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The Leaksville News
6 April 1950
River Parade On Easter Monday
Rapid Growth In Membership Is Experienced
Most Of All Professions Are Showing Love For Boats And The Water

The Rockingham Boat Club from its headquarters in Leaksville, announced plans for its formal opening Easter Monday at 2 00 p.m. The public is invited to attend all its functions. All entertainment is free. All the club asks is that common safety rules be observed and that traffic be as orderly as possible.

The boat club started several years ago in the most informal way has grown to be one of the most interesting developments of this section of North Carolina. Wherever there is water, men are interested in boats. A group in and around Leaksville have been using the largest stretches of the Dan and Smith Rivers for some time in their activities. But the coming of the Duke Power Company and the construction of a dam near Leaksville have caused a large body available water on the Dan River.

Started with Henry Pace, of Leaksville, as President in January of this year, the club has grown to a membership of some 60 men. Since club membership entitles the whole family to the use of the club property, this means that that about 200 people have membership access to the grounds. The 40 or 50 boats owned by the club members present a thrilling sight on the river whenever a holiday comes.

Love of the river, is not confined to any one group of men. Every walk of life is represented in the club. The call of the river is a call to fellowship and contentment, therefore there is represented in the club every business and profession in the larger community; professional groups, business men, laborers in every variety of industry all find a common enjoyment of the boat and water.

The Rockingham Boat Club only owns one acre of land. The river desire of the club, that every man is free to the use of it all. It is the desire of the club, that every man with a boat shall have the pleasure in using this body of state controlled river. Boat club members have pledged themselves to promote the safety and fellowship of river pleasures.

M.I. Mozer
Head Of Duke Power

M.I. Mozer, another member of the Rockingham Boat Club, will be on hand to bring the greetings of the Duke Power Company and to tell the doubting that it is possible for boats to go over their Dam across Dan River. The dam is a low one, just serving to divert water through their cooling systems. Already several boats have tried "to shoot the rapids" and have found that it is not advisable to do so.

Mr. Mozer has brought to Leaksville and Draper as his helpers in the plant, a large group of capable and civic minded men. The men and their families have settled in the Tri-Cities and has made his leadership become part of our life. As the plant Superintendent, he has brought a large sense of unity to workmen gathered from all other

Duke locations. This has taken much of his time but the leaders of the community are counting on him as one of the stalwart in the effort to bring our section into its rightful place in the Piedmont.

**J. Bunyan Parker
Plans To Build Boats of Steel**

J Bunyan Parker of the Reidsville road plans to produce steel boats and place them on the market soon. According to Mr. Parker these boats will be just as economical to operate as any others due to the fact they are safer, long lasting and will require little or no repair. Mr. Parker will take orders for special size boats and trailers that will carry any size boat. He has had considerable experience in metal work and has designed and built a low cost grease rack which is now being marketed in several states.

**Miss Glenna Thomas
Will Cut Ribbon To Open Activity**

Miss Thomas will cut the ribbon in a symbolic opening of the activities of the Rockingham boat club. The club has spent much time and considerable money in providing ramp into the river which makes possible the launching of boats directly into the water. In addition there has been built a pier at the river side so that the boats may be serviced and passengers may get in and out of the boats with safety. The opening ribbon will symbolize the opening of these facilities for club use.

Miss Thomas, a member of the Boat Club, was selected as beauty queen for Leaksville High School for 1950. She was chosen out of a field of 37 contestants. The judges chose her for her natural beauty and her gracious manner. The Boat Club feels honored to have her as a member and knows that she will lead the activities of the younger members of the club in a manner befitting this grace.

Our queen will lead the parade riding in the first boat and escorted by the Mayors of Leaksville and Draper. With such attendants, she should be duly protected.

**The Leaksville News
13 April 1950
5,000 Persons Witness Official Opening Of Boat Club
Activities On Dan river
Attendance Lines Banks Of the Dan River On Both
Sides To Watch Boating Spectacle On Monday**

Between 4,000 and 5,000 persons, mostly family groups and couples, took advantage of the Easter Monday Holiday and a bright sunny, spring afternoon to attend the Dan River Boat Parade below Leaksville on the old Reidsville road. Many of the families brought their own lunch.

Program ceremonies got underway at 2 p.m. and Miss Glenna Thomas, Leaksville High School's prettiest of 1950, cut the ribbons officially opening the boat activities on the Dan for the Spring and Summer months.

Short messages were given at the dock by Boat Club President Henry Pace., M.I. Moser and Mayor John Smith and Archie Daniels.

More than 40 boats of all descriptions passed in single file up the river. The parade was led by J. Reid Steele's \$3,300 Higgins roundabout passenger boat which carried Miss Thomas , Mrs. Steele, John Smith, A.S. Daniels, M.I. Moser of the Duke Power generating plant.. The next boat was that of President Pace and other officers of the club followed in close procession up the river.

To view of the spectacle, onlookers lined club property on both sides of the river which had been cleared by Duke Power Company when their dam across the Dan River was completed several months ago. The Mebane Bridge overlooking the river offered an excellent view of the day's activities and was literally jammed with spectators. While the boat show was taking place on the river an airplane overhead performed breath-taking stunts.

Cars lined the incoming dirt roads for five or more miles and were double-parked. The traffic jam caused the old Reidsville Road to be closed to through traffic for about four or five hours.

Each of the motor boats carried visitors reliably estimated at between 200 and 300 for their first boat ride up the river. After the rides, the navigators tested their boats for speed but no racing was allowed on the river during the days. Activities continued from early morning to sunset.

Boat owners came from near and far and represented all the nearby cities including Reidsville, Danville, Martinsville, Burlington, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. One of the boats entered in the parade was a sail boat but the owner was able to secure a motor prior to the parade for fear the wind would not be blowing strong enough in the right direction. His motor came in useful too, for without the motor he would have had to do a lot of rowing to get anywhere.

Officials of the boat club presented visitors with lapel tags but the supply of 1,000 tags was quickly exhausted before even half of those in attendances could be tagged. Every part of the program went off nicely; there were no accidents, no drinking and the attendance beloved remarkably well which pleased boat officials.

Although several time tests were made during the day, the best speed was demonstrated by A.J. Smith and son, Joe, who made 40 to 45 miles per hour over the water. Although not designated for racing, the boat of Lawrence Cox, which was powered by extremely powerful motor, is also considered one of the fastest on the river.

The Rockingham Boat Club has not yet announced further plans for the season but boating will be enjoyed each Sunday and also afternoons during the week . A boat race is in the tentative stages of planning and will probably be held on July 4 with other activities on Labor Day.

The Leaksville News
6 March 1951

These And Other Boat Club Members Enjoy Run Along The Three-Mile
Stretch Of Dan River

The scenes above are typical of the new local sport of motor boating which became popular here when Duke Power company built its Dam across Dan River about two miles

below Leaksville affording a two-mile stretch of water suitable for boating as far upstream as the junction of the Smith River. If the Duke Company should raise the breast of its dam a few feet, as it is now considering the motor boating range would extend further up river

This year Eastern Monday motor boat exhibition will take the form of a street parade over the principal thoroughfares of Leaksville, Spray and Draper and will include a huge number of motor boats of all sizes and designs , a brass band, a beauty queen and various other attractions.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, a motor boat show will be held at Paul Hodges used car lot on Washington street. Boats of many designs and size will be on display.

The parade and motor boat display are sponsored by the Rockingham Boat Club, which so successfully staged a motor boat exhibition on the Dan River last Easter Monday. Road conditions prevent a river exhibition this Eastern Monday but the street parade promises to be even better in many ways.

The Leaksville News

24 April 1952

Tremendous Crowds View Motor Boat Exhibition

On River Easter Monday.

Lawrence Cox In His Beryl C IV, Wins Race For High Powered Craft

Luther Hodges Speaks-Beauty Queen And four Mayors Are Honored Guests.

Motorboats in action sometimes in quite thrilling action seen by a crowd estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000 persons Easter Monday afternoon on the Dan River near Leaksville. The show was staged by the Rockingham Boat Club as its third annual exhibition held each spring.

Cars were parked for about a mile on all roads leading to the boat landing and happy crowds thronged the river banks to view the 50 or more boats in action on the water. Skies that earlier in the day had threatened rain dissolved into bright sunshine before the program had started at 1 p.m. and the afternoon was delightful. The river was high and the water smooth except when churned by groups of speeding boats.

The speaking program that opened the activities was staged on an outdoor podium near the boatman's new clubhouse on the riverbank and broadcasted by loudspeaker easily heard by the entire assemblage.

Rev. Harry Wood, a motorboat enthusiast and member of the club, presided at the program, which was opened with prayer by Rev. E.P. Billups, D.D. The address of welcome was made by Andrew Smith, club president. He was followed with short speeches by Mayor John Smith of Leaksville, Mayor A. S. Daniels of Draper, Mayor Thomas Hall of Spray, Mayor Robert Stone, of Stoneville, Miss Gloria Harris, Leaksville high beauty queen for 1952 and Luther H. Hodges, Man of the Year for the Tri-Cities.

Mr. Hodges who is a candidate this year for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, hastened to assure all present that he was not a "politician." He said his approach to public office is simply as a citizen seeking to be of some service to his state and its people.

“The office of Lieutenant Governor offers great opportunity for service,” said Mr. Hodges, “because it is the most powerful office next to the governorship itself. The lieutenant governor is exofficio president of the senate, appoints the senate committees and himself presides over the sessions of the State Board of Education. The board has the spending of more than \$100,000,000, the largest regular expenditure made by the state. Although the governor has great powers he can not initiate legislation or veto bills of succeed himself.

Speaking of his campaign he said he had already visited 60 counties and visit all other 40 before primary election day, May 31. “But” he concluded “I will think more of the vote I receive here in Leaksville Township and Rockingham County than any accorded elsewhere.”

First of the aquatic events was the parade in which over 50 boats took part. Assembling out of sight around the rivers bend downstream, they proceeded slowly past the applauding spectators until the boat in the lead reached the ribbon that spanned the river just above the landing. Miss Gloria Harris of Spray cut the ribbon in token of the opening of the day’s festivities. She was riding Lawrence Cox’s beautiful Beryl IV, driven by Mr. Cox. The others in the boat were Mrs. Cox, Ruth McConnell and Thomas Hall, mayor of Spray.

The second boat in the parade was driven by Andrew Smith, club president accompanied by Luther H. Hodges and his daughter, Mrs. John C. Finlay of Rangoon, Burma. The third boat was Paul Hodge’s accompanied by Mayors Smith, Daniels and Stowe.

Two races were held. The first was for boats of not more than 17 h.p. Charles Harris of Danville, Va. was the winner. John Lawson also of Danville, came in a close second. Others in the race finishing in the following order; Joe Bill Hicks, Henry Pace Jr., both of Leaksville, L.M. Smith of Greensboro, Harry Wood, Kenneth Shope, Richard Rickman and Bobby Talley of Leaksville.

The second race which was for boats of 17 h.p. and over, was won by Lawrence Cox in his beautiful big Berlyl C IV. Paul Hodges came in second and Minos Huff third. Scott Robertson was fourth, Curley Parker fifth, Joe Smith, sixth and Jimmy Gray, seventh.

The free-for-all race was called off because of the lateness of the hour. Following the races many persons enjoyed motorboat rides from the Boat Landing to the Duke Power Dam. And return. _____ Compton, announced over facilities furnished by WLOE, did a good job of explaining all the proceedings to the assembled crowd.

Throughout the thrilling action on the water there was not a single accident.

The Leaksville News

28 April 1955

State Purchases Property Of Rockingham Boat Club: Will Stock River With Fish Dan Will Be One Of North Carolina’s Three Rivers In Which Game Fish Are Planted And Regulations Enforced By State Officers.

In a transaction completed last week the state of North Carolina purchased the property of the Rockingham Boat club on the Dan River at Leaksville.

Officials of the State Wildlife commission said the state plans to stock the Dan with game fish and to make the river a major fresh water fishing area. At present there are two such reserved areas, one on the Yadkin River and one on the Neuse.

Present plans call for stocking the river from the Duke Power Company's dam to a point above the boat club property. The finest varieties of fish suitable to the local river will be adequately policed by state officers.

The purchase by the state includes all the boat club property consisting of a large clubhouse and a plot of ground fronting 333 feet on the river and extending back 275 feet to the old Reidsville Road along which runs 145 feet. The deeds have been delivered and payment in full has been made by the state. The boat club's part in the transaction was handled by Henry Pace Jr who had been appointed for the purpose. He was the club's first president when it was organized five years ago.

The sale of property does not mean that the Rockingham Boat club will disorganize. It will continue to function as an organization although its future plans have not been announced. The present officers are W. Scott Robertson, president and Dr. A.W. Resser, J Reid Steele and K.H. Shope Trustees.

The club was organized in January, 1950, soon after the dam was completed at the new steam power electric generating plant. The dam backed the water of the Dan and Smith Rivers to depths that permitted the free use of motor boats. About 50 boat owners joined the club then and more joined later. The first regatta was held April 10 of that year and others were held several years, always on Easter Monday. These events drew crowds of spectators and very greatly enjoyed.

But as the years passed, this section of the river bottom kept gradually filling with sediment until the water became too shallow for safe motor boating. The annual boat parades were discontinued and few boatmen used the river.

The state plans to convert the property into a public picnic grounds and recreation center. It will be the only state owned park in Rockingham County.

In the early 1950's, when the boat racing and Easter Parade were held on the Dan River at an area near Mebane's Bridge on the Bethlehem church Road (Old Reidsville Road), attending the Easter Parade became an important event in the life of the Herbert E. Dallas family. I don't recall how we knew about the Parade, but it was not by Television as we did not have a Television set until 1954. We took the old family car the few miles to the boat landing on the old dusty, dirt and gravel road. There were cars parks on all sides of the road leading to the boat site on the river. There was high hill overlooking the area of the Dan River that the boats passed by. This is where everyone wanted to sit and watch the parade pass.

My cousin, Glenna Thomas, daughter of J.O. Thomas, was the parade queen in 1950. My uncle, Andrew Thomas owned a farm on the hill overlooking the Dan River. My great-grandfather, James H. Thomas bought the Fishing Creek section of Rose Hill Plantation in 1888 from the Galloway family and the Dan River at this point was the Northern boundary of that tract of land

Even after the last parade was held in 1953, there may have still been some racing on the river. Racing was held on Sunday afternoon and was a thrill to a 12-year-old boy seeing the boats coming around the bend in the river bouncing over the water

John T. Dallas.

The Greensboro Daily News

18 October 1936

STATE STILL HAS 56 COVERED BRIDGES

In Randolph County There Are 42 Which Continue To Serve Traffic – Many of Those Old Structures Are To Be Found in New England, Vermont Alone Having 224

Margaret Kernodle – Carl Jeffress

North Carolina vies with New England in the heritage of the covered bridge. Fifty-Six North Carolina covered bridges once the rendezvous of our parents in their romantic hoarse-and-buggy days are attracting the Lotharios of today.

Randolph County according to available records, contains more covered bridges that are in daily use than any other area of similar size in the United States. In an area of 833 square miles, Randolph County packs 42 covered bridges, not worn-out, run-down structures, but 42 sturdy covered bridges used every day and marked on the bridge map in the office of the state highway commission at Raleigh. Deep River is crossed and re-crossed by covered bridges and nearly every creek in Randolph County boasts at least one of the supposedly ancient structures.

Historic Structures

Now, covered bridges are historic, perhaps nearly as old as history itself. Most famous covered bridge, perhaps, is the Bridge of Sighs, that covered passage way built by Antonie Confino about 1595-1605 to connect the Doges' Palace in Venice with the State prisons in order that prisoners might be taken over the bridge to and from the hall of judgment. The "colloquial" bridge of Sighs was that edifice (now removed) covering the way over Franklin Street between criminal Court and the old Tombs prison in New York City. Thomas Hood in 1845 was inspired to write a poem by that title. Kapell Bucks, another famous covered bridge was built at Lucerne, Switzerland in the middle ages. But consider North Carolina, the progressive state widely known for its good roads and well-built and well-kept bridges. Eight counties still maintain with the aid of the state, covered bridges.

Floods Taking Toll

Beginning with Polk County in the southwestern part of the state and continuing east as far as Johnston County in an area almost exclusively in the Central portion of North Carolina 56 covered bridges are located. The theory has been advanced that these counties in which covered bridges have apparently been most prevalent contain streams of size sufficiently small to merit the construction. Only large rivers in this state bridges by these structures in this state are the Dan and the Neuse. Traffic and flood, however, are taking toll and the covered bridges are rapidly vanishing. In Randolph County during the past summer one of the resettlement supervisors, drove her car slowly toward a pile of brush obstructing the entrance to one of the Covered Bridges. Puzzled, she stopped, got out and finally founded a penciled sign "Bridge Out". She scratched her head, looked at the sign again and decided someone must be playing a joke. But being a believer in signs, especially road and bridge signs, she decided to go on foot across the bridge. Safely over and back, she grinned and without ado warily tossed the brush aside. Driving into a farm yard just beyond the bridge she met gasps astonishment which she didn't fathom.

"Chile", said the farmer's wife, "How did you get here?"

"Drove across the bridge, of course," smiled the triumphant supervisor.

“Lawdy, Miss” cried the woman, “It’s a wonder you ain’t dead.” Every sign of an underpinning was washed away from under the bridge last week. It’s a swinging from bank to bank.

There were four pictures with following under them:

“Typical of the 56 cover bridges in North Carolina in use today are these above. Top picture is of the High Falls Bridge over Deep river in Moore County just across the Randolph county line, the longest and one of the oldest covered bridges in the state. Left center picture shows the piers of the High Falls Bridge, typical of the masonry supporting the wooden structures. Right center photograph depicts one of the smaller bridges, resembling nothing so much as a garage open at both ends over a small creek in Randolph County where 42 bridges are located. Lower picture gives a view of lattice effect of the Cedar Falls (Sapona) bridge over Deep River. Windows cut in the lower side of the bridge are like many cut in bridges that do not boast the longer view.”

One In Polk

Polk County, which borders South Carolina, has only one of the covered bridges and that is located six miles east of Tryon, almost on the South Carolina border. Gaston County, however, just two counties east of Polk can offer four of the covered “structures that man built over depressions such as rivers and chasms, Etc.” Two miles south of Crowders, very close to the Palmetto State, one of these is erected on a county road. Just south of Gastonia is another, and north of Bessemer City in close proximity are the other two in Gaston County.

Practically directly north of Gastonia county in Catawba county separated by Lincoln county from Gaston. Immediately northwest of Newton in Catawba are two. Skipping over the state in Moore county one finds a group of several counties that possess usable covered bridges, including Randolph, Chatham and a little farther north, Rockingham; whereas a county or so east there is Johnston with a covered bridge over one of the principal rivers of the state, the Neuse, just two miles north of Clayton on State Highway No. 42.

Highfalls Bridge

Only covered bridge on a state highway is the Highfalls Bridge over Deep River in Moore County just over the border from the multi-covered-bridge Randolph County. Situated on Highway No. 64, this is doubtlessly the longest bridge in the state and one of the oldest, though it has been well repaired and remains staunch and ready for travel.

In Rockingham County, which is on the Virginia State border, three bridges across the Dan River give Rockingham the distinction of being the only county in the northern portion of North Carolina with covered bridges. Each of these are still in use as are all the covered bridges listed here. At Leaksville-Spray, however, the covered bridge is not in actual use as formerly, but still standing and can be used for traffic if desired. At Madison one of the bridges is found, and the third is three miles northwest at Wentworth.

Covered bridges of this state are probably only 50 or 60 years old, few being much older and few of more recent date. All of them, no doubt, have been built since the Civil War. But each has heard the slow clatter of cattle hoofs as lone herdsmen ambled leisurely toward home with his cattle at sunset. These bridges are of this century, exist in this decade but reminiscent of yesterday.

Replaced Ferry

In Randolph County, which is directly south of Rockingham with Guilford sandwiched in between, when Daily news reporters were taking photographs of the Cedar Falls (Spona) bridge, Mrs. Lydia Allred and her daughter were crossing the covered bridge in their apple cart drawn by a mule. . Lydia Allred who reckoned she was going on 76 years of age, remembers she used to cross Deep River in a ferry when she was about 10 years old and said recollected the building of a now-faded red bridge and takes one into the gateway of the Sapona Cotton Mill which are re-naming the community of Cedar Falls.

These picturesque bridges in North Carolina are at first glance apparently just boards slapped together to achieve a barn-like appearance after the roof is added, but on closer inspection one finds a careful pattern of beams and rafters that often form a rather intricate pattern for the framework within boards that make the make the outside of the covered bridges. And the enormous stone piers beneath the Highfalls Bridge in Moore County are of masonry reminiscent of the stone fireplaces in the older homes of the country, their construction a carefully assembled network of rock. Similar piers support other covered bridges in this state.

Now Have "Windows"

Originally the bridges were open only at either end, but since 1900 "windows" have been cut in the sides as is the case with the bridge near Coleridge over Brushy Creek in Randolph County. No wonder Carolinians decided to use their saws to advantage in the sides of the bridges. The rustic scenes seen through the crude windows are as lovely as the famous Carolina moon. At Cedar Falls in the same county similar apertures have been made, one top side having been ripped of the outside boards, leaving exposed the criss-cross pattern of the inside framework. Below the long windows several spaces have been cut apparently for no very good reason unless to let the youngsters see too without having be perched atop a shoulder. At High Falls windows have been created by a simple stripping off of an occasional plank with the effect that the bridge is somewhat like a board fence surrounding an old ball park.

224 in Vermont

Nor is North Carolina the only state maintaining covered bridges for traffic. Vermont has 224 Covered Bridges existing in an area of 9,564 square miles as contrasted with 48,740 square miles in North Carolina, but many are not used for travel and many are on little-traveled roads. The number of bridges remaining in that state are as of July 1. They are well scattered through the state, however, and do not supposedly sprinkle an area of 800 square miles to the extent that covered Bridges of Randolph County dot that space. The inter-state bridge between Cornish, N.H. and Windsor, Vermont, is said to be the longest covered span on this continent. It is owned by the state of New Hampshire and is a toll bridge.

Of such historic significance have the covered bridges come, Montgomery County, Vermont, like other places in the eastern part of the United States, has attempted to preserve several of the Covered Bridges of the state where there are no traffic hazards. And has recently repaired and painted said structures. November 1927, floods that swept high waters through the Vermont valley badly damaged or obliterated many bridges including covered ones.

H.H. Chadwick at the department of conversation and development in Vermont, in a letter to the Daily News says, "Modern traffic is too heavy for some of these old bridges (Which are much older for the most part than those in North Carolina) and often the

dating to the 18th century have been kept where possible. Rhode Island, according to John V. Kelly, chief of the division of roads and bridges of the department of public works, replaced the last covered bridge many years ago. Massachusetts seems to have not covered bridges in use but has not yet torn down all of them.

Covered bridges are apparently peculiar only to the eastern part of the United States and few are found further south than North Carolina.

approaches are not suitable for fast moving vehicles. In many cases. Safety has required the building of more modern structures. "Mr. Chadwick also states that many people have been interested in these Covered Bridges because of their construction and possibilities for photographic purposes and because western people are unfamiliar with such structures. Visitors with many Vermonters regret that they are gradually passing out of existence."

Maine Has 24

Maine also as other New England states which were "inventors" of covered bridges in this country has 24 in use. Two are at Andover, two near Bangor, three in the vicinity of Fryeburg, two close to Lincoln Place, two near Oxford and three close to Old Town, all on lesser traveled roads.

Connecticut, where two of the more historic bridges, one at Cornwall Bridge and one at Pine Meadow, were destroyed by the March, 1936 flood and where another famous covered bridge was torn away last month at Seymour, still has five covered bridges in use. The Beacon Falls Bridge spanning the Naugatuck River just south of Waterbury is unique in that part of it is not covered at all. This is a section of about 20 feet on the east bank which is of more recent origin and consequently the old style of construction and not reverted to. That particular part of the bridge was destroyed some years ago when the river went on rampage although prior to that time the entire span was roofed from bank to bank. The Seymour Bridge has been torn down since August 27 was just a few below Beacon Falls Bridge and was called a "romantic span, unique because of its walks for pedestrians to the downstream side" and like the rest of the bridge.

Other New England Bridges

Bull's bridge in the town of Kent crosses the Housatonic River in Connecticut and is a strong reminder of historic yesterday. Records in Kent reveal that it receives its name from builder, Jacob Bull. "It is said that the Yankee engineer erected the rugged overhead bridge during the early part of the civil war in order to facilitate the transferring of union troops from the Boston field of operations to the New York sector. It was also used; historians say to transport companies of soldiers to the so-called Turnpike route from Harford to Poughkeepsie. The brief span, which probably the shortest of that type in Connecticut was constructed at a cost of \$3,000. It is in Litchfield County and is now closed to traffic."

The West Cornwall Bridge also in Connecticut, spans the Housatonic River. Records show that "Marcus Smith, first selectman of the town of Cornwall, had charge of the building of West Cornwall Bridge during the late 1850's."

The Easthampton Bridge over the Salmon river, New London County, Connecticut, is classified by historians as follows; "old Covered Bridge at the Community called Comstock Bridge near Easthampton, holds a position all of its own in relation to the rest of the bridges of its kind in Connecticut. The bridge is not open to traffic but is preserved as a memorial."

Few In New York

New Hampshire has only two covered bridges now in active use but has kept others preserved where traffic permitted. New York State has few covered bridges left and Pennsylvania is fast removing its covered bridges to give way to faster traffic. Once such bridge is located at Raystown, Pa. over the Juanita river. No covered bridge remains on hard surfaced through routes in Maryland although several old bridges with traditions

History of Stoneville Robert Lee Stone

“David L. Matthews, grandfather of Everett Matthews, a tobacco warehouseman at Winston-Salem and early resident, owned and lived on 30 acres of land that he (David) sold to Grant Ray, whose only daughter married Levi Barnes, son of Henry Barnes, previously referred to. Ray sold land to R. Haywood Lewis about 1870 and he built the first tobacco warehouse, south of present depot.

The floor being 5 ft. above ground on east end, with a shelter over east door for unloading one wagon at a time, also a door and platform on south side near the rear, with a rock walled basement and windows where he stemmed and rolled tobacco and prized it in west end with heavy iron retainers, with 16 ft. iron lever and 4 men (to work the great lever.)

In summer time, with hired men, women and children to do the stemming with one or two on warehouse floor sorted it (tobacco) and put cooked licorice on it with a sprinkling pot,”

“A Mr. Parrish worked for him (R.H. Lewis) in the warehouse and also helped him work tobacco (in the factory section) a few years; and he, Parrish, was a police officer.”

Note By Transcriber: The year was 1873 that Robert Haywood Lewis purchased the land here in town; erecting a larger and newer building to which he moved the chewing plug factory that his late father had operated out on the farm, 2 miles south of the village. Two years later, 1875, Haywood added a second wing and opened a tobacco sales warehouse, the first one here, as Mr. Stone states. The lot south of the depot where the factory and warehouse stood is now (1979) the site of Moore's Supermarket and its adjacent parking lot. “R.H. built his store near his warehouse in 1880 which he operated for 20 years.”

“He (Mr. R.H. Lewis) worked (chewing) tobacco up until 1895 and made trips every year to South Carolina and Georgia, driving Rock and Charlie, a pair of nice bay horses, peddling tobacco, after I was old enough to remember.” (After 1895, he continued in the warehouse business.”

“He was reared two miles south of here, in sight of log church, his family being Episcopalians. He and his father (John Penn Lewis) who died before I was born, worked tobacco in a small building on the farm before R.H. came here. I have seen the building.

He (R.H.) married Miss Fannie Thomas, a neighbor ½ miles distant (from the old Lewis home). She was a daughter of John A. Thomas, a noted, and witty tobacco peddler in the south who died in 1893.

To this union (R.H. Lewis and wife, Fannie) were born 5 girls and 2 boys. (one other boy died in infancy.) All the family now dead except 4 girls (In all there were six girls; One, Effie died in young womanhood. R.H. sold his (original) warehouse to Tom Glenn (in 1929).”

Before selling the warehouse to Glenn, R.H. Lewis had built a second warehouse for the auction sale of tobacco leaf. This building, though of modified form, still stands as of 1979 on its original site near the railroad tracks opposite the depot. (GVL)

The open field there on the S.E. corner of that crossroad (135 & 2154) is green with summer crops now and few passing it know what interesting events once occurred there. It was once the place where local men periodically assembled for Military muster, and in two long ago wars, formed companies prior to marching to far away battlefields. From Colonial times and during the Revolutionary War, down to the middle of the nineteenth Century, this field was known as Spring Garden Muster Ground. But in 1855 when the Spring Garden post office was renamed Elm Grove, the old muster ground came to be called by that name; thus it was during the Civil War. Some old-timers however, still referred to the place, out of habit, as Spring Garden, even as late at the early part of this present century. Land deeds for property along the road from Stoneville over there called the route (2154) Spring Garden Road. Places important in our history ought not to be forgotten.

From the crossroad at Spring Garden Muster Ground the road (present 135) went past a place afterward name Shiloh. Beyond the latter was and still is a community that has the oldest continuously recorded name in Rockingham County. It is Grassy Springs, a place whose story unknown, even to its inhabitants; yet it has a recorded history as early as the year 1769, when this area was included in Rowan County (Ref. Rowan road maintenance records in the Court Minutes of Pleas and Quarter Sessions on file in the court house at Salisbury---that was the court house for this area until 1771 at which time it was Guilford until 1786, being the year that his year officially became Rockingham County.)

At Grassy Springs, whose story is yet to be told, there still stands today two abandoned school houses; one of which is a log structure in a cow pasture, through which flows Schoolhouse Creek, is the oldest known schoolhouse in this county still standing. However, the historic community of Grassy Springs was the home of Rockingham County's first Sheriff, John May, who was elected at the first session of this County's Court in February 1786. His plantation near the mouth of Schoolhouse Creek and Dan River is recorded in the land deeds at the courthouse in Wentworth.

From the center of Grassy Springs Community, which is now numbered rural route no. 2148 and State Road. 135, the latter continued northeast to another road juncture in Mr. John Lemon's plantation at Buffalo Beach, near the mouth of Buffalo Island Creek and Dan River. He, a private in the early part of the Revolutionary War, serving as a musician, was listed as a "drummer" in Capt. John Leak's Company. (For verification of the military service of the men here named, ref. military pay vouchers and muster records for men of the Northern Battalion, Guilford County Militia, Col. Ransom Sutherland's and Col. James Martin's regiments for the years 1775-1783, fragments of which are on file at the N.C. State Archives in Raleigh.)

At the Lemon's place at Buffalo Beach, where the road comes to a juncture of another road (now numbered State Road no. 770) the route still continues in a northeast direction

to Smith River, crossing that stream at the Island Ford in a community called Spray, presently a section of the City of Eden. After laboring up that steep hill on the other side of the river the creaking wagons soon passed through a pleasant meadow-land of lush grass, where tired horses and mules were often permitted to pause and refresh themselves.

“Nar H. Lewis, oldest son (of R.H.) was an enterprising, hard working man. He built the white brick-front, 2-story sore building in 1913 on the corner of Main and Henry Streets; also the brick warehouse on Main Street in 1913, and hickory wood working (handles) plant, the plant now, since his father’s (Nat’s) death in ’39.

He (Nat) was twice married; first wife was Miss Hattie Hodgkin of Guilford County, and one son, Vaughn survives; and he (Vaughn) and his family live at Gretna, Va..

He (Nat’s) last wife is living and is manager of the 5 & 10 cent store here, and was a big help in his business, she was Miss Allie Wray of Boones Mill, Va. Three children, Wray, Forrest and Aileen, all married, blessed this last union.

T(homas) Leslie Lewis, deceased in 1922, second son of R.H. married Miss Lilly Glenn, daughter of Tom Glenn; and 3 boys were their offspring.

Glenn Lewis, the oldest married Miss Mary Lee Trent, a scion of Patrick County, Va. family. Since the death of his mother, Lilly, in 1936. (The other two sons), T.L. Lewis Jr. and Harold, are in the Navy.

In 1874, J(ohn) W. and Nat, brothers of R.H. Lewis, bought a lot, 66 X 66 ft. from my father and built a plank store 20/x 36 ft. where the present brick post office building is now (1945) is located, with a low upstairs under the rafters where J.W. slept as long as he sold goods. .

Nat soon died, and I was at his burial when I was a child, on Sunday down on the farm, on a hill south of Mountain Run Creek,”

Note by Guy V. Lewis: This Nat Lewis is not to be confused with his nephew, Nat H. Lewis.

“J(ohn) W. Lewis built a house of hewn logs, with upstairs and a porch; a house which he tore down on the farm and moved here, re-erecting it a few feet northwest of his store. He weather boarded the house and moved a one and one-half story little frame store-house back to the north end of the porch for a bed room, up and downstairs.

In 1884, he, his mother, sisters, Margaret and Nannie (his younger sister, Betty, having married Geo. Mitchell of Mt. Airy in ’82) moved to a Walnut cove Hotel and was there at the celebration of the C.F. & Y.V. R.R. (Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Rail Road’s opening.) His (J.W. Lewis’s) mother, who I think was a Miss Thomas (Martha Jane) (daughter of Joseph Thomas?) before marriage from Grayson County, Va. (Here he

practically erased Grayson County and penciled she was from Leaksville. Actually she was the former Miss Martha Elizabeth Thomas. Some of her brothers moved to Southwest Virginia. "She died at quite an old age at Walnut cove in '88 and body was (brought back here and) buried on the farm.

He (J.W.) and his sisters came back here (from Walnut cove) in '91 and built the Lewis Hotel. He and his sisters died and are buried in Stoneville Cemetery." (Note by GVL: Actually they moved to their parents dismantled farm home from Mountain Run Creek two miles into town here and re-erected it opposite the train depot, where they operated a hotel, on the same lot where the town water tank was later placed.)

"Dr. Joshua Smith, raised near Mayodan, married Miss Jessie Scales, daughter of Dr. Richard Scales of Spring Garden, 3 miles southeast of here, after finishing medicine.

He (Dr. Smith) told me, after buying a lot from Pinckney Stone opposite my father's house, he bought a 1 ½ story 18 X 18 ft. store, rolled it out to his lot, put a chimney at the south end for a bedroom, built a 2 story edition on the west side and was prior to 1870.

About 1881 he built a 2 story all on the north side; had a porch on east side from which you entered the dining room. They took in table boarders, \$10.00 a month-----drummers and travelers. I have heard drummers say they got the best meals, beds and hospitality there between New York and New Orleans.

Judson Watkins, traveling for Drewery Hughes & Co., Richmond, spent the night there when I was born and he named me Robert Lee next morning.

Dr. Smith's first horse was Billy, a blocky, dark chestnut color, which he kept until he died, replacing him with another horse long before.

My father bought shoes and heavy, peg, bottom boots from Sam Davis, representing Stern & Co., Richmond. Sam had been the first telegraph operator Reidsville ever had.

For years drummers drove here in two horse hacks and buggies. One of his (my father's) favorite salesman and of whom he was very fond, was Mr. R.E. Transom of Rural Hall, N.C., representing L.C. Younger & Co., Richmond, a wholesale grocer. I think he (Transom) was later Clerk of Forsyth County, N.C. Court.

Dr. Smith was master of our Masonic Cherokee Lodge No. 97; organize here in 1897 until death in 1907. His wife died in 1912, and both were buried in Stoneville Cemetery.

John H. Glenn, son of Joe H. Glenn Sr., 8 miles west of town, moved here in '79 or '80 with his wife, Miss Mary Smith (who was a sister of Mrs. J.A. ("Teen") Thomas now living in Winston and the mother of Daisy Thomas----Mrs. John Wesley Glenn, Percy Thomas, Galloway Thomas and Wm. Thomas, all dead, the 3 Thomas sons noted warehousemen.

(John H. Glenn built a home on South Glenn Street, bought the Arch, Heggie store building, fronting S.W. 6 ft. behind two big oak trees on North side of Henry Road that cuts across, S.E. from North Henry Street to Main and began selling goods and went in the warehouse with R.H. Lewis.”

Note by GVL: In 1909 R.H. Lewis sold his second warehouse, which, as previously mentioned, was on the west side of the railroad tracks opposite the depot, to John H. Glenn, the later being an elder brother of the aforementioned Tom Glenn who bought the first warehouse built by Lewis.

“To this union (John H. and Mary (Smith) Glenn were born 2 girls & 5 boys. The oldest, “Miss Nellie” (Cornelia), deceased in '43 married Tom Carter, Miss Lana married R.C. Pratt of Stoneville now a resident of Winston. The sons, Willie Glenn, James Walter (“Jack”) Glenn and John A. Glenn, went to Winston and hooked up with Reynolds Tobacco Co., where Jack is one of the vice presidents, also an officer of one of the company’s branches in Australia.

Willie soon went to Dallas, Texas, read law under two old men who treated him like a son, one taking him in his home free. He (Willie) told me, and after finishing law, went over to Hugo, Oklahoma, married, was elected judge, a position he held until his death in an auto wreck in Nov., 1932. His (Willie’s) 2 boys and one son-in-law brought here for the burial.

There were 2 girls and 2 boys and all visited here on some of his few visits. His (Willie’s) first wife died and he married again. He was a handsome blond with a fine personality. (Willie’s proper name was William T. Glenn, born 14 Mar 1878 died 8 Nov. 1922.)

Little John A., as he is familiarly and affectionately known by his many friends, was calling on a merchant in Kentucky one day when with Reynolds and a young lady came in whom was the merchant’s daughter. He later met her, courted and married her. 4 boys and 2 girls blessed their union. They resided in Winston. 3 boys in service and 1 boy and 1 girl married. John was in the life insurance business.

Fletcher and Robert (the two other sons of John H. and Mary Smith Glenn died several years ago.

John H. (after death of first wife Mary) married Miss Flora Thomas, a sister of J.A. (“Teen”) Thomas. A daughter (Gertrude), Mrs. J.D. Joyce and a son, Omer, blessed their (John H. and Flora’s) union. (Omer) was a tobacco buyer for the Virginia Tobacco Co., Danville, Va. John H. died 8 August 1924.

John A. Glenn, a brother (of John H. and a son of John H. Sr. and Latitia (Martin) Glenn), came here in 1891 and went into the mercantile and fertilizer business with John H. They built the first section of Glenn’s warehouse in '92 (where the municipal parking lot is now, 1979, on Henry Street and running on back lot to town hall.)

He, (James A.) married Jennie (Mary Virginia) Claybrook, only offspring of Wesley Claybrook, who was killed in the war '61-'65 and Frances (Joyce) Claybrook.

To this union (James A. and Jennie) was born 3 girls, Louis Glenn marrying Herbert L. Mitchell of High Point; Myrtle Glenn to Frank Brown, Thelma Glenn to Lee Brown, both of whom (Browns) are in the tobacco business here. 4 sons (of James A. and Jennie); John W. Glenn, Joe H. Glenn (II), Jesse B. Glenn, all three dead, who was in warehouse business in Winston. Harvey L. Glenn is a warehouseman here. All married, with several children.

“T.J. Glenn, J(ohn) H’s younger brother moved here in '91 or '92, with his wife and 3 girls and 2 boys, after building a 2-story, frame dwelling on the lot next to J(ohn) Glenn.

(T.J.) also bought a farm northeast of town and he and the little boys worked it soon and late, hot and cold, earning the salt in their bread. His wife died in '94, and he married Miss Mollie Shelton of Prestonville, Va. in '95. 2 girls were their offspring. (Note by GVL, Another girl born in '97 died in infancy)

Soon after (T.J.’s second marriage) his eldest child, Jimmie, left, before maturity and went to Milligan College (in Tennessee), worked his way through school, became a minister, married and died at Starkey, Virginia. Last year. (1944)”

“After the death of Joe H. Glenn Sr.’s wife (Letitia), his youngest daughter, Miss Ketty and he remained at the old homestead until she married Joe H. Joyce of Ayersville. 3 girls blessed their (Ketty’s and Joe’s) union.

In 1901 after building a 2-story, 6 room house on a one-acre lot on Glenn Street, (Ketty and Joe) moved there. (He) went in the warehouse business with J(ohn) Glenn and J(ames) A. “Jim” Glenn, bought a 200 acre tobacco farm which he still owns 2 miles southeast (of here).

(Later) he (Joe Joyce) sold his home and moved to Winston and went in the warehouse business with Tom Pepper for a few years. He is now retired, due to his health and age.

Note by GVL; As R.L. Stone mentioned earlier in this narrative, Frances Joyce had been the first wife of Wesley Claybrook who died in the civil war. And they were the parents of Mary Virginia Claybrook who married James A. “Jim” Glenn who was son of the above Joe H. Glenn, Sr.

“Joe H. Glenn, II, son of James A. “Jim” Glenn, was in the warehouse business with John Simpson and Arch Bennett, both from Rockingham County. He (Joe) married Miss Annie, daughter of Arch Bennett and his deceased wife ... (One of Joe and Annie’s sons were Joe H., III.)

In 1880, I saw J(ohn) A(dam) “Teen” Thomas, son of John A(dam) Thomas (Sr.) and his wife, Eliza, who lived two miles south of her, and in the grocery business in the (old)

Pinckney Stone (brick) store, hook Jake, a nice blazed-face horse to his buggy and go over 3 ½ miles northwest of here to marry Miss Elizabeth Smith, a sister of Mrs. John H. Glenn at the home of her grandfather, John Dugger Joyce, one of the best old, small men I ever knew.

His (John Dugger's) wife, Aunt Tabby (Tabitha), outlived him. I used to go over there --- In February '91----and get in the cellar under kitchen floor and get sweet potatoes, paying her 50 cents a bushel.

They raised (their granddaughters); the Smith girls after the children's father (Thomas Smith) was killed in the Civil War and the mother (Delilah Joyce Smith) had died. .
"Note by GVL: The family graveyard where John Dugger Joyce, born 1811 and his wife Tabitha, born 1819, are buried is beside rural road No. 1363, four miles (by auto) Northwest of Stoneville.

"Five girls and 5 boys blesses J.A. "Teen" Thomas's marriage. The youngest child, Spencer, age 3 and first death, died in July, 1903. Mr."Teen" Thomas bought his father's farm (on Mountain Run Creek) and built a good house, did extensive farming with share croppers and bought tobacco for Bohannon Co., who manufactured "Foot Print."
(Chewing Plug)

Mr. Thomas (Teen) died in a Roanoke hospital 1/27/1917. His wife previously mentioned, lives with her daughter in Winston who married Dr. L.A. Taylor, a dentist here for a few years before moving. The 3 other surviving daughters married and live in West Virginia and several grand and great grand children survive.

Cecil Carter, who married Minnie Thomas (daughter of Teen) and runs a gents (clothing) store in Princeton, West Virginia, left the farm near here and began work in the store for me, Monday, Nov. 24th, '91, a fine boy.

S(hubal) T(haddeus) Hodgkin of Pleasant Garden, Guilford County came here Sunday evening, April 19, 1991, after leaning telegraphy under Prof. J. Allen Holt....He S.T. Hodgkin was one of the best men I ever knew and loved, and (he) opened the depot the next morning, 4/20/'91, a position he held until he retired in 1931.

Mr. Hodgkin had been one of the pillars in the Methodist Church ever since he came here. Hr served as mayor also. Hr married Miss Effie daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. Haywood Lewis. She (Effie) died in early life leaving the husband and one son, Dr. Orien Hogdin.

The R & S (Roanoke & Southern Railway) soon went into hands of John Gill of Baltimore, as receiver. And the N & W (then) took it over, enlarging the depot 4 times and laying extra heavy rail, with rock ballast under same.

Family Group Sheet

Husband Albrecht Thomas		
Born	1658	place:
Died	7 Oct 1731	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany
Buried	date:	place:
Married	date:	place:
Other Spouse	Maria Anna Schlundt (Cir 1697-) 25 Oct 1718 - Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Wife Barbara		
Born	Cir 1685	place:
Died	28 Apr 1718	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany
Buried	date:	place:

Children

1	M	John (Johannes) Thomas	
Born	20 Dec 1685	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	Cir 1721	Probably Spotsylvania Co, Va.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Anna Maria Blankenbaker (1687-Bef 1762)		
Marr. Date	18 Nov 1711 - Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany		
2	F	Carolus Thomas	
Born	28 Dec 1688	Munzusheim	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			
3	M	Johann Conrad Thomas	
Born	2 Aug 1696	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Maria Margaretha Landstetter (-)		
Marr. Date	14 Jan 1727 - Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany		
4	M	Joahnn Martin Thomas	
Born	28 Aug 1700	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	date:	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Eva Barbara Schone (1700-) 20 Jun 1730 - Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany		

Husband's General Notes

The earliest use of the name THOMA found by Germanna researchers in the area of interest was found by Dr. Cary who wrote FHC Microfilm # 1189321, Item 2, Flinsbach Church Books, 1586-1803-4. At the very beginning, is a list of pastors beginning with 1520.

The name given for the pastor from 1520-1572 is Nik. Thoma. I may be interpeting the information incorrectly. It starts as follows:

"1520 Nik. Thoma. Nach 1572 Gg. Gützkind. 1586 Jodoc. Kuchenbrod. 1612 Joh. Zardler....1699 Joh. Henkel. 1726 Wolfg. Adam Ernst Kühlewein...."

It would be most interesting to learn more about the Nikolaus Thoma who appears to have served 52 years as the pastor of "Flenspachischess".

"Tracing the Blankenbühlers or Plankenbichlers through Europe". The story starts in Austria, probably proceeds through Mittelfranken, in Germany, and goes on to Neuenbürg, in Germany. Much research work remains to be done on this and allied families, but the general picture is clear. The families survived the Farmer's War in the late sixteenth century and the Thirty Years' War in the first half of the seventeenth century, and chose to leave Austria about 1652 for religious reasons. Some of the people stayed in Mittelfranken, while some went farther west, almost to the Rhine

Family Group Sheet

Husband's General Notes (cont.)

River. The Blankenbühlers, or Plankenbichlers, along with the Scheibles, were surely in this latter migration. Probably the Käfers, Thomases, and Waylands were members of this movement also. "

From: BEFORE GERMANNIA

Albrecht Thoma was one of several persons of that surname who lived in Neuenburg when the minister began compiling a parish register in 1663. Albrecht had children by a wife named Barbara beginning in 1685, but there is no entry at Neuenburg for their marriage. So with no marriage listed and nothing on the family between 1663 when the church record started and 1685 when Johannes was born, they must have been recent arrivals to the area. Barbara died about 1718 when he married a second time:

"married 25 October 1718 Albrecht Thoma, widower to Maria Anna, daughter of deceased Johann Schlundt of Gross Aurach." Albrecht died 7 Oct. 1731 at age 73 and was buried there the next day.

There are three villages that are not far apart, Neuenburg, Oberoewisheim, and Unteroewisheim. The first of these was the home of several 1717 emigrants. This village is Catholic in nature being a part of the lands of the Bishops of Speyer. The other two villages have Lutheran churches. The Protestants who lived in Neuenburg went to church in Oberoewisheim where the pastors kept records for them in a separate section of the church book.

Source: Ortssippenbuch Oberöwisheim - Neuenbürg

Stadtteile von Kraichtal, Landreis Karlsruhe

berbeitet von Karl Diefenbacher und

Klaus Rössler

No date given, page 549 – All Thoma names – no relationship known with # 3391, # 3392, # 3393 or Matthias

Source for Albrecht Thomas:

Oberoewisheim church records FHL INTL Film #1,192.078 Neurnburg

Family Group Sheet

Husband	John (Johannes) Thomas		
Born	20 Dec 1685	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	Cir 1721	Probably Spotsylvania Co, Va.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Father	Albrecht Thomas (1658-1731)	Mother	Barbara (Cir 1685-1718)
Married	18 Nov 1711	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Wife	Anna Maria Blankenbaker		
Born	5 May 1687	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	Bef 28 Dec 1762	Probably Culpeper Co., Va.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Father	Johann Thomas Blankenbaker (-)	Mother	Anna Barbara Schone (-)
Other Spouse	Wolff Michael Kaiffer (Cir 1695-)	Cir 1721	

Children

1	M	John (Hans Wendel) Thomas	
Born	17 Apr 1712	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	Cir 4 Dec 1787	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Mary (-)		
Spouse	Sarah (Cir 1780-)		
2	F	Ursula Thomas	
Born	8 Nov 1714	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	8 Nov 1714	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			
3	F	Anna Magdalena Thomas	
Born	24 Nov 1715	Neuenburg, Kraichtal, Baden-Wurttensburg, Germany	
Died	Cir 1771	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	John "Hans" Michael Smith Jr (1712-Cir 1785)	Cir 1732 - Spotsylvania Co., Va.	
4	F	Anne Margaret Thomas	
Born	Cir 1718	Probably Spotsylvania Co, Va.	
Died	Cir 1762	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Georg Heinrich Ohler (1718-1806)	1744 - Probably Orange Co., Va.	
5	M	Michael Thomas	
Born	Cir 1721	Va.	
Died	5 Oct 1799	Fayette Co, Kentucky	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Eva Susannah Hart (Cir 1768-Cir 1829)	Cir 1738	
Spouse	Catherine /possibly Wayland (-)	Cir 1738	

Husband's General Notes

Location of records
 In Baden/Wurtemberg church records are kept in Stuttgart while civil records are kept in Heilbronn

The name of the village is Oberoewisheim (and its next door neighborhood is Unteroewisheim). Uusally the "oe" is written as an umlaut. The village where the Blankenbuehler, Thoma, Fleischmann, Scheible, and Schlucter families lived is Neuenburg but be careful looking on a map because less than twenty miles away is another Neuenburg. The one of interest is close to Oberoewisheim.

Family Group Sheet

Husband's General Notes (cont.)

This Neuenbürg is very small. Even today it is hardly more than a wide spot in the road. So when the 1717 emigrants left, it was quite noticeable (assuming they actually did live in town). Two "families" left. One was headed by Anna Barbara Schöne who was now married to her third husband, Cyriacus Fleischmann. By her first husband, Johann Thomas Blanckenbühler, four children came. Hans Balthasar, Hans Matthias, Hans Nicholas, and Anna Maria. By her second husband, Johann Jacob Schluchter, a son, Heinrich Schluchter, came. By her third husband, there were two children, Maria Catharina and Hans Peter. To the best of our knowledge, these were all of her children.

Some of Anna Barbara's children were already parents themselves. Anna Maria had married Johannes Thoma[s]. They brought two children with them, Hans Wendel and Anna Magdalena. Hans Nicholas had married Apollonia Käfer and they brought Zacharias. Hans Matthias has married Anna Maria Mercklin and they were the parents in Germany (at Oberderdingen) of Hans Jerg (George). No marriage was found for Hans Balthasar in Germany but he entered Virginia with a wife. Apollonia Käfer's brother, Wolf Michael, apparently was a member of this subgroup also. He entered Virginia at the same time as the rest of the group. (Within a few years he became the husband of Anna Maria Blanckenbühler, after her husband, Johannes Thomas, died).

The decision to emigrate was very much a family decision, and the entire family, of two generations of descendants of Anna Barbara, came along. (John Blankenbaker)

Evangelical Church records Neuenburg - Ortssippenbuch for Oberoewisheim-Neuenbuerg.

— Thoman and Barbara brought Johannes on 20 December, 1686 Hanss Unger from Danschach(?) knecht was a sponsor. Peter (?) of Unteroewisheim, a single person, also sponsored. Anna Margaretha Hotz of Neuenbuerg, a single person of Neuenbuerg, was the third.

On 18 November 1711, after the proclamation of the wedding, were married Johannes Thoma, the legitimate son of Albrecht Thoma citizen here, with the maiden Anna Maria, the legitimate daughter of Hanss Thoma Blancknbigner former citizen and stonemason here.

On 17 April 1712 there was born and baptized on the same day the baby Hanss Wendel Thoma, The parents were Johann Thoma and Anna Maria (who we know was born Blankenbuehler.) The sponsors at this baptism were Hanss Wendel Neideck of Oberoewisheim and Maria Eleonora the wife of Hanss Jerg Schaiblin. The Schaiblins were Germanna immigrants in 1717.

Continuing with the baptisms in the year 1714 for Neuenbuerg]

The first baptism occurs on a sad note. Joh. Thoma and Anna Maria were the parents of Ursula who was born on 8 November 1714, baptized on 8 November 1714, and died on 8 November 1714. [This death record is made in the baptismal record, a typical thing to do. The death rate in the early years is staggering.]

Johannes Thoma and Anna Maria brought Anna Magdalena born 24 November 1715 with Hanss Wendel Neideck of Oberoewisheim and Martha Schaiblin(in) single as sponsors.

Virginia

Second Germanna Colonists came to Virginia on Capt. Tarbett's ship (the Scott). They left London in the fall of 1717 bound for Pennsylvania. The Captain of the ship made a deal with Governor Spotswood of Virginia though to transport them to Virginia instead of Pennsylvania. There is a list of people who became servants of Spotswood. It was 48 names. The Thomas family was not on this list. Spotswood had partners and other Germans became their servants. I suspect that the Thomas family became servants of Capt. Russell but I do not know that this is the case. (John Blankenbecker)

Before the Second Colony members had taken up their land patents, John Thomas, Sr., had died and Anna Maria Thomas remarried, this time to Michael Kaifer. They had five children. Michael Kaifer's will helps to clarify all of Anna Maria's children including the daughter's husbands. One of the 1726 land patents was to John and Michael Thomas (both of whom were minors). The name has been given erroneously as Tomer.

The following families in the Germanna colony all came from Neuenburg: Blankenbuhler, Thomas, Sheible and Fleishman. They all got adjoining land patents on June 24, 1726. Johannes Thomas, father of John/Hans and Michael died not long after his arrival in Virginia and the land patent was issued in the name of his two sons.

Family Group Sheet

Husband's General Notes (cont.)

Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Patent Book 12 page 475, John and Michael Tomer 156 acres on the Robinson River

Johannes came from Germany with his wife and two children. The last two children were born in Virginia.

Family tradition is that "he died from drinking water which had been poisoned by Indians" (Source: Robert H. Blake, of Huntington, West Virginia).

WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY,

Volume 26 p. 84 1717 Colony - Up to 1734 these Germans lived in Spotsylvania Co., first at Germanna, later on Robinson River Region, which became Orange Co. in 1734, Culpeper Co. in 1748 and Madison Co. in 1792.

Hebron Church, Culpeper Co., VA

The baptismal records appear to start from 1750. They were rewritten in 1775. Probably there were records before 1750 but they did not use them. No family was included in 1775 who had moved away or for which they did not have complete information. There are some, incomplete, minutes starting about the time of Rev. Carpenter who was ordained in 1792. There were no families with the surname Thomas left in Culpeper in 1775 when the books were rewritten so no documentation for this surname

There is one major puzzle piece missing in the Thomas family of Virginia

"The oldest son of the 1714 immigrant, Jacob Holtzclaw was John, who married a widow. Catherine Russell was her birth name, and she married a Thomas and had at least a son, Jacob. What made this stand out was that the two youngest sons of Jacob Holtzclaw went to the Robinson River Valley and married two Thomas girls, daughters of John Thomas, Jr. (At the same time, we must remember that the surname of their mother, the second wife of Jacob Holtzclaw, the immigrant, is unknown. Maybe she came from the Robinson River community.) I have always felt that the Thomas husband of Catherine Russell was related to the Robinson River Thomases. Then, I believed that John Thomas and his siblings probably visited Jacob Thomas to see how their relative was doing. In the process they became acquainted with the Germantown community, and, likewise, the Germantown community became acquainted with the Robinson River Thomases. Now the Robinson River was not the home ground of the two Holtzclaw men. This was not a case of marrying the girls on the next farm. This is like marrying someone who was living twenty-five miles away, or whatever the distance is from Germantown to the Robinson River Valley. How did they become acquainted? This scenario seems to require that the John Thomas who came (probably in 1717) had a relative who came with him. There is another connection in that it is believed that Henry Holtzclaw, second son in the family, married Nancy Harden. Now some members of the Harden family went to southwest Pennsylvania. Were the Thomases and the Hardens acquainted, and did the actions of one influence the other? Catherine Russell Thomas married John Holtzclaw

around 1729 and he died in 1752. She had one son, Jacob Thomas who in turn had one son, Joseph Thomas." John Blankenbaker

22 Jan 1727/28 Stafford County, Virginia Northern Neck Grants B, 1726-1729, p. 105, folio (Reel 290)

The land of Catherine Thomas was right there close to German Town. This grant is for 615 acres between Elk Run and Licking Run and joins Robert Carter, Catherine sold 300 acres to Zachariah Lewis in 1763 and Jacob and Judith Thomas sold 300 acres to him on the same day, this accounts for 600 acres of the 1727 land and in the document to Zachariah Lewis, it's stated that the land sold to him was part of the 1727 grant. It also states that Catherine was named Catherine Thomas at the time of the 1727 grant and that she was a widow.

Possibly another puzzle piece: from Barb Price of Germanna Mail list and Candy Wagner <candywagner@neo.rr.com> from Thomas mail list – synopsis of the two.

Lewis Thomas born before 1716 died May 1751 was first recorded in Orange County VA. Lewis's son Owen Thomas married a Mary Hardin. Mary's aunt Anne Hardin married Henry Holtzclaw, the brother of John who married Catherine Russell Thomas. The Hardins, Thomas's and Holtzclaw's were all in the same area at that time.

I also have a Catherine Thomas b abt 1744, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Thomas m 24 Sep 1773 in Orange County VA. She married Ambrose Barbour, and

their daughter Elizabeth married Ben Hardin. I have not been able to place this Joseph, I have wondered if he is related to Lewis Thomas. Could Lewis be a brother of the unknown Thomas who married Catherine Russell. It would be well worth looking into the Frederick Co area as that is where the Hardins were before settling in the Elk Run area of then Stafford Co. Although this would not explain the sons of Jacob knowing the Thomas family of the Second Colony unless Jacob's second wife was from there.

The same Thomas names are mentioned in a book – FREDERICK COUNTY PIONEERS –

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Husband's General Notes (cont.)

Wife's General Notes

The story centers around the small village of Neuenbürg in the Kraichtal. Today the village is in Baden. To confuse the issues, Baden has two Neuenbürgs which are only about twenty miles apart. This has come about because the Neuenbürg in which we are especially interested was originally on ecclesiastic lands belonging of the Catholic Church as represented by the Bishops of Speyer. Early in the 1800's these lands were ceded to the civil state of Baden which gave it two Neuenbürgs. If we regard Baden as a state (it is now Baden-Württemberg), then we can add the district or County name of Kraichtal to distinguish the Neuenbürg we want. It is the smaller of the two, having perhaps a few hundred inhabitants. The only church in town is Catholic and it is not clear where the Lutherans met. The following information is from the "Lutheran" records.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Neuenberg, Germany

Anna Barbara Schön was born there on 29 Sept 1664. Her father was Quirin(us) Schön(e) and her mother was Maria Barbara, maiden name unknown. Besides Anna Barbara, we know of three other children for a total of four:

**Anna Barbara Schön, b. 29 Sept 1664

Peter Matthaues Schön, b. 31 Aug 1667

Maria Barbara Schön, b. 17 July 1671, d. 3 March 1679

Jerg Martin Schön, b. 10 Jan 1682

The father died 17 May 1683 not long after the birth of the last child. Anna Barbara Schön, barely past her sixteenth birthday, married Johann Thomas Blanckenbühler on 2 Nov 1680 in Neuenbürg. He was the son of Matthias and Margaretha (?) Blanckenbühler. This Matthias, a weaver, died 11 Aug 1691 at age 70 in Neuenbürg.

Anna Barbara Schön, barely past her sixteenth birthday, married Johann Thomas Blanckenbühler on 2 Nov 1680 in Neuenbürg. He was the son of Matthias and Margaretha (?) Blanckenbühler. This Matthias, a weaver, died 11 Aug 1691 at age 70 in Neuenbürg.

Four children of Anna Barbara (Schön) and Johann Thomas Blanckenbühler were baptized in Neuenbürg:

Hans Niclas Blanckenbühler, b. 2 Jan 1682

Hans Balthasar Blanckenbühler, b. April 1683

Hans Matthias Blanckenbühler, b. 29 Dec 1684

***Anna Maria Blanckenbühler, b. 5 May 1687

Nr.60: Germanna Note

After the birth of Anna Maria Blanckenbühler in 1687, there is a gap in the church records of a few years. The mostly likely cause was war, probably due to an invasion by the French. During such periods, the pastors often took the church books to a more remote location (and perhaps took himself also). When the church books resume, we find that Anna Barbara (Schön) Blanckenbühler married Johann Jacob Schluchter on 2 Nov 1691. Herr Schluchter acquired a ready made family of four step-children aged four to nine years.

Johann Jacob Schluchter was born about 1652 and some records indicate he was from "Hollsultz". He died 13 Feb 1698 so Anna Barbara was left as a widow for the second time when she was 34 years old. Her family had grown by the addition of Henerich Schluchter, born 7 May 1697.

Four years later, Anna Barbara married her third husband, Cyriacus Fleischmann on 5 Mar 1701 in Neuenbürg. Cyriacus is noted as "of Klings" and his father was Weltin Fleischmann. Three children were born to Anna Barbara and Cyriacus in Neuenbürg:

Maria Catharina Fleischmann, b. 8 Mar 1702 (presumably she died young)

Maria Catharina Fleischmann, b. 26 Jan 1704

Hans Peter Fleischmann, b. 10 April 1708

At the birth of Hans Peter, Anna Barbara has seven living children with a spread of 26 years in their ages.

Johann Nicholas Blanckenbühler married Apollonia Käffer in Neuenbürg on 6 May 1714. Two children were born in Neuenbürg:

Maria Barbara Blanckenbühler, b. 22 Dec 1714, d. the next day

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Zacharias Blanckenbühler, b. 21 Oct 1715

(Another child of John Nicholas and Apollonia, Jacob, married Mary Barbara Thomas, daughter of Hans and Mary Thomas)

The father of Apollonia was Wolfgang Käffer who seems to have originated in the region of Ansbach, some distance to the east. Apparently he lived in Zaberfeld, Kreis Heilbronn, Württemberg for a brother of Apollonia, Jerg Niclas Käffer was born there 20 Jul 1701. Wolfgang died on 8 Aug 1728 in Zaberfeld. His wife was Elisabetha.

The day after Johann Nicholas Blanckenbühler married, Johann Mattheus Blanckenbühler, tailor, married Anna Maria Mercklin on 7 May 1714 in Oberderdingen, Württemberg. Anna Maria was born 12 March 1693 in Oberderdingen to Hannes Jacob Mercklin and Königunda (?). Mattheus and Anna Maria may have lived in Oberderdingen for that is where the birth of one child is recorded:

Hannes Jerg Blanckenbühler, b. —Feb 1715.

Anna Maria Blanckenbühler was the first child to marry. On 18 Nov 1711 in Neuenbürg, at the age of 24, she married Johann Thomas, the son of Albrecht Thomas. They had three children born in Neuenbürg:

Hans Wendel Thomas, b. 17 April 1712

Ursula Thomas, b. 8 May 1714, d. same day

Anna Magdalena Thomas, b. 24 Nov 1715

There has been a direct female line from Anna Barbara Schön tested for mtDNA with a Haplogroup of T1 — ANY direct female descendant of Anna Barbara Schon would carry this same mtDNA. In the Blankenbecker/Schon marriage — this would only be Anna Maria Blankenbecker Thomas and in the Blankenbecker/Thomas line, the descendants of Hans and Michael would be eliminated since they descend from Anna Maria's sons rather than daughters.

Haplogroup T is thought to have originated in Mesopotamia and/or the Fertile Crescent (modern Syria and Turkey) approximately 10,000-12,000 years ago, and then moved northwest in to Europe and east as far as modern Pakistan and India.

In his popular book *The Seven Daughters of Eve*, Bryan Sykes, who is himself in Haplogroup T, named the originator of this group "Tara," which means rocky hill in Gaelic. Sykes believes that: "Tara herself lived 17,000 years ago in the northwest of Italy among the hills of Tuscany and along the estuary of the river Arno." [2]

The International Society of Genetic Genealogy gives the following standardized description about mtDNA Haplogroup T

"The mitochondrial Haplogroup T is best characterized as a European lineage. With an origin in the Near East greater than 45,000 years ago, the major sub-lineages of Haplogroup T entered Europe around the time of the Neolithic 10,000 years ago. Once in Europe, these sub-lineages underwent a dramatic expansion associated with the arrival of agriculture in Europe. Today, we find Haplogroup T*, the root Haplogroup for Haplogroup T, widely distributed in Europe."

About subclade T1 they write: "The origin of Haplogroup T1 dates to at least 6,000 years ago, and today, we find Haplogroup T1 distributed in populations living in southeast, central, and northwestern Europe."

Haplogroup T is currently found with high concentrations around the eastern Baltic Sea. According to Oxford Ancestors, Haplogroup T "includes slightly fewer than 10% of modern Europeans. Its many branches are widely distributed throughout southern and western Europe with particularly high concentrations in Ireland and the west of Britain." According to the Genographic Project: "Haplogroup T has a very wide distribution, and is present as far east as the Indus Valley bordering India and Pakistan and as far south as the Arabian peninsula. It is also common in eastern and northern Europe."

The Genographic Project states that early people with Haplogroup T were likely some of the first organized agriculturalists and pastoralists, and that they probably comprised the group which first brought settled agriculture and pastoralism on to the European continent, bringing the "Neolithic Revolution" to Europe; they write: "Although the haplogroup was present during the early and middle Upper Paleolithic, [Haplogroup] T is generally considered one of the main genetic signatures of the Neolithic expansions. While groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years, around ten thousand years ago a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent-present day eastern Turkey and northern Syria-began domesticating the

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plants, nuts, and seeds they had been collecting. What resulted were the world's first agriculturalists, and this new cultural era is typically referred to as the Neolithic. Groups of individuals able to support larger populations with this reliable food source began migrating out of the Middle East, bringing their new technology with them. By then, humans had already settled much of the surrounding areas, but this new agricultural technology proved too successful to ignore, and the surrounding groups quickly copied these new immigrants. Interesting, DNA data indicate that while these new agriculturalists were incredibly successful at planting their technology in the surrounding groups, they were far less successful at planting their own genetic seed. Agriculture was quickly and widely adopted, but the lineages carried by these Neolithic expansions are found at frequencies seldom greater than 20 percent in Europe,

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Husband		John (Wendell Hans) Thomas	
Born	17 Apr 1712	Neuenburg, Kraichatl, Baden-Wyrtemberg, Germany	
Died	Cir Dec 1787	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Father	John (Johannes) Thomas (-)		Mother
Married	date:	place:	
Other Spouse	Mary (-)		
Wife		Sarah	
Born	date:	place:	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Children			
1	M	Lewis Thomas	
Born	1760	Culpeper Co., Va.	
Died	19 Nov 1817	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Agnes Hampton (-) Cir 1783		
Spouse	Phoebe "Pheby" Holloway (1761-1832) 17 Nov 1794 - Pittsylvania Co., Va.		
2	M	William Madison Thomas	
Born	20 Jan 1763	Culpepper Co. Va.	
Died	27 Nov 1835	Franklin Co., Ga.	
Buried	date:	Thomas Family Cem., Banks Co., Ga.	
Spouse	Agnes "Nancy" Carruthers (1774-1862) 19 Jan 1792 - Elbert Co., Ga.		
3	M	Joel Thomas	
Born	date:	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	Bef 3 Oct 1793	Elbert Co., Ga.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Mary Newman (-)		
4	M	Jesse Thomas	
Born	Cir 1765	place:	
Died	Bef 1850	Franklin Co., Ga.	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Nancy Mitchell (Cir 1770-) Va		
5	M	Zachariah (?) Thomas	
Born	date:	place:	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			
6	M	Ezekial (?) Thomas	
Born	11 Nov 1776	NC	
Died	3 Jan 1850	Richmond, Itawamba Co., Mss.	
Buried	date:	Keyes Cem., Itawamba Co., Miss.	
Spouse	Nancy Jane "Jennie" Carruthers (?) (1779-1841)		

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7	F	Annie (?) Thomas	
Born	date:	place:	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			

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Michael Kaffer's will, dated 28 December, 1762, was probated 17 Nov 1768 Culpeper, Va. Will book A, pages 467-478 He mentions five daughters and their husbands and my deceased wife's children - John Thomas, Michael Thomas, Magdalena, wife of Michael Smith and Margaret, wife of Henry Collier (Oyler).
The last tract of land that John Thomas & wife Sarah sold in Culpeper, V. was on (18 November 1771 the parish of Brumfield) the great Fork of the Rapahannock River on Deep Run to Michael Smith's lines being the plantation formerly belonging to John Thomas. His distinctive mark is on the document. He next appears on a deed in Guilford County, N.C. granting him 640 acres on the head waters of Whetstone Creek. One day later on 11 November 1778 his son, Michael Thomas is granted 640 acres next to John Thomas which was surveyed 16 April, 1779 by Joshua Smith, John Thomas and Lewis Thomas, chain carriers.

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Husband		Michael Thomas	
Born	Cir 1751	Virginia	
Died	Cir 1816	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Probably Thomas Cem on Whetstone Creek	
Father	John (Hans Wendel) Thomas (-)	Mother	Mary (-)
Married	date:	place:	
Wife		Barbara	
Born	Cir 1751	North Carolina	
Died	Cir 1835	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Probably Thomas Cem on Whetstone Creek	
Children			
1	M	John Thomas	
Born	date:	place:	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			
2	M	Adam Thomas	
Born	1781	place:	
Died	Cir 1826	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Heggie-Wall Cem., Rockingham County, N.C.	
Spouse		Martha Jane Chandler (1774-1859)	
3	F	Mary "Polly" Thomas	
Born	1772	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	1880	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Wray Cem., Rock. Co., N.C.	
Spouse		William Wray (1768-1840)	
4	F	Anna Thomas	
Born	1780	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	Alive in 1850 census	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse		(Joseph) Henry Roberts (1780-Cir 1851)	
5	F	Joanna Thomas	
Born	1781	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	Alive in 1860 census	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse		James W. Lemons Sr (1780-1858)	
6	F	Elizabeth "Betsy" Thomas	
Born	1789	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse		Samuel Nathaniel Barnes (Cir 1780-Cir 1816) 31 Dec 1874 - Guilford Co., N.C.	
7	F	Susannah "Sukie" Thomas	
Born	1784	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	After 1880	(Living in household of G.W. Roberts 1880 census)	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse		James Roberts Sr (Cir 1791-Cir 1860)	

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8	M	Samuel F. Thomas	
Born	1792	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	2 Feb 1861	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Thomas Cem. on Whetstone Crk, Rock., Co., N.C.	
Spouse	Sarah May (-)	11 Aug 1814 - Rockingham Co., N.C.	

9	F	Catherine "Caty" Thomas	
Born	Cir 1796	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	date:	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			

10	M	James W. "Jimmie" Thomas	
Born	27 Jan 1798	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Died	24 Sep 1890	Rockingham Co., N.C.	
Buried	date:	Thomas Cem. on Whetstone Crk, Rock., Co., N.C.	
Spouse	Mary "Polly" Price (1807-1857)	20 Jan 1836 - Rockingham Co., N.C.	

Husband's General Notes

When Michael Thomas died his estate had a cash value of \$5531.87 and he owned over 2029 acres of land. He had 11 slaves in the year 1800. He lived in the Log Cabin on Whetstone Creek. It appears that John (Hans Wendel) Thomas was the father of Michael Thomas and he had half-brothers, Lewis, Joel, Jesse and William Thomas & more

Signature of John "Hans" Thomas as it appeared in Culpepper County, Virginia. No signature can be found on any document in Rockingham County, North Carolina to match this, even though he owned much land in Rockingham County.

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John F. Thomas (S.S.)
marked
per C
Sarah Thomas
marked
N. H. ...

11-18-1711	Married Germany	Johannes Thomas and Anna Maria Blankenbuhler- Parents of John and Michael Thomas. "18 November 1711, after the proclamation of the wedding, were married Johannes Thoma, the legitimate son of Albrecht Thoma citizen here, with the maiden Anna Maria, the legitimate daughter of Hanss Thoma Blancknbigner, former citizen and stonemason here." Lutheran Church Records at Oberoewisheim, Germany
4-17-1712	Born Germany	Hans Wendel Thomas (John) , s/o Johannes and Anna Maria Neuenburg, Baden, Germany – Baptised Lutheran Church at Oberoewisheim , he was the older brother of Michael Thomas "17 April 1712 there was born and baptized on the same day the baby Hanss Wendel Thoma, The parents were Johann Thoma and Anna Maria The sponsors at this baptism were Hanss Wendel Neideck of Oberoewisheim and Maria Eleonora the wife of Hanss Jerg Schaiblin." The Schaiblins were Germanna immigrants in 1717.
5-8-1714	Born Germany	And died Ursula Thomas, d/o Johannes and Anna Maria – sister of John and Michael Thomas "Joh. Thoma and Anna Maria were the parents of Ursula who was born on 8 November 1714, baptized on 8 November 1714, and died on 8 November 1714." [This death record is made in the baptismal record, a typical thing to do.) Lutheran Church at Oberoewisheim
11-24-1715	Born Germany	Anna Magdalena Thomas, d/o Johannes and Anna Maria, Neuenburg, Baden Germany, Oberoewisheim Evangelical Lutheran Church record. She was the sister of John and Michael Thomas "Johannes Thoma and Anna Maria brought Anna Magdalena born 24 November 1715 with Hanss Wendel Neideck of Oberoewisheim and Martha Schaiblin(in) single as sponsors."
About 1717-1719	Born Virginia	Probably Spotsylvania Co., VA Michael Thomas, brother of John Thomas , Not naturalized probably born in Virginia
About 1717-1719	Born Virginia	Probably Spotsylvania Co., VA Anna Margaret Thomas, sister of John and Michael Thomas
About 1720	Died Virginia	Johannes Thomas, father of John and Michael Thomas . No located record indicates how but family tradition is that "he died from drinking water which had been poisoned by Indians" (Source: Robert H. Blake, of Huntington, West Virginia).
About 1721	Married Virginia	Probably Spotsylvania Co., VA, Anna Maria Blankenbecker Thomas to Michael Kaiffer. Widow of Johannes Thomas and mother of John and Michael Thomas
6-24-1726	Patent Virginia	Spotsylvania Co., VA Book 12 page 475— John and Michael Thomas 156 acres between George Sheible and Nicholas Blankenbecker—Fork of the Rappahannock on both sides of the Robinson River. - 2 nd Germanna Colony
9-28-1728	Patent Virginia	Spotsylvania Co., VA Book 14 page 97 – John Thomas 400 acres adj. Jacob Broyles in Great Fork of the Rappahannock River
About 1732	Married Virginia	Anna-Maria Magdalena Thomas married John Michael Smith. Their children were Zachariah, (married Anne Elizabeth Fishback), Adam, (married Elizabeth last name unknown), John,

		(married Elizabeth Powell), Susanna, (married Adam Barlow), Mary, Anna Magdalena, (married John Crisler), and Catherine, (married John Marbles). She was the sister to John and Michael Thomas . These surnames help distinguish our Thomas family from others with the same surnames as the migrate to PA and KY
1734		Orange Co., VA taken out of Spotsylvania Co. VA
3-24-1735	Patent Virginia	Orange Co., VA Book 15 page 470— John Thomas 400 acres adj. William Banks in Great Fork of the Rappahannock River
1738	Born Virginia	Orange Co., VA Henry Thomas, son of Michael Thomas . Proved per DNA testing
1739	Tithe list Virginia	Orange Co. VA north of Robinson River, John Mickell's Precinct, John Thomas among others. Michael was probably too young
6-16-1740	Born Virginia	Samuel Thomas per tombstone. Presumed son of Michael Thomas
1-24-1742	Naturalized Virginia	Orange Co., VA Order Book 3 page 313 John Thomas , German Protestant from Neuenberg in the Bishoprick of Spire
2-22-1742	Sold Virginia	Orange Co., VA DB 7 pg 98 John and Mary Thomas to Michael Thomas — 156 acres for 10 pds 5 shillings Great fork of the Rappahannock on both sides of the Robinson River. John Thomas made his distinctive mark – his portion of their original patent.
1745/1746	Bought Virginia	Orange Co., VA DB 9 page 259 John Thomas from John Paul Vaught- 570 acres
1746	Witness Virginia	Orange Co., VA John Thomas for Will of Matthias Blankenbecker—Matthias was the brother of Anna Maria Blankenbecker Thomas so therefore the Uncle of John Thomas
3-7-1747	Patent Virginia	To Henry Ayler/Eiler Chain carriers: Christopher Tanner and Michael Thomas , -- Henry Ayler was married to Ann Margaret Thomas so he was the brother in law of Michael Thomas
1747	Sold Virginia	Orange Co., VA John Thomas To Henry Ayler – Need info – 200 + acres Henry Ayler was the brother in law of John Thomas Henry and Anna Margaret attended Hebron Church
1748		Culpeper Co., VA taken out Orange Co., VA
8-24-1748	Adjacent land Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Christopher Yewell, adjacent John Thomas
11-2-1752	Survey Virginia Pennsylvania	November 2, 1752 according to the Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, Vol. 5, Wilmer L. Hall, Ed. P. 408-09...."The following petitions for land were read and granted. To the Rev. George Samuel Klug, Michael Thomas, Nicholas Knot, Jacob Burner, Henry Bachman, Abraham Mayer, Stephen Suel, Abraham Brown, Adam Wayland, Adam Broil (Broyles), Adam Barler (Barlow), Henry Ailer (Aylor), Mathew Smith, Nicholas Smith, Michael Russell, John Ralchbach, John Barler (Barlow), and Paul Ledderer, leave is granted them to take up and survey thirty thousand acres of land lying between Green Briars to the South and Youghyoughganie (Youghiogheny) to the North, bearing the name Mannangelie (Monongalia) upon a river called Goose-River, beginning at a run known as Muddy Run up the River upon a white walnut tree marked "M.T" provided it does not interfere with any prior grant, and four years time is allowed

		them, to survey and pay rights upon return of the plans to the Secretary's office." This is most interesting to the writer. This area became Monongalia County, Virginia in 1776. In 1781, it became Washington County, Virginia. This is the future home of the Michael Thomas family. The "M.T." was likely the initials of Michael Thomas. He was the only member of this group of petitioners with these initials. This would indicate that Michael Thomas was exploring the Ten Mile country even earlier than the November 2, 1752 date. Owning land in this area was forbidden in 1752. However, surveying land in anticipation of ownership legalization was not. It took a brave soul to spend much time in this Indian country in 1752.
1753	Adjacent land Virginia	Christopher Yowell of Culpepper County, Virginia bought 100 acres of land bordering on John Thomas .
1755	Born Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas
1756	Military French- Indian War Virginia	Michael Thomas and his cousin, Adam Smith, served in the Virginia Militia from Culpepper County. They were "drafted from the militia in Culpepper for the protection and defense of the Frontiers of this Colony to go to a place near Pattison's Creek in Hampshire County" under the Command of William Brown. They built a fort at that spot "in the winter season and in want of necessities" and were told by Commander Brown that when the fort was completed, they would be discharged and could return to their homes. They completed the Fort, and returned to their respective homes. The Culpepper Militia was not paid for their services and petitioned the "House of Burgess" in Williamsburg. The petition was denied on the grounds that no "official" discharge was given the men after building the fort. Michael Thomas and Adam Smith were on duty for 63 days. Source: Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia- Wednesday, September 27, 1757 p. 25.
3-20-1760	Witness Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Michael Thomas for Will of John Harnsberger
11-20-1760	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA C/432 John and Sarah Thomas to John Railsback 20 pds. # 1 was 110 acres in line of William Banks and John Thomas # 2 104 acres corner Mary Thomas, Jacob Holtsclaw, Jacob Blankenbecker. John Thomas made his distinctive mark. John Railsback was married to Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of John Thomas . About 1788, this couple moved to Kentucky. John Railsback was of Reformed faith
11-20-1760	Gifted Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA C/439 John Thomas to Jacob Holtzclaw – 109 acres corner John Raispeck, Mary Thomas, and Jacob Blankenbecker. John Thomas made his distinctive mark. Jacob Holtzclaw was married to Susannah Thomas, daughter of John Thomas . Jacob Holtzclaw sold this land 2/20/1775 DB G/466 and is found in Lincoln Co., KY in 1776. Jacob Holtzclaw was of Reformed faith
11-20-1760	Gifted Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA C//441 to John Thomas to Jacob Blankenbecker – 90 acres- names in land description - Jacob

		Holtzclaw, Jacob Broyce, Mary Thomas, John Railspac. John Thomas made his distinctive mark. Jacob Blankenbecker was married to Barbara Thomas, daughter of John Thomas . Jacob Blankenbecker was of Evangelical Lutheran faith
12-17-1761	Witness Virginia	Culpeper Co. VA Michael Thomas for will of Anne Maria Gabberd
4-10-1762	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA C/702 John and Sarah Thomas , planter, to Michael Smith, colony planter – 100 acres for 29 pds., lying in the great fork of Rappahannock River on Deep Run, being a part of a greater tract conveyed by John Paul York to John Thomas. Property bounded by said Thomas and Smith to a swamp below Christopher Clemmons. John Thomas made his distinctive mark. Michael Smith was married to Anna Magdalena Thomas, so therefore the brother in law of John Thomas
4-15-1762	Gifted Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA D/1 John Thomas to Joseph Holtzclaw – 96 acres for “natural love and affection” corner Jacob Broyle, John Railspeck, Jacob Blankenbecker. John Thomas made his distinctive mark. Joseph Holtzclaw married Mary Thomas, daughter of John Thomas . Joseph Holtzclaw was of Reformed faith
4-15-1762	Gifted Virginia	Culpeper Co, VA D/8 Michael Smith for love, good will and affection to loving son, Adam Smith 117 acres on bank of Deep Run. Michael Smith was the brother in law of John and Michael Thomas . Susannah, the daughter of Adam Smith married Abraham Thomas, son of Michael
9-27-1762	Witness Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Michael Thomas witnessed deed between Matthias Wilhite and Matthias Rouse.
10-21-1762	Witness Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Michael Thomas (signed MT) witness for a land sale in "Brumfield" Parish, Culpepper County, Virginia
1-20-1763	Born Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA William Thomas per Rev. War record. son of John Thomas
4-21-1763 Virginia	Witness Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA John Thomas proved in court the will of Matthias Blankenbecker George Utz and Michael Smith also signed
1763	Debt Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA --- a little over 20 pds repaid to Michael Thomas from estate of Christopher Yowell
6-30-1764	Neighbor Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Michael Thomas mentioned as a neighbor of George Holt in land transfer. Also witnessed the deed
1764	Tax Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA John and Michael Thomas on quit-rent rolls.
1764	Sold Virginia	Culpeper County Deeds, Vol. III 1762-1765 Pages 358-61. 14 March 1764. John Railsback and Elizabeth his wife of Culpeper County to Jacob Holtzclaw of same. For 23 pounds current money. 104 acres...in a branch on the south side of Zimmerman's Road corner to Joseph Holtzclaw...corner to Jacob Holtzclaw's land...corner to said Jacob's land, Jacob Blankenbeker and Joseph Holtzclaw. John Railsback Elizabeth (X) Railsback Wit: Jacob Blankenbeker, Christopher (CB) Blankenbeker

		15 March 1764. Elizabeth was d/o John Thomas
8-27-1767	Property Virginia Pennsylvania	Washington Co., PA Joseph F. McFarland's book "History of Washington County, p. 45, describes settlements in now Washington County and mentions "Thomas Station". No other known Thomas family was living at this location at that early date. Michael Thomas and his family may have built cabins there very early. Michael was still a resident of Culpepper County in 1767 but may have traveled back and forth for some time prior to the final move.
11-17-1768	Will Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA Will Book A page 467 (may be page 85) Will of Michael Kaifer, 2 nd husband of Anna Maria Blankenbecker Thomas, naming his "deceased wife's children (John Thomas , Michael Thomas , Magdalena wife of Michael Smith and Margaret wife of Henry Collier)Note: Ayler. Anna Maria and Michael Kaifer also had the following children -, Elizabeth, (married Adam Garr), Dorothy, (married John Clore) Barbara, (married John Weaver), Mary, (married George Utz) and Margaret (married Nicholas Crigler). Again these names as siblings and half siblings of John and Michael are helpful in identifying our Thomas line in other areas.
About 1768	Married Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA (probably) Michael Thomas and his 2 nd wife, Eve Susannah Hart. History has that they had 10 children and that Michael had 15 by his first wife.
1-17-1769	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA E/734 Michael and Eve Susannah Thomas to Elliott Bohanon 200 pds. 156 acres both sides of Robinson River – The original land patent to John and Michael Thomas
10-19-1769	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA F/10 John and Sarah Thomas to John Finnell- 96 acres for 37 pds. "part of land where John Thomas now lives" corner Russell Hill and Charles Taylor. John Thomas made distinctive mark
1769	Land owner Virginia Pennsylvania	Michael Thomas is listed as a land owner in what is now southwest Pennsylvania, at the "mouth of Ten Mile Creek and the Monongahela River". Source: Crumrines, Records of West Augusta, Ohio, and Yohogania Counties, Va., 1774.Leckey, Howard L. The Ten Mile Country and Its Pioneer Families. Seven parts, the first two dated 1950, the others undated. 1769 p. 170: Jesse Bomgardner heir at law of Adam Bomgardner dec'd who was heir at law of George Bomgardner produced a certif. from the Commiss'r of Monongalia Yohogania and Ohio for 400 acres on the West side of the Monongalia River at the Mouth of Ten Mile Creek to include the plantation whereon Mich'l Thomas now lives by Virtue of an Actual Settlement made in 1769 by the sd George Bomgardner dec'd... Greene County. Jesse Bumgarner was the founder of Millsboro (Leckey, II, 14)
1769	Residence Virginia Pennsylvania	1769- Margaret Thomas Hupp, wife of Everhart Hupp, is mentioned as one of the few women in the Ten Mile Creek area in 1769. "She cooked Sunday dinners for many neighbors". Source: The Monongalia Story, by Earl L. Core, McClain Printing Company, 1974. Margaret was the sister of John and Michael Thomas

About 1770	Moved - Virginia to Pennsylvania	Michael Thomas from Culpeper Co., VA to Ten Mile Creek, above Redstone Fort PA. where he had purchased land. Abraham, son of Michael, and his older brother, drove the sheep to PA. His sister and brother in law, Everhard and Margaret Thomas Hupp were already in Pennsylvania. The distance was about 150 miles.. Everhard Hupp - 295 acres on north bank of Ten Mile Creek, 2 miles from the mouth [East Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., PA - now Clarksville] Tract granted: June 3, 1769 (warrant # 3318) The Thomas Grant was called "Zikleg" in (Ten Mile) Pennsylvania and was near the west bank of the Monongahela and patented with all the other grants on a Virginia Certificate in 1784. Note on KY genweb. Many early Kentucky pioneers came from what is now SW Pennsylvania. At the time of the American Revolution, it was part of the Virginia 'District of West Augusta' (comprised of Ohio, Monongalia and Yohogania counties, and the subject of a boundary dispute between the two colonies. Both claimed jurisdiction and carried out government functions such that residents were never certain if they lived in Pennsylvania or Virginia. The region is also the site of the Whiskey Rebellion that pushed many of the more individualistic pioneers further west. 'Redstone Old Fort,' near modern-day Pittsburgh, was the point of departure for the flatboats that carried settlers down the Ohio River into the Kentucky wilderness.
About 1771	Married Virginia Pennsylvania	Anna Maria (Mary) Thomas, d/o Michael Thomas married early Ten Mile Creek Pennsylvania pioneer, Michael Debolt, son of Hans Michael Debolt and Elizabeth Burt. On April 1, 1773, Michael Debolt took out a warrant for land on Michael Catt's Run close to the Monongahela River. Michael Debolt died in Fayette County, Pennsylvania at a young age (about 1779). Anna Maria Thomas had five known children by Michael Debolt, and died in Pennsylvania, February 12, 1831, Their children were: 1. Catherine 2. Michael Jr., 3. Mary Magdalena. 4. Mary Ann, 5. George. Anna Maria Mary Thomas married on August 10, 1779 (2) Michael Crisler and had children: Samuel, Rosanna, Martha, John, and George. January 1785, the Fayette County Orphan's Court (in Pennsylvania) appointed Michael Chrisler to be a guardian over the persons and estates of Catherine Debolt, Michael Debolt, Mechlin (?) Debold, and Mary Debold minor children of Michael Debold during their minority. This family later settled in Beaver County, with the exception of Michael Debolt who married Abalona (Apollonia?) Yeager and settled in Fayette County.. Michael Crisler died 29 Nov. 1836 (born 12 Dec. 1752).
4-15-1771	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA F/240 John and Sarah Thomas to John Hartsberger – 70 acres for 24 pds 10 shillings Great Fork of the Rappahannock River corner John Finnell, Michael Smith, Charles Taylor. John Thomas made distinctive mark
10-21- 1771	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA F/345 John and Sarah Thomas to Michael Smith – 174 acres for 156 pds 12 shillings corner Finney – on Deep Run formerly sold from John Paul Fook to Thomas. John

		Thomas made distinctive mark. Michael Smith was the brother in law of John Thomas
11-18-1771	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA F/365 John and Sarah Thomas to Zachary Smith – 68 acres for 40 pds. Great fork of Rappahannock on Deep Run, corner Michael Smith. John Thomas made distinctive mark – Zachery Smith was the son of Michael Smith and nephew of John Thomas .
12-31-1771	Gifted Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA F/418 Michael Smith to Zachery Smith “plantation FORMERLY belonging to John Thomas ” 174 acres. Zachariah raised a crop of corn in Kentucky in 1776. Michael Smith deeds of 1762 were also signed by Anna Magdalena but the 1771 ones were not so she is probably deceased by this time. John must have left of NC about this time. No other transactions for him in Virginia
4-1772	Arrested Virginia Pennsylvania	Henry Thomas (among others) was arrested in Bedford County, Pennsylvania for riot and assault and battery. This particular incident arose from the conflicting claims of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Anyone who supported one colony was liable to arrest by officials of the other colony. Sometimes this became an armed conflict. Son of Michael Thomas
1772	Resident Virginia Pennsylvania	Some Pennsylvanians in 1772: Settlers in Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties From James Veach's The Monongahela of Old or Historical Sketches of Southwestern Pennsylvania to the Year 1800 (Pittsburgh, 1910 edition) In 1772, and until Westmoreland County was established in 1773, Bedford County encompassed all of southwestern Pennsylvania. All of present Fayette County — east of a straight line from the mouth of Redstone to the mouth of Jacob's Creek — consisted of two townships, Springhill and Tyrone. Here, the division line was Redstone Creek, from its mouth to where it was crossed by Burd's Road, and from Burd's Road to Gist's, then Braddock's Road to the Great Crossing. That part of Fayette County, northwest of Redstone to the mouth of Jacob's Creek, was a part of Rostraver Township. The counties of Greene and Washington, west of Fayette, were evidently included in Springhill. Michael Thomas listed in Springhill Twp. – 10 Mile Creek
About 1773	Born Virginia Pennsylvania	Solomon Thomas, son of Michael and Eve Susannah Hart Thomas. Ten Mile Creek area claimed by Virginia and Pennsylvania.
7-6-1774	Sold Virginia	Culpeper Co., VA G/337 Henry Aylor to John Glassell “200 acres part of wife’s fortune per deed from John Thomas ” land on Robinson River. Deed of 1747 Henry Aylor married Anna Margaret Thomas, sister of John and Michael Thomas
1774	Military Pennsylvania	Abraham Thomas and John Thomas served , Lord Dunmore War, Capt. Cressup company, sons of Michael Thomas
1774	Bought Virginia Pennsylvania	www.littlekanawha.com/calhistory.htm Abraham Thomas was probably the first, permanent, settler in present-day Calhoun County. In 1774, he was granted four hundred acres in what is now Calhoun County, and he built a cabin on his land along the banks of the Little Kanawha River.

		Note: This land is in present day Calhoun Co., WV but in 1776 it was in the District of West Augusta Co., VA and also claimed by PA – 10 Mile Creek area. In 1796 Abraham sold this land to his brother, Michael. Sons of Michael Thomas.
11-1775		Jesse Thomas was paid for his services in the Lord Dunmore War, serving under Colonel John Fields. Included in this company were Christopher Barlow, George Hupp, Lewis Garr, Mathias Broyle, Bernard Fisher, Samuel Blankenbaker, and John Broyle. All of these people are known associates or relations of the Thomas'. No amount is given. (Source: Lord Dunmore's Little War of 1774, by Skidmore and Kaminsky p.87). Probable son of Michael Thomas
12-1775	Married Pennsylvania	Ten Mile Creek area of Pennsylvania. Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas to Susanna Smith, his cousin. GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD [Ohio] pp. 224-227 In December, 1775, Abraham Thomas, when nineteen years of age, was married and commenced housekeeping in the primitive style of pioneers of that day.
12-1775	Military North Carolina	Michael Thomas , Guilford Co., NC served under Col. James Martin in the Revolution. Michael was the son of John Thomas
12-1775	Petitioned Kentucky	Collins' History of Kentucky - Volume 2, p. 511 Michael Thomas, Henry Thomas and Adam Smith signed a petition at Harrodsburg, KY. Dec. 1775 "These men from Ten Mile Creek area were driven back to PA by Indians." The following looks to be another reference to this petition: A petition was issued of the Transylvanians to the Virginia Convention in May 1776 and contained the following names (per the Filson Club Publication #16.) among others: Mich. THOMAS, Adam SMITH, Saml. THOMAS, Henry THOMAS, Used by permission of: Colonel Sandi Gorin, 205 Clements, Glasgow, KY 42141, (270) 651-9114 or E-fax (707)222-1210, Member Glasgow-Barren County Chamber of Commerce, Gorin Genealogical Publishing. Henry and Samuel were the sons of Michael Thomas and Adam Smith was the nephew of Michael Thomas. Germanna Colony notes as written by Bud Thomas describe it as follows: On 25 May 1774, more than thirty men gathered at Fort Redstone, near present day Brownsville, on the Monongahela River. They had planned a long journey by water to the region which became known as Kentucky. Their craft were log canoes and the route was the Monongahela to the Ohio River, to the Kentucky River, which flowed from the south into the Ohio. They ascended the Kentucky River more than ninety miles. Overland from the Kentucky River a short distance, they built Kentucky's first permanent settlement of Europeans, later to be called Harrodsburg, after the leader of the group, James Harrod. Obviously, the trip had been planned, the result of earlier survey trips. The men built small cabins, staked claims, and surveyed land. Before summer was out, James Knox brought news from the east that hostilities with the Shawnee nation were imminent and

		<p>Lord Dunmore, the Virginia governor, was calling out the militia. Fearing for the safety of their families the men had left behind around Fort Redstone, they returned home. Hostilities were brief and the men returned to Kentucky in 1775. By then others had joined them. Back in North Carolina, Judge Richard Henderson saw Kentucky as an opportunity for private exploitation. Joining with others in the "Transylvania Company", he pretended that he had purchased a large part of Kentucky from the Indians. This was in direct violation of the 1763 order of the King that forbid private negotiations with the Indians for land. Henderson had some good knowledge of the region because he had earlier hired Daniel Boone as an explorer. Now he had Boone establish a permanent settlement at Boonesboro and blaze a trail to the settlement from the eastern regions (which became known as the Cumberland Gap). Henderson set up a land office at Boonesboro and proceeded to sell land. He regarded all settlers who had not purchased their land from him as trespassers. One problem facing Henderson was that the group who founded Harrodsburg a year earlier had a prior claim. In December of 1775, James Harrod and his group prepared a petition to the Virginia Assembly protesting Henderson's actions. This was signed on March 15 and delivered to the Virginia convention on May 18 of 1776. A similar action by George Rogers Clark to Patrick Henry the next month led to action by the assembly which ended the Transylvania company's actions. The march of Germanna citizens to Kentucky had begun.</p>
1776	Residence Virginia Pennsylvania	West Augusta County, Virginia (now Pennsylvania) records mention Michael Thomas "of Culpepper County Virginia" as a resident. (Augusta Co. Records Vol. II p. 402.)
1776	Military Virginia/ Pennsylvania	<p>Michael Thomas <u>Virginians in the Revolution</u>, by Gwatney, p. 767 lists Michael Thomas - Capt. - serving 1776</p> <p>History of Lewis County, Kentucky, by Ragan, states Michael Thomas "Gave valiant service as a soldier in the Revolution"</p> <p>Pittsburg Payrolls, Reg. 08464 Virginia State Records: Michael Thomas 128 days Pay 9:12:6</p> <p>DAR Application of Virginia Long Leach - National Number 528210. Approved 12 Sept. 1967. Virginia is descendant of Malinda Thomas, d/o Israel Thomas, s/o Michael Thomas and Eva Susannah Margaret Hart. Her sister, Mrs. Imogene Long Butt - National Number 509206 - approved 29 March 1965</p>
1776	Military Virginia Pennsylvania	Michael Thomas, served in Col. Richard Campbell's company at Fort Pitt and Abraham Thomas for 2 months under Lieut. Joseph Tumbleston at or near Grove Creek Fort in western Virginia. He also served one month under an officer named Phillip Vernell at Fort Wheeling in Virginia. Sons of Michael Thomas
1776	Military Virginia Pennsylvania	John Thomas in Captain James Hook's Company, under Colonel Gibson's command at Fort Pitt called "The Calico Hunting Shirt Company". This company marched down to Maryland to join Colonel Morgan's famed Rifle Company and took part in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. Son of Michael Thomas
11-10-	Warrant	Guilford Co., NC DB 2/90 # 523 to John Thomas , 640 acres on

1778	North Carolina	head of Whetstone Creek. Joining his own land Grant # 202 issued 11/13/1779 (Note: Date of Warrant versus date of grant. This was the FIRST Warrant found for this family. The date of the grant follows the one of DB 2 page 74 below)
11-11-1778	Warrant North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC DB 2/184 to Michael Thomas , # 517- 640 acres on the waters of Buffaloe Island Creek, dividing line of John Thomas , chain carriers John Thomas and Lewis Thomas. Michael and Lewis were the sons of John Thomas Grant # 320 issued 3/1/1780
11-21-1778	Warrant North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC DB 2/319 # 708 John Thomas for 100 acres on both sides of Tomlins Branch joining his own land on the North Grant # 522 issued October 22, 1782. Adj. John Gann and Michael Thomas
1778	Military Virginia Pennsylvania	Samuel Thomas , served under Colonel McCleary's command. Son of Michael Thomas
1779	Petition Pennsylvania	Washington Co., Michael Thomas and his son, Michael signed a petition to form a new state called "Westsylvania".
2-18-1779	Adjacent land North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC # 1306 to John Gann for 300 acres on Smith's Mountain, joining John Thomas on the East and West. John Thomas and Jesse Thomas chain carriers. Jesse Thomas was the son of John Thomas . Grant # 645 issued 10-22-1782
11-13-1779	Grant North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC DB 2 /74 # 112 to John Thomas , 640 acres on both sides of Sharps Creek of the Dan River
About 1780	Moved Pennsylvania to Kentucky	Michael Thomas , and his family, down the Ohio River in flatboats to Fisher's Station, KY. His sons, Abraham and Henry were with him. His children with Eve Susanna would have been younger than age 12.
6-27-1780	Patent Kentucky	Michael Thomas by Henry Thomas 400 acres on the South side Dicks River in Kentucky Book A page 141 "on account of raising a crop of corn in 1776 and preemption of 1000 acres- Certificate Book of Virginia Land Commission page 298. Henry Thomas was a son of Michael Thomas
1781	Military North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC. Lewis, William, Jesse, John all served in Capt. Richard Vernon's NC horse militia. These men were the sons of John Thomas From "Early Families of the North Carolina Counties of Rockingham and Stokes with Revolutionary Service" ... Compiled and Published by members of James Hunter Chapter National Society Daughters of American Revolution of Madison, North Carolina, 1977: As a resident of Guilford Co, NC (later Rockingham Co.), Lewis Thomas served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was listed as one of the men serving in October 1781 in the company of horse command by Capt. Richard Vernon in which each man furnished his own horse and equipment. Such companies are sometimes called Light Dragoons. The purpose of this tour of duty was to seek out Tories lurking in Anson, Orange and other surrounding counties.
10-22-	Military	Henry Thomas on payroll "of Capt. Gabriel Madison militia

1782	Kentucky	drawn into actual service on an expedition against the Indians under the command of B.G (Brigadier General) George Rogers Clark” In November, Henry was on the payroll of Capt. Thomas Moore. Son of Michael Thomas
1782	Military Kentucky	Michael Thomas, Kentucky Militia, (unknown company) John Thomas in Lt. James Brown Company sons of Michael Thomas
1782	Military Kentucky	Abraham Thomas selected by Gen. George Rogers Clark as an Indian Scout with Daniel Boone in Capt. Samuel Kirkman’s Company. His brother Jesse Thomas was also in this company. Sons of Michael Thomas. Also Jacob Holtzclaw, son in law of John Thomas, and friend Peter Watts for whom Abraham named a son.
11-1784	Patroller North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC court of Pleas. Bk 1/pg 89. Joel Thomas among patrollers on Dan River, from mouth of Smith’s River to Surry Line. Joel was the son of John Thomas
1785		Rockingham County NC taken out of Guilford County
7-3-1785	Sold North Carolina	Guilford Co., NC 4/74 Jesse Thomas sold 156 acres to Turbefield Barnes. Need info to confirm location of this land. IF it was the same land that John originally patented then his date of death MAY have been earlier than 1787. I have no record of purchase for this land. Jesse was the son of John Thomas. Jesse made his distinctive mark
12-4-1787	Sold North Carolina	Rockingham Co. NC B/159 Jesse Thomas, Joel Thomas and William Thomas to Charles Galloway and Co. for 100 pds Virginia money 750 acres on the headwaters of Whetstone Creek of the Dan River. Jesse, Joel and William were the sons of John Thomas. Note this was land that John Thomas had bought and he must now be deceased with his sons selling his land. William and Joel had a seal and Jesse signed with his distinctive mark
12-4-1787	Sold North Carolina	Rockingham Co NC B/157 Joel Thomas to Charles Galloway and Co. for 20 pds being 150 acres on East fork of Sharps Creek. Joel was the son of John Thomas. Note preceding record
1790	Census Pennsylvania	Washington Co., PA Samuel Thomas 1 male over age 16, 3 males and under age 16 and 3 females
1790	Census North Carolina	Rockingham County NC, Michael and Lewis Thomas, sons of John Thomas
1790	Tax list Kentucky	Fayette Co., KY Abraham Thomas, 1 tithable, 3 horses Michael Thomas, 2 tithables, 2 slaves, 1 horse Michael Thomas and his son, Abraham
6-21-1791	Military Georgia	Elbert Co., GA Joel Thomas, 2 nd Lt. 10 Company, Militia. Son of John Thomas
1-17-1792	Married Georgia	Elbert Co., GA William Thomas to Nancy/Agnes Caruthers. William was the son of John Thomas. Elbert County was taken out of Wilkes Co in 1790.
1792		Kentucky granted statehood. From 1780 to that time, the counties of Lincoln, Jefferson and Fayette Co were part of Kentucky Co., VA
1792	Tax list Kentucky	Fayette Co., KY Abraham Thomas 100 acres, 3 horses and 7 cattle. Michael

		Thomas (living on the same land "Levy Free") 1 male over 16, 2 slaves over 21, 2 slaves over 16, 2 horses and 10 cows. 1796 tax record adds Solomon on the same land. 1801 adds George and Israel All sons of Michael Thomas
1794	Military Kentucky	Solomon Thomas - Kentucky Mounted Militia - This battalion (under the company command of Captain Richard Taylor, battalion commander Major William Price) was raised to assist the Regular Army's advance against the Indians in the Old Northwest. Solomon served from 1 July to 26 October 1794 (118 days), and was engaged at the decisive Battle of Fallen Timbers. Son of Michael Thomas
7-7-1794	Estate Administered Georgia	Elbert Co., GA WB 1791-1794 Joel Thomas estate administered by William Thomas, sons of John Thomas . Joel left 100 acres of land on the Savannah River, 300 acres of land in Franklin Co and 200 acres of land in Franklin Co on Hudson's River. John Newman also administered the estate. See mortgage of 1799
4-28-1795	Bought Kentucky	Mercer Co., KY John Thomas John purchased three parcels of land from his cousin, Barnet Fisher 28 April, 1795 totaling 1,960 acres located on the Salt River in Mercer County, Kentucky. This was close to Henry Thomas' Station and the Danville/Harrodsburg area. Son of Michael Thomas
5-4-1795	Sold North Carolina	Rockingham Co., NC E/271 William Thomas of Wilkes Co., GA to Lewis Thomas for 16 pds, 150 acres on Tomlins fork of Sharps Creek. William and Lewis Thomas were sons of John Thomas . This is probably more of John's land and represents William's extra portion.
1795	Tax list Kentucky	Mason Co., KY, Solomon Thomas. Son of Michael Thomas
1797	Tax list Kentucky	1797 Abraham Thomas 50 acres on North East Elkhorn purchased from Arnold Custer, 1 white male over 21, 2 white males over 16 and 6 horses. Living on the property was Michael Thomas 1 white male over 21, 4 slaves and 3 horses. Arnold Custer was a brother of William Custer who witnessed Michael Thomas' will in 1799. William Custer married Anna Smith, a daughter of Adam Smith, who was a nephew of John and Michael Thomas
4-10-1797	Court case Virginia	Jesse Thomas is recorded as a material witness in a slander suit brought by Bartholomew Clark against Hugh McNeely, in Harrison County, Virginia. The suit stated that Jesse "was about to remove down the river" (10 April 1797). Note: This was the area formerly claimed by both Virginia and Pennsylvania. Son of Michael Thomas (May not be the right Jesse)
6-5-1799	Mortgage Georgia	Franklin Co., GA DB R page 100 Recorded 6-30-1807 John Newman to William Thomas to secure a bond for \$801 "his quota share" of four tracts containing 600 acres in Franklin Co, formerly the property of Joel Thomas, deceased, but now the property of said Newman by his marriage to Mary Thomas, widow and relict of said Joel by whom said Mary had one female child named Susanna, the lawful issue of said deceased. William Thomas was

		the son of John Thomas
1800	Census North Carolina	Rockingham Co., NC, Salisbury Twp., Lewis and Michael Thomas, both over age 45 with families, Sons of John Thomas
1800	Tax list Kentucky	Scott Co., KY. Solomon, John and William Thomas, sons of Michael Thomas
12-1800	Will Kentucky	Fayette Co., KY of Michael Thomas . Missing parts. Names wife, Sus—Sarah; children, Rachel, Eve, George, Solomon, Barbara, ABRAHAM, Michael, Daniel, Israel. Also names Adam Smith. Additional probabilities for children are based on proximity in PA and KY – Henry, Samuel, Margaret Hupp, Anna Maria (Mary) Debolt, Jesse and John
1801	Moved to Kentucky	George Thomas, son of Michael Thomas to Lewis Co., KY and settled on Salt Lick Creek—Note; probably Mason Co.
7-10-1803	Married Kentucky	Mason Co., KY. Israel Thomas and Catherine Halbert (Caty). He was the son of Michael Thomas
12-9-1803	Military Georgia	Franklin Co., GA William Thomas, Lt. Militia. Son of John Thomas .
7-2-1805	Died Kentucky	Lexington, Fayette Co., KY Jesse Thomas, son of Michael Thomas . Reported to have children Abraham and Henry among others per ancestry.com file
1806		Lewis Co., KY formed from Mason Co., KY
1-3-1806	Sold Georgia	Franklin Co., GA DB/PP/13 Jesse Thomas and Nancy, his wife to Dr. Charles S. Morton for \$20 being 2 acres on Gum Log Creek. Son of John Thomas
1808	Moved Kentucky to Ohio	Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas , with wife and 4 children from Kentucky to Miami Co., OH
1809	Tax list Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY 1809-1812 Solomon Thomas paid taxes on 42 acres on Salt Lick which may be for this property that was not recorded until later. 1812 Acquires a deed for a lot in Clarksburg from Alexander McRoberts (recorded May 11, 1812) which he assigns to Thomas Parker (September 5, 1812) son of Michael Thomas
10-1809	Summons Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Proceedings of the Lewis Co, Kentucky, Court File 113 John Royster vs Rowland T. Parker For debt of \$28.00 Summons issued to William Stubblefield of Mason county, Kentucky; Alex K. Marshall, Solomon Thomas and Lewis Bullock. Solomon was the son of Michael Thomas
1810	Tax Ohio	Miami Co., OH Abraham Thomas paid tax, son of Michael Thomas
1810	Census Kentucky	Warren Co., KY, Henry Thomas, over age 45, son of Michael Thomas
1810	Census Kentucky	Bracken Co., KY Samuel Thomas, over age 45, son of Michael Thomas . Augusta, (Bracken Co.)Kentucky Times dated December 1, 1976 states in part: Samuel Thomas was among our earliest settlers, owned land just below Augusta and built a log house at the mouth of big Bracken. He bought land on little Bracken Creek from a John Payne and William Orr in the year 1811.
1810	Census	Lewis Co., KY Israel Thomas age 26-45, Solomon Thomas, age

	Kentucky	26-45, sons of Michael Thomas . There is also a George Thomas with 3 males over the age of 45 (? census taker error). Is Daniel one of these males possibly listed in the wrong age group?
1810	Census North Carolina	Rockingham Co. NC Michael Thomas over age 45, son of John Thomas
10-1810	Summons Kentucky	Proceedings of the Lewis Co, Kentucky, Court File 157 Comm vs Wm.Harper, Harper was overseer of road from John McDaniel's to Gun Powder Gap and did not keep road in repair, particularly Sat July 21, 1810. Summons to Israel and Solomon Thomas and Wm Calvert. Israel and Solomon were sons of Michael Thomas
10-7-1812	Died Kentucky	Augusta, Bracken Co., KY Samuel Thomas, per tombstone, presumed "oldest" son of Michael Thomas . Children of Samuel and Rachel Perry Thomas per Germanna records were: Catherine, Samuel Jr., Rachel, Margaret and George. Bracken Co KY Will Book B listings for Samuel Thomas pages 240 widow's allotment, 268 estate sale, 271 inventory, 287 division of land, 288 estate sale, 292 inventory, 297 settlement
1812	Military Kentucky	Ragan's HISTORY OF LEWIS COUNTY, KENTUCKY: p. 416 - George Thomas and his brother Israel were gallant soldiers in the War of 1812. Sons of Michael Thomas
1812	Military Kentucky	Kentucky Soldiers in the War of 1812- Solomon Thomas-Sept 1, 1812 to October 15, 1812 Capt George Means' 3rd Regiment Mounted riflemen- Captain Aaron Stratton Kentucky Mounted Volunteers 8-31-1813 Mustered in at Newport - Captain Joseph Logan Company Kentucky Volunteers Sept 10, 1814 to October 9, 1814- son of Michael Thomas
1812	Military Ohio	EARLY SETTLERS AND SETTLEMENTS OF ROSS COUNTY, OHIO by Finley and Putnam "Michael Thomas was in the war of 1812, and in Wayne's campaign was one of the bravest men during the war, with Captain Keys, William Chandler, and Solomon Trego." Son of Michael Thomas
1813	Tax Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY 1813-1824 Solomon Thomas paid taxes for horses most of these years but no acreage. Son of Michael Thomas
1817	Died Kentucky	Warren Co., KY Henry Thomas. Children per ancestry.com file: John, Jesse, Daniel, Jane, Jeremiah and Elizabeth. Son of Michael Thomas
11-13-1817	Died North Carolina	Rockingham Co., NC Michael Thomas. He was the son of John Thomas
1820	Census Ohio	Concord, Miami Co., OH Thomas, Abram (Abraham) over 45—son of Michael Thomas
1820	Census Ohio	Huntington, Ross Co., OH Michael Thomas over age 45, son of Michael Thomas
1820	Census North Carolina	Rockingham Co. NC Barbara Thomas, widow of Michael Thomas over age 46. Michael was the son of John Thomas
1820	Census Kentucky	Elksburg, Lewis Co., KY Daniel Thomas, age 26-45, Solomon, Israel and George Thomas all close to each other and over age 45. sons of Michael Thomas
1-25-1821	Died Ohio	Miami Co., OH Susannah Smith Thomas, wife of Abraham and daughter of Adam Smith and granddaughter of Michael Smith and

		Anna Magdalena Thomas of Culpeper Co. VA notes. Anna Magdalena was the sister of John and Michael Thomas. Buried Thomas Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, OH same stone with Abraham. Abraham was the son of Michael Thomas
7-5-1821	Married Ohio	Clark Co., Ohio per probate Court, Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas , to his second wife, Polly Swailes, widow of Rice. Ancestry.com has her maiden name as Hampton and married Rice Swailes in Bracken Co., KY
8-25-1823	Survey and patent Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY for Solomon Thomas being 50 acres in Kenniconick Creek. Paid tax on this 50 acres through 1836 and in 1837 tax was paid as "heirs of Solomon Thomas" He was the son of Michael Thomas
8-1824	Overseer Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Solomon Thomas appointed overseer on the road up Holly Fork of Kinney Creek (Ragan, 283). Son of Michael Thomas
3-27-1827	Land Lottery Georgia	Georgia Land Lottery for residents of Franklin County, GA. William Thomas, Revolutionary Soldier Sec: 2 Dist: 5 Lot No.: 145 Capt. Dist.: Hudsons County of Draw: Muscogee County Son of John Thomas
4-1827	Release as overseer Kentucky	Solomon Thomas, due to his age, was released as overseer on Kinney Road. David Arthur was appointed to replace him (Ragan, 294). Son of Michael Thomas
4-20-1829	Will Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Will Book B page 290 of (Eve) Susan Thomas, 2 nd wife of Michael Thomas —left everything to her grandchildren (Susan, Sally, Nancy, Mary and William) who were the children of her son Solomon with whom she lived after Michael died
1830	Census Ohio	Concord, Miami Co., OH p. 16 Abram Thomas (Abraham) age 70/80 son of Michael Thomas
1830	Census Ohio	Huntington, Ross Co., OH Michael Thomas age 70/80 Son of Michael Thomas
1830	Census Georgia	Franklin Co., GA William Thomas age 60-70 and Jesse Thomas age 70-80 sons of John Thomas
1830	Census Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Israel Thomas age 40-50. George Thomas age 50-60/ Daniel Thomas age 40-50 sons of Michael Thomas . Solomon Thomas age 40-50 but female in household age 50-60 so possibly marked in the wrong column
9-3-1832	Military Pension Georgia	Franklin Co., GA. William Thomas applied for pension for Rev. War Service. August 1777 served 3 months in company of Capt. John Leek and Col. James Martin in NC Militia where he marched to Guilford Courthouse and then to Fayetteville where he defeated the Scotch, returned to Guilford, then marched after the Tories to Little River where he was discharged after serving 3 months. August 1778, he volunteered at Guilford Co under Capt John Leek. Cols. Paisley and Martin. He marched to near the head of the Catawba where he remained a month, waiting reinforcements and then to the Cherokee Nation where he helped burn 17 _____ and returned home after serving 3 months. He then enlisted in the Continental Army for 9 months in Aug. or Sept. under Capt. John Leek, marched to Perrysburg (?) and placed under Lieut. Lewis, Capt. Ralph Chapman and Col. Lytle,

		wintered there and then marched in the Spring to Augusta Ga. where he was taken sick, placed in a hospital and furloughed. He served the first 3 months as a substitute for his brother. He was born 1-20-1763 in Culpeper Co., VA, lived in Guilford Co., NC when he entered the service, removed to Elbert Co., GA in 1784 and to his present residence in 1788 or 1789 where he has lived ever since. He included a grant of land for services in the Continental Army as proof and his brother, Jesse, testified that he saw William enter the militia. William was the son of John Thomas . Jesse made his mark but it appears to be scribbled rather than precisely made. My note: his dates of residence appear to be off a little but not surprising for a gentleman of his age.
1-31-1833	Will Probated Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Book C/pg 52 For George Thomas, son of Michael Thomas . Wife Louvenia, daughters Sidney, Nancy, Mary, Harriot, Melvina. Two youngest sons Daniel and George. Mentions land on Salt Lick
9-13-1833	Military Pension Ohio	Abstract: Abraham Thomas - Pennsylvania & Virginia Lines, Wife: Polly, W11622, BLW #84012-160-55, Soldier married Polly Swailes on 5 July 1821, in Miami County, Ohio. Soldier was born in 1756[7], in Virginia, and in 1780, he moved to Kentucky, and in 1804, he moved to Miami County, Ohio. He applied there 30 April 1833, aged 76. Soldier died 25 April 1843, and his widow applied 19 July 1855, Miami County, Ohio, aged 79, and she applied for BLW on 21 May 1855, and a William Swailes and Charles H. Culbertson were her witnesses. Son of Michael Thomas
11-17-1834	Sold North Carolina	Rockingham Co., NC Book 2F pg 280 Jesse Thomas of Rockingham Co., NC and Benjamin Knowles of Newton Co., GA sold land to Tyre Carter "formerly belonging to the estate of Lewis Thomas" Names mentioned Anna Thomas, Christiana Knowles, John Thomas, Jesse Thomas and Betty Lynch. Lewis Thomas, son of John Thomas , and the children of Lewis. Anna Thomas was married to Zacharias Thomas. Note: This may be some of the original patent of John Thomas. Lewis probably did not sell his portion when the others did in 1787 because he remained in the area. John had 200 acres unaccounted for between buying and his children selling -- so this may represent that acreage. This Jesse would be the son of Lewis A Division of Estate of Lewis Thomas, naming wife Phoebe and his children may be found recorded in the Rockingham Estate Records at the NC Archives in Raleigh, NC, File Box No. CR-084-508-40. (DAR #608507). This estate identifies 10 children: Jesse, Mary, Martha, Lucy, Joanna, John, Anthony, Anne, Elizabeth and Christina
12-11-1835	Will Georgia	Franklin Co. GA. William Thomas, son of John Thomas . Beloved wife, Nancy, 3 daughters Sarah, Mary, Anny, son, Madison H and "the rest sold and divided equally among all of my children" Buried Thomas Cemetery in Franklin Co., GA - now Banks Co.
After 1835	Widow's	Franklin Co., GA. Nancy, Widow of William, applied for pension.

	pension Georgia	File #W-6279; B. L. Wt. 26102-160-55. Submitted copy of original Bible records with births and marriages of children: Children: Elizabeth, Joel, Lewis, Ezekial, William, Sarah, Mary, Anna, Madison and John. William was the son of John Thomas
1836-1837	Died Kentucky	Probably Lewis Co. KY. Solomon Thomas, son of Michael Thomas , paid tax in 1836 and heirs paid tax on his land in 1837
1840	Census Ohio	Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH, p. 367 Abram Thomas, age 90-100 son of Michael Thomas
1840	Census Ohio	Huntington, Ross Co., OH Michael Thomas age 80-90 Son of Michael Thomas
1840	Census Kentucky	Lewis County, KY Israel Thomas, son of Michael Thomas , age 50-60 with family (1880-1890). John Thomas age 60-70 two houses away.
4-5-1843	Died Ohio	Miami Co., Ohio. Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas per Widows pension of Polly Thomas. He stated in his will that his burying ground would forever remain a burying ground and the DAR has been instrumental in maintaining it in the midst of housing subdivisions. Thomas Cemetery, Troy, Miami Co., OH
4-15-1843	Will Ohio	Miami Co., OH Estate Book 1 page 6 # 1252 Abraham Thomas, son of Michael Thomas . Wife Mary, children: Samuel, Peter and Michael and "all my children other than Samuel and Peter" Other children William, Adam, Ezekial, Catherine, Abram and Mary. Buried Thomas Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, Ohio
About 1849	Died Ohio	Ross Co., OH, Michael Thomas, son of Michael Thomas . Children of first wife, Elizabeth Bennett were Tabitha, Elizabeth and Abraham. Children of second wife, Bridget Downing, were Samuel, Michael, William, Daniel, Mary, Rachel
1850	Census Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Israel Thomas, age 70, born Virginia. Son of Michael Thomas
1850	Census Indiana	Homer twp. Rush Co., IN Daniel Thomas, son of Michael Thomas age 68 (about 1782) born Virginia, wife Mary (McQueen) age 64 born Virginia. Children born KY 1826-1828 time period
5-2-1853	Died Indiana	Homer, Rush County, Indiana Daniel Thomas. Buried Old Homer Cemetery, Rush County, Indiana. Son of Michael Thomas
1855	Probate Kentucky	Lewis Co., KY Book E page 385 for Israel Thomas, son of Michael Thomas .

Note:

branch of Hans/John Thomas, son of Johannes (Migrated to North Carolina)
branch of Michael Thomas, son of Johannes (Migrated to Kentucky/Ohio)

John, the eldest brother, was only about 10 years old when his father died and his mother remarried. He and his brother, Michael, received a land patent in 1726 when he was only 14 years old and two years later, he got his own patent eventually owning about 1520 acres of land in Culpeper Co., VA. The siblings must have been close because they each named a son for their brother, John named a son, Michael and Michael named a son, John. Between 1742 and November 1771, he sold or gifted most of this land to relatives—being siblings and their spouses or sons in law. One parcel each was sold to John Finnel and to John Hartsberger who had no relationship that has been established. Between 1742 and 1760, his wife (Mary) died

and he married Sarah. Four girls and a son, Michael, were born to Mary and four sons; Lewis, Jesse, Joel and William were born to Sarah. About 1769, his brother, Michael, sold his only piece of property (the original land patent to John and Michael) and followed their sister to Ten Mile Creek area of Pennsylvania. This area was also claimed by Virginia at the time. Two years later John sold the last of his property and moved to North Carolina, apparently with Sarah and his sons from both of his marriages. Research is needed to find out the lure of North Carolina. He gifted no land in Virginia to any of his sons, presumably because they all traveled with him to North Carolina, Michael as a young adult and the four younger sons. In 1775, Michael served in the Rev. War from Guilford Co. NC and in 1778 John and Michael got adjoining land patents issued one day apart. He and Michael appear to be the only two men of the family who bought land in North Carolina. We have records of purchase for 1380 acres of land by John but county history documents it at 1580 acres. John apparently died about 1787 when the younger sons begin selling their father's property. Even though no will has been discovered for the distribution of John's land, the sons obviously had free title to this land and it appears to be specific distribution. Lewis stayed in North Carolina and lived on his portion of land until 1834 when it was sold as part of his estate. This sale was divided into Lot numbers (4) and I don't know how many acres made up a lot to determine how many acres Lewis received. Joel sold 150 acres, William sold 150 acres, Jesse sold 156 acres (assuming his sale was from this same land) and the group of Joel, William and Jesse sold 750 acres together. I have no records showing a sale by Michael Thomas, son of John, for his original 640 acres in North Carolina. It is possible that he did not receive any additional land at the time of John's death because John may have helped him buy his original 640 acres. By the time of the 1790 census, Michael and Lewis were the only two sons of John living in North Carolina and Jesse, Joel and William had moved to Georgia.

Register of Deeds – Wentworth, North Carolina

N. 1527 Thomas, Lewis from Galloway James Augt 1797

Then received of Lewis Thomas Twenty One pounds in part of three hundred acres of land being the two lots laid off for Annie & Zachariah Thomas in consequence of John Thomas' s Will.

John Menzies

James Galloway
Surviving Partner
Charles Galloway desc
Augt 8th 1797

No 1527, Thomas Lewis from Gallaway James Acept
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in consequence of John Thomas's Will.

Test
John Menzies x

James Gallaway
Surviving partner

Chs Gallaway & Co

Aug 8th 1797

State of Maryland
Rockingham County, November Sessions 1809.

The within Receipt was duly
proved in open Court by the oath of John
Menzies. and on motion ordered to be recorded

Chs Gallaway C.

No 1528, Thomas Lewis from Gallaway Elizabeth Acept
Acept of Mr. Lewis Thomas in sundries at two
different payments twenty four pounds Virginia
by which is entered in the Books of Charles
Gallaway & Co. & appears to be in full of the price
of 300 acres of land purchased of James
Gallaway surviving partner of Charles Gallaway

Test
R. Gallaway x

Elizabeth Gallaway
Administratrix of
Jas. Gallaway Decd.

State of Maryland
Rockingham County, November Sessions 1809.

The within Receipt was duly proved
in open Court by the oath of Robert Gallaway
and on motion ordered to be recorded.

R. Gallaway C.

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Just a synopsis of the family. I'll send one for his brother, Michael, just so you can learn about my line also. <smile>. Should get that written in the next couple of days. Any thing you want to add -- subtract-- correct? Take care. Marilyn

The earliest record for our Thomas family originates with Albrecht THOMA in the village of Neuenbürg , Kraichtal, Baden-Württemberg , Germany . This village was in the Bishopric of Speyer at the time of the birth of his son, Johannes in 1685. Johannes and his wife, Anna Maria Blanckenbuehler, had two children (Hans Wendel and Anna Magdalena) born in Neuenbürg, and then they, along with Anna Maria's family, emigrated as part of the Second Germana Colony to Spottsylvania County, Virginia. Where they lived was later to be Orange County , then Culpeper and is now Madison County , Virginia . Two more children, Michael and Anna Margaret, were born in Virginia . Not long after the births of these children, Johannes died and Anna Maria married Michael Kaiffer. In 1726, Hans (now known as John) and his brother, Michael, acquired a patent of 156 acres of land situated among the other families who had arrived in 1717. The two sons and two daughters of Johannes and Anna Maria Thomas are named as children of his deceased wife in the will of Michael Kaiffer This account briefly lists the stories of the two sons, Hans/John and Michael

Hans Thomas

Hans was born in 1712 . The first mention of his wife is in a deed transferring ownership of his part of the original land to his brother, Michael. He was married to Mary (last name unknown) at this time – 1742. That is the only mention that we have for Mary. He and Mary had 4 daughters and one son born to this union. At sometime before 1760, Hans/John married Sarah (last name unknown) as evidenced by deeds giving her name in that year. John (as I will call now call him) acquired quite a bit of land in Orange/Culpeper County and started selling it to relatives and friends and also gifting it to his sons in law starting in 1760. By 1771, he had disposed of his last land and there is no further record for him in Virginia . Of his 4 daughters, one died shortly after her marriage, one went to Ohio , one went to Kentucky and one stayed in Virginia . His son, Michael, went to Guilford Co., NC prior to 1775 and John is assumed to gone to NC at the same time. The first record that we have for our Thomas family in NC, other than the Revolutionary War record for Michael, were individual land grants for John and Michael joining each other issued in 1779. John had two grants of 640 acres each and also an additional 100 acres through 1782. There is no further mention of John Thomas in any record for Rockingham County , which was taken out of Guilford Co. It appears as if he wrote a will before his death designating specific divisions of land but no will has been found. Starting in July, 1785, parcels of this land were sold by 4 Thomas men—Lewis, Jesse, Joel and William—each with specific parcels and each with clear titles. DNA from male lines from these brothers matches DNA from his oldest son, Michael, and also DNA from two lines from his brother, Michael. This relationship cannot be refuted based on DNA testing. To continue with the sons of John, Michael and Lewis stayed in Rockingham Co, NC where many descendants still live. Joel died in 1793 in Elbert Co., GA leaving only one daughter. William and Jesse went to Franklin Co., GA by 1799 when they first show up in tax records. Jesse's descendants are still in that area and William was in the part of Franklin Co that became Banks County where his family became part of the early history of that county. All of John's sons served in the Revolutionary War. One major genealogy source to connect the dots from Virginia to North Carolina to Georgia was the pension application for William Thomas, issued in Georgia , service for North Carolina and stated in the records that he was born in Culpeper Co., VA.

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Cc:

Subject: A couple of names that need to be researched

Hi all, I am working in the 1764 rent rolls for Culpeper Co., VA and found a couple of surnames who figure into the Thomas family in Rockingham – I dont know if they are all the same people or the same family or if they went to Guilford at the same time. Both sumames are listed in land deeds with Thomas family and one is used as a middle name (reported that way, anyway) in Lewis Thomas grandchild – the two names are Deatheridge and Menzies. Just needs a little work to try to find a connection. Also thought it interesting that Hans and all of his sons in law are listed in the tax records but Michael is not – the daughters were all married by 1764. My other BIG question that may not have an answer – HOW DO WE KNOW THAT MICHAEL IS FROM THE FIRST MARRIAGE? That is a scary question that I can't answer myself. Take care. Marilyn

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Subject: John's wife

John, someone sent me this deed information but we need to see a copy of the original to see if a wife is listed to verify that Mary was still living at this date. This is my puzzle piece to know that Mary was not already deceased by this time and therefor the mother of Michael.

I have Hans last child – before Michael born before 1747 because she was married 1760-1762 time period so guesstimation is that she would have been no younger than 15 when she married

22 March 1747, Orange Co. DB 11-43, John (x) Thomas of Orange Co. to Henry Aylett [Aylor, husband of Margaret Aylor, his sister] for £32, 400 acres on great fork of Rappahannock River, deed of lease and release. Witnesses, Zach. Taylor, George Utz, Michel (x) Smith.

I have no clue on Michael other than he was born before 1755 based on census records. How much before 1755 though? before 1747? if Mary was already deceased?

I feel sure that the deed is not complete and that Mary actually was still living but just don't know that for sure at this point. – that was my reasoning behind the question – how do we know that Michael is from Mary and not Sarah.

I have the same large age span for Lewis – before 1755– but how much before?? It's bad because we only know that Hans married Sarah before November 1760 so how do we know that Lewis is not a son of Hans and Mary.

I have no problem with the idea that Michael was the oldest son of Hans (named for his brother) because he served in the Rev. War at an earlier date than the others and also bought land when Lewis did not.

Another point in favor of Michael and the other four sons being in different families is the fact that Michael did not name any of his sons, Lewis, Jesse, William or Joel and none of those four named their sons, Michael. That is also STRANGE to me. Was there a family problem – no land was sold between the two sets of sons– Just STRANGE. In fact, there are many Michael's on my side of the tree (I have about 3 in my direct line) and only a couple on Han's side. Nothing earth shattering here – just STRANGE. So enough – no use discussing until the actual deed is found. Take care. Marilyn

Family Map

- Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Land Purchase: November 20, 1760 Culpeper Co. VA gift? and purchase from John/Sarah Thomas (father in law) 110 acres and 104 acres DB C pg 432
- Jacob HOLTZCLAW Land Purchase: November 20, 1760 Culpeper Co., VA Gift from John Thomas (father in law) 109 acres DB C pg 439
- Jacob BLANKENBUHLER Land Purchase: November 20, 1760 Culpeper Co. VA Gift from John Thomas (father in law) 90 acres DB C pg 441
- Jesse THOMAS Born: Bet. 1760 - 1770
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 6: April 10, 1762 Culpeper Co., VA John/Sarah to Michael Smith (brother in law) 100 acres, originally from Vaught, DB C pg 702
- John Michael SMITH, Jr. Land Purchase: April 10, 1762 Culpeper Co., VA from John/Sarah Thomas (brother in law) 100 acres originally from Vaught DB C pg 702
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 7: April 15, 1762 Culpeper Co., VA Gift to Joseph Holtzclaw (son in law) 96 acres DB D pg 1
- Joseph HOLTZCLAW Land Purchase: April 15, 1762 Culpeper Co. VA Gift from John Thomas (father in law) 96 acres DB D pg 1
- Anna BLANKENBAKER THOMA/THOMAS Died: Bef. December 28, 1762
- Anna Thoma/Thomas SMITH Died: Bet. 1762 - 1771
- William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Born: January 20, 1763
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Tax records: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Tax records 2: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- Jacob HOLTZCLAW Tax records 2: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- Jacob BLANKENBUHLER Tax records 2: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- Joseph HOLTZCLAW Tax records: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- John Michael SMITH, Jr. Tax records: 1764 Culpeper Co. VA Rent rolls
- Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Land Sale: March 14, 1764 Culpeper Co., VA John/Elizabeth to Jacob Holtzclaw (brother in law) 104 acres (smaller tract from John Thomas) DB D pg 358
- Jacob HOLTZCLAW Land Purchase 2: March 14, 1764 Culpeper Co. VA from John Railsback (brother in law), 104 acres (smaller tract from John Thomas) DB D pg 358
- Mary Thomas HOLTZCLAW Died: Bef. 1766
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 8: October 19, 1769 Culpeper Co., VA John/Sarah to John Finneil 96 acres (this land was sold in 1799) DB F pg 10
- Joseph HOLTZCLAW Land Sale: November 12, 1770 Culpeper Co., VA Joseph/Elizabeth (2nd wife) 96 acres (original gift from John Thomas) DB F pg 167
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 9: 1771 Culpeper Co., VA John/Sarah 70 acres to John Hartsbarger DB F page 240
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 10: October 21, 1771 Culpeper Co., VA John/Sarah to Michael Smith (brother in law) 124 acres Bk F pg 345
- John Michael SMITH, Jr. Land Purchase 2: October 21, 1771 Culpeper Co., VA from John/Sarah Thomas (brother in law) 174 acres originally from Vaught DB F pg 345
- Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 11: November 18, 1771 Culpeper Co., VA John/Sarah to Zachary Smith (nephew) 68 acres Bk F page 345
- John Michael SMITH, Jr. Land Sale: December 31, 1771 Culpeper Co. VA Gift to "loving son, Zachariah"---plantation formerly belonging to John Thomas" originally from Vaught 174 acres originally from John Thomas Bk F pg 418
- Georg Heinrich ÖHLER Land Sale: July 06, 1774 Culpeper Co., VA 200 acres "part of my wife's fortune"
- Jacob HOLTZCLAW Land Sale: February 20, 1775 Culpeper Co. VA 109 acres DB G pg 466
- Georg Heinrich ÖHLER Church Membership: Bet. 1775 - 1778 Culpeper Co. VA Henry/ Anna Margaret at Hebron Lutheran
- Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Land Sale 2: May 18, 1778 Culpeper Co., VA John/Elizabeth to Huffman 209 acres (included the remaining parcel from John Thomas) Unknown Book and page
- John Michael SMITH, Jr. Died: 1785
- Mary Thomas BLANKENBUHLER Died: Bef. 1790
- See Also *Orange Co., Spotsylvania Co., Madison Co., and Prince William Co.*
- Elbert Co., GA (26 MI SE of Franklin Co.)
- William M. (?Madison) THOMAS and Agnes Caruthers THOMAS Married: January 19, 1792
- Joel THOMAS Died: Bef. October 03, 1793
- Franklin Co., GA
- Jesse THOMAS Tax records: Bet. 1798 - 1839

Family Map

William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Tax records: Bet. 1799 - 1818
Ezekial THOMAS Land Purchase: 1800 200 acres - GA Headrights
Ezekial THOMAS Tax records: Bet. 1800 - 1806
William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Census: 1830
Jesse THOMAS Census: Bet. 1830 - 1840
William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Died: November 27, 1835
William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Will Probate: December 11, 1835
Jesse THOMAS Died: Bef. October 24, 1850
See Also Elbert Co.
Guilford Co., NC (23 Mi SW of Rockingham Co.)
Michael THOMAS Military service: 1775 Rev. War --
Michael THOMAS Church Membership: 1776 Guilford Co., NC Michael/Barbara Matrimony Baptist Church
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Residence 2: 1778
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 5: November 10, 1778 Guilford Co., NC Warrant #523 - 640 acres
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase: November 11, 1778 Guilford Co., NC Warrant # 517 640 acres Buffalo Island Creek joining John Thomas
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 6: November 13, 1779 Guilford Co., NC Warrant # 112 - 640 acres DB 2 page 74
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 7: October 1782 Guilford Co., NC Warrant #708 - 100 acres
Hardeman Co., TN
Zachariah THOMAS Census 2: 1830 Hardeman Co., TN/Next door to Samuel
Zachariah THOMAS Died: Afr. 1830 Hardeman County, Tennessee-possibly
Hickman Co., TN
Ezekial THOMAS Land Sale: 1815 Franklin Co., GA - 100 acres -- resided in Hickman Co., TN

Ezekial THOMAS Land Sale 2: 1819 25 acres - Hickman Co., TN-- resided Lawrence Co. AL

See Also Perry Co.

Itawamba Co., MS

Ezekial THOMAS Census 2: 1840

Ezekial THOMAS Land Purchase 2: 1843 168 acres -Patent-

Ezekial THOMAS Died: January 03, 1850

See Also Lawrence Co.

Jefferson Co., KY (49 Mi NW of Mercer Co.)

Jacob BLANKENBUHLER Tax records: 1800

Jacob BLANKENBUHLER Died: January 02, 1801

Lawrence Co., AL (62 Mi NE of Itawamba Co.)

Ezekial THOMAS Census: 1820 - 1830

Madison Co., VA (17 Mi SW of Culpeper Co.)

Georg Heinrich ÖHLER Died: 1806

Joseph HOLTZCLAW Census: 1810

Joseph HOLTZCLAW Died: January 24, 1835

Mercer Co., KY

Jacob HOLTZCLAW Tax records: 1789

Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Tax records: Bet. 1792 - 1795

Jacob HOLTZCLAW Died: October 21, 1812

Susannah Thomas HOLTZCLAW Died: October 10, 1821

See Also Jefferson Co.

North Carolina

wife Barbara THOMAS Born: Bet. 1750 - 1755

Family Map

- Ezekial THOMAS Born: November 11, 1776
Orange Co., VA (18 Mi SW of Culpeper Co.)
Mary Thomas BLANKENBUHLER Born: 1737
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale: February 1741/42 Orange Co., VA John/Mary original patent to Michael Thomas (his brother) DB 7 page 98
Elizabeth Thomas RÄHLSBACH Born: July 16, 1742
Georg Heinrich ÖHLER and Anna Thomas ÖHLER Married: Abt. 1744
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 4: February 27, 1743/44 Orange Co., VA Deed - 470 acres from Vaught DB 9 pg 259
Susannah Thomas HOLTZCLAW Born: October 10, 1745
Mary Thomas HOLTZCLAW Born: Bef. 1747
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Sale 2: March 22, 1746/47 Orange Co., VA John to Henry Aylor, (brother in law), 400 acres DB 11 pg 43
Georg Heinrich ÖHLER Land Purchase: March 22, 1746/47 Orange Co., VA from John Thomas (brother in law) 400 acres DB 11 pg 43
Perry Co., TN (24 Mi SW of Hickman Co.)
Zachariah THOMAS Census: 1820
Pittsylvania Co., VA
Lewis THOMAS and Phoebe Holloway THOMAS Married: November 17, 1794
Preble Co., OH
Johann Heinrich RÄHLSBACH Died: 1810
Elizabeth Thomas RÄHLSBACH Died: 1817
Prince William Co., VA (29 Mi NE of Culpeper Co.)
Joseph HOLTZCLAW Born: January 06, 1734/35
Jacob HOLTZCLAW Born: February 17, 1737/38
- Rockingham Co., NC
William M. (?Madison) THOMAS Military service: 1777 - 1778 - 1778 - 1781 Rev. War
Joel THOMAS Military service: 1781 Rev. War --
Lewis THOMAS Military service: 1781 Rev. War --
Jesse THOMAS Military service: 1781 Rev. War --
Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Died: Bef. July 03, 1785
Lewis THOMAS Census: 1790 - 1800
Michael THOMAS Census: Bet. 1790 - 1810
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 2: May 04, 1799 Rockingham Co., NC from Naman Roberts 120 acres Whetstone Creek DB G pg 7
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 3: 1803 Rockingham Co., NC from Gooden Mayes 144 acres Matrimony Creek DB H pg 160
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 4: 1810 Rockingham Co., NC from William Peay 132 acres Dan River DB N pg 415
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 5: February 12, 1810 Rockingham Co., NC from John Limon Sr/Joshua Smith 150 acres Whetstone Creek DB N pg 365
Michael THOMAS Land Sale 2: 1811 Rockingham Co., NC to Henry Roberts 50 acres DB O pg 221
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 6: 1812 Rockingham Co., NC from James Peay 248 acres Dan River DB O pg 345
Michael THOMAS Land Sale: January 24, 1812 Rockingham Co., NC to James Lemons 150 acres DB O pg 315
Michael THOMAS Land Purchase 7: December 23, 1816 Rockingham Co., NC from John Thomas 75 acres Whetstone Creek DB Q pg 308
Michael THOMAS Will Probate: November 1817 Rockingham Co., NC Book A pg 308
Michael THOMAS Died: November 13, 1817
Lewis THOMAS Died: Bef. November 19, 1817
wife Barbara THOMAS Census: 1820

Family Map

Michael THOMAS Division of Land: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #1 Elizabeth Barnes
124 acres Whetstone Creek

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 2: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #10 Henry Roberts
(Anna) 144 acres less 50 acres already deeded and 100 acres in VA

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 3: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #2 James Thomas
124 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 4: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #3 John Thomas
132 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 5: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #4 James Roberts
(Susannah) 144 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 6: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #5 Samuel
Thomas 126 acres, 30 acres and 70 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 7: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #6 Heirs of Adam
Thomas 207 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 8: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #7 Catherine
Thomas 194 acres

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 9: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #8 William Wray
(Mary) 250 acres in Stokes

Michael THOMAS Division of Land 10: 1822 Rockingham Co., NC # 3311 to #9 James Lemons
(Johanna) 2?? acres less 150 acres already deeded

wife Barbara THOMAS Census 2: 1830 Rockingham Co., NC Apparently enumerated with son,
James

wife Barbara THOMAS Died: Abt. 1835

See Also Guilford Co.

Spotsylvania Co., VA (28 Mi SE of Culpeper Co.)

Anna Thomas ÖHLER Born: Abt. 1718

Johannes THOMA/THOMAS Died: Abt. 1721

Jacob BLANKENBUHLER Born: January 18, 1724/25

Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase: June 24, 1726 Spotsylvania Co., VA
Patent with brother, 156 acres, DB12 pg 426

Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 2: September 28, 1728 Spotsylvania Co.,
VA Patent, 400 acres, DB 14 page 97

John Michael SMITH, Jr. and Anna Thoma/Thomas SMITH Married: Abt. 1732

Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS Land Purchase 3: March 24, 1733/34 Spotsylvania Co.,
VA Grant for headrights - 400 acres

Virginia

Hans Wendel Thoma/John THOMAS and wife Mary THOMAS Married: Bef. 1737

Jacob HOLTZCLAW Land Purchase 3: December 01, 1782 Lincoln Co., KY/ Preemption of
400 acres VA Grant BK G pg 299

No. 2666 Thomas Barbara & others
Agreement

State of North Carolina }
Rockingham County }

Whereas Michael Thomas deceased late of the county of Rockingham aforesaid, having duly made his last will and testament bearing date the 3rd day of December 1816 and the same being published agreeable to heirs And whereas it appears that the said will is not satisfactory and that Barbara Thomas the widow and relic of the said decd and sole Executor of said last will and testament, being desirous in order to prevent any future disputes and contenting that might arise under said will, is willing together with the undersigned heirs and representatives of the said deceased , that therefore said last will and testament should be set aside and made null and void and that on administration agreeable to heirs be had on said estate – And further, it is agreed that the said Barbary Thomas , widow and Relic, aforesaid, John Thomas, Adam Thomas, Samuel Thomas, William Ray (Wray) in right of his wife Polly, James Lemons in right of his wife Joannah, Henry Roberts in right of his wife, Anna, James Roberts in right of his wife, Susanna, Catherine Thomas and of said Barbary Thomas as guardian of James Thomas her son – So hereby find themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees, that Betsy Barnes, widow and relic of Nathaniel Barnes deceased (late of the state of Tennessee) her heirs or assignees shall receive her estate or distributive share of said estate, both real and personal – And whereas some of the before named heirs and representatives, have received in the lifetime of the deceased (Michael Thomas) more of his said estate than some of the others of his children, it hereby further agreed between the parties, respectively that a schedule shall be rendered upon oath by each, of all the property, _____ heretofore as given and which shall not have been dully paid for, so that an equal division of said estate, both real and personal, shall be had between the parties agreeable by law.

And in order the foregoing agreement shall be fully carried out effect according to its true interest and meaning without evasion , neglect or _____ that the undersigned as aforesaid do hereby further do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors or administrators or assignees under the penalty of four thousand dollars each be reconvened in any court of justice having cognizance thereof.

In testimony where e the dais Barbary Thomas for herself; and as guardian for James Thomas, John Thomas, Adam Thomas, Samuel Thomas, William Ray (Wray) in right of his wife Polley, James Lemons in right of his wife Johanna, Henry Roberts in right of his wife, Anna, James Roberts in right of his wife Susanna and Catherine Thomas, having hereunto set our hands and seals the 25th day of February 1818

Signed Sealed	}	Barbary (x) Thomas	Seal
And delivered in	}	and James Thomas	
Present of	}	John(x) Thomas	Seal
Alex (x) Larrox		Adam Thomas	Seal
(Note: If Adam Thomas signed this		Samuel (x) Thomas	Seal
then he died before division of		William Ray	Seal

THE WILL of MARTHA G FARE

LOCATED IN FORYSTH COUNTY COURT HOUSE

ON 21 JULY 1988

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I MARTHA G FARE BEING OF SOUND MIND AND KNOWING THE UNCERTAINITY of LIFE AND THE CERTAINITY of DEATH MAKE MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

ITEM 1ST THAT ALL MY JUST DEBTS AND FUNERAL EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID, SECONDLY THAT MY PERSONAL PROPERTY AT MY DEATH SHALL BE SOLD BY MY EXECUTOR

3RD I WILL AND BEQUEATH TO MY DAUGHTER SARAH J FARE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SAID SELL.

4TH I WILL AND BEQUEATH TO MY DAUGHTER ELIMIRA E FARE ONE HUNDRE DOLLARS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SAID SELL.

5TH I WILL AND BEQUEATH AFTER TAKING OUT THE ABOVE TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND PAYMENT OF ALL JUST DEBTS WHATEVER SUM THAT SHALL THERE REMAIN TO BE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN MY SON JOHN H FARE, MY DAUGHTER MARTHA D THOMAS, MY DAUGHTER SARAH J FARE, MY DAUGHTER ELIMIRA E FARE, THE HEIRS OF MY SON JOSEPH F FARE DECEASED AND THE HEIRS OF DAUGHTER NANCY E REED, MAKING SIX EQUAL SHARES

6TH I APPOINT R S LINVILLE MY EXECUTOR
IN TESTIMONY I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
THIS 14TH DAY of MAY, 1885

ATTEST

L W MCGEE

R J FARE

HER

MARTHA (X) G FARE

MARK

THE INVENTORY of WILL of MARTHA G FARE

IN THE MATTER of THE WILL } FORSYTH COUNTY IN SUPERIOR COURT
of MARTHA G FARE } BEFORE C S HEAUSER
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT

R S LINVILLE BEING DULY SWORN DOETH SAY

THAT MARTHA G FARE LATE of SAID COUNTY IS DEAD
HAVING FIRST MADE AND PUBLISHED HER LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
AND THAT R S LINVILLE IS THE EXECUTOR NAMED THUS
FURTHER THAT THE PROPERTY of THE SAID MARTHA G FARE
CONSISTING of 1 HORSE, 1 HEAD of CATTLE, HOUSEHOLD AND
KITCHEN FURNITURE, CORN, WHEAT, TOBACCO, FARMING TOOLS AND CASH
AMOUNT ABOUT \$235⁰⁰ SO FAR AS CAN BE ASSESSED
THE DATE of THIS APPLICATION AND THAT SARAH J FARE,
ELIMIRA E FARE, JOHN H FARE, MARTHA D THOMAS,
JOSEPH F FARE, NANCY REED ARE THE PARTIES
ENTITLED UNDER SAID WILL TO THE SAID PROPERTY

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE)

ME THIS 8TH DAY of OCT, 1889

C S HEAUSER

) R S LINVILLE

c of c

Pittsylvania County, Virginia

I, Francis Dickenson of the County of Pittsylvania and state of Virginia being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory doth make and constitute this my last will and testament in the first place desire is that my beloved wife, Lydia Dickenson have one third part of my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood and at her death to be equally divided among three of my daughters hereafter named who are now living with me - Edy Dickenson, Milly Dickenson and Jane Dickenson, the remaining two thirds of my estate to be equally divided among all my children hereafter mentioned so as to make them equal taking into consideration what they have already received : Namely Polley Blair (wife of James Blair) formerly Polley Dickenson, Sally Johnson, formerly Sally Dickenson, David Dickenson, Elizabeth Walker, formerly Elizabeth Dickenson, Edy Dickenson, Milly Dickenson and Jane Dickenson

1st- I give unto my daughter Polley Blair formerly Polley Dickenson, 1 colt charged at 10.1, feather bed and furniture 5.00 now in her possession

2nd I give my daughter Sally Johnson formerly Sally Dickenson, 1 feather bed charged at 5.00 now in her possession.

3^{rdly} – I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Walker formerly Elizabeth Dickenson a feather bed and furniture and charged at 5.00 now in her possession.

I hereby appoint my friend, Benj. Estes and Cornelius Merritt executors to this my last will and testament revoking all and every other will or wills whatsoever which may hereafter appear in my name –

Witness my hand and seal this 24th Dec 1825.

Witness: Jesse Thomas
William Wyatt
Hiram McDonald

Will was proved in court 16 January 1826

his
Francis X Dickenson
Mark

G-G-G-G Grandfather of John T. Dallas and the Thomas Cousins

John T. Dallas - 1983

Rockingham County, N.C.

Wentworth C-248

Drury Price Will

I Drury Price of the county of Rockingham & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say – First that executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts however and to whoever owing, out of the monies that first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item – I leave to my beloved wife Hannah Price five hundred and thirty acres of land more or less on the waters of Matrimony and bounded as follows by Allen Price, John R. Grogan, Nichols Cobles, Alin Parrish & others being the tract on which I now live to hold the said Hannah Price for and during the term of her natural life – I also leave to my beloved wife Hannah Price all my household and kitchen furniture, all my plantation tools, two carts, two stills, one buggy & harness, 1 set of blacksmith tools, all my stock of any kind, all my grain of every kind, all my slaves, to wit: Lucy, Patsy, Mariah, Martha, Caroline, Reid, Frank, Robert, Sam, Mary, John, Old Robert, S____ *, H____, & their increase and I also leave to my beloved wife Hannah Price one thousand dollars in cash for the support of her and her family during her natural life in any way she may think suitable and at her death the surplus if any shall be equally divided amongst my children.

Item – I give and devise to my son Drury H. Price the above tract of land left to my wife at her death to the said Drury H. Price, shall pay to each of my children two years after the death of my beloved wife Hannah Price if she should be the longest live and if not two years after my death the following sums in cash to wit – To Duke Price the sum of seventy five dollars; to John P. Price the sum of seventy five dollars; to Allen Price the sum of seventy five dollars; Polly Thomas the sum of seventy five dollars, Sally Hopper the sum of seventy five dollars; Reese Price the sum of seventy five dollars; Nancy Joyce the sum of seventy five dollars.

Item – I give and bequeath to my oldest son Duke Price one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor out of any monies belonging to my estate to make him equal in value of Negroes which has been has been divided between him and my other children.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son John P. Price twenty five dollars to be paid by my executor out of any monies belonging to my estate to make him equal in value of Negroes which has been divided between him and my other children.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son Allen Price fifty dollars to be paid by my executor out of monies belonging to my estate to make him equal in value of Negroes which has been divided between him and my other children.

Item – I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Thomas wife of James Thomas Snr fifty dollars to paid out of the monies belonging to my estate by my executor, to make her equal in value of Negroes which has been divided between her and my other children.

Item – I give to my daughter Sally Hopper wife of George Hopper one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor out of any monies belonging to my estate to make her equal in value of Negroes which has been divided between and my other children.

Item – I give to my son Drury H. Price fifty dollars to be paid by my executors out of any monies which belong to my estate to make him equal in value of Negroes which has been

divided between him and my other children. I also give to son Drury H. Price the set of Blacksmith tools _____ to my wife at her death.

Item – My will and desire in that all the residue of my estate after taking out the _____ and _____ above mentioned shall be equally divided and paid out to all my children in equal proportion, share and share alike, to them and each and every of them , their executor, administrator & assigns absolutely for ever.

I do hereby appoint and constitute my three oldest sons to wit: Duke Price, John P. Price & Allen Price my lawful executors, to all interest and purpose, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true interest and purpose, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true interest and meaning of the same and every part and every _____ thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me hereafter made.

In witness whereof I the said Drury Price do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of November _____ 1853.

Drury Price (Seal)

Witness:
Richard Johnson
R.G. Hopper

North Carolina]
County of Rockingham]

Will of Pendleton Ratliff

I Pendleton Ratliff of Rockingham County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this paper writing to be my last will and testament: As follows to wit:

I give my soul to God.

My will and desire is after my death, to be buried in a plain Christian manner my beloved wife and children may desire.

I will and bequeath that my burial expenses and just debts be paid out of the money on hand if any & if not, the first that comes into the hands of executor.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Ratliff the tract of land on which I live, containing two hundred and ninety four & half acres (294 1/2), also the tract of land containing one hundred and thirty acres, more or less lying on Little Rock House Creek, adjoining the lands of Alfred Saunders & others known as the Alcorn tract; also all my household and kitchen furniture, all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs. Also all the provisions on hand of every description, all my growing crop of every description, also all the monies on hand or due me, all bond and account. I give to her all and every parcel of property both personal and real that I now own or may own at my death to my wife to have and to hold use occupy rent for her purpose during her life.

After the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Ratliff, I will and bequeath all my estate which _____ to be equally divided between my nine children to wit: one share to Mary A. Mitchell, widow of James Mitchell decd; one share to Sarah Alcorn wife of Alfred Alcorn; one share to Martha E. Thomas wife of W.Y. Thomas; one share to Mickey E. Moore, wife of Richard Moore; one share to Eliza Ann Thomas wife of James Thomas; one share to Melvina C. Lindsey, wife of James Lindsey; one share to Elizabeth P. Bennett wife of James Bennett, decd & one share to Lucy I. Moore wife Wm B. Moore to them and their heirs forever in fee simple.

I nominate and appoint my beloved wife and son John A. Ratliff my executor & Elecutrux to _____ may last will and testament.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the year of our Lord, July 20th, 1870. In the presence of us who signed the same in the same in the presences of the Testate and at his request & in the presence of each other

E.M. Hancock]
Joseph Richardson]

Pendleton Ratliff (Seal)

property in 1822)

James Lemons Seal
Henry (x) Roberts Seal
James Roberts Seal
Catherine (x) Thomas (Seal)

State of North Carolina }
County of Rockingham } May session 1818

The execution of the written agreement between Barbara Thomas and the heirs and assignees of Michael Thomas was duly proved in open court by the oath of Alexander Sneed and on motion was ordered to be recorded

Robert Galloway CC

Place of Resident- Children of Michael & Barbara Thomas

Adam & Martha Jane Thomas – Buffalo Island Creek on Sneed Road across from the Sneed-Roberts Cemetery – Called the old Deb Sneed place

Anna and Henry Roberts – Lived east of Price on Matrimony Creek near the Virginia line

Mary & William Wray – They lived on the North of Dan River near Settle’s Bridge.

Catherine Thomas – Lived with parents on Whetstone and then moved to Tennessee and on to Wolfe County, Kentucky where she was 85 years old in the 1880 census for that county.

Joanna and James Lemons – Lived near Providence church between Leaksville and Stoneville.

Elizabeth “Betsy” and Nathaniel Barnes moved to Williamson County, Tennessee

Susanna and James Roberts lived on Otter branch near Barney School

Samuel and Sarah “Sally Thomas lived just west of the old Thomas Cemetery and Northeast side of present day Shiloh Airport.

James and Mary “Polly” Thomas lived in the old Thomas Cabin on Whetstone Creek. The cabin was apparently covered with sawed lumber in 1857 as when the boards were removed by Tim Turner, he found on one of the boards, the names James Thomas and John Q. Roberts, his son-in-law who was a Carpenter and the date 1857 was on the board. James son, Allen lived there and then Allen’s son, James P. Thomas lived there.

More Places of residence

Bk 14 Pg 423
6 March 1854

Anna Roberts, John Roberts-Susan Roberts his wife, James Roberts-Nancy Roberts his wife, Anderson Roberts, Joseph H. Roberts, King Roberts-Elizabeth Roberts his wife, , Allen Roberts, Polly Roberts, all of the state of North Carolina & County of Rockingham for \$662.00 convey to John P. Pike of Henry County, Virginia 103 acres more or less lying on Matrimony Creek in State of Virginia.

Beginning at a White Oak & to N.C. line except a parcel of land ¼ acres around "our fathers graves"

Will Bk E Pg 495 – Wentworth, North Carolina 29 August 1890

To Allen Thomas ½ of the land where I now reside

To daughter Barbara Thomas w/o J.Q. Roberts, \$1 – besides what I have already given Her

To daughter Elizabeth Thomas wife of Peter P. Wilson, remaining half of my estate.

To youngest son James H. Thomas \$1-beside what I have already given him.

Son Allen Thomas, Executor

Will prorated October, 27, 1890

Rockingham County, N.C.

1809 Bk N Pg 224

James Galloway to Lewis Thomas a receipt for 21 pounds in part payment of 300 acres of land.

Elizabeth Galloway to Lewis Thomas receipt of 24 pounds in full on 300 acres of land for lots laid off for Anne & Zachariah Thomas

Zachariah Thomas war of 1812 4th Co., 8th Brigade, 6th Regmt.

Rockingham County, N.C. Bk C Pg 275 9 August 1855

Will of James Lemons

Wife Joanna, son James, son Pleasant, children of my deceased daughter, Mary, late wife of James Sims, dau Anne, wife Jesse Sims, dau Lucy, wife of Milchizedck Carter, son of G. Washington Lemons, dau Elizabeth wife of Henry Carter Will probated 9 Oct 1858

8 October 1858 Joanna Lemons Dower (Widow of James Lemons)

Division of Land of James Lemons

Lot #1 Pleasant Lemons	1850 Census Rockingham Co
Lot #2 Mary Carter	Lemons, Washington
Lot #3 Heirs of Mary Sims	Lemons, Nama 40
Lot #4 G. Washington Sims	Lemons, Thomas 22
Lot #5 Anna Thomas	Lemons, Ann 18
Lot #6 Elizabeth Carter	Lemons, Elizabeth 16
Lot #7 James Lemons	

Bk E Pg 271 – 1795 Lewis Thomas from Williams Thomas, Wilkes Co., Ga. 150 acres on Sharps Creek (one certain tract of division) – Turberfield Barnes line

Bk G Pg 125 – 1801 – Lewis Thomas from James Roberts 75 acres Sharps Creek – Branch of Whetstone

Bk M Pg 218 – 1807 – Lewis Thomas to Edward Robinson 75 acres on waters Sharps Creek

Estates Papers – 1817 – Lewis Thomas estate of 485 acres distributed in 12 shares to Phoebe Thomas, widow and 11 children

24 August 2009

Looked at the Court Minutes for the years 1781-1785 for Guilford County and found the three items mentioning the Thomas name. Nothing concerning the estate of John Thomas and how his four sons were able to acquire his property and to dispose of it as shown by deeds in Rockingham County. The minutes need to be looked at several more times as it is easy to overlook information you are looking for. Did Michael Thomas, a son of John and second wife Sarah, get any of the John Thomas Property?

There is a John Thomas and Lewis Thomas in Guilford County on Reedy Fork Creek in the late 1700's. With the names there must be some connection with the Thomas family that lived in what was to become Rockingham County. Don't believe they could be the same people, but not impossible

William Thomas was granted 200 acres in 1782. This was probably the son of John Thomas and add this to the three grants of John Thomas, the total is 1580 acres as I believe has been shown at times,

On 22 October 1782 John Thomas granted 100 acres on both sides of Tomlin Fork Guilford County in what was to become Rockingham County on 29 December 1785.

On 23 July 1785 Jesse Thomas sold to Turberfield Barnes 156 acres in Guilford county which was in the portion that was to become Rockingham County

If the above is correct, then John Thomas disappeared, died or just plain vanished between 22 October 1782 and 23 July 1785 and anything pertaining to him should have been recorded in Guilford County!!!!!!! But something could be recorded in Rockingham County!!!!

Mary "Polly" Thomas, daughter of Lewis Thomas married Edward Robertson. Their homeplace was on Sharps Creek in the Spring Garden Community.

Lewis Thomas who lived on the head waters of Whetstone Creek, less than half mile north east of Shiloh store died in 1817. His widow Phoebe born in 1751 died on 14 March 1832, age 71 years.

Theophilus Lewis, an Episcopalian, had on his farm a subscription school. In late life his youngest daughter, Miss Mary Jane Lewis succeeding him in carrying on the school, which was at Spring Garden.

Most of Phoebe & Lewis Thomas children (except Martha "Patsy" Thomas Lewis) who married Theophilus Lewis migrated to South Carolina and then to Newton County, Ga.

Sarah (d/o of Martha "Patsy" Thomas Lewis) Stratton Baughn is buried on the old homeplace at Sharps Creek in the Spring Garden (now called Deep Springs-Shiloh) community. Their old home still stands above the north bank of the creek. The family graveyard is there beside a lane a few hundred yards above the house, in the edge of the woods.

Lot #2 of the estate of Lewis Thomas was assigned to Martha "Patsy" Thomas. Lewis Thomas's old homesite was located at the spring on the Leaksville road on the Northeast side of the present day Shiloh store.

John Adam Thomas and his wife Elizabeth Jane Robertson Thomas lived on Mountain Run Creek and are buried in the Baughn Cemetery on SR 2212 near Stoneville. The Cemetery was close by to their home.

Bk 2nd H Pg 184 Rockingham County, N.C. 24 August 1833

William Lewis from Tyre Carter for \$86 forty acres -part of Lewis Thomas decd tract being lot #5 beginning at a Hickory in Adam Thomas line & Carter line to red oak; west with Carter's line to a white oak, Carter's and Lewis's line, north with Jesse Thomas & Lewis's line to post oak-east with Adam Thomas line to first station

Witness: Hugh Lewis
_____ Carter

Signed Tyre Carter

Bk K Pg 59 1804 Rockingham County, N.C.
Adam Thomas buys from Solomon Smith 78 acres on Dan River

Bk p Pg 427 1815 Rockingham County, N.C.
Adam Thomas sells to David Burton 78

More on John Thomas

54-68 Guilford County, North Carolina

The Following is a survey made by Surveyor Charles Bruce for **James Caruthers** on 14 Oct 1783 witnessed by Benjamin Terry & **Samuel Caruthers**

By virtue of warrantee #1902 I hereby certify that the 25th day of February 1783 I surveyed for **James Caruthers** 400 acres of land according to the -----land situated on the head branches of Brushy Fork of Jacobs Creek in the County of Guilford Beginning at a post oak on a Ridge in **Martha Caruthers** land running thence south crossing two branches one hundred and eighty poles to a spanish oak thence west crossing three branches three hundred and fifty six poles to post oak thence north crossing two branches one hundred and eight poles to post oak thence east to & along said **Martha Caruthers** line to the first station.

(This would be located 8-10 miles southeast of the **John/Lewis Thomas** home on Sharp's Creek. This was located in what became Rockingham County in 1785)

A-72 Rockingham County, North Carolina 15 December 1784

Jacob Whitworth Guilford County from **Martha Caruthers** Guilford County for two hundred pounds all that tract of land being county aforesaid on the _____ of Jacobs Creek of Dan river containing 125 acres

_____ Guilford County, North Carolina 12 December 1785

For 125 pounds **Martha Caruthers** to **Philip Gates** 120 acres being half of the tract of granted to me (**Martha Caruthers**) by the state of North Carolina – Crossing the Brush Fork of Jacobs Creek situated and lying in the county of Guilford

(**Philip Gates** son, **Philip Gates Jr.** married **Barbara Mariah Thomas** daughter of **Samuel Thomas** and **Sally May**)

E-8 Rockingham County, North Carolina 27 December 1790

Phillip Gates of Rockingham County from **James Caruthers** Rockingham County 200 acres being half of the 400 acres granted to the said **Caruthers** by State of North Carolina “In **Martha Caruther's** old deed land running north” – agreed on by the said **P. Gates & Jacob Whitworth** Tract containing two hundred acres situated on a branch of Brushy Fork of Jacobs Creek.

E-44 Rockingham County, North Carolina 13 March 1793

John Chadwell. Planter of Rockingham Co. to **William Farrar**, planter “On the ridge in **Martha Caruthers & Phillip Gates** Line” being on the Brushy Fork of Jacobs Creek. “along said gates line” being 400 acres first granted from the state to **James Caruthers**.

E-287 Rockingham County, North Carolina 3 February 1797

William Farrar to **John Thomas** both of Rockingham County for 10 pounds a certain tract of land being on the head waters of Brushy Fork of Jacobs Creek being a part of a tract of land of four hundred acres purchased by Farrar of **John Chadwell** now decd containing by estimation 22 acres

L-38 Rockingham County, North Carolina 1804
Christopher Ladd from **John Thomas** 132 acres both of Rockingham County for 100 pounds situated on the Brushy Fork of Jacobs Creek – **John Shepherd's** line – these presents were seized of an indenseable right and estate in fee simple

3rdD Rockingham County, North Carolina 1874
Robert Thomas to **Alexander M. Bradsher** 51 ½ acres on Jacobs Creek

1. Joel Thomas married Jessie Caruthers
2. Lewis Thomas married 1st Agnes Hampton 2nd Phoebe Holloway
(Lewis & Agnes had a child named Anthony.)
3. William Thomas married Agnes Caruthers
4. Jesse Thomas married Nancy Mitchell
5. John Thomas son of Michael Thomas may have married Mary Hampton

John Anthony Hampton was born 1764 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co. , Va. and died 3 Jul 1850 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania County., Va. This is near Eden, N.C. and not far from the Thomas home on Whetstone Creek. Rootwebs had this family but no indication of Agnes or Mary Hampton being his sisters.

John Thomas Grave

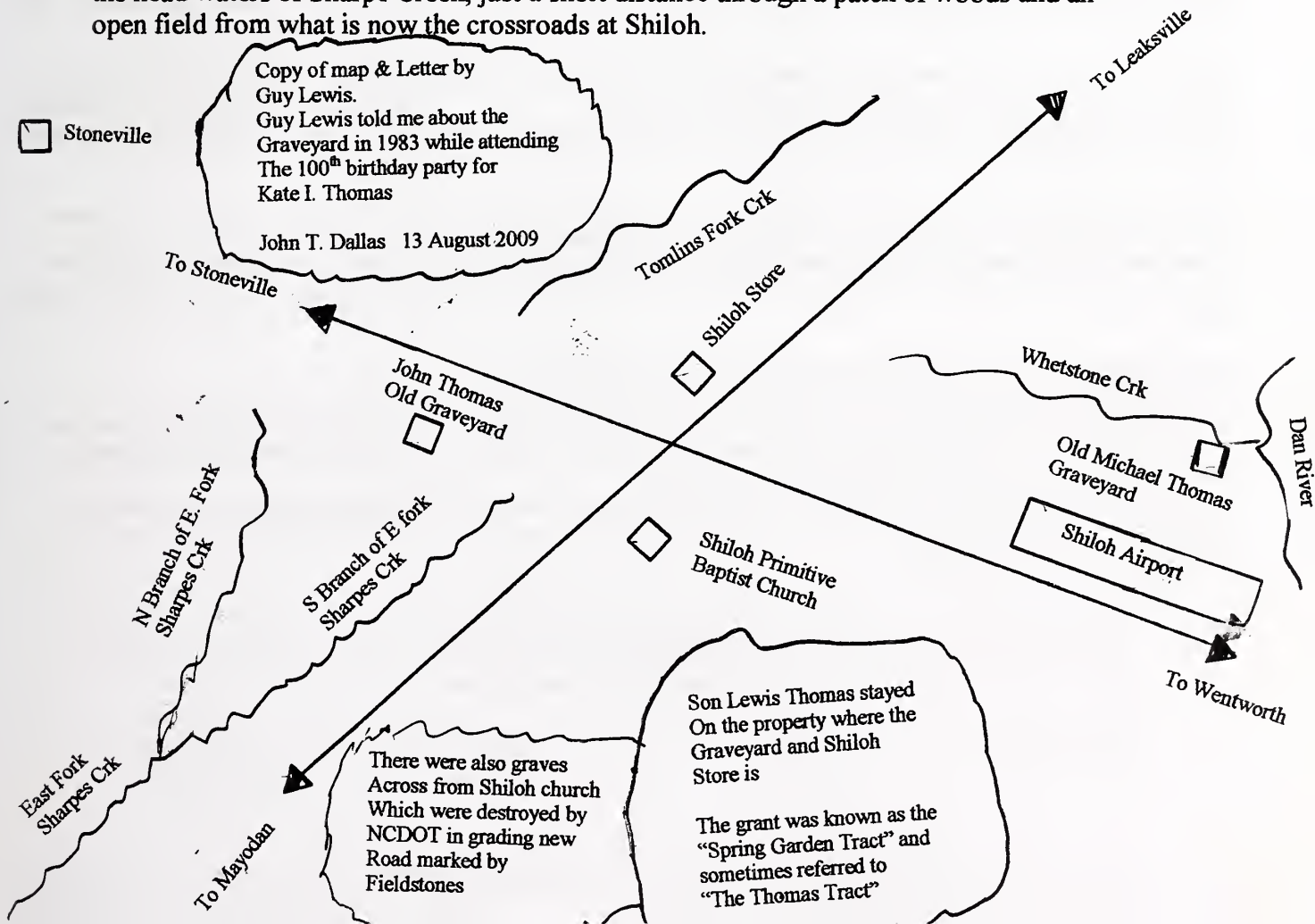
Here enclosed are copies of the land grants to John Thomas. The first grant, patent No. 112, dated 13 November 1779, was for one square miles (640 acres): the second patent, No. 201, same date was fro another square mile. Two later patents brought the total to 1,580 acres.

All this land granted to John Thomas ran from the head waters of Sharpe Creek to the head waters of Tomlin Fork Creek. The middle of this ground is now occupied by a couple of stores, a church and crossroads called Shiloh.

The grants are recorded County Court House in Greensboro, because all this area, at that time, as you know, was in Guilford County, the north part of Guilford not having been formed into Rockingham until the year 1785.

All of the above mentioned land later devolved to four brothers: namely: Lewis Thomas, Joel Thomas, Jesse Thomas and William Thomas, all of whom made disposition of same. Ref. Rockingham County land records, under the names of the four brothers who later disposed of the exact same land originally granted to John Thomas.

The old ancient Thomas burying ground is there at Shiloh. Some years ago, my grandfather's cousin, the late Cleve Lewis of Deep Springs, went with me there and showed me where my Thomas ancestors are buried. The markers, all fieldstones, stand at the head waters of Sharpe Creek, just a short distance through a patch of woods and an open field from what is now the crossroads at Shiloh.



ABSTRACTS OF LAND WARRANTS

GUILFORD CO. N.C.

1778 - 1932

BY DR. A.B. PRUITT

111- Richard Sharpe 611 ac; warrant # 391 issued Oct. 19, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to "Ritchard Sharp" for 640 ac. on waters of Dye and Sharps Creek, begins at a red oak near "the" road on a line agreed on between "the clament" and Baker Digraffendtriedt, runs South to Burns' line, East along his line to the road, and includes his improvement—611 acres {on road from Petersburg to the Moravian towns} surveyed Dec. 3, 1778 by Joshua Smith; JOEL THOMAS and JESSE THOMAS, chain carriers: grant # 111 issued Nov. 13, 1779

112 - November 13, 1779 Grant North Carolina Guilford Co., NC DB 2 /74 # 112 to JOHN THOMAS, 640 acres on both sides of Sharps Creek of the Dan River (This entry was not included in the source book but found by a professional researcher hired by Joel Thomas. Warrant # 522 Grant # 112 surveyed Dec. 3, 1778 by Joshua Smith; JOEL THOMAS and JESSE THOMAS, chain carriers:

199 - JOHN THOMAS 640 ac; warrant # 523 issued Nov. 10, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to JOHN THOMAS for 640 ac. on heads of "Whetstone" Creek, joins his former entry, "the other parts" by vacant land, and includes an improvement; 640 acres surveyed Feb. 1, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Joel Watson, and William Field, chain carriers; grant # 202 issued Nov. 13, 1779.

318 - Michael Thomas 640 acres; warrant # 517 issued Nov. 11, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to MICHAEL THOMAS for 640 acres on waters of Buffalo Island Creek, begins at East end of dividing line made between JOHN THOMAS and "the claimant" runs North and West; 640 acres surveyed April 16, 1779 by Joshua Smith; JOHN THOMAS AND LEWIS THOMAS, chain carriers; grant # 320 issued March 1, 1780

531 - JOHN THOMAS 100 ac. warrant # 708 issued Nov. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to JOHN THOMAS, for 100 acres on both sides of Tomlin's fork and joins North line of his own land; 100 acres, surveyed April 5, 1779 by Joshua Smith; John "Gann", and JESSE THOMAS, chain carriers; grant # 522 issued Oct. 1782

654 - John Gann 300 ac. warrant # 1306 issued Feb. 18, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to John Gann for 300 acres on Smiths Mountain, begins at JOHN THOMAS' East line, joins THOMAS' West line, and "agreeable to law"; 300 acres surveyed April 5, 1779 by Joshua Smith; JOHN THOMAS AND JESSE THOMAS, chain carriers. Grant # 645 issued Oct. 22, 1782

There has been no will found deeding this land, nor any sale or gift deeds but starting in July 1785 - it appears that his three sons who left the area - Jesse, Joel and William sold the land that had belonged to John. It is assumed that John had died and the land divided into specific parcels. They sold one large tract together and then they each had parcels of about 150 acres. The sons had clear title to all of this land. Lewis sold his at a later date.

Just recently -2010- the following deed was found Rockingham Co., NC

August 8, 1797 Recorded November 1809 Book N page 223 and 224

Lewis Thomas bought from James Galloway for 21 pounds - in part of 300 acres of land being the two lots laid off for Annie and Zachariah Thomas on consequence of John Thomas's will. Witness John Menzie. Signed by James Galloway, surviving partner of Charles Galloway.

Lewis Thomas from Elizabeth Galloway - receipt from Lewis Thomas for 2 different payments of 24 pounds Virginia by which is entered in book of Charles Galloway and appears to be full price of 300 acres of land purchased of James Galloway

Bk N Page 224 No. 1527 Thomas, Lewis from Galloway, James August 1797 Then received of Lewis Thomas twenty one pounds in part of three hundred acres of land being the two lots laid off for Annie and Zachariah Thomas in conveyance of John Thomas's will.

John Menzies

James Galloway Surviving partner
Chas Galloway Augt 8th, 1797

John Thomas Grave

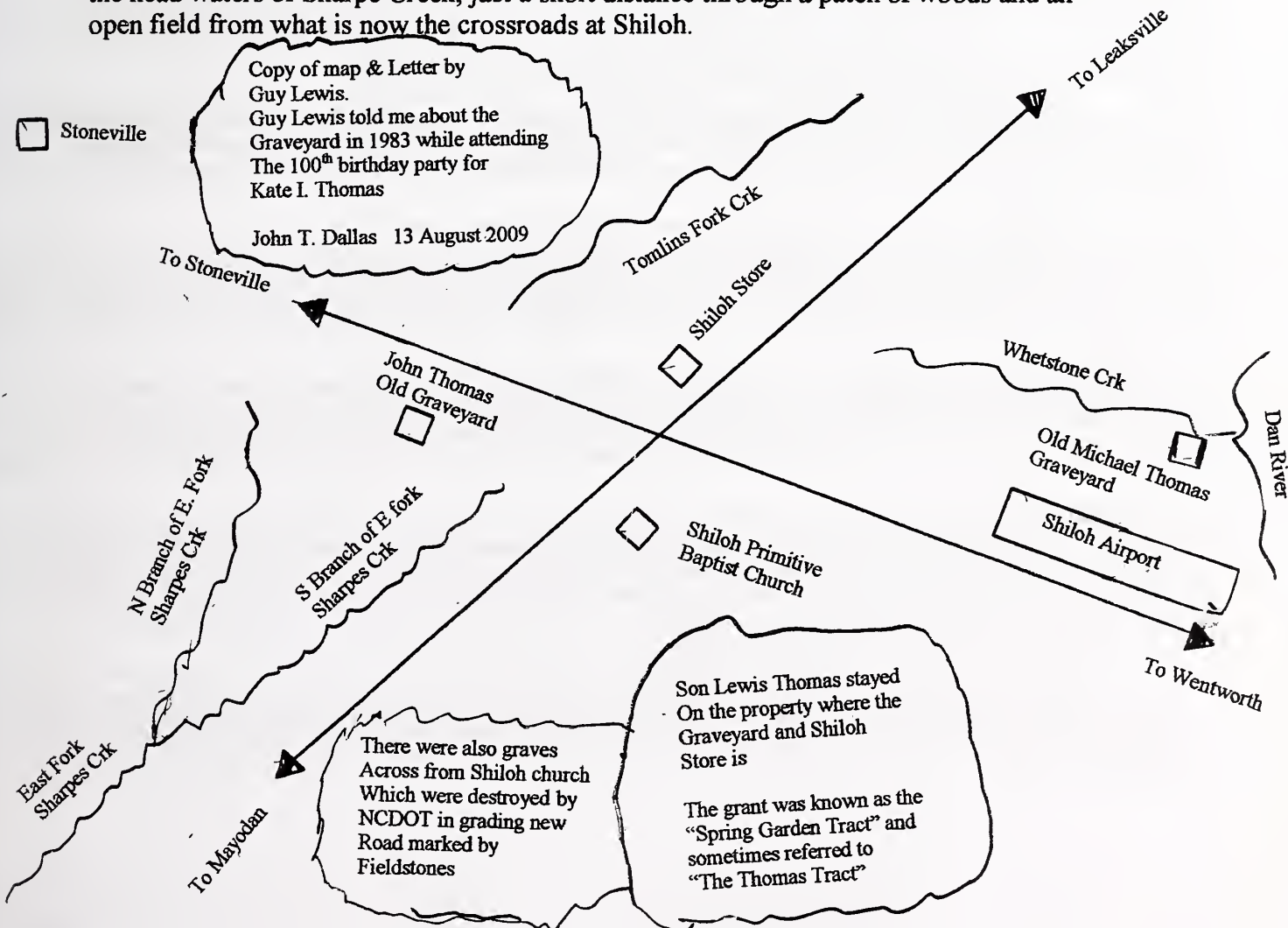
Here enclosed are copies of the land grants to John Thomas. The first grant, patent No. 112, dated 13 November 1779, was for one square miles (640 acres): the second patent, No. 201, same date was for another square mile. Two later patents brought the total to 1,580 acres.

All this land granted to John Thomas ran from the head waters of Sharpe Creek to the head waters of Tomlin Fork Creek. The middle of this ground is now occupied by a couple of stores, a church and crossroads called Shiloh.

The grants are recorded County Court House in Greensboro, because all this area, at that time, as you know, was in Guilford County, the north part of Guilford not having been formed into Rockingham until the year 1785.

All of the above mentioned land later devolved to four brothers: namely: Lewis Thomas, Joel Thomas, Jesse Thomas and William Thomas, all of whom made disposition of same. Ref. Rockingham County land records, under the names of the four brothers who later disposed of the exact same land originally granted to John Thomas.

The old ancient Thomas burying ground is there at Shiloh. Some years ago, my grandfather's cousin, the late Cleve Lewis of Deep Springs, went with me there and showed me where my Thomas ancestors are buried. The markers, all fieldstones, stand at the head waters of Sharpe Creek, just a short distance through a patch of woods and an open field from what is now the crossroads at Shiloh.



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109. Richard Sharpe 611 ac; warrant #391 issued Oct. 19, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to "Ritchard Sharp" for 640 ac on waters of Dye and Sharps Cr, begins at a red oak near "the" road on a line agreed on between "the clament" and Baker Degraffendriedt, runs S to Barns' line, E along his line to the road, & includes his improvement; 611 ac [on road from Petersburg to the Moravian towns] surveyed Dec. 3, 1778 by Joshua Smith; Joel Thomas & Jesse Thomas, chain carriers; grant #111 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
110. John Thomas 640 ac; warrant #522 issued Nov. 10, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to John Thomas for 640 ac on both sides of Sharps Cr, on Mayo Mountain, includes the improvement where said John Thomas lives; 640 ac surveyed Dec. 3, 1778 by Joshua Smith; Joel Thomas & Jesse Thomas, chain carriers; grant #112 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
111. John Pratt 640 ac; warrant #265 issued Aug. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to John Pratt "sr" for 640 ac on N side of Dan R, on waters of Sharps Cr, begins at SW corner of James Holderness' line, runs S to S fork of Sharps Cr, W up the creek to a line of marked trees, & N along Sarah Powell "joine said Holderness"; 640 ac surveyed Oct. 28, 1778 by Joshua Smith; James Holderness & Thomas Pratt, chain carriers; grant #113 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
197. John Scales 640 ac; warrant #689 issued Nov. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to John Scales for 640 ac on S fork of Beaver Island Cr, begins at Charles Garner's line at a willow oak, runs [to ?] William Crump's line, S, & includes his improvement; 640 ac surveyed Jan. 30, 1790 by Joshua Smith; Thomas Scales & Nathaniel Scales, chain carriers; grant #199 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
199. John Thomas 640 ac; warrant #523 issued Nov. 10, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to John Thomas for 640 ac on heads of "Wheetstone" Cr, joins his former entry, "the other parts" by vacant land, & includes an improvement; 640 ac surveyed Dec. 19, 1778 by Joshua Smith; Jesse Thomas & Joel Thomas, chain carriers; grant #201 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
200. Mary Fields "and orphans" 440 ac; warrant #640 issued Nov. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to Mary Field, in behalf of John Ansel, Agathy Barns, William Elisa, Susanna Nilson, & Allen Field [unclear how many children are mentioned & their last names due to lack of commas] orphan children of Nathaniel Field deceased, for 440 ac on E side of Mayo R, on Mayo Mountain, on both sides of Mountain Run Creek, joins William Lewis on W, Elisa Joyce on E, & includes the improvement; [warrant also appears in shuck #640]; 440 ac surveyed Feb. 1, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Joel Watson & William Field, chain carriers; grant #202 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
201. George "Pea" 640 ac; warrant #661 issued Nov. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to George Peay for 640 ac on N side of Dan R, begins at a black oak on the river bank below Eagle Falls, runs N, W, S, & down the river to beginning; 640 ac surveyed Jan. 29, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Thomas Scales & Nathaniel Scales, chain carriers; grant #203 issued Nov. 13, 1779.
270. Richard Sharp 300 ac; warrant #1729 issued Jun. 28, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to Richard Sharp for 300 ac on N side of Dan R, on waters of Dyes Cr, begins on his own line, runs E, S, & W to his old line; 300 ac surveyed Aug. 26, 1779 by Joshua Smith; William "Lanston" Lewis & John Lemon, chain carriers; grant #272 issued Mar. 1, 1780.
269. James Galloway 300 ac; warrant #707 issued Mar. 1, 1780 by Ralph Gorrell to James Galloway for 300 ac on S side of Sharps Cr, begins on N side of "the" main road on Sarah Degraffentred's (sic) line, joins Richard Sharp's N line, John Thomas on W, & includes his improvement; 300 ac surveyed Jan. 29, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Richard "Sharpe" & John Lemon, chain carriers; grant #271 issued Mar. 1, 1780.
274. William Lanston Lewis 400 ac; warrant #263 issued Aug. 22, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to William Lanston Lewis for 400 ac on both sides of Mountain Run [Cr] waters of Mayo R, includes his improvement, runs N "and" across the creek to "the" Meeting House Path on said creek to a line of marked trees made with John Field, & E; [following assignment lined out on back of warrant]: Aug. 25, 1778 assigned by Wm L Lewis to Richard Vernon (witness) Anthony Dearing & John Faulkner(?); 400 ac surveyed Apr. 27, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Richard Vernon & John Pratt, chain carriers; grant #276 issued Mar. 1, 1780.
318. Michael Thomas 640 ac; warrant #517 issued Nov. 11, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to Michael Thomas for 640 ac on waters of Buffaloe Island Cr, begins at E end of the dividing line made between John Thomas & "the clament", runs N, & W; 640 ac surveyed Apr. 16, 1779 by Joshua Smith; John Thomas & Lewis Thomas, chain carriers; grant #320 issued Mar. 1, 1780.

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322. William Coventon 500 ac; warrant #1400 issued Mar. 30, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to Willian "Covington" for 500 ac on both sides of big Whetstone Cr, being on George Peays' line, runs S to John Pillow's line, W, & N; 500 ac surveyed May 25, 1779 by Joshua Smith; David Walker & George Peays, chain carriers; grant #324 issued Mar. 1, 1780.

323. Jacob Williams 550 ac; warrant #507 issued Nov. 6, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to "Capt." Jacob Williams for 550 ac between Pruett fork and Lick fork of Hogans Cr, begins on John Lee's old line, runs N to "the" bound agreed on of John "Hancock", E to William Hubbard's claim, S, & includes the improvement said Capt. Williams lives on; 550 ac surveyed May 15, 1779 by Jn Odeneal; William Hubbard & Isaiah Hancock, chain carriers; grant #325 issued Mar. 1, 1780.

348. Michael Thomas 400 ac; warrant #698 issued Nov. 21, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to Michael Thomas for 400 ac on Hogans Cr waters of Dan R, joined on N by Samuel Finly's claim, on S by Thomas Bryan's claim, begins at Finly's claim at head of a branch, runs W, S, E, & includes his improvement; 400 ac surveyed Mar. 30, 1779 by Charles Bruce; Thomas Allen & James Ireson, chain carriers; grant #350 issued Mar. 1, 1780.

589. William Thomas 200 ac; warrant #1482 issued Mar. 30, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to William Thomas for 200 ac on Lick fork, joins Lewis, begins at "the" cove "running a running", & E; 200 ac surveyed Apr. 30, 1782 by Joshua Smith; John Gibson & Joseph Land, chain carriers; grant #580 issued Oct. 22, 1782.

719. William Lanston Lewis 100 ac; warrant #520 issued Nov. 10, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to William Lanston Lewis for 100 ac on waters of Lick [Cr], joins his former entry, & vacant land on "other parts"; 100 ac surveyed Nov. 3, 1779 by Joshua Smith; William Thomas & Moses Land, chain carriers; grant #720 issued Oct. 14, 1783.

764. William Lanston Lewis 300 ac; warrant #519 issued Nov. 10, 1778 by Ralph Gorrell to William Lanston Lewis for 300 ac on Lick fork and joins John Hill's land claim; 300 ac surveyed Nov. 2, 1779 by Joshua Smith; Joseph Gibson & William Thomas, chain carriers; grant #766 issued Oct. 14, 1783.

845. William Spears 300 ac; warrant #1466 issued Apr. 1, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to William "Speres" for 300 ac on Lick fork waters of Dan R, begins on John Hancock's S corner, runs W to Aaron Arnold's line, N, & includes John "Weal's" former improvement; 300 ac surveeyd Apr. 19, 1782 for William "Spiars" by A Philips; William McCloud & Richard Simpson, chain carriers; grant #847 issued Oct. 14, 1783.

1114. William Allen 100 ac; warrant #1661 issued May 17, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to William Bethell for 100 ac on the dividing ridge between Lick fork & Hogans Cr, begins at William Weaben's claim, runs S, & E; [on back of warrant] warrant sold Nov. 20, 1783 by William Bethell (of Guilford Co) to William Allen for £25 NC money (signed) William Bethell (witness) Tho Dick; 100 ac surveyed Sept. 10, 1783 by Thomas Dick; Richard Ellis & James Jones, chain carriers; grant #1114 issued Nov. 8, 1784.

1117. John McPeek 150 ac; warrant #2065 issued May 20, 1780 [warrant in shuck #1129] by William Dent to JOhn "McPeak" for 150 ac on waters of Upper Hogans Cr, begins at Michael Thomas' corner, joins Benjamin Power's [Bowen--in survey] line, runs N "as far as may be convenient", & E; 150 ac surveyed Mar. 20, 1783 by Charles Bruce; John Bowen & Thomas Bowen, chain carriers; grant #1117 issued Nov. 8, 1784.

1101. Patrick Hays 100 ac; warrant #2121 issued Nov. 28, 1780 by William Dent to Charles Bruce for 100 ac on waters of Hogans Cr, joins his own [line], Patrick Breson, & Hezekiah Gates; [on back of warrant] warrant sold Jan. 2, 1784 by Charles Bruce to Patrick Hays for £100 specie (signed) Charles Bruce (no witness); 100 ac surveyed Mar. 27, 1783 by Charles Bruce; Reuben Land & Thomas Lorimer, chain carriers; grant #1101 issued Nov. 8, 1784.

1106. John Lemon 150 ac; warrant #1617 issued Nov. 17, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to John "Lemmon" for 150 ac on waters of Whetstone [Cr] a branch of Dan R, joins John Thomas' land on W, "Michel" Thomas on N, said Lemmon's survey on E, & William Covin on S; 150 ac surveyed Sept. 20, 1780 by Joshua Smith; William Lewis & Richd Sharp, chain carriers; grant #1106 issued Nov. 8, 1784.

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1110. Nathaniel Williams 200 ac; warrant #1419 issued May 30, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to Nathaniel Williams for 200 ac on Hogans Cr waters, begins on George Allen's line, runs E near Thomas Savage's claim, & "round"; 200 ac surveyed Nov. 3, 1783 for "Capt." Nathaniel Williams by Thomas Dick; Robert Williams & Thomas Robeson, chain carriers; grant #1110 issued Nov. 8, 1784.

1482. William Thomas 165 ac; warrant #2375 issued Aug. 21, 1784 by William Dent to William Thomas 165 ac on waters of Lick fork of Buffolo Island Cr, joins William Thomason on S, Jonathan Norton on W, Joseph Gibson on N, & runs "on or near" lines of Harris & Odle; 165 ac surveyed Oct. 21, 1785 by Joshua Smith; George Colston & Briant Thomas, chain carriers; grant #1440 issued May 16, 1787.

1587. Robert Russell jr 280 ac; [part of warrant missing] warrant #1532 issued Apr. 6, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to Robert Russell jr for 200 ac on waters of Hogans Cr, beings [page missing] said creek, runs E, N, [page missing] Michael Thomas' land; 280 ac surveyed Apr. 12, 1787 by Robert Brattain; David "Russel" & "Alexr" Russel, chain carriers; grant #1544 issued Aug. 12, 1788.

1643. Samuel Findley 200 ac; warrant #1656 issued May 7, 1779 by Ralph Gorrell to Samuel Findley(?) [middle of warrant missing]; 200 ac on both sides of S fork of Upper Hogans Cr & begins at Michael Thomas' NE corner surveyed Mar. 20, 1783 by Charles Bruce; John McPeek & Thomas Bowen, chain carriers; grant #1583 issued Mar. 21, 1789.

Thomas – More Deeds and some of the same – Rockingham County

L-38 14 May 1804 John Thomas to Christopher Laid (I seen this last name before in the Thomas history) 132 acres on ____ Fork of Jacobs Creek – crossing three branches of said Creek – Arbham Shorts Corner – Shepherds corner His mark was an upside down L that was reversed. This would be in our area of the county

O-221 28 Sep 1811 Michael Thomas to Henry Roberts of Henry County, Va.(married Anna dau of Michael) 50 acres - mentions Virginia line corner Michael Thomas signed his mark as a (X.)

O-315 24 Jan 1812 Michael Thomas to James Lemons (son-in-law) 150 acres mentions Scales line His mark was a small written (n)

Q-308 23 Dec 1817 (Michael Thomas is alive) John Thomas to Michael Thomas 75 acres big Whetstone Creek His mark was an(X) (This is probably Michael's son.

D-295 22 Feb 1795 William Thomas to Sarah Lewis 150 acres on waters of Sharp's Creek - Richard Vernon Line- Charles Galloway decd line Signs with his mark which is a is similar with two V's drawn over each other with an extra line

E-271 4 May 1895 William Thomas (State of Georgia) to Lewis Thomas 150 acres – one certain tract or division on the waters of Tomlson Fork Creek - Turbyfield Barnes Line
William Thomas signed

Y-157 1824 James Thomas from John Thomas 132 acres on waters of Dan River crossing Whetstone Creek (These was brothers and sons of Michael Thomas) signed his mark as similar to a K

Y-30 7 May 1824 John Thomas sells slaves – His mark was two lines straight up and down with one line through the middle

B-157 1787 Joel Thomas to Charles Galloway & Co. – 150 acres on both sides of the East Fork of the East Fork of Tomlin Creek – Charles Galloway corner
Joel Thomas signs with signature

B-160 4 Dec 1787 Jesse Thomas, Joel Thomas & William Thomas to Charles Galloway & Company 750 acres on the headwaters of Whetstone Creek of Dan River – Begins at Turbyfield Barnes line.

Joel & William by signature

Jesse with a U with three ... on top of U

In a 1787 letter to Governor Caswell the death of John Thomas in Indian activity is mentioned

1793 – John Thomas sold last of his property in Virginia

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Bk 2 Pg 74 - 13 Nov 1779 - Land grant to John Thomas 640 acres both sides of Sharpes Creek of Dan River

Bk 2 Pg 90 - 13 Nov 1779 - Land grant to John Thomas 640 acres both sides of Whetstone Creek

Bk 2 Pg 184 - 1 Mar 1779 - Land Grant to Michael Thomas 640 acres on waters of Buffalo Island Creek and Tomlin Fork Creek along John Thomas line & John Lemons line.

Bk 2 Pg 292 - 22 Oct 1782 - Land grant to William Thomas along South Fork of Buffalo Island Creek near Joseph Sands corner along Sands line crossing Lick Fork Creek near Jonathan Norton's line 200 acres

Bk 2 Pg 319 - 22 Oct 1782 - Land grant to John Thomas 100 acres both sides of Tomlin Fork Creek - John Gann's Corner and along Michael Thomas line

Bk 3 Pg 20 - 16 Aug 1783 - Peter King Jr to Lewis Thomas 120 acres of land on Reddy Fork Creek of Haw River

Bk 2 Pg 338 - 20 Aug 1783 - Michael Thomas County of Montgomery State of Virginia 400 acres to John Cummins on Upper Hogan's Creek in Guilford County

Bk 4 - Pg 74 - 23 Jul 1785 - Jesse Thomas to Turberfield Barnes 156 acres (Probably the first tract of John Thomas estate to be sold)

Bk 4 Pg 32 - 1 Aug 1785 - Richard Haworth to John Thomas 148 acres on Reddy Frok Creek

Bk 5 Pg 68 - 27 Dec 1787 - Lewis Thomas & wife (Agniss) to Henry Smith 122 acres situated on Reddy Fork Creek of Haw River being a tract of land granted to Peter King Junr by State of North Carolina 1 Mar 1783

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Bk B Pg 160 - 4 Dec 1787 - Joel Thomas to Charles Galloway & Co. 150 acres both sides of the East Fork of Sharps Creek of Dan River.

Bk B Pg 159 - 4 Dec 1787 - Joel, Jesse, & William Thomas, County of Rockingham to Charles Galloway & Co. for 100 pounds Virginia money 750 acres on the headwaters of Whetstone Creek of Dan River - Turberfield Barnes corner.

Bk D Pg 295 - 22 Feb 1795 - William Thomas to Sarah Lewis 150 acres on the waters of Sharp's Creek - Richard Vernon Line - Charles Galloway decd line

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