John Watts.

²¹³ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213190, volume 0032, page 00171, item 003.

²¹⁴ Inhabitants of Fairfield County, petition, 20 October 1788; South Carolina, Petitions to the General Assembly, Series S165015, 1788, no. 9; SCDH microfilm reel ST1363, frames 367-69; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia.

24 MARCH? 1789?
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

William Smith, planter of Fairfield, to **Edward Pigg** of same [*Pigg is not called a planter*], for 16 pounds sterling, release of land “on a **branch of the Wateree Creek**, bounded NE on *Moses Hollis*, SW on *Nolle Hollis*, E on *Nazer Whitehead*, the other sides on vacant land,” granted to *William Smith* on 3 August 1774. Signed: William Smith (X his mark). Witnesses: *William Cason*, **John Hollis**, *Charles Filks Pigg* (X his mark) Recorded 1 Oct. '91.²¹⁵

COMMENTS:

- **Edward Pigg**, a controversial Baptist minister in this era, appears on the 1790 census *next door* to **John Watts** and Thomas Watts [Jr.].²¹⁶
- **John Hollis** appears that year about 17 houses below **John Watts & Thomas Watts**, while **Moses & Elijah Hollis** (see notes above and below) and other Hollises were 4-to-8 houses from John Watts's son-in-law **Moses Hornsby**.
- **Moses Hollis** and **John Hollis** cosigned, with **John Watts**, the 1783 character affidavit for Lt. William Coggins.
- **Moses Hollis** left a will dated 9 April 1793 (proved 17 July 1794) naming wife Rosanna; sons Moses, John, Elijah, & Berry; daughter Nancy Gladden; Granddaughter **Catherine Paterson**; Executor Zachariah Cauty; Witnesses: Thos. Goodman and Ed. *Tidwell*.²¹⁷ **Peter Patterson** on 1790 census was 2 houses from **Moses Hornsby**.
- This **Catherine Paterson** is the second “Catherine” found among the families associated with John Watts, who named his first daughter Catherine—the daughter who married Moses Hornsby about 1790. (The earlier Catherine was the wife of Moses Smith and sister of John Watts's adjacent landowner, John King; see p. 17 of this report.)
- Note also the *Peter* associated with Catherine. Some descendants of John Watts, who began their work in the mid 1950s, alleged that he had a son Peter Watts.²¹⁸
- One William Smith was coupled with Moses Smith on the 1759 tax roll of Granville.

26 MARCH 1789
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

Elijah Hollis of Fairfield County to **Edward Pigg** of same, for 16 pounds sterling, sale by lease and release, **10 acres** more or less on **Wateree Creek** in Fairfield, “beginning on **Moses Hollis** Corner tree on the west side of **Mill Branch**, running East to the **ford of the branch below the Mill**, from thence SE to a pine station from thence to Moses Hollis Line, **including the mill and mill seat**, which said grant was to **Moses Hollis** ... 1 Decr. 1772 and was conveyed by Moses Hollis to *Elijah Hollis* by Deeds of Lease and Release bearing date of 30th March 1784.” Witnesses: *William Cason*, *John Hollis*, *Charles Filks Pigg*. Recorded 6 October 1795.²¹⁹

²¹⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book F: 22–23; FSL microfilm 23,992 (Deeds D, E, F, G: 1789–92).

²¹⁶ For Edward Pigg and Charles Filks Pigg, see Leah Townsend, *South Carolina Baptists, 1670–1805* (1935; reprint, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2003), 80, 99, 100n, 102, 114, 146, 158, 212, and 212n.

²¹⁷ Elizabeth Wood Thomas and Sydney Starr Furr, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Wills, 1773–1797* (Pass Christian, Miss.: Willo Institute of Genealogy, 1967), 19; citing Will Book 1:49.

²¹⁸ Wynema McGrew, *Watts Is My Line: John and Judith (?) Watts, Settlers of the Mississippi Territory*, vol. 1 (Hattiesburg, Miss.: P.p., 2010), 31.

²¹⁹ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book F: 35–36.

COMMENTS:

Given that John Watts was adjacent to Edward Pigg on the census taken the next year, his residence should have been in close proximity to Mill Branch of Wateree Creek.

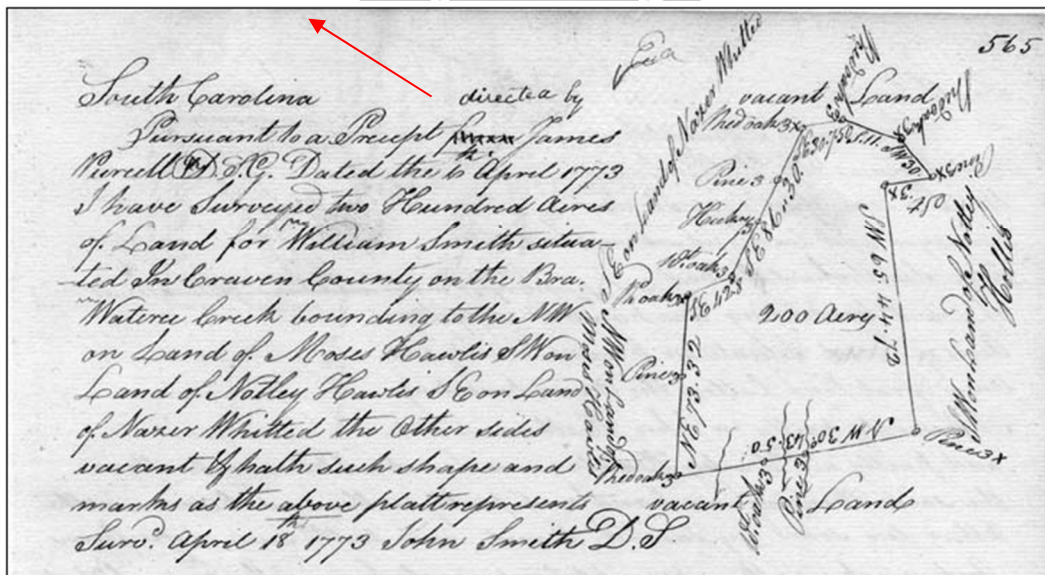
When Pigg sold this land on 17 March 1794 (see below) the deed tells us that it was part of a grant to **Wm. Smith**, adjoining *Moses Hollis* on NW, *Nottley Hollis* on SW, and Nez. Whitted on East, and that it was “all that part of land lying on the west side of the Mill Branch. Smith’s survey plat offers a beginning point for locating the land.”²²⁰

On the **William Smith** plat, below, the red-arrow annotation points roughly North, based upon the calls in the survey.

S213184: Colonial Plat Books (Copy Series)

SMITH, WILLIAM, PLAT FOR 200 ACRES IN CRAVEN COUNTY.

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TO DO:

Working outward from here, I need to get plats for Smith’s adjacent landowners, as well as plats for Moses Smith who married Catherine King.

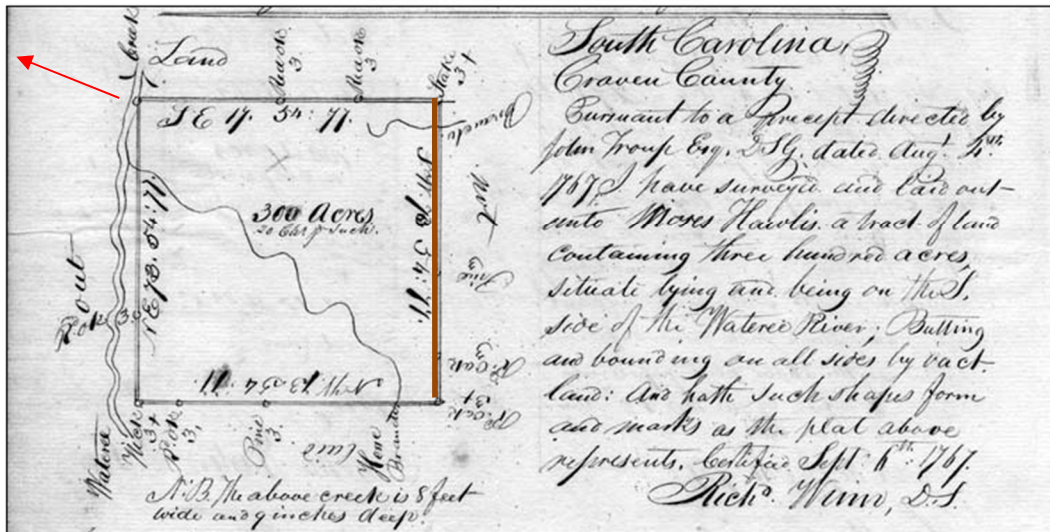
The only one I have located to date is that of Moses Hollis (“Hawlis”), whose land lies along the lower-left almost upright line of Smith’s plat. On the “Hawlis” plat below, the red arrow again marks the approximate north direction. The brown line is the line that adjoins Smith.

²²⁰ South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/> : accessed 7 October 2014), “Smith, William, Plat for 200 acres in Craven County,” S213184: Colonial plat Books (Copy Series).

S213184: Colonial Plat Books (Copy Series)

HAWLIS, MOSES, PLAT FOR 300 ACRES IN CRAVEN COUNTY.

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Smith's neighbor "Nazer Whitted" is found in this land database under *Whitehead*, with his given name spelled in a variety of ways. A database entry states that the land was surveyed in 1775. However, by that time, the SC colonial land office had been suspended. The grant was made post-war, and I have not completed the study of locally recorded plats. I have not yet found a record of the grant to Notley Hollis under any conceivable spelling.

The Moses "Hawlis" plat can be placed at the first fork on Little Wateree Creek about a mile southwest of the land marked on *Mills's Atlas* as "J. Hollis." (See Map 4.) When Pigg sold this land in 1794, the purchaser was its near-neighbor, John Hollis.

This location enables us to place our John Watts in relation to several of his potential kin, as well as his 1790 census neighbors. The Pigg-Watts location is

- less than a mile from Poplar Springs Meeting House (*Mills Atlas*), the likely site of Pigg's ministry, 1789–1794.
- about 3 miles downstream from the Forks of Wateree Creek, granted to Ambrose Mills, which **John Watts** and **William Watts** bought in 1784 and sold in 1786.
- about 3 miles due west of the 660-acre "home place" grant Ambrose took out between Wateree Creek and Taylor's Creek.
- about 2 or so miles west of the land grant made in 1787 to "Thomas Watts Jr."
- *adjacent* to the 630-acre tract surveyed for James Ogilvie in 1786 and subsequently patented to **Thomas Watts Jr.** in 1787. (Thomas Jr. bought two other adjacent tracts from Ogilvie, 737 acres and 276 acres.²²¹)
- about 3 miles east of the Dry Fork land grant made in 1791 to **Thomas Watts** (possibly Thomas Jr.) and the nearby land taken out in 1792 by **William Watts** (possibly William of Thomas and the same man who bought the Ambrose Mills grant in partnership with our John in 1784).

²²¹ Fairfield Co. Plat Book B:441 and C:308. Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book X:82–84. *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online_archives/), "Watts, Thomas, citing "Series: S213190; Volume: 0020; Page: 00023; Item: 001."

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

29 FEBRUARY 1789
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

Plat for Charles Lewis, "360 acres on **Wateree Creek**, Camden District, surveyed by John Milling on August 28, 1786. Names indexed: **Hornsby, Moses; King, John**; Lewis, Charles; Milling, John; Sanders, Nathan."²²²

24 MARCH? 1789?
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

William Smith, planter of Fairfield, to *Edward Pigg* of same [*Pigg is not called a planter*], for 16 pounds sterling, release of land "on a **branch of the Wateree Creek**, bounded NE on *Moses Hollis*, SW on *Nolle Hollis*, E on *Nazer Whitehead*, the other sides on vacant land," granted to *William Smith* on 3 August 1774. Signed: William Smith (X his mark). Witnesses: **William Cason**, *John Hollis*, *Charles Filks Pigg* (X his mark) Recorded 1 Oct. '91.²²³

27 APRIL? 1789
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

John Horn and wife Mary sell to Simon Mott, a tract of land granted 5 October 1784, consisting of ____ hundred acres in Camden District on ____ Creek, bounded NW by Thomas Taylor, SE by Andrew Feastie? The land being conveyed consists of 140 acres along William Harlen's line to where Thomas ____ Line joins. Signed John Horn. Witnesses: **John King, Junr., Moses Hornsby, Moses King, John King J.P.**²²⁴

COMMENT:

This deed is so tightly bound that roughly one whole word is lost at the end of each line.

16 DECEMBER 1789
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

Lee Duggins of Fairfield County SC and William Miller of same. Sale, for £40 sterling, land granted on 6 March 1786 to Maddoin Leggo, containing 100 acres on Dutchmans Creek, bounded at the time by John *Fulghum* on the E, by *Kirkland?* on SW, and on other sides by vacant land. Leggo sold the land on 15-16 August 1786 to Lee Duggins. Signed: Lee Duggins; witnesses: John Miller and **Michael King Bird** (a fancy X, his mark).

Proved **10 October 1793** before John McKenney J.P. Recorded 25 January 1799.²²⁵

4 OCTOBER 1790
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC / FAIRFIELD COUNTY< SC

Migration.

"Deed: **Burrell Ivey (of Fairfield County, South Carolina)** to *John Snell*. (Deed gives grantee as 'John Spell or Snell' in one place.) ... Trans.: 100 pounds 'Current money of North Carolina' for 210 acres 'on the North side of the **six Runs.**' Deed mentions 'a Corner of an Old line,' a branch, and 'a pine near John Kings line.'

²²² *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213190, volume 0020, page 00028, item 001.

²²³ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book F: 22–23; FSL microfilm 23,992 (Deeds D, E, F, G: 1789–92).

²²⁴ Fairfield County, SC. Deed Book C, 1787–1789, pp. 91-92; FSL microfilm 23991, item 4

²²⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book M:101–3; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

Land was 'the piece or parcel of land granted to William Fryer By letters patent Bearing date' 5 December 1761. Wit.: **Archd. Bell, Moses King, and John King.**"²²⁶

COMMENT:

The compiler's index has no other reference to Fairfield and no other reference to Burrell Ivey. Going back to prior volumes, I found no earlier references to him.

1790–91

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Census.

Entries in neighborhood sequence.²²⁷

(p. 152)

Robert Tidwell

John Watts

Thomas Watts

Edward Pigg

James Morris

Fanny Blake

Sarah Garret

Robert Tidwell Junr.

Josse Goin

Robert Shirley

Micaiah Pickett	2 male 16+ 5 males -16	3 females	10 slaves
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Mrs. Hills

Obadiah Henson

John King	3 male 16+ 2 males -16	4 females	21 slaves
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Moses Knighton

Charles Pickett	2 males 16+ 1 male -16	4 females	0 slaves
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Richard Roberts

John Splon

Lewis, Charles	1 male 16+ 3 males -16	3 female	8 slaves
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John Hollis

Wilson Gibson

Elisabeth Lewis

John Sanders

Perry Tidwell

COMMENT:

King's 21 slaves ranked him as no. 6 among slaveholders in the county.

²²⁶ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 7–9 (ca. 1780 to ca. 1794)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1985), 113; citing Duplin Deeds 9:22.

²²⁷ 1790 U.S. census, Fairfield District, SC, pp. 174–75.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Note that the Moses Smith and wife of this 1790 [1791] Fairfield census have no slaves. Nor does their son Bartlet.

(p. 174)

Sanders, Henry

Stone, Thomas

Stone, John

Stone, James

Cason, Whilis	1 male 16+	1 female	4 slaves
	1 male -16		

Cason, Laban

Smith, Bartlet	1 male 16+	1 female	0 slaves
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Graham, Isaac

Dozier, John

Smith, Moses	1 male 16+	1 female	0 slaves
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COMMENT:

Evidence is insufficient to determine whether this household represents Moses and Catherine or whether it is a Moses Smith Jr. Note that Moses does not appear on the 1792 tax roll, below.

Blake, John

Blake, Archibald

Hunt, James

Long, John Senr.

Long, John Junr.

Pettypool, Wm.

Graves, James

Harrison, Reuben

Yarbro, Thomas G.

McDaniel, John M.

Arledge, Isaac

Pettypool Henry

Bird, Michael	1 male 16+	3 females	0 slaves
	2 males -16		

Roberts, Aaron

Cason, Cannon

Maynard, Edward

Briant, Wm.

McDaniel, Wm.

Ford, Hezekiah	1 male 16+	2 females	8 slaves
	1 male -16		

COMMENT:

Hezekiah Ford is married to Selah "Celia" Byrd, daughter of Catherine (King) Byrd Smith and sister of Michael Bird, six households above the Fords.

McFaddin, Wm.

Laughon, James

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Briant, Edward
Rogers, Wm.

Ivey, Burril

Ivey, John

Dugins, John 1 male 16+

Duggins, William 1 male 16+ 2 females [son of Rich & Eliz (Watts)]

Boylstone, William

Boylstone, George

Rugely, Henry

Beirne? Dennis

McDaniel, Charles

Millar, Wm.

Ford, Gardner

Meredith, Thomas

Porter, James

Nettles, Zachariah

Dawkins, Richard

Dawkins, Jesse

Peay, Nicholas

[skip 25]

Yarbrough, John

Ivey, John

Davies, Adam

Hornsbie, John

Peay, George

Peay, Austin

13 JUNE 1791

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

“Ordered that letters of Administration be granted to **Elizabeth Miller** for the estate of **John Miller** She proposing Thomas Hill and **Michael Bird** as securities of whom the court approved.”²²⁸

1792

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Tax list.

“Compile from the microfilm of the same at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The names are in the order they appear in the original. No attempt has been made to ‘correct’ the names to agree with any old or modern variant of the same.”²²⁹

(Consecutive entries unless otherwise stated)

Addison, Thomas	0 slaves	117 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p1
Addison, Christopher	0 slaves	100 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p1

²²⁸ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 170–71.

²²⁹ Tony Draine and Edd Bannister, *Fairfield County, SC, Tax Returns, 1792* (Columbia, SC: Draban Publications, 1991), page numbers as cited on the list above.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Bird, Michael	1-0 slaves	60 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p2
Cogin, William	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	44 acres county tax	p4
Duggans, William	0 slaves	100 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p4
Duggans, L. Andrew	0 slaves	375 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p4
Hornsby, Moses	0 slaves	300 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p7
Kirkland, Ambrose	0 slaves	226 acres state tax	226 acres county tax	p8
[skip 1]				
King, John	27-26 slaves	770 acres state tax	777 acres county tax	p8
[skip 2]				
Kirkland, Zech.				
Kirkland William				
[skip 4]				
Kirkland, Mary “vide A’brose”	[no data]			
LAVENDER:	NONE			
Stone, Samuel	0 slaves	75 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p13
Stone, John	0 slaves	80 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p13
[skip 1]				
Smith, Robert	0 slaves	100 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p13
Smith, John	0 slaves			
[skip 1]				
Stone, John	0 slaves	110 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p13
[skip 3]14				
Smith, Alexander	0 slaves	200 acres state tax	200 acres county tax	p13
[skip 4]				
Stone, Thomas	0 slaves	150 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p14
Smith, Bartlet	4-0 slaves	100 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p14
Shelton, David	15-0 slaves	680 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p14
Smith, Bartle* [sic]	32-11 slaves	630 acres state tax	621 acres county tax	p14
Stark, Thomas	12-9 slaves	150 acres state tax	150 acres county tax	p14
Saunders, Henry	0 slaves	100 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p14
[skip 9]				
Sanders, Nathan	1-0 slaves	100 acres state tax	0 acres county tax	p14
Starke, Turner	12-12 slaves	[no land]		p14
[skip 8]				
Smith, Austen	2-0 slaves	[no land]		
Simmons, Jesse				
Scot Geo. Est.				
Smith, James	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p14
[skip 4]				
Smith, John	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	250 acres county tax	p14
[skip 2]				

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Smith, Aaron	0-1 slaves	[no slaves]		p14
Smith, George	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	100 acres county tax	p14
[skip 2]				
Smith, Stephen	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	200 acres county tax	p14
[skip 1]				
Smith, John	0 slaves	0 acres state tax	125 acres county tax	p14
Starke, Reuben	0–1 slaves	[no land]		p14
[WATTS: See Watts report]				

COMMENT:

The absence of Moses Smith suggests that he and Catherine have remained in Georgia.

16 OCTOBER 1792
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

Richard Gather (R) and wife Sarah (x) of Chester County, SC, to Charles Boyd, sale for 100 pounds sterling, 206 acres being part of a tract granted to Richard Gather, 5 March 1792, containing 627 acres. Situate on Hog Fork branch, waters of Wateree Creek, Bounded by John Winn, Seth Garrett, and vacant land [metes & bounds not copied here]. Signed Richard Gather (R, his mark) and Sarah Gather (X, her mark). Witnesses: Andw. Hemphill, **Moses Smith**, Eli Gather.

8 June 1793, personally appeared **Moses Smith** before Andw Hemphill, J.P. to prove the deed.²³⁰

COMMENT:

This is the second document involving a Moses Smith that carries a Chester County link. The earlier document (1785) also placed him in Burke County, GA, where Moses and Catherine relocated.

The 1790 census places the justice Andrew Hemphill in Chester County, not Fairfield.

This Moses of Chester appears to be a different Moses Smith. On 4 May 1787 one John Smith of Chester deeded slaves and livestock to “My son Moses Smith.” (A:508–9) Either Moses is just starting out or else John is now aged and turning over property to Moses in exchange for care.

Two other deeds identify his wife as Mary in 1795. (F:172–74) Those deeds involve sale of land in Fairfield County on Rockey Creek and involve Agneer Smith, Joshua Smith, and George Bready.

No Birds or Byrds appear in the published deed abstracts by Brent Holcomb. No John King. The only John Watts is a man who died in the 90s. No Priscilla Tidwell or Tedwell appears. The only Tidwells are William and Absillum. Fairfield documents appear rampantly throughout the book.²³¹

24 DECEMBER 1792
CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC (FAIRFIELD)

Land plat.²³²

²³⁰ Fairfield County, SC. Deed Book I, 1793-5, pp. 314-15; FSL microfilm 23992, item 3.

²³¹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Chester County, South Carolina, Deed Abstracts*, vol. 1, *Deed Books A–F, 1785–1799 [1768–1799]* (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 2005).

²³² *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=197576> : accessed 1 October 2016).

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=197576

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Names indexed: BOYD, WILLIAM; HEMPHILL, JAMES; REYNOLDS, JOHN; SMITH, MOSES; WALKER; WILSON, WILLIAM

Locations: CAMDEN DISTRICT; ROCKY CREEK

Document type: PLAT

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COMMENT:

The Boyd and Hemphill neighbors strongly suggest that this land lay in Chester.

12 NOVEMBER 1794

DUPLIN COUNTY, NC

Estate settlement.

"Power of Attorney: **Edward Byrd** to **Nathan King** (of **Cumberland County**). ... Document states: 'I Edward Byrd ... do firmly by these presents Constitute and appoint Nathan King ... my lawfull attorney to ask for (sic) and Receive and in my Name to sue for and Recover all my Right of a parcel of Negroes Willed and Bequeathed to **my wife Mary Byrd** by **her father Michael King** after the decease of **her mother Isabelle wife of said Michael**.' Wit.: Gabriel Holmes and T. King."²³³

25 MARCH 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Associates.

Catherine Smith "of Fairfield County" to **Hezekiah Ford** and **Bartlett Smith** for 70 pounds sterling, sale of "all and every Negroe or Negroes with all and every other property which is due me or devised to me by **my father Michael King's** last will and Testament **Dupling County, North Carolina**, deceased, reserving or excepting **what my Brother John King** has now in his possession." Signed Catharine Smith (C, her mark). Witnesses: Thos. Fulgham, Moses Dukes (his mark). Proved by Fulgham before Chas. Pickett, J.P. on 6 June 1795.²³⁴

²³³ Max R. Peterson Jr., *Abstracts, Sampson-Duplin Deeds, Books 7–9 (ca. 1780 to ca. 1794)* (Buies Creek, NC: P.p., 1985), 131; citing Duplin Deeds 9:167.

²³⁴ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book L:191.

COMMENT:

Below the recording of this document is a note: “Hezekiah Ford marks with a Crop and UnderKut in each Ear.”

- Hezekiah Ford is said by various online trees to be the husband of Catherine’s daughter Selah “Celia.” The tenor of this documents supports that.
- Why does Moses Smith not participate in this conveyance? Did they separate—or did he die and Catherine then returned to her family in Fairfield. I have found only one record involving Moses that carries a date later than this—but it represents the recording of a 1787 document. He may well have been dead by 1795.

16 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“**Bartlee Smith, D.C.**” was among the names drawn for grand jury service at next term of court.²³⁵

COMMENT:

Nothing states what the D.C. stands for. One possibility is *Deputy Constable*.

17 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“**Bartlee Smith**” was sworn in for service on Grand Jury.”²³⁶

20 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Performance bond.

On this day, someone (apparently John King) filed a bond executed 27 September 1787 by Moses Smith of Burke County, Georgia, and wife Catherine Smith to John King of Fairfield County, SC. The bond states: “in the just and full sum of twenty thousand pounds Sterling. We bind ourselves, heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, well and truly to be made firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this **Twenty-seventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven** and in the Twelfth year of American independence.

“The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound **Moses Smith and Catharine Smith** do bargain and sell all the Negroes that the said John King has in his hands and all in South Carolina of the State [Estate] of Michael King Deceased in North Carolina we bind and selves, our heirs, Executors Administrators and assigns firmly by these presents unto the aforesaid John King his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns firmly by these presents dated above mentioned Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents [*sic*] of

Chas Pickett
Charles Lewis
Selah Pickett + her mark
Sarah Smith S? her mark

Moses Smith {seal}
Catherine Smith C her mark

²³⁵ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 108.

²³⁶ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 110.

Proved in Open Court by Charles Lewis the 20th day of July 1795, Fairfield. Recorded 29 July 1795.²³⁷

20 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“State vs. Moses Hollis *chaleos*. Sc: Fa: William Johnston Isaac Gibson and William Kennedy when excused by the court *Moses Hollis* **Nimrod Smith** and **Moses Smith** who are fined 4 Dollars each and notice to be posted on the Court House Door to appear in October Court, to make their defence.”²³⁸

COMMENT:

- No other record has been found in Fairfield for a Nimrod Smith. Considering the date, we might question whether these were sons of Moses who, perhaps, brought Catherine back to Fairfield and then left without answering the summons to testify in the Hollis case.
- We might propose that this document relates to Moses Smith of Chester, but Moses Hollis was a near neighbor and frequent associate of the Smith, King, and Watts families.

20 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC & BURKE COUNTY, GA

Bond.

“Know all men by these presents that I, George Heartfield of the state and county aforesaid [**Burke County, Georgia**] am held and firmly bound unto **John King** [of] the state of South Carolina, Fairfield County in the just and full sum of two hundred pounds Sterling. I bind my self, my heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, well and truly to be made firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this **Twenty-second day of September one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven** and in the Eleventh year of American independence.

“The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound **George Heartfield** do well and truly make or cause to be **made good and lawfull Rights and Titles** on or before the Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight to **John King** his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns to a certain tract of land containing four hundred acres more or less being a Island lying in **Oconey River** & conveyed by Nicholas Long for the aforesaid George Heartfield about three miles below the White Bluffs, then the above obligation to be Void, else to remain in full force power and Virtue. Signed, Sealed and Delivered [by] George Heartfield in the presence of Charles Pickett, Charles Lewis and **John Watts**.

Proved in open Court by Charles Lewis, 20th July 1795, Fairfield. Recorded 29th July 1795.²³⁹

22 JULY 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Court suit.

“**Bartlee Smith** vs James Hoy. Trover. Dismissed.”

“**Bartlee Smith** vs Quintin Craig. Trover. Dismissed.”²⁴⁰

²³⁷ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book I:437, FSL microfilm 23992, item 3

²³⁸ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 113.

²³⁹ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book I:438, FSL microfilm 23992, item 3

²⁴⁰ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 116.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

COMMENT:

- “Trover” is defined as “common-law action to recover the value of personal property that has been wrongfully disposed of by another person.”
- While other July 1795 documents appear to say that Bartlett’s parents have moved to Georgia, Bartlett appears to have stayed behind. Note the suit against him as late as July 1797, below.

12 AUGUST 1795

CAMDEN DISTRICT, SC

Neighbor.

Land plat of Martha Havis, neighbor of Moses Smith.²⁴¹

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=](http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=199419). The page header features the South Carolina Department of Archives & History logo and name. The main content area is titled "Details" and contains the following information:

- Series: S213190
- Volume: 0032
- Page: 00448
- Item: 003
- Date: 8/12/1795
- Description: HAVIS, MARTHA, PLAT FOR 500 ACRES ON DUTCHMANS CREEK OF WATEREE RIVER, SURVEYED BY WILLIAM DOWNS FOR BARNARD ELLIOT ON AUGUST 12, 1772.
- Names indexed: DOWNS, WILLIAM; ELLIOT, BARNARD; HAVIS, MARTHA; MCDONALD, JERRY; SMITH, MOSES
- Locations: DUTCHMANS CREEK; WATEREE RIVER
- Document type: PLAT
- Topics:

27 NOVEMBER 1795

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Estate settlement.

“This day Recd ten hundred and five dollars of **John King Senr.** It being in full of all demands of a Certain Edward Byrd and his wife Mary for a certain claim for a share for a certain Quantity of Negroes left unto said Mary Byrd by her Father Michael King after the decease of her Mother **Isabella** wife of the said King. As witness my hand and seal this 27th day of November 1795. Signed: Nathan King. Witnesses: Samuel Cates, **Michael King, Bartlett Smith.**

2 November 1804

²⁴¹ South Carolina Department of Archives and History, database and images <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=199419> : accessed 1 October 2016).

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

“Fairfield District. **Bartlett Smith** made oath that he did see **Nathan King Sign seal and deliver the within Receipt to John King Senr.** For the use and purpose therein mentioned and also said Saml. Oates and Micael King sign this recpt at the same time as witnesses.” Signed: Bartlet Smith. Sworn to before Charles Pickett, J.P. Recorded 4 March 1805.²⁴²

COMMENT:

Strascio provides the following abstract for the first of the two documents executed above. He did not mention the second one.

“**John King, Sr.** paid ten hundred and five dollars in full of all demands of **Edward Byrd and his wife Mary** for a share of negroes left to **Mary Byrd** by her **father Michael King** after the decease of her **mother Isabelia**, wife of said King.”²⁴³

20 JANUARY 1796
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

“Charles Pickett vs **John Byrd**. Attat. Discharged.”²⁴⁴

23 JANUARY 1796
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“**Bartet Smith**” is among the names drawn to serve on next term’s Grand Jury.²⁴⁵

10 JANUARY 1797
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

Thomas Robison, mortgage, to Robert Rabb and William Robison. Thomas and Hannah Robertson [sic] are administrators of the estate of John Robertson. Rabb and William Robison served as their sureties. To guarantee Rabb and WR from financial loss, Thomas gives a mortgage on several slaves. [Details not copied.] Signed: Thomas Robertson. Witnesses: **Bartlett Smith**, Samuel Owen.²⁴⁶

FEBRUARY 1797
KERSHAW COUNTY, SC

Court order.

“Ordered that William Dunlap and Robert Dunlap Executors of the last Will & Testament of **Catherine Smith** do receive letters Testamentary the Will being first Proved in Open Court.”²⁴⁷

COMMENT:

This appears *not* to be the Catherine married to Moses Smith. On 9 February 1795, she received

²⁴² Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book P, 1804–1806, pp. 204-5; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

²⁴³ Michael A. Strosio, Ph.D., *Some Onslow Families: With Collateral Lines (Onslow County, North Carolina)* (Raleigh, N.C.: P.p., 1976, additions 1997), 22–23.

²⁴⁴ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 124.

²⁴⁵ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 127.

²⁴⁶ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book L:211–12; FSL microfilm 23993, item 1.

²⁴⁷ Brent Howard Holcomb, *Kershaw County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1791–1799* (N.P.: n.p., 1986), 102.

letters testamentary as executrix of the will of James Smith, deceased.²⁴⁸

20 JULY 1797

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“Basil Pourie {Powell?} vs **Bartlee Smith**. Debt. Judgement for fifteen pound sixteen shillings and ten pence, with Interest from the 9th March 1795. Stay of Levey three months.”²⁴⁹

23 JULY 1798

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Civic role.

“**Battee Smith**” and **Ambrose Kirkland** serve on Grand Jury.²⁵⁰

16 JULY 1799

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Estate settlement.

“The Citation on the Estate **Michael King** was returned into Court duly certified, Whereupon Ordered that Letters of Administration be granted to John King the person named in said Citation, Who is to administer with the **Will** annexed and the Testator being in the State of **North Carolina**, the original Will was proved and lodged in the Secretaries Office of that State An authenticated Copy of the same, is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, he naming John Hollis, Moses Hollis and William Robertson to be bound in the sum of three thousand pounds five hundred sterling. **John King**, Josiah Knighten, Thomas Stark, Nicholas Peay and Moses Knighten were appointed as appraisers.”²⁵¹

COMMENT:

An “administration with will annexed” occurs when the person named as executor in the will does not accept the appointment, dies after accepting it, or is otherwise disqualified—causing the appointment of an administrator in lieu of the named executor.

TO DO:

Locate this will in state office. Determine county. Study full probate to see what more can be found on there on Michael’s sister and potential heir who is now living in the burned county of Burke, GA.

20 MAY 1800

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Association.

Bartlett Smith and Josiah “Brighton” witness deed from William Miller to Charles Pickett. [Not abstracted for want of time].²⁵²

²⁴⁸ Brent Howard Holcomb, *Kershaw County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1791–1799* (N.P.: n.p., 1986), 67, see also 128.

²⁴⁹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 145.

²⁵⁰ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 146.

²⁵¹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Fairfield County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1785–1799* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981), 170–71.

²⁵² Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book P, 1804–1806, pp. 436–37; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

CA. AUGUST 1800
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Census.

McGraw, David

Pettipool, William

Smith, Bartlee, 1-1-0-1-0-1

Hoy, Quinlen

Montgomery, Saml.

Gibson, Jacob

Gibson, Abel

Jones, Ralph

Fearies, William

Clark, William

Rogers, Jas., Senr.²⁵³

4 JANUARY 1802
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Association.

Charles Pickett [no wife mentioned] sells to **Burrell Ivey**, both of Fairfield, 95 acres on waters of Dutchman's [sic] Creek bounded on [three?] sides by said Charles Pickett's land and on the West by **Wm. Duggans** land. Signed: Charles Pickett. Witnesses: Josiah Knighton, **Nathan King**. Proved by Knighton before Nicholas Peay, J.P. 16 January 1802.²⁵⁴

COMMENT:

- On 21 March 1803, Charles Pickett again sold land without reference to a wife. (Deed Book O:271–73; no time to abstract.)
- Nathan King was a son of John King.
- William Duggans was the son of Richard Duggins and wife Elizabeth Watts, sister of John Watts.

16 JANUARY 1802
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Land purchase.

Henry Harton Junior of Fairfield sells to **Bartlee Smith** of same, \$110, 110 acres on the Waters of Broad River bounding N & E on Robert Harton and S & SE on lands of Dayton (Saylor?) and Griff, W on lanes of **Bartlee Smith**, part of 500 acres conveyed to Robert Harton, Hugh Harton and Henry Harton 2 September 1794, the whole amount granted being 455 acres but surveyed at 532 acres. Witnesses: John Pearson, Peter McGraw? Two plats accompany the deed.

Henry Harton Senior to **Bartlee Smyth**, planter, for \$205.50, 137? Acres, part of same original tract. Signed: Henry Harton (H, his mark). Witnesses: Peter McGraw, Saml. Alston. Rose Harton, wife, relinquishes her dower before John Pearson, 30 March 1802.²⁵⁵

COMMENT:

This "Bartlee Smyth" is not the same man as Bartlett Smith.

²⁵³ 1800 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., SC, p. 220-A.

²⁵⁴ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book N:527–28; FSL microfilm 23993, item 3.

²⁵⁵ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book N:488–93; FSL microfilm 23993, item 3.

19 JANUARY 1802
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Land purchase.

Samuel Kennerly of Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia, merchant, sells for \$370 to **Bartlee Smythe** of Fairfield, 93 acres “being the undivided moiety of the said Samuel Kennerly” in 400 acres formerly the property of George Hancock the Elder, decd., and now of George Hancock of Botetourt County. Kennerly holds this half-interest in right of his wife Mary Kinnerly, formerly Mary Hancock, “the other part being already sold by the aforesaid Hancock the younger to the aforesaid Bartlee Smythe.” Signed: S. Kennerley; Witnesses: John Pearson, Phillip R. Pearson.²⁵⁶

10 FEBRUARY 1802
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Newspaper item.

“A List of Defaulters in the County of Jefferson for the Year 1801. ... Capt. ____ [sic] District: John Tinsley, E. Batts, James Kack, **Joseph Barber**, **Moses Smith**, James Langley, David Alday, Jas. Robinson. [signed] John Whitehead, R.T. R. J. C.”²⁵⁷

COMMENT:

This source has another item relevant to the Isaac Rawls who was Smith’s neighbor in Jefferson:

1 MARCH 1803
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Sheriff’s sale.

“On the first Tuesday lin April next, will be sold, at the Market House, in Louisville, to the highest bidder, between the hours of ten and three o’clock,

- 200 Acres of Land, the property of **Isaac Rawls**, whereon he now lives, bounded by lands of George Jones, Andrews, Herring and James Stubbs, to satisfy an execution J. M. Sterett & Jas. Stubbs, executors of Wm. McDowell, vs. Isaac Rawls and J. McDaniel.
- Also, 850 Acres of land, whereon John Lewis now lives in the fork of Rockey Comfort and Duhart’s Creek, and twenty Negroes, viz ...; taken as the property of John Lewis to satisfy **John Boyd’s** survivor of **R. & J. Boyd’s** execution.”²⁵⁸

COMMENT:

The index has no Judith Rawls (the pre-marriage name tradition gives to John Watt’s widow). It does have a Barbara Rawls who owed 31¼¢ tax on 357 acres of Pine land to be sold at Collector’s sale on 18 June 1802.

23 JUNE 1802
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC

Neighbor.

Plat for Moses Knighton, “67 acres on Wateree Creek, Fairfield District, surveyed by Andrew McDowell.

²⁵⁶ Fairfield Co., SC, Deed Book N:493–96; FSL microfilm 23993, item 3.

²⁵⁷ Faye Stone Poss, *Early Jefferson County, Georgia, Newspaper Abstracts, 1799–1811* (Snellville, GA: P.p., 2011), 134; citing *Louisville Gazette and Republican Trumpet*, “Wednesday, February 10, 1802, vol. 4, no. 155.”

²⁵⁸ Faye Stone Poss, *Early Jefferson County, Georgia, Newspaper Abstracts, 1799–1811* (Snellville, GA: P.p., 2011), 185–86; citing *Louisville Gazette and Republican Trumpet*, “Wednesday, March 9, 1803, vol. 5, no. 193.”

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

Names Indexed: **King, John**; Knighton, Moses; McDowell, Andrew; Sanders, Mary; **Wat, Thomas.**²⁵⁹

24 JULY 1802

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SC & RICHMOND COUNTY, SC

Land sale.

“Bartlee Smythe and **Carolina Smythe** his wife of the town of Columbia, sell for \$3732 to John Willingham and David McGraw, a plantation containing 1244 acres, formerly the property of Thomas Woodward and by his heir Thomas Woodward conveyed to **Robert Smythe**, the father of the present grantor one moiety by deed of lease and release; the other moiety descended to him by the last will and testament of the aforesaid Robert Smythe. Signed: Bartlee Smythe and Carolina Smythe. Witnesses: Anna Harleston Smythe, Thomas H. Egan.

Carolina Smythe was examined separately by John Taylor, one of the justices for Richland District on 7 August 1802. Received in Fairfield 17 August 1802 and recorded 7 January 1805.

COMMENT:

Columbia, the capital of SC, is in adjacent Richland County to which Thomas and William Watts moved.

23 NOVEMBER 1802

FAIRFIELD & RICHLAND DISTRICTS, SC

Land sale.

Thomas Watts of **Richland District** to **John King Senr.**, for £50, sale of 630 acres on Watree Creek, branch of Watree River, bounding N on John Barber, NE on vacant land and James Bishop, SE on Bartley Hinson & SW on John King & SW & SE on **John Watts** and W on vacant land at the time of survey. Signed: **Thomas Watts {LS}**. Witness: **Nathan King, William Watts**. Proved 23 November 1802 by Nathan King before John Dicky, J.P.²⁶⁰

COMMENT:

The fact that the land is said to adjoin John Watts *might* (or might not) indicate that John was still in possession of the land. These deeds often referenced adjacent neighbors at the time the survey was made.

MAY 1803–1 MARCH 1804

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Land lottery.

1805 lottery. Official land-office roster has entries presented in alphabetical order statewide. Registration held May 1803–1 March 1804.

Data drawn from the published editions of the statewide index:

SMITH, Moses	Jefferson	1293	Blank
SMITH, Moses	Lincoln	1390	Blank
SMITH, Moses	Oglethorpe	1567	Blank
SMITH, Barnett	Oglethorpe	1565	Blank & Prize (Baldwin Co., Dist. 3, Lot 269) ²⁶¹

²⁵⁹ *South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, database and images (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/online/archives/>), database entry citing Series S213190, volume 0038, page 00734, item 001.

²⁶⁰ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book P, 1804–1806, pp. 28–28; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

²⁶¹ Paul K. Graham, *1805 Georgia Land Lottery: Persons Entitled to Draws* (Decatur, GA: The Genealogy Company, 2005), 512.

MAY 1803–1 MARCH 1804
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Land lottery.

“We the Justices of Inferior Court for Wilkes Co. ... having met this 13th day of Feb. 1804 at the courthouse ... Do certify that the following list is correct:

SMITH, Moses 1 draw
SMITH, John (orphs. of, who died on Williams Cr.) 1 draw²⁶²

COMMENT:
No “Bartlett” Smith found.

JANUARY 1804
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Court order.

“Ordered, that the Clerk do pay **Moses Smith** twelve dollars, being the amount of his account for erecting a Pillory for this County.”

“Ordered, That the Clerk of this Court do pay Moses Smith Eight dollars & fifty Cents being the amt. of his acct. for repairs done on Rocky Comfort Bridge.”²⁶³

COMMENT:
This is clearly a younger Moses Smith. As seen below, this Moses—who seems to have just moved into the county—did jury duty from 1804–1819. Under Georgia law, the maximum age for jury duty was sixty; thus, this Moses was born after 1744.²⁶⁴

Note under September 1804, below, that this Moses Smith of Burke associated with Fairfield families, including Casons who were near neighbors of the Moses Smiths in Fairfield.

1804
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

Samuel Gibson	L. Creek
Hugh Alexander	L. Creek
Robert Montgomery	Ogeechee River
Nancy Locke	Spring Creek
John Green	---
Moses Smith	---
Robert Brackenridge	D. Creek
RB for estate of John Wilson	L. Creek
Joseph Brackenridge	D. Creek
Daniel McDonald	---
John Green, Jr.	---

²⁶² Grace Gillam Davidson, *Early Records of Georgia*, vol. 1, *Wilkes County* (1933; reprinted Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1992), Book 1: 321.

²⁶³ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes; January 1804–October 1807* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 6, 14.

²⁶⁴ See Robert and George Watkins, *A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia . . . to the Year 1798, Inclusive . . .* (Philadelphia: R. Aitken, 1800), 627.

Hugh McNeeley L. Creech

Defaulters, Capt. Briggs' Dist. **Moses Smith**²⁶⁵

11 SEPTEMBER 1804
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Associations.

William Graves of **Washington County, Georgia** to Millington Graves and Mary Graves of Fairfield District, SC, for \$20, sells "all that plantation or tract of land containing one hundred and twenty-five acres more or less, in two different tracts, one of which contains one hundred acres originally granted to John King 3 March 1769 and by diverse conveyances vested in me the other tract contains twenty-five acres being part of one hundred and fifty acres originally granted to John Kelton 31 October 1769. [Metes & bounds not copied. Neighbors not named.] Signed: Wm. Graves. Witnesses: **Moses Smith**, *Whitehouse Cason*. Proved 20 September 1804 before Chas. Pickett, J.P. by **Moses Smith**, saying he saw M. Fulgham and Whitehouse Cason sign the document within him. [M. Fulgham's name doesn't appear amid the witnesses of the recorded copy.]²⁶⁶

13 NOVEMBER 1804
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, SC

Associations.

Hezekiah Ford to Nathaniel Ford, for \$300, 175 acres of land being part of two different tracts, containing 500 acres originally granted 4 May 1789 to **Michael King Bird**, the other granted 31 October 1769 to **Moses Dittoe**, on Dutchman's Creek. [Metes & bounds not copied for want of time.] Adjoining Cornelius Malone, Hezekiah Ford. Signed: Hezekiah Ford. Witnesses: **Bartlett Ford**, Jas. Ford, James Dodd. Proved 8 May 1805 by James Ford before Nicholas Peay, J.P.²⁶⁷

COMMENT:

Hezekiah Ford was married to Michael King Bird's sister Selah.

1805
RICHMOND COUNTY, GA

Will.

Not our person: "Smith, Catherine 1805 Richmond Co. Will Book A: 29

TO DO:

Smith, Moses 1829 Pike Co. Will Book B:3

[This volume has not been imaged online]

13 SEPTEMBER 1805
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Jury duty.

"Petit Jurors drawn to Serve Next Term ... **Moses Smith**.²⁶⁸

²⁶⁵ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records*, vol. 1, *Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 167, 184.

²⁶⁶ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book P, 1804–1806, pp. 122–24; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

²⁶⁷ Fairfield Co., SC; Deed Book P, 1804–1806, pp. 292–94; FSL microfilm 23993, item 2.

²⁶⁸ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes*, vol. 3, September 10, 1804–September 28, 1810 (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2016), 53.

COMMENT:

Court minutes exist in Jefferson from 1796. This is the first Moses Smith reference.

1806

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

Stephen Johnson	Burke Co. land, 200 a. on Buckhead Creek
Minty Fowler	Jeff. Co. land, 75a., Chevas Creek
Cornelius Beasley	---
Moses Smith	Jefferson 0 polls 300a., 18 slaves , Rocky Comfort Cr., adj. Louisville 207a., L. Creek, adjoining Clements 400a., L. Creek, adj. Flournoy, granted to Fleming 510a., Creek not stated, adjoining Lawson
Micheael Shelman	Louisville ²⁶⁹

JULY 1806–1807

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Land (Lottery).

1807 drawing, for which registration occurred in 1806.

SMITH, Moses	Jefferson	Fulton's Dist.	Lot 168, District 20	Baldwin Co.
SMITH, Moses	Lincoln	Kennon's Dist.	Lot 171, District 16	Baldwin Co.
SMITH, Moses	Lincoln	Kennon's Dist.	Lot 203, District 7	Wilkinson Co.
SMITH, Catharine (Wid.)	Elbert	Dyes Dist.	103/6	Baldwin Co.
SMITH, Catharine	Greene	Alfords Dist.	16/10	Baldwin Co. ²⁷⁰

"Maj. J. Patterson's Batt. Capt. Jos. Hendersons Dist."

BIRD, Michael	Wilkes	1 draw	[no further data]
SMITH, Moses (not paid tax)	"	1 draw	[no further data] ²⁷¹

COMMENT:

- Davidson's Wilkes Co. volume also places (p. 92) a Moses Smith and Bolin Smith in Wilkes witnessing a will of one William Brown in 1817.
- Lincoln County, GA, was cut from Wilkes in 1796.

TO DO:

Work Lincoln thoroughly for all Moses Smith entries from roughly 1796 to 1820.

9 MARCH 1808

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Jury duty.

"Petit Jurors drawn to Serve Next Term ... **Moses Smith.**"²⁷²

²⁶⁹ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records, vol. 1, Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 203.

²⁷⁰ Silas Emmett Lucas Jr., *The Second or 1807 Land Lottery of Georgia* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1986), 133–34.

²⁷¹ Grace Gillam Davidson, *Early Records of Georgia*, vol. 1, *Wilkes County* (1933; reprinted Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1992), Book 1: 321–22.

²⁷² Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes*, vol. 3, *September 10, 1804–September 28, 1810* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2016), 151.

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

5–6 SEPTEMBER 1808
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Jury duty.

“The Venire of the Petit Jury being Called, the following persons attended and answered to their names ...
Moses Smith.”

8 September 1808

Moses served on the jury for the case of State vs. Elizabeth Palmer alis[sic] Gilmon.²⁷³

1808–19
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Jury duty.

COMMENT:

This younger Moses Smith continued to serve through April 1819.²⁷⁴ Published court minutes from 1819–24 do not include him although he apparently remained in the county. If he was dropped from the list when he turned 60, then his birth would have occurred about 1750—consistent with the time frame in which our Moses Smith was married to Judith.

28 APRIL 1809
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Inventory & appraisal.

Estate of David Clem, decd. \$213. Taken by John Eubank. George Eubank (X) and **Moses Smith.**²⁷⁵

TO DO:

Thoroughly work deeds, probates, and tax records of Jefferson. The following tax abstracts from Crumpton’s publications do not represent the full run needed. They do suggest the likelihood that thorough research would produce additional information.

1810
JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

William Wren	Jefferson	---
Sanders Burnet, person of color	Jefferson	---
Samuel Fleming	Jefferson	---
James Fleming	Jefferson	---
Charles A. Berrihill	Jefferson	---
Moses Smith	Jefferson	---
John Pendrey	Jefferson	200a, L. Creek, granted to McMahon, adj. Fleeting

²⁷³ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes*, vol. 3, September 10, 1804–September 28, 1810 (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2016), 155, 158, 162.

²⁷⁴ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes*, vol. 4, March 18, 1811–October 2, 1818 (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2016), 56, 58, 62, 64, 66, 68, 74, 173, 196; and Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes*, vol. 5, April 19, 1819–May 24, 1824 (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2016), 5, 25. Also, Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, November 1807–January 1814* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 43; Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, February 1814–July 1820* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 13.

²⁷⁵ Jefferson Co., GA, Inventories and Appraisements, 1801–1812: 215–16; imaged “Georgia Probate Records, FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93L-Y425?i=156&wc=9SYY-16D%3A267653101%2C267681801%3Fcc%3D1999178&cc=1999178> : accessed 2 October 2016).

Moses Smith
Wife 1: Judith [—?—]
Wife 2: Catherine King

William Batey	Jefferson	440a, L. Creek, granted to Batey, adj. Fowler ²⁷⁶
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1812

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

John Fore	Jefferson	100a Ogeechee River, adj. "Key & others," gr. to Drake
Jacob McCullough	Jefferson	---
Moses Smith	Jefferson	174a Rocky Comfort, adj. Eubanks, gr. to Stubbs, 0 slaves
Isaac Rawls Jr.	Jefferson	---
James Chance	Jefferson	---
Emanuel Hammock	Jefferson	113 Rocky Comfort, adj. Shelman, gr. to Lockhart
William Robinson	---	---
Mason Chance	---	---
Hezekiah Boon	---	---
John Bostick	Jefferson	100 Brushy Creek, adj. "Wells & others" ²⁷⁷

1814

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

John P. Harvey Adm to est.

Of Tandy C. Key	Jefferson	545a Ogeechee, adj. Cobbs, 6 slaves
Ditto, Grdn of Caleb Harvey		4 slaves
Robert Lowden	---	---
Moses Smith	Jefferson	175a Rocky Comfort, adj. Eubanks, gr. to Stubbs, 0 slaves
Litleberry Bostick	Jefferson	887 Rocky Comfort, adj. "Roberson & others, gr. To "Womack & others," 40 slaves
John Powell & D. McCormick	Wilkinson land	779.9a (also Baldwin land 202.5a, Dist. 3)
Frederick Morris	---	---
James Smith	---	--- ²⁷⁸

20 FEBRUARY 1816

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Court minute.

"On Application of **Isaac Rawls, Junr.**, Stating that he is agrieved by the present course of the road from Louisville to George Town. It is therefore [ordered] that John G. Bostick, John Coleman, & **Moses Smith**, do attend & view the road passing through said Rawls plantation & Report to the next Court what alteration Can be made to the relief of Rawls."²⁷⁹

24 APRIL–15 JULY 1816

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

²⁷⁶ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records*, vol. 1, *Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 219.

²⁷⁷ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records*, vol. 1, *Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 263.

²⁷⁸ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records*, vol. 1, *Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 289.

²⁷⁹ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, February 1814–July 1820* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 29–30.

Court minute.

"We the Subscribers, having been appointed by your honorable body on the 4th day of March last, by the request of Mr. Isaac Rawls, Junr, to view the present Course of the road leading from Louisville to George Town.

"It is therefore, our Opinions after viewing and measuring the road that leads by Rawls' house and the present road, find that the present road, where it now runs is One hundred and ten yards the highest and Considerably the most level road. And we do not think that there Could be a road gotten any Other Way that would be as night, and as level as the present One. Given under our hands this 24th April 1816. John G. Bostick, **Moses Smith**, John Coleman. [Admitted and recorded 15 July 1816.]"²⁸⁰

COMMENT:

This is the last appearance of Moses Smith in the inferior court minutes that have been published through September 1835.

1816

JEFFERSON COUNTY, GA

Tax list.

Emanuel Hammock	Jefferson	113a Rocky Comfort, adj. Chance, gr. To Lockhart
Tandy C. Jones	---	---
James Clarke	---	---
Samuel Clarke	Burke	430a Eight-Mile Branch, adj. Durant, gr to Clark
John Anderson	---	---
Moses Smith	Jefferson	175a Rocky Comfort, adj. Eubanks, gr. to Stubbs, 0 slaves
David McConky	Jefferson	350a Shivers Creek,a dj. Boyd, gr. To McConky, 6 slaves
David Clarke	Jefferson	200a Duharts Creek, adj. Gray, gr. To T. C. Debully
Samuel Key	---	---
Lemuel Taylor	Jefferson	70a Rocky Comfort, adj. Shelman, gr. To Taylor
Jidathan Helton	---	---
Jacob McCullough	---	---
Andrew Crossley	Jefferson	149.5a Keg Creek, adj. Powell, gr. To Sanders, 3 slaves
William Barrow		
James Chance		
Wyriott Cason	Jefferson	150a
Shadrack Rawls	---	---
Robert Martain	---	---
Joseph Hall	Louisville	--- ²⁸¹

COMMENT:

Shadrack Rawls m.	Elizabeth Chance	18 Feb. 1807
Sarah Rawls m.	John Cox	16 Jun. 1811
Rebecca Rawles m.	Lemuel B. Drake	26 Dec. 1812
Isaac Rawls Jr. m.	Ann M. Robinson	13 Apr. 1815 ²⁸²

²⁸⁰ Michael A. Ports, *Jefferson County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, February 1814–July 1820* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 33–34.

²⁸¹ Daniel Nathan Crumpton, *Jefferson County, Georgia and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records, vol. 1, Mid 1700s–Mid 1800s* (Warrenton, GA: P.p., 2003), 314.

²⁸² "Georgia Marriages to 1850," database, Ancestry (www.Ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2016).

1820

GEORGIA

Census.

Four Moses Smiths appear as head-of-household in Ancestry's database for the census: Gwinnett (26-44), Jasper (26-44), Jones (26-44), and Oglethorpe (26-44, female same age, **female 45+**). An Aaron Smith also appears in Jasper.

COMMENT:

One Michael Bird appears in Bedford County, Tennessee, as a male 45+

AUGUST 1820

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

"On application it is ordered that **Mose & Aaron Smith** have licence to retail spirituous liquors at their store in the county for twelve months from this date."²⁸³

COMMENT:

There is no reason to propose that this is the same Moses Smith, aside from "name's the same."

12 AUGUST 1822

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

"Ordered that **M & A. Smith** have licence to retail spirituous liquors for 12 months at their store in this county."²⁸⁴

11 AUGUST 1823

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

"Ordered that **M. & A. Smith** have licence to sell spirituous liquors at his store in this county for 12 months from this date."²⁸⁵

5 JULY 1824

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

"**M. & A. Smith** is authorized (sic) to sell spirituous liquors by retail at his store in this county for 12 months from this date."²⁸⁶

AUGUST 1825

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

"Moses and Aaron Smith has permission to sell spirituous liquors by retail at their store in this county for twelve months."²⁸⁷

12 FEBRUARY 1827

²⁸³ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 82.

²⁸⁴ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 92.

²⁸⁵ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 98.

²⁸⁶ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 103.

²⁸⁷ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 106.

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

“Ordered that **Moses and Aaron Smith** have leave to retail spirituous liquors at their store in this county in terms of the law in such cases made & provided- for twelve months.”¹ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805-1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 82.²⁸⁸

11 AUGUST 1828

TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

Court order.

“An application of **Moses & Aron (sic) Smith** ordered that they have license to sell spirituous liquor by retail at their store in this county for twelve months from this date on their complying with the laws of the state in this case, made & provided.”²⁸⁹

COMMENT:

These court minutes continue until 1832. There is no further reference to Moses & Aaron—and no reference to Aaron as an individual.

However, Tattnall Superior Court records, 1805–1832, carry nothing on Aaron or Moses prior to 1824, and show them serving on juries for years thereafter. This is obviously a younger Moses. Michael Byrd/Bird does not appear.²⁹⁰

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²⁸⁸ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.O., 2003), 111.

²⁸⁹ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County Inferior Court Records, 1805–1832* (Metter, GA: P.p., 2003), 114.

²⁹⁰ Gordon Anthony Thompson, *The Tattnall County, Georgia, Superior Court Records 1805–1832* (Baltimore: Gateway Press for the R. J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation, 2005), 82.