

John White Sr. (c1740–1821)

Spouses:

1. Unidentified & 2. Frances “Frankey” Mills

Research Notes

John White Family Summary:¹

Born: c1740
Married: 1. c1760; wife unknown
2. c19 Aug. 1792, **Frances “Frankey” Mills**; by Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek Baptist Church, Montgomery Co., VA²
Frances: b. c1768; first appeared 1788 in Sinking Creek/Doe Creek area of Montgomery; died apparently between censuses of 1810 and 1820
Occupation: Apparent ginseng hunter and farmer
Died: Spring–Summer 1821³
Residences: Montgomery Co., VA (intermittently, 1787–97; Big Spring, East Mountain: 1797–1806)

¹ For my underlying research reports comprising some 600 pages, see the following papers archived online at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab:

- “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney Families,” report to file, 8 February 2020 (updated 8 July 2020 and 10 January 2021).
- “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Tax Roll Data, 1806–23 & (Partially) 1824–41; Including Selective Entries for Marcum, Preston & Toney,” report to file, 28 February 2020 (updated 10 January 2021).
- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018 (updated 10 September 2020).
- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt,” report to file, 20 September 2020.
- “Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807,” report to file, 15 February 2020.
- “Robert Wilson vs. John Toney; and Toney vs. Wilson, Staunton Chancery Court, combined Cause 1809-119,” report to file, 8 July 2019.
- “Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020.

NOTE: For all tax data extracted into this present summary for John and Frankey, see the two tax-list reports above. Those reports provide full neighborhood groupings, year by year, as well as analysis.

² Montgomery Co., VA, marriage bonds, 1789–1803, White-Mills bond 19 August 1792; Montgomery Co. microfilm 38, Library of Virginia (LoV), Richmond. Also, undated entry of marriages “Solemnized by Alex. Ross,” in untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co. microfilm 52, Item 2, labeled by archives “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

My interest in **Frankey Mills** and her husband stems from the possibility that she was the mother of **William Mills** (b. c1783–88 of unknown parentage), whose male line descendants carry a **Whitt/Witt Y**. William Mills-Witt emerged 1806 in the then-adjacent county of Franklin and made a cameo appearance in Giles in 1816–17, witnessing land leases for the White family associate John Toney. For all *proved* information on this William Mills, see “William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes,” a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the “Research” tab.

Montgomery and Giles Counties offer a second candidate for William’s mother: **Sarah Mills**. She arrived in the Walker’s Creek area about the same time as Frankey and, like Frankey, was a young unmarried mother. In 1791, she wed Elijah Sartain of Montgomery with Rev. Alexander Ross officiating, as he did for Frankey and John White. For Sarah’s parents and her Amherst Co. origin, see E. S. Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft 1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse, Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 22 January 2020; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

³ John is last taxed as “John White B.C.” (Brush Creek) with 3 tithes still in his household on the 1821 tax roll for which data was gathered in the spring. On 25 September 1821, his proposed son John Jr, as purchaser of land from Edmund Morgan, was newly referenced (twice) as “John White *Seigner*.” See 1821 Giles Co., VA, tax roll; Family History Library microfilm 2024549; and Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–29.

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Disambiguation: Giles Co., VA (1806–c1818, Big Spring; cSept 1818–21, Brush Creek of East River) This John White should not be confused with the John White of Little Sugar Run of Walker’s Creek, c1787–1796, who “signed” his documents with an ‘S’ and wed Susannah Marcum, daughter of John Marcum in 1796 before dropping out of Montgomery County. In this summary of data for Frankey’s John, I will include key records that disambiguate the men. I will also include documents created by John Sr.’s proposed sons, in order to show the familial interactions between them.

APPARENT CHILDREN OF JOHN BY UNKNOWN WIFE:

1. **JOHN “JACK” WHITE JR.**, born c1760–65 according to the 1820–30 censuses, aka “John White H,” “John White (hunter),” “John H. White,” and “John Hunter White.” This John’s first known appearance on record is the 1787 Montgomery petition he signed as part of a cluster: “John White Sr, John White Jr., Beniman White.”⁴ Their signatures appear amid residents of the Copley neighborhood of Montgomery County. The trio then left the county; their intermittent returns between 1791 and 1798 suggest they had livelihood elsewhere. By bond dated 8 June 1793, John Jr. married **Nancy Copley**,⁵ whose brother “Thomas Copley Jr.” had served as bondsman for the August 1792 “John White Sr.” marriage to Frankey Mills.

Montgomery tax rolls from 1793 through 1806 show John Jr. submitting his tax lists within the John Sr.–Benjamin White cluster between Wolf Creek and East River or with his proposed brother James in the Salt Pond Mountain region across New River from Copley’s Ford. (See James, below.) Several of those rolls explicitly call him “John Jr.” About 1794–96, he and Robert White claimed land adjacent to Randall Lucas’s 1796 claim at Salt Pond.⁶ (See Robert, below.) John appears to have left the land in the possession of Robert, who disposed of it while John was absent from the tax rolls between 1795 and 1798. John’s absence from home may be explained by subsequent tax-roll references to him as “John White (Hunter).”⁷ In 1800, he signed a petition of settlers “north of Wolf

⁴ The “Research Notes” section of this paper present all surviving petitions that he signed.

⁵ Montgomery County Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1789–1796, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond. For the registration of the marriage, see Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, Item 2, labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803,” by the archives.

⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019). John was named as adjacent landholder to the land of Randall Lucas when it was surveyed in 1796; see Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019). Also Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

⁷ The reference apparently alludes to the hunting of *ginseng*, rather than animals. John Toney, the longtime associate of Benjamin White (aka Benjamin H. White), had ginseng camps on the Cole River before he settled New River in the mid-1780s—a relocation spurred by a Native American attack on their camps that occurred while the men were off hunting and the women and children were left vulnerable at the camp sites. Toney continued the trade, as a merchant rather than hunter, well into the 1800s. As an aside to pursue: prior to the massacre, both Toney and a John White purchased Cole River land from the speculator John Smith; see Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 19, 1788, p. 421; and vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73. Toney sold his 344 acres of Cole River land in 1799 (Montgomery Co. Deed Bk C, 1797–1803, p. 129). The fate of John White’s 500 acres has not been determined.

For the massacre, see Rev. Merle C. Rummel, “Four Mile Church—200th Anniversary: Presentation on the First 100 Years,” *Church of the Brethren: COB-NET* (<https://www.cob-net-org/docs/bl/four-mile-presentation.pdf> : accessed 21 October 2018), p. 5.

For Toney’s continuation of the ginseng trade in the 1800s, see Robert Wilson v. John Toney, Augusta County, VA, Chancery Causes file 1809-119; imaged, “Chancery Records Index,” Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119 : downloaded 16 May 2019). This case was heard in the Staunton District court seated in Augusta County, but most documents were created in Montgomery and Monroe Counties.

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Creek” in upper Giles, in a cluster of consecutive names that also suggests his birth family and siblings: “John White, John White Jr., Benjn. White, James White, Arthur White.” About 1804 he returned to the neighborhood of his inlaws, having land surveyed in Camping Hollow about a mile west of New River.⁸ A plat of that land was indexed contemporaneously under the name “White, John (Hunter).”⁹ In 1809, he expanded his holdings onto New River, buying land from the Snodgrass family¹⁰ who, in 1810, would also sell land to John’s proposed brother James White.¹¹ In that same year (1810), John and wife Nancy executed a deed to 100 acres of their Camping Hollow land;¹² and in 1816 they disposed of 100 acres in the same locale, one mile from New River.¹³ At that time, they relocated at nearby Bear Spring, below Walker Creek, buying Waddell and Morgan land that would trigger years of debt suits.¹⁴

It was there at Bear Spring, near Gap Mountain, that John Jr. and Nancy would remain until their deaths. John’s 1847 will (written 19 May and proved 11 September) named his wife Nancy and several children.¹⁵ The tax rolls identify him in various ways that can be linked through his specific data, through the identity of the individuals who submitted their lists of taxables on the same day, and through the correlation of deeds, court records, and petitions. A deed of gift by John in 1822, when he tried to shelter family land from his creditor, specifically names a son **William**¹⁶ (first cited as a tithable under his own name in 1818). The tax rolls suggest six other sons: **John Jr.** (first named in 1816), **Thomas** (first named in 1817), **Acles “Ake”** (first named in 1826), **David** (first named in 1828), **Oratio** (first named in 1831), and **Rhasa** (first named in 1835). A marriage record of 20 April 1846 names a daughter **Rachel** who married her cousin Levi H. White.¹⁷ John’s will names three younger children: **Robert**, **Sally**, and **Nancy**. A possibility remains that John and Nancy might have been the parents of **Editha White** who married William White in 1816.¹⁸

2. **?HANNAH WHITE**, born c1763; apparently died after 14 September 1824.¹⁹ As a female, her name would appear on the tax rolls only if she owned land, held slaves, or had young tithables in her household. Thus, she was cited only on the 1798 personal tax roll, charged with two young tithable males, unnamed. In 1799, she was dropped and two new male tithables came onto the roll: **Arter** and **John**. She appears to be the unmarried Hannah White to whom John White Jr. attempted to convey part of his land, to keep from losing it, when he was jailed for debt and forced to sell all property in 1822. The two males who appeared in 1799, the year she was dropped from the roll, are

⁸ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en; accessed 20 June 2019).

⁹ Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845).

¹⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59.

¹¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

¹² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

¹³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 413.

¹⁴ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421–22.

¹⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 353–54.

¹⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

¹⁷ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254; citing Giles County Bonds.

¹⁸ See the previously cited report “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney Families,” report to file ... 10 January 2021, for the discussion attached to the 1810 census data.

¹⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389, John White to Hannah White, conveyance of land, 25 April 1822 (no kinship stated); and Deed Book C: 191, John H White, Nancy his wife, and Hannah White (no kinship stated) to Samuel Linsey, sale of land, 14 September 1824. If Hannah had been married, her husband would have been required to participate in the sale or otherwise authorize her action.

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- **ARTHUR “ARTER” WHITE**, b. by 1782; who signed the 1800 petition of settlers North of Wolf Creek consecutively with John Sr., John Jr., Benjamin, and James. He was first taxed in his own name in 1799 and was 1807 bondsman for Samuel Mills, son of John White Sr.’s wife Frankey.²⁰ I have not found him in Giles thereafter. A 1970s-era history of Logan County, West Virginia (formerly Cabell < Tazewell < Montgomery), places Arthur as son of Benjamin White of Sugar Run (brother of John who married Susannah Marcum). However, the tax rolls of Cabell include no Arthur or “Arter” through at least 1821.²¹
 - **JOHN WHITE**, b. by 1782; taxed in his own name in Montgomery Co., 1799 (with Arter), 1801, 1802 (with Arter), 1803, 1804–5 (with Arter), and in Giles 1806 (with Arter) as “John White, hunter.” Not found after 1806. He appears to have moved to the area that became Cabell. I have not yet systematically researched that county.
3. **BENJAMIN WHITE SR.** (BENJAMIN H. WHITE, after 1806²²) born c1765; married 10 July 1787, Ann Goodwin, Amherst County.²³ In November 1787, he signed (as “Beniman”) the Montgomery County petition with John Sr. and John Jr. in the Copley neighborhood. However the trio appear to have been transients passing through Montgomery at the time of the petition—possibly enroute to the ginseng camps of Cole River and the Kanawha; there is no evidence of their residence in Montgomery until 1792. The 1790–92 tax rolls of *Amherst County* assess Benjamin amid Ann’s family, but do not include John Sr. or Jr.²⁴ Subsequently, John Sr. and John Jr. married in Montgomery in 1792 and 1793, and appear on Montgomery’s tax rolls intermittently throughout the 1790s, but Benjamin has not been found in Montgomery’s local records until 1797. In that year—the first year John Sr. and Frankey can be placed at Big Spring along the southwest foot of East River Mountain (just east of what would soon be Montgomery-Tazewell line)—John Sr. and Benjamin submitted their tax rolls in that neighborhood on the same day.

Two years later, as a chain carrier for the surveyor and land speculator Gordon Cloyd, Benjamin staked his claim to a tract at Brush Creek of East River. According to a statement by Cloyd in 1813, Benjamin “wanted to possess himself of the survey and it was then agreed if the said Benjamin White Complied with the verbal bargain then ... Cloyd would convey such right.” However, Benjamin sold his interest to James Copley (whose sister had married John White Jr. in 1793).²⁵ and apparently stayed on with John Sr. at Big Spring. In 1800, consecutively with John White Sr. and Jr., James White, and Arthur White, Benjamin signed a petition by settlers “on New River below Wolf Creek Mountain.”²⁶ In 1804, he finally purchased land from Alexander Stuart on Little Wolf Creek of the

²⁰ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged on Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹ G. T. Swain, *History of Logan County, West Virginia* (Logan, WV: Privately printed, 1927), 61–62. His account of the Whites cites no evidence at all; it is simply two and a half paragraphs densely packed with relationship claims spanning, roughly, the 1750s to 1850s.

²² Online trees rampantly identify this man as “Benjamin Harrison White” and “Cherokee Ben,” but cite no evidence for either identification. As shown by the series of records compiled here: prior to 1807, he consistently identified himself as only “Benjamin White.” That one-given-name usage was common among families of his social status in that era. Beginning in 1807, he adopted the use of the middle initial *H*—an initial that was also added in subsequent years to John White Jr. and James White. No known document identifies him as Benjamin *Harrison* White.

²³ William Montgomery Sweeny, *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (1937; reprint, Santa Maria, CA: Janaway Publishing, 2011), 81.

²⁴ E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, VA, Tax Rolls, 1782–1803,” report to file, 9 June 2019.

²⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 336. In 1813, when Gen. Cloyd finally issued a title to Joseph McKinney, Copley’s brother-in-law, who had purchased his right to the land from Joshua Copley to whom James Copley had sold White’s right, Cloyd expressed his belief that Benjamin had died. He erred. As several dozen documents in this paper illustrates, the Benjamin White who was an associate (and proposed in-law) of the Copleys remained very much alive until after the 1830 census.

²⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory>

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Bluestone,²⁷ a few miles from John Sr. Both areas would be cut away into Giles in 1806.

Beginning in 1807, Benjamin White adopted the initial H and used that initial (*but never a middle name*) for almost all records he created across the next twenty-three years. On 5 May 1807, he witnessed the marriage permission that John White and wife Frankey gave to her son Samuel Mills.²⁸ On 16 April 1808, he did jury duty.²⁹ In the fall of 1808 he was sued by the controversial entrepreneur John Toney of East River, a man with whom he and his offspring would display a curious friend-and-foe relationship for years to come. Toney, after a deadly attack on his Cole River ginseng camp by Native Americans in the mid-1780s, had retired from the hunt, settled in Montgomery, and established a robust plantation enterprise with mills, a ferry, a store, and a tavern along New River, from East River on the north to Wolf Creek on the south. In the wake of the 1808 suit by Toney, Benjamin raised funds to settle the suit by selling his Wolf Creek land.³⁰ Just months later, on 1 June 1809, he and Toney appeared together at the house of the Toney neighbor Peter Dingess to witness Peter’s donation of land to sons John and Charles.³¹ The following day, Benjamin and Toney witnessed Peter’s will.³² After a June 1809 stint on the county’s petit jury,³³ Benjamin was again sued by Toney in the September term of court—this time jointly with Samuel Mills’s brother-in-law William Murphy, Nimrod Smith, and Thomas Little. (Toney’s suit was directed at Murphy, but White, Smith, and Little had served as Murphy’s special bail.)³⁴ In February 1810, Benjamin was called as a witness in the case of Commonwealth vs. Adam, Ezekiel, and Benjamin Smith who stood accused of grand larceny for the alleged theft of hemp from premises of Isaac French;³⁵ and in September 1810, Benjamin did another round of jury duty.³⁶

During Benjamin’s landless years (1809–16), the tax rolls and census cluster him intermittently with John White Sr. (his proposed father) on East River and with two landowning Whites in southeastern Giles, his proposed brothers John White Jr. (aka Jack White, John Hunter White, “John White H”) and James (aka “James White H”). The 1810 census, begun in August of that year, enumerates “Benjamin H. White” as a head of household over the age of 45, with a female 26–44, two males 18–25, three females 10–15, and two males and two females aged 0–10.³⁷ In 1811, he and both John White Sr. and Jr. were jointly sued by Philip Miller, who had previously served as a special bail for

.com/collections/petitions : accessed 19 February 2019), no date [1800–1804], Record No. 000613439; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

²⁷ Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D, 1803–1810: 95–96.

²⁸ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁹ Giles Co., VA, Court Order Book 1: 196.

³⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 219. Also Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 198–99.

³¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 132–33.

³² Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 24–25.

³³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 264–66.

³⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 7.

³⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 49–51. The Smiths appear to have seized French’s property as an official court action. A court order of 1810 appoints Ezekiel to serve as constable in the place of Adam Smith; and in June 1810 Benjamin was paid as an “officer of patrol”; see *ibid.*: 68, 71.

³⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 109. The next several pages of this order book suggest that Adam Smith was sued in his capacity as constable, who had seized the crop in compliance with a levy from another court case; Ezekiel and Benjamin apparently were sureties on his constable bond.

³⁷ 1810 U.S. census, Giles Co., VA, p. 640, line 19.

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James White.³⁸ (In this case, John Sr. was the principal debtor, while John Jr. and Benjamin H.—proposed sons of John Sr.—served as sureties for the debt.)

In 1814, Benjamin temporarily stalled off a suit for debt against him by John Peters but was ordered in the October term of court to pay Peters \$53.54 plus damages and costs.³⁹ By November 1816, he was on sound-enough footing financially to make the first of two land purchases from Benjamin Stuart’s estate on **Christians Fork of Brush Creek**.⁴⁰ This land, which he bought as “Benjamin White,” lay adjacent to John Toney. There, in early 1818, he was joined by the old John White Sr.; again, they turned in their tax lists on the same day.⁴¹ In September of that year, he and John petitioned for an alteration of the road from “mouth of the Five mile fork of East River to the poney crossing of Brush Creek.”⁴² In June 1819 (as “Benjamin H.”), he and wife “Nancy” sold the two tracts he had bought (under the name “Benjamin”) on Christian’s Fork of Brush Creek.⁴³

At this point, Benjamin and Ann moved further westward, although Benjamin would intermittently appear in Giles records for the next several years. The 1820 enumerator found then on the Guyandotte of Cabell County, where the household was enumerated as “Benjⁿ H. White,” aged 45+, with a female in the same age group, two females 16–26, one male 16–18, one male and one female 10–16, and four males and one female 0–10.⁴⁴ (Considering that Benjamin H. and Ann married in 1787, Ann may not have been the mother of all of the five children 0–10.) On 28 September 1824, as “Benjamin H. White,” he made a cameo appearance in Giles when a court minute ordered payment to him for “attendance and mileage as a witness for the Com’t^h vs. Allen Christian.”⁴⁵ In August 1827, when the land speculator James Hector and wife cleared the title to thirty-four tracts of land in Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties, the deed included “Benjamin White” among Brush Creek farmers James White (his proposed son), Thomas White and Isaac White (proposed sons of John Sr. by Frankey), and David Mills (Frankey’s eldest grandson, by her son Samuel).⁴⁶ Benjamin, however, was not concurrently taxed on the personal rolls of Giles, suggesting that he continued to live outside Giles while a relative (likely a son) occupied his land.

In 1824, Benjamin’s part of Cabell County was cut away for the new county of Logan. The last record found to date for him is Logan’s 1830 census. Aged 60–70, Benjamin was enumerated with a female 50–60, two males and two females 20–30, a female 15–20, and another 10–15.⁴⁷ The 1850 census enumerates “Nancy White, aged 92” (more likely 80–82) adjacent to the household of her youngest son Micajah in Boone County (created 1847 from Logan, Cabell, and Kanawha).⁴⁸

Known records suggest identities for nine children born to Benjamin H. White and Ann Goodwin:

³⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70, 234, 238.

³⁹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > images 104, 109.

⁴⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17, 28–29.

⁴¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Books A: 198–99, and B: 16–17. Also Giles Co. Order Book 4 (1817–1822), order of 19 September 1818; and Giles Co. Probate Book A: 24–25.

⁴² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

⁴³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89. Also Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1817–1822, unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 245.

⁴⁴ 1820 U.S. census, Cabell County, VA, p. 91, line 29.

⁴⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 464.

⁴⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C does not have its own index.

⁴⁷ 1830 U.S. census, 1830, Logan County, p. 287, line 18.

⁴⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Boone County, VA, pop. sch., Dist. 6, (stamped) p. 32, dwellings 420–21, families 420–22.

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- **Editha White** or her 1816 husband **William White (William R. White** on 1828 and 1829 tax rolls). This William born c1793–94 according to the 1850 census (Giles, stamped p. 153 verso), first appeared on the tax roll in his own name, 1815. He married **Editha White** by bond dated 2 December 1816.⁴⁹ He appears on the **Giles 1830** census (p. 238) as a male 30–40, with a female in the same age group, a male and female aged 10–15, 2 males and 1 female aged 5–10, and 3 females aged 0–10. The **1840 Mercer** Co. census (p. 11, line 6) enumerates him adjacent to his proposed brother Cornelius. I have not tracked the couple past the **1850 Mercer** census (p. 153v, fam. 343), at which time William and Editha were enumerated together. The evidence is ambiguous as to whether Benjamin was the father of Editha or William. See the discussion in the chronological notes section of this paper, under their December 1816 marriage record.
- **Cornelius “Neely” White**, born 10 June 1793 according to undocumented online trees (the 1850–70 censuses suggest 1792–93),⁵⁰ appointed constable in Giles in 1815.⁵¹ He wed **Mary “Polly” Garrison** by bond dated 25 May 1816⁵² and settled amid her family on Harman’s Branch of East River. He appears on the **1840 Mercer** census (p. 11) adjacent to proposed brother William (lines 6 and 7) with putative son William G. at line 4 and Mickey White (widow of Cornelius’ proposed brother James) at line 19. Also **1850 Mercer** (p. 194, family 631), aged 57, adjacent to William G., aged 34; **1860 Mercer** (p. 71, family 459), aged 67; and **1870 Mercer** (p. 12, family 81), aged 77 with wife Mary, living one house from Thomas White, 66.
- **Sally White**, born c1795, married **William Cooper** by bond dated 6 November 1818, at which time she presented no parental permission, suggesting that she was already 21.⁵³
- **James White**, born c1796, who first came on the tax roll in his own name in 1817, but then appears to have reverted back to Benjamin’s tax list until his 1821 marriage (by bond dated 2 June 1821)⁵⁴ to **Meeky McKinney**. James died late 1827 or early 1828 on his Brush Creek/Five Mile Creek farm,⁵⁵ leaving three small children, Eleanor, Priscilla, and James.⁵⁶
- (Possibly) **Mary White**, b. c1797–1800, who is enumerated four households from Benjamin W. White in **Logan County 1840** (p. 3, line 7), aged 30–40 with a male 20–30 and a male 15–20. The **1860 Logan** census cites her age as 63, and places her in a household headed by Wesley White, aged 32. Wesley’s age is appropriate for him to be her son, named for her proposed brother Benjamin Wesley.
- **John White**, born c1798. He came onto the tax roll in his own name in 1819, the year that “John White Senr^r, William White, **John White Jun^r**, James White, and Samuel Mills” were among 34 small-scale landowners along East River Mountain, Giles County, whose land titles were cleared

⁴⁹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007590220.

⁵⁰ See, for example, KarenHernandez201, “Grotfeldt Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9603287/person/614444510/facts>), profile for “Corneleous Neal White,” alleged (without evidence) to be the son of “Benjamin Harrison White 1762–1850” and “Nancy Ann Goodwin 1764–1851.” Cornelius was occasionally called “Neely” White in legal documents, that being a nickname for Cornelius. He did not have a middle name “Neal.” This and similar problems are seen in most online trees for his descendants.

⁵¹ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 155.

⁵² Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26.

⁵³ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 27.

⁵⁴ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1821, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 40 of 821.

⁵⁵ Giles Co., VA, Will Boook A: 480–82.

⁵⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 689–91, James T. Watson and Gordan Cloyd to Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White, children and heirs of James White, deceased.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
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by Christian Peters.⁵⁷ In 1821, the tax roll clustered him with John Sr. and James of Brush Creek; in 1822, after the passing of John Sr., he was again clustered with James. He dropped out in 1823–25, reappeared in 1826 with William (his proposed brother or brother-in-law) and Thomas (proposed son of John Sr.), and is last on record on 1827 tax roll of Giles, at which time he was still clustered with William and Thomas. He *might* be the “John White Jr.” aged 30–40, enumerated in **1830 Logan** County (p. 286). That semi-alphabetical census places him in proximity to one John White Sr., a man who previously resided in Cabell. Given that the use of “Sr.” and “Jr.” in that era also denoted “older” and “younger,” not just “father” and “son,” the identities of these two 1830 Johns are ambiguous.

- **Benjamin Wesley**, b. c1801–2, who first appears in Giles County in 1824 as “Westley White,” a guard for two prisoners.⁵⁸ In August 1827, again as “Wesley White,” he was one of 34 men of Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties who received a title clearance for land bought from the speculator James Hector (others included Benjamin, James, Thomas, and Isaac White, and David Mills, son of Samuel).⁵⁹ He has not been found on the census of 1830 but surfaced in **1840 Logan** as “Benj. W. White,” aged 30–40 with a young family (p. 3, line 23). He is enumerated in **1850 Logan** as “Benjamin W. White,” 48, with a wife Sarah and sons *Benjamin H.*, 13, and *Cornelius*, 8. Also **1860 Logan**, as “Wesley White,” 58, again with wife Sarah and sons Benjamin H., 23, and Cornelius, 18. The naming patterns suggest a probability he was from the Benjamin branch of the family. *Thorough research needs to be done on Wesley and all the Whites who were cut away into Logan and Mercer.*
- **Elizabeth**, mother of Evalina White by Charles A. Dingess.⁶⁰ See the Dingess discussion in “Research Notes,” under November 1835, when his will was probated and his property sold.
- **Micajah G.** (said to be Micajah Goodwin, the name of Ann Goodwin’s father), b. c1810–12, who appears on the **1840 Logan** census (p. 7, line 11). He is cited on the **1850 Boone Co., VA**, census as aged 40, wife **Matilda (Workman)**, allegedly with a son Benjamin. He appears again on the **1860 Boone** census as aged 48, born in Giles, with children born in Logan and a wife born in Kanawha. The naming pattern is appropriate for him to be assigned to the Benjamin branch of this family.

The 1810–30 censuses suggest the existence of other children, particularly unidentified daughters.

4. **ROBERT WHITE**, b. before 1773, first appeared on the personal tax roll in 1794. He married **Mary Webb** by bond dated 23 May 1795.⁶¹ In 1796, he submitted his list on the same day and in same district as Thomas Copley Jr. who had served as bondsman for John White Sr. to marry Frankey Mills (and whose sister, Nancy Copley, had married John White Jr.). The 1797 and 1798 rolls of that district include him as a tithable. In 1797 he sold Randall Lucas his occupancy rights to land on the north side of Salt Pond Mountain but did not deliver a title and was sued in 1805 by an assignee of Lucas.⁶²

⁵⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

⁵⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 451.

⁵⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

⁶⁰ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110 ff.

⁶¹ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254.

⁶² William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

John White Sr.
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A 1796 survey for Lucas named **John White** [Jr.] as an adjacent landholder, rather than Robert;⁶³ and the 1812 tax roll places **James White** as adjacent landowner to Randall Lucas at Salt Pond Mountain. This location for the land attributed to Robert, John Jr., and James—correlated with their ages—suggests they were likely brothers. Robert has not been found in the subsequent records of Montgomery, Giles, or their offshoots, although the law suit launched against him in 1805 was continued until 1819, at which time it was abated by the *plaintiff’s* death. It would appear that Robert had left the region.

5. **JAMES WHITE** (“JAMES WHITE H” on 1817 tax roll), born before 1775 (according to 1820 census) was first named on the personal-tax roll in 1799 amid settlers of the Salt Pond Mountain and Doe Creek area. He signed the 1800 petition consecutively with John Sr. and Jr., Benjamin, and Arthur White. After a six-year hiatus from the tax rolls, he reappeared in 1806 and did jury service the same year.⁶⁴ He entered land 1808 and 1809 on Salt Pond Mountain and purchased a third tract there in 1810.⁶⁵ In 1807 he and “John White” [Jr.] were charged with fighting Caleb and William Stowers; and in 1809, he and John White Jr. were sued by Philip Miller, at which time John White Sr. acted as their “special bail.” In 1811, Miller sued not only John Jr. and Sr. but also Benjamin H. White.⁶⁶ Those actions suggest the likelihood that James, John Jr. (aka John H.), and Benjamin H. were brothers, all sons of the older John. (That “H” was also appended to this James’s name by the tax assessor in 1817.)

No marriage record has been found for James of Salt Pond/Doe Creek; no known record names a wife until 1843, when then-wife **Mary** joined him in selling land to two of his sons.⁶⁷ James’s first son reached tithable age in 1818 (i.e., born before 1802), suggesting a parental marriage in 1801 or earlier. Tax roll clusters, for the rolls that have been read up to this point, suggest that James’s sons were **Adam M.** and **Jacob** (first taxed under their own names in 1823), **Isaac and Reubin F.** (first named on 1831 roll), and **Levi** (first named on 1834 roll). An 1843 deed names younger sons **Preston C. White** and **James White Jr.** Tax-roll and census clusters also suggest James fathered **Susan White**, supposedly born 8 September 1804, who married Jeremiah Williams on 31 August 1826 and **Jemima White** who married Tobias Williams in July 1835.⁶⁸

LIKELY SONS OF JOHN WHITE SR. BY FRANCES “FRANKEY” MILLS:

6. **THOMAS WHITE**, born 1803–4, according to 1850–70 censuses. He appears to be one of the two young tithables in the household of John Sr. in 1821, the last tax roll that included John Sr. In 1822–25 the tax rolls cluster him with James White and William White of Brush Creek (proposed sons, or son and son-in-law of Benjamin). The 1827 roll clusters him again with James, William, and the newly taxed Reuben (Thomas’s proposed brother). In August 1827, he was one of thirty-nine men of Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties who received a title clearance for land they had purchased from the speculator James Hector. Others included Benjamin White, James and Wesley White

⁶³ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en; accessed 20 June 2019).

⁶⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70.

⁶⁵ Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 30, 82. Giles Co. Deed Book A: 180.

⁶⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70, 234, 238.

⁶⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book F: 310–11.

⁶⁸ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 258. The Giles bonds and permissions files do not include a permission for Jemima, implying that she was of full age.

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(proposed sons of Benjamin), Reuben and Isaac White (proposed sons of John Sr.), and David Mills, son of Samuel.⁶⁹

After James’ death in 1827–28, Thomas remained with William on the lists of 1828–30, with Reuben in 1831, and with both William and Reuben in 1833. He attended the June 1828 estate sale of James White’s property (Cornelius and William White, administrators), in company with his proposed brother Reuben White, their proposed half-brother Samuel Mills, and Samuel’s son David.⁷⁰ The **1830 Giles** census (p. 237) enumerates Thomas’s household adjacent to Reuben, citing him as a male 20–30, with a female in the same age group, 1 male 0–5 and 1 female 0–5, implying that he married about 1825. The **1850 Mercer** census (stamped p. 174, fam. 349) cites him as age 45, with an **apparent wife Polly** and children **Reuben, Milton, Benton, Lucinda**, and **Susan**, aged 19 down to 10, living next door to “Harman” (or Hamman), aged 24, and four houses from “Patten G.” White, 27—both likely to be his sons. He has not been found on the 1860 census but reappears on the **1870 Mercer Co.** census, aged 66, with Rebecca aged 32, John L. W. aged 1, and a P. S Blankenship aged 4; there, they are enumerated one household from Cornelius (p. 12, families 81 and 83).

7. **REUBEN WHITE**, b. about 1805, he appears to be one of the two young tithes still charged to John Sr. on the latter’s last tax roll (1821). He married **Mary Fannon** by bond dated 23 May 1827.⁷¹ In 1828 he attended the estate sale of James White on Brush Creek with his Cornelius and William White (brothers or brother and brother-in-law of James), his proposed full-brother Thomas White, his proposed half-brother Samuel Mills, and the latter’s son David.⁷² The **1830 Giles** census enumerates him next to Thomas White, with a female in the same age group, and a male and female aged 0–5. In 1836, with Thomas White and Samuel Mills, he attended the estate sale of Charles A. Dingess of Brush Creek, whose will left a bequest to a child Dingess apparently fathered by Elizabeth White (proposed daughter of Benjamin).⁷³ In **1840 Mercer Co.** (p. 11, line 20), he was enumerated adjacent to James White’s widow Mickey White and 13–14 houses from James’ proposed brother Cornelius and William White. It is obvious that, even though county lines changed, these individuals remained in the same neighborhood across their adulthood.
8. **?WILLIAM WHITE**, b. about 1806, has been found only once in Giles County records. The 1827 tax roll cites a second William in the same cluster with the William White who married Editha in 1815. John Sr.’s household of 1810 included otherwise unidentified males in his age bracket; Benjamin H.’s household did not. However, the fact that this appears only once on these rolls suggest the possibility of a copying error or else a member of the Cabell > Logan Whites who temporarily moved across the county line (as James White of the Guyandotte did at the time of the 1821 tax roll).⁷⁴
9. **ISAAC WHITE**, b. about 1807–10, has been found only once in Giles County records. In August 1827, he was one of 34 men receiving a title clearance for land obtained from the speculator James Hector;

⁶⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

⁷⁰ Giles Co., VA, Will Book A: 480–82.

⁷¹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 32. Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1827, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 513 of 821.

⁷² Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 481–82; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

⁷³ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110, 127, 130–32, 158, Charles A. Dingess will and estate proceedings.

⁷⁴ Swain’s history of Logan County asserts that “Thomas, James and Reuben White,” sons of “Jack” and Susanna Marcum, “went back to Giles County.” However, Jack and Susanna were never in Giles. While sons of theirs might *move* to Giles, they would not *go back* to Giles. Swain provides no evidence to connect the Thomas, James, and Reuben of Giles other than “name’s the same.” See G. T. Swain, *History of Logan County, West Virginia* (Logan, WV: Privately printed, 1927), 61.

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others included Benjamin, James, and Wesley White (apparent sons of Benjamin Sr.), Thomas White (his proposed brother), and David Mills (son of his proposed half-brother Samuel Mills).⁷⁵

At least four other males apparently were born to John Sr. and Frankey, given the 1810 census data that credits them with eight young males and the number of underaged tithables charged to John Sr. in the 18-teens. No indication has been found for the identities of the older sons and tithables.

CHILDREN OF FRANCES “FRANKEY” MILLS:

A. **RACHEL MILLS**, b. c1783–86.⁷⁶ On 7 September 1790, the Montgomery County Court ordered that she (“a daughter of Frankey Mills”) be bound out by John Preston, overseer of the poor.⁷⁷ On 3 August 1803, she appeared before the county clerk to choose William Preston as her guardian,⁷⁸ a legality required because she was still a minor and, that day, **John Bowen** was requesting a license to marry her. After Preston was appointed her guardian and gave his consent, he then served as surety for the marriage bond.⁷⁹

Before 1810 Rachel and John moved to Warren County, OH, where he died 8 February 1814, leaving children who are identified in Bible fragments⁸⁰ as **Hugh** (b. 19 March 1804), **Elizabeth** (b. 23 February 1806; possibly the Elizabeth who married **JAMES MONCE** 31 May 1828⁸¹), **James** (b. 18 January 1808; d. after witnessing Elizabeth’s marriage permission), **Nancy** (b. 20 December 1809; m. 31 July 1826, **JOHN BERRYHILL**, with permission of “William Berryhill, Stepfather of said Nancy”⁸²), **William Harrison** (b. 28 July 1812), and **John** (b. 7 August 1814; m. JEMIMA SMITH 11 February 1840, Warren Co., OH;⁸³ d. __ February 1874).

The widowed Rachel (Mills) Bowen then married **William Berryhill** by whom she bore **Rachael** (b. 2 December 1817?; d. 2 August 1837), **Ruanah** (born 24 January 181__; d. 8 January 1824),

⁷⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

⁷⁶ No record of Rachel’s birth has been found and later sources relating to her age are inconsistent. The age here is extrapolated from (a) the fact that, in Montgomery Co. in that era, poor children were typically taken from their mother at about three or four years of age; (b) the fact that Rachel was still under age in August 1803 when she had to have a guardian to consent to the marriage. The 1860 census cites her age as 76, implying a birth 1783–84. See 1860 U.S. census, Highland County, OH, population schedule, Lynchburg, Dodson Township. p. 118, dwelling 840, family 826 (John Bowen 44 b. OH, Jemima 40, William P. 18, Nancy 16, Joseph 11, Rachel 9, Mary 4, and Rachel Berryhill 76 b. VA.

⁷⁷ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20. Also for Rachel: Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁷⁸ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801–1803: 130.

⁷⁹ Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, LoV.

⁸⁰ *FamilySearch FamilyTree* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree> : accessed 28 December 2019), profile for “Rachel Mills (KLQH-YVS) and John Bowen Jr. (L61H-7QM). John’s profile includes images of two badly torn pages from the “John Bowen and Rachel Bowen Berryhill Family Bible” listing births of Rachel’s children by both marriages and the death of John Bowen. The details in this paragraph and the next, if not otherwise cited, are from this Bible record.

⁸¹ Warren Co., OH, Miscellaneous “Loose” Marriage Permissions & Returns, permission from William Monce for his son James to marry Elizabeth Bowen, 31 May 1828; imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1803–1867,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18084-149228-58> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 519 of 1001. Also Warren Co., OH, Old Marriage Record 1: 340 (recorded marriage); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1942-22512-77488-57> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1854 > image 666 of 968; on same page is marriage of Mary “Sertin” [Sartin?] to Allen McLean.

⁸² Warren Co. OH, Miscellaneous “Loose” Marriage Permissions & Returns; imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1803–1867,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18084-149533-64> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 462 of 1001. Also Warren Co., OH, Old Marriage Record 1: 281 (recorded marriage, R. Wilson JP); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-71405-10> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1854 > image 218 of 599.

⁸³ Warren Co., OH, “Old Marriage Record” No. 2, 1834–1854: 147 (recorded marriage; John Shawhan JP); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-70502-14?pid=2888371> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 409 of 599.

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William (b. 8 June 1820; possibly the William Berryhill who m. **ROSANNA COCHRAN**, 18 January 1844;⁸⁴ he or father d. 28 July 1842), **Joseph H (K?)** (b. 14 July 18__), and **Mary** (b. 4 May ____; d. 28 August 1830). The William Berryhill household is enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Warren County, Ohio; the John Bowen household of 1810 and the Berryhill household in 1840 and 1850 have not been located. As Rachel Berryhill she is enumerated in the 1860 home of her son John Bowen, in Lynchburg, Highland County, OH, where he was a prosperous “distiller,” who had been enumerated there since 1850.⁸⁵

- B. **SAMUEL MILLS**, born c1788, married **Rachel Prince**, daughter of John and Rachel Prince about May 1807. The marriage bond and permission file includes the 23 April 1807 permission of Samuel’s parents, “**John & Franky White**,” who “both and each of us” gave permission for “our sun” to marry, the 29 April 1807 permission of Rachel’s parents, and the 6 May 1807 bond.⁸⁶ Arthur White (see Hannah, above) served as Samuel’s bondsman and a witness to the Prince permission. James White (see above) and Benjamin H. White (see above) witnessed the permission given by John and Frankey. Arthur White (see Hannah above) was a surety on the bond as well as a witness to the Prince permission. Rachel died after the 1830 census; and Samuel married (2) c20 September 1833, Giles, **Nancy Rinehart** (b. c1798; d. 13 October 1881, Mercer Co., WV).⁸⁷ Samuel died 17 February 1859 in Mercer (then Virginia).⁸⁸

Prior researchers report no evidence identifying Samuel’s father. A Y-DNA test by one descendant matches him to male-line descendants of **Booker Mullins** of Franklin County and the **Atkins/Adkins** males of Montgomery and Giles Counties. This descendant has not published his DNA data; therefore, privacy requires that he not be identified. I am including this note as a clue for others to follow—and to encourage testing and verification by other Y-line descendants of Samuel Mills.

⁸⁴ Warren Co., OH, “Old Marriage Record” No. 2, 1834–1854: 147 (recorded marriage; F. G. Black, officiating); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-70052-51> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 455 of 599

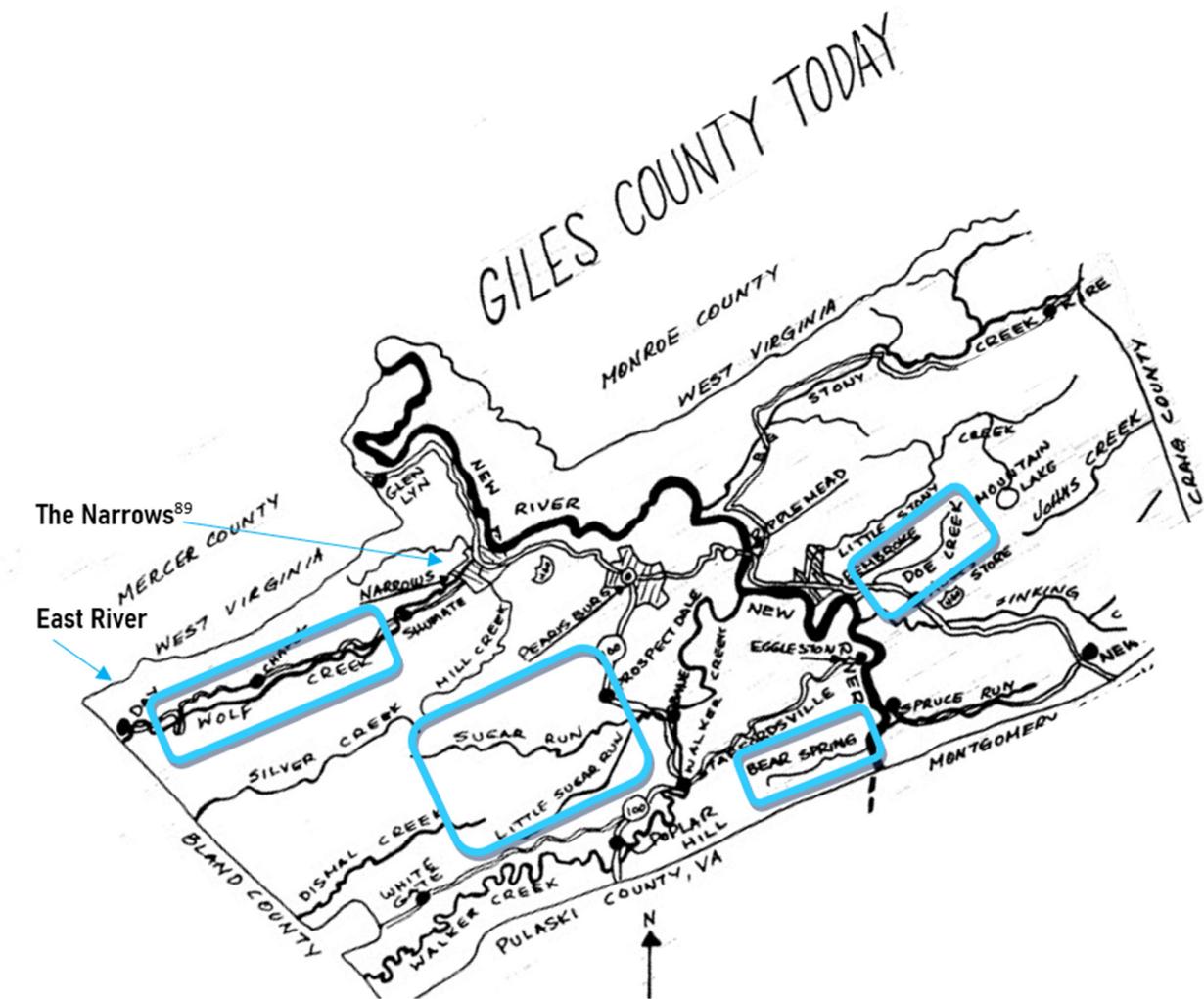
⁸⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Highland County, OH, population schedule, Lynchburg, Dodson Township. p. 118, dwelling 840, family 826 (John Bowen 44 b. OH, Jemima 40, William P. 18, Nancy 16, Joseph 11, Rachel 9, Mary 4, and Rachel Berryhill 76 b. VA. John Bowen’s naming of his oldest son as William P. further raises the question whether William Preston, who assumed guardianship of John’s mother to give permission for her marriage, might have been her father—i.e., John’s grandfather. Rachel has not been found on the 1850 census.

⁸⁶ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁸⁷ Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston’s Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at “War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files,” database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the marital information on Nancy and Samuel, see images 322481976 and 322481964.

⁸⁸ Nancy Mills, widow’s pension application file, image 322481913.

Map 1
Giles County: 20th Century Bounds⁸⁹

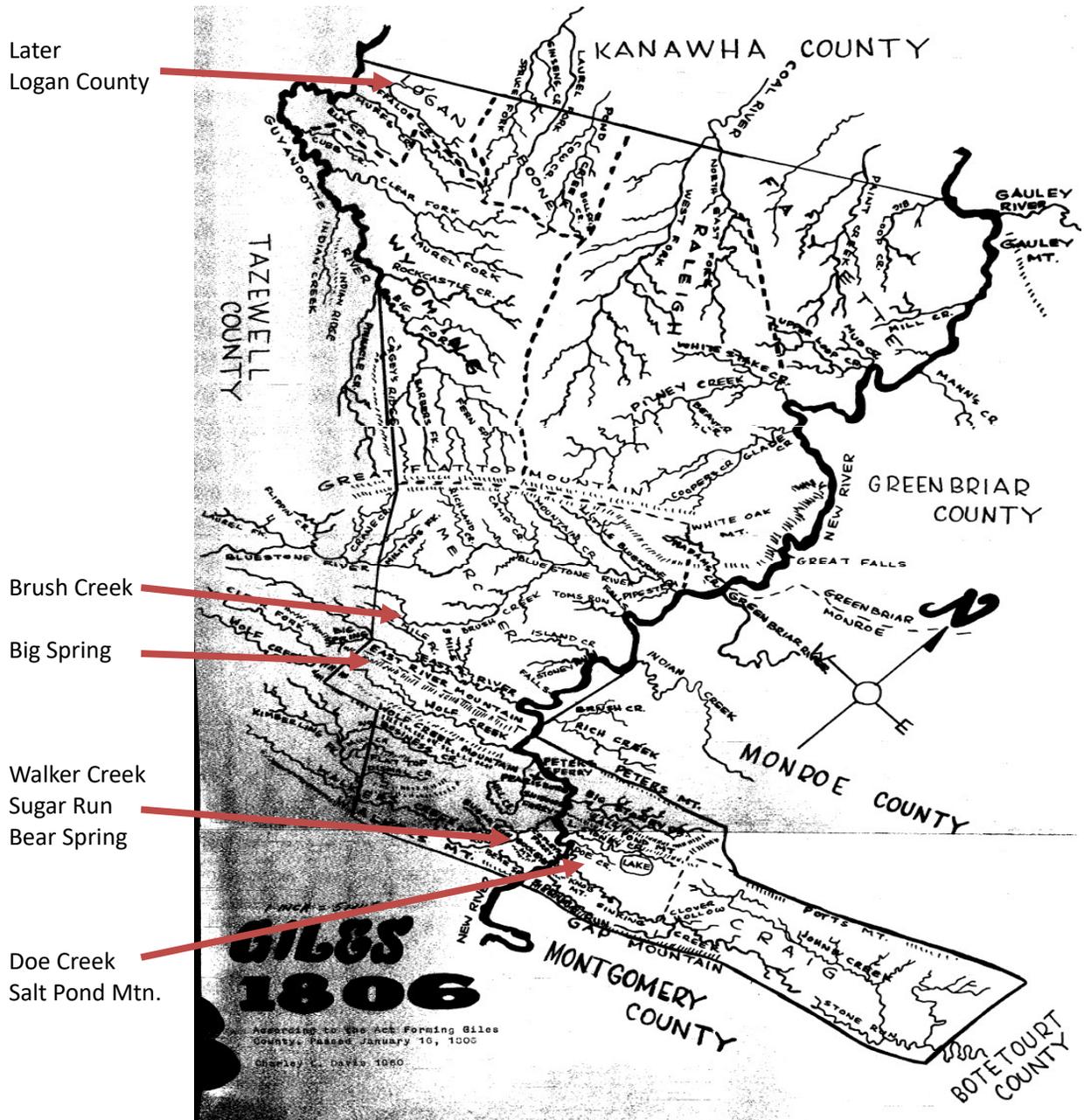


⁸⁹ Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List, 1806; and Giles County Land Tax List, 1806; Orodor Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: Privately Printed, 1980), unnumbered page.

⁹⁰ Re East River & The Narrows: "The East River Valley is an important transportation corridor, as traffic which has come through **the mountain gap which the New River makes at Narrows, Virginia**, finds in the narrow valley of the East an unimpeded route westward"; from "East River," *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* (<https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/articles/1989> : rev. 7 Jan. 2011; accessed 6 Sept. 2019).

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Map 2
Giles County: 1806⁹¹



⁹¹ Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List, 1806; and Giles County Land Tax List, 1806; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: Privately Printed, 1980), unnumbered page before H-6. Annotations flag the key geographic regions mentioned in this set of research notes.

— RESEARCH NOTES —

Technical Note:

The tax notes that are included in this data summary adhere to two standard conventions:

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

1780

MONTGOMERY (LATER GILES) COUNTY, VA

Historical context

“**John Toney**, came in 1780, settled at the mouth of the East River and found the graves and the remains of a decayed log cabin. In that same year, **Benjamin White and John White** came from **Amherst County** and settled on **Sugar Run**, the waters of **Walker’s Creek**. John remained in that area his long life, and died in 1847 at 83 years of age. Benjamin moved to the area that became Logan County [Kanawha until 1809, Cabell until 1824] and died in 1848/9.”⁹²

COMMENT:

The author does not cite his source(s) for the statements that Toney and the Whites came in 1780 and that the Whites came from Amherst. As detailed below, this brief blurb has serious problems.

- The author conflates three different John Whites, as well as the Benjamins associated with each of them. The John who died in 1847 was not the original John White who allegedly came in 1780 and he was not the John White whose land lay on Sugar Creek. We now have enough data to disambiguate the three Johns as follows:
 1. **John Sr., the subject of this paper**, was the family head who first appeared on the petition of 1787 as “John White Sr.,” signing with “John White Jr.,” “Beniman [Benjamin] White” and the Copleys who would become inlaws and associates. Tax rolls of Montgomery Co. do not include this trio again until 1792. John Sr. married **Frankey Mills** there in August, John Jr. married Nancy Copley in June 1793, and all were taxed on the 1793 roll. They would be taxed intermittently, in various combinations until 1797; and all were taxed most years thereafter. John Sr. and Benjamin would establish their families along **Wolf Creek** and **East River**.
 2. **John Jr.** (aka “John Jr.,” “John White H,” “John White, hunter,” “John Hunter White,” “John H White,” and “Jack White”) was the John who died in 1847, as subsequently seen under 1847 below. His will named his wife Nancy—i.e., **Nancy Copley**, whom John married in January 1793, five months after John White “Sr.” married Frankey Mills with Thomas Copley

⁹² Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1806 and Giles County Land TAX List 1805; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: P.p., 1980), “History,” pp. H-2, H-3.

Jr. as bondsman. As an adult, John first staked out land on **Doe Creek** (with Robert White and James White, his apparent brothers), then **Camping Hollow** (with the Copleys), before settling his family at **Bear Spring**.

3. **John ‘S’ White** was an early landowner along **Little Sugar Run of Walker’s Creek**. He and a second Benjamin (but not a John Jr.) signed the same 1787 petition signed by John Sr., John Jr., and “Beniman.” However, the Sugar Run man signed amid his Sugar Run/Walker’s Creek neighbors. He was taxed on the personal-property roll from 1787 through 1794, then once more in 1796. He dropped off the roll after his 1796 marriage to **Susannah Marcum**. He appears to be the same John White who surfaced on the first tax roll of Cabell County in 1809 with a Benjamin White who was not the Benjamin of Wolf Creek and East River. Modern Whites who claim descent from John White and Susannah Marcum place them in Cabell County—a county I have not yet studied in depth.
- **John Toney**, who was an associate of Benjamin White, first appears in Montgomery County records as a juryman in April 1790.⁹³ Over the next quarter century he developed an extensive enterprise in present Giles County—a plantation, mill, ferry, inn, and store—along New River between East River on the north and Wolf Creek on the South. Between 1804 and 1819 he bought land from, sued, owned land adjacent to, and co-witnessed documents with Benjamin White of Wolf Creek, East River, and Brush Creek—a man who, in 1807, adopted the middle initial “H.” Aside from Toney’s association with the Whites, he is of interest to this study because, on 15 April 1816 and again on 15 April 1817, he executed leases for two tracts of his land, with the witness to both documents being **William Mills of Franklin County** (b. c1783), a potential son of Frankey (Mills) White.
 - **Benjamin White**, who is said to have moved to Kanawha, does not appear on the 1792–1811 tax rolls of Kanawha County.
 - One **Samuel White** was taxed in Kanawha from 1793–1811 (possibly the Samuel found on earlier tax rolls of Fluvanna County). A **Joseph White** was also in Kanawha on the 1802 tax roll.
 - One **John White**, on 22 July 1788 received a patent to 500 acres on Cole River in Montgomery County, soon to be Kanawha, land obtained from one John Smith and previously surveyed on 1 August 1787.⁹⁴ This John White has not been identified, although the fact that John Toney’s ginseng camp was also on Cole River, and that John Toney also obtained his land there from John Smith,⁹⁵ suggests that the John White of Cole River *might* be the same John whose family were Toney associates in Giles.

1782 [1782–88?]
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
Disambiguation

⁹³ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 4, 1788–1790: 110–12.

⁹⁴ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 17, 1788, p. 421; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 5 October 2019).

⁹⁵ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgibin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 20 June 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

“The Enumerated Articles”⁹⁶ Personal tax items. An unalphabetized and undated list.

John White 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 2 cattle [John of Sugar Run, m. Susanna Marcum 1796]

William Marcum

John French

John Runyan

Joseph Fletcher

William Muncy

[skip 5]

Alexander Mairs

Samuel Muncey

Skidmore Muncey

[skip 20]

John Mairs

John *Cloyd* [Prominent settler of Walker’s Creek and Back Creek]

George Lowman

John Williamson

Ninian *Cloyd*

[skip 7]

Hugh *Mairs*

Mathias Crumb

Joseph *Cloyd* [Prominent settler of Walkers Cr.; neighbor of John ‘S’ White of Little Sugar Run]

James Patton

COMMENT:

- The White-Marcum-Muncey-Cloyd-Marr (Mairs) and Patton neighborhood is the Walker Creek/Sugar Run neighborhood in which John ‘S’ White married Susannah Marcum in 1796.
- This Montgomery County tax list also included a William White and a James White who were a hundred or more miles from the two John Whites who signed the 1787 petition. No connection has been found between the Whites of Sugar Run and East River and those other two Whites.⁹⁷

1782–84

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tax roll

None were kept. See 1788 court order extract, below.

1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

⁹⁶ Montgomery Co., VA, 1782 Land & Personal Tax Roll; Personal tax rolls microfilm 241, Library of Virginia, Richmond. The Library of Virginia has suggested a 1782 date; for the possibility that it represents a 1785 composite, see the court order under 4 April 1788, below. NOTE:

- All Montgomery and Giles land-tax records presented in this paper are from this Virginia Land Tax microfilm series at the Library of Virginia; available onsite.
- All Montgomery and Giles personal-tax records, unless otherwise stated, are from the images posted at *Binn’s Genealogy* (<https://www.binnsgenealogy.com/MembersOnlyArea> : 10 May 2018); accessible by subscription.

Both sets of records are arranged by county, then year, then by first letter of surname, for easy location of individual entries. However, I have read every page of every roll for the years cited, to ferret out relevant data in sections other than ‘W’

⁹⁷ For more on James and William White of Montgomery, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia, Preliminary Survey,” report to file 28 August 2018 (updated 24 June 2019); archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

Disambiguation

Personal Tax Roll: Binn’s List A, District of Bird Smith

While [White], John	0 males 16–21	19 Apr
	0 blacks above 16	
	0 blacks under 16	
	2 horses & mares	
	2 head cattle	

COMMENT:

This John White of 1787 is clearly the landholding John ‘S’ White whose land grant and deeds state that the land adjoined Thomas Shannon, John Hammon, and the Farleys. All others who turned in their list on the same day, as the commissioner made his rounds of the county, were:

- William Buyers
- Thomas Sr., Henry, William **Farley**
- James Heaven “Wal’ Crk”
- **John Hammon**
- William Laws
- Henry Luster
- [see next column]
- Patrick McIlyea
- Moredock McKenzie
- Abraham Morgan
- Francis Munsey
- Ralph Stafford
- **Thomas Shannon**
- **John White**

By November of this year, there would be two John Whites in the county, each of whom signed a county petition amid a family cluster. See below.

ADDENDUM:

“A list of persons charged with tax in Montgomery County for the year 1787 **who have removed** before same could be collected. Bird Smith, Commr.: ...

Abram Glymph [removed to] ?
Thomas Mills [removed to] **N.C.**”⁹⁸

COMMENT:

Re “Thomas Mills”: This is the only reference I’ve found to this man in Montgomery County while reading the tax rolls and courthouse records page by page. He appears to be the Thomas Mills of the then-adjacent Stokes County, NC, an associate (and possible son-in-law) of the Huffs of Stokes and Montgomery County, VA.

6 NOVEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

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

{image 3, col. 1} ... Wm. Robeson, Jh? Copley Junr., John Copley, John Homens, **Thos. Copley Senr., Thomas Copley Junr.**, Henry Walker, **John White Senr., John White, Junr., Beniman Whit[e]**, Moleston Peregan, Matthew French ... [Copley Ford area]

⁹⁸ Also see Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 78, for her tax-roll annotations.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

{image 3, col. 3} [skip 16] Henry Bingaman Junr., Adam Bingaman, Peter Clyne, John Bingaman, John Pleek, **Richard Whitt**, Isaac M. McKenzie, Peter Blankenship, David McCormis Junr., **Joel Sarton**, **Abijah Whitte**, William Chapman, Matthew French. [Settlers East of New River, roughly from Meadow Creek of Little River (Richard Whitt) up to Stoney Creek (Joel Sarton)].

{image 4, col. 1} Patten Thompson, John Cloyd, John **Mairs**, Robert Lester, James Britt, Danl. Britt, William Dry, Joseph Williamson, Henry Brown, Isaac Petty, Peter Rife, Thomas Farley Senr., Henry Farley, Thomas Farley Junr., Farris Farley, William Farley, **Milliton Adkins**, James Montgomery, James Montgomery Senr?, Andrew Steel, John Patton, **Benjn White**, John Davis, John Kane?, Joseph Long, **John White**, Uriah Poller.⁹⁹

COMMENT:

- Aside from the first page of the petition, none of the signatures appear to be original. All subsequent pages represent a neat transcription apparently made for legislative purposes.
- Milliton Adkins was bondsman for the November 1788 marriage bond of John Abram Glymph and “widow” Frankey Mills.
- Note that the **John Sr., John Jr., and “Benamin” White cluster on image 3 signed amid Copleys**. Given that Thomas Copley Jr. would be surety for the marriage bond of John White Sr. to Frankey Mills and that John Jr. subsequently married the daughter of Thomas Copley Sr., these three signatures should represent the men who would become Copley in-laws.
- The John White who signed with the Farleys would logically be the Farley neighbor on Sugar Run: herein called John ‘S’ White.

19 JANUARY 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Community context.

“**Abram Glimps**—100 acres on **Doe Creek** joining John Young and Michael Madden.”¹⁰⁰

COMMENT:

- Doe Creek, the site of Franky’s first suitor (“Glimps” and “Glymph”), lay across New River from Walker Creek. It flowed just south of Little Stony Creek, the location of Elijah Sartain/Certain who in 1791 married **Sarah Mills** in Montgomery Co.¹⁰¹ Both the White-Mills marriage and the Sartain-Mills marriage were performed by the Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek Baptist Church.
- The James White who was cited as “James White H” on the 1817 tax list (proposed son of John Sr.) witnessed the marriage bond of Frankey’s son **Samuel Mills** about the time he (James) settled at Doe Creek.
- “John Abram Glimp” was in 1785 a resident of Fluvanna County, where he and one William Priddy were sued in the October term by Anthony Haden, Executor of the will of Joseph

⁹⁹ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248562; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 20.

¹⁰⁰ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 47, n. 103. **Snidows** also owned land on Doe Creek.

¹⁰¹Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered pages, documents in rough chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond. Also Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Hopkins, decd.¹⁰² By August 1786 Glimp had left Fluvanna and the case was continued against Priddy alone.¹⁰³

- The Napiers of Montgomery Co., from whom John 'S' White bought his Sugar Run property, were also rooted in Fluvanna, Amherst, and Albemarle. In Fluvanna, they were associates of Thomas Tilman Sr., whose daughter Lucy Tilman married **Jesse Mills** of Albemarle > Amherst in 1766. One of Jesse and Lucy's daughters was the **Sarah Mills** who arrived in Montgomery as a single mother about the same time as Frankey Mills.¹⁰⁴

4 APRIL 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

"It appearing to the Court that there was no list of Tithables delivered to the Sheriff for the year 1782, 83, & 84 as the law directs so the Levies were collected from some while others were clear, whereby an Executive County Levee was found necessary to discharge the existing Claims against the County for the year 1787 which were running on Interest. It is therefore ordered that the Clerk shall make of an account Specifying the amount off the Claims against the County for the several years before mentioned & the returns of the money Collected by the Sheriff & that the Capt. of each Company should make up a List of the receipts given by the sheriffs for the Different years & present the Same to the July Court when a further order may be made."¹⁰⁵

COMMENT:

This court order seems to say that the list attributed to "1782" Montgomery County by the state archives may be a partial, composite list covering several years.

22 JULY 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

"Edmund Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all To whom these presents Shall come Greeting[:] Know ye that by Virtue and in Consideration of part of a Land Office treasury Warrant" No. 17027 issued 12 June 1783 "There is granted by the Said Commonwealth unto **John White** assignee of **John Smith** a Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing" 500 acres by survey dated **1 August 1787** "lying and being in the County of Montgomery On **Cole River** and bounded as followeth, To wit:"

Beginning at a Cucumber and White Oak one mile below the fork at the foot of a hill about 20 poles above the third fording of Said River below the forks and running thence S 40° W 100 poles to two black oaks thence S 7° E 380 poles to a hickory orner to said **Smiths** Survey No. 20 and with a line of the same N 40° E 320 poles to a popar and leaving said line N 42° W 290 poles to the Beginning

"With its Appurtenances to have and to hold the Said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said John White and his Heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Edmund Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto Set my hand and Caused the lesser Seal of

¹⁰² Fluvanna Co., VA, Order Book 1783–1791: 205.

¹⁰³ Fluvanna Co., VA, Order Book 1783–1791: 318.

¹⁰⁴ See E. S. Mills, "Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft 1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse, Lucy Tilman: Research Notes," a work in progress last updated 22 January 2020; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

¹⁰⁵ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 1, 1773–1788: 316.

the Said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on” 22 July 1788 “and of the Commonwealth the Thirteenth [year].”¹⁰⁶

COMMENT:

- Cole River (now Coal River) is a tributary of the Kanawa River, now flowing northward through western Kanawha Co.
- Big Cole/Coal River rises in Raleigh Co. from Clear Fork and Marsh Fork near Whiteville.
- Little Cole/Coal rises from Spruce Fork in present Logan Co. and Pond Fork in present Boone.
- While maps seem ambiguous for this period, it appears that Little Cole might have later fallen into extreme eastern Cabell near the point at which it was contiguous to Giles.¹⁰⁷ *Additional maps need to be sought on my next trip to Library of Virginia.*

Both Big and Little Cole River lay in Montgomery prior to 1789 when Kanawha was created.

John Toney, a long-time associate of the John-Benjamin White cluster of East River, also received a grant on Cole River, as **assignee of Smith**, Treasury Warrant no. 18750 issued 14 August **1783**, being 344 acres **surveyed 7 March 1787**.¹⁰⁸

1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Binns’ Tax List A; Schreiner-Yantis’ List C

Begun in Spring 1788; certified 22 February 1789

“A” section

Person charged: Atkins, Milleton	0 taxable property	20 March
Persons over 21: Atkins, Milleton	6 horses &c	

“G” section

Person charged: Glymph, John (A.)	0 taxable property	13 March
Persons over 21: Glymph, John A.		

COMMENT:

This John (Abram) Glymph is the man who took out a bond in November of this year, to marry Frankey Mills, with Milleton Atkins as bondsman.

“W” section

Person charged: White, Benjⁿ	1 white male 16–21	19 March
Persons over 21:	0 blacks above 12, 1 horse, etc.	

Person charged: White, John	1 white male 16–21	21 March
Persons over 21: White, John	0 blacks above 12, 1 horse, etc.	

¹⁰⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 17, 1788, p. 421; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 5 October 2019).

¹⁰⁷ “Coal River (West Virginia),” *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_River_\(West_Virginia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_River_(West_Virginia))) : 5 October 2019).

¹⁰⁸ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 20 June 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

COMMENT:

- The John White of this entry is John ‘S’ White of Sugar Run. The reconstructed list of all entries turned in for 21 March 1789 included his 1788 neighbors.¹⁰⁹
- The **Benjamin White** taxed on this list *appears* to be in the Wolf Creek to East River neighborhood two days removed from John White of Sugar Run. The following identifies all others who submitted their lists the same day as Benjamin:

All entries for 19 March: East River to Wolf River:

[John Toney & Wm. Toney of East River are 18 March]

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| ○ Joseph Baker | • John Miller |
| ○ Isam Blankenship | • John Peters |
| ○ Mitchell Clay | • William Rice |
| ○ Charles Hayes | • Ralph Stuart |
| ○ Henry Luster | • Jacob Stokely |
| ○ Isaac McKenzie (Consta ^e) | • Andrew Wilson |
| [see next column] | • Benjamin White |
- The dates and proved locations of the taxpayers suggest that on 17 March, the commissioner visited the Sugar Run area. The following day he was in the area of John Toney at the juncture of East River and Wolf Creek with New River. On 19 March he moved westward to pick up Benjamin White’s community.

9 NOVEMBER 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage Bond

“Know all men by these presents that we **John A Glimph & Milliton Atkins** are held & firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor for the time being & his Successors in the just & full sum of £50 Current Money to the which pay^t well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs & c Jointly & Severally & firmly by these presents as witness to our hands & seals this 9th day Nov^r 1788. The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John A Glimph hath this day obtained license for his marriage with **Fawney [Farney?] Mills**, a widow of this County. Now if there should be no loegal cause to obstruct the s^d marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force. [Signed] Militon Atkins for John [his mark] a Glimph, Milliton Atkins. Test: Abram Trigg.”¹¹⁰

COMMENT:

A published version of Montgomery County marriages renders the names differently: “Glimp, John A., and **Frankey Mills, widow**. Milliton *Akers*, surety—Nov. 9, 1788.”¹¹¹

This published volume has no index. It arranges marriages by the surname of the groom and probate data by the name of the deceased. I have read every entry throughout the volume in search of relevant names that are embedded and unindexed.

¹⁰⁹ For all neighborhood lists, year by year, see the previously cited E. S. Mills, “Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807,” report to file, 15 Feb. 2020; archived online at *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

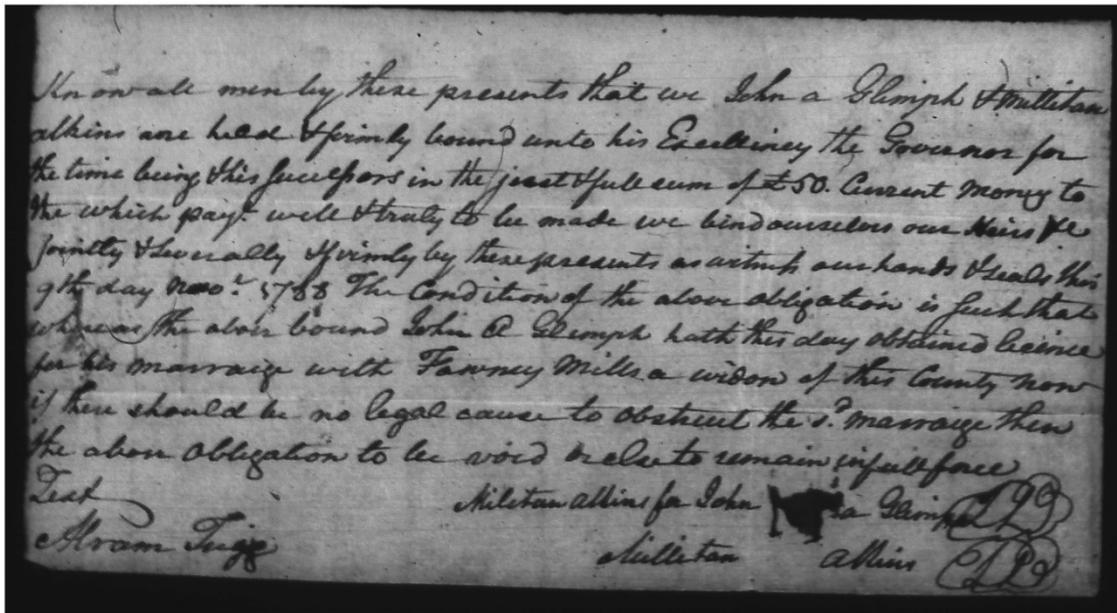
¹¹⁰ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹¹¹ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 18.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

The actual marriage bond (see below) identifies the surety as Milliton *Atkins*, rather than Akers. Atkins was a key figure of the Walker Creek Baptist Church. **Frankey ("Fawney" in the bond) Mills did not marry Glimp.** He removed to Newberry District, SC, and wed a different wife by whom he left many offspring.

Meanwhile, an 1807 marriage bond in Giles County, VA, for **Samuel Mills** to marry Rachel Prince, includes the permission of two sets of parents: "John & Franky White" and "John & Rachel Prince." Because Samuel was underage, his birth occurred no earlier than 1787.¹¹² The 1850 census and the age he gave for himself, when he applied for bounty land in 1853 as a War of 1812 militiaman, place his birth at 1788.¹¹³



1789
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
Disambiguation
Begun in Spring 1789; completed spring 1790
Binns Tax District A; Schreiner-Yantis Tax District C¹¹⁴

Person charged:	Glimp, John A.	0 white males 16–21	19 May 1789
Persons over 21:	Glimp, John A.	0 taxable property	
Person charged:	White, John [Sugar Run]	2 white male 16–21	4 Mar 1790

¹¹² Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 23. Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged on Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia (LoV), Richmond.

¹¹³ 1850 U.S. census, Mercer Co., VA, population schedule, p. 182 (stamped), verso, dwelling/family 464/464. A copy of his 1855 bounty-land application affidavit appears in the War of 1812 pension application file of his widow; see Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

¹¹⁴ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 28.

7 SEPTEMBER 1790
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Ordered that John Preston be appointed to bind out according to Law two poor children (to wit) David Lucus son of Prude Lucas and **a daughter of Frankey Mills’s** and make return thereof.”¹¹⁵

COMMENT:

I have found nothing further on Prude Lucas. The Lucas family clustered around Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain where John White Jr. and Robert White appeared in the mid-1790s and where James White would settle thereafter.

Regarding the identity of this unnamed daughter of Frankey, three female candidates have been found in Montgomery and Giles:

Sarah Mills

Sarah married on 7 April 1791, without permission from a parent, guardian, or master—implying that she was already of full age (i.e., 21).¹¹⁶ If so, then she would have been 21 or nearly so at the time that the court ordered the binding out of Frankey’s “poor child.” At 20, if Sarah were incapable of supporting herself, she would have been bound out as a poor woman under her own name, not as a nameless “child” of Frankey.

Elizabeth Mills.

Elizabeth Mills married Archibald Chapman on 26 March 1811, at which time Sarah Mills’s husband Elijah Sartain gave permission.¹¹⁷ Given that Elizabeth was under 21, her birth occurred after 26 March 1790. However,

- Frankey was not presented then to the court for bearing a baseborn child that needed to be bound out.¹¹⁸ Her “daughter” is presented as a “poor child.” The implication is that she was not a newborn.
- A comparison of the handling of this “poor child” against the 1785–88 handling of “Jane Busby’s bastard child” also suggests that Frankey’s daughter in 1790 was past the age to need a wet nurse.

Rachel Mills

On 3 August 1803, in Montgomery County, John Bowen posted a bond to marry Rachel Mills. She was under underaged. On the day of the bond, the prominent William Preston (brother of John Preston who was ordered to bind out Frankey’s child) asked the court to declare him the guardian of “Rachel Mills, orphan of Francis Mills.” He then gave permission for her to marry and served as financial surety on the bond. No association has been found between Prestons and

¹¹⁵ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20.

¹¹⁶ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order, Elijah Sartain to Sarah Mills; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond. See also the marriage return recorded in Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

¹¹⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 158.

¹¹⁸ As a corollary, see the 2 November 1790 grand jury presentments of Sarah Crockett and Catharine Lower, each for bearing a “baseborn” child. Both were sentenced to pay 20 shillings to the overseer of the poor, plus costs of court. Other cases in this November 1790 term, charge women with adultery and fornication (Mary Caudry, Sarah Bell, Elizabeth Barnett, Judith Walker) but there has not been a charge for Frankey Mills in the wake of the birth of her son Samuel c1788. **This implies that she moved into the county after Samuel’s birth, under that guise of “widowhood” cited in the Glymph-Mills marriage bond.** For the charges against the other women, see Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 53–57.

As another corollary, on 2 October 1792 the court “Ordered that the Overseers of the poor bind out According to Law **Sally** a bastard Child of **Catharine Lower** aged Eight Years until she arrives to the age of Eighteen years unto Jacob Shell Senr.” (6: 88).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

John Bowen either before or after this bond. Extensive study of Millses in all surrounding counties—including Botetourt where the Prestons were also rooted—has not yielded evidence that Frankey belonged to any of those Millses.

Preston’s role in Rachel’s 1803 marriage suggests that she was a young woman bound to him or his family, who had no parents to give permission for her to marry—a circumstance fitting those known for Frankey Mills. As comparable examples, see the situations of two apparent sisters of the Sarah Mills discussed above:

- Elizabeth Mills, who married William Burton in Bedford Co. in 1786, used for “permission” an affidavit by the prominent George Lambert who said the young woman had asked him to write it for her to attest that she was of age.
- Susannah Mills who married in Amherst in 1795, used an attestation of age by John Lancaster who swore that Susannah was a daughter of Jesse Mills who had lived in his household for some years.¹¹⁹

Subsequent court orders presented in this report demonstrate that children were bound out until they came of age. If the Rachel Mills who married in 1803 was the bound-out daughter of Frankey, then it is likely that she had turned eighteen—i.e., born c1785. This fits the birth pattern for the two (and possibly three) Mills-surnamed children Frankey bore:

- William Mills (with a Whitt/Witt Y), born c1783; a hypothetical son;
- Rachel Mills, born c1785; and
- Samuel Mills (with an Adkins/Booker Mullins Y), born c1787; a proved son.

This analysis and conclusion—insofar as Rachel is concerned—is supported by the court order of 3 August 1803 (see that date below) which notes that “Rachel Mills, *orphan* of Francis Mills,” came into court and chose William Preston as her guardian.

Also consider:

- This court order referencing Frankey’s daughter as a “poor child” rather than a “bastard” is consistent with her presenting herself as a widow at the time of the November 1788 marriage bond with John Abram Glymph.
- The fact that no Mills males have been found in the county who might be Frankey’s deceased husband suggests that she arrived in the county with young children, rather than having borne those children in Montgomery County itself where her pregnancy and lack of husband would have been observed and reported to the overseers of the poor.
- Unlike some of the other binding-out cases presented in the contemporary court orders extracted into this report, there was no subsequent order by which the court authorized binding out this daughter to any specific person. (Caveat: court minutes seem to be missing from June 1791 until June 1792.)

BEFORE 10 NOVEMBER 1790
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA [LATER GILES]

Disambiguation

John White had Walker Creek/ Little Sugar Run land surveyed *prior* to this date. A 10 November 1790 survey for Gordon Cloyd, for 540 acres “on the **North side** of **Walkers Creek** on the head of **Little Sugar**

¹¹⁹ See Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740—*aft*1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 15 July 2019.

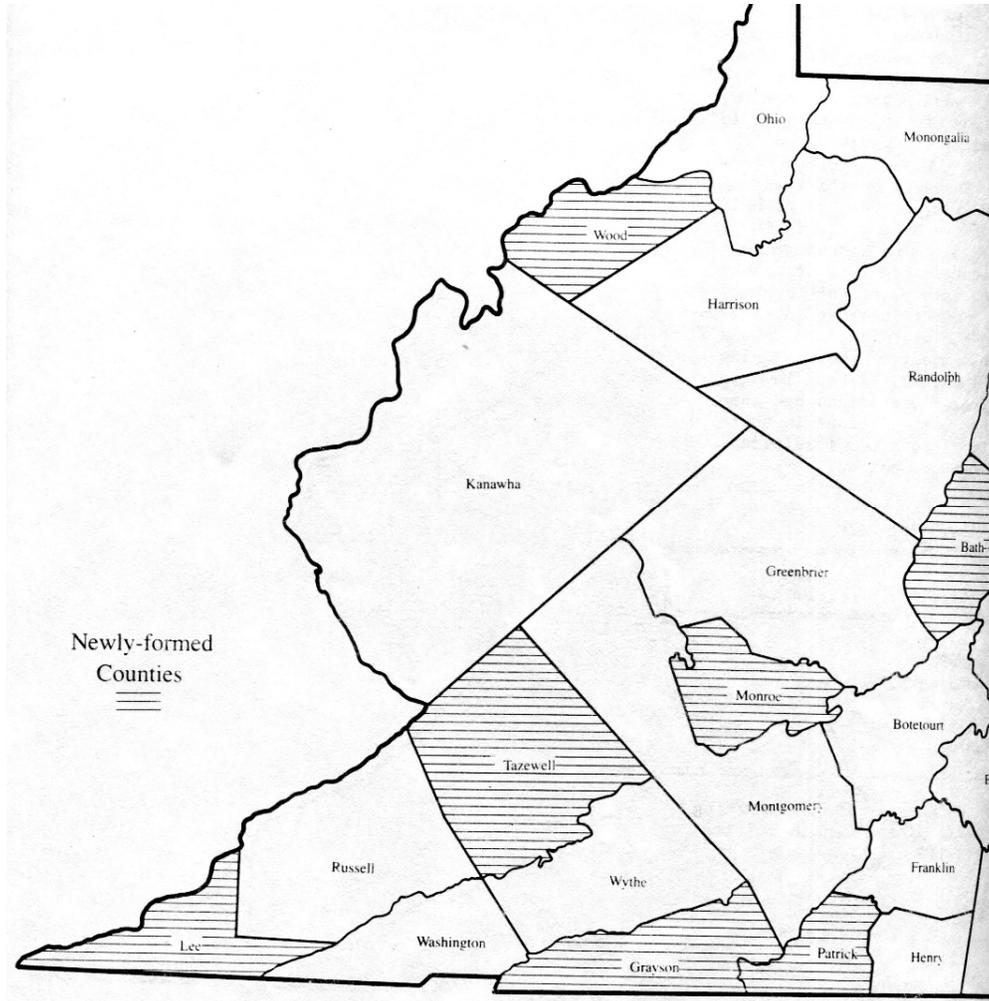
**John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Run, [beginning] at a Chesnut and black oak Corner to John White’s Survey” was also said to adjoin the land of **Thomas Farler Senior**.¹²⁰

COMMENT:

This is John ‘S’ White whose land adjoined the Napiers from Albemarle and Fluvanna Counties.

**Map 3
Western Virginia Counties, 1791–1800¹²¹**



20 SEPTEMBER 1791

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

A survey of this date for Thomas Shannon, assignee of Henry Farley, for 60 acres on **Little Sugar Run, waters of Walkers Creek, Waters of New River** cited adjacent neighbors as **Joseph Cloyd and John**

¹²⁰ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 32, 1794–1795, pp. 328–29; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 20 June 2019).

¹²¹ Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

White.” Shannon’s survey twice mentions landmarks on John White’s property:

Beginning at a white oak Corner to **John Whites land, now the head of a spring**, N 49° E 6 poles to a white oak and poplar, S 20° E 24 poles to a white oak in a hollow, S 41° E 34 poles to two white oaks, S 20° W 80 Poles to a Chesnut and Black oak, S 62° W 50 Poles to a white oak on the SE side of a hill, N 78° W 36 Poles to a Black oak, N 17° E 72 Poles to a Chesnut on a ridge, N 10° E 20 Poles to a Black oak and Chesnut oak on the N side of a hill, N 30° E 54 Poles to a Black oak Corner to **Joseph Clayd’s land** and with a line thereof N 18° W 14 Poles to two white oak saplings on said line, N 25° E 14 Poles to two white saplings on **Whites** line, S 38° W 30 Poles to the Beginning.”¹²²

COMMENT:

Again, this is John ‘S’ White, not John White Sr.

1791

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Binn’s List A

Begun in Spring 1791; certified 20 January 1792

Person charged:	Markham, John	5 horses	29 December
Persons over 21:	Markham, John		
Person charged:	Toney, John	5 horses	27 December
Persons over 21:	Toney, John		
Person charged:	Toney, William	5 horses	27 December
Persons over 21:	Toney, William	8 horses	
Person charged:	White, John Senr.	1 horse	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, John Senr.		
Person charged:	White, John Junr.	0 property	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, John Junr.		
Person charged:	White, Benjamin	0 property	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, Benjamin		

COMMENT:

Several factors argue that this is the John White family of Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek, from which “John White, his S mark” married the daughter of John Marcum (Markham) in 1796—**not** the John White who married Frankey Mills as “John White Sr.” In brief:

- The Benjamin White who submitted his lists on the same day as John “Senr.” and “Junr.” would not be the Benjamin coupled in subsequent records with Frankey’s John Sr. and his

¹²² Virginia Land Office Grants, vol. 44, 1799–1800: 278–79; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008476650205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en): accessed 20 June 2019.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

apparent son John Jr. That Benjamin, who married Ann Goodwin in Albemarle in 1787, is **taxed in Albemarle in the Goodwin neighborhood of Albemarle in 1790, 1791, and 1792.**

- On the entries above, the dates place this “John Senr., John Junr., and Benjamin” cluster two days from the neighborhood of John and William Toney, the Wolf Creek/East River associates of the John Sr./Benjamin White family into which Frankey Mills married.
- The individuals whose tax lists were collected the same day as the three Whites of 1791 were residents of the Walker Creek/ Little Sugar Run community:
- Thomas Copley, whose son would serve as bondsman for the marriage of Frankey Mills to “John White Sr.” in August 1792 (and whose daughter Nancy would marry John White Jr. in January 1793) turned in his list on 23 December.

19 AUGUST 1792

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage

“Know all men by these presents that we **John White Senr.** And Thomas Copeley **Junr.** are held and firmly bound unto his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty pounds current money to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our Heirs executors & admors jointly & Severally & formily by these presents are witness our hands & Seals this 19th day of Augt. 1792. The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John White Senr. Hath this day obtained License for his marriage with **Frances Mills** of full age of this County now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct the the [sic] said marriage then the above obligation to be void. [Signed:] John White, Thomas Copley.”¹²³

COMMENT:

As seen on the image below, the John White signature carries the ornate “LS” scroll that represented a legal signature. It does not carry a mark—i.e., the distinguishing characteristic of John White of (a) the 1793 sales of land on Little Sugar Run; and (b) the 1796 bond to marry Susanna Marcum. The signature on this 1792 bond, however, may or may not have been penned for John by Copley; it definitely was not penned by the scribe.

Worrell’s abstracted marriages for Montgomery errs significantly in reporting this marriage. White is said by her to be John “Jr.” and Copley is not identified as Thomas **Jr.**¹²⁴

¹²³ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹²⁴ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

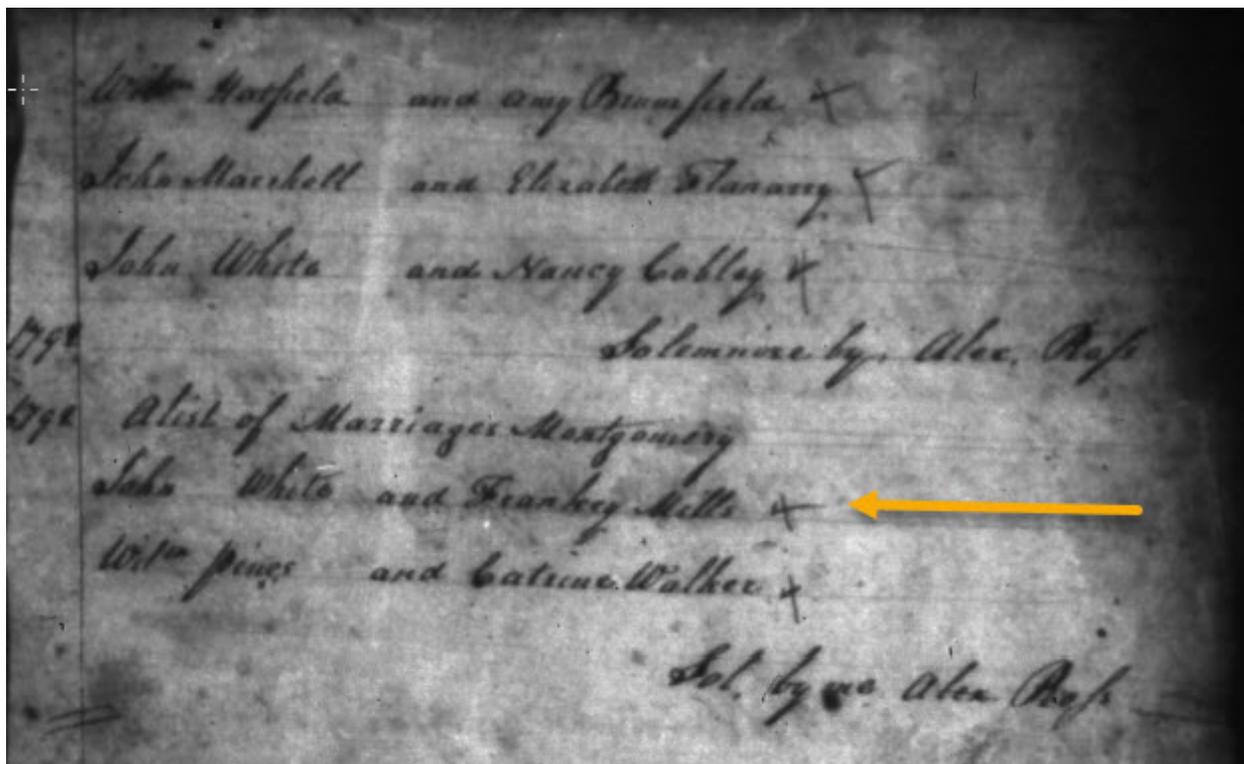
Know all men by these presents that, we John White Sr.
and Thomas Copley Junr. are held and firmly bound unto
his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being
and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty
pounds current money to the which payment will
and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs
executors & assigns jointly & severally & firmly by these
presents as witness our hands & seals this 19th day of
Aug: 1792. The Condition of the above obligation
is such that whereas the above bound John White Sr.
hath this day obtained Licence for his marriage with
Frances Mills of full age of this County now if
there should be no legal cause to obstruct the
the said marriage then the above obligation to the
said

John White
Thomas Copley

1792-93
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
Marriage
[consecutive entries; no month or year]

1793:
"A List of Marriages, Montgomery ... **John White** and Nancy Cobly [Copley]. Solemnized by Alex. Ross.
1792:
"A list of Marriages, Montgomery: **John White** and **Frankey Mills** ... Sol. by me Alex Ross.¹²⁵

¹²⁵ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."



1792

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Personal property tax roll; begun Spring 1792; certified 6 November 1792

LIST B [Binns]¹²⁶

LISTS N & O [Schreiner-Yantis]

Adjacent entries:

Person charged: Whitt, Robert 0 property _1 August?

Persons over 21: Whitt, Robert

Person charged: **White, John** [John 'S'] 0 horses 21 August

Persons over 21: White, John

[skip 4]

Person charged: **White, Robert** 0 property 17 October

Persons over 21: White, Robert

Person charged: **White, John** [Sr.] 0 property 17 October

Persons over 21: White, John

COMMENT:

Two different White families appear to be represented on this tax roll:

¹²⁶ 1792 Montgomery Co., VA, tax roll; imaged at *Binn's Genealogy* (<https://www.binnsgenealogy.com/MembersOnlyArea> : 10 May 2018).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Cluster 1: John ‘S’ White and Robert Whitt:

- **John White of Sugar Run**, identified by the cluster of neighbors who turned in lists the same day (21 August): James Boon, George & David Calwell. Thomas **Farley** Sr. & Jr., William & Henry **Farley**,¹²⁷ Reuben Huse, James & Robert Karr.
- **Robert Whitt** married **Mary White**, daughter of “John White” 1? July 1793.¹²⁸ Whitt genealogies present him as the “consensus” *nephew* of Rev. Richard Whitt whose lands lay on Meadow Creek and Little River of New River.¹²⁹
- No known record identifies which John White was the father of Mary. However, Robert Whitt drops from Montgomery County tax rolls simultaneously with the John White cluster of Sugar Run. When Robert Whitt applied for a pension from Logan County in 1833, Low Brown of the Walker Creek / Sugar Run community (then a resident of Tazewell County) filed an affidavit for Whitt.¹³⁰ No record found to date couples Robert and Mary (White) Whitt with the John White cluster into which Frankey Mills married.

Cluster 2: John White Sr. and Robert White:

- **Robert White & John White [Sr.]** of 17 October, whose lists were collected the same day as the **Toneys** and others in the Wolf Creek to East River area. (See list below.)
- No Robert White appears on any subsequent tax list in the area that became Giles.¹³¹ In 1795, Montgomery, he posted bond to marry **Mary Webb**, daughter of William Webb.¹³² About 1805 **Robert** was sued by William McClennihan stating that on 15 August 1797, Robert had contracted to sell to **Randal Lucas** for 150£ 150 acres on **north side of Salt Pond Mountain** adjoining Lucas and *Thomas Cassiday*, after which Lucas sold the land to Benjamin Thomas, who had sold the “obligation” to McClennihan. Meanwhile, Robert White had never made out to any of them a title to the land.¹³³ In 1806, a patent to Lucas stated that his land, at the head of Doe Creek, adjoined *Thomas Cassiday* and “**John White**” (later identified as **John White Jr.** and **John White H**, the man who married Nancy Copley in 1793).¹³⁴ In 1810, **James White** (who was first taxed in 1799, was married by 1802, and taxed in 1817 as **James White H**) bought land between Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain, adjacent to *Thomas Cassiday*.¹³⁵

¹²⁷ Numerous grants, surveys, and deeds identify the Farleys as adjacent landholder to John White of Sugar Run. For example, see Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 32, 1794–1795, pp. 328–29; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl_pgs=no&round= : accessed 20 June 2019).

¹²⁸ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785-1803.”

¹²⁹ David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004). A beginning point would be the chart on p. 51.

¹³⁰ Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018). See my Montgomery-Fincastle report, previously cited, for details.

¹³¹ Robert White would appear occasionally on Montgomery Co. tax rolls after Giles split away.

¹³² Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018). See my Montgomery-Fincastle report, previously cited, for more details.

¹³³ William McClennihan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

¹³⁴ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

¹³⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

- The geographic clustering suggests that these three Whites of Doe Creek / Salt Pond were part of the same family. The ages of these men suggest they were sons of John Sr.
- The fact that John Sr. married Frankey in August of this year (while John Jr. did not marry Nancy Copley until June 1793) suggests that John Sr. was likely the man taxed here in 1792.
- The identities and landholdings of the men who were taxed with Robert and John White in this year suggests that Robert and John were in the area between Wolf Creek and East River—the location in which John Sr. and Frankey settled by 1797.
- All the presently known facts suggest that Robert and John Jr. first staked their claim to the Doe Creek land between 1792 and 1795.

Other entries for 17 October 1792:

- John Burton
- Able Cok [*sic*] & John Cook
- John & James Conley
- Ellison Christian
- James Ellis
- John French Sr. & Jr., James & Matthew French
- Henry Kinnemon
- Jessy & William McKomes
- James Pine
- Isiah Perdue
- Reuben Smith
- **John Toney; Pendexter & William Toney**
- **Robert White**
- **John White**
- William Wilson
- James Wilson

15 JANUARY 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associates

By virtue of Treasury Warrant no. 15040 issued 24 December 1782, there is granted to **Paul Harman [aka Herrman], assignee of Abraham Glimp**, 100 acres surveyed 19 January 1788 in Montgomery County on **Doe Creek**, adjoining the land of John Young and Michael Madden, bounded as follows ...¹³⁶

COMMENT:

This document enables us to place the land on which Glimp resided at the time he took out the unexecuted bond to marry Frankey.

16 FEBRUARY 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

“By virtue of part of a land office Treasury Warrant Number” 13276 issued 3 August 1782, there is granted to **John White**, assignee of **Patrick Napier 130 acres surveyed 3 March 1784** lying in Montgomery Co. on the **West side of Walkers Creek on Sugar Run** ... bounded as follows:

Beginning at three black oaks in **Taylor's** line and with the same S 40° W 260 poles crossing **Sugar run** to a large white oak, S 45° E 60 poles to three white oaks, N 45° E 280 poles crossing a **Spring branch** to three white oak saplings, N 32 poles crossing **Sugar run** at the **mouth of Big Sugar Run** to a dogood, ash, and double elm in **Taylor's** line and with same S 80° W 75 poles to

¹³⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 28, 1792–93, pp. 107–8; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

the beginning."¹³⁷

COMMENT:

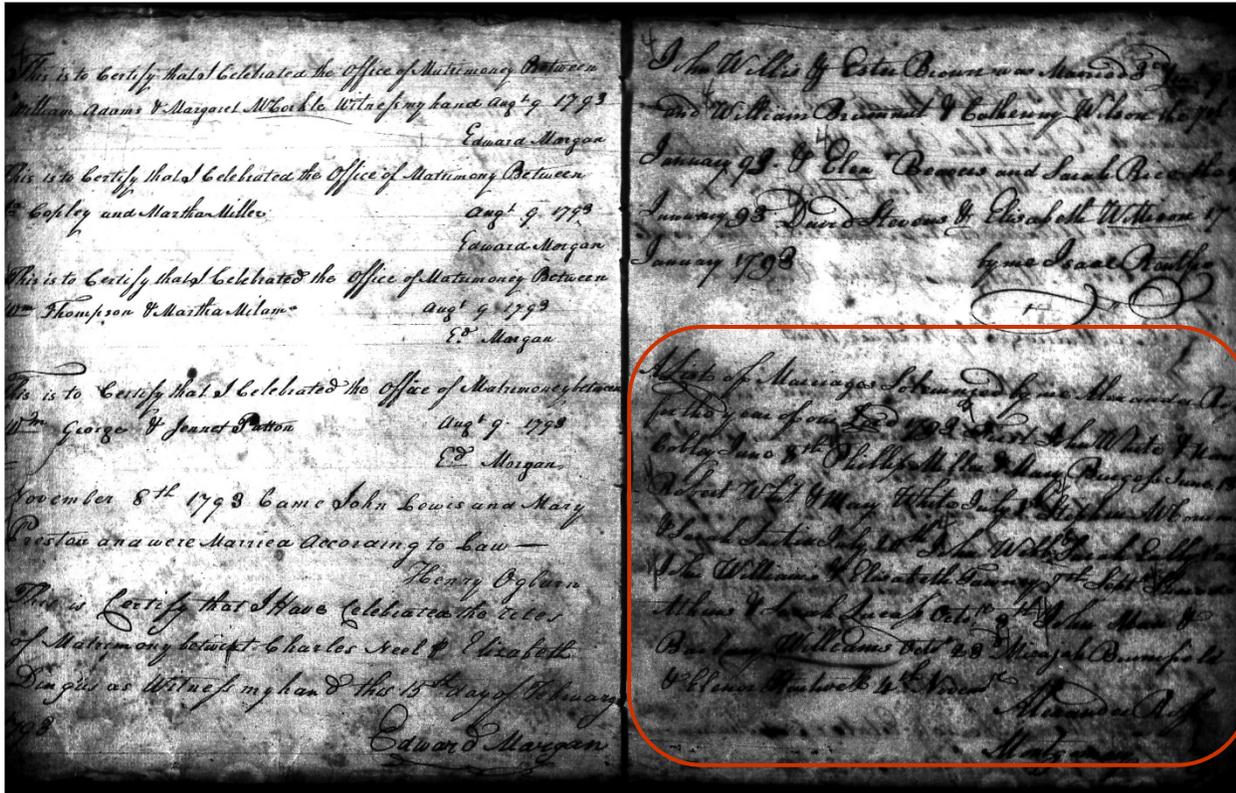
This Napier land is the land of John 'S' White of Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek.

8 JUNE 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

"A List of Marriages Solemnized by me Alexander Ross in the year of our Lord 1793. ...

"First **John White** & Nancy Cobley, June 8th ... **Robert Whit** & **Mary White** July 1st? ... Stephen McCommas? & Sarah Sartin July 20th ..." ¹³⁸



1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: begun Spring 1793

White, John	[Jr.; Doe Creek]	1 male 21+, 0 horses &c	30 Apr
White, John	[John 'S'] [L. Sugar Run]	1 male 21+, 1 horse	19 Aug
White, John	[Sr.; Wolf Creek to East R]	1 male 21+, 1 horse	3 Sep
White, Benjamin	[Wolf Creek to East R]	1 male, 21+ 2 horses	3 Sep

¹³⁷ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 27, 1792–93, pp. 512–13; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008404170205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

¹³⁸ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."

Entries for 30 April 1793 [New River area near Walker's Creek]:

- Joseph Bangeor
- Ralph Bogle
- Thomas Kirk & Jn^o Kirk
- Jacob Straley & Andrew *Straley*
- John Stafford
- **John White** [Jr.]

COMMENT:

On 24 April 1810, John Jr. and wife Nancy Copley sold their land in this area to James *Straley*.

Entries for 19–20 August 1793 [Sugar Run & Walker Creek]:

(19th August:)

- Low Brown (gave RW pension ap affidavit for Robert Whitt who m. Mary White, dtr of John)
- Jeremiah Coburn
- James Conley (inlaw to Obediah Bias)
- John Hammons (adjacent landowner to John 'S' White)
- Francis & Mathaniel Munsey
- Raney & Edmond Napper [Napier]
- **John White** [John 'S' White]

(20th August:)

- James Brumfield (in-law to Napiers and Obediah Bias)
- Patrick Napper Sr. (transferred 2 pieces of his land to John 'S' White)
- Patrick Napper, Jr., Thomas Huse Napper

Entries for 3 September 1793: [Wolf Creek & East River]

- John Copley (his brother Thomas Jr. was bondsman for John White Sr. & Frankey Mills in 1792.
- Sam^l Langdon
- **John White** [Sr.]
- **Benjamin White**

16 OCTOBER 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

John White sells to Joseph Cloyd for 20£, a tract or parcel of Land containing 45 acres on **Little Sugar Creek**, waters of **Walkers Creek** in Montgomery Co., bounded as follows:

Beginning at a Double elm on the bank of the branch thence to the patent Land and with it S 2° E 56 poles to three White Oak saplins by a Path S 44° W 82 poles to three white oak Saplins thence Leaving the patent line N 45° W 92 poles crossing **sugar run** to two white oak Saplins on the top of a high ridge on the patent line and with it 130 poles to the beginning

Witnesses: Gordon Cloyd, Noah Mollett, David Cloyd. Signed: John (his S mark) White [It's very clearly rendered as an S in the recorded copy.]

Proved February Court 1794 by oath of David Cloyd.¹³⁹

¹³⁹ Montgomery Co., VA, Deeds & Wills B, 1773–1797: 112.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John S White" with a circled "S" to the right. Below the "S" in "White" is the word "mark".

COMMENT:

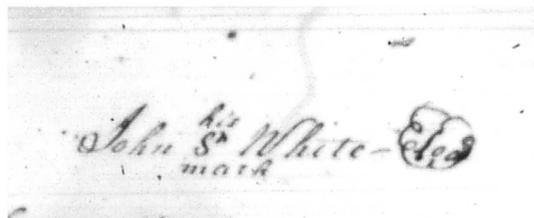
This is the first of three deeds by John 'S' White of Little Sugar Run. All three documents show him "signing" with an S mark—the same mark that would appear on the bond he took out to marry Susanna Marcum.

24 DECEMBER 1793
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
Disambiguation

John White of Montgomery to Joseph Eaton of same, for 40£, sells 81 acres "**being part of a Tract of [130] acres** ... on Little Sugar Run, Waters of Walkers Creek, a branch of the Rivanna, bounded as followeth:"

Beginning at a Large White oak on the old line, thence N 38° W 30 poles, crossing the run to two white oaks at the Mouth of a small hollow, N 30° E 62 poles to two white oak Saplings on Joseph Cloyd's Deeded? Line and with a line thereof N 45° W 40 poles to a black oak and two white oak Saplings on a ridge thence along the old line S 40° W 208 poles crossing **Sugar Run** to the Large White Oaks on a bank S 45° E 60 poles to three white Oaks by a **Cabben** And Spring N 45° E 145 poles to the Beginning.

Witnesses: G. Cloyd, David Cloyd, Thomas Cloyd. Signed John (his S^r mark) White
Proved February Court 1794 by oaths of Gordon Cloyd and Thomas Cloyd.¹⁴⁰

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John S White" with a circled "S" to the right. Below the "S" in "White" is the word "mark".

COMMENT:

This sale of 81 acres from the 130 obtained from Patrick Napier, leaves John 'S' White with 49 acres of which he sells 14 below. That would leave him with 35 acres of the Napier tract.

24 DECEMBER 1793
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Disambiguation

John White of the County of Montgomery to **James Conally Senr.** of same, sale for 4£, 14 acres "**being**

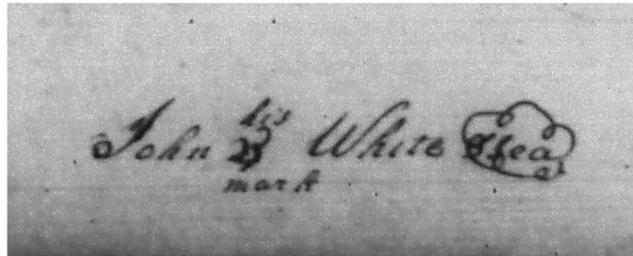
¹⁴⁰ Montgomery Co., Deeds & Wills B, 1773–1797: 112–13.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

part of a tract of" 130 acres on Little Sugar Run, Waters of Walkers Creek, a branch of New River and Bounded as followeth:

Beginning at a Large White oak on the Old Line, a corner of **Joseph Eatons** deeded land and with the lines thereof N 38° W 30 poles crossing the run to two White oaks at the Mouth of a small hollow, N 30° E 62 poles to two White oak Saplings on **Joseph Cloyd's** Deeded line thence Leaving Eatons lines and with a line of Joseph Cloyd S 45° E 52 poles to three White oak Saplings on the old line and with the S 45° W 60 poles to the beginning.

Witnesses: G. Cloyd, David Cloyd, Thomas Cloyd. Signed: John (his mark) White.
Proved February Court 1794 by oath of David Cloyd.¹⁴¹



COMMENT:

This time the county clerk's "replication" of John's mark is significantly different from the 'S' of the prior two documents and the 'S' of the White-Marcum marriage bond. However, the description of the land unambiguously identifies this as the John 'S' White of Sugar Run.

Despite these three land sales, John would continue to be charged with all 130 acres on the tax rolls through 1806. In that year, his taxable acreage was dropped from 130 to 35. After that 1806 correction, he would be removed from the rolls of Montgomery and Giles.

10 MARCH 1794

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District; begun Spring 1794; certified 9 November 1794

White, John [Jr. ?]	1 white male 21+, 1 horse &c	10 Mar
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Binn's List C: Robert Currin Dist.

Sartain, Elijah	1 male 21+, 3 horses &c.	2 May
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White, Robert [skip 4]	[no data of any type] [In Copley & Sartain neighborhood]	1 May
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White, Elexander	1 white male 21+, 2 horses &c.	22 May
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COMMENT:

Only one John White appears this year. There has been a shuffling of district bounds since 1793.

¹⁴¹ Montgomery Co., Deeds & Wills B, 1773-1797: 113-14.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Robert White and the still-unidentified Elexander White appear in Currin's district, with Elijah Sartain of Stoney Creek (across New River from Walker Creek) who married Sarah Mills in 1791. This location for Robert is consistent with the documents placing the land claim of Robert and John Jr. on Doe Creek.

No other "March" entries exist on the "W" list. However, on the "S" list, a sequence that begins "___ 10, Jacob & Andrew Straley," and runs through the 29th of some month on the next page appears to be March listings. In the prior year, the Straleys submitted their lists on the same day as John Jr.

1795

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District

Begun in Spring 1795; certified 10 September 1795

Whit, Robert	1 male 21+, no taxable property		11 Mar
Markum, John	1 male 21+, 1 male 16–21, 4 horses &c [w/Napier & Cloyd Sugar R]		14 Mar
Toney, William & John		[East River & Wolf Creek]	13 May
White, John [Sr.]	1 male 21+, 1 horse &c	[East River & Wolf Creek]	13 May
White, Alexandrew	1 male 21+, 2 horses &c	[n'hood not identified]	10 June

All entries for 13 May 1795:

- Burnside, James
- Davis, Zachariah
- Daubins, Daingerfield
- Davidson, William
- Lee, William
- Law, William
- McKinney, Lamkin
- **Toney, John & William**
- Walker, Henry
- **White, John**

All entries for 14 March 1795:

- Cloyd, Joseph & Gordan
- Crum, Matthew, John & Jacob
- Hix, Clayburn, John & Nath^{iel}
- Lincey, Matthew
- **Marckum, John**
- Napper [Napier] Edmond, Thomas Huse, Raney, Patrick
- Stafford, Edward & James
- Wray, Joseph

Note: This is the neighborhood in which John 'S' White should appear, but again he's not there.

1796

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: James Hoge's District

WHITE, John, 130a @ 4/, Value: 13; tax: 0.8.0

COMMENT:

This is the first land tax roll I've found for Montgomery. John White of Little Sugar Run is taxed here on all 130 acres, despite his sale of 105 of those acres via three 1793 deeds in 1793. (See those dates above.)

1796

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District

Begun in Spring 1796; certified 19 September 1796

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, John [Sr.] 1 male 16+, 0 horses &c 8 Jun

COMMENT:

This John's neighbors, who submitted on 8 June, are the Christians, McKinneys, and Toney's of East River.

White, John [Little Sugar Run] 1 male 16+, 0 horses etc., all columns lined through except tithe 22 Jun

COMMENT:

- This John's neighbors, who submitted on 22 June, include the Napiers from whom John acquired his Little Sugar Run land. This John has clearly returned to his remaining 35 acres, where he married the daughter of his neighbor John Marcum.
- Missing: Benjamin White, John White Jr.

22 DECEMBER 1796

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land holding

On this date, there was surveyed a tract of 125 acres "on the head of **Doe Creek**, a branch of New River" beginning "at two large chestnuts corner of **John White's land**" then progressed to the line of **Thomas Cassidy**. On 23 April 1806 the land was patented to **Randall Lucas**.¹⁴² (See that date below)

COMMENT:

The John White of this document is John White Jr. See Child 1, pages 2–3 above, for the discussion of the land he and Robert White claimed adjacent to Randall Lucas on Doe Creek.

12 MARCH 1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land survey

On this date, there was surveyed **95 acres** "on the waters of New River on the South side of the **Big Spring Mountain**, adjacent to land of George Pearis. The land would be patented on 16 December 1801 in the name of "William Preston and **John White**."¹⁴³

COMMENT:

- This John White is "John White Sr.," husband of Frankey Mills. As seen in the 22 December 1796 note above, John Jr. (aka John Hunter White, husband of Nancy Copley) had already obtained rights to land at Doe Creek, east of New River, roughly opposite the point that Walker Creek emptied into New River.
- William Preston, in 1803, assumed guardianship of Frankey's "orphaned" daughter Rachel Mills for the purpose of providing legal permission for her marriage to John Bowen.¹⁴⁴ Rachel had been taken from Frankey in 1790 and bound out by John Preston on behalf of the overseers of the poor. That court order did not identify the family to whom Rachel was

¹⁴² Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 55, 1805–1806, p. 397; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++18051806&dbl_pgs=yes&round=DOWN : accessed 5 October 2019).

¹⁴³ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48, 1801–1802, p. 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=: : accessed 5 October 2019).

¹⁴⁴ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801–1803: 130.

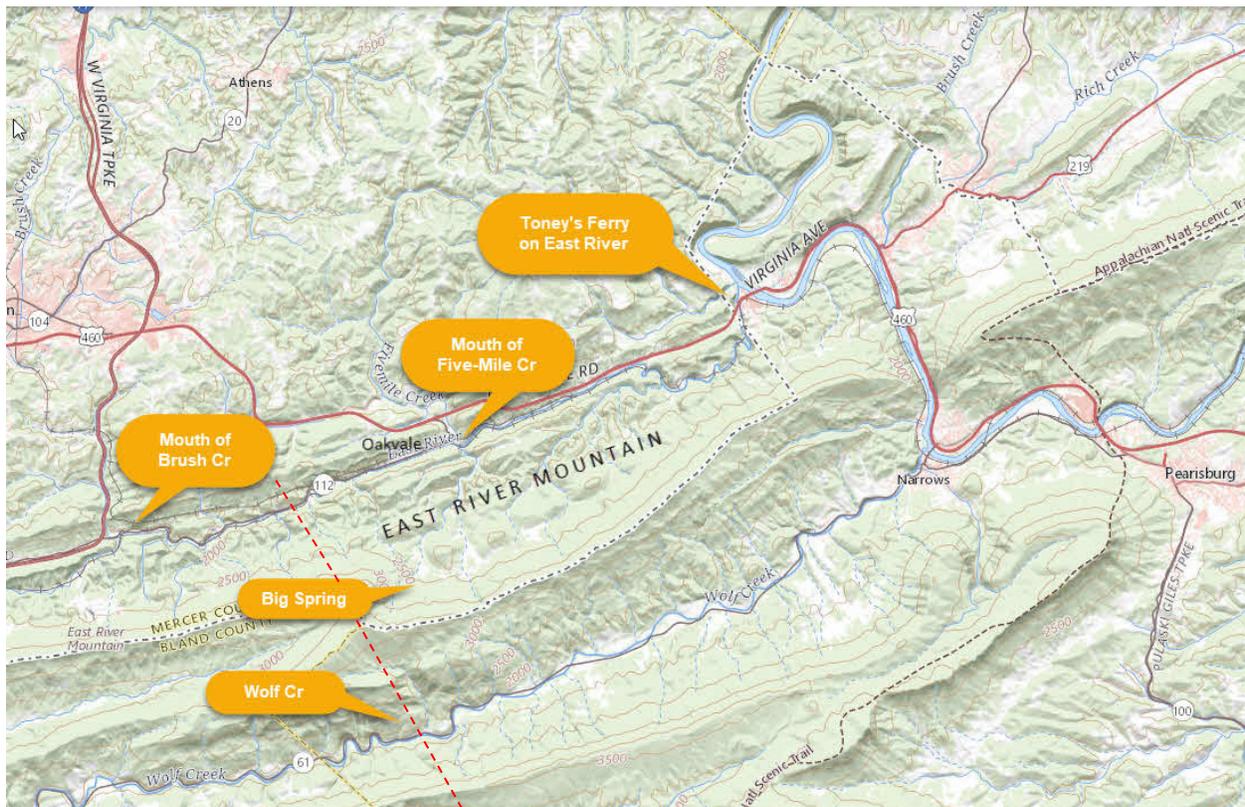
John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

bound.¹⁴⁵ Apparently it was John’s brother William Preston or their widowed mother Susannah who also took in other bound-out children in the 1790s.¹⁴⁶

- Both *HomeTownLocator* and *GNIS*—as well as Map 2 above—place “Big Spring” on East River at East River Mountain, in present Mercer County.
- See Maps 4 and 5. Also see notes dated 16 December 1801 for the patent and survey calls. The 1800 petition, extracted below, places all this White family “below Wolf Creek Mountain,” including John Jr. In 1804, John Jr. left them and moved back to the Copley neighborhood.

Map 4

Northwestern Giles (mostly in modern Mercer): Big Spring, Brush & Five Mile Creeks & Toney’s Ferry¹⁴⁷



COMMENT:

In 1800 when Tazewell was cut from Wythe & Russell, Big Spring lay just east of the Tazewell line, roughly along the dashed red line added to the map above. See the extract below, taken for the 1806 act creating Giles Co.

¹⁴⁵ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20.

¹⁴⁶ For example, see Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 10, 1797–1798, p. 130; in this pair of court orders, the overseers of the poor bound out three children of Elicia Grant to Susanna Preston (widowed mother of William and John) and a boy Peter, son of “Hannah Campbell, a mulatto” to Susanna’s daughter Elizabeth Madison.

¹⁴⁷ Snipped from “The National Map,” at U.S. Board of Geographic Names, *Geographic Names Information System* (<https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/board-on-geographic-names/domestic-names> : accessed 7 October 2019), with sites compared against *HomeTownLocator: Virginia* (<https://virginia.hometownlocator.com/maps/countymap,cfips,071,c,giles.cfm> : accessed 7 October 2019); the two sites choose varying landmarks for display.

1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

WHITE: John, 130a @ 1/, Value: 13; tax: 0.80

COMMENT:

The full acreage of the Sugar Run land of John 'S' White is still being taxed to him, despite the fact that he sold most of it in the three above documents dated October and December 1793.

He does not appear on this year's personal-tax roll.

1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Begun in Spring 1797; certified 7 October 1797

White, John	1 male 16+, 1 horse &c	15 Apr
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White, Benjamin	1 male 16+, 1 horse &c	15 Apr
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COMMENT:

Others who submitted on 15 April—Zachariah Purdue, Edward Hale, John Garrison, and the Toney: John, William, and Poindexter, etc.—place this John and Benjamin White at East River.

1798

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

WHITE: John, 130a, 49, 24, .17 tax

COMMENT:

The Sugar Run John White continues to be taxed on all the land he owned prior to 1793. He does not appear on this year's personal tax roll.

1798

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge District; begun Spring 1798; certified 28 August 1798

"W" section, consecutive cluster:

White, John [Sr.]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.18	24 May
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White, Benjamin	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$	24 May
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COMMENT:

Others who submitted on 24 May (Matthew Peters, Nimrod Smith, Wm. Stowers, John Toney, etc.) place this John and Benjamin White on East River.

John Jr., below, appears to be back on the land that he and Robert White staked a claim to in the mid-1790s—roughly between Stoney Creek (the Sartains), Doe Creek (Thomas Cassidy) and the Snidow Ferry area:

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

“W” section, consecutive cluster:

White, John [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 1 white male, 16–21, 2 horses &c, \$.18	16 May
Williams, Michael		17 May
Web, Michael		17 May
Walters, George		17 May
Williams, Jeremiah		17 May
White, Hannah	2 white males 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.09	17 May

All entries for 16 May 1798:

- John Adkins
- John Batral
- **John Bowen** [one JB married Rachel Mills, 1803]
- Christopher, George, John Champ
- Wm Comack
- David Clap
- John & Daniel Cannidy
- Wear Cassidy
- John Loblin
- Gaspar Link
- David Lucas
- John Librook
- Jonathan & Thomas Marton
- Wm Marr
- Boston Nosler
- **John White**

All entries for 17 May 1798:

- Wm. Bradley
- James & Humphree Brumfield
- John, Thomas & Wm. Buerck
- Richard Briand
- David & Isaac Boyrs
- John Crue
- **Thomas Cassidy**
- Isaac Chapman
- Wm., Anthony, Joseph, Thomas Kirk
- Michael Maddan
- Thomas McGrif
- John Philips
- Joseph Ritenaur
- John, Joel [Sr.], Thomas & Joel [Jr.] Sartain
- **Elijah Sartain** [m. Sarah Mills, 1791]
- Christon & Jacob Snidow
- John & Christon Smith
- **Hannah White**

COMMENT:

Hannah White has not been identified with any degree of certainty. Evidence suggests she was likely a sister of John White Jr. and, therefore, a daughter of John White Sr. Several pieces of indirect evidence are relevant to this hypothesis:

- Jeremiah Williams, who turned in his list the same day as Hannah, is later clustered with other Whites, as follows:
 - 1797, he turned in his list on the same day as **Robert White**, whose 1797 land was said to be adjacent to Randall Lucas at Salt Pond Mountain.¹⁴⁸ In 1806, a survey of Randall Lucas’s land said that it adjoined **John White [Jr.]**. In 1812, Giles’ land entry book stated that Randall Lucas’s land adjoined **James White**.¹⁴⁹ Name-coupling on both tax rolls and petitions suggests that John Jr. and James (like Benjamin) were sons of John Sr.
 - 1806, Jeremiah Williams turned in his list on the same day as **Benjamin, John Sr., and John Jr. White**.
- On the next year’s tax roll (1799), Hannah is dropped and two new males appear on the

¹⁴⁸ William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

¹⁴⁹ Giles Co., VA, 1812 Land Book, unnumbered pages, semi-alphabetical entries; imaged on Library of Virginia Land Tax Books, roll 115.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Montgomery tax roll: **John White** and **Arthur White**. Arthur (aka Arter) would in 1807 serve as a bondsman for the marriage of Samuel Mills, son of Frankey Mills and stepson of John Sr.

- The presence of two males 16–21 in Hannah’s household in 1798 suggests that she was a widow or unmarried mother, at least in her mid-30s. If she were married to a brother of Benjamin, John Jr., Robert, and James, then that brother has not been identified. If she were their unmarried sister with two teenagers, then age-wise she should be older than Benjamin who married in 1787.
- The name Hannah White has been found in only one other instance—twenty-four years later. In April 1822, John White Jr. transferred 80 acres at Bear Spring to “Hannah White” for \$21.50½.¹⁵⁰ He was at that time jailed for debt. In an effort to save his property from creditors, he—on the same day that he transferred the 80 acres to Hannah—conveyed 65 acres on waters of Bear Spring and Buckeye Mountain to William White “for the good will and affection he bears toward **his son**.”¹⁵¹ Unlike the deed to William, the deed to Hannah does not state a relationship or include the “good will and affection” clause. The 1810 census does not attribute a female child to John’s household, who might be this Hannah. The likeliest reading of this body of evidence is that she was an unmarried sister living near and being provided for by John Jr.

1798

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land sale

Benjamin White (said here to have died before 1 September 1813) was a chain carrier for a survey of 105 acres that **Gordon Cloyd** made in 1798 for Thomas Cloyd “on the ridge dividing the waters of **East river** from those waters falling into **Brush Creek**. According to Cloyd, **White** “wished to possess himself of the said Survey and it was then agreed if the said **Benjamin White** Complied with the verbal bargain then made the said Cloyd would convey such right as might be required under the Survey then made but no responsibility of title other than a special warrantee from the said Gordon as whoever obtained the grant was to be given and whereas the said **Benjamin White** sold to **James Copley** who paid said Gordon the the [*sic*] Sum contracted by the said **Benjamin White** his claim and interest in & to the said Survey and the said James Copley informed the said Gordon that he had Sold his claim & Right therein to his brother **Joshua Copley**, who also informed the said Gordon that he had sold his right interest and claim in the survey aforesaid to **Joseph McKenney** ...” therefore, on 1 September 1813, Gordon Cloyd conveyed to McKinney the land that had been patented 16th of September 1802,” adjoining Joseph Cloyd’s inclusive survey of 680 acres [m & b not copied for want of time]. No witnesses shown. No proof in court.¹⁵²

COMMENT:

- In short: this Benjamin White conveyed his claim to the land to James Copley, whose sister married John White Jr. (aka John H White). Thereafter, the claim went from James Copley to his brother Joshua, who passed it to their brother-in-law Joseph McKenney (husband of Elizabeth Copley).¹⁵³

¹⁵⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389.

¹⁵¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

¹⁵² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 330–31.

¹⁵³ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 158.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

- The alleged death of a Benjamin White before 1813 contradicts all other evidence I have found. Only one Benjamin White appears on the Montgomery and Giles tax rolls between 1792 and 1820—the Benjamin White who married Ann Goodwin, 10 July 1787, Amherst.¹⁵⁴ Given that General Cloyd’s social and economic status would not suggest a close familiarity with the White family, it is possible that he erred—either speaking from rumor or as a dismissal to avoid a need to track Benjamin down to clear the title.
- James Copley was “special bail” for Benjamin H. White in 1809 when he was sued by John Toney, shortly before White’s sale of his East River land to Toney. I did not find a deed from Benjamin to James Copley, quit-claiming his rights to the land.

1799

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

- Again there is the taxation of 130 acres (the Sugar Run land) to John White, who no longer appears on the county’s personal roll.
- Although land has been surveyed for John White [Sr.] and William Preston at Big Spring of East River Mountain, that land is not taxed because they do not yet have full title to it. (Even then, they would not be taxed on the land for another four years. The prevailing pattern seems to be no land tax until a new grantee has had time to clear the land and make it productive.)

1799

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List B: James Hoge District; begun Spring 1799; certified 19 August 1799

White, John [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	12 Apr
White, James	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	13 Apr

All entries for 12 April 1799:

- Michael Brown
- Marshal Burton
- James and Thomas Copley Sr.
- George Fry Sr. & Jr.
- John Hunter
- Henry, Palser
- Parker, David, Charles, Thomas, Wm. **Lucous**
- John & Wm. Marr
- Isaac McKinsey
- Jacob Miller
- Frances Mason
- Chiston Price

All entries for 13 April

- **James White**
- James & Jumphy Brumfield
- John Burton
- Joseph Benge
- Isaac, David, Edward Boyers
- John, Thomas & Wm. Burck
- Wm. Bradly
- Richard Briande
- John, Thomas, John & Elias Benton
- Alexandrew Bevers
- Peter Harmin
- John, An^w, W^m, Th^s, Adam, Joner, An^w Sr. Hatfield

¹⁵⁴ William Montgomery Sweeny, *Marriage Bonds and other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (1937; reprint, Santa Maria, CA: Janaway Publishing, 2011), 81.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- John, Jacob, Christon Smith
- Jacob Sailor
- Joseph Snodgrass
- Christon & Jacob Snidow
- John, Elijah, Thomas, Joel Sr., Joel **Sarton**
- John, George Sr., and Henry Williams
- John Wishon
- **John White** [John Jr., later called John H]
- Daniel James
- James, David & Andrew Jonston
- John Librook
- Ayer & **Randle Lucous**
- George Williams
- George Walter
- Silas Wooten

White, John [son of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	13 May
White, Arter [son of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	13 May
Walker, Wm		14 May
White, Benjamin	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	14 May
Walker, John		15 May
White, John Senr.	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	15 May

COMMENT:

Note the explicit use of the identifier "Senr." for this John White of the Toney neighborhood.

All entries for 13 May 1799:

[Walker's Creek & Sugar Run]

- Forest, Thos, John, Clay Farley
- David Huse
- John **Hamman**
- John Hicks
- Henry, Plesent & Henry Luster Sr.
- Wm Law
- Wm Lee & **Robert Lee**
- **John Marcum**
- Frances Muncy
- Samuel Scott
- Jacob Shufflebarroger
- Edward, Isam, James Stafford
- **John White** (0 horse)
[son of Hannah?]
- **Arter White** (0 horse)
[son of Hannah?]
- Wm. Wilburn

All entries for 14 May 1799:

[From Wolf Creek to East River]

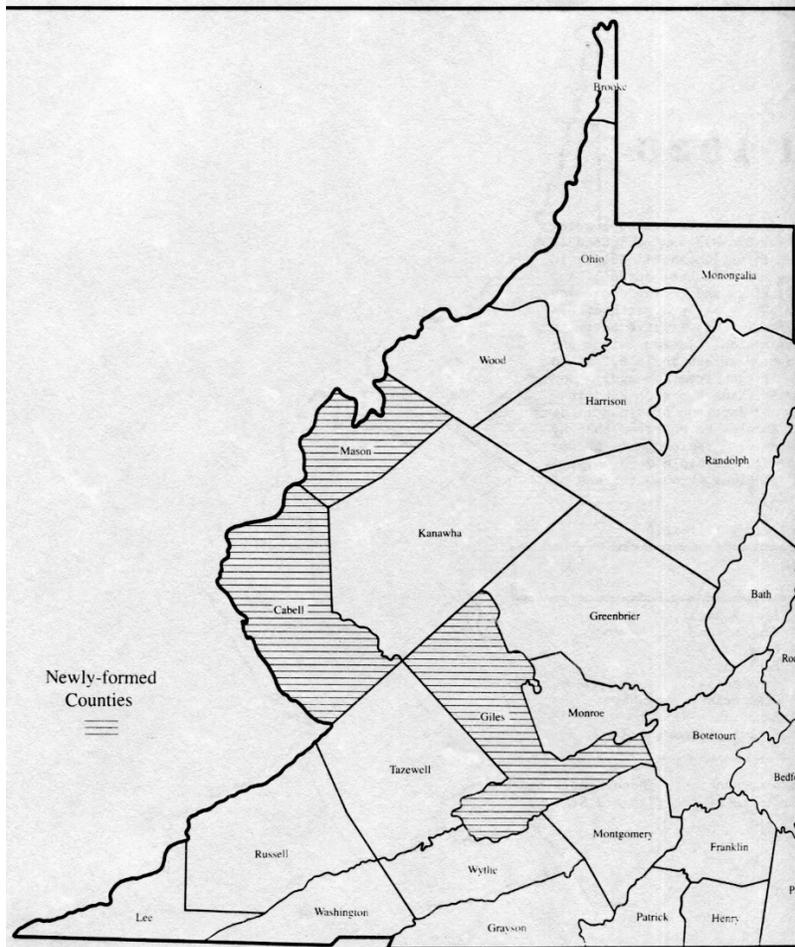
- James Aldridg
- John, E^d, Garl., H^y & W^m Chapman
- Isaac Byes
- John Geo., Rich, W^m Chapman
- John Carter
- Thomas Clyburn
- Joel Canterberry
- James [McClagherty]
- W^m, Mitchell Clay Sr & Jr.
- Judy, W^m & Jesse Farley
- David Hawl
- Isaac Hatfield
- Rb^t. Edm^d & Tho^s Lilly
- Moredock McKinsey
- Elisha & Thomas McKomas
- Philip & Peter Miller
- Lampkin McKinny
- Pat^k, Ed^d, Mary, Tho^s Napper
- Charles Neal
- George Pearis [at Pearisburg]
- Matt^w & John Sr. & Jr. Peters
- Zachariah Perdue
- John & James Sr. & Jr. Stafford
- Richard Sharp
- Jacob Straly
- Isaac, W^m, John, Robert Smith
- Travis & W^m Stowers
- James Stuard [land on East River]
- Nimrod Smith [associate of John Toney]
- **Benjamin White**

All entries for 15 May 1799

[East River]

- Joseph Abet
- Isum, Pet^t, Shad^k Blankenship
- Thomas Benges [Burgess?]
- Thomas Brunty
- Tho^s, Allen Sr. & Jr. Criston
- Thomas Coply [Jr.]
- John Cook
- Wm & Peter Sr & Jr. Dingess
- John Garrison
- Hery Holdaway
- John Holly
- Robert Lilly Senr.
- Joshua Lawson
- Wm. McNely
- Josiah Medo [Meador]
- Charles Markin
- Wm. Tiller
- Wm. Trasy
- John & Griffie Thomas
- Richard Tull
- John, W^m & Poindexter **Toney**
[East R at New R down to Wolf]
- **John White Senr.**
- John, Bⁿ, Charles Sr. & Jr Walker
- Wm & Andrew Wilson

Map 5
Western Virginia Counties, 1801–1810¹⁵⁵



1800— [N.D.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

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

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

¹⁵⁵ Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

the Tazewell County line, thence with Tazewell line, to Kanawa, line, thence with Kanawa line to New River, thence up the Same to Kerney’s Knobbs, at the line of Munroe County.”

[image 1, col. 4} **John White, John White Jr., Benjn White, James White, Arthur White,** David Somers, Berry Adkinson, Lewis Adkinson, Randolph Adkinson, Charles Walker Jr., Francis Farley, John Mitchmand, Fedrick Rose, Robert Smith, Peter Miller, Robert Clendenning, **Peter Dingues ...**”¹⁵⁶

COMMENT:

This petition is not the original copy with actual signatures and marks.

Francis and Forrest Farley have migrated from the parental lands around Walkers Creek to the Richland Creek area of what would be upper Giles. Peter Dingess held land on East River.

1800

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, *John Hoge* District

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

Again, the Little Sugar Run tract is taxed for the number of acres prior to the 1793 sale. As seen below, the owner of the remaining portion of that land makes a cameo appearance this year on the personal tax roll, clustered with his Benjamin, a younger John, and Arter White.

Again, the 95 acres surveyed for John Sr. and William Preston in 1797 at Big Spring on East River are not taxed, but this John continues to appear on the personal tax roll.

1800

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List A: *John Hoge* District

“**W**” section, consecutive cluster

White, John Senr.	1 white male 16+, 1 horse, \$.12	24 May
White, John	1 white male, 0 horse &c	24 May
White, Arter	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	24 May
White, Bengamin	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	24 May

COMMENT:

The roll of taxpayers who turned in their lists of taxable items on 24 May were the neighbors of the John White of Sugar Run / Walker Creek—suggesting that this “John Senr.” is the Sugar Run man who was taxed as “John Senr.” in 1791 with Benjamin and a younger John, but has been missing from Montgomery since his 1796 marriage to Susannah Marcum.

The appearance of Arter in this cluster is ambiguous. As previously discussed; he seems to have been one of the two underaged tithables charged to Hannah White in 1798, who was then taxed in his own name (together with a new John) in 1799, when Hannah was dropped. However, his

¹⁵⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), no date [1800–1804] Record No. 000613439; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

above coupling with the John of Sugar Run—considered together with the fact that he removed to the Cabell area where this Sugar Run family ended up—suggests that he belongs to the Sugar Run cluster. If so, then

- Arter’s service as bondsman to Samuel Mills, son of Frankey, suggests that the two same-named clusters of Whites are part of the same extended family.
- Arter’s parentage is badly muddled. If Sugar Run John were his father, then Hannah of 1798 should not be his mother, given that the Sugar Run John married Susanna Marcum in 1796.

All entries for 24 May 1800:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Aldredge • Joseph A lot • Berry & Randle Adkins • Obediah Byas • Elias, John & Thomas Burton • John & James Conly • Charles Clay & J Haw • John Carter • Mitchel Clay Senr & Mitchel Clay • Joseph & Joel Canterberry • Forest & Thomas Farley • Philip? Harlees? • Henry Luster Senr & Jur.
[continued in next colum] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Muncy • John Marcum • Major Marcum • Archabel Marcum • Zachariah & Samuel Scott • Edward Stafford • Wm. Smith • Wm. Tilles • Wm. Wilburn • Charles, Benjamin Walker • Whitt [White?], Robert • White, John Senr. • White, Arter • White, Benjamin |
|--|---|

White, John [Sr. of East River] [skip 9 W entries]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse	26 May
White, James [of Doe Creek]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	12 June

All entries for 26 May 1800:

- Wm, John, Edward, & Henry Burgess
- Richard & Wm. Chapman
- Thomas Cook
- Robert Lilly
- Abram Nettels
- Micajah Poarter
- Matthew Peters
- Thomas Prunty
- Zachariah Perdew
- George Pearice [of Pearisburg]
- Nimrod & Robert Smith
- James & Absolum Stuard
- **John & Wm. Toney**
- Wm. Tracy
- **John White**
- Wm. & **Robert Wilson**
- Charles Walker
- **James Wily**
- Silus Wootter
- Robert Waddle

All entries for 12 June

- Thomas & Wm. Bradley
- Isaac Bayers
- Joel, Susanna & Humphry Brumfield
- Samuel & Daniel Collins
- Daniel & Jon Cannidy
- John Cofman
- Isaac Chapman
- James Currin
- Joseph Cloyd
- Tardonnan, Michael & Philip Harlus
- Peter Harmin
- **James White**
- Jacob Wilson
- George Walters

Note: Tax rolls show that James Wiley from 1801–6 turned in his tax list on the same day as John White Sr. An 1830 deed shows James Wiley & Wm. Wiley owning adjacent tracts patented to **Robert Wiley Sr.**, their apparent father. (Giles DB C:680) William Mills-Whitt gave the name **Robert Wiley** to a son b. 1824.

1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

1801 land tax roll: List 2, *James Hoge*

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

Again this represents the 130 acres owned by John 'S' White on Sugar Run before he sold most of the acreage.

Again, John White Sr. of Big Spring on East River has not yet received title to (and is not taxed on) the land jointly surveyed for him and William Preston.

1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List A: Hoge District; begun Spring 1801; certified 8 August 1801

"W" section:

White, Arter [skip 14, <i>Webbs, Wilburns, &c</i>]	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c.	31 Mar
White, James Web, Wm. [skip 4]	1 white male 16+, 3 horses &c, \$.36 [<i>Robt. White m. Mary Webb 1795</i>]	22 May
White, John [Jr.] Walker, Wm & John	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	2 Jun
White, Benjⁿ [skip 4]	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	7 Jun
White, John Sen.	2 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	7 Jun

All entries dated 7 June 1801:

- John Dancy
- Ja^s, Isaac, Matt^{ws}, Dav^d, John French
- Francis Farley
- George Fry
- John Grant
- John Garrison
- Joseph Goare
- Travis Stower
[see next column]
- Nimrod Smith
- James Stuard
- Henry Stobeck
- Wm & John Walker
- **Benjamin White**
- John Williams
- James **Wiley**
- Benjamin & Charles Walker
- **John White Sr.**

COMMENT:

I will no longer continue to provide date lists that represent neighborhoods, except for John Sr. and Benjamin. At this point, tax rolls tell us the following:¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁷ For full details and community groupings from these tax lists, see the following research reports posted at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab:

- "Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Tax Roll Data, 1806–23 & (Partially) 1824–41; Including Selective Entries for Marcum, Preston & Toney," report to file, 28 February 2020.
- "Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807," report to file, 15 February 2020.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

- John Sr. has settled on that Big Spring at East Mountain land, coowned with Preston, where he will remain until 1818.
- Benjamin is in the neighborhood of the Wolf Creek land (the next water course below East Mountain) which he would lose in 1808 amid a suit by John Toney.
- James has settled permanently in the Doe Creek & Salt Pond Mountain area east of New River, roughly across from the mouth of Walker Creek.
- John Jr. (husband of Nancy Copley) is still claiming the Doe Creek land at this point. Shortly, (and apparently as a result of Robert’s disposal of their interest), he would buy land across the river in the Camping Hollow neighborhood of his Copley inlaws before eventually settling at Bear Spring and Gap Mountain, where he stayed until his death in 1847.
- John (apparent sibling of Arter) is missing this year but returned in 1802 at which time he was again coupled with Arter. The pair are missing in 1803 but appear 1804–1806, coupled each year. The 1806 roll would call this John “hunter,” a descriptor also used periodically for John White Jr. After Giles split away in 1806, neither would appear on the Giles tax roll, although Arter made a cameo appearance in 1807 in the marriage records of Frankey’s son Samuel Mills.

11 AUGUST 1801

BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

“**John White**. License to retail goods. At a Court held for the County of **Botetourt** the 11th day of August 1801 On Motion of **John White**, a License is granted him under the Act of Assembly Concerning Hawkers and Pedlars to Carry on the business of a Pedlar for one year from this day he having paid the sum of Twenty dollars the Tax imposed by the said Act as appears by the receipt of Francis Blunt, a Deputy Sheriff of this County.

“A Copy. Teste H. W? Boyers, C.C.

“Montgomery September Court 1801

“On the application of **John White** A License granted him under the act of Assembly Concerning Hawkers and Pedlars by the Court of Botetourt County is Ordered to be Recorded in this court. Teste: Charles Taylor, Clerk.”¹⁵⁸

COMMENT:

This John White, who first obtained a peddler’s license in Botetourt and then presented it in Montgomery for recording when he arrived there to peddle, should be a Botetourt resident.

15 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

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

{image 2} **Peter Dingess, Sr.**, John Dingess, John Guttery, **John White Sen.**, **Jas. White**, James **Coply**, William Chapman, John Burgess, Henry Burgess, William Burgess, Garland Burgess, Edward Burgess Sr.,

¹⁵⁸ Montgomery Co., VA, Will Book 1, 1796–1809: 120.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Edward Burgess Jr., John Coleman, James Stewart, Absalom _____, **John White Jr.**, Joel Brumfld, John Copley¹⁵⁹

COMMENT:

As seen in the Cloyd-to-McKinney document discussed under 1799 and 1813, James Copley left the Copley Ford (later Copley Ferry) area around Camping Hollow and relocated in the Brush Creek/ East River area.

As seen in various documents below, the Dingess family of East River were close to the Benjamin branch of this White family. "Benjamin H. White" witnessed the will of Peter Dingess Sr. in 1809. Subsequently, his apparent daughter Elizabeth bore a child to Peter's son Charles Dingess, a wealthy bachelor who left part of his estate to Elizabeth's daughter.

16 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land patent

"James Monroe, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all To whom these presents shall come Greeting [:] Know ye that by Virtue of a land Office Treasury Warrant number" 15,112 issued 6 March 1783, "There is Granted by the said Commonwealth unto **William Preston** and **John White** a certain tract or parcel of land containing" **95 acres** "by survey bearing date" 12 March 1797, "lying and being in the County of Montgomery On the waters of New River on the **South side of the Big Spring Mountain** and bounded as followeth, to wit,"

Beginning at four chesnuts on the S side of a Spur, S 38° E94 poles to two Spanish Oaks and a poplar by a branch, Corner of **George Paris's** land and with a line of the same S 65° E 60 poles to two white oaks, thence leaving said line S 40° W 170 poles to two white oaks in a hollow, N 45° W48 poles to three white oaks, thence N 10° E 200 poles, crossing some small branches to the beginning.

"with the Appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its Appurtenances to the said William Preston & **John White** and their heirs forever, in witness whereof the sd James Monroe Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on" 16 December 1801 "and of the Commonwealth the Twenty Sixth [year]."¹⁶⁰

COMMENT:

This John is the John Sr. who married Frankey Mills.

1802

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .17

¹⁵⁹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 52.

¹⁶⁰ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48, 1801–1802, p. 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 5 October 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

COMMENT:

Again, these 130 acres represent John 'S' White's full Sugar Run tract. The error would continue until 1806, when Giles was cut away and Montgomery and Giles reconciled their land tax books.

As noted under December 1801, John White [Sr.] and William Preston have received full title to their land, but they will not be taxed on it until 1805.

1802

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List B: John Hoge District; begun Spring 1802; certified 1 October 1802

"W" section, consecutive clusters:

Web, Stephen		26 Mar
White, John [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 1 horses &c, \$.12	26 Mar
White, James	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.25	26 Mar
[skip 16]		
Wilburn, Wm.		7 Jun
White, John [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	7 Jun
White, Arter [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	7 Jun
Walker, Charles Senr.		9 Jun
Walker, Wm		
White, John [Sr.]	1 white male 16+, 3 horses &c	9 Jun
White, Benjamin	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	9 Jun
Wilson, Robert		9 Jun

All entries dated 9 June 1802:

- **John White [Sr.]**
- **Benjamin White**
- Charles Walker Senr.
- James **Wiley**
- Charles & Wm. Walker
- Robert Wilson

COMMENT:

Robert Wilson, who is listed consecutively with John Sr. and Benjamin on the same day, resided on the land of (and operated a store for) John Toney,¹⁶¹ whose operation on the west side of New River stretched from East River on the north to Wolf Creek on the south.

The community reconstruction of all individuals who turned in their lists the same day as Arter and John (Travis, William, and Caleb Stowers; James and Ralph Stuart; William Smith) places them also in the Wolf Creek/East River area.

¹⁶¹ Robert Wilson v. John Toney, Augusta County, VA, Chancery Causes file 1809-119; imaged, "Chancery Records Index," Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119 : downloaded 16 May 2019). This case was heard in the Staunton District court seated in Augusta County, but most documents were created in Montgomery and Monroe Counties..

1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, Hoge District

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .20

COMMENT:

Again these 130 acres represent the Sugar Run land formerly owned by John 'S' White.

1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List B: Hoge District

White, James	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	26 May
[skip 3]		
White, John [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	4 Jun
[skip 7]		
White, Benjamin	<u>1?</u> [2?] white male 16+, 0 horses &c	6 Jun
White, John [Sr.]	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	6 Jun

COMMENT:

Arter and John, the apparent sons of Hannah, are not carried on this roll.

All entries for 6 June 1803:

- James Aldridg
- James Burnside
- Charles Walker Sen.
- **Benjamin White**
- **John White [Sr.]**

3 AUGUST 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

"**Rachel Mills**, orphan of **Francis Mills**, deceased, came into Court and made choice of **William Preston** as her guardian, whereupon he entered into Bond According to Law."¹⁶²

COMMENT:

Rachel, as daughter of Frances Mills, was clearly not an "orphan" by modern definition. Frances was still alive in 1807 when her son Samuel married. However, in this time frame, the term "orphan of ..." was not commonly used in reference to a deceased mother. It was almost always used in reference to a deceased father—i.e., a child without the support or protection of a male parent. William Preston, a man exceptionally educated for his place and time, may have deliberated used the masculine spelling of Frances' name when he acted for Rachel *in locos parentis*, rather than have her go on record as a child born to a single mother. In this vein, it is also worth noting that when William Preston's brother John asked the court to bind out Frances'

¹⁶² Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801–1803: 130.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

daughter in 1790, he did not put the child's name into the record. Rachel's actual father has not been identified.

3 AUGUST 1803
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA
Marriage bond.

"Know all men by these presents that we **John Bowen & Wm. Preston** are held and firmly bound unto John Pope, Esquire, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ... this 3d day of August 1803. The condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound John Bowen hath this day obtained a license for his Marriage with **Rachel Mills** now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, then this obligation, to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. [Signed:] John Bowen Wm Preston."

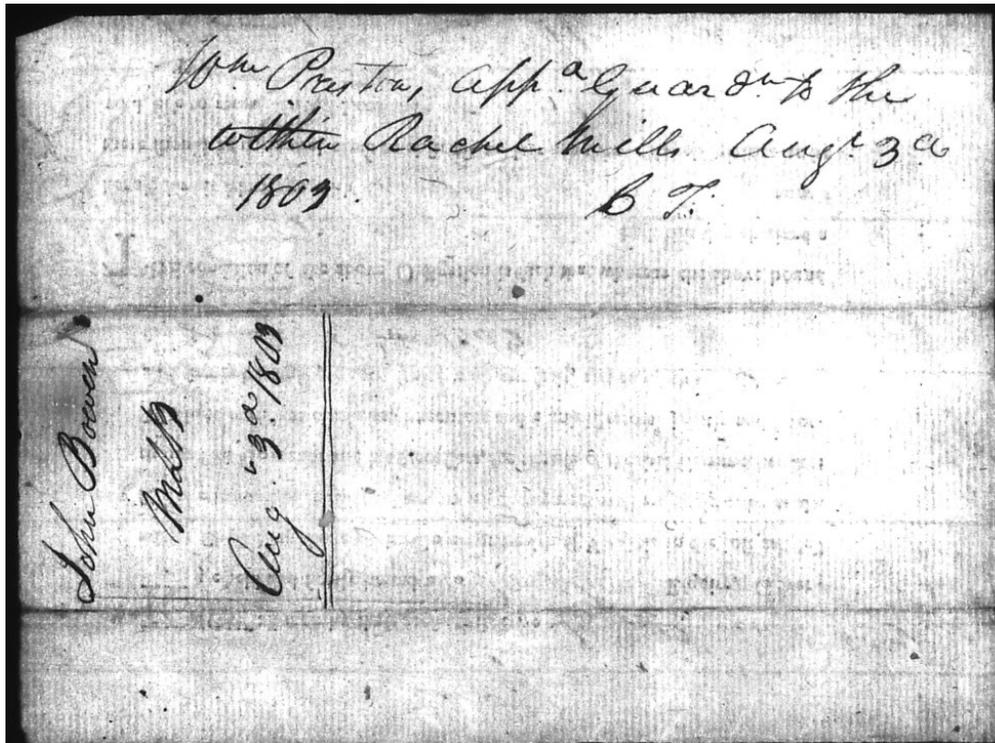
[Backside of bond:] "Wm. Preston, Apptd Guardn to the within Rachel Mills Augt. 3d 1803, C.T."¹⁶³

KNOW all men by these presents that we *John Bowen & Wm. Preston*
are held and firmly bound unto *John Pope* Esquire, Govern.
nor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full
sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made,
to our said Governor and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth:
We bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this *3^d*
day of *August* *1803*

THE condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound
John Bowen bath this day obtained a
license for his Marriage with *Rachel Mills* now if
there should be no lawful cause to obstruct ^{said} Marriage then this obligation, to be
void, else to remain in full force and virtue:
Teffe,
John Bowen
Wm. Preston

¹⁶³ Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills



8 DECEMBER 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Freeholders and Inhabitants of Montgomery Co. request a new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe. [Text is much the same as that transcribed below for December 1804.]

{image 3, col. 1} **Tom Copley**, Edward Burges, Jr., Edward Burges Sr., John Burges, Henry Burges, William Burges, Garland Burges, Phillip Miller. David Toller, **Benjamin White, Ritchard Whitt, John White, William White, James Copley.**¹⁶⁴

COMMENT:

After Giles was cut away in 1806, all of these men (except Richard Whitt) fell into Giles.

16 MAY 1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

Survey of land for **John White**, 100 acres "by survey" dated **16 May 1804**, in the county of Montgomery in the **Camping Hollow**, on the West side & about a mile from **New River**, adjacent to **Thomas Burks**. The grant would be issued 14 July 1808. See that date, below.¹⁶⁵

¹⁶⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), citing Record No. 000248592, Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 58.

¹⁶⁵ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 56, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

COMMENT:

This John was John Jr. (aka John H. White) husband of Nancy Copley whose father Thomas Copley lived in Camping Hollow. John and wife “Nancey” sold this land in 1810.

1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

1804 land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .20

COMMENT:

Again these 130 acres represent the full acreage of the Sugar Run land formerly owned by John ‘S’ White.

1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List A: Hoge District

White, John [of Hannah?]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Apr
White, Arter [of Hannah?]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Apr
Wilburn, Wm.		4 Apr
White, John [Jr.]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
White, Benjamin	1 white, 2 horse &c, \$.24	6 Apr
White, James	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
White, John Senr.	1 white, 3 horses &c, \$.36	6 Apr
Walker, Charles Junr.		7 Apr
Wiley, James		7 Apr
Wilson, Wm. & Andrew		7 Apr
White, Robert	1 white, 0 horses &c	7 Apr

COMMENT:

Note that Arter and John this year are two days away from the East River cluster. The pattern of the commissioner is this:

- On 5 April he collected lists from John Toney of New River at East River and others who lived a bit up East River.
- By 6 April, he has moved further up East River, to the Big Spring area where John Senr. and Frankey then lived.
- The 7 April lists (the day he picked up Robert White) included several living between East River and Wolf Creek, including Peter Dingess and Gabriel Maupin—also James Wiley, a man couple with John Sr.’s cluster in years past, and **John Connor**.

Connor is particularly important to this study; he would surface again in 1816–17, with Zachariah Crawford, *leasing land from John Toney with William Mills as witness to both leases*. An 1827 title clearance (see that year below) shows John Conner and Zachariah Crawford sharing a roughly three-square-mile area north of the Bluestone with several of John White Sr.’s offspring, as well as Samuel Mills’s eldest son David.¹⁶⁶

¹⁶⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C has no individual index at back or front.

7 DECEMBER 1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to Legislature

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

Thus, they seek "a New County off the western end of the said County of Montgomery including a small part of the Counties of Monroe and Tazewell ... to be constructed and Established by a Line Beginning on New River at end of Gaulley Mountain, where the Counties of Greenbrier Kanhawa and Montgomery intersects. Thence up the River with the Greenbrier and Montgomery Line to the intersection fo Monroe Line. Thence with Monroe and Montgomery Line to the mouth of Indian Creek, thence a strait Line to the Top of Peter Mountain where the path crosses from Jacob Millers on Rich Creek to Hatfields Mill on Stoney Creek. Thence along the Top of said Montain [sic] and with the Montgomery and Monroe Line to the Intersection of Botetourt County Line: and with the Botetourt and Montgomery line to the Top of the **Gap Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to New River, crossing the same to the end of **Walkers Creek Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to the intersection of Wythe County Line. Thence Northwestwardly with said line to the intersection of **Tazewell** Line: and with the Tazewell and Montgomery Line to the Top of **Wolf Creek Mountain**. Thence southwestwardly along the said Mountain to a point Two Miles below the mouth of the **Clare fork of Wolf Creek**, then a Strait Line to the **head of east River called and Know[n] by the name of the Big Spring**. Thence a Straight Line to the head of Crane Creek on the Top of the Flat Top Mountain. Thence a strait Line to the three forks of Guyandott River. Thence down said River until it intersects Kanhawa County line. Thence with the said Line to the Beginning, forming a County about one Hundred miles Long and about forty Broad, Leaving each of the Old Counties compact, without any reasonable cause for Removing the present Public Buildings."

{Signature sheet 1, col. 2} Loe Brown, Wm. Brown, James Mustard, Noah Mullet, Frank Scott, William Shannon, Joh. Shannon, John Connally, **John Marcum**

{Signature sheet 2, col. 1} John Brown, Thomas Copley ...

{Signature sheet 2, col. 2} John Tawney [not Toney], Price Lucas, Parker Lucas Jr., William **Lucas** ...

{Signature sheet 2, col. 4} Geo. Pearis ... Mitchell Cloyd, Elish McCommas, David McCommas ...

{Signature sheet 3, col. 3} **Arter Whit** ... John Ebling, James Boowen, William Poterfield, William **Lucas**

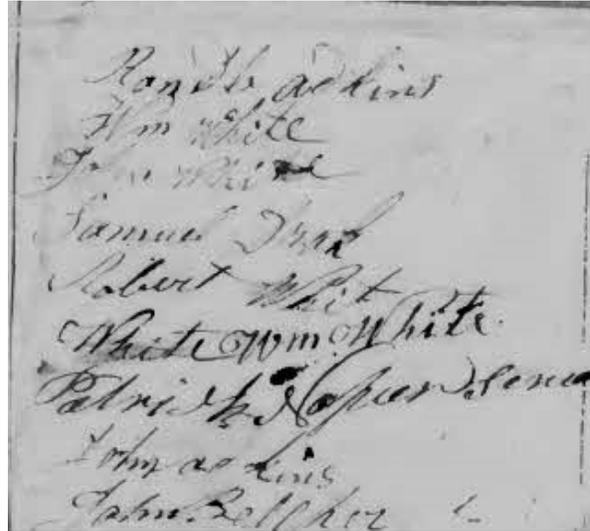
{Signature sheet 4, col. 1} Thomas **Sertain**, Isaac McKinnie?, Wm. Wilborn, William French, John **Certain**, **Elijah Certain**, James Hall, George Fry, John Lucas Jr., John _____, James McKinsey, David French, John Thomas, Joel **Sertain**

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

{Signature sheet 4, col. 3} Randle **Adkins, Wm. White, John White**, Samuel Drak, **Robert Whit, White Wm. White**, [sic] **Patrick Napier Senior**, John **Adkins**, John Belsher [Belcher].

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

{Signature sheet 5, col. 2" [sip 4] Wm. Garrison, Travis Stowers, **Patric Napier**, John McClaugherty¹⁶⁷



COMMENT:

Some of the "signatures" on this petition appear to be that of the named person. Most appear to be the handwriting of the person collecting the signatures. In the White grouping, confusion is evident. On the sixth line, apparently after stopping to refill his ink pen, the collector wrote "White" with no given name. Then, after Patrick Napier Senior took the pen and signed on an upward slant, the collector or another individual, smudged out the surname-only White entry and he or someone else fitted in another William White signature—also on an upward slant that was uncharacteristic of the other signatures penned by the collector. Whether *two* William Whites appeared in that cluster remains questionable.

Notably, the tax rolls of Montgomery do not include *any* William White in 1804. ***It would, in fact, be 1815 before any William White appeared on the tax roll.*** This introduces a *possibility* that "William White" of this petition might be **William Mills**, proposed son of Frankey, using his stepfather's name before he left the family and went on his own.

1805

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

1804 land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

WHITE: John, 130a, 41, 0, .20

WHITE: "Wm. Preston & John White," 95a, 34, 0, \$.16

COMMENT:

- This is the first taxation of the land that was jointly patented to Wm. Preston and the John White who married Frankey Mills.
- Again the 130 acres represent the full acreage of Sugar Run land once owned by John 'S'.

1805

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List A: Hoge District; consecutive names

White, James

1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24

6 Apr

¹⁶⁷ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248595; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 60.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Walker, Charles Junr.		6 Apr
Wiley, James		6 Apr
White, John Senr.	1 white male 16+, 4 horses &c, \$.48	6 Apr
White, John	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
White, Benjamin	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
Waddal, Robert		4 Jun
White, John	[of Hannah?] 1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Jun
White, Arter	[of Hannah?] 1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Jun

COMMENT:

Note that in the next year, 1806, John Sr. would have two additional tithes. One would be Frankey's son Samuel, who had just arrived at the age of eighteen. The second is unidentified.

3 SEPTEMBER 1805
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

"Ordered that the following claims be allowed in the state of the next Levey to wit: ... To **Robert Whitt** the same [i.e., for killing one old wolf] \$2.50, To **John White Senr.** the same \$2.50 ..." ¹⁶⁸

1806
GILES COUNTY, VA

Historical context

"Be it enacted by the general assembly, That all the part of the counties of **Montgomery, Monroe and Tazewell**, contained within the following boundaries, to wit:

Beginning at the end of **Gauly mountain** on **New river** where the counties of **Greenbriar** and **Kanawha** intersect; thence up the river with the **Greenbriar** and **Montgomery** line to the intersection of **Monroe** line; thence with the Monroe and Montgomery line to the upper end of **Pine's plantation**; thence a straight line to the mouth of **Rich creek**, leaving the plantation of **Hugh Caperton** on the right; thence with the Montgomery and Monroe line to the intersection of **Botetourt** county line, and with the Botetourt and Montgomery line to the top of **Gap mountain**; thence along the top of said mountain to **New river**, crossing the same to the end of **Walker's creek mountain**; thence along the top of said mountain to the intersection of **Wythe county** line; thence north-westwardly with said line to the intersection of **Tazewell** line, and with the Tazewell and Montgomery line to the top of **Wolf creek mountain**; thence along Wolf creek mountain to a path leading from the **Round Bottom** to **Harman's mill**, about three miles below the mouth of **Clear Fork** of **Wolf creek** [current **Bland Co.** area]; thence a straight line to the **Big Spring** on **East river**; thence a straight line to the mouth of **Militin's fork**; thence a direct line to the head of **Crane creek** on the top of the **Flat-top mountain**; thence down said river until it intersects with **Kanawha county** line; thence with the said line to the beginning

shall, from and after the first day of May next, form one distinct county, and be called and known by the name of Giles county. ..."

¹⁶⁸ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 15, 1805–1807: 22.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

“A court for the said county of Giles shall be held by the justices thereof on the second Tuesday in every month ... and a quarterly session of the said court shall be held in each of the months of April, June, September and November of every year. ...”

“The said county of Giles shall remain in the same district with the county of **Monroe**, for which district courts are holden at the Sweet springs, and be of the same brigade district.”¹⁶⁹

4 FEBRUARY 1806
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Court order: “**John White** to David Summers Deed proven by the oath of **Gorden Cloyd** & James Hoge and Continued for further proof.”¹⁷⁰

COMMENT:

This conveyance has not been found in the clerk’s record books for deeds. The fact that it was “continued for further proof” indicates all witnesses had not appeared in court to attest the validity of the document. When this situation occurred, if the missing witnesses did not eventually appear, the instrument would rarely be recorded.

Contradictory factors suggest that this John could be the (a) John Jr., husband of Nancy Copley, selling his land (or claim to land) adjacent to Randall Lucas on Doe Creek; or (b) John formerly of Sugar Run, selling off the remaining acreage that he retained after his three sales of 1793:

Possibly John White Jr.:

- The identity of the purchaser (Summers) suggests that this John White was from the family of John White Sr. in the Wolf Creek to East River area. Summers in 1804 had witnessed Benjamin White Sr.’s purchase on Wolf Creek.¹⁷¹
- The identity of the witness (Cloyd) adds nothing pro or con. He owned land all over the county, held land adjacent to John of Little Sugar Creek, but also used Benjamin White as his chain bearer for land surveys on East River.¹⁷²

Possibly John ‘S’ White of Sugar Run:

- This year 1806 is the year that the Montgomery County land tax roll corrected its long-running error and reduced John White’s Sugar Run tract to 35 acres. That tax-roll correction could have been prompted by the above sale.
- The fact that witnesses were called to attest the validity of the document, rather than the seller himself appearing in court to acknowledge the deed as his own act, also suggests that the seller is no longer in the county.

23 APRIL 1806
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

¹⁶⁹ Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1806 and Giles County Land TAX List 1805; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: P.p., 1980), preface, pp. A-1 and A-2.

¹⁷⁰ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 15, 1805–1807: 100.

¹⁷¹ Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D, 1803–1810: 95–96.

¹⁷² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 330–31.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

By virtue of two warrants (one for 65 acres by military warrant no. 330 issued 7 February 1780 under the royal proclamation of 1763; the other for 64 acres by Treasury Warrant no. 1022 issued 25 December 1794), there is granted to **Randall Lucas** a tract of 125 acres **surveyed 22 December 1796** in the county of Montgomery "on the head of **Doe Creek**, a branch of New River" bounded as follows:

Beginning at two large chestnuts corner of **John White's** land, then with a line thereof N 74° E 140 poles to a large chesnut, N 80 poles crossing a small branch to a black oak, N 78° W 178 poles to a buckeye in a branch, S 38° W 57 poles to a sugar tree on a sharp spur, S 20° E 44 poles to three sugar trees on a line of **Thomas Cassidays** land, then with lines thereon N 55° E 42 poles to two sugar trees by a branch, a corner thereof, and then S 16° 98 poles down said branch and crossing the same to the beginning.¹⁷³

COMMENT:

- Doe Creek was the previous location of the land of John Abram Glymph, the man Frankey almost married in November 1788.
- Note on Maps 1 and 2 that Doe Creek is east of New River, just below the mouth of Walker Creek the west of New River near Copley's Ford. Most references to John 'S' White's land place him several miles westward where Little Sugar Run approaches Walker's Creek.
- **This John White is John White Jr.**, husband of Nancy Copley.
- The Lucas land also adjoined **Robert White** in 1797, according to a suit subsequently filed against Robert:

"To the Worshippful Court of Montgomery County in Chancery sitting humbly complaining hewethe [herewith] unto your Worships your Orator Wm. McClenanachan [*sic*], That on or about the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1797 a certain **Robert White** entered into an obligation (which your Orator prays may be referred to & taken as part of this bill) under the penalty of one hundred and fifty pounds to a certain **Randal Lucas** conditioned that the said White should make a good & Lawful right to a certain tract of Land containing one hundred & fifty Acres of Land lying & being on the **north side of the Salt Pond Mountain**, adjoining the lands of **Thomas Cassiday** & the land of **Randal Lucas** & is now also the plantation on which he now lives, to the said Randal Lucas Afterwards on the 15th day of August 1797, the said Randal Lucas assigned the said obligation with all its force to Benjamin Thomas ..."¹⁷⁴

1806

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

WHITE: Wm. Preston & **John White** [Sr.], 95a, 34, 0, \$.16

John, 35a \$34, \$.16 tax

DROPPED: **John**, 130a, \$41, \$.20 tax

1806

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

¹⁷³ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 55, 1805–1806, p. 397; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++1805-1806&dbl_pgs=yes&round=DOWN : accessed 5 October 2019).

¹⁷⁴ William McClenahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged at *Library of Virginia*, "Chancery Records Index," *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Personal property tax roll

White, James	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	5 Apr
White, Benjamin	1 white male 16+, 0 horses	5 Apr
White, Benjamin	2 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	8 Apr
White, John, Junr.	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	8 Apr
White, John, Senr.	3 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	8 Apr
White, John, hunter [of Hannah?] Wilburn, Wm.	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	13 May 13 May
White, Arter [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	13 May

COMMENT:

This marks the last appearance on the Montgomery and/or Giles tax roll of Arter White and the John who is repeatedly coupled with him. Arter would make one subsequent appearance in Giles, 1807, as a surety for Samuel Mills' marriage bond and a witness to the permissions.¹⁷⁵

1806

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

List of John Hoge, 86th Regiment Militia, Montgomery Co. Arranged semialphabetically by first letter of surname.

"W" section. Consecutive entries:

James White [Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ tax	5 Apr
Robert Wilburn		5 Apr
Benjamin White	1 tithe	5 Apr
[skip 5]		
John White Jur.	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ tax	8 Apr
John White, Sr.	3 tithes [self, stepson Samuel Mills & _____] 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ tax	8 Apr
[skip 21 other Ws]		
William Wilburn		23 Apr
Arthur White	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ tax	23 Apr

COMMENT:

- John Sr. should be one of the tithes in his own household, despite his age. In reading court minutes, I did not find a request by him to be excused from taxes.
- One of the two younger tithes in John's household should be his stepson, Samuel Mills
- The other young tithe would not be a son of John by Frankey. Any son by her would be four years shy of tithable age.
- One possibility for the extra tithe can be ruled out: John White Sr. was not in a financial position to employ a laborer.

¹⁷⁵ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

- A second possibility: Frankey’s hypothetical son William Mills who emerged this year in Franklin County, as an apparent employee of young Samuel McCarrell who had inherited Montgomery > Giles land belonging to his grandfather John Ferguson.
- One other possibility is unlikely: none of John’s proposed sons had been married long enough to have a son of tithable age, with the possible exception of Benjamin. However, Benjamin’s tax lists did not include an extra tithe for another two years.
- Re Robert Wilburn adjacent to Benjamin White: A road order of 1818 places Wilburn as a neighbor of Toney’s Ferry, off East River.
- Arthur White’s appearance at the end of the “W” list W is a typical position for new males at their first appearance—or for previously taxed males who had dropped out of the county and now returned.
- Note that John Sr. and Jr. are grouped together and submitted their list on the same day. This suggests that John Jr. had not yet moved to the land that was surveyed for him in the Copley neighborhood of Camping Creek, 1804.

NOVEMBER 1806
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court orders

James White serves on jury in case of Justice vs. Helvey.¹⁷⁶

15 APRIL 1807
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court orders

Grand jury returned a presentment against **James White** and Caleby [sic]Stowers for fighting on 14 April 1807. Also against **John White** and William Stowers for fighting the same day. Also against Mordecai Stowers and Archibald Blankenship, same charge, same day.

James White is also a juror this session that heard a case against Larkin Stowers.¹⁷⁷

COMMENT:

The John should be John Jr. See records below for John Sr. as special bail for John Jr. and James.

1807
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land tax roll

John White	35a, \$34, \$.16 tax
Wm Preston & John White:	95a, \$34, \$.16

COMMENT:

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

1807

¹⁷⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 48.

¹⁷⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–708.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

List of 86th Regiment Militia; semi-alphabetical by *first* letter of first name.

B section:

Benjamin White 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ 13 Apr

“J” section:

John White Jr. 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ 27 Apr

[skip 8]

James White 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ 27 Apr

John White Sr. 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢ 27 Apr

COMMENT:

- Benjamin White at this time owned land on Wolf Creek of the Bluestone.
- John Sr. should be on the land he held jointly with William Preston, at Big Spring at East River Mountain.
- John Sr. should now be in his late sixties. His sons by Frankey would be pre-teens to toddlers, incapable of the work required to clear and till raw land.
- The second tithable in John Sr.’s household should be his stepson Samuel Mills who would marry about ten days later.
- John Sr. has lost a tithe since 1860—raising the question whether that tithe might have been Frankey’s hypothetical son William Mills who in 1806 established himself in Franklin County, as an apparent employee of young Samuel McCarrell who had inherited Montgomery > Giles land belonging to his grandfather John Ferguson.
- James turned in his list on the same day as John Sr., implying that he was then living with John Sr. and working the Big Spring land with him.

23 APRIL 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage permission

I, **John & franky Whhite** [*sic*] of the County of Giles & State of Virginia do both & Each of us agree for **Samuel Mills** our sun [*sic*] to mary [marry] **Rachel prince** & act for him Self other wise. Given under our Hand and seal this 23 April 1807. [Signed] John White. Franky White. Test: **Benj^a H White, James White** (X his mark), **Arter White** (X his mark).¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁸ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

I John & Frankey White of the County of Giles, in the State of Virginia
do both Each of us a gree for Samuel Mills our son to marry
Rachel Prince & act for him self other wise
given under our hands and Seals this 23 April 1807
Test
Benja White
James White
John White
Frankey Mills

COMMENT:

There is reason to question whether John White wrote this himself and whether he was even able to read or write. Compare this "signature" to the one on John's bond to marry Frankey, below.¹⁷⁹

John White
Thomas Copley

29 APRIL 1807
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage bond

We, John & Rachel Prince of Giles County do here by Each of us a gree for **Samuel Mills** to obtain License for matrimony for him self & our Daughter Rachel Prince a gree able to their wish given under our hands & Seals this 29th Day of April 1807. [Signed] John Prince (his X mark). Rachel Prince (her 7 mark). Test: Arther White (his X mark).¹⁸⁰

¹⁷⁹ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁸⁰ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

We John & Rachel Prince of Giles County
do here by each of us a free for Samuel
Mills to obtain licence for matrimony
for him self & our Daughter Rachel Prince
a free able to their wish given under our
hands & seals this 29th Day of April 1807

Test,
Arther^{his} White
mark

John^{his} & Rachel Prince
mark
Rachel^{her} Prince
mark

6 MAY 1807
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage bond

"Know all men by these Presents that we **Samuel Mills**, William Murphy and **Arter White** are held and firmly bound unto William H. Cabell Esqr. Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the pannel Sum of one Hundred and fifty dollars to be Leveed of our Several goods and Chattels Lands and tenements for the use of the said commonwealth upon condition If there is no Lawful cause to obstruct a marrage between **Samuel Mills** and **Rachel Prince** for which a marriage License have been obtained then this obligation to be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force & virtue. Signed & Sealed this 6th day May 1807 **Samuel Mills** {LS} Arter white {LS} & William Murphy {LS}. Test: David French [Clerk of court]."¹⁸¹

¹⁸¹ Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Know all men by these Presents That we Samuel
Mills William Murphy and arles white are held and
firmly bound unto William H. Cabell Esq. Governour
of the commonwealth of Virginia for the times being and
his Successors in the pecune & Sum of one Thousand
and fifty dollars to be Lived of our Several goods
and Chattels Lands and Licensments for the use of the
Said commonwealth upon conditions If there is
no Louper cause to obstruct a marriage between
Samuel Mills and Rachel Prince for which
a marriage Licence have been obtained
then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain
in full force and effect Signed Sealed this
17th day May 18th 1792
at
David French
Samuel Mills
arles white
William Murphy

Seal
Seal
Seal

Also note:

- Frances "Frankey" Mills married "John White Sr." by bond of 19 August 1792, Montgomery County, with Thomas Copley Jr. as surety. Given that son Samuel is under 21, then he was born 1786–c1792. Social patterns suggest that the likeliest period of Samuel's birth was about the year that Abram Glymph took out the bond to marry "Widow" Frances Mills and then the planned marriage fell through for an unexplained reason (i.e., late 1787 to late 1788).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- Arthur ("Arter"), Benjamin H., and James White would not be sons of Frankey. A son of hers by John White Sr. would not be old enough to serve as official witnesses or bondsman.
- As previously noted, the only "Benjamin White" in Giles County, 1800–14, has been the Benjamin who married Ann Goodwin in 1787. This 1807 document marks the earliest usage of the middle initial 'H' that has been found for him, and the first time that he has signed a bond. He would use the middle initial H—almost without exception, but never a middle name—through the last document I've found for him (the 1830 census).
- As previously noted, Arther White is found on tax rolls and petitions amid neighbors of both John 'S' White and John White Sr.
- Samuel Mills made his first appearance on the 1811 Giles County tax roll, suggesting that he came of age in late 1809 or early 1810. However, he made one earlier appearance on the Cabell 1809 roll. This would place his birth in 1787 or 1788. When Samuel applied for bounty land in 1855, he cited his age as 67, placing his birth November 1787 to November 1788.¹⁸²
- **William Murphy** on 14 October 1806 married **Nancy Prince** there in Giles.¹⁸³ On the 1810 census of Giles, he is 1 house from Samuel and Rachel.

The actual marriage entry, in the reconstructed Giles Co. register imaged below, names no parents for Samuel at all and only Rachel's father.¹⁸⁴

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES																
DATE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	FULL NAME OF THE PARTIES		AGE AND CONDITION BEFORE MARRIAGE						PLACE OF THEIR BIRTH		PLACE OF THEIR RESIDENCE		NAMES OF THEIR PARENTS		OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND
				HUSBAND		WIFE		SINGLE or WIDOWED		HUSBAND	WIFE	HUSBAND	WIFE	HUSBAND	WIFE	
				Yrs.	Mo.	Days	Yrs.	Mo.	Days							
August 12, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.			James White		
Sept 15, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Sept 15, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Sept 26, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
July 24, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Sept 24, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Jan 9, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
May 6, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Nov 25, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
April 7, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Feb 16, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Jan 7, 1807	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
August 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Nov 2, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
March 20, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
August 22, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Jan 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
July 21, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
March 20, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Feb 6, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Nov 14, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Sept 4, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
Sept 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
July 19, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					
March 14, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Ann Goodwin							Salem Co. Va.	Salem Co. Va.					

¹⁸² The bounty land affidavit is today part of his widow's pension application. See Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, Fold3 (https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910 : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

¹⁸³ "Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740–1850," database, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com : 13 October 2019); citing Jordan R. Dodd, *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850* (Bountiful, UT: Precision Index Publishing, n.d.), n.p.

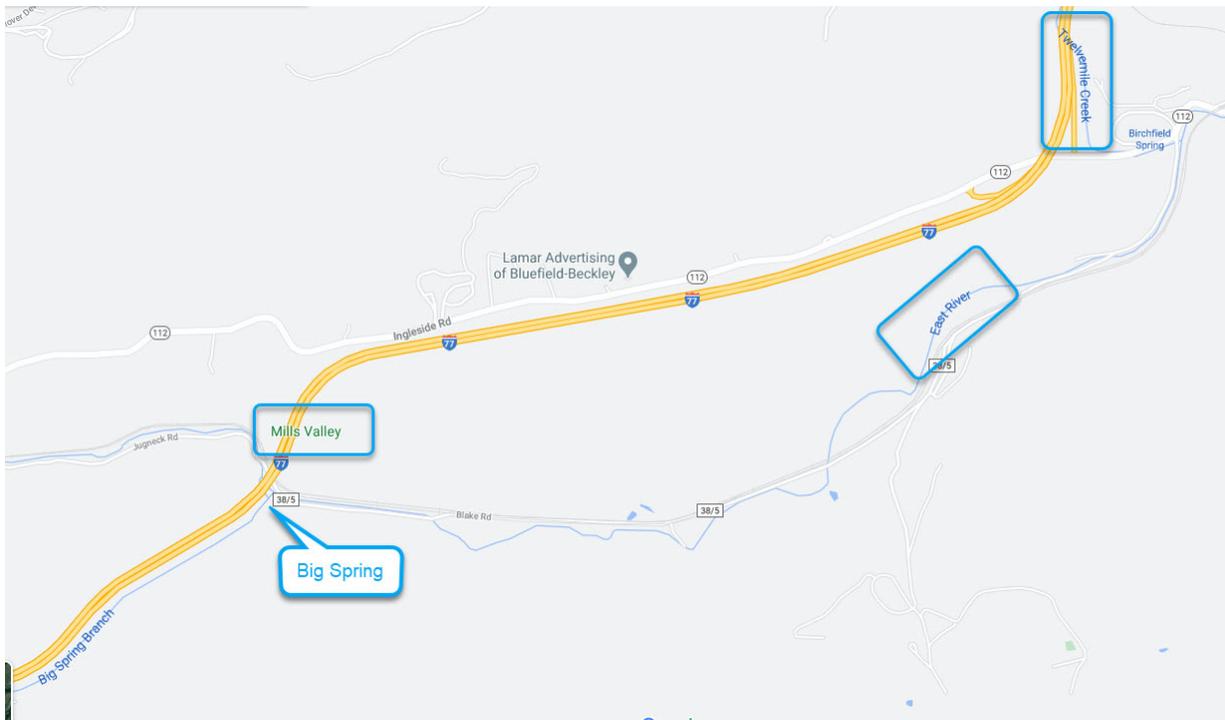
¹⁸⁴ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 23.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Map 6
Northwestern Giles: East River from Twelve-Mile Creek Eastward to New River



Map 7
Northwestern Giles: East River from Twelve-Mile Creek Westward to Big Spring & Mills Valley



JUNE 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Commonwealth vs. **James White**. Grand jury requests that an en fer? motion be filed."

Various other actions are chronicled, then ...

"Commonwealth vs. **John White**. White failed to appear. "It is ordered by the court that the same be filed. [This "same" reference does not seem to refer back to the action in the James White case.]

"The same vs. William Stowers the same."

"The commonwealth vs. Mordecai Stowers, a new summons awarded on the presentment of the Grand Jury."¹⁸⁵

COMMENT:

Again, this pair of actions should reference the proposed brothers James and John Jr. The Stowers family lived on East River between John White Sr. and John Toney's ferry/inn/mill/store.

24 JUNE 1807–1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Estray notice

COMMENT:

I read this register through 1825. Nothing relevant found.¹⁸⁶

9 SEPTEMBER 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Commonwealth vs. **James White**. A writ of inquiry awarded and Set aside & not Guilty pled & a Jury sworn to inquire of Damages to wit: Archabold Marrs, William Clay, Micajah Brumfield, John French Henry Miller, Tanos Munces, Holton Munsey, George Roberts, James Bone, John Clybourn, William Simpkins, **Elijah Sartain**. ...

"The Jury impaneled in the Case of Commonwealth vs. **James White** returned Verdict [of] Guilty and assess the damage to \$5 & costs.

"The Commonwealth against **John White**, a writ of inquiry awarded and set aside, Plea filed and a Jury sworn to ... to wit Joshua Bartley, Philip Peters, Linsey Davis, Frances Scott, **Thos. Sartain**, Isaac French, Travas Stowers, **Man H White**, Jehu Burgess & Jesse Boling, who [found] the Defendant not guilty."¹⁸⁷

COMMENT:

- Note that in every case, the John involved in the Stowers-White brawl of earlier in the year is simply called "John White," not Sr. or Jr.
- The phrase "Man H White" is underscored in the recorded orders, a practice usually used to signify a recognized misspelling. Almost certainly, this is Benjamin H. White.

10 NOVEMBER 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

¹⁸⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 81–82; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

¹⁸⁶ Giles Co., VA, Estray Book 1; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 1.

¹⁸⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 105; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Court order

"~~Elijah Sartain & Archibald Chapman~~ being summoned to appear hear to show cause why [a writ for] information should not be filed against him on the Presentments of the Grand Jury made at the September term appeared accordingly and the Court was of the opinion that the cause was sufficient & that he be further discharged from this Presentment.

"Archibald Chapman same.

[Next day] "**James White**, same." [i.e., ordered to show cause why a writ for information should not be filed against him.]¹⁸⁸

COMMENT:

- Elijah Sartain in 1791 married Sarah Mills, before the same Walker Creek minister who officiated the marriage of Frankey Mills and John White Sr.
- In 1811, Archibald Chapman would marry Elizabeth "Betsy" Mills, almost certainly the daughter of Sarah Mills, with her stepfather Elijah as her guardian.

17 MARCH 1808
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land entry

"**James White** assignee of Andrew Johnston who was assignee of Thomas Norvell by Virtue of a land office exchange treasury warrant for 1250 acres No. 1951 bearing date the 9th day February 1808 enters 40 acres of land Beginning at **Daniel Collins** land on the end of the **Salt Pond Mountain** and running an east course round for quantity."¹⁸⁹

14 APRIL 1808
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

Commonwealth against **James White**. Charge not stated. Writ of inquiry awarded and jury found him Guilty, assessing \$8 damages.¹⁹⁰

1808
GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

COMMENT:

No such roll exists. The State of Virginia did not pass a tax act this year.

14 JULY 1808
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

"William H. Cabell Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, that by virtue of an Exchanged Treasury warrant number" 1232 issued 22 January 1802 "there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto **John White**, A certain Tract or Parcel of

¹⁸⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 123–24; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

¹⁸⁹ Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 30. Also see Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845), p. ____; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 8190450. [I need to finish reading this volume and retrieve this page number when FamilySearch library facilities reopen for access to the images.]

¹⁹⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 146, 148–49.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Land, containing" 100 acres "by survey" dated **16 May 1804**, "lying and being in the county of Montgomery in the **Camping Hollow**, on the West side & about a mile from **New River**, and bounded as followeth, to wit:

Beginning at a white oak near the nead of a spring on a line of **Thomas Burks** land, thence with a line of the same N 68° W 45 poles passing his corner to a white oak on the top of a ridge, S 10° E 156 poles to two white oaks by a road, N 51° E 80 poles to a large white oak on the top of a ridge, N 32° E 34 poles to a black oak, N 2° E 66 poles to a black oak and white oak, N 22° E 42 poles to a spanish oak, N 39° W 62 polse to two white oaks, then S 28° W 110 poles to beginning

"With its Appurtenances, To have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said **John ~~H~~ White** [*sic*]and his heirs for ever. In Witness Whereof, the said William H. Cabbell esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on" 14 July 1808" and of the Commonwealth the thirty-third [year]."

Marginal note: "Examined Octr 31st 1809 delivered to receipt."¹⁹¹

COMMENT:

This John of Camping Hollow is John Jr. He and wife Nancy sold these 100 acres to James Straley on 24 April 1810.

13 SEPTEMBER 1808
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"**John Tony vs. Benjamin H. White**, James Copley Sp^l bail office Judgement set aside payment Plead and Issue. Same vs **Jesse Farley** William Smith Special bail, office judgement Set aside payment Plead and Issue."¹⁹²

13 SEPTEMBER 1808
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Benjamin White (x) and **wife Ann** of Giles to **John Toney** and **John McClagherty** of same, sale for \$326.67 in hand paid, 98 acres on **Wolf Creek**, a branch of **Bluestone**. No witnesses. Proved December Court 1808 by witnesses John Brown, **John Burk**, and John Snidow.¹⁹³

Proved 13 December 1808, by John Snidow & John Brown & **John Burks**. Ordered to be recorded.¹⁹⁴

COMMENT:

- John Burks was adjacent landowner to land patented to *John White Sr.* and William Preston.
- The end of the deed, where witnesses are named and signatures appear, is illegible on screen. I can discern that Benjamin X'd. I can't tell for Ann and can't read names of witnesses there.
- Considering that Toney's suit against "Benjamin H. White" was set aside on the same date as this sale, it would appear that this sale was made for funds to settle the suit by Toney.

¹⁹¹ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 56, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://va.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

¹⁹² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 183.

¹⁹³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 198–99.

¹⁹⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 219.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- The relationship between the Toneys and the Benjamin White family would continue, as shown by document abstracts or transcripts below.

16 SEPTEMBER 1808

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

Benjamin H. White serves on jury."¹⁹⁵

1808

GILES COUNTY, VA

Tax roll

COMMENT:

The Commonwealth of Virginia did not pass a tax act this year.

12 APRIL 1809

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Philip Miller vs **John White** [Jr.] & **James White**. **John White** [Sr.] who was appearance bail for the Defendant John White [Jr.] comes into Court and offers to enter himself Spl bail to which the att^o for the plfff objected as the appearance bail was insufficient and filed an objection to that, whereupon the Court Desided that the appearance bail was Sufficient & admitted Special bail for the **Defendant John White**. [Jr.]"¹⁹⁶

COMMENT:

It is obvious from this and subsequent court orders that there were two John Whites involved.

1. The defendant John who, with James White, participated in the White-Stowers brawl.
2. The John who served as special bail.

Typically, the brawler would be the younger John, with the same-name surety being the father of the two brawlers.

1 JUNE 1809

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Peter Dingess Senr to **John Dingess & Charles Dingess**, all of Giles. In consideration of 100 and the promise of John and Charles to "feed clothe and support the said Peter Dingess and Mary his wife their father and mother during their natural lives and to find them a quiet decent and comfortable support, grants 100 acres in the "vallies of **East River**." Witnessses: David French, Wm. Smith, **John Toney**, Peter *Blankenship* (x), **Benj H. White**." Proved June Court 1809 by witnesses French, Smith, and White.¹⁹⁷

COMMENT:

Note below, under 15 September 1809, that Benjamin H. White, together with Nimrod *Smith* and Jesse *Blankenship* are "special bail" for William Murphy who was being sued by Toney.

¹⁹⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 196; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

¹⁹⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 234; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

¹⁹⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 132-33.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Wilborn, Robert	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 60¢	22 Mar
White, James [Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	22 Mar
[skip 11]		
White Benjamin [Big Spr/East River]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr
White, John [Sr.; Big Spr/East River]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr

COMMENT:

- Giles County tax rolls of this period do not consistently give a date on which each list was collected.
- John of Big Spring has lost one tithe and one horse. This is the year that Samuel Mills appears on the roll of Cabell County.
- The consecutive entries for John and Benjamin, on same-dated list, implies that after Benjamin lost his land in 1808, he moved to the land of John Sr.
- This is the first time that the "hunter" designation is attached to John White Jr. on the tax roll or elsewhere. The taxable property of this "John White, hunter" syncs with that of John White Jr. in 1807. In this year 1809, John "Jr." does not appear as such and records subsequently abstracted in this paper clearly show that John Jr.; John White, hunter; John H. White; and "John Hunter White are one and the same. In 1817 the personal tax roll attached "H" to James of Doe Creek/ Salt Pond Mountain also to distinguish him from a new James that came onto the roll at East River.

15 SEPTEMBER 1809

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"John Toney against William Murphy, Nimrod Smith, **Benjⁿ H White**, Thomas Little & Jesse Blankinship who Justified Spl bail.

"Toney & Co. vs Same, the same, the same Justifi^d Spl bail."²⁰²

COMMENT:

William Murphy, as noted above, was the brother-in-law of Samuel Mills. Nimrod Smith and various Blankenships appear frequently in the White records. The Blankenships were also in-laws to Sarah (Mills) Sartain.

6 NOVEMBER 1809

GILES (MONTGOMERY) COUNTY, VA

Land entry

"James White assee [assignee] of Andrew Johnston who was assee of Thomas Nowell by Virtue of a land office Exchange Treasury warrant for 1250 acres No. 1951 bearing date the 9th day February 1808 enters **15 acres** of land on the **north** side of **Salt Pon Mountain** Beginning at a corner of his own land and running to include land entered by himself March the 17 1808."²⁰³

12 DECEMBER 1809

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

²⁰² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 7.

²⁰³ Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 82.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

John Snodgrass to **John White**, sale for \$100, 75 acres in Giles Co. on **New River** and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a buckeye and Cucumber on the river bank, S 58° W 10 poles to a buckeye, S 23° E 24 poles to a white oak, S 8_ W 44 poles to a black oak on steep hill side, S 25° W 30 poles to two white oaks on a **rige** [*sic*], S 11° W 30 poles to a black oak and red oak, S 42 W 22 poles to a white oak on a hill side, S 20o E 3_ ? poles to a chesnut on a point, S 77° E 32 poles to a hickory & chesnut, N 49° E 44 poles to an Ash in the head of a hollow, N 86° E 92 poles to a Lynn on the river bank and thence down the several Courses thereof and binding thereof 160 poles to the Beginning."

Deed acknowledged in Court by the said Snodgrass and ordered to be Recorded."²⁰⁴

COMMENT:

- At the question marks above, the calls were written into the crack of the book and were unreadable.
- This John is John White Jr., who sold the tract with wife Nancy [Copley] in February 1816.

23 APRIL 1810
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land sale.

Joseph Snodgrass to **James White**, both of Giles Co., sell for \$80 in hand paid, 25 acres in Giles on N side of **Salt Pon** [*sic*] **Mountain**, being part of a tract of 92 acres granted to **Thomas Cassady** by patent dated 21 January 1791 ...

Beginning at Red oak Corner to his Survey also corner to **Maddens** lands, runing N 17 W 64 poles continuing with said Survey to a large chesnut on **Collins** line, thence with Collins' line W 68 poles to a locust by a fence, thence leaving Collins' line S 9 E 46 poles to a black oak stump NW? 25 poles to **Joseph Snodgrass's** line and with it N 68 E 14 poles to a pointer, N 83 E 60 poles to the beginning.

*Proved April Court 1810 by acknowledgement of Snodgrass.*²⁰⁵

COMMENT:

- The January 1788 survey of John Abram Glymph's land placed it adjacent to Michael Madden.²⁰⁶
- This 1810 document is recorded consecutively with Sartain to Marrs and **John White [Jr.]** to Straley.
- On 24 April 1806 Randall Lucas patented land at head of Doe Creek (Salt Pond area) *adjacent to John White and Thomas Cassady.*²⁰⁷

24 APRIL 1810
GILES COUNTY, VA

²⁰⁴ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59. Also Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 35; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

²⁰⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

²⁰⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 28, 1792–93, pp. 107–8, 1793 patent to Paul Harmon, assignee of Abraham Glimp, on Doe Creek, citing January 1788 survey; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

²⁰⁷ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Land sale.

John White and **wife Nancey** to James **Straley**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$100, 100 acres in Giles County “in **Camping Hollow** about 1 mile from New River,” described as:

“Beginning at a white oak near the head of a Spring on a line of **Thomas Burks** lands thence with the line of the same N 68 W 45 poles passing his corner to a white oak on the top of a **ridge**, S 10 E 156 poles to two white oaks by a Road, N 51 E 80 poles to a large white oak on the top of a ridge, N 32 E 34 poles to a black oak, N 2 E 66 poles to a black and white Oaks, N 22 E 42 poles to a Spanish oak, N 39 W 62 poles to two white oaks thence S 28 W 110 poles to the beginning.

“In witness whereof the said John White and Nancy his wife have hereunto set ~~their~~ his hand an fixed his seal the day and year first above written. {seal} {seal}.” [sic] No witnesses. Proved April Court 1810 by acknowledgement of John White.²⁰⁸

COMMENT:

This John White with wife Nancey [nee Copley] is **John White Jr.** However, note subsequent documents in which he is called John H.

On 13 February 1815, James Straley and wife Betsey sold 7 acres of this land to Joseph Jackson, saying it was the land Straley lived on and that it was **part of 100 acres patented to “John White.”**²⁰⁹

25 APRIL 1810
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Grand jury returned a true bill against “**John White**” and others. Charges not shown.²¹⁰

1810
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

“P” Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

“W” section

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

COMMENT:

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

- At December Court 1809, John Snotgrass appeared in court to acknowledging having sold 75a to John White.²¹¹ The location in that document was given only as New River.
- On 27 February, John White and wife Nancy (the former Nancy Copley who married John [Jr.] in 1792, Montgomery Co.) sold these 75 acres to John Henderson.²¹² That deed mentioned that the land lay “at the head of a hollow.” That should be Camping Hollow where Copleys lived.

²⁰⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

²⁰⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 416.

²¹⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 63.

²¹¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 35.

²¹² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 419.

[skip 18]

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

COMMENT:

This 25-acre tract was surveyed for James on 9 September 1808, at which time it was said to be on the NW side of Salt Pond Mountain, adjacent to "Collins" and Michael Madden.²¹³ The 1812 land tax roll, below, identifies the Collins who held land adjacent to James White as "Daniel Collins."

1810

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

White, Benjamin [East Riv.]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢	15 March
White, John [Sr.; East Riv.]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	15 March
White, John [Jr.] [Camping H.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	27 March

COMMENT:

The county has no taxable coaches, stages, or gigs. Taxes were levied on 1666 horses and 708 slaves.

25 JULY 1810

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"**John White**" serves on jury. No distinction as to which John White.²¹⁴

25 JULY 1810

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Commonwealth vs. "**John White** [Jr.] On an indictment for a breach of the Peace. This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth and the Deft in his own Person who Pleaded not Guilty to the indictment and put himself upon the Country and the attorney for the Com'th likewise, whereupon came a Jury to wit: Frances Scott, Reuben Johnston, Benj^a Smith, Joseph Jackson, William Burk, John Conley, John Dingess, James Perdue, Isaac Jackon, Linsey Davis, Ezekiel Smith & Hugh Johnston, who being Elected ___eed and Sworn the Truth to Speake upon the Issue Joined and having herd the Evidance upon their Oaths do say that the Deft. is Guilty in manner and form as the attorney for the Com'th hath alledged and they do assess his fine to one Dollar and Judgt. Is Given for the Same with cost and the Deft. May be taken &c."²¹⁵

AUGUST 1810

GILES COUNTY, VA

Census

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname, as per tax roll

²¹³ Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845): 18.

²¹⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 80, 84.

²¹⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 86, 88.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

(p. 640; begin line 11)

Williams, Jeremiah

White, James [Doe Cr.]	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 26–44	7 in household
	3 white males 0–10	2 white females 0–10	

Williams, Hugh

Williams, Andrew

Williams, Joseph

Walker, Julas

Williams, George Jr.

Wilhite, Elias

White, Benjamin H.	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	11 in household
	2 white males 18–25	3 white females 10–15	
	2 white males 0–10	2 white females 0–10	

COMMENT:

Benjamin, who was in the Wolf Creek/East River area for several years before this, is now listed among families of lower Giles. His loss of the land on East River amid suits by John Toney may have prompted him to farm with his brothers in the Doe Creek–Salt Pond Mountain area.

The household appears to lack one male in the 0–10 age group. See the children’s sketch for Benjamin’s offspring at the start of this paper, for the discussion of *Benjamin Wesley*, born about 1802.

(p. 641; begin line 1)

Walker, John

Walden, Thomas

Workman, Isaac

Westlick, Thomas

West, George

Woodram, Archibald

Webster, Jacob G

Wattes, William

Williams, Abram

Williams, George Sen.

Walker, Charles Sen.

Wilburn, William

Walker, Charles Jr.

Willes, John

Webb, John Jr.

White, John H. [Camping H]	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	9 in household
	3 white males 10–14	1 white female 16–24	
	3 white males 0–9		

COMMENT:

The 1820–30 censuses place John Jr.’s birth at about 1760–65. Hence, he has already turned 45.

Williams, Margrett

Williams, Frederick

Walters, John

(p. 642; start with line 1)

Williams, John

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Wilhite, Joel
Waddle, Robert
Woodlen, Robert

White, John [East River]	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 26–44	10 in household
	1 white male 16–25		
	3 white males 10–15		
	4 white males 0–9		

COMMENT:

The age of the head-of-household is not compatible with the John Sr. who married Frankey Mills in 1793, although consistent tax roll data makes it clear that the only John White in the county in 1810, aside from John Jr. (aka "John H." and "John White, hunter") was the older John Sr. who had married Frankey Mills. The ages for the rest of the household are compatible with a couple who married in 1792. Apparently, in recording data on the head of the household who likely was not present at the time, the census taker erred and put a tick mark in the wrong age column, making him the same age bracket as his younger wife.

26 SEPTEMBER 1810

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Benjamin H White serves on jury.²¹⁶

28 APRIL 1811

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"**James White** and others are fined \$8 each for failure to appear when summoned for Grand Jury duty."²¹⁷

1811

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

"P" Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

"W" section

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

[skip 18]

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

28 MAY 1811

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Giles, 86th Regt. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" Consecutive entries:

²¹⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 109; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

²¹⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 165; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

McLaugherty, James Jr.	[on 1810 roll]	
Meadows, John	[on 1810 roll]	
Meadows, Edmond	[on 1810 roll]	
Mills, Samuel	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	
Mullenix, Archabald	[on 1810 roll]	
Moser, Francis	[on 1810 roll]	
William Miller	[not on 1810 roll]	
[end of “M” section]		
“W” Consecutive entries:		
White, John “(Hunter)”	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	[at Copley’s Ferry]
[skip 14]		
White, James [Doe Creek]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢	
Williams, George Jr.		
[skip 11]		
White, John [Sr.; East River]	2 tithes [self and ____?], 0 slaves, 2 horses, 24¢	
Walker, Anos [Chrispianos]		

COMMENT:

- Eighteen appears to be the tithable age at this point in Giles Co. If so, the second tithe in John Sr.’s household could be their eldest child, born, say, in early 1793. However, the timing is tight. More commonly, young males did not appear on a personal-tax roll until the year *after* they reached tithable age.
- Frankey’s hypothetical son **William Mills, of the Whitt-Witt Y, is missing this year from Franklin County’s personal tax roll.**²¹⁸
- Samuel Mills in 1809 was on the Cabell roll, but was not taxed in Cabell in 1810. This is his first year charged under his own name in Giles. If he has just come of age, it would place his birth at c1789–90.
- Benjamin White is again missing. He is not likely to be the second tithe in John Sr.’s household in this year 1811, because the 1812 tax roll charges Benjamin White with three tithes. With two sons of tithable age in 1812, by 1811 he should have had at least one of tithable age.
- The Cabell rolls of this period show a Benjamin (not Benjamin H.), James, and John—representing, apparently, the Whites who had lived on Sugar Run.

23 JULY 1811
GILES COUNTY, VA

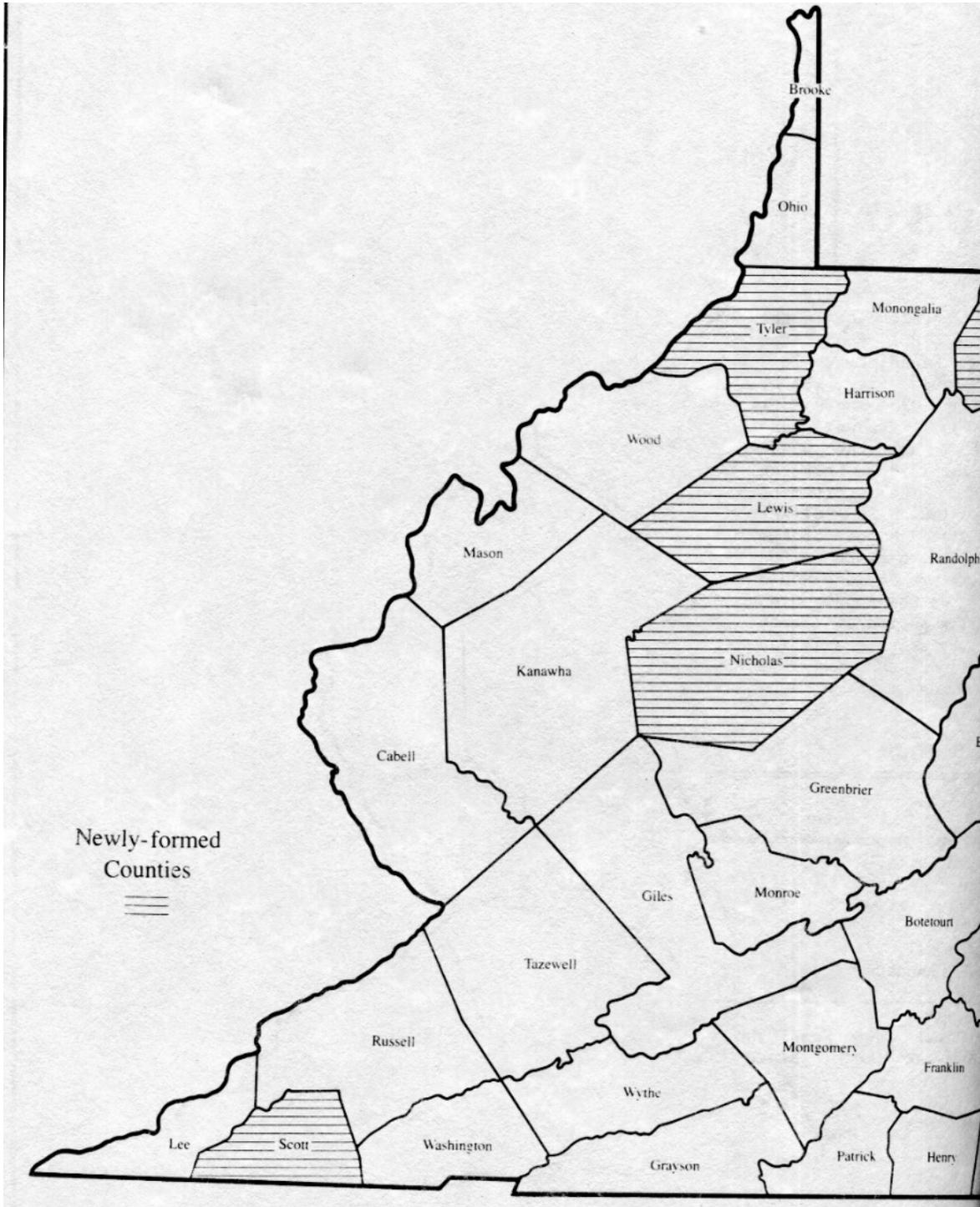
Court order

“George Williams, Zachariah Munsey and **James White** who was Summoned to attend as Grand jurors at the April Court Last appears in court and Shewed Sufficient cause of their inability to attend [and] were discharged.”²¹⁹

²¹⁸ Franklin Co.’s personal-tax roll this year does carry the name “William Mills,” but that man was the William born to James Mills Sr. of Maggoty Creek—a William who was well established in the county from the time of his 1796 marriage to Elizabeth Abshire until his death in 1841. See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

²¹⁹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 193.

Map 8
Western Virginia Counties, 1811–1820²²⁰



²²⁰ Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

24 SEPTEMBER 1811

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

James White served on jury.²²¹

22 OCTOBER 1811

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Philip Miller for the benefit of Robert Clendenen against **John White Sr., John White Jr., and Benjamin H. White**. On a fourthcoming bond. Notice Proven as to **John White Jr. and Benjamin H. White**, Judgt is therefore Granted the Plaintiff for one hundred and forty Eight dollars & Sixty Eight Cents to be discharged by the Payment of Seventy four Dollars thirty four Cents and the costs Subject to a credit of thirty three Dollars paid the tenth day of Decr. 1809, also twenty Seven Dollars paid the 10th day of October 1810 and thirteen Dollars paid on the 25th day of Septr. 1810. [Marginal note:] Cost \$5.26.”²²²

COMMENT:

The sequence of the names imply that John White Sr. was indebted to Philip Miller and that John White Jr. and Benjamin H. White had served as his sureties. The situation implies that they are close kin.

1812

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

P” Section

William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.16

“W” section

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

[skip 15]

James White 25a, \$13, \$.06, “lying on the End of the Salt Pon Mountain joining Micajor Bradley”

92a, \$50, \$.24 “also Joining the same.”

COMMENT:

Joseph Snodgrass sold James White 92 acres on N side of Salt Pond Mountain on 23 April 1810, saying it was land granted in 1791 to Thomas Cassady, adjoining Madden and Collins.²²³

1812

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Giles, 86th Regt. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

[start of “M” List]

Murphey, William

[Samuel Mills’s brother-in-law]

McKinzey, James

²²¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 219.

²²² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 238.

²²³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Mills, Samuel 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢
Maupins, Gabriel
Meadows, Jesse
[etc.]

“W” Consecutive entries
Wellbourn, William

White, John [East R.] 2 tithes [self & _____?], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
[skip 9]

White, John “hunter” [Bear Spr] 2 tithes [self & son John], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
[skip 8, Wilsons & Williamses]

White, Benjamin 3 tithes [self, William & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 72¢
[skip 25, mostly Walkers, Williams, & Webbs]

White, James [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 1 covering horse @\$1 fee, \$2.36
Watts William

COMMENT:

- The last prior reference to “Benjamin White” was 1810; no entry was found for 1811.
- Apparently, the landless Benjamin is now farming with or near John Jr. (John “hunter”), his proposed brother.

30 JUNE 1812
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court order

“Thomas Brown against John H. Rigby. On attachment. On motion of the Plaintiff by Henley Chapman Genⁿ his attorney and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that **Robert Hunter Jn^r** and **James White** who was Summoned as garnishee and having failed to attend & State what is in their Hands of the Estate of the said Rigby, It is therefore Considered by the Court that an attachment Issue against the said **Hunter & White** Returnable hear at the next Court.”²²⁴

COMMENT:

Given the fact that “hunter” is appended multiple times to the names of John White and that James White was called “James White H” on the 1817 tax roll, I have studied all Hunter records I have encountered while reading the court, deed, and probate records of Montgomery and Giles—seeking some indication that “Hunter” might be an alias for the Giles. This is the only document in which I have found the Hunter family connected to one of the Whites.

1813
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land tax roll
“P” Section
William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.22 [no description]
“W” section

²²⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 21.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

John H White [John Jr.] 75a, \$40, \$.25 "on the E side New River joining Joseph Copley's Land"

[skip 15]

James White 25a, \$13, \$.06, "on the Salt Pond Mountain joining Micajor Bradley"
92a, \$50, \$.24 "also Joining the same."

COMMENT:

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

25 MAY 1813 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

James McClagherty Company, 86th militia. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

[Start of "M" list, consecutive entries]

Mullinix, Archibald

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

"W" Consecutive entries:

White, John [Sr.; E. River] 2 tithes [self & _____?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 32¢

[skip 5]

Waddle, Robert²²⁵

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

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

Waddell, James

[skip 17]

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

Williams, John [Doe Creek]

COMMENT:

After Benjamin lost his land to John Toney in 1808, he appears to have farmed with the three family members who did own land: John Sr. on East River, John Jr. of Camping Hollow, and James of Doe Creek. By 1816, Benjamin had saved sufficiently to purchase land in the Brush Creek area where he had originally intended to settle, according to Gordon Cloyd's assertions in his September 1813 title clearance, below.

1 SEPTEMBER 1813

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Gordon Cloyd to Joseph McKinney, both of Giles. "Whereas in the year **1798** the said Gordon Cloyd surveyed in the name of Thomas Cloyd" 105 acres "on the ridge dividing the waters of **East river** from those waters falling into **Brush Creek**. **Benjamin White now deceased** who was one of the chain bearers wished to possess himself of the said Survey and it was then agreed if the said **Benjamin White**

²²⁵ In February 1816, Robert Waddle sold 99 acres at Bear Spring to John White (husband of Nancy), at which point John and Nancy moved to Bear Spring and Benjamin moved to East River to buy Brush Creek land adjacent to John Toney. See Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421-22; B: 28-29.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Complied with the verbal bargain then made the said Cloyd would convey such right as might be required under the Survey then made but no responsibility of title other than a special warrantee from the said Gordon as whoever obtained the grant was to be given and whereas the said **Benjamin White** sold to **James Copley** who paid said Gordon the the [sic] Sum contracted by the said **Benjamin White** his claim and interest in & to the said Survey and the said James Copley informed the said Gordon that he had Sold his claim & Right therein to his brother **Joshua Copley**, who also informed the said Gordon that he had sold his right interest and claim in the survey aforesaid to **Joseph McKenney** and desired the said Gordon to convey to the said McKinney and for and in consideration of” \$100 “paid in property by the said James Copley to the said Gordon Cloyd he doth ... sell unto the said Joseph McKenney the said piece or parcel” of 105 acres as patented the 16th of September 1802.” Adjoins Joseph Cloyd’s inclusive survey of 680 acres [m & b not copied for want of time]. No witnesses shown. No proof in court.²²⁶

COMMENT:

James Copley was “special bail” for “Benjamin H. White” amid the latter’s 1808–9 debts to John Toney, prior to Benjamin’s sale of his East River land to Toney. I did not find a deed from Benjamin (H) to James Copley.

General Cloyd, a man who owned land across several counties, almost certainly erred in stating that “Benjamin White” was “now deceased.” No other Benjamin White was taxed in Montgomery or Giles between 1792 and 1820.

26 OCTOBER 1813
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“**John White**” serves on a jury with **Elijah Sartain**.²²⁷

COMMENT:

This would appear to be John Jr., aka John Hunter White.

26 OCTOBER 1813
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“**John White**” and Elijah Sartain served on a grand jury.”²²⁸

COMMENT:

Again, because of age restrictions on jurors, this should be John Jr., aka John Hunter White. Property and tax requirements should also apply. Even though John Sr. is named on the patent to the Preston land at Big Spring, he was not the tax payer.

29 MARCH 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

“**John White**” served on the grand jury of inquest for this court term.²²⁹

²²⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 336.

²²⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 73.

²²⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 73.

²²⁹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 80, 86, 87.

30 MARCH 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"Johnston and Chapman against James White and Benjamin Smith dismissed by Plaintiffs."²³⁰

31 MARCH 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"Commonwealth against Jeremiah Lucas and Elizabeth Walker for the murder of her husband Julius Walker, laborer. **Appearance bond is posted by 13 locals** who were summoned to be **witnesses**, all men except for one prominent wife: Wm Jurdan, Joseph Jackson, John Lucas, Frederick Atter? Randolph Collen **James White**, John Webb, McCager Bradley, George Williams, Reuben Johnston, Peggy [Mars] Lybrook, Daniel Frey, Philip Lybrook.²³¹

1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

"W" section

John H White [Camping H] 75a, \$40, \$.34 "on New River joining Joseph Coplea's Land abt. 10 m. SE"
[skip 15]

James White [Salt Pond] 25a, \$13, \$.11 "Salt Pond Mountain joining Bradley's land abt. 12 m. E wd"
[Doe Creek] 92a, \$50, \$.42 1/2, "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd"

30 MAY 1814 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" Consecutive entries

McKinny, Joseph

Mills, Samuel 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

Murphy, William

Maupin, Gabriel

"W" Consecutive entries:

Walker, John "of Rich Creek"

White, Benjamin H. [East R.] 3 tithes [self, William & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 63¢

White, John [Sr.; East R.] 2 tithes [self & _____?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

Wilburn, Robert

White, John H. [Bear Sp.] 2 tithes [self & son John], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

[skip 27 Walkers, Williams, Webbs, etc.]

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

1 SEPTEMBER 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

²³⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 82.

²³¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 87.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Court order

"John Peters against **Benjamin H White**. In covenant. On motion of the Deft by his Counsell, leave is Given him to withdraw his former plea in this Case and to plead anew to which opinion of the Court the Plaintiff by his counsel ... Excepts and to Leave the benefit thereof this his bill was Signed & sealed and ordered to be made a part of the record."²³²

25 OCTOBER 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"Neiman [Newman?] against **White** in debt." [No further details. See 24 December 1814, below]²³³

26 OCTOBER 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"John Peters assee. [assignee] against **Benjamin H White**. In Coven^t. This day came the Plaintiff by Lewis Ames Gentle. his attorney and there upon came a Jury ... [which] do say that the Plaintiff recover against the defendant for fifty three Dollars and thirty-four cents damages with intrest [sic] from the 9th day of April 1812 until \$53.34 cts damages with Intrest from 9th April 1814 till paid as afore said. Also this cost in the behalf Expended."²³⁴

27 DECEMBER 1814
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"On motion of John Newman for an award of an Execution on a forth coming against **Benjamin H White** and **Cornelius White** notice being Proven Judgement is therefore granted the Plt against the said defendants according to bond interest & cost and the Defendants in mercy &c. Absent Isaac Chapman Gent. [one of the justices]"

"John Peters Senr against **Benjamin H. White & Cornelius White**. The same."²³⁵

COMMENT:

The suit seems to hinge upon a debt. In such cases, the first-named defendant was usually the debtor, with the second-named defendant being the surety for the debt.

This is the earliest document I've found for Cornelius White, whose descendants allege (without presenting evidence) a birth date of 10 June 1793.²³⁶ If that birth date is correct, he is now twenty-one, legally able to serve as surety and to be sued. As seen below, he was appointed a constable in 1815 and makes his first named appearance on the tax roll in 1816 (born c1793–94).

²³² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 104.

²³³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 107.

²³⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 109.

²³⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 112.

²³⁶ See, for example, KarenHernandez201, "Grotfeldt Family Tree," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9603287/person/614444510/facts>), profile for "Corneleous Neal White," alleged (without evidence) to be the son of "Benjamin Harrison White 1762–1850" and "Nancy Ann Goodwin 1764–1851." Cornelius was occasionally cited as "Neely" White in legal documents, that being a nickname for Cornelius. He did not have a middle name "Neal." This and similar trees created by his descendants have other problems of this ilk.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Cornelius's birth period allows him to be considered a possible son of John White Sr. and Frankey Mills, who married in August 1792. His descendants assert that he was the son of Benjamin White and Ann Goodwin.

Indirect evidence does suggest that Cornelius was indeed Benjamin and Ann's son.

- When he makes his first appearance on the tax roll of 1816, a tithable is simultaneously subtracted from the Benjamin White household. No tithable is dropped that year from the household of John White Sr. and Frankey. To the contrary, they *gained* a tithable from 1814 to 1815 and another between 1816 and 1817.
- The records subsequently created by Cornelius in Mercer County suggest that he named a son Benjamin H.

Subsequently, in Mercer County, association would continue for decades between Cornelius White and Samuel Mills, son of Frankey and step-son of John Sr. In 1855, Cornelius would create an affidavit in support of Samuel Mills's application for War of 1812 bounty land.²³⁷

25 APRIL 1815
GILES COUNTY, VA

Association

Cornelius White posts bond as Constable of Giles County with James **Coplea**, Charles **Dingess**, and Joshua **Coplea** as sureties.²³⁸

1815
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

Certified 27 June 1815

"P" Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
	673a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
"Same with John White "	95a, \$34, \$.29, Location "not known." Residence: Wythe Co.

"W" section

John H White	[Camping H]	75a, \$53, \$.40 "on New River join'g Joseph Coplea's Land abt. 10 m. SE"
	[skip 15]	

James White	[Salt Pond]	25a, \$13, \$.11 "Salt Pond Mountain join'g Bradley's land abt. 12 m. E ^{wd} "
	[Doe Creek]	92a, \$50, \$.42½ "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E'wd"

1815
GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

District of James McClagherty, Commissioner of the Revenue. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

Mills, Samuel 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 2 cattle, 21¢

"W" section; consecutive entries:

²³⁷ Nancy Mills, applicant, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

²³⁸ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 155.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Walker, James	[also Charles, Anos]
White, Benjamin H.	2 tithes [self & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 5 horses/mules, 9 cattle, \$ <u>1.32</u> ?
Wilburn, Robert, Wm & Wm Jr.	
Woolhart [Wilheit], Joel	
White, John H. [Bear Cr.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 2 cattle, 48¢
[skip 11]	
White, John [Sr.; East R]	3 tithes [self, ___? & ___?], 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33¢
White, William [ditto]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33¢

COMMENT:

- James H. White of Doe Creek appears to be omitted.
- John White Sr. is no longer taxed adjacent to Benjamin. Instead, he is clustered with a newly added name: William. However, John Sr.'s household has not lost a tithe from prior rolls, suggesting that William was not John Sr.'s son.
- The identity of this William has never been proved. In 1816, he married one Editha White. See the discussion, below, under their December 1816 marriage record.

10 FEBRUARY 1816

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale

Robert Waddell and wife Elizabeth to **John White** for \$250 in hand paid, **99 acres** granted to RW on 1 July 1813 on **Bear Spring**, a branch of New River in Giles, no neighbors cited. No witnesses. Thomas Shannon and James Bane, justices of the peace, certified that Waddell acknowledged the document before them on 10 February 1816, that they examined Waddell's wife Elizabeth on 10 February. Proved Giles Court March 1816 by their certification.²³⁹

COMMENT:

The 1816 land-tax roll charges these 99 acres on Bear Spring to "John H White." This would be John White Jr. (aka John Hunter White, John White H, John White Hunter), who sold his 75 acres in Camping Holler this same month. Bear Spring flows into New River, on the western bank, below Walker Creek.

27? FEBRUARY 1816

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

John White and **Nancy** his wife to **John Henderson**, all of Giles, sale for \$150 in hand paid, **75 acres on New River** in Giles, no neighbors cited. No witnesses: Proved Giles Court February 1816 by John's acknowledgement.²⁴⁰

COMMENT:

This would be John White Jr., who married Nancy Copley, selling the land they bought in December 1809.

²³⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421–22.

²⁴⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 419.

15 MAY 1816
GILES COUNTY, VA

Lease

Articles of agreement entered into by **John Toney** of Giles Co. and **John Conner** of same. “Witnesseth 1816 where as the above Named John Toney hath Leased to the above named John Conner a Certain parcel of Land containing of **Sixty acres** it Lying at the East end of a tract of Land containing [194] acres, it being a part of the Same Survey that is Near **Toneys Mill** for the term of Seven years Commencing [15 May 1816] which term Expiers on the [15 May 1823] at which time Said Conner is to leave all the Cleared Land in good order for farming. Or Should Conner Leave the place before the above mentioned term Expiers he is to return it back to the said Toney or his heirs as the case may be and I John Toney being the prier owner do preveledge the said Conner to Clear or improve where he may think proper on said Land in witness my hand and Seal this day and date as above written signed & delived in the presence of us. [Signed] John Toney. Test [witnesses]: Jonathan Toney, **Zachariah Crawford, William Mills.**

“At Giles **April Court 1819**. This lease from John Toney to John Conner was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be Recorded. Teste David French C.G.C.”²⁴¹

COMMENT:

Note under 15 May 1817 another lease, same wording, same parties, made to Zachariah Crawford, with William Mills as witness also. Two such documents, exactly one year apart, with the same set of witnesses do call into question the accuracy of the year for one of them.

It is possible that Toney habitually executed rent contracts on 15 April. (I’ve done so for decades on 15 October with a renter’s farm lease.) If this is the case, then William Mills would seem to have been employed by Toney from at least 15 April 1816 through 15 April 1817.

This John Toney appears repeatedly in association with Benjamin (H.) White from 1808 to 1819.

The 1816 tax roll places these 60 acres “at Toney’s Ferry on N[ew] River abt. 11 [miles] NW” of courthouse.

25 MAY 1816
GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Cornelius White to Polly Garrason. No parental or other data.²⁴²

COMMENT:

Polly was the adult daughter of William Garrison who would, shortly after this, sell to Cornelius part of his land. “Rev. William Garrison” would, in the early 1830s, conduct the marriage ceremonies for Samuel Mills (to his second wife) and for Samuel’s son Robert.²⁴³

1816
GILES COUNTY, VA

²⁴¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 85.

²⁴² Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26 .

²⁴³ See my previously cited report, ““Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020,” for this and more data for Rev. William Garrison that has been distilled from Giles and Mercer Counties’ records.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Land tax roll

"P" Section

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

"W" section

John H White [John Jr.] 99a, \$20, ---, "head of the Bear Spring abt. 10 SE"
 [skip 15]
James White [Salt Pond] 25a, \$13, \$.09¼ "Salt Pond Mountain by Micaijah Bradleys Ld. abt. 12 m. E
 wd"
 [Doe Creek] 92a, \$13.50, \$.10¼ "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd"

25 JUNE 1816 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

Mills, Samuel 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ [cattle are not taxed his year]

"W" Consecutive entries:

White, John H. [Bear Spr.] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 26 Feb

White, John Jr. [s.of above] 1 tithe 26 Feb.

Weatherholt, John

Watts, William

Wilburn, William Jr.

White, Cornelias [East River] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 29 Feb

White, William [ditto] 1 tithe, 1 horse, 18c 29 Feb

Wilson, William Jr

Wilson, Jinny

Wilburn, Robert

White, John [Sr.; Big Spr/East R] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢

White, Benjamin [ditto] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 54¢

Walker, Anos

Walker, John

[skip 27]

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

Watters, William

COMMENT:

- Benjamin (H) has lost a tithe in this year 1816, when Cornelius is added to the rolls. John Sr. has the same number of tithes as in previous years. This, alone, does not rule out the possibility that Cornelius might be a son of John and Frankey; it is possible that a son dropped

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

from their household in the same year that another one came onto the roll. However, Cornelius was a name used in the Goodwin family of Benjamin's wife Ann.²⁴⁴

- Benjamin (H) at this point owns no land and appears to be farming with John Sr., while Cornelius and William have gone out on their own and likely begun the clearing of vacant land together.

2 NOVEMBER 1816
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Andrew Fulton and Archibald Stuart Junr., surviving executors of the last will & testament of **Benjamin Stuart** Decd., of the County of Augusta, to **Benjamin White** of Giles Co., for \$200 in hand paid, sale of land in Giles (formerly Montgomery) "on **Christians fork of Brush Creek** adjoining or near **Genl. [Gordon] Cloys** (formerly Thomas Christians) land on the **East side,**" containing 248 acres by estimation:

Beginning at three white oak Saplings on the South side of the Creek by a ford & runing [*sic*] thence N 55° W 270 poles crossing a branch to three white oak Saplings on a hill, thence N 35° W 140 poles to two Spanish oak Saplings on a hill side, S 55° W 278 poles crossing the head of a Spring to a double white oak in the fork of a branch, & S 37° E 142 poles to the beginning

"being the same land that was granted to the said Benjamin Stuart by **patent**" dated **11 July 1791**.

Acknowledged before Alex^r MClails? & William Bays, magistrates, on 2 November 1816. Presented by them at March Court 1818. Ordered to be recorded.²⁴⁵

COMMENT:

This places Benjamin White adjacent to Toney land during the April 1816–April 1817 dates that William Mills appears to have worked for Toney.

2 DECEMBER 1816
GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

William White to Editha White. No parental or other data.²⁴⁶

COMMENT:

At this point, four White males in Giles were of age to have marriageable children: John Sr., John Jr. (aka John H.), Benjamin, and James of Doe Creek.

Beginning in 1818 there were two Williams over 21:

- 1818: (1) "William," consecutive with Cornelius & John Sr.
(2) "William Sr.," consecutive with "John son of Jack." This would be the son William to whom John H White subsequently deeded land amid debts.
- 1819: (1) "William" consecutive with John Sr. & Benjamin's son John (called "John Jr.").
(2) "William" who is two listings before John H and his sons Thomas and John at Bear Spring.

²⁴⁴ For example, see Amherst Co., VA, Probate Book 6:10, 631, estate of Micajah Goodwin (apparently the Micajah who fathered Ann), 1818–25, Cornelius Goodwin, administrator.

²⁴⁵ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 28–29.

²⁴⁶ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Known evidence is ambiguous as to the parentage of both William and Editha. Unsourced online trees and one undocumented history of Logan County²⁴⁷ offer three claims for William and Editha’s identities. A fourth is also possible, but is not proposed elsewhere:

Hypothesis 1:

- William was son of “Jack White” and Susannah Marcum of Cabell (later Logan)
- Editha was daughter of Benjamin H. White of Cabell

Two pieces of evidence uncovered in this project speak to this hypothesis:

1. If William was son of John White and Susannah Marcum who married in 1796, theoretically born *after* the marriage, then he would have been 20 or younger at the time of his marriage. That marriage record, however, presents him as over 21, marrying without parental consent.
2. Indirect evidence (two pieces) supports the parentage claimed for Editha.
 - A. Her given name was not a common one in their society. It is found among Benjamin H.’s wife’s family: the Goodwins of Amherst. On 17 October 1808, the Amherst court appointed a guardian (Jno. Burford) for “Spicey and **Editha** Goodwin, orphans of Geo. Goodwin.²⁴⁸
 - B. Because Editha was of age (21) at the time of the 1816 marriage, she would have been 15 or greater in 1810 (i.e., born 1795 or earlier). The 1810 census data for Benjamin’s household does include 3 daughters aged 10–15.

Hypothesis 2:

- William was son of “John White” or “Jack White” of Montgomery and Giles.
- Editha was daughter of Benjamin H. White of Giles.

Two pieces of evidence uncovered in this project are relevant here:

1. Jack White of Montgomery and Giles, husband of Nancy Copley, did have a son William. However, that son William married in 1820 to their neighbor Lavina Munsey²⁴⁹ and was continually taxed amid his family and hers from that point onward. Therefore, William was not a son of “Jack” and Nancy
2. For Editha as daughter of Benjamin H, see Hypothesis 1, above.

Hypothesis 3:

- William was son of Benjamin H. and Ann (Goodwin) White
- Editha was daughter of John White Jr.

Evidence is also ambiguous for this hypothesis:

1. In 1813, 1814, and 1815, Benjamin H. was charged with three tithes—himself and two others. Benjamin’s household did not lose a tithe in 1815, when William was added to the tithable rolls in his own name. Superficially, that point suggests that William may have come into the county from elsewhere. (It might be argued that another son of Benjamin came of age in the

²⁴⁷ G. T. Swain, *History of Logan County, West Virginia* (Logan, WV: Privately printed, 1927), 61–62. His account of the Whites cites no evidence at all; it is simply two and a half paragraphs densely packed with relationship claims that roughly span the 1750s to 1850s. The sheer number of “copycat” trees, none with documentation, preclude citing them all and suggest that singling out any one for citation is pointless.

²⁴⁸ Amherst Co., Will Book 4:537.

²⁴⁹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 28; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 7490220 > image 36 of 250.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

year that William went on his own, but the census does not credit Benjamin with any sons who would reach 16 in 1815.)

2. Although Benjamin did not lose a tithe in 1815, he lost *two* tithes in 1816. Yet, only one new White-surnamed tithe was added to the roll that year, Cornelius. This suggests the possibility that Benjamin might have included William on his roll in 1815, not knowing that William was going to claim himself separately. (The 1815 roll does not cite the date that lists were submitted, leaving open the possibility that William may have moved out and submitted his own list after Benjamin submitted his list.)
3. Benjamin’s 1810 census household did contain a son of age to be William, who cannot otherwise be accounted for. He had two sons in the 18–25 age bracket (hypothetically William and Cornelius) and two sons 0–10 (hypothetically James, born about 1800, and Benjamin Wesley, whose census ages consistently place his birth at 1802–3). However, Benjamin’s 1810 household appears to be missing one male born about 1800–3: the younger John who came on the rolls in the Brush Creek area in 1819, 1821–22, and 1826.
4. The 1810 census household of John White Jr. (aka Jack and John H. of Camping Hollow and later Bear Spring) did contain a daughter of age to be Editha, who cannot otherwise be accounted for.

Hypothesis 4 (not proposed elsewhere):

- William, who settled on the waters of East River, might have come across Toney’s Ferry from Monroe. One William Sr. and Jr. appear there in random records of the 1805–20 period. I have not yet systematically worked Monroe County to investigate this possibility.

The claimed relationships set up the following propositions:

1. If Editha is daughter of Benjamin and William moved into the county from Cabell or Monroe, then no relationship is known between the spouses. It might be suspected, but would be more distant than first cousin.
2. If Editha is daughter of Benjamin, and William is son of John Jr. (“Jack”) and Nancy, then Editha married her first cousin.
3. If Editha is daughter of Benjamin, and William is son of John Sr. by either Frankey or his first wife, then Editha married her uncle or half-uncle.
4. If Editha is daughter of John Jr., and William is son of John Sr. by either Frankey or his first wife, then Editha married her uncle or half-uncle.
5. If Editha is daughter of John Jr., and William is the son of Benjamin, then Editha married her first cousin.

It is far more likely that Editha married a first cousin (or a cousin more distant) rather than her father’s brother or half-brother—suggesting that Proposition 1, 2, or 5 is the correct one.

Other information presented in this set of research notes rule out Proposition 2: The fact that John Jr. and Nancy’s son William married in 1820 to their neighbor Lavina Munsey²⁵⁰ and was continually taxed amid his family and hers from that point onward.

Propositions 1 and 4 are the only one remaining for Editha:

²⁵⁰ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 28; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 7490220 > image 36 of 250.

Proposition 1:

Editha was daughter of Benjamin H.
William was from Whites who lived outside Giles.

Proposition 5:

Editha was daughter of John Jr., who did have a female her age in his 1810 household.
William was son of Benjamin, who did have a male of William's age in his 1810 household.

25 MARCH 1817
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court order

"Johnston & Chapman asse. of **Joel Sartain** vs. **John White**, the Defendent comes into court and confesses the plaintiffs action for twenty pounds with interest from the first day of April 1811 and costs subject to a credit of twenty five dollars with stay of Execution until the further orders of the plaintiff."

"Chapman & Johnston against **Benjamin H White** dismysd."²⁵¹

COMMENT:

The John White being sued by Sartain's assignees would be John White Jr. (aka John H) of south Giles. Joel Sartain, Johnston, and the Chapmans all resided in that area. Family connections were extensive:

- Joel Sartain's brother Elijah, back in 1791, married **Sarah Mills**.
- Archibald Chapman, in 1811, married Sarah's pre-marital daughter **Elizabeth Mills**.
- David Johnston of this lawsuit was married to Sally Chapman, aunt of Archibald.²⁵²

15 MAY 1817
GILES COUNTY, VA
Lease

Articles of agreement entered into by **John Toney** of Giles Co. and **Zachariah Crafford** of same.
"Witnesseth 1817

Whereas the above Named John Toney hath Leased to the above named Zachariah Crafford a Sertain parcel of Land containing of Fifty acres by Survey in the **Bent of East River above Toney's Mill** for the term of Seven years Commensing this [15 May 1816] which term Expiers on the [15 May 1824] at which time Said Crafford is to leave all the Cleared Land in good order for farming. Or Should Crafford Leave the place before the above mentioned term Expiers he is to return it back to the said Toney or his heirs as the case may be and I John Toney being the prier owner do prevaledge the said Crafford to Clear or improve where he may think proper on Said Land in witness my hand and Seal this day and date as above written signed & delived in the presence of us. [Signed] John Toney. Test [witnesses]: **John Conner**, Jonathan Toney, **William Mills**.

"At Giles April Court 1819. This lease from John Toney to Zachariah Crawford was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be Recorded. Teste David French C.G.C."²⁵³

²⁵¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812-1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 175-76.

²⁵² For Johnston as son-in-law of John Chapman and brother-in-law of Archibald's father George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., in 1816, see Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 6-7. For will of George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., as father of Archibald Chapman, see Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 161-62; imaged at *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

²⁵³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 84-85.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, James [skip 5]	[s of Benj. ?]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	13 Mar
White, John "H"	[Bear Spr]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	25 Mar
White, Thomas [skip 9]	[s of John H]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	25 Mar
White, James H Williams, Hugh	[Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢	7 Apr

COMMENT:

- This is the first year that there have been two Jameses on the tax roll. Note the addition of the "H" to the name of the older James of Doe Creek.
- The position of the new James, coupled with Benjamin, suggests that he was a son of Benjamin. Benjamin's household has not lost a tithe since the previous year; however, another male could have come of tithable age in the year that James moved out. This seems especially likely given that Benjamin's horse/mule count has dropped from 3 to 1—one of those "losses" apparently representing the horse or mule that James took with him.
- This 1817 listing for James at Brush Creek would not be repeated in 1818 and 1819. Apparently he went back into the parental household until 1820, when he is again taxed in his own name.
- This new James is the James who married Meeky McKinney in 1821 and died in 1828, leaving property that was purchased at estate sale by Samuel Mills, his son David Mills, and four Whites: Cornelius, Ribin [Reuben], Thomas, and William.

21 JULY 1817

GILES & AUGUSTA COUNTIES, VA

Land sale

Andrew Fulton & Archibald Stuart Jr., executors of the estate of **Benjamin Stuart**, decd. of Augusta Co., to **Benjamin White**, for \$200 Virginia money, sale of land [acreage not given] in Giles (formerly Montgomery) on **Christians Fork** of **Brush Creek**, **joining the lands of John Toney** and **Charles Neil**, decd. Land was granted 7 July 1791 to Benjamin Stuart. Described as:

Beginning at two white oaks & hickory Corner to **Toney's Land**, running with the same N 13° 210 poles to two white oaks in a hollow, Corner to **Toney**, N 60° W 108 poles to two white oaks by the creek, S 79° W 140 poles to a double swamp white oak by the Creek, S 220 poles up a branch to a double poplar on the north Side of a ridge, thence S 87° E 278 poles to the Beginning.

Being the Same Land that was granted to the said Benjamin Stuart by patent dated 7 July 1791.

No witnesses. Proved in Augusta by certification of Claudius Buster and William Davis, magistrates saying Fulton and Stuart had acknowledged the deed before them on 26 July 1817. Proved in Giles Court, March 1818.²⁵⁴

COMMENT:

Benjamin has suddenly come into money. In the past eight months, he has made two payments of \$200 each for about 400 acres adjoining Toney. The estate of his father-in-law Micajah Goodwin appears not to have been opened in Amherst until 15 June 1818.²⁵⁵

²⁵⁴ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17.

²⁵⁵ Amherst Co., VA, Probate Book 6: 10, 631.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

26 AUGUST 1817
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"James White serves on jury for this session."²⁵⁶

COMMENT:

This should be James H of Doe Creek. The younger James White of East River/Brush Creek is not yet old enough to serve on a jury.

25 NOVEMBER 1817
GILES COUNTY, VA

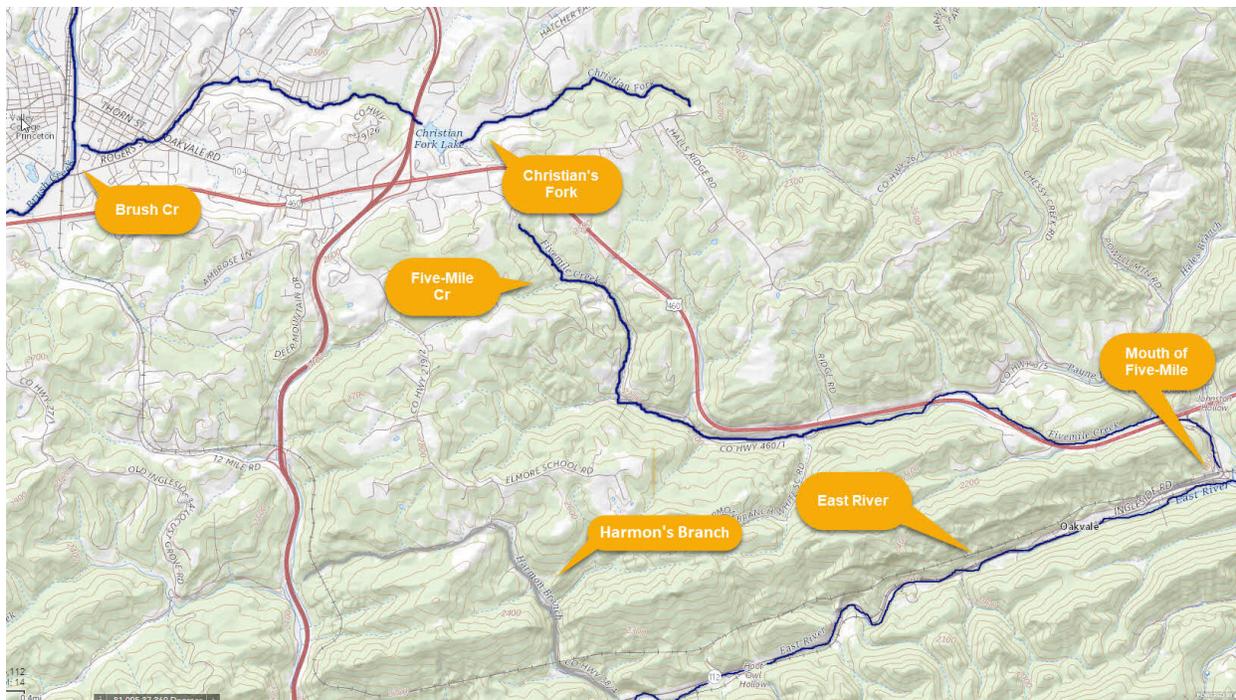
Land sale

Travis Stowers and wife Elizabeth to Cornelius White, all of Giles sell for \$225 in hand paid, 127 acres in Giles County, on East River, surveyed for James Turner, beginning at mouth of Harmons branch on conditional line of Wm Garrison, running past Richard Blankenship's "conditional marked line." Proved in Giles Court December 1817 by Acknowledgement by Stowers after examination of Elizabeth.²⁵⁷

COMMENT:

- This East River location places Cornelius a few miles east of the site to which Benjamin moved.
- *The National Map* shows Harmon's Branch of East River as the next major stream above Five Mile Creek. (See next page).

Map 9
Harmon's Branch of East River



²⁵⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 195.

²⁵⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 515–16.

30 JUNE 1818 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

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

Two new White entries:

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

COMMENT:

- On 25 November 1817, abstracted above, Cornelius purchased 127 acres "on East River at mouth of Harmon's Branch," from Travis Stowers, adjacent to Richard Blankenship and Cornelius's father-in-law William Garrison.
- On 2 November 1816 and 26 July 1817 (see those dates), "Benjamin White" bought two tracts on Christians Fork of Brush Creek, east side, from the estate of Benjamin Stuart, Dec'd.²⁵⁸ He would sell that land in 1819, signing as "Benjamin H. White."²⁵⁹
- In September 1818, "Benjamin H. White" and "John White," apparently John Sr., petitioned the county court for an alteration of the road from "Five Mile Fork of East River to the poney Crossing on Brush Creek. Neighbors James and John McClaugherty and Robert Wilson were appointed to view the proposed alteration and submit an opinion to the court."²⁶⁰
- While Benjamin H. almost certainly had a son John, that John was too young in 1818 to sign such a petition. The John who joined with Benjamin in that petition appears to be Benjamin's father, John Sr., whose title to land in this region was confirmed in the 20 September 1819 mass-clearance deed (see that date below) executed by Christian Peters to John White Sen^r, William White, John White Jun^r, James White, Samuel Mills, and others.

25 JUNE 1818 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Only some entries are dated.

"M" section:

Mills, Samuel	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢
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"W" section; consecutive entries:

Walker, Anos [Enos]
[skip 7]

²⁵⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17, 28–29.

²⁵⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

²⁶⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, Cornelius [Harmon's Br, E Riv]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	20 Mar
White John Sr. [ditto]	3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢	22 Mar
White, William [ditto]	1 tithe	23 Mar
[skip 4]		
White, Benjamin H.	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	24 Mar
White, John H [Bear Spr]	3 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	24 Apr
White, Thomas [son of John H]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	24 Apr
[skip 9]		
White, James [Doe Creek]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 6 horses or mules, \$1.08	24 Apr
White, William Sr.? [son of John H]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	11 Feb
White, John, son of Jack W. [John H]	1 tithe	
Wiley, Robert	1 tithe	

COMMENT:

- This "Jack" is John H. White, aka the first "John Jr." of Montgomery and Giles.
- John White Sr. has lost a tithe since 1817. No new White male is added to the list. One of three explanations exist: (a) that tithable male has died; (b) that tithable male has gone to work for someone else who included him as an unnamed employee on his other list; or (c) that tithable male has gone on his own and left the county.
- "Robert Wiley" is the name that William Mills gave to a son born c1824. However, there were also Robert Wileys in Botetourt (a merchant), Kanawha, and Monroe Counties. I have not yet done reasonably exhaustive research in those three counties.

29 SEPTEMBER 1818

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

"On the application of **Benjamin H. White** and **John White** for an alteration of the road from the **mouth** of the **Five mile fork** of **East River** to the poney crossing of **Brush Creek**, it is ordered that **James McClagherty, John McClagherty, Robert Wilbern,** and **Philip Peters** or any three of them ... view the way perposed [*sic*] ... and report to this Court."²⁶¹

COMMENT:

Requests for alterations in roads were made by landowners who lived on those roads. **This is a critical placement for John Sr.,** dating his move from Big Spring to Brush Creek. Given that (a) John's wife Frankey does not appear to be enumerated in 1820 and (b) John no longer co-owned land with William Preston (potential father of Frankey's daughter) after 1818, we might question whether her death might have occurred about 1818, prompting the old John to give up their home at Big Spring, perhaps with a buy-out from Preston, and move down East River to live with Benjamin.

6 NOVEMBER 1818

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

²⁶¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

William Cooper to Sally White. No parental or other data.²⁶²

COMMENT:

William Cooper, as a child in 1798, had been bound out by the overseers of the poor to James McClaugherty.²⁶³ James McClaugherty Sr. and Jr. were associates of John Toney and the two Benjamin Whites for a quarter-century or more.²⁶⁴

This Sally could only be the daughter of Benjamin and Ann White—one of the five females aged 0–15 in their 1810 household. The 1810 household of John Sr. and Frankey White did not have a daughter.

TO DO:

Obtain this bond and any related papers when Library of Virginia reopens. The digitized collection at *FamilySearch* begins with 1821. Others participating in the bond and or permissions should help to solidify Sally’s placement in a birth family.

5 DECEMBER 1818
GILES COUNTY, VA

Will

Last will and testament of **Thomas Copley of Giles. Wife: Rhoda**, the land “whereon I now live with all its tenements, early rents and profits, messuages dwelling house ad outhouses, orchards and Gardens with all my stock of every Kind and Kitchen furnetture ... during her natural life or so long as she shall continue my Widow ... at the death of my wife or if she should again Marry, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved children, namely, **Thomas Copley Jr., Betsey McKinney, Nancy White, James Copley, and Joshua Copley**, all my stock of any kind... farming utentials ... household kitchen furniture ... and the rest of my Children to Wit—**Rachel Johnston** Decd to have one dollar for her portion of my estate, Also **Abigail Walker** to have one dollar for her portion of my estate, Also **John Copley** my son to have one dollar for his portion of my estate, Also **Joseph Copley** to have one dollar for his portion of my estate, **Sally McKinney** to have one dollar for her portion of my estate. ... unto my son **Joshua Copley** and to his son **Johnston Copley after him, ___ of land whereon I now live**, beginning on the ___ at the lower end of the tract and to run up the River to a black Walnut ... provided that the said Joshua Copley or **Johnstone Copley** his son do pay unto **Freeman Copley** son of **Joseph Copley** fifty pounds within two years after they come in possession of the land if the said Freeman Copley came of age the Fifty pounds to be paid in Cattle or horses. ... [Signed] Thomas Copley. Witsse: Joseph Smith, Stephen Rowe (x), and David Millirons (x).²⁶⁵

COMMENT:

- Rachel Copley “(d/o Thomas Copely Sr.)”, married James Johnson by bond dated 28 January 1786, Montgomery County.
- Elizabeth “Betsy” Copley “(d/o Thomas Copely),” married Joseph McKinney 20 December 1791, also in Montgomery.²⁶⁶

²⁶² Giles Co., Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 27.

²⁶³ Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 10, 1797–1798: 270.

²⁶⁴ For the numerous associations between James and John McClaugherty, John Toney, and Benjamin White, see the previously cited report, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt),” 20 Jan. 2020.

²⁶⁵ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 283–86.

²⁶⁶ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 123, 228.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- For Abigail Copley, I have not yet found a marriage record or any other record that reveals *which* Walker she wed.

26 APRIL 1819
GILES COUNTY, VA

And sale.

Benjamin White and wife **Nancy** to **Daniel McKinzie**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$400 cash in hand paid, 388 acres in Giles County (formerly Montgomery) on the S side of **Christian's Fork of Brush Creek, Joining the land of John Toney**. [Metes and bounds not copied]. No witnesses. Signed Benjⁿ H. White, Nancy White. Acknowledged before **David Johnston** and William Smith, magistrates, along with examination of Nancy, on 26 April 1819. Proved At Giles June Court 1819."²⁶⁷

COMMENT:

In 1816, David Johnston was married to the widowed Sally (Chapman) Miller, aunt of Archibald Chapman who in 1811 married Elizabeth Mills, daughter of Sarah (Mills) Sartain.²⁶⁸

26 APRIL 1819
GILES COUNTY, VA

And sale.

Benjamin White and wife **Nancy** to **Reuben French**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$220 cash in hand paid, acreage not stated, in Giles County on the S side of **Christian's Fork of Brush Creek**. Described as

Beginning at three white oak saplings on S side of the Creek by a ford and running thence N 55° W 140 poles to two Spanish oak saplings on a hill side, S 55° W 278 poles on the head of a Spring to a double white oak in the fork of a branch, S37° E 142 poles to the Beginning.

No witnesses. Signed Benjⁿ H. White, Nancy White. Acknowledged before **David Johnston** and William Smith, magistrates, along with examination of Nancy, on 26 April 1819. Proved at Giles June Court 1819."²⁶⁹

26 APRIL 1819
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Ritchard Blankinship to **Cornelius White**, both of Giles Co., for \$150 paid by Cornelius, sale of land on **East River**, being part of the tract Sd. Blankinship now lives on, containing by Estimation 50 acres, land known as **Sink hole**, joining the **land Cornelius White now lives on** on the N side of sd. River" ...

Beginning at sd **C. White's** line on the top of ridge and Runing with a Conditional marked line along sd. Ridge to **East River**, thence with the old line of the original Survey to the line of him the sd. **Cornelius White**, thence with sd line a South Course to the Beginning.

[Signed] Richard Blankinship. Certified by David Johnston & William Smith, magistrates for Giles Co., 26 April 1819."²⁷⁰

²⁶⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

²⁶⁸ For Johnston as son-in-law of John Chapman and brother-in-law of Archibald's father George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., in 1816, see Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 6–7. For will of George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., as father of Archibald Chapman, see Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 161–62; imaged at *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

²⁶⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 103.

²⁷⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 89–90.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

COMMENT:

Cornelius bought his first land on 25 November 1817 (see above) from Travis Stowers, adjacent to his (Cornelius') father-in-law William Garrison and Richard Blankenship. That tract should be the land referenced above as "the land Cornelius White now lives on." Now, he is expanding onto two additional tracts—part of Blankenship's land and (below) part of his father-in-law's land.

Travis Stowers in 1799 had married Elizabeth Blankenship, daughter of Peter, by a Montgomery County bond.²⁷¹

29 JUNE 1819
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Cornelius White appointed to grand jury for this session"²⁷²

30 JUNE (1 JULY?) 1819

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

Acknowledgments of deeds:

"**Benjamin H White** & wife to Reuben French ... **Benjamin White** & wife to Daniel McKenzie."²⁷³

COMMENT:

The "acknowledgement" in court tells us that Benjamin and Ann were still present in the county at the end of June or first of July, even though they had sold all their land in April.

1 JUNE 1819 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

William Preston: Same data as 1818

Preston & **White**: Same data as 1818

John H White: Same data as 1818

James White: Same data as 1818

Cornelius White: Same data as 1818

Benjamin White: Same data as 1818

1 JULY 1819 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

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

McKenzie, Alexander

McKenzie, Sally

²⁷¹ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 228.

²⁷² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 244.

²⁷³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 245.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

[etc.]

“W” section; consecutive entries:

Walker, George`			
Watts, William			25 Feb
White, Cornelius	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 1 horses, 18¢	25 Feb
White, Benjamin H.	[Chr Fk, Br Cr]	2 tithes, 1 horses, 18¢	3 Mar
Walker, John			
Walker, Eauds			
White, John	[Sr.; Brush Cr]	4 tithes, 3 horses, 54¢	5 Mar
White, John Jr.	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Mar
White, William	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 2 horses, 36¢	5 Mar
[skip 26]			
White, James	[Doe Creek]	2 tithes, 4 horses, 72¢	23 Mar
[skip 15]			
White, William	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe, 2 horses	5 Apr
[skip 2]			
White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	2 tithes, 2 horses, 36¢	5 Apr
White, Thomas	[son of John H]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Apr
White, John	[previously “s of Jack”]	1 tithe	5 Apr

COMMENT:

“Jr.” in this era meant “the younger,” not just “son of” as is common today. *Four* John Whites are now adult tithables:

- John Sr., who has left Big Spring (the land held jointly with Preston) and located on Brush Creek where his land title would be confirmed in September, below.
- John Jr. of Brush Creek, apparently Benjamin’s son. If he were John Sr.’s son, then “John Jr.” aka John Hunter) should not be John Sr.’s son. While it is possible that John Sr. gave his name to two sons, one from each marriage, the odds are against it.
- John Hunter aka “Jack” of Bear Spring, formerly John Jr. Note, below, that in 1821 after the last appearance of John Sr. of Brush Creek on the 1821 tax roll, the Bear Spring John calls himself “John Seigner.”
- John, who previously appeared on a tax roll as “son of Jack.”

Both the 1820 tax list and the 1820 census would show *three* John White households in Giles—John Sr., John Jr. [of Brush Creek], and John “Hunter” [of Bear Spring].

Two Williams are still present:

- William in the neighborhood of John Sr., Cornelius, Benjamin H. and the new John Jr.
- William in the neighborhood of John H. “Jack” and his sons Thomas and John.

20 SEPTEMBER 1819

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Christian Peters, en masse title clearance to 1700 acres for \$34 in favor of John Thompson Sen^r, John Thompson Jun^r, Noah Blankenship, Ely? [Oty?] Blankenship, **Francis Prince**, Jeremiah Jones, William Tiller, **Travis Stowers**, Linsey Davis, Robert Stuart, David Payne, Lewis Ford, Samuel B. Blankenship, **Samuel Mills**, **John Copley**, Henry Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, George Bailey, **John White Sen^r**, **William White**, **John White Jun^r**, **James White**, William Miller, John Clendenon, Willim Swinney,

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

John Gunoe S^r, John Gunnoe J^r, William Gunnoe, Jacob Gunnoe, Robert Gunoe, John Smith, James Rowland, Isaac Cole, and Jacob Straly Jun^r, all of Giles. Said land was part of a tract of 75,000 acres patented to Robert Pollard and sold for taxes, then conveyed by the Sheriff of Wythe County to John Headrick and others and by them to Joseph Fletcher and others and by them to Christian Peters and **James Mullins**. The 1700 acres being conveyed are in Giles Co. on **East River Mountain, Beginning at the Tazewell County line** ... up the N side of the **Mountain** to the top, thence **down the Mountain toward New River**. ... No neighbors named. No witnesses. Acknowledged by Peters and proved at April Court 1820.²⁷⁴

COMMENT:

Benjamin H. is not included neighborhood. He and wife Nancy have sold their land on Christian's Fork of Brush Creek and the household is enumerated as "Benjamin H. White" in 1820 in contiguous Cabell County.

28 JANUARY 1820
GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

William White to **Lavina Munsey**. No parental or other data.²⁷⁵

COMMENT:

This William would be the William named as son in the 25 April 1822 deed, below, executed by John White of Bear Spring (husband of Nancy Copley). Tax rolls shows that William remained there amid his parents, siblings, and the Munseys.²⁷⁶

29 MARCH 1820
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Cornelius White to John Dillion Deed acknowledged in the Clerk's Office and returned into Court and ordered to be recorded.”²⁷⁷

COMMENT:

The absence of a reference to his very much alive wife goes unexplained. By law, she should have been questioned by the judge or justice, separate from Cornelius, to get her consent.

Occasionally a wife did not go into court to make the acknowledgment with her husband, if (for example) she was ill. The prevailing pattern for this time and place, in those cases, was for the document not ordered to be recorded until she was questioned and gave her consent.

1 JULY 1820
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

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

- 673 acres on Cole River
- 500 acres, no locale

²⁷⁴ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

²⁷⁵ Giles Co., Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 28.

²⁷⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

²⁷⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 268.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

John H White: • 95 acres, no locale [*reference to co-owner John White is now dropped*]
 Same data as 1819
James White: Same data as 1819
Cornelius White: Same data as 1819
Benjamin White: Not taxed on land [Also dropped from personal-tax roll. He sold both
 Brush Creek tracts in 1819²⁷⁸]

5 JUNE 1820 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

Mills, Samuel [East Riv Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 14 Mar

"W" section: consecutive entries:

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

White, John [Sr.; Brush Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 4 Mar

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

White, Cornelius [Harmons Br, East R] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 11 Mar

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

White, John Hunt [Bear Spr] 1 tithe 4 Apr

White, William [son of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr

White, John Junr. [s of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr

White, Thomas [son of John H] 1 tithe 10 Apr

COMMENT:

- While Benjamin has sold his land on Christian's Fork of Brush Creek and removed across the Cabell line, two of his proposed sons (William and James) have remained on land there that was titled to them in the joint deed executed by Christian Peters in 1819. (See above.)
- Note that those two proposed sons of Benjamin flank the old John of Brush Creek, their proposed grandfather.

AUGUST 1820

GILES COUNTY, VA

Census

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname, as per tax roll

(p. 119 verso, stamped; begin line 11)

Muncy, Samuel

McClagherty, John

Muncy, Zachariah

Muncy, Holten

Mullens, James

Mares, Archabald

²⁷⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Marshal, James
 Mare, Daniel
 Mare, Amos
 Miller, Sarah

Mills, Samuel	1 male 26–44	1 female 26–44	8 in household
	1 male 10–15	1 female 0–10	2 in agriculture
	4 males 0–10		

COMMENT:

- Samuel Mills had the title to his land confirmed in that mass deed from Peters in September 1819.
- Samuel's wife Rachel, who died after 1830, apparently left him with considerably more children than the number attributed to their marriage by online trees.

Meadows, William
 Meadows, William Jr.
 [Mc] Graw, William
 Mgloughlin, William
 Mongolet, William
 [end of M's]

(p. 123 stamped; begin line 1)

Wilson, David
 Wilson, Antony
 Workman, Joseph
 Walker, Oliver
 Watts, Polly

White, Cornelious	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 16–25	4 in household
	2 white males 0–10		1 in agriculture

Walker, Anos

White, John [Sr.]	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	11 in household
	2 white males 16–25	1 white females 16–25	6 in agriculture
	1 white male 16–18	3 white females 0–10	
	2 white males 10–15		
	1 white male 0–10		

COMMENT:

- The male 16–18, which I've greyed out above, is duplicated in the 16–25 category, as per Census Bureau instructions for this year.
- The age of the oldest female in this John White household is too young to be Frankey. Several explanations could exist, including these: (a) The census taker put his tickmark in the wrong column; (b) Frankey is dead and John has found a new wife; (c) the 26–44 female is an unmarried daughter that was not enumerated in 1810; (d) the 26-44 female is the wife of one of the males 18–25.
- Explanation (d) is the most compatible with other known data.
- There remain a considerable number of offspring that need to be identified.
- The four children aged 0–10 should be too young to be children of Frankey. Her oldest proved child (Rachel Mills) is now about 34. The two boys 10–15 *do* correspond to the males

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

attributed to John’s and Frankey’s household in 1810 and *would* be of age to be sons of Frankey.

- All things considered, it appears that this is a combined household, shared by John with a son 16–18, 2 sons 10–15, and a married son and his wife who are about 25–26 and have 4 children 0–10. The younger couple would not be the William and Editha who married in 1816; that couple was enumerated in their own home, below.
- Comparing this John White household with the 1810 household yields the following conclusions:
 - one male b. 1792–93 is missing
 - two males b. 1795–1800 are missing
 - one male b. 1795–1800 might be still in the household
 - two males b. 1800–10 appear to be still in the household
 - one male b. 1800–10 is missing

Wilson, William
 Wray, Daniel
 Webb, Thomas
 Walters, William
 Walters, John
 Webb, Stephen
 Wilson, James
 Williams, Elenor
 Webb, William
 Webb, Pleasant
 Webb, Julius
 Walker, William
 Williams, Jeremiah
 Williams, George
 Williams, Henry

White, James [Doe Cr]	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	12 in household
	3 white males 16–25	2 white females 10–15	5 in agriculture
	2 white males 16–18	2 white female 0–10	
	1 white male 10–15		
	2 white males 0–10		

Williams, Andrew
 Williams, Joseph
 Williams, Jeremiah
 Williams, Hugh
 (p. 123 verso, line 1)
 Williams, James
 Williams, Abraham
 Williams, John
 Walker, Charles
 Waddle, Abby
 Waddle, Alexander
 Waddle, James
 Wilson, Robert

White, William	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 16–25	5 in household
	2 white males 0–10	1 white females 0–10	1 in agriculture

Wilbern, William

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Wilbern, William, Jnr.
 Wilburn, Stephen
 Williams, Alexand^r
 Wilson, Andrew
 Williams, Larkin
 Williams Daniel
 Walls, William

White, William	1 white male	16–25	1 white female	16–25	2 in household 1 in agriculture
White, John [Bear Spring]	1 white male	45+	1 white female	45+	12 in household
	4 white males	16–25	1 white females	0–10	7 in agriculture
	1 white male	16–18			
	2 white males	10–15			
	3 white males	0–10			
White, John [son of above]	1 white male	16–25	1 white female	16–25	2 in household 1 in agriculture

Williams, Eliza
 Williams, George
 Williams, Federick
 Wilbern, John

[*end of list*]

COMMENT:

Benjamin (H.) White is no longer in the county. See Cabell County for William, Benjamin, Benjamin H., John [no data at all], and James.

2 NOVEMBER 1820

GILES COUNTY, VA

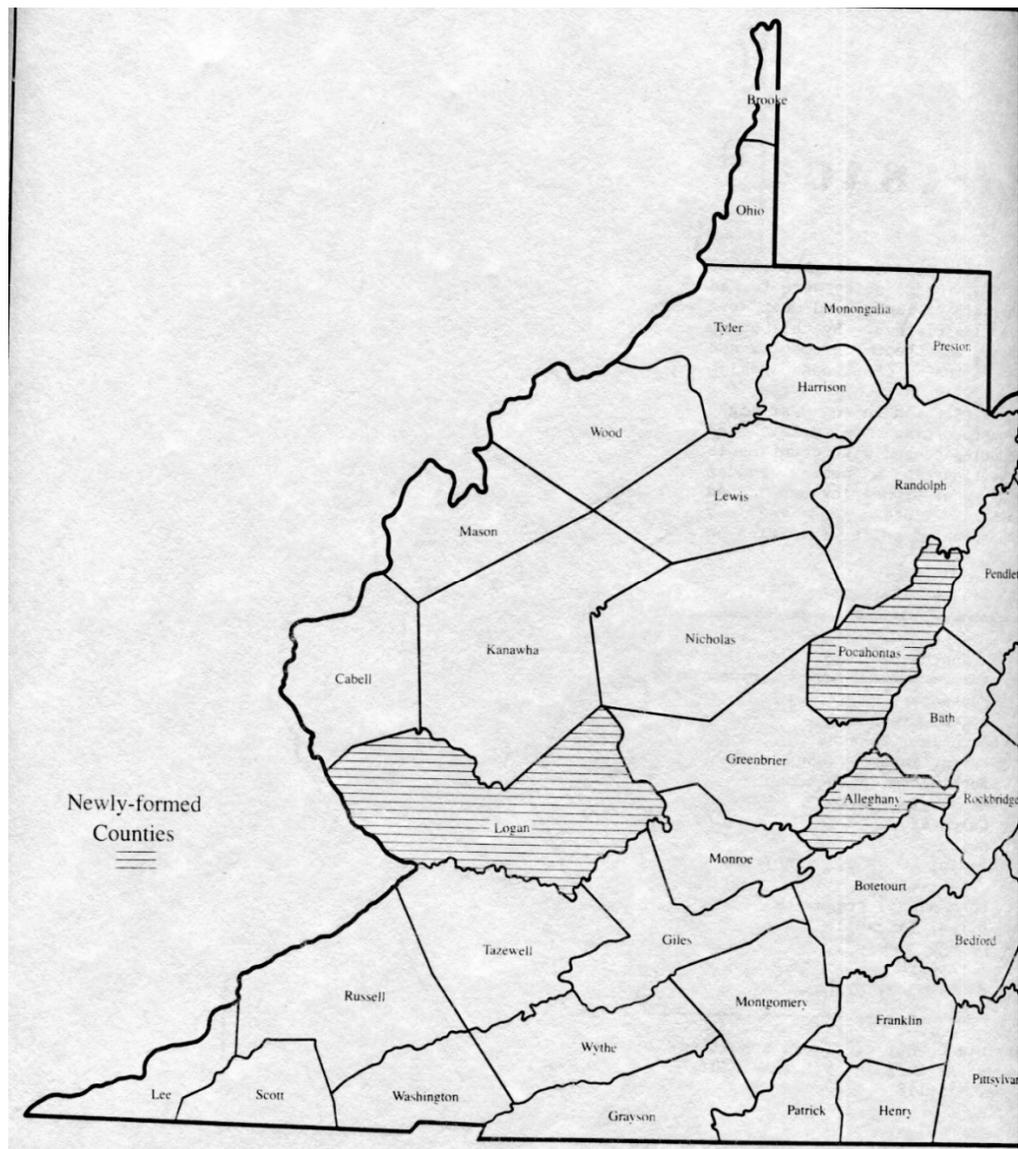
Court orders

"Floyd vs. Toney [Cont'd.]

"Goodbille Lesse vs Blankenship, Cont'd."

"Same vs. **White**, the same. "Same vs. **Mills** the same" "Same vs. Dillion, the same."²⁷⁹

Map 10
Western Virginia: 1821–30²⁸⁰



²⁷⁹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 292.

²⁸⁰ Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

30 JANUARY 1821
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

“Ordered that **Cornelius White, William White**, John Walker & Chrispyanos Walker or any three of them being first Sworn do appraise the personal Estate of **William Prince & Matthew Erickson** and make a report thereof to the Court.”²⁸¹

COMMENT:

In August 1805 Chrispyanos Walker witnessed two documents for sale of land by Isaiah Perdue of Tazewell County to John Peters. The land was on “S side of New River below the mouth of Wolf Creek.”²⁸²

This William White, in the neighborhood of Cornelius White and Chrispyanos Walker, should be the William who married Editha—i.e., part of the Benjamin and Ann White family, as Cornelius also seems to be. (See analysis under the 1810 census entry.) Meanwhile, John Sr. and Frankey White’s son Samuel Mills also married into the Prince family: Rachel Prince, daughter of John.

27 MARCH 1821
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

James White and **Cornelius White** appointed to Grand Jury.

1821
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

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

COMMENT:

The pattern of Giles County tax rolls suggests that newly opened lands did not go onto the tax rolls until four or so years after they were titled.

TO DO: Check the law on this point.

31 JULY 1821 [CERTIFICATION DATE]
GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname; no dates.

“M” section: *consecutive entries*:

McKinney, Joseph	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢
Mills, Samuel [East Riv Mtn]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

²⁸¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 299.

²⁸² Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D: 332–34.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Mullins, James 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

COMMENT:

This James Mullins co-witnessed, with William Mills, the 1816–17 land leases between John Toney (landowner) and John Conner and Zachariah Crawford (renters).

"W" Consecutive entries:

Walker, George

Walker, John

Walker, Eanoss

White, William [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

White, Neeley [Cornelius, Harmans Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢

White, John B.C^r [Sr. of Brush Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢
[John Sr.]

White, James B.C^r [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

White, John [son of Benj] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢
[skip 22]

White, James D. C^r [Doe Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢
[skip 13]

Webb, Stephen

White, John H [Bear Spr] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 27¢

White, John "J son" 1 tithe

COMMENT:

Regarding locations:

Note that the above list explicitly places the old John on "B.C^r" where Benjamin H. had previously lived and where Benjamin H.'s apparent brother James (John Sr.'s proposed grandson) is also said to be. This provides a location for the land his offspring acquired via the mass title clearance of 1819.

Regarding names:

Some of these tax rolls present the given name first, then surname. For consistency, this set of notes puts surname first. However, in the case of John (Hunter) White, the inversion does not clearly convey what is represented. On these tax rolls, *H* is rarely used for him as a middle initial. Instead it is an appendage following his surname, as with the "B. C^r," "D. C^r," and "J son" used for other Whites. An occasional *deed* did use "H" as his middle initial, alternating with the name John "Hunter" White.

Note: This is the last record found for John White Sr. I will continue to include here a variety of Giles County records that help to sort out his offspring.

25 SEPTEMBER 1821

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Edmund Morgan of Montgomery Co. to **John White Seigner** of Giles Co., sale for \$20 of 65 acres being part of 365 acres patented to John Grant on 23 November 1798 lying in Giles County on the **Side of the Buckeye Mountain** and on the **Waters of the Bear Spring**, Waters of New River,

Beginning at two white oaks and a black oak on the Patent line and with the same N 60° E 68 poles to two black oaks in a **hollow on Alsups** line and with the same N 18° E 100 poles passing

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

his corner to a black oak and two white oaks on the spur of the Mountain, N 8° W 40 poles with the patent line thence leaving the same S 84° W 72 poles to a chesnut oak and Locust On the mountain S 10° E 162 poles to the beginning

No witnesses named. Acknowledged by Morgan "before two Justices of the peace and returned into Court. September term 1821."²⁸³

COMMENT:

The word "Seigner" is written very clearly. The index entry, made contemporaneously, is "White, John, Sen^r." Clearly, "Senior" is the designation intended.

This is *not* the "John White Sr" who married widow Frankey Mills. This John White who is buying land from Edmund Morgan—and later sold it with wife Nancy—is John White Jr. (husband of Nancy Copley), who is now "elevated" to "Sr." From this use of Sr. for John Jr., we may hypothesize that **the older John who married Frankey has died**. Note that when the county split in 1824, the John "Sr." who ended up in Logan County is the age of "John Jr." aka John H., not that of John Sr. However, John H. remained in Giles; he is not the John Sr. of 1830 Logan.

25 SEPTEMBER 1821

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale

Edmond Morgan of Montgomery County to **John White Seigner** of Giles Co., sale for 70£ in hand paid, 80 acres lying on **Bear Spring**, beginning at John Alsups white oak and hickory. No witnesses. Proved Giles Court September 1821 by certification of John Kirk and John Peck, justices of the peace who said Morgan acknowledged the same before them. Same certification as above.²⁸⁴

26 MARCH 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

Edmund Morgan against **John White**, Joshua **Copley** Special Bail. Whereupon the special bail surrendered in court the body of the defendant and he is prayed in custody of the sheriff."

"Edmund Morgan against **John White**. The defendant comes here into court and confesses Judgment of Sixty dollars and fifty cents with Interest from the 9th of September 1820 and the costs and Judgment is given by the court for the same whereupon he is preyed in Execution."²⁸⁵

27 MARCH 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

John H. White [*sic*] of Giles Co. to Christopher Champ, Sheriff. White is now confined in the Jail of the county aforesaid at the suit of **Edmund Morgan** and "desires to give up all his property to satisfy the debt due the sd Edward Morgan and take the oath prescribed by Law for insolvent Debtors." He conveys

- 99 acres on N side of the "Cap [Gap?] Mountain or Walkers Mountain on waters of Bear Spring, joning or near the lands of Samuel Lindsey which land was conveyed to him the sd. John H. White by Alexander Waddle."

²⁸³ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–28.

²⁸⁴ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 328–29.

²⁸⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 338.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

- 70 acres on Bear Spring “known by the name of the Mill Place on which the sd. John H. White now lives on, which he bought from the sd. Edward Morgan.
- About 70 acres which the said John H White gave to his son William White “some time ago” but has not yet conveyed the title.

Champ will sell the land at “some Court Day at the Giles Court House.” “Acknowledged in court and ordered to be recorded.” March Court 1822.²⁸⁶

29 MARCH 1822
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court orders

The case of overseers of the poor vs. Champion Napier is still being “continued.”

“Goodtitle Lessee vs. Dillion. In ejectment, cont’d.”

“Same vs. **White** in ejectment, same.

“Same vs. Blankenship in ejectment, same.

“Same vs. **Mills** in ejectment, same.”²⁸⁷

25 APRIL 1822
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land sale.

John White to Hannah White, both of Giles, for \$21.50½ in hand paid, sells 80 acres by survey on Bear Spring in Giles County, described as

Beginning at John Alsups corner a white oak and Hickory on the N side of a hill N 56° W 96 poles crossing the creek along his line to two Poplars, N 56 poles to a black oak and white oak on his line, S 83° E 156 poles to three white oak saplings on a Hill, S10° E 66 poles to a white oak and Maple and then S 75° W 90 poles to the Beginning.

No witnesses. Acknowledged and proved in Giles June Court 1822.²⁸⁸

COMMENT:

This John White of Bear Spring was the husband of Nancy Copley. See 14 September 1824, below, for the sale of this land by “John H White, Nancy his wife, and Hannah White.” Given the 27 March document by which John, amid his debts, swore he had already given part of his land to “son William” without benefit of deed—a failure he remedied on this same day that he and Nancy deeded land to Hannah—it would appear that Hannah was a female relative for whom he was also trying to provide protection (or one he was using to shield another part of his land).

Notably, John did not state a relationship to Hannah as he did with “son William” and he did not use the phrase “for good will and affection,” as he did with William. Similarly in the 14 September 1824 deed below, by which John and Nancy sold this land together with Hannah, the deed states that Nancy is John’s wife but does not state a relationship to Hannah.

Hannah would appear to be an unmarried sister or widowed sister-in-law. If John H. (previously John Jr.) was a son of John Sr. who married Frankey Mills in 1792, then John H.’s mother should not still be living.

²⁸⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 353–54.

²⁸⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 343.

²⁸⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

25 APRIL 1822
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

John White to **William White**, both of Giles, for the good will and affection he bears toward his son, deeds to him 65 acres, being part of a tract of 365 acres granted to John Grant by patent dated 23 November 1798, on the **S side of the Buckeye Mountain** and on the **waters of Bear Spring** in Giles County, described as

Beginning at two White oaks and a black oak on the patent line and with the line N 60° E 68 poles to two black oaks in a hollow on **Alsup's** line and with the same N 18° E 100 poles passing his corner to a black oak and two white oaks on the Spur of the Mountain, N 8° W 40 poles with the patent line, Thence leaving the same S 84° W 73 poles to a chesnut, oak & Locust on the Mountain, S 10° E 162 poles to the Beginning,

No witnesses. Acknowledged and proved in Giles June Court 1822.²⁸⁹

COMMENT:

This John White would be John H. White, as per the 27 March 1822 assignment of his land to the sheriff, above.

25 APRIL 1822
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Christopher Champ, Sheriff of Giles Co., and **John White** and **Nancy his wife**, also of Giles, parties of the first part, to **Robert Young** of the same. Whereas John White was indebted to Edward Morgan of the county of Montgomery in the sum of \$480 and whereas Morgan initiated suit in the county court of Giles and obtained a judgment, "the said John White was confined in the Jail of the County of Giles aforesaid, and whereas the said John White in order to extricate and release himself from the jail ... signed and subscribed a Schedule of his whole estate ande [sic] conveyed his land to the said Christopher Champ Sheriff ... to be by him or one of his deputies Sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be appropriated toward Satisfying the Judgement of the said Edward Morgan ... and whereas the said John White has sold unto the said Robert Young of the second part 99 acres, a part of the land conveyed to the Sheriff as aforesaid, and the said Robert Young has paid Guy D. French, deputy for the said Christopher Champ fifty dollars, it being the balance of the said Judgment in full satisfaction Of the same ..." The land is described as

Beginning at a large White oak & Mapel by a Road on the side of a Hill, thence N 66° E 60 poles to a white oak, N 45° E 52 poles to a white oak & Hickory by a branch, S6 W 28 poles to a Double? Sowerwood and Hickory, S 3 ½ E 46 poles to a chestnut on the side of a Hill, S 24 E 18 poles to a poplar in a Hollow, S 24 W 41 poles to two chesnuts on the side of a Mountain, S 68 W 190 poles to a chestnut by a large Rock, N 12 W 40 poles to two chesnuts, N 57 E 97 poles to a Red oak, S 7 ½ E 28 poles to a hickory, N 65 E 16 poles to a black oak on a side, N 5 E 44 ;poles to a white oak and hickory on the top of a ridge, and thence N35 E 44 to the beginning.

"Witnesses to the assignment of White & Wife: Guy D. French, Samuel Lindsey, Joseph Hetherington."
[Signed]: **John White, Nancy White**, her **Z** mark, Chris' H[igh] Sheriff for Giles.

²⁸⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Proved by oaths of Guy D. French and Samuel Lindsey in Giles August Court 1822.²⁹⁰

COMMENT:

This identification of the wife as Nancy (vis a vis the prior name Hannah) should mean that this is the John White who married Nancy Copley, daughter of Thomas Copley, on 8 January 1793 in Montgomery Co.

25 APRIL 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale

John White to **Hannah White** [William White], "for the goodwill and affection which he bears toward his son William White, conveys 65 acres, whose description matches that of the first tract bought in September 1821. Land is on **Bear Spring, both sides of Buckeye Mountain**. No witnesses. Proved Giles Court June 1822 by acknowledgement of JW.²⁹¹

1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

William Preston: Same data as 1821

John H White: 90a "near the Bear Spring SE 10"
65a "On the Bear Spring, SE 10"
80a "On the same" SE 10, "Deeded by E. Morgan"

James White: Same data as 1821

Cornelius White: Same data as 1821

Benjamin White: Not listed

Samuel Mills: Still not listed.

24 JUNE 1822 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname; no dates.

"M" section; consecutive entries:

McKinney, Joseph

Mills, Samuel 1 tithe, 0 slave, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

Medder, Jacob

"W" section; consecutive entries:

Walker, John

White, William "B. Spring" [Bear Spr] 1 tithe

[skip 18]

White, James D. Creek [Doe Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢

Williams, George Jr.

[skip 14]

Webb, Stephen

White, John (Hunter) [Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves 1 horse or mule, 12.5¢

²⁹⁰ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 421–22.

²⁹¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B:389.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

White, John Junr.	[s of John H]	1 tithe	
White, Thomas	[s of John H]	1 tithe	
Wray, Daniel			
[skip 16			
Walker, Enos			
White, Cornelius	[Harmon’s Br]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	
Wilson, Andrew			
White, John (B. Creek)	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢	[son of Ben Sr.]
White, James (same)	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢	[son of Ben Sr.]
Williams, Larken			
Wilbourn, Robert			
Wilson, William			
William, Wilson Junr.			
White, Major	[Brush Cr?]	1 tithe	[son of John Sr.?)
Willis, James			
Williams, John (Cole C)			
Wall, Frances (Guyan)			
White, James (same)		1 tithe	[Guyandotte River]
Walker, John			
White, William (B. Creek)	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢	
White, Thomas (same)	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢	[son of John Sr.?)

COMMENT:

- The old John White of Brush Creek is no longer on the list. The John who remains appears on the prior role adjacent to James, as here in 1822.
- A new Major White appears somewhat removed but apparently still in the Brush Creek area. Given that the 1796 marriage bond of John White to Susanna Marcum had “Major Marcum” as John’s surety, Major White would superficially seem to be a son of that marriage. However, I’ve found no members of that family in the bounds of present Giles County since c1806.
- This Major White is not taxed in Giles after this point. One candidate for him appears on the **1830 Logan County** census, as a male 20–29, with an apparent wife and four children. Other offspring of John White Sr. (Benjamin H. and Isaac) also appear to be enumerated there. See those notes below.
- The only Whites who would remain in Giles in 1830 were the two clusters southeast of Pearisburg (the families of James and John Jr.).

25 JUNE 1822

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

Hoge & Kirk vs. **John White, Joshua Copley** special bail, the defendant surrendered in Court by special bail and is prayed in custody of the sheriff.”

“Hoge & Kirk vs. **John White** the defendant in custody of the sheriff comes here into court and confesses Judgment for forty dollars eighty five & one fourth cents with Interest from 27 March 1822 until paid & Costs. Thereupon it is considered by the court that the plaintiffs recover against the deft. the sum of forty dollars eighty five Cents with Interest from 27 March 1822 & Cost & the deft in mercy &c.”

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Hoge & Kirk vs. **White**, the defendant came here into and signed and subscribed a schedule of all his whole estate and took the oathe prescribed by Law for Insolvent debtors and is discharged from the custody of the Sheriff.²⁹²

COMMENT:

This would be John Hunter White [John Jr.], husband of Nancy Copley.

1823

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

COMMENT:

Time constraints on my pre-Covid research trips to Library of Virginia, did not allow work in the land rolls from 1823 forward.

30 SEPTEMBER 1823 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

Mills, Samuel [East R Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

"W" section; consecutive entries:

White, James 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 60¢

[skip 20, Williams, Walker, Wilbourn, etc.]

White, John H. [Bear Sp] 3 tithes

White, John [s of John H] 1 tithe

White, Thomas [s of John H] 1 tithe

White, William [s of John H] 1 tithe

[skip]

White, Cornelius [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

White, William (BC) 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

White, Thomas [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

White, James [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

Walker, Eanos

Walker, John

29 JULY 1823

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

On motion of **William White** who wishes to have some alteration made in the road leading from Charles Dingess to the her ford? of of [sic] **Reuben Frenchs** field and **Brush Creek**. It is ordered that **James McLaugherty**, Charles Hale, John Peters, and Charles Dingess or any three of them view the ground ... and report to this Court

²⁹² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 351–352.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Ordered that Ezekiel Smith be appointed overseer of the road from Charles Dingess to Reuben French’s Field on Brush Creek in the room of James Coplea.”²⁹³

COMMENT:

- This William of Brush Creek should be the son or son-in-law of Benjamin.
- Reuben French in 1819 bought half the Christian’s Fork of Brush Creek land of Benjamin White.
- Charles Dingess’ will left a significant bequest to Evalina White, daughter of “Elizabeth White.” The context of the bequest suggests that he was the likely father of Elizabeth’s child. Both Samuel Mills and the proposed sons of Benjamin White were active in his estate settlement.

27 AUGUST 1823
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

“A deed of Trust from **William White** to James Jenks trustee to secure a debt due Isaac & William Chapman which was acknowledged in Clerks office and returned into Court and ordered to be recorded.”²⁹⁴

TO DO:

I have not located this deed yet. The Chapman association implies this William is the son of John H. White and wife Nancy Copley.

27 JULY 1824
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

Order for payment of \$20.20 to **Westley White** as one of five guards for the prisoners Samuel Summerfield Sr. and Samuel Summerfield Jr, charged with “killing the property of Elizabeth Wallar.”²⁹⁵

COMMENT:

This is Wesley’s first appearance on record, suggesting that he has just come of age—i.e., born 1802–3.

The 1850 and 1860 censuses of Logan County, however, identify “Westley,” age 48 and 58 respectively, as *Benjamin W.* (1850) and *Wesley* (1860). Both censuses attribute to him sons Benjamin H. and Cornelius, and a wife Sarah. The data from this pair of censuses suggest that he was more likely from the Benjamin branch of the family. Considerably more work needs to be done on Wesley and all the Whites who were cut away into Logan and Mercer.

29 JUNE 1824 [CERTIFICATION DATE]
GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

“M” section; consecutive entries:

²⁹³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): 52.

²⁹⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 421.

²⁹⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 451.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

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

"W" section; consecutive entries:

White, John H. [Bear Spr] 3 tithes

White, John Junr. [s. of above] 1 tithe

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

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

[skip 25]

White, James (d. C^r) 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

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

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

[skip 16]

White, William [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢

White, Cornelius [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

White, James [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

White, Thomas [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

COMMENT:

William, Cornelius, and James are proposed sons of Benjamin. Thomas is the proposed son of their grandfather, John Sr., by Frankey.

20 SEPTEMBER 1824

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

James Coplea and **Zillah, his wife** of Hawkins County, TN, to **James White**, of Giles, for \$300, 180 acres in Giles on **Five Mile Fork of East River** being part of 300 acres granted to George Pearis, including **Pains Camp**, and deeded by Pearis to Coplea. Repeated references to "conditional line" between Coplea and **Mordica McKinzie**. Witnesses: none. Acknowledged before John Kirk and Wm. Chapman, justices of the peace for Giles on 20 September 1824. Proved Giles September Court 1824.²⁹⁶

COMMENT:

This James of Five Mile Fork is James of Brush Creek, husband of Micky McKinney, and proposed son of Benjamin Sr. See 1828 and 1835 notes, below, for his probate settlement records citing his land at both waterways. Apparently, his land lay at the point that the two streams approached each other.

28 SEPTEMBER 1824

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Benjamin H. White returned into Court his Claim vs the Com'th for attendance and mileage as a witness for the Com'th vs. **Allen Christian** Charged with felony amounting to \$8.53 cts which was examined by the Court and allowed and ordered to be Certified to the auditor of Public accounts."²⁹⁷

30 MARCH 1824

²⁹⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 141.

²⁹⁷ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 464.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Joseph Evans admr of Matthew Erickson vs. Henry Clay, Josiah Ferguson & others. Debts in Chry. By consent of the parties the determination of this Cause is submitted to John **McClagherty**, **Cornelius White**, and William Maxwell whose award thereupon is to be made the Judgments of the court."²⁹⁸

25 JANUARY 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Ordered that **James White** be appointed overseer of the road from the mouth of the **Five mile fork** to the top of the hill near **Joseph Fletchers** in the room of **Ezekiel Smith** and that he with the usual hands keep the same in repair".²⁹⁹

26 APRIL 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Adam White to **Polly Williams**. No parental or other data.³⁰⁰

COMMENT:

Adam's clusters on the tax rolls and censuses suggest that he was son of James H of Doe Creek, who was taxed among various members of the Williams family. In 1824, for example, Adam White and Jacob White were added to the tax rolls consecutively with James of Doe Creek, at the same time that two tithes were dropped from James' charge.

28 JUNE 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"A Report of the road from Joseph Fletchers to William McDowells on Bluestone returned into Court under the signatures of **Joseph Fletcher**, **William White** and **James White**. Therefore it is Considered by the Court the said road will be public utility and the same is accordingly established, and that Joseph Fletcher be appointed overseer of the same and that he with the hands to be allotted him by William Garrison, Abram Garrison, Thomas Little and **Cornelius White** open and keep the same in repair."³⁰¹

COMMENT:

This James, and Cornelius should be siblings, son of Benjamin Sr. This William would be their brother or brother-in-law.

28 JUNE 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

²⁹⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 435.

²⁹⁹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 477.

³⁰⁰ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 31.

³⁰¹ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 494.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

"The Grand Jury returned unto Court with the following bill of Indictments: With a bill of indictment vs. **James White** for failing to keep the public road in repair, a true bill. With a bill of Indictment vs. **William White** for a breach of the peace, a true bill."³⁰²

COMMENT:

The context is insufficient to determine which William is charged with this breach of peace.

7 OCTOBER 1825 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section; consecutive entries:

McKiney, Joseph

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

"W" section; consecutive entries:

White, Cornelius [Harmon's Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Walker, Chrispianous

Williams, Lisha

[skip 11]

Williams, Eleanor

White, James [Doe Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 50¢

Williams, Joseph

Williams Hugh

[skip 12 Williams & Wilsons]

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

White, Thomas [Bear Spr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

White, John [Bear Spr] 1 tithe

William Wilson Jur.

Wilbern, Stephen

[skip 6 Williams & Wilburns, etc.]

Wilson?, Richard

White, John Jr. [H?] [Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

[skip]

White, James [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

Walker, Thomas

Waddle, James

[skip 6]

Wilbern, Rheuben

White, William [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

[end of roll]

30 AUGUST 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"**William White** was one of the grand jurors sworn in for this term."³⁰³

³⁰² Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 495.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

COMMENT:

There is insufficient context, above or below, to determine which William did this jury service and was simultaneously tried in the same term of court. The assignment of jury duty to men who were under indictment in that same term was commonplace. Those who came to court for their own trial served for the trials of others.

1 SEPTEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

“Con’wth vs **William White**. Not guilty.³⁰⁴

27 SEPTEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

“On motion of **James White** who wishes a view of the ground proposed for a road from Joseph William’s Mill by way of the last pond to Robert M Hutchison, It is ordered that Samuel Pack Jr, Guy D. French, Ralph Lucas, Philip Lybrook & William H Snidow or any three of them ... view the ground ... & report to this court”³⁰⁵

COMMENT:

This would be James White of Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain, whose name appears adjacent to Joseph Williams on this year’s tax roll.

25 OCTOBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

“William White and **James White** both serve on juries this term.

Commonwealth vs **James White**. On indictment for failing to keep the road in repair. The attorney for the commonwealth declared that he would not prosecute the case and White was discharged by the court.

Commonwealth vs **William White**. Breach of the peace. Defendant acknowledges a judgment of \$3 and the court orders that it be recovered from him.³⁰⁶

2 NOVEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Jacob White to Betsy Webb. No parental or other data.³⁰⁷

COMMENT:

Census and tax roll clusters suggest this Jacob was a son of James of Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain. Jacob came on the tax roll, in his own name, in 1824, in this sequence: “James White (D.C),” Adam White, Jacob White—at the same time that two tithes were dropped from James

³⁰³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 498.

³⁰⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 507.

³⁰⁵ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 510.

³⁰⁶ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, images 514–15.

³⁰⁷ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 31.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White's household. In 1825, Adam and Jacob are both dropped from the roll and James's tithable list has added back two tithes.

29 NOVEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"On motion of **James White** who wishes a road from Joseph Williams Mill to Robbert M. Hutchisons on **John Creek** by the way of **Salt Pond**, It is ordered that Robertson Hutchison & John Williams & Guy D. French ... do view the ground ... and report to this court."³⁰⁸

10 DECEMBER 1825

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Pleasant Webb and wife **Peggy** to **Jacob White** and wife **Elizabeth**, for \$450, sale of land on **Doe Creek**, adj. Webb's own land, **Jeremiah Williams**, decd. Acknowledgment and dower relinquishment before Ralph Lucas and William H. Snidow, magistrates of Giles, 4 April 1826. Returned to court and ordered to be recorded, August term 1826. Marginal note: "Lifted by Jacob White, April 25, 1838."³⁰⁹

COMMENT:

- Note that Jacob, the proposed son of James White of Doe Creek is buying land adjacent to James.
- Regarding the Webbs, it will be recalled that Robert White married Mary Webb, in 1795 while claiming land on Doe Creek.

31 JANUARY 1826

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"On the application of **John Clendenen** who wishes a Road from Charles Dingess by the way of **John Walker** to the **Flat Top Mountain** at the **Logan Line** at the **Blue Spring**, It is ordered that **James White**, **William White**, Akles Fannon, Ezekiel Smith, Josiah Fargason & John Walker, or any three of them ... view the ground ... and report to this Court."³¹⁰

COMMENT:

This James and William would be from Benjamin's branch.

16 APRIL 1822? 6?

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Micajah Bradley to **Thomas White**, conveyance for [consideration not stated] of land in Giles on waters of **Bear Spring** a branch of New River, 44 acres bounding on land of Bradley, described as

Beginning at a chesnut and chesnut oak and white oak at the point of a **ridge** on or nearly a line of said Bradlys, then S55 W58 poles crossing a **Brook** to a beach and Hickory on a Rocky Point, S 45 E 109 poles crossing a branch to a large White Oake and poplar on a Spur of the **Gap**

³⁰⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 518.

³⁰⁹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 285.

³¹⁰ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 524.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Mountain, N 50 E 43 poles to a poplar and Hickory on the side of said Mountain, N 4 3 20 poles to a chesnut and Hickory, N 15 W 22 poles to a chesnut and Chesnut oak on a hill side, N 57 W 24 poles to a hickry Saplin on the top of a ridge on a line of Said Bradly land, then with the same N 54 W 56 to the beginning

No other neighbors named. No witnesses. Acknowledged in court April Term 1826 by Bradley. Marginal note: "Deed lifted by **David White (son of Thomas)**, 28th September 1845. Teste: Wm. A. Stewart, D.C."³¹¹

COMMENT:

This Thomas should be a son of John H of Bear Spring.

25 APRIL 1826

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Thomas Mowls [var. **Moles**] and **wife Elizabeth** to **John White**, all of Giles, for \$120, sale of 100 acres on **Spruce River**, a branch of **New River**, described as

beginning at a black oak and chesnut locust and hickory on the **Gab [Gap] mountain**, thence N 26 W 40 poles to two gums, S 40 E 60 poles to a black oak and Chestnut oak, N 64 E 96 poles to the beginning.

Sold with "the priviledge of taking stone, timber and where parallel with the closing line to the top of the Gap Mountain. Said land was patented to Robert Mains on 15 March 1788 and "ordered to be sold by Daniel Call, Executor of Robert Mains decd. by a decree of the United States Court fifth Circit of Virginia district dated Decr. 2nd 1815 and afterwards, to wit on 22nd day of February 1817, the said Daniel Call Executor as aforesaid did convey the said land to Ebenezer Melvin aforesaid by deeds of Bargain and Sale which is now of record in the County of Montgomery ...

Acknowledgement and dower relinquishment before **Ralph Lucas** and Wm. H. Snidow, J.P.s for Giles Co. 27 May 1826. Proved Giles Court 1826. Deed lifted by **Hugh D. Ferrell** per orders of **John H White**, April 11, 1846."³¹²

COMMENT:

- On 21 January 1836, Accles White [son of John H and Nancy] took out a bond to marry Elisabeth Mowles, daughter of Thomas.
- Ralph Lucas lived in the neighborhood of James H. White.

30 MAY 1826

GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

"Josiah Lily vs Ephraim Meadows, Henry Clay, John Clendennen, Richard Blankenship and **Thomas White** on motion for an award of an execution on a Forth-coming bond this day came the Pltf by Henley Chapman, Gent. his Attorney who proved to the Court by the oath of Samuel Pack that the Dfts had legal notice of this motion. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plft have execution against the according to bond interest and Cost."³¹³

³¹¹ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 244.

³¹² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 277.

³¹³ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, images 530–31.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

COMMENT:

The Meadows, Clendennen and Blankenships were all neighbors of the Whites of East River and branches thereof. This Thomas is the Thomas of East River's Brush Creek, proposed son of John Sr. and Frankey.

27 JUNE 1826
GILES COUNTY, VA
Court orders

"It is ordered that **Cornelius White** be appointed overseer of the road from where Richard Blankenship formerly lived on **East river** to the County line on the head of the same in the room of the said Blankenship and that he with the usual hands keep the Same in repair."³¹⁴

29-30 AUGUST 1826 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

"M" section:

Mills, Samuel [East R Mtn]	2 tithes, 3 horses, .36	"
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COMMENT:

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

"W" section; consecutive entries

Waddle, Alexander		17 Feb
White, John	[East R & Brsh Crk] 1 tithe	"
White, Thomas	[East R & Br Crk] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
White, William	[East R & Br Crk] 1 tithe	"
White, William	[East R & Br Crk] 1 tithe, 3 horses, .36	"
Williams, Joseph		
White, Cornelius	[East R & Br Crk] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
White, James	[East R & Br Crk] 1 tithe, 3 horses, .36	"
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White, John	[Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 1 horse, .12	6 Mar
White, Ake	[Accles] 1 tithe	"
[skip]		
Williams, Hugh		10 Mar
Williams, George Ju ^r		"
White, James	[Doe Cr] 2 tithes, 3 horses, .36	"
White, Adam	[Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
Williams, Jeremiah		"
[skip 6]		"
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 2 horses, .24	"

COMMENT:

³¹⁴ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822-1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 536.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

The second William on Brush Creek of East River has not been identified. The William with three horses should be the William who married Editha in 1815; they did not yet have a son of tithable age.

The presence of the second William in this family cluster suggests kinship. The only way a second William seems to fit into the family would be as one of the yet-unidentified sons of John Sr. and Frankey. If so, this reduces the odds of Frankey being the mother of William Mills-Whitt. It is *possible* that she might name a son William White, even though she had a still living son William Mills—if, for example, her husband insisted upon using that given name—but the odds are against it in their society.

As an alternate hypothesis: **William Mills-Whitt is missing from the tax rolls of Franklin County during the 1820s**, suggesting that he left Franklin to work elsewhere. *Possibly*, if he had sought work among White kinsman and turned in his list with them, the clerk *might* have absent-mindedly copied his name as “White” rather than Mills. Errors of that type were not uncommon.

This “second William” of Brush Creek has not been found on subsequent tax rolls. However, **I have not yet finished my page-by-page reading of Giles’ deeds, court minutes, and probate records for the 1820s.**

12 MAY 1827
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage

Reuben White to Mary Fannon. No parental or other data.³¹⁵

COMMENT:

This Reuben is coupled with Cornelius White on the 1828 tax roll. He appears to be another son of the late John White Sr.

11 JULY 1827 [CERTIFICATION DATE]
GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll
Semi-alpha by first letter of surname³¹⁶
“M” section:

Mills, Samuel [E River Mtn]	2 whites, 3 horses, .36	25 March
Mills, David	1 white	“
McDaniel, John		“

COMMENT:

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

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

“W” section: *consecutive entries*
Wilbern, Stephen

³¹⁵ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 32.

³¹⁶ Giles Co., VA, 1827 tax roll; imaged on *FamilySearch* as digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, James	[Doe Cr?]	2 whites, 2 horses, .24	17 Feb
Walker, Robert			"
Wilbern, Will Senr.			"
[skip 4]			
Williams, Charles			"
White, Cornelius	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
White, William	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
White, Thomas	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
White, James B.C.	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .24	"
White, Reuben	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
White, Adam	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	[date?]
[skip 12, including Larkin Williams]			
Williams, Henry			24 May
White, John	[son of John H?]	1 white	"
Wray, Daniel		"	
Workman, Joseph		2 whites, 2 horses, .24	"
[skip 9]			
Williams, Hugh		"	
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
[skip 19]			
Webb, Stephen			19 May
White, John	[H of Bear Spr]	3 whites, 0 horses	"

2 AUGUST 1827
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land sale

James Hector and **wife Charlotte** to [39 men:] Thomas Walker, Cornelius Haldron, Hezekiah Melven, Israel Jones, Peter **Blankenship**, Green **Dillion**, William Moore Blankenship, Elijah Browning, **David Mills**, Joel Davis, **Benjamin White**, Jesse Davis, **James White**, John Shrewsbury, Samuel Thomas, William **Prince**, **Wesley White**, James **Prince**, Joseph **Workman**, William Bowling, Benjamin **Workman**, Jeremiah Shrewsbury, Jesse Thomas, Charles Spangler, Jacob Meadows Junior, George Spangler, Joseph Ball, John Maupins, John Purdue, Parkinson Shoewmate, Thomas Perdue, **Thomas White**, Archibald Clendenning, James Thompson, **Isaac White**, **John Conner**, **Zachariah Crawford**, Jeremiah Cockburn, Andrew Thompson (as undivided but joint purchasers) of **Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties, VA**, on the other part and their heirs forever, a certain tract of Land lying on the N side of **Bluestone River**, Giles County, Virginia, containing" 1973.5 acres (be the same more or less) and bounded as follows ...³¹⁷

Beginning at a Spanish Oak, poplar and White oak on a **south side of a ridge, near the forks of a branch & near Jas. White's** Corner, Thence S 58° W 592 poles to two Black oaks and a locust near a cave, Thence S 41° E 615 poles crossing Several branches and a high ridge to three White oaks near a **Swampy place**, Thence N 61° E 563 poles Crossing two branches to two white oaks & a red oak in a **brush Hill side**, Thence N 39 ½° W 637 poles to the Beginning

³¹⁷ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C has no individual index at back or front.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

"being part of a Survey granted to W. C. Nicholas and legally Conveyed to the said James Hector by deed recorded in Tazewell County County [sic] books." Signed: James Hector, Charlotte Teresa Hector. Witnesses: Wm. Smith, Efraim Meadows, "on 27 Sept^r 1727 at Dingess." Introduced Giles October court 1827 by oaths of William Smith and Ephraim Meadows and continued for further proof. ... And o the 17th day of April 1828 the same was acknowledged before me in my office by James Hector and ordered to be recorded." Signed: David French CGC.³¹⁸

COMMENT:

- Note that **John Conner** and **Zachariah Crawford**, whose 1816/17 leases of John Toney's land were witnessed by **William Mills** are still together a decade later. By this time, both have acquired land in the Mills-White-Prince neighborhood.
- Note the Bowlings in the neighborhood of Mills, Conner, and Crawford. Zachariah Crafford married Jane Bowling, the daughter of Jesse Bowling, in 1811.³¹⁹
- The Bluestone, today, flows into New River in Summers County. It peters out in Mercer County, near Brush Creek, a few miles NW of Mills Valley.

14 JULY 1828 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

"M" section; consecutive entries, undated]

Mills, Samuel		1 white, 3 horses, .36
Mills, David		1 white
Mills, William		1 white

"W"

[Consecutive entries; undated, David White's name leads the "W" list]

White, David	[Bear Spr; s of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
White, Acles	[Accles of John H]	1 white

[skip 13]

Webb, Stephen

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

Webb, George Jr.

White, James D.	[James of Doe Cr]	2 whites, 3 horses, .36
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Wade, Lewis

White, Cornelious	[of Benj., Harmon's Br]	1 white, 2 horses, .24
White, Reuben	[of John Sr? Harmon's]	1 white, 1 horse, .12

Wilson, John, B.C.

Walker ChristyEanos Jr.		1 white, 5 horses, .60
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With Benjamin Workman		1 white only
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Walker, ChristyEanos Sr.

³¹⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 414–15.

³¹⁹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 24.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, William [of Benj., Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .24

White, Thomas [of John Sr., Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .12

Wiley, Ranken

[skip 8]

Woods, William

White, Thomas J^o son [Bear Spr] 1 white

White, John J^o son [Bear Spr] 1 white

Waddle, Alexander

Warden, Thomas

Waddell, James

[skip 11 to end of list]

COMMENT:

Reuben would appear to be a now-grown son of John Sr. and Frankey. He is landless. The grouping suggests that he is working the land of Cornelius.

17 JUNE 1828

GILES COUNTY VA

Probate sale

"A list of sales of **James White's** Decd property. ... **Thomas White** ... **Samuel Mills** (plow, ax), **Jonathan Toney, Cornelius White, ... Wm. Bowling ... Ribin** [Reuben] **White, Cornelius White, Wm. Bowling, Wm. White, David Mills, Jonathan Toney, Thomas White, David Mills, Cornelius White, Meeky White** [many items bought by the widow] ... Note on **Jonathan Toney** ... William Wilson, Reuben Garretson, **Samuel Mills, William White**. Administrators: **Cornelius White & William White**. Proved 17 June 1828 term of court.³²⁰

COMMENT:

- Jonathan Toney was son and heir of land of John Toney that was leased to John Connors and Zachariah Crafford, with **William Mills**, as witness in 1816–17.
- This James is the James earlier proposed as son of Benjamin.
- Reuben Garretson was in-law of Cornelius White.

18 APRIL 1829

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Isaac White to **Catherine Williams**. Joseph Williams, father. Nor other data.³²¹

30 JUNE 1829 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.

"M" section; consecutive entries

Mullins, John

Mills, Samuel 2 whites, 3 horses, .30

Meadows, Ephraim

³²⁰ Giles Co., VA, Will Book A: 480–82.

³²¹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 33.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

McKenny, Joseph Sr & Jr. daughter Mickey m. James White]

Meadows, Adam

McPherson, Joseph

Mills, David 1 white

Morgan, John

"W" section; consecutive entries

[skip 13]

Webb, Alexander

White, James [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .20

White, Adam [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

White, Jacob [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .20

Williams, David

Williams, George S

Wingo, John

Willson, Lodwick

Williams, John (Duke's son)

White, John H. [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 1 horse, .10

White, David [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

White, Acles [Bear Spr] 1 white

White, John [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

Webb, William Jr.

[skip 35]

Wright, Thomas

White, William R. [Brush Cr] 1 white, 3 horses, .30

White, Thomas [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

Walker, Chrispianos

Waddle, Alby J.

Williams, Jacob

Wooldford, Michel

Waddle, Alexander

Wicklin, John

White, Cornelius [Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .20

White, Reuben [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

Wilbourn, Rhueben

Wray, Solomon

Wilkinson, John

Watts, Ruben F.

Wiley, Rankin

[17 to end of list, including Wileys: William Jr., William, James, Edward, James Jr., Delaney]

COMMENT:

The William who married Editha in 1816 has added a middle initial to distinguish himself from the William White of Bear Spring.

26 SEPTEMBER 1829

GILES COUNTY, VA

Land sale

Cornelius White and **wife Polly** of Giles Co. to Archibald **Burdet** of same, sale for \$1000 in hand paid, two tracts of adjoining land in Giles on waters of **East River** in the **Rich Valley**.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- 200 acres granted 28 August 1800 to George Pearis and conveyed by him to John B. George and wife Rhoda (one of heirs of George Pearis): Beginning at 2 Elms and Hickory on the bank of the **Six or Twelve Mile Fork of said river**, then N 6 W 24 poles, N 13 W 38 poles to a sugar tree and black oak by the bank of the river, S 68 W 18 poles to a chesnut tree and hickory at the foot of a ridge, S 3 W 42 poles to two white oaks, S 48 W 16 poles to a hickory and Spanish oak, S 84 W 22 poles to two white oaks, S 34 W 48 poles to a hickory and poplar, W 52 poles to a white oak, S 72 W 240 poles to poplar locust and white oak on the side of a hill, N 86 W 44 to a sugar tree and maple on the side of a hill, S 12 E 80 poles to poplar dogwood and white walnut, N 75 E 330 poles to a Spanish oak by a Clift of rocks, N 55 E 40 poles to a sugar tree, locust, and white oak, N 65 E 50 poles to Three white oak saplings on a ridge, N 5 E 54 poles to the beginning.
- Other tract same origin, who conveyed it to said Cornelius White. Beginning at the mouth of the **Six Mile Fork** and a white oak, hickory, and locust, then S 40 poles by the bank of the river, S 16? [26?] W 40 poles to a buckeye and dogwood by the river, N 87 W 66 poles to three White oaks, a corner of **Henry Farley's** survey of 200 acres, and with the lines of the same N 5 E 54 poles to Two elms and hickory on the **Six mile fork**, N 6 W 24 poles, N 13 W 38 poles to a sugar tree and black oak on the bank of the River, S 68 W 18 poles to a chesnut tree and hickory at the foot of a ridge, S 5 W 42 poles to two white oaks, S 48, W 16 poles to a buckeye and poplar, W 52 poles to a white oak, S 72 W 240 poles to a poplar locust and white oak on the side of a hill, N 86 W 44 poles to a sugar tree and maple, N 12 W 36 poles to a stake, N 66 E 440 poles to Two poplars and white oaks, and S 48 E 130 poles to the beginning.

Proved Giles Court 26 September 1829. Etc.³²²

27 APRIL 1830
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage

David White to Rhoda Munsey. No other data.³²³

COMMENT:

This David White is clustered on tax rolls with John Jr. (aka John Hunter White). He is almost certainly a son. The Munseys were neighbors.

28 JUNE 1830 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.

"M" Consecutive entries

Mullins, John

Mills, Samuel 2 whites, 4 horses, .32 [Samuel & Wiliam]

Mills, David 1 white

Meadows, Ephraim

"W" Consecutive entries

Wray, Daniel

White, James [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 4 horses, .32

³²² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 624–25.

³²³ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 34.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

White, Adam	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .16
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .16
Williams, David		
Williams, George S.		
Wingo, John		
Williams, John (Duke's son)		
White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .16
White, David	[Bear Spr]	1 white
White, Acles	[Bear Spr]	1 white
White, John	[Bear Spr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .16
Webb, Joseph		
[skip 30]		
Wright, David		
White, William R	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 3 horses .24
White, Thomas	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .08
[skip 6, including Waddle]		
Wicklie, John		
White, Reuben	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse. 08
Wilbourn, Reuben		
Wray, Solomon		
Watts, Reuben F.		
Wiley, Rancan		
[skip 17, including Wileys]		
Wilbourn, Robert		
White, Isaac		1 white, 1 horse, .08

12 AUGUST 1830
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land sale

James T. Watson of City and State of New York "of the two third parts" and **Gordan Cloyd** of the County of Montgomery & State of Virginia of the one Third part, together sell to **Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White**, Children and heirs of **James White** dec^d of Giles Co. of the second part. Whereas Andrew Johnston, attorney in fact for Watson and Cloyd have sold to the said James White deceased, 31 acres of land and the said James White having departed this life before the title of the said land was conveyed to him, And it appearing that the said Eleanor White, Priscilla White and James White are the Only Children and legal heirs of the said James White deceased, in consideration of \$23.25 paid to their said attorney Andrew Johnston, Watson and Cloyd convey to the said Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White 31 acres being part of a survey of 80,000 granted to Samuel M Hopkins, assignee of John Leyburn and Thomas Cloyd by patent dated [blank] day of July 1796. Afterwards, on 18 February 1806 it was conveyed by the said Hopkins to Oliver Wolcott in trust. Afterwards on 22 June 1808, it was Conveyed by the said Hopkins, Wolcott, and Mary Watson to the said James T. Watson "as by reference to the records of the County Court of Giles." Afterward on 7 November 1827, the said James T. Watson conveyed on equal undivided third part to Gordon Cloyd, lying in Giles County. The land being conveyed is on the **Five Mike fork of East River** adjoining the **land on which the said James White deceased did live** and bounded as follows:

Beginning at two white Oaks On the S side of the Creek "his own Corner" and Thence S 14 E 2 poles to a large white oak, W 80 poles to a white oak and three lynns from one root, **on a hill**

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Whitt, Robert 20–30 [If age correct, then he is a generation younger than the soldier Robert who married Mary White in Montgomery Co., 1792]

White, Charles [sic] 1 *free colored female* 55–100, 1 person in household

White, William 30–40

White, James 20–30

White, John 40–50

White, Arthur 20–30

White, Benjamin 60–70 [age of Benjamin of Cabell]

Wallace, Elizabeth

Walker, William

White, James 40–50

White, Major 20–30

White, Charles 20–30

Welsh, Richard

Warden, Mercenia

Workman, Abraham

Workman James

Workman, John

Workman, Joseph

Workman, James H.

Workman, Joseph Jr.

Wall, Francis

[end of page]

The following cluster appears to be offspring of the East River Whites
(p.287, line 1)

Workman, Moses

Workman, John M.

White, James 30–40

Workman, Joseph Sr.

[skip 13: Walls, Wilsons, Wisemans, Wards, Williams, Walkers]

White, Benjamin H. 50–60 [should be Benjamin H. of Giles]

30 JUNE 1831 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated entries. The order of names under all letters is radically different from the year before.³²⁶

"M" consecutive entries

Martin, John Sen.

Mills, Samuel	2 whites, 3 horses, .18
Mills, William	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Mills, David	1 white

³²⁶ Giles Co., VA, 1831 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

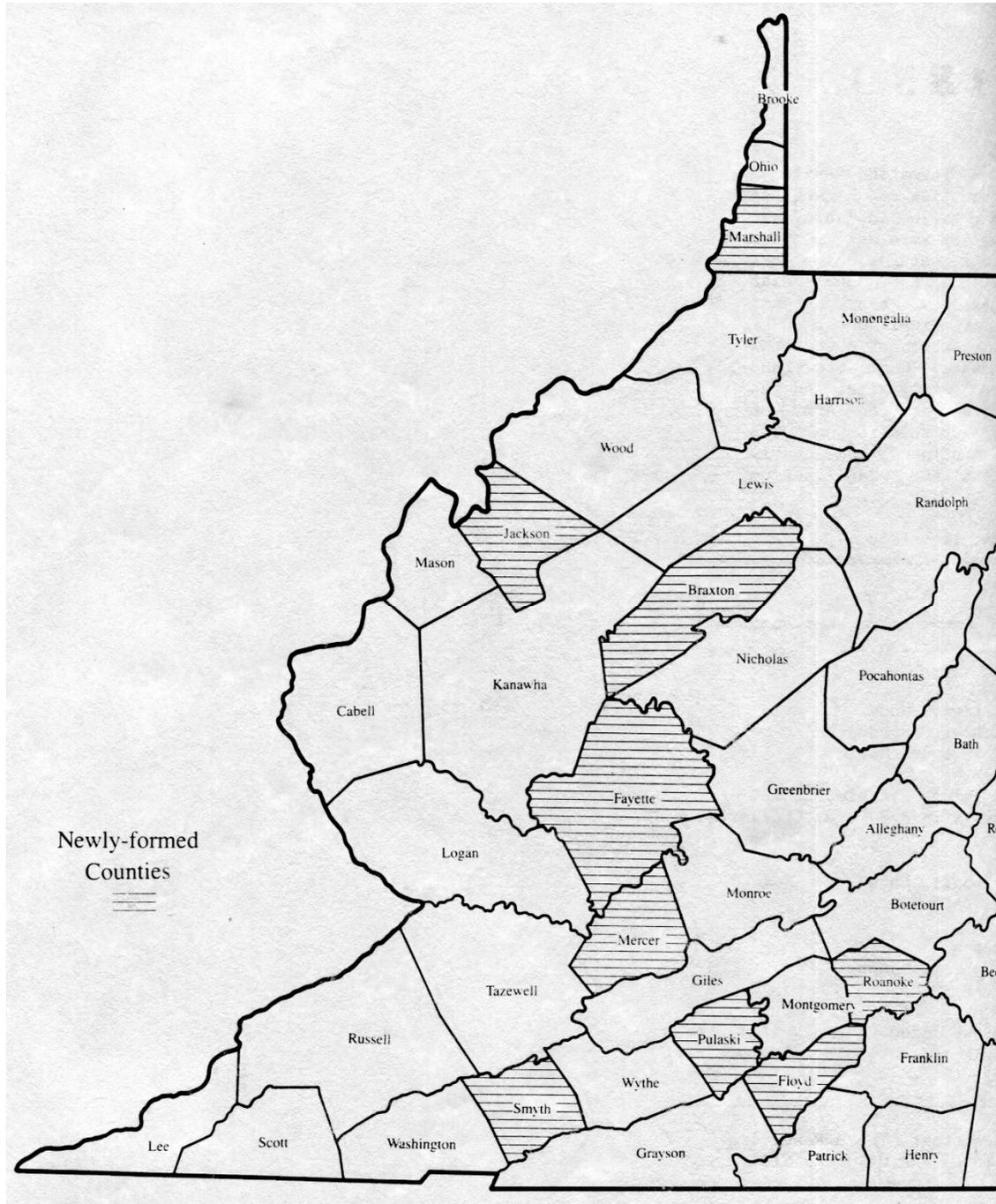
COMMENT:

Samuel's third son has reached 18. This should be Robert, born 1810-11.

"W" consecutive entries

White, Thomas	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Reubin	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wilbern, Robert		
Wray, Daniel		
Workman, Benjamin		1 white, 1 horse, .06
Workman, Robert		1 white
[skip 19, mostly Wrays, Wilburns, and Wilsons]		
White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12
White, Aclis	[Bear Spr]	1 white
Williams, Henry		
[skip 6]		
Wingo, John		
Wingo, ___ Francis		
White, James	[Doe Cr]	2? whites, 2 horses, .12
White, Isaa	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Watts, Reubin F.	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Williams, John Capt.		
Webb, Pleasant		
White, Adam	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wingo, Walker B.		
Williams, Nancy (G. Est.)		
[skip 18]		
Wilson, James		
White, Oratio	[son of John H]	1 white
White, Thomas	[son of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, David	[son of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Warden, Thomas		
Waddle, Alba J.		
[skip 23, including Wileys, Walkers, Woodrams]		
Workman, John		
Wrighte, John		
Wright, David		
Wright, Francis Senr.		
Wilbern, Reubin		
Wade, Joshua		
White, William	[Brush Cr, East River]	1 white, 2 horses, .12
Wilbern, Lewis		
[end of W's]		

Map 11
Western Virginia Counties, 1831–1840³²⁷



³²⁷ Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

28 JUNE 1832 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.³²⁸

"M" consecutive entries

Meadows, Ephrem

Melvin, Kiah

Mills, Samuel 3 whites, 2 horses, .12

Mills, William 1 white

Mills, David 1 white

COMMENT:

The newly married Robert appears to still be in Samuel's home.

"W" consecutive entries

White, William [Brush Cr, East River] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wilbern, Reubin

Wilman [Wilmore?], Thomas

Woods, Wiliam Jr.

Watts, Reuben F.

Workman, Benjamin

[skip 5]

Williams, James F.

White, Jacob [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

White, James [Doe Creek] 2 whites, 2 horses, .12

White, Isaac [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Williams, Joseph

White, Adam [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

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

Wilson, John

White, John H. [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 2 horses, .12

White, Aclis [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

White, Oratio [Bear Spring] 1 white male

White, Thomas [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

White, David [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 2 horses, .12

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

White, Reubin [Brush Cr; s. of John Sr.?] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wilbern, Robert

Walker, Enos Jr.

Walker, John

Walker, Enos

Woodram, Arhibad [sic]

Wilson, Lewis

Woodram, John

White, Thomas [Brush Cr; s. of John Sr.?] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

[end of W's]

³²⁸ Giles Co., VA, 1832 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

25 JUNE 1833 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.³²⁹

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

Mills, Samuel		2 whites, 2 horses, .12	4 Mar
Mills, Robert		1 white	4 Mar
Mills, William		1 white, 1 horse, .06	4 Mar
Mills, David		1 white	4 Mar
Meadows, Adam			
[skip several dozen]			

"W" consecutive entries

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

White, Reuben	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	25 Feb
White, William	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	"
White, Thomas	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"

[skip 14]

White, James	[Doe Cr]	2 whites, 3 horses, .18	14 Mar
Williams, Tobias			"
White, Adam M.	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	"
Williams, Jereiah		"	"
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
White, Isaac C.	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"

[skip 12]

White, William	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	19
March			
White, Oratio	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
White, David	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horses, .06	"
White, Thomas (Bar. Spring)		1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
Webb, Pleasant			"
Williams, Jacob (Dismal)			"
Waddle, Alba J.			"

[skip 14]

White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	16 Apr
White, Acles	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"

Williams, Henry
 Wisenger, Joseph
 Wingo, John

[skip 22 to end of Ws]

³²⁹ Giles Co., VA, 1833 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

11 JUNE 1834 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname..³³⁰

"M" list, consecutive entries, new names added here at first of list]

McLaugherty, John Jnr.	[John Sr. was stepfather of Sally Mills, 1824]	6 Feb
Mills, Samuel Jnr.	1 white, 1 horse, .06	6 Feb
<i>[no others on list with this date]</i>		
<i>[skip 80]</i>		
Meadows, Ephrain		22 Mar
Mills, Samuel Snr.	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
Mills, Robert	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar

COMMENT:

- Samuel Mills Jr. would have been born c1816.
- William Mills, son of Samuel, is now missing.

"W" consecutive entries:

Wade, Joshua		
Workman, Benjamin		
Wilbern, Reuben		11 Feb
White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Aclis	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Williams, George H.		14 Feb
<i>[skip 28]</i>		
Waddle, Alexander		
White, James	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 4 horses, .24
White, Levi	[Doe Cr]	1 white
<i>[skip 7]</i>		
Workman, John		
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Isaac C.	[Doe Cr]	2 white
Williams, Joseph		"
Williams, George		"
White, Adam M.	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<i>[skip 5]</i>		
Wingo, John		
Williams, Nancy, Geo., Wid.		
<i>[skip 20]</i>		
White, Oratio	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, David	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Thomas	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, William	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Thomas (Brush Cr.)		1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wilbern, Robert		18 Mar

³³⁰ Giles Co., VA, 1834 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Walker, Crispianos Snr.		21 March	
Waler, John (Bluestone)		"	
White, Reuben	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
Wray, Solomon			"
Wilbern Lewis (East R.)			"
White, William (Brush Cr.)		2 whites, 3 horses, .18	28 Mar
Wiley, James Jnr.			
[skip 9 to end of list]			
10 JUNE 1835 [CERTIFICATION DATE]			
GILES COUNTY, VA			
Personal tax roll			
<i>"M" section; consecutive entries</i>			
McKinney, Joseph			"
Mills, Samuel Snr.		2 white, 1 horses, .06	"
Mills, Robert		1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 42]			
McPherson Stephen			28 March
McPherson, Jesse			"
McPherson, Joseph			"
Mills, Samuel Jnr.		1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 36 to end of "M" section]			
<i>"W" section; consecutive entries</i>			
White, Thomas	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	20 Feb
White, David	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
White, William	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horses, 06	"
Wilson, Edward W.			21 Feb
White, William (Br. Cr.)		2 whites, 5 horses, .30	23 Feb
White, Thomas	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Wiley, James Snr.			"
Wiley, Delany			"
Walker, Crispianos Snr.			
[skip 4]			
White, Reuben	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	26 Feb
Wray, Solomon			"
White, James	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 6 horses, .36	2 Mar
White, Levi	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
Williams Jeremiah	[m. Susan White] ³³¹		"
White, Adam M.	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
White, Isaac	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
[skip 15]			
Williams, David			9 Mar
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"

³³¹ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254, citing Giles Co. bonds.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

[skip 16]

Wilson, Uriah			17 Mar
White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	18 Mar
White, Aclis	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
White, Rhasa	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
Wilborn, Robert			21 Mar
Wilson, Lewis M			23 Mar
Wilson, Ann			"
White, John Jr.	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Wolford, Samuel			"

[skip 22 to end of W list]

25 AUGUST 1835
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

James T. Watson of the City of New York, James R. Kent, David Cloyd, and **Joseph Cloyd, exrs.** of deceased **Gordon Cloyd** of Montgomery County to **William White** of Giles. Sale for \$275 paid to Andrew Johnston, attorney in fact for the Cloyds, 300 acres being part of a survey of 80,000 acres granted to [see prior documents for Watson and Cloyd to James McLaugherty and **Eleonore White** et al. for fuller description]. The land conveyed to William White is described as

Beginning at a double Chesnut and Chestnut oak on an east point at the edge of a Chesnut flat and thence N 6° E 46 poles to a chestnut oak, N 37° E 50 poles to two black oaks and a white oak on a hill side, N 32° W 40 poles to a poplar chesnut oak and white oak, S 51° W 68 poles to three Chestnut oaks and one chesnut, S 12° E 60 poles to a black oak chesnut and poplar, S 46° W 72 poles to two chesnuts and a poplar, N 84° W 88 poles crossing a hollow to three chesnut oaks and chesnut near the **top of a ridge on Pearis's line** and with the same S 30° W 78 poles to two white oaks and hickory in said line and leaving it S 36° E 70 poles to two white oaks from one root, S 55° E 120 poles crossing **Spruce fork of Laurel Creek** at 100 poles to two white oaks in the mouth of a hollow, N 66° E 122 poles crossing a branch to a white oak in a **hill side**, N 60° E 14 poles to two white oaks on a **hil side**, N 87° E 22 poles to a chesnut oak on a rock an iron wood and white oak, S 70° E 46 poles crossing a branch to three white oaks on a point, N 18° E 20 poles to three white oaks in the fork of a grassy branch, corner to a **survey made for Gordan, Thomas, & David Cloyd and now owned by said White**, S 54° E 28 poles to three white oaks on a flat point and thence N 46o W 249 poles to the Beginning.³³²

12-13 NOVEMBER 1835
GILES COUNTY, VA

Association.

"An Inventory of the Sales of the real and Personal Estate of Charles A. **Dingess** Decd." Purchasers in sequence: Adam Meadow, William Smith, James McLaugherty, William Boling, John Walker, French Smith, Jesse Thomas, Jeremiah Jones, Garland Fannon, Moses E. Kear, William Alvis, Thomas Solesbury, Jeremiah Solesbury, Hiram Burgess, James Floyd McLaugherty, William Furgason, Giles Burdit, **Thomas White**, James Searer?, Guy D. French, **William Prince**, Henry P. Davidson, Stephen Blankinship, John

³³² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 577-78.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills

Garrison, **Samuel Mills** (“pr Hackle 1.00, one corner cupboard 5.43 $\frac{3}{4}$ = 6.43 $\frac{3}{4}$), William Tiller, Berry Blankinship, Alexander Frazier, John Thomas, Parkison Shumate, Nap^o & U^m H French, Augustus W. Cole, Peter Boulton, Samuel Pack, Capt. T. Boyd, S. Clair French, Jacob Meadows, James Thompson, John Ensor, Philip P. Bailey, Rufus A. French, Jordan Meadows, Augustus W. J. Caperton, Israel Jones, **Samuel Mills** (“pr 1/9 of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 200 acres of Land on **Harmans branch**, payable in 2 years), John McCaugherty, Joseph Alvis, John Garrison, Joseph McKinney, Arch^d Burditt, Gordan French, Thomas Little, Abraham Garrison, John P. Bailey, John Jones, William Milam, Andrew Thompson, Lorinzo D. Little, Charles Spangler, Arch. S. Clendenen, John Bailey, Thomas Kirk, James Bailey, Hugh McCaugherty, Eizabeth Smith, Ben Dingiss, Hiram Tracy, David McCommas, Wm. Smith, Guy D. French, William Smith.³³³

COMMENT:

Samuel Mills’s purchase of a 1/9th part of a $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in a tract of land, roughly 11 acres, strongly suggests a kinship. The only kinship found thus far is the one discussed below.

Note that Samuel Mills and **John McCaugherty** are both present for the sale. This John McCaugherty married Sally Dingess, 12 August 1813.³³⁴ Charles’s will named her as a deceased sister, saying that she had three children. Two are named in his estate settlement, the third is not. That third child appears to be the “Sally Mills” who, in 1824, chose Sally Dingess’s husband John McCaugherty, Esq., as the guardian of her inheritance from her mother. No document states the paternity of “Sally Mills,” but the only male resident in the county in the period of her birth was Samuel. (*Note:* One William Mills, apparently of Franklin County, has been placed in the neighborhood of Samuel Mills and John and Franky White in 1816–17, but he has not been placed in the county at the time calculated for Sally’s conception.

The 1/9 of 1/2 of 200 acres that Samuel purchased indicates that the deceased Charles A. Dingess (a) died in possession of one undivided half of a tract to which he was an heir or, less likely, one he bought in partnership with someone else; and (b) he had nine heirs who were to divide his property equally. That might be 9 children or 8 children and a widow who agreed to take a child’s part as her dower. No references to a widow or former wife have been found in the papers detailing the settlement of his estate.

In any event, a man rarely bought 1/9 share of a piece of land—much less 1/9 of $\frac{1}{2}$ share—unless there was a family connection and he could foresee buying the rest. Otherwise, he was spending money on what would certainly become a passel of problems.

Online trees state, without evidence, that “Charles Anderson Dingess” married Sarah Farley and “Elizabeth White.” There is no evidence of a marriage to either woman and he was single at the time of his death. An Elizabeth White connection appears in Charles’ will in which he bequeathed property to “Eveline White, daughter of Elizabeth White.” Nothing in his will or estate settlement identifies Elizabeth’s family, but four facts are relevant.

- Elizabeth would not be a daughter of Frankey and John White, i.e., Samuel’s half-sister. The 1810 census does not attribute a daughter to Frankey & John’s household. It does attribute females of appropriate age to the Benjamin White household.

³³³ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110, 127, 130–32, 158.

³³⁴ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 85 155, 173, 215, citing Giles & Montgomery Co. bonds.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

- As seen above, Benjamin H. White (proposed brother of Elizabeth) witnessed both the will of Charles Dingess' father and the deed of gift that the elder Dingess gave to Charles in 1809.
- Given that Samuel Mills was only a step-child to the Whites, then a step-relationship to the mother of Dingess' child would not explain Samuel's willingness to take on the problems of a 1/18 share.
- If, however, Samuel Mills was the father of Sally Mills by Charles Dingess's sister Sarah, then Samuel's reason for purchasing the 1/9 of ½ interest would be to provide for his daughter a piece of her Dingess family's land.

Dingess marriage records are sparse. I've found none for any Dingess male, but

- Polly Dingess married David French, 8 June 1787 [named as sister in Charles' will]
- Elizabeth Dingus married Charles Neil, 14 January 1793 [ditto]
- Sally Dingess married John **McClagherty** on 12 August 1813 [ditto]
- Susan Dingus married Ezekial Smith, 2 February 1821 in Montgomery Co.³³⁵ [ditto]

14 APRIL 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Mortgage

Reuben Garrison and Naomi his wife to **James McClagherty** of the second part and **William White** of is the third part. Whereas Garrison is indebted to White for \$58.98 by a bond dated 14 April 1836, they convey land in trust to cover the debt. Land consists of 100 acres in Giles Co. on waters of **Brush Creek and East River**, adjoining John **Strailey** and Charles French, the land on which Garrison now lives. He is to remain in peaceable possession of the land unless he defaults on the debt and due interest. Signed by all parties. Acknowledgement and dower release before William Smith and John McClagherty 15 April 1836. Proved April court 1836.³³⁶

COMMENT:

This document is not indexed under White's name. I found it because it was filed immediately before a document executed by and indexed under White's name.

29 MARCH 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Land entry

"**James McClagherty & William White** by virtue of two warrants the first a land office Exchange treasury warrant for 3950 acres No. 2651 and dated the 18th Feb. 1834, 160 acres of which was assigned to them by Philip Lybrook assee. Of John S. Crockett, the other for 1100 acres No. 12319 and dated the 3d day of March 1835 and the whole of which was assigned to them by Tolison Shumate. In the whole Enters 260 acres of land 160 by the former & 100 acres by the latter warrant at the **Three Knobs** on the top of a ridge then extending south east and south west for quantity."³³⁷

23 APRIL 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Mortgage

³³⁵ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 85 155, 173, 215, citing Giles & Montgomery Co. bonds.

³³⁶ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 686–87.

³³⁷ Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1818–1853: 241.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

William White (x), party of the first part, Alexander Mahood party of the second part, and Gordan L. Jordan of the third part. Whereas **White** owes Jordan \$50 to be paid on or before 1 October 1836 he places in trust his 365 acres granted to John Grant on 23 November 1798, which White purchased from Adam Johnston and wife on 30 April 1828 (recorded Giles Book C: 446). He also pledges the following personal property: 2 cows, 12 hogs, 1 black mare, 11 head of sheep. William X'd, Mahood and Jordan signed. Exhibited in court and ordered to be recorded 23 April 1836.³³⁸

COMMENT:

The Johnston-Grant reference implies that this William White was the son of John H. and Nancy.

27 JUNE 1836 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. No list dates.³³⁹

"M" section; consecutive entries

{skip about 50}

McClagherty, James Sr. 3 whites, 4 slaves over 16, 9 horses, \$1.54

Melvin, Hezekiah

Mills, Samuel Senr 2 whites [self & Robert?], 2 horses, .12

Meadows, Ephraim

McPhearson, Stephen

McPhearson, Jesse

McPhearson, Joseph

Mills, Samuel Jr. 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Martin, David

Martin, John Reeds Bottom

[skip 46 to end of list]

COMMENT:

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

"W" section; consecutive entries

[skip a couple of dozen]

Wright, Francis & David

Willis, Samuel

Willis, Ammol

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

White, David [Bear Spr] 1 white

White, William Senr. [Bear Spr] 3 whites, 5 horses, .30

COMMENT;

The sequence matches that of the Bear Spring cluster in 1835 (Thomas White, David White, William White, Edward W. Wilson).

³³⁸ Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 685-87.

³³⁹ Giles Co., VA, 1836 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Wilson, Edward W.
White, William Jr. [Brush Cr of East R?] 1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wiley, James Senr.
Wiley Delany
Walker, Chrispianus Jr. &c [East River]
Walker, Counsel
Williams, Joseph
Williams, William (Jno Son)
White, Reubin [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12
Wray, Solomon
White, James [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 4 horses, .24
White, Levi
Williams, Jeremiah
White, Adam M. [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12
White, Isaac [Doe Cr] 1 white
Williams, George S.
Williams, George H.
Williams, Frederick
Williams, Henry Senr.
[skip 11]
White, Jacob [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06
Williams, John M.
Williams, Nancy (D. Cr.)
[skip 13]
Walker, Uriah
White, John H. [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 1 horse, .06
White, Acles [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06
White, Rosa [Rhesa] [no property shown]
Wilbourn, Robert
Wilson, Lewis M.
White, John Jr. [Bear Spr] 1 white
Wolford, Samuel
[skip 22: Wilbourn, Waddles, Wileys &c]
Watts, Reuben F.
[skip 2]
Wingo, Ozben?
Whitson, Abraham
Workman, John
[*end of W list*]

COMMENT:

From this point forward, the East River/Brush Creek Whites are no longer taxed in Giles.

22 AUGUST 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage

Levi Hearin to Arony? White. William White, father. No other data.³⁴⁰

COMMENT;

A published version of this marriage identifies the bride as "Aury White."³⁴¹

22 AUGUST 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Marriage

Acles White to Elizabeth Mawles, daughter of Thomas Mawles.³⁴²

22 OCTOBER 1836
GILES COUNTY, VA
Debt

"A List of accounts [*sic*] due the [estate] of Ch[a]rles A. **Dingess** Decd. ... **Samuel Mills** (\$2.21) ... **Reubin White** pd to McC (.62 ½), **Thomas White** D^o (1.00) ..." ³⁴³

JANUARY 1837
GILES COUNTY, VA

Day book entries

John White Dr January 1837

To putting Steel in axe	,42	
& putting steel in axe & find	.62 ½	
Cr 25 cs tto putting steel in little axe & finding	.37 ½	Total \$1.42 ³⁴⁴

16 JUNE 1837 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. No list dates.³⁴⁵

"M" section:

Mills, William	[son of Samuel]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	27 Feb.
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"W" section; consecutive entries

Williams, Pleasant		14 Feb
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Williams, George H.

White, John H.	[Bear Spr]	2 whites, 1 horse, .06	"
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White, Acles	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
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Williams, George A.		17 Feb
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Williams, William		"
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³⁴⁰ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 38; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

³⁴¹ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 107.

³⁴² Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 258. Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 38; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

³⁴³ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 134; accessed as FHL digital film 007645086, image 522.

³⁴⁴ David French, Day Book 2, 1835–37, 128; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 3; citing original at "Virginia State Library."

³⁴⁵ Giles Co., VA, 1837 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

John White Sr.
Wife 1: Unidentified
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Williams, John Jr.			"
Williams, Frederick			18 Feb
Webb, John			"
White, Isaac	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
Wingo, John			20 Feb
[skip 4]			
Williams, Nancy			"
Williams, John M			"
Williams, Hugh			"
White, James	[Doe Cr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .12	"
White, Adam	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
White, Levi	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
White, Jacob	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Williams, Amos			"
White, David	[Bear Spr]	1 white	21 Feb
White, Thomas	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Feb
White, William	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
Wilson, James			"
White, John	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
[skip a couple of dozen to end of "W" list]			

COMMENT:

From this point forward, I read tax rolls for Mills & White, but did not capture the data for want of time on this research trip. Nothing was found that bears significantly on my identification of Frankey, Samuel, or William Mills.

MAY 1838
GILES COUNTY, VA

Day book entries

David White Dr To 1 new hare [harrow? Hoe?] .38 ½ Total \$1.42³⁴⁶

1 JULY 1839
GILES COUNTY, VA

Association

Settlement of the estate of **Johnathan Toney** ... By Paid Note to [Long list] ... **Cornelius White \$5.50.**

"To cash recd of ... **William White (.60)** ... **Robert Mills (10.30), Samuel Mills (6.56)** ... **Ths White (.75)**³⁴⁷

COMMENT:

Jonathan Toney was the son of John Toney for whom William Mills witnessed the Toney-Conner and Toney-Crawford leases of 1816 and 1817. In 1814, Jonathan was already operating his father's ferry.³⁴⁸ In 1819 Toney sold all his goods to his son Jonathan, who apparently did not buy land elsewhere. This trio of documents place William Mills of 1816–17 in the same small neighborhood as Robert and Samuel Mills and the Whites of 1839.

³⁴⁶ David French, Day Book 2, 1835–37, 128; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 3; citing original at "Virginia State Library."

³⁴⁷ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 177–81; accessed as FHL digital film 007645086, image 544–546.

³⁴⁸ Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 77.

MAY 1843

GILES COUNTY

Association

"A List of Notes, assc's &c up solvent persons belonging to the firm of J. & W. **Chapman**. ... **John White [due] 25th February 1829 (\$1.32).**"³⁵⁰

COMMENT:

The notes on this list range from 1829 to January 1842. White's is the oldest note. There's a much longer list of insolvent debts going back to 1845.

24 MAY 1845

GILES COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Andrew Whit? White? to Mary Wiley. No other data.³⁵¹

11 SEPTEMBER 1847

GILES COUNTY, VA

Deed

Nancy White, widow of John H. White, Decd., Robert White, Sally White [sic] and Nancy White, children and heirs of John H. White, decd. of Giles Co., to Hugh D. Ferral of same. Whereas the said John H. White by his will left 100 acres to "wife Nancy during her natural life and then to his son Robert & his two daughters Sally & Nancy, the parties have mutually agreed" to sell the land to Ferrel for \$60 ... land at **Gap Mountain**, described as

Beginning at a black oak and chesnut locust on a hickory on the **Gap Mountain**, then N 26 W 40 poles to two gums, S 6 W 96 poles to a white oak and red oak and two dogwoods, S 40 E 60 poles to a black oak and chesnut oak, N 64 E 96 poles to the beginning.

Property is sold "with a privilege of taking stone and timber any where with a parallel line to the top of the Gap Mountain." Signed: Nancy White, Robert White, Nancy White, Sally White. Acknowledgment on 11 September 1847 by the four Whites before Isaac **Epling** and Robert Payne, magistrates of Giles Co. Presented [by the magistrates] at Giles Court 27 March 1848 by oath of the .³⁵²

COMMENT:

The 1840 census has only one John H. White in Giles, with the following data.³⁵³

1 male 70–79	1 female 50–59	4 can't read or write
1 male 30–39	3 females 20–29	3 employed in agriculture
1 male 20–29	1 female 15–19	
3 males 0–5	2 females 0–5	

³⁵⁰ Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 318–23.

³⁵¹ Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 40.

³⁵² Giles Co., VA, Deed Book H: 152–53.

³⁵³ 1840 U.S. census, Giles Co., VA, p. 257 verso, line 23, living in this sequence: Catharine Epling, Henry Hodgess, William Rutledge, Travis Rutledge, McHenry Rutledge, Mary Caldwell, Levi H. Vaught, Andrew Kissinger, John Caldwell (A), Francis Anderson, **WHITE**, Jacob Shell, John Millirons, Christina Crry?, Henry MCoY, Henry Caldwell, Henry Deamond, Christian Snidow, William H. Snidow.

19 MAY 1847
GILES COUNTY, VA
Will

“I, **John H. White** do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: Do will to **Nancy White my wife** all my land and property [during] her lifetime for maintenance and after her death the said land and property shall return to Sally and Nancy White my two daughters and Robin White my sun [sic] also Sally and Nancy and Robin White must maintain Nancy White my wife [during] her lifetime, the said Sally and Nancy and Robin White must pay the rest of the airs [sic] one dollar each at the death of Nancy White my wife. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my friend **James H White** executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal May 19th 1847. John H. White (his X mark). Test. George Jordin, Washington Bish.” Proved in court of Giles June 28th 1847 by oaths of George Gordan [sic], White & Washington Bish.³⁵⁴

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³⁵⁴ Giles Co., VA, Will Book B:494.