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## MY SEARCH

There is a man I've never met  
A fact I cannot know  
His name is still a mystery  
And how it plagues me so.

Could it be John or maybe Harry?  
Were his eyes blue, or were they merry?  
Where did he come from? Where did he go?  
How he plagues me so.

Strong or weak, I cannot tell you  
Was he short or tall?  
Hair of black or maybe brown  
Or maybe none at all.

I search for him year in, year out  
And in some very strange places,  
Old cemeteries and libraries,  
In books, I stare at faces.

I hear his call, like a siren's song  
Down the Halls of Time.  
I'll find him, I know, waiting there  
This great-great-great-granddad of mine.

By Gloria Getman

TO ALL GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS WHO ARE  
LOOKING FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED ANCESTOR,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS  
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## INTRODUCTION

This book is for research. It may be copied or used in any way necessary for anyone interested in these names. Additional copies are available upon request. A small fee will be necessary to cover cost of printing.

This is an endeavor to document the early Burris/ Burrus/ Burroughs, etc., family in Virginia, 1608 to 1850, or two hundred fifty years. Later dates are sometimes included if it follows any particular family.

This research was not an attempt to find the genealogy records of any particular family.

It does appear that Thomas and Edmund, in Orange County, John and Charles in Albemarle County, Charles and John in Amherst County, and Thomas, William, Martin and John who moved to Surry County, North Carolina, are all related, but we are not sure how. There is a good possibility these and others are the descendants of John Barrow/Burroughs/Burrus, first found as an indentured immigrant in 1642 and died in King William County about 1702.

As near as possible we have identified the source of the material. We also made an attempt to look at original records. These are available from LDS on microfilm, but sometimes difficult to read due to the faded condition. Perhaps we will have a few honest mistakes in this book. Mistakes repeated over and over again become accepted as facts and they are difficult to erase.

We never considered using any material from DAR, SOR or IGI files, or any other books published by other researchers.



Our comments are enclosed in parenthesis.

We would welcome any comments, corrections or additions.

#### THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

## FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA

### **Ann Burras.**

It is supposed to be quite an honor to be listed as one of the first families of Virginia. These are names well-known in history as people who wrote documents, made great orators and fought for the independence revered by one and all today.

Actually, the first family of Virginia was a common laborer named John Laydon and a lady's maid named Anne Burras.

John Laydon, born in England around 1580, sailed for the new world on the SUSAN CONSTANT, in 1606. Anne Burras, a pert English miss of 14, arrived at Jamestown as a maid of Mrs. Thomas Forrest aboard the MARY AND MARGARET. This became known as the Second Supply.

The March/April 1999 issue of Archaeology magazine (page 25) contains an article regarding the recent discovery at Jamestown of what are believed to be the remains of "Mistress" Forrest (said by some Forrest researchers to have been Margaret Fox), wife of Thomas Forrest. The article states that genealogical research is being conducted to identify from where in England Thomas and Mrs. Forrest were likely to have come. It seems possible that Anne Burras and perhaps John Burras/Burrows came from the same area as the Forrests. In addition to the printed version of the magazine, the back-issues section on the Archaeology magazine website contains the article, entitled "Jamestown's First Lady." Accompanying the article is a photograph of Mistress Forrest's face as reconstructed by a sculptor. As of 1999, the website can be found at: <http://www.archaeology.org>-(MKB).

Anne Burras was the only single white female in Virginia and she automatically became desirable as a wife to the many single adventurers. After a few months of courtship she consented to become the bride of John Laydon, who was 14 years her senior. There was no known minister in Virginia at that time, so it is presumed the marriage ceremony was a civil one. The old records read this way, "About this time there was a marriage betwix John Laydon and Anne Burras, which was the first marriage in Virginia."

The Laydons were evidently survivors as they lived through the starving times of 1609-10 and they turned up in the census of the colony taken after the great Indian massacre in 1622.

John Laydon eventually acquired 900 acres of land. Whether he had the skill and management to take care of a plantation of that size is not known. Their first child was named Virginia, the first to be born of English parents in Virginia. Eventually they had three more daughters, Alice, Katherine and Margaret.

Whatever happened to this family is not known, but it is possible, with four daughters, they could be half of some of the first families of Virginia.

#### **John Burrows.**

The exact date of the arrival of this John Burrows in America is not known, but it is believed to be 1608. He was obviously of the cavalier class as he was referred to as "Mr." and sometimes as a "gentleman." He married Bridget Buck, daughter of the Rev. Richard Buck. It does not appear they had any children. He was fatally stabbed and died in 1628.

#### **Anthony Burrows.**

From the records, Anthony Burrows came to Jamestown aboard the GEORGE in 1617. Anthony gave his age on the 1624/25 census as 44 years, or born about 1580. He was obviously a landowner, but the early land records are not available. However, he is mentioned in other deeds where land joined his. If Anthony was married and had any family is not known. There is a mention of an Anthony Burros/Burrus in the records of St. Peters Parish, where he applied to the parish for maintenance. "In the year 1696 in the vestry meeting, we find Anthony Burros, stricken blinde and his wife very ancient, and ye said Anthony addressing himself to this vestry for maintenance." This could hardly be the original settler, but possibly a son or grandson. This Anthony was a large landowner and gave everything to the Parish. His land was in Lancaster or Richmond County. They had no children. Anthony Burros/Burrus lived in the part St. Peter's Parish that fell into St. Paul's Parish when it was cut off from St. Peter's in 1704. In 1720 when Hanover County was formed from New Kent, St. Paul's Parish was contained within Hanover Co. (Refs: The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties Virginia, Virginia State Library and Archives, reprint edition, Richmond, 1989. The Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish,

**Hanover County Virginia**, Virginia State Library and Archives, reprint edition, Richmond, 1989). See also YORK COUNTY-(MKB).

In 1634 Christopher Burroughs received 200 acres for the transportation of four people, himself, brother William, sister Ann, and a servant John Phillips. This family settled in what became Norfolk County. Christopher gave a deposition in 1642 that he was 30 years old, or born in 1612. This became a very large land-owning family and very prominent in the early days. It seems this is the family that migrated down the eastern seaboard into North Carolina. The name is spelled many different ways.

#### **John Barrow.**

On 3 May 1653, John Burrous received 386 acres of land in Surry County, on the south side of James river for the transportation of six people.

#### **Thomas Burrows.**

In Lancaster County, a tract of land was assigned to David Fox and William White. Then it was assigned to Thomas Burrows, and in 1655, the land was assigned to Walter Dickenson. In 1661, the same land was assigned to John Burrow. The exact details are not clear, but about 2,300 acres became the property of John Burrow.

#### **John Barrow**

In 1642, 1652, 1654, 1665 and 1666, John Barrow (Barrows, Burrow, Burrous) is listed as arriving in America and is believed to be the same person. He received a vast amount of land for the transportation of other people to Virginia. This appears to be the John Burrus found in King William County with untold thousands of descendants today.

On 13 Oct 1670, Patent Book 6, Page 326. John Burrous received 1,500 acres of land on the freshes of Rappahannock River on both sides. It includes the land of Thos. Luceos and Clement Herbest. This appears to be Old Rappahannock County, later Lancaster or Richmond and Essex counties.

#### **John Burrows.**

25 Apr 1701, Patent Book 9, Page 358. John Burrows received 439 acres on "Pamunkey Neck" in King and Queen County for the transportation of 9 persons. This was on St. Johns Creek (also known as Mr. Johns' Creek, Johns Creek and Jack's Creek), which

later became St. John's Parish in King William County. The name is sometimes Burroughs and Burrus. We have found more descendants of this John Burrus as this family was prominent in Caroline, Louisa, Orange, Albemarle, Amherst and Madison counties.

Just how these people are related, if, indeed, they are, we have been unable to determine.

The name Burris/Burrus/Burroughs, etc. is spelled twenty-one different ways, all in the same family. There seems to be something in their genetic makeup that gives them a wanderlust or the desire to move on. They were among the first to come to America, in Virginia; the first to move west to the wilderness which later became Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Henry, Patrick, Grayson, and Trazwell counties in Virginia; the first to move into the western part of North Carolina; the first to move into Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky; and the first to move to Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and points west. In many ways this is one of the first families in America.

## **VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS**

Land was given in payment for the transportation of people to America, as there was a surplus of land and a shortage of labor. A good number came as "Redemptioners" who redeemed by labor the cost of passage. In England recruiting agents found the people willing to emigrate to a new life. To fill a ship, sometimes they kidnapped boys and even adults. Many were convicts guilty of murder, rape, robbery, burglary, horse and sheep stealing, and grand larceny. A good number came from debtor prisons. One history source said about 50,000 convicts were sent to Virginia and Maryland. Many times they were the property of a ship captain or the person who paid their passage and were sold to others to work out the cost of transportation.

### **LAND PATENT BOOKS**

1. 20 Sep 1628, Book 1, Page 62. Isabill Perry, 200 acres within the Corp. of James City at the south side of plantation called Paces Paine on land of John Burrowes, now in the tenure of John Smith.

2. 2 Dec 1628, Book 1, Page 69. John Laydon, ancient planter, 100 acres of Eastside Blunt Point Creek, granted by lease by William Cooksey, the same from land now in the tenure of Anthony Burrowes.

3. 4 May 1634 Book 1, Page 341. Christopher Burroughs, 200 acres Eliz. Citty County, P. 341. Nly. on land of Capt. Adam

Throughgood, ely on the river Chesopeiacke. Alis Lyn Haven, sly. along same & Wly. into the main woods. 50 acs for his own personal adventure, 50 acs for trans. of his brother William Burroughs, 50 acs for trans. of his sister Ann Burroughs, & 50 acs for trans. of a servant, called John Phillips. (This appears to be the date of the arrival of Christopher Burroughs with Brother William and Sister Ann. See **NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**)-(JWB).

4. 7 July 1635, Book 1, Page 208. Thomas Harwood, 1,500 acres, Wareesquioake County, for trans. for 30 persons ... Matthew Burrows, and others.

5. 5 May 1636, Book 1, Page 343. John Laydon, 200 acres, Warwick River County, 100 acres adj. Persimmon Ponds. Wife mentioned but not by name. (John Laydon married Ann Burrowes, first bride in Virginia. See **DOCUMENTATION OF THE EARLY BURRIS, BURRUS, BURROUGHS, ETC. FAMILY IN VIRGINIA, 1608 TO 1808 - TWO HUNDRED YEARS.**)-(JWB).

6. 21 Feb 1638, Book 1, Page 628. Christopher Burrough, 200 acres Low County of New Norf. W. side of Lynhaven River. Due for trans. of 4 persons.

7. 28 Jun 1639, Book 1, Page 661. William Davis, 1,200 acres, James City North, due for trans. of 24 persons ... Mathew Burrow, and others.

8. 20 Aug 1642, Book 1, Page 808. Thomas Say, 350 acres in Mobjeck Bay, at Sayes Point, trans. of 7 persons ... Mathew Burras, and others.

9. 11 Nov 1642, Book 1, Pag 858. John Sweete patented 650 acres for transportation of 13 persons, John Barrow and John Berry, and others. (These two names are mentioned later as land owners.)

10. 6 Mar 1647, Book 1, Page 112. Jonathan Gills, 450 acres, Northampton County trans. of 9 persons ... Roger Burrough, and others.

11. 8 Mar 1648, Book 1, Page 164. Christopher Burrowes 150 acres, Lower Norfolk County, known by the name of Burrowes his old plantation. Beginning at a point next Burrowes Island, etc., trans. for 3 persons.

12. 7 Nov 1651, Book 2, Page 347. Christopher Burroughs, 354 acres in Linhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk County. Beg. on his land near a marsh, etc. Trans. 7 persons.

13. 28 July 1652, Book 3, Page 195. Thomas Glascock patented 600 acres in Lancaster County for transportation of 8 persons, John Barrom and others.
14. 26 Oct 1652, Book 3, Page 122. Augustine Warner, 2,500 acres, south side of Peanketank River, etc. Trans. 50 persons ... Henry Burrage.
15. 6 Dec 1652, Book 1, Page 151. Savill Gaskins, 250 acres, Low. Norf. County in Linhaven Parish, by Burroughs land.
16. 4 July 1653, Book 3, Page 18. Samil. Bonam, 300 acres, Northumberland County. Trans. 6 persons ... Eliz. Burrowes.
17. 7 Sep 1654, Book 3, Page 283. John Wyre patented 4,000 acres on freshes of Rappahannock River for the transportation of 80 persons, John Barrow and others.
18. 20 Aug 1655, Book 3, Page 365. Walter Dickenson, 500 acres, Lancaster County West side of Corotoman River, 300 acres granted unto Thomas Borrows, who assigned same to sd. Dickenson.
19. 15 Dec 1655, Book 4, Page 3. Dr. Giles Mode, 1,000 acres, New Kent County on east side of Mettopony River. Trans. 20 persons ... Kath Burris.
20. 15 Dec 1656, Book 4, Page 55. John Bromfield, 1,200 acres, James City near head of Archers Hope Creek, formerly granted to Wm. Davis 27 Mar 1643, who died testate. Said Bromfield married the relict of said Davis, etc. Trans. 24 persons ... Mathew Burrowes. (Widow of John Burrowes, Bridget Buck, married second, William Davis, third, John Bromfield. It does not appear that she had any children by any of her three husbands.)-(JWB).
21. 3 Mar 1657, Book 4, Page 371. George Read, 2,000 acres, Westmoreland County on South side Potomac River, etc. Trans. 40 persons ... Kath. Burrowes (The Library of Virginia offers digital images of the land patent books online. A review of this particular patent shows that the names of the 40 persons as listed in Cavaliers and Pioneers does not appear in the patent book. It's unknown where the compiler, Nell Marion Nugent, obtained the list of names.)-(MKB).
22. 25 Sep 1665, Book 5, Page 396. Nich. Copeland patented 1,589 acres on North side of Rappahannock River for transportation of 32 persons, John Barron and others.

23. 19 Jul 1666, Book 5, Page 531. Thomas Bulton patented 3,650 acres, Rappahannock County, for the transportation of 73 persons, John Burrow and others.

24. 17 Mar 1667, Book 6, page 115. Mr. William Woodward & John Borrass, 179 ac. New Kent Co. N. side of Yorke Riv. On Mr. Woodward's land, beg. By Mr. Johns Cr. &c. to Manskin Path &c. (The following names appear hereunder: Wm. Shepphard, Emanuel Mason, Rich. Scondrett, Edward Howard, m. Donn, James Goffe (or Gosse), Jacob Parry, Kathe. Whitney. Last 4 rights due to Mr. Clayborne. Johns Creek (Jacks Creek) is a tributary to the Pamunkey River about 5 miles upstream from the present day Pamunkey Indian Reservation. When King William Co. was created, this land became Kg. William land. Wm. Woodward was an Indian interpreter and received a large land patent from the Queen of the Pamunkey Indians who wanted him to be close by. This is part of the same land left by John Burrus of Kg. Wm. Co. to his sons.)- (SSS)

25. **LDS Film 0029319:** 3 May 1653, Book 3, Page 249. Sold to John Barrow 386 acres, Surry County, Virginia, on southwest side of Chipoaks Creek south side of James River for the transportation of six persons, William Muirrall, Toby West, Anthoe Barloy, Richard Branie, Anne Morrell, and Susan Harrington. Payment to be made in seven years.

(21 Apr 1695, Book 8, Page 412. The above land was deserted and granted to Adam Heath.)

26. 23 Mar 1659, Book 4, Page 290. 737 acres patented to John Barrow located on the freshes of Rappahannock River on South side of Occapson Creek.

(10 Dec 1663, Book 5, Page 311. Sold the above land to Jno. Johnson.)

27. 6 Oct 1658, Book 4, Page 374. John Barrow granted 450 acres, 347 acres formerly granted to Col. Henry. Transportation of 9 persons.

(22 Jun 1664, Book 5, Page 375. The above land was sold to Wm. Mosse.)

28. **LDS Film 0029320.** 13 Nov 1662, Book 4, Page 167 (108) (605). John Burros patented 943 acres; 643 acres on west side of a gutt and running on the north west side of Colemans thickett, 300 acres being marsh land and lying before said tract. First patented to Walter Dickenson 6 Sep 1654 and sold to Alexander Fleming, who assigned 600 acres to said Barrow. Due for the transportation of

6 persons, Edward Gooch, Mary Powell, Ann Williams, Tho. Carew, Jno. Martin, and Edward Fouch.

29. 24 Mar 1665, Book 4, Page 392. John Barrow granted 737 acres on the freshes of Rappahannock River on the south side of Corotoman Creek, transportation of 15 persons.

30. 25 Sep 1665, Book 5, Page 468 (407). 600 acres patented to John Burrow on the freshes of Rappahannock River on south west side of Powmansend Creek. Transportation of 12 persons, Ann Burrow and others. (Is Ann Burrow a relative, wife or?-(JWB)

31. **LDS Film 0029508.** 14 May 1662, Book 6, Page 326. John Burrow received 1,500 acres on the Freshes and on South side of Rappahannock River. Adj. the land of Thos. Luceas and Clement Herbest. Granted to Henry Berry and assigned to said Barrow 14 Mar 1662, and confirmed to him by order 23 Mar 1665.

(21 Oct 1687, Book 7, Page 599. The above 1,500 acres was sold first to George Jones and last to Ralph Wormelly.)

32. 18 May 1668, Book 4, Page 170. George Browneing, 189 acres, Henrico County on south side of James River. Trans. of 4 persons ... Wm. Burrowes.

33. 10 Oct 1670, Book 4, Page 321. Lancaster Lovett, 1,200 acres, Low. Norf. County. Beony Burrows, name mentioned as land owner.

34. 7 Apr 1671, Book 6, Page 352. Thomas Ludwell, 2,994 acres, Henrico County, on south side of Chickahominy Swamp. Trans. for 60 persons ... Tho. Burroughs.

35. 22 Oct 1671, Book 6, Page 379. Beony Burrough. 944 acres, Low. Nolf. County in Lynhaven Parish, near head of Bennett's Creek, N. of Adam Thorowgood on the N. side of a beaver pond formerly called Nedham Marsh; adj. Lambert and that was sd. Thorowgood and now Wm. Smith's etc. 590 acres part granted to Fra. Yardly 28 Jul 1648, sold to Christopher Burrough, 1 Jun 1652 and due said Benoni as heire to his dec'd father, 354 acres granted to sd. Christopher 7 Nov 1651.

36. 23 Oct 1673, Book 6, Page 471. Richd. Jones, Sr., 400 acres, Low Norf. County. Trans. 8 persons ... Modling Burrow.

37. 28 Oct 1673, Book 6, Page 480. Hugh Lee, 1,374 acres, Charles City, South side Appomattock River. Trans. 27 persons ... John Burrage.



38. 27 Oct 1673, Book 6, Page 480. Major Francis Epes, 927 acres Henrico County N. side Appomattock River. Trans. 20 persons ... Wm. Burroughs.
39. 8 May 1674, Book 2, Page 516. Geo. Morris, 3,000 acres, New Kent County. Trans. for 60 persons ... Nich. Burras.
40. 20 Apr 1682, Book 7, Page 160. Gwen Gawin, 1,000 acres, New Kent County on south side of Totopotomoyo Creek. Trans. for 20 persons ... Tho. Barrow.
41. 20 Apr 1682, Book 7, Page 162. James Atwood, 700 acres, Middlesex County, upon Dragon Swamp. Trans. 20 persons ... Katherine Burris.
42. 20 Nov 1683, Book 7, Page 347. Bennony Burrowes sold 20 acres to John Woodard.
43. 21 Oct 1684, Book 7, Page 404. William Young, 998 acres, Rappa River. Trans. of 11 persons ... Lewis Burrow.
44. 27 Apr 1686, Book 7, Page 497. Thomas Terrey, 1,000 acres, New Kent County on north side Mattaponi River. Trans. of 20 persons ... William Burrows.
45. 30 Oct 1686, Book 7, Page 514. New Kent County. Joseph Haile patented land next to where John Barrow lived.
46. 20 Oct 1688, Book 7, Page 676. Argall Thorough, 700 acres, Low. Norf. County, in Lynhaven Parish, part of 150 acres granted to Xopher Burroughs 7 Nov 1651 & by Benoni his son and heire. (Xopher" probably means Christopher.)-(JWB)
47. 29 Apr 1692, Book 8, Page 129. Arthur Allen, 1,000 acres, Surry County, implant of 20 persons ... Jona. Burrows. ("Jona." probably means Jonathan.)
48. 29 Apr 1693, Book 8, Page 375. Benony Burroughs, 150 acres, Princess Anne County, near N. Brs of Currittuck. Implant of 3 persons.
49. 6 Jun 1699, Book 9, Page 212. Thomas Ewell, Princess Anne County, by (inquisition?) under Beoni Burroughs, Deputy Esch'r.
50. 25 Apr 1701, Book 9, Page 358. John Burrows 439 acres in Pamunkey Neck, King and Queen County, in St. John's Parish, on west side of Johns Creek. Imp. of 9 persons. Chr: Bailey, Eliza Linsey, Elinor Mason, Mary Snideley, Marshall Core,

Jane Collings, Diana Norfolk, Robert Brooks. (King William County formed 1702 from King and Queen. This is the same John Burrus found in King William County, father of John, Edmund, Jacob, William, Charles, Thomas.)

51. 24 Apr 1703, Book 9, Page 531, King and Queen County. John Pigg patented land next to where John Barrow lived.

(This appears to be the earliest family in America that we have a record of. For more information see **KING WILLIAM COUNTY.**)-(JWB)

52. 3 Dec 1714, Book 10, Page 224. William Brown, 430 acres, Isle of Wight, on south side of the main Blackwater Swamp. Implant of 9 persons ... Thos. Burrows.

53. 25 Dec 1714, Book 10, Page 226. Thomas West, 1,615 acres, King William County, border William Burrous land. (William Burrous, son of John Burrows).

54. 15 Jul 1717, Book 10, Page 340. William Rives, 206 acres, Prince George County, implant 5 persons ... Isabell Barrough.

55. 15 Jul 1717, Book 10, Page 342. William Caleb, 119 acres, Prince George County, on south side of Blackwater Swamp. Implant of 3 persons: Eliza Peebles, Martha Stewart and Philip Burrough.

56. 17 Aug 1725, Book 12, Page 316. Thomas Moss, 400 acres Henrico County, south side of James River, and on head of Cross Swamp. Implant of 8 persons: Richard Rawlney, Jane Shoare, Mary Powell, Alice Price, Mary Birge, John Burrows, Mary Burrows, Elizabeth Hugly.

57. 24 Mar 1725, Book 12, Page 366. Jacob Burros, 400 acres, new land, King William County in St. John's Parish, on east side of the Rangers parth. 40 shill. (This appears to be the son of John Burrus of King William County.)-JwB)

58. 23 Jul 1728, Book 13, Page 268. Augustin Moore, 6,950 acres, Jacob Burrous line mentioned.

59. 15 Mar 1735, Book 17, Page 28. Jacob Burrus of Caroline County, 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. beginning in Burruses corner, George Bracks line, on both sides of Hickory Creek.

60. 15 Mar 1735, Book 17, Page 29. Jacob Burrus of Caroline County, 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. Col. Symes and George Bracks corner, John Aylells line.

61. 15 Mar 1735, Book 17, Page 28. Thomas Burrow, 250 acres for 25 shillings in the Isle of Wight County, on the south side of (Nottorway ?) River. Corner of said Burrows other land and Wm. Turners.
62. 16 Jun 1738, Book 18, Page 18. Thomas Burrow, 350 acres for 35 shillings in Prince George County, at the head of Pond's River, Richardson's line.
63. 24 Mar 1740, Book 19, Page 925. William Burrus, 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. Both sides of the north fork of Moremans River, Major Henrys corner.
64. 30 Aug 1743, Book 21, Page 463. John Burrough, 250 acres for 25 shillings in Prince George County. Head branches of Harry's Swamp adjoining Thomas Wilkinsons and Joseph Tucker.
65. 12 Jan 1747, Book 28, Page 288. Thomas Barrow, 120 acres for 15 shillings in Isle of Wight County. N side of (Wiskorrin ?) River, Cooks Swamp, Richard Taylor and Joshua Clands lines.
66. 12 Jul 1750, Book 30, Page 192. John Burrow, 344 acres for 35 shillings in Brunswick County. S side of Reedy Creek.
67. 5 Aug 1751, Book 29, Page 494. John Borough, 272 acres for 30 shillings in Brunswick County. S side of Reedy Creek, Lynches River. Line of Thomas Feeman, Edward Roberson, William Welch and Thomas Boles.
68. 16 Aug 1756, Book 33, Page 338. Peter Barrow, 354 acres for 5 shillings in Charles City County. S side of Chickahomony River.
69. 5 Apr 1757, Book 33, Page 349. Thomas Barran, 350 acres for 35 shillings in Southhampton County. N side of Round Hill Swamp. George Woods corner and Benj. Edwards line.
70. 10 Sep 1767, Book 37, Page 63. William Burras, 457 acres in Albemarle County. Both sides of Camp Branch.

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1710-19	Thomas Burrow	10	149	100	Isle of Wight
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1723-26	Jacob Burros (of Caroline County)	12	366	400	King William
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1735-38	Jacob Burrus (of				

	Caroline County)	17	28	400	Hanover
1735-38	Jacob Burrus (of Caroline County)	17	29	400	Hanover
1735-38	Thomas Burrow	17	77	250	Isle of Wight
1738-39	Thomas Burrow	18	18	350	Prince George
1738-39	William Burris	19	925	400	Hanover
1741-42	John Burron	20	294	200	Isle of Wight
1742-43	James Burrough	21	463	250	Prince George
1743-45	John Burrough	23	981	400	Brunswick
1743-45	William Burrow	23	986	375	Prince George
1745-46	John Burrough	27	494	272	Brunswick
1746-49	Thomas Barrow	28	288	120	Isle of Wight
1749-51	John Borough	29	494	272	Brunswick
1750-52	John Burrow	30	192	344	Brunswick
1752-54	John Burrows	31	699	400	Albemarle
1756-61	Peter Barrow	33	338	354	Charles City
1756-61	Thomas Barrow	33	349	350	Southhampton
1761-62	John Burrows	34	503	225	Albemarle
1767-68	William Burrus	37	63	457	Albemarle
1770-71	Philip Burrow	39	350	400	Lunenburg

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(Early settlers with wealth and management skills were able to acquire vast acreage's of land. See **NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA**. Christopher Burroughs seems to be one of those early settlers with enough wealth to acquire land. There is no record found of when he first came to America but it appears it was 1634. There is a possibility that he was the son of John Burrowes; however, no proof has been found that John Burrowes, early settler, had any children.

(Another early arrival was John Burrus who founded a large family. See **KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA**. The other names listed are individuals for whom no definite record can be found.)-(JWB).

We are interested in the following named persons and their descendants:

4 May 1634	Wm. and Ann Burroughs	Norfolk
7 Jul 1635	Matthew Burrows	Kethes Creek
28 Jun 1639	Mathew Burrow	James City County
20 Aug 1642	Mathew Burras	Mojecke Bay
11 Nov 1642	John Barow	Rappahannock
6 Mar 1647	Roger Burrough	Northhampton
26 Aug 1652	Henry Burrage	Cheescake Town
6 Jul 1653	Eliz. Burrowes	Northumberland
20 Aug 1655	Thomas Borrowes	Lancaster
15 Dec 1655	Kath. Burris	New Kent
15 Dec 1656	Mathew Burrowes	James City
3 Mar 1657	Kath. Burrowes	Westmoreland
18 May 1668	Wm. Burrowes	Henrico
7 Apr 1671	Tho. Burroughs	Henrico
23 Oct 1673	Modling Burrow	Norfolk
27 Oct 1673	Wm. Burroughs	Henrico
28 Oct 1673	John Burrage	Charles City
8 May 1674	Nich. Burras	New Kent
10 Apr 1672	Tho. Barrow	New Kent
20 Apr 1682	Katherine Burris	Middlesex
21 Oct 1684	Lewis Burrow	Rappahannock
27 Apr 1686	William Burrows	New Kent
29 Apr 1692	Jona. Burrows	Surry
23 Dec 1714	Thos. Burrows	Isle of Wight
15 Jul 1717	Isabell Burrough	Prince George
15 Jul 1717	Philip Burrough	Prince George
17 Aug 1725	John and Mary Burrows	New Kent

See "Miscellaneous Information" in the following chapter for information from the Virginia Colonial Records Project (Library of Virginia) regarding a Matthew Burrows who was a sea captain which may account for some of his headrights entries.

In October 1633, the ships "Ark" and "Dove" sailed from England to Maryland by way of Barbados, St. Christopher's island and Virginia where they arrived at Point Comfort on 27 Feb 1633/1634. They remained in Virginia for eight or nine days before resuming their voyage to Maryland. Listed among the passengers was MATHEW BURROWES. (Author, Hester Dorsey Richardson, Side-Lights on Maryland History with Sketches of Early Maryland Families, 2 vols., Baltimore, 1913, reprinted by Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, MD, 1967.) - (MKB)

## **DOCUMENTATION OF THE EARLY BURRIS, BURRUS, BURROUGHS, ETC. FAMILY IN VIRGINIA 1608 TO 1850 - TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS**

**"Genealogy Records Without Documentation Are Not Records At All."**  
- Alice Wright Petersen.

(Any number of genealogists have claimed John Burrowes was the progenitor of all the Burrus, Burris, Burrows, etc. in America. The following is taken from records and tells a different story.)

1. John Burrowes (Burrows) had come to Virginia 1608 with the Second Supply, his venture having been financed by Robert Gaile who, upon failing to receive a return upon his investment, petitioned the Virginia Company in London to require Burrowes to give satisfaction.

By 1624/25, when the census was taken, Burrowes was living at his plantation, "Burrowes Mount" or "Burrowes Hill," on the south side of James River. This plantation was later held by John Smith. In August 1626 John Burrowes petitioned the Governor and Council for permission to "seat himself upon the neck of land neere James City" in order to care for the cattle "due Mara Buck, daughter of Richard Buck," his ward. But John Burrowes did not long survive for he was fatally stabbed 1 Jan 1627/28. (For an account of John Burrows' death see Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, ed. by H. R. McIlwaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Virginia State Library, Richmond, 1979, pp 183-184.)

Bridget (Buck) Burrowes married (2) William Davis and (3) John Bromfield.

## 2. **Musters of Virginia, 1624**

Mr. John Burrowes  
Bridgett, his wife  
Mara Buck, aged 13 years  
Servants  
John Cooke, aged 27 years  
Nicholas Gouldfinch, aged 19 years  
John Bradston (in original, "aged 18 years" was lined out.)  
Thomas Thorowgood, aged 17 years  
Ellias Gaile, aged 14 years  
Andrew Howell, aged 19 years  
Ann Ashley, aged 19 years  
Corne, 12 barrells; fish, 12 hundred; Peeces, 4; Shott,  
150 lbs; Armorers, 4; Neat Cattell, 4; Swine, 4; Kidds,  
2; Houses, 2; boat, 1. The Cattell belonging to Mr. Buck  
children; Neat Cattell, young and old, 30; Goats, 18;  
Kidds, 5.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, 1607-1624/5, ed. by Virginia  
M. Meyer and John F. Dorman, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Richmond, 1987, p 33).

The Original Lists of Persons of Quality; and Others Who Went  
from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700.ed. by  
John Camden Hotten, Chatto and Windus, Publishers, London,  
England, 1874, reprinted by G.A. Baker & Co., Inc., New York,  
1931-(MKB)

### **List of the Living and the Dead, Jamestown, 16 Feb 1623/1624:**

#### **Living at James Cittye**

Mr. John Burrows  
Mrs. Burrows  
Anthony Burrows

#### **Living at West and Sherlow Hundred**

Anthony Burrows

3. William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 16, Page 222. John Burrows  
who married Bridget, widow of Rev. Richard Buck. (This appears to  
be a mistake as most agree that John Burrows married the daughter  
of the Rev. Richard Buck.)-(JWB)

4. Vol. 16, Page 223. John Burrows sold his rights to Burrows  
Hill to John Smith. After John Burrows left Surry County his  
family settled in Princess Anne County. Benoni Burrows was living  
in Norfolk County about 1700. It's known that Smith rented the land  
from Burrows [Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol 25, p 114] prior  
to Burrows' death in 1628, and it's assumed that Burrows did sell



to Smith but if so the deed was lost with other Jamestown records. John Smith later was the owner of "Smith's Mount" which is mentioned in three patents [Nugent, PB 1, pt. I, pp 221, 293; PB 1, pt. II, p 625] and is thought to have been the same land as "Burrows' Mount" or "Burrows' Hill." After the death of John Smith the overseers of his estate sold 250 acres of land which included "Smith's Mount" to Col. Henry Browne who established "Four Mile Tree" plantation on this site [John Bennett Bodie, Author, Southside Virginia Families, p 109]. In the Muster of 1624/25, John Smith, his wife Susanna and their son Francis, age one year, were listed at Burrows' Hill (Adventurers of Purse and Person, 1607-1624/5, ed. by Virginia M. Meyer and John F. Dorman, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Richmond, 1987, p 38.)-(MKB)

5. Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 19, Page 235. Mrs. Buck died about the same time as her husband, Rev. Richard Buck. At the census 1624/25, daughter Mara Buck, age 13, was with John Burrows at James City.

6. John Burrows and his wife Bridget lived at James City 1624/25.

7. Vol. 19, Page 236. Mrs. Bridget Broomfield, late widow of John Burrows, has been one of the guardians of the children of Rev. Richard Buck. Christopher Burroughs, who was a prominent man in Lower Norfolk County 1640-52, had a son Benoni, so it is probable the family was related to Rev. Richard Buck.

8. Vol. 19, Page 388. John Burrows, Gentleman, mentioned. "Mr. John Burrows" and Bridget, his wife, were living at Jamestown in 1625; but he also had a plantation called Burrows Hill on the south side of the river near Paces Plains where he had six men implanted.

9. Vol. 19, Page 389. Nicolas Goldsmith, servant to Mr. Burrow, swore a statement.

10. Vol. 21, Page 50. Mr. Burrows mentioned as "ye provost marshal" in the case related to Mara Buck being stolen away.

11. 10 Jan 1625, Vol. 25, Page 114. John Smith to tender two capons to Mr. John Burrows being dew unto him for his rents. Mr. Burrows refused to receive. (John Burrows had rented his land to John Smith.)

12. 1625, Vol. 25, Page 122. Mr. John Burrows at this court desireth to have one hundred and fytie acres of land for three servants, Nicholas Goldsmith, William Burfoote and Sara Bowman. (Court agreed.)

13. Vol. 28, Page 28. John Cooke committed to prison. John Cooke, age 27, was in 1624/25 a servant of Mr. John Burrows of James City.

14. Vol. 16, Page 12. The Territory of Tappanna over against James City, John Burrows has 150 acres planted.

15. 10 Mar 1625, Vol. 23, Page 9. Names of coroners inquest: impaneled, John Burrows.

16. 3 Jan 1625, Vol. 24, Page 349. Court held Anthony Burrows, Gentleman, swore a statement.

17. May 1636, Vol. 5, Page 924. Christopher Burroughs, 200 acres in Elizabeth City County. (See **NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**)

18. (From the previous records it appears John Burrows had no children or they would be mentioned in the **Musters of Virginia, 1624** Other genealogy researchers gave his children as Anthony, John and Christopher. Anthony gave his age at the 1624/25 census as 44 years old. He could possibly be a brother of John, but hardly a son. Christopher, first mentioned in 1634, also gave a deposition in 1642, where he stated he was 30 years old, or born 1612, possibly a son of John.)

(Anthony Burrows could be a brother as he was born about 1580 and came to Jamestown aboard the GEORGE, 1617, after John Burrowes. No record of a John, Jr. It does not appear Bridget had children by any of her three husbands.)-(JWB)

19. (Records show Ann Burras, age 14, arrived in the Colony in 1608 with the "Second Supply" on the MARY MARGARET, a maid to Mrs. Thomas Forrest. Since Ann was the only single white female in Virginia, she automatically became desirable for a wife. After a few months of courtship, she consented to become the bride of John Laydon, who was fourteen years her senior. There was no known minister in Virginia at that time and it is presumed the marriage ceremony was a civil one. This was the first marriage of two white people in Virginia. John and Ann Laydon's first child was named Virginia, first white to be born in Virginia and named for the Colony. John and Ann had three more children, Alice, Katherine and Margaret. They all survived the great Indian massacre in 1622 and eventually gained possession of 900 acres of land. What happened to this family is not known. We have found no known connection between Ann Burras and John Burrows or any other family in America.

20. On Page 48 of the Brockman Scrapbook, he said, "John Burrows, of Burrows Mount, England, came to James City County, Virginia, probably between 1635 and 1650. The names of his children are unknown, except one son, John." (We can find no record of a son John by this John Burrows.)

21. **Jamestown, Virginia, Burris/Burrus, etc. on the Second Supply**

John Burras	1608
Ann Burras	1608, Maid to Mistress Forrest
John Burre	Laborer

A. 1636. John Burrows, age 18, aboard the CONSTANCE, bound for Virginia. (This may be the John Burrows to which William Everett Brockman had reference in the Brockman Scrapbook.)

B. 1654/63. During these years John Burris and William Burris of Sandicillis went to Virginia.

C. 1663. John Burris arrived in Virginia.

D. 1679. John Burris arrived in Barbados.

**MISCELLANEOUS DATA**

Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, ed. by H. R. McIlwaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Virginia State Library, Richmond, 1979, pp 71 & 77;

In Sep 1625, Two boys, Thomas Hackthorpe and ROBERT BURROWS, who were brought to Jamestown as servants on the ship "Elizabeth" by Richard Page, were the subjects of a property dispute. The General Court at Jamestown declared ROBERT BURROWS was to be sold to Abraham Persie (Piersey)-(MKB).

Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660, Peter Wilson Coldham, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1987, p 432:

23 Aug 1659: William Pollard of Chard, Som, yeoman, bound to ROBERT BURRUS, mariner, to serve 3 years in Virginia-(MKB).

**Virginia Colonial Records Project,**

Library of Virginia website, digital images database, can be viewed at <http://leo.vsla.org> as of 1999. These are British records that indicate a connection to colonial Virginia-(MKB)

Survey Report No. 8677

Depository: Public Record Office (England)

Class E 190/1148/1

Title: Exchequer Kings Remembrancer Port Books. Bristol.  
Controller Overseas  
Dates: 1686-1687

"Ships from Virginia with tobacco . . ."  
25 May (ships) "Bristol Merchant," "Delaware," CHARLES BURROWS  
master

Survey Report No. 4118  
Depository: Public Record Office  
Class: P.C.1/47 Part I  
Title: Records of the Privy Council Office  
Dates: 1704-1713, 1715  
Bundle Colonial 1709, No. 11:  
"Petition of owners and freighters of 20 ships to the Queen. No  
date. Endorsed, read 3 February 1708/9. Ask that their ships may  
be allowed to leave the Plantations without embargo. The following  
ships are sailing to Virginia . . . 'Diamond Gally,' master - JOHN  
BURROUGHS . . ."

Survey Report No. 3757 Revised  
Depository: Public Records Office  
Class: E.190/52/6  
Title: Port Books, Port of London; Searchers; Coastal Outwards  
from London  
Dates: 29 Dec 1668 - 28 Dec 1669  
(page 24) "24 Nov 1669. In the 'William and Thomas' of Ipswich; Jn  
Lambly, mr.; for Ipswich;  
JN. BURROWES and Co., 16 hhds.(hogsheads of tobacco), 1 barrel  
cont. 7,550 lbs. Virginian tobacco."

Survey Report No. 3692  
Depository: Public Record Office  
Class: E.190/44/1  
Title: Port Book. Port of London. Searcher.  
Dates: Christmas 1639 - Christmas 1640  
"This document records exports by both aliens and denizens, for  
the year 1639-1640 . . ."  
Folio 13  
15 Jan, (ship) 'Alexander'; (origin) London; (Master) MAT.  
BURROWES; (destination) R; (shipper) Edm. Marshall; (lbs. tobacco)  
2200;

Folio 176  
25 Apr, (ship) 'Concord'; (origin) London; (Master) MAT. BURROWS;  
(destination) R; (shipper) Si. Turgis; (lbs. tobacco) 5900-(MKB).

## ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Albemarle County, Virginia, was formed in 1744 from Goochland and Louisa Counties. The county seat is Charlottesville, 22901.

### LAND PATENTS

1. 24 Mar 1740, Book 19 Page 905. William Burrus, 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. Both sides of the north fork of Moremans River, Major Henrys corner.
2. 10 Sep 1755, Book 31, Page 699. John Burrows 400 acres on the branches of Moors Creek.
3. 20 Aug 1760, Book 33, Page 858. William Burress 195 acres on branch of Byrd Creek.
4. 10 Jun 1760, Book 34, Page 503. John Burras 225 acres on the north branch of Buck Island Creek. Martin Dawson corner and Edward Carter line.
5. 10 Sep 1767, Book 37, Page 65. William Burras 457 acres on both sides of Camp Creek.

### LAND SURVEYS

From Albemarle County, Virginia Surveyor's Plat Book 1, abstracted from Virginia Archives microfilms #392(114A) and 393 1744-1755, Chester R. Johnson, Hurst, TX, 1997.

The format is as follows (page number reference is from the plat books)-(MKB)

Page#	Grantee	Survey date	Acres	Notes, neighbors, etc
68.	Peter Cursey	28 Feb 1747	175	Sam Davis, DAVD (sic) BURRIS, D.Parrot, Thos Hunt, John Thurwood, on brs of the Byrd.
83.	Wm Bishop	13 Jun 1749	400	James Still, HENRY BURRUS?, on south brs of Hardware River.
115.	John Grills	15 Sep 1749	319	David Lewis, JOHN Burrough, on brs of Moores Creek.
116.	JOHN BURGHS	12 Nov 1749	400	on Moores Creek.

163. WILLIAM BURROS 15 Mar 1750 298 Burros own lines on both sides of Camp Branch of Buck Island Creek of the south side of the Rivanna River.

167. HENRY BURROS 12 Mar 1750 159 on both sides of Camp Branch of Buck Island Creek.

From Albemarle County, Virginia Land Grants Surveyor's Book 1, Part 2, 1756-1790, Chester R. Johnson, Hurst, TX, 1999.

104. Dudley, Geo Jr 2 Apr 1774 368.25 JOHN BURRUS, Edw Carter, C.Christian

147. Wingfield, Chas 25 Feb 1782 389 Giles Allegree, JOHN BURRIS, Col Edward Carter

From Albemarle County, Virginia Land Grants Surveyor's Book 2, 1791-1853, Chester R. Johnson, Hurst, TX, 1999:

93. BURRUSS, PETER 12 Oct 1807 27 Jos. McGehee, GILES ALLEGREE, F.Wingfield-(MKB).

#### LAND RECORDS

1. 11 July 1743, Louisa County Deed Book A, Pages 90-92. William Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, to John Starke of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, for 25 pounds current money, 400 acres in Fredericksville Parish. On both sides of the north fork of Moreman's River, Maj. Henry's corner. Signed W. Burrus. (Moreman's River is in the western part of Albemarle County. For more information on this William Burrus, see **NAMES FOR WHICH WE CANNOT FIND A PARENT.**)

2. 16 Aug 1756, Book 2, Pages 93-94. Samuel Taliaferro sold to John Burriss, for four pounds lawful money, 225 acres, patent. Martin Dawson corner, tree to tree survey.

At a Court held for Culpeper County the eighth day of March 1759. This indenture receipt and memorandum thereon endorsed were acknowledged by Samuel Taliaferro, party thereto, and ordered to be recorded. (Not sure who this John Burriss is)-(JWB)

3. 3 Dec 1758, Book 2, Page 3. Samuel Taney sold to John Burriss, 205 acres for 4 pounds lawful money of Virginia. (Same John as above.)

4. 11 Jun 1761, Book 2, Page 65. Martin Dawson sold to John Burrus 300 acres on south side of the branch of Buck Island Creek for 50 pounds current money. Wit, John Watkins, John Coleman and George Anderson. (Same John as above. Lived on Buck Island Creek all his life.)

5. 1763, Book 3, Page 339. John Borrows sold to Henry Wood 110 acres on branches of Moore's Creek for 26 pounds current money of Virginia. Signed John (J) Borrows. Wit: Samuel Boyd and others. (No wife mentioned. Must be same John as above.)

6. 6 Jul 1768, Book 3, Page 39. David Howlin sold to William Burris 90 acres of land, more or less, together with all houses, orchards and appurtenances, at the head of Taylor Creek Lynches for 30 pounds current money.

7. 1769, Book 5, Page 115. William Burrus to Charlie Hudson, 195 acres for 60 pounds on branches of Taylors Creek, same land William Burrus bought from David Howlin. William (MB) Burris.

8. 8 Mar 1770, Book 5, Page 151. John Burrows sold to William Gooch, Jr., 290 acres on Moore's Creek for 60 pounds, money of Virginia. Signed John (J) Burrows. Witnesses: John Henderson, Jr., Charles Wingfield and Nathan (X) Whitlock.

9. 4 May 1770, Book 5, Page 186. David Howlin and William Burris sold to John Tool 195 acres for 60 pounds current money of Virginia located in the Coves of Ragged Mountains at the head of Taylors Creek, with all the houses, orchards and with all the appurtenances. Signed David Howlin and William (M) Burrus.

10. 2 Oct 1772, Book 6, Page 66. William Burrus sold to John Henderson 457 acres, south side of Compe Branch according to survey of 10 Sep 1767 for 12 pounds. William (M) Burrus.

11. 8 Jan 1778, Book 7, Page 204. Martin Burrus, personal to Richard Flint, Jr. (Slave deed).

12. 1 Aug 1780, Book 8, Pages 458-86. Thomas Burrus of Orange County, Virginia, bought from William Bell 800 acres for 10,000 pounds current money of Virginia. Tree to tree survey. (Thomas Burrus, son of Jacob Burrus, Sr., of Caroline County, Virginia. Married (1) Sarah, and (2) Ann. Moved to Surry County, North Carolina.)-(JWB)

13. 22 Dec 1781, Book 7, Page 634. William Kenton and wife Mary sold to Charles Burrus 500 acres for 120 pounds. (Charles Burrus son of Jacob Burrus, Jr., of Caroline County, Virginia.)

14. 12 Sep 1782, Book 8, Page 13. Martin Burrus, Charles Smith and George Smith "at present of Albemarle Co.," gave power of attorney to Wm. Duvall of Louisa County and Joseph Smith of Orange County, re: "matters wherein we are concerned as securities in certain bonds for Alexander McKee." Signed by Charles Smith and George Smith (seals). Martin Burrus did not sign. Wit: (H?) Martin, Jos. Martin, and Hastings (Martin?). Proved in court by "oaths of Valentine and Joseph Martin (as to Charles Smith and George Smith.) ..."

15. 11 Sep 1783, Book 8, Page 98. Martin Burrus and wife Susannah ("Suckey" is used for her name in the body of the deed. - JWB) sell to John Jones (Janes?) 133 acres for 700 pounds, Riversanna Branch, Tollolis Branch mentioned in deed. For diverse good causes and valuable considerations. (No mention of relinquishment of dower with this deed. See **Entry # 19.**)

16. 6 Dec 1785, Page 231. Thomas Burrus and wife Ann sold 715 acres for 400 pounds current money of Virginia to Michael Chatterton. Land on Linches River. Wit: Isaac Davis, Isaac Davis, Jr., John Davis, William Davis and John (X) Creed. Ann signed release of dower in Henry County, Virginia, 2 Sep 1786. (Her daughter Justince was getting married to Stanwix Hord, whose father lived in Henry County.

17. 11 Sep 1786, Book 9, Page 323. John Burrus sold to Peter Burrus 225 acres for 50 pounds. Signed John (J) Burrus. (Peter Burrus, son of John. No wife mentioned.)

18. 1787, Book 9, Page 269. Martin Burrus, per. mortgage from Alex'd McKee.

19. 1789, Book 10, Page 26. Susannah Burrus, right of dower on 133 acres sold to John Jones. (Buyer did not receive a clear title to the land unless the wife released right of dower. Note differences in dates. See **Entry # 15.**)

20. 2 Nov 1789. Thomas Burrus of Surry County, North Carolina, sold to Joseph Goings 85 acres for 14 pounds, 17 shillings, and 6 pence, 85 acres of land in Albemarle County, Virginia. George Webb line and Lynches River. Wit: Richard Starke, Richard Marshall; Martin Marshall, Thomas Jones and John Dowell. Signed Thomas Burrus (seal). Ann did not sign. (See **ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.**)

21. 9 Apr 1791, 11 Nov 1798, Book 13, Page 146. John Burrus and Mary, his wife, sold to Robert Burrus 80 acres for \$100.00.



North part of a larger tract where John and Mary now live with a creek between for the boundary. Signed John (X) Burrus, Mary (X) Burrus. (First time a wife is mentioned for John. Robert is a son.)

22. 9 Apr 1791, Book 10, Page 164. Charles Burrus of Albemarle County to Thomas Ballard for 225 pounds currency 288 acres, on both sides Rocky Creek. (Charles was married three times: 1. Elizabeth Dickenson; 2. Susannah Ballard; and 3. Jane Owens.)

23. 11 Mar 1799, Book 13, Page 148. John and Mary Burrus sold to Walter Burrus 220 acres for 50 pounds, on Buck Island Creek. Border on the west by Robert Burrus and Peter Burrus on the east. Signed John (X) Burrus, Mary (X) Burrus. Wit: Thomas (X) Burrus. (Walter, Peter and Robert, sons of John.)

24. 11 Mar 1799, (Book and Page numbers missing.)-(JWB) Walter Burrus, Albemarle County, Virginia, for \$1,000.00, agreed to keep John and Mary Burrus in sufficient maintenance, both in Victuling and Clothing, during their lives. Signed Walter (X) Burrus. Wit. Thomas (X) Burrus. Recorded July 1799.

25. 2 Feb 1805, Book 15, Page 87. Robert and Judith Burrus and Walter Burrus and wife Mary sold to Charles Lany 63 acres for \$200.00. Located on Buck Island Creek, part of a larger tract where Walter Burrus now lives. All made their mark, X. (Sons of John Burrus.)

26. 1806, Book 15, Page 421. Jacob Burrus sold to Peter Burrus, 26 pounds. (Faded, can't read. Jacob, son of Charles; Peter, son of John.)

27. 1806, Book 15, Page 397. Robert Burrus, Sr., per. trust to David Anderson.

28. 1806, Book 15, Page 458. Celia Burrus per. trust to William B. Garner.

29. 1808, Book 16, Page 358. Nelson Burrus from Clavers Duke. (Nelson Burrus, son of John Burrus, grandson of Jacob Burrus, Jr.)

30. 1814, Book 18, Page 561. Charles Burrus, 51-1/4 acres from William Frailey.

31. 1816, Book 20, Page 135. Charles Burrus, 52-1/4 acres to Clara Evans.

32. 1817, Book 20, Page 395. Charles Burrus, 285 acres from Cresshaw Fretwell.

33. 1819, Book 22, Page 33. Thomas Burrus, 148 acres to Nathaniel Thompson. (This Thomas Burrus sold this land for \$740.00 and moved to Allen County, Kentucky. Joseph Burrus, a witness, also found in Allen County, Kentucky.)

34. 18 Jan 1820, Book 22. Thomas Burrus of Allen County, Kentucky, sold to Nathaniel Thompson of the county of Albemarle, Virginia, 148 acres for \$470.00. Land in Albemarle County. Wit: Joseph Burrus, Roger Thompson and John Thompson. (Joseph Burrus, son of Charles Burrus and Jane Owens.)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS DATA**

1. 21 Apr 1779. Peter and Robert Burrus signed Declaration of Independence, Albemarle County, Virginia. (Obviously not THE Declaration of Independence.)

Albemarle County in Virginia, by Rev. Edgar Woods. Heritage Books, Inc.

2. William and Thomas Burrus moved to Surry County, North Carolina. (No date.)

3. Abraham and Mildred (Burrus) Davis moved to Overton County, Tennessee. (No date).

4. John and Elizabeth (Burrus) Davis moved to Overton County, Tennessee. (No date).

5. Page 75. Durrett Family - Agatha Durrett may have married William Flynt, Stephen K. Smith and ? Burrus. (Sources disagree on who she married and the order of marriages is unknown. Susannah Martin married Martin Burrus.)

6. Under Martin Family, children of Joseph Martin: Sarah, the wife of John Burrus.

7. 29 Mar 1747, Appendix No. 1. Congregation of Rockfish - Orthodox Reformed Presbyterian Church. John Burriss gave 5 shillings, Ivy Creek.

The Brockman Scrapbook, by William Everett Brockman.

8. Page 51. "There are many by the name of Burrus in Albemarle County, including Martin Burrus."

**Inventory of Albemarle and Amherst Counties, 1748-1800, Abstract of Wills**, by Junia E. King, Genealogical Publishing Co.

9. 3 Dec 1760. Will of Joseph Martin. Ex'rs: Isaac Davis, Thomas Burris.

10. 13 Jul 1774. George Martin, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle County. Daughters: Sally Flynt and Susannah Martin. Ex'rs: Isaac Davis, William Martin, Thomas Burris, William Sims.

11. 3 Aug 1768. Between William Dalton and David Hoopes, Church Wardens of Fredericksville Parish, and Martin Burrus, of same. (Guardianship) Bind David Hammock, orphan of Mary Hammock, to serve said Burrus until age 21 years. Signed William Dalton, David Hoops and Martin Burrus. (This was also registered in Louisa County, Virginia.)-(JWB)

**Virginia Publick Claims, Albemarle County**, by Mrs. Janice Albercrombie and Richard Slatten.

12. 11 May 1782. At court held for Albemarle, Thomas Burrus filed claim for reimbursement for "sundrys furnished for Contl. use - 1 pound-1-6c."

13. John Burrus for "190 pounds beef taken by Nicholas Lewis for Contl. use - 1 pound-11c.

14. 14 Jun 1782. Martin Burrus for services granted by CPL. At court held for Albemarle ... Thomas Burrus filed claim for reimbursement for "forage and 14 diets taken by CPL - 2 pounds-12c."

15. 14 Aug 1783. At court held for Albemarle County ... Robert Burrus filed a claim to seek reimbursement for "30 Dietss, 6 bus. corn, and 150# fodder taken by Nicholas Lewis."

16. 4 Sep 1807, Book P. William Frailey, guardianship of Justain Burrus, orphan of Charles Burrus. (Mother, Susannah Ballard, died 22 Feb 1791. Justain born 21 Feb 1791.)

17. 5 Oct 1812. Hawkey Ferguson, guardianship of Martha and Elizabeth Burrus, orphans of Isaac Burrus. (Elizabeth and Martha, daughters of Frances Ferguson Burrus. Isaac not deceased.)

18. Jan 1820. Edmund Davis, guardianship of Elizabeth Burrus, orphan of Charles Burrus. Sec. Dickenson Burrus. (Elizabeth born 16 Jan 1801.)

19. 5 Sep 1831. Charles Burrus, guardianship of Agnes Keaton, orphan of Nelson Keaton. Sec. Nicholas Maupin.

20. 8 Jan 1793-95, Book 41, Page 197. Charles Burrus is appointed surveyor of the road from Buck Mountain Creek up to the fork of the Old Road in the room of John Puthuff with the following male laboring Tythables to keep the same in repair, to-wit: William Furgasons, George Gentries, William Thompson, Zachirah Millas, William Mitchells at his Mill Plantation.

21. 5 Feb 1798 N.S., Page 71, Order Book 175-98, Page 454. On the motion of Daniel Frailey it is ordered by the court that John McClary, Thomas Jones, Thomas Marshall, William Howard, Robert Davis, Charles Burris, George Gentry, William Furguson, William Michie, Thomas Garth and Waddy Thompson be summoned to appear here on the first day of the next Court to show cause why the road petitioned for Daniel Frailey should not be opened agreeable to the report to the viewers therefor.

22. 3 Oct 1798 N.S., Page 79, Order Book 1798-1800, Page 136. On the motion of Daniel Frailey: It is ordered by the court that the road petitioned by the said Frailey to establish agreeable to the report of the viewers from the beginning to Fretwells Store. And Charles Burrus and John McClary, surveyors of the roads with different gangs assigned to them, are directed to open the same.

23. 3 Jul 1809, Page 171, Order Book 1808-1810, Page 136. Hautru Fergason\* is by the court appointed overseer of the road from Buck Mountain Creek to the fork that leads to Rockfish Gap with the usual gang in the room of Charles Burrus and to keep in good repair. (Must mean Hawkey Ferguson.)

24. Dec 1795 N.S., Page 53, Order Book 1795-98, Page 7. Samuel Smithson is appointed surveyor of the road from the new bridge on Hardware River to Colley with the following male laboring tythables to keep the said Road in repair, to-wit: the said Samuel Smithson, Peter Burrus, Robert Burrus, Waller Burrus\*, Thomas Tyler, John Harden, Jr., William Cornelius, Anthony Gianniny, Joseph Price and John Tinnal. Joshua Burrus, Robert Burrus, Jr. (\*Must mean Walter Burrus).

#### **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST 1782:**

1. Free Males Above 21
2. Number of Slaves
3. Number of Cattle
4. Horses, Mares, Colts, Mules
5. Number of Wheels for Riding Carriage
6. Number of Billard Tables
7. Number of Ordinary Licenses
8. Amount of Tax

25. Charles Burrus

1 Male Over 21

3 Slaves

12 Cattle

2 Horses, etc.

Tax: 2 Pounds, 7 Shillings

26. Thomas Burrus

1 Male Over 21

6 Slaves

21 Cattle

8 Horses, etc.

Tax: 4 Pounds, 11 Shillings, 3 Pence

27. Martin Burrus

1 Male Over 21

2 Slaves

20 Cattle

2 Horses, etc.

Tax: 1 Pound, 15 Shillings, 6 Pence

28. John Burrus

1 Male Over 21

8 Cattle

3 Horses, etc.

Tax: 18 Shillings

29. Robert Burrus

1 Male Over 21

9 Cattle

4 Horses, etc.

Tax: 1 Pound, 3 Pence

30. Peter Burrus

1 Male Over 21

9 Cattle

3 Horses, etc.

Tax: 18 Shillings, 3 Pence

**1785 CENSUS**

31. Burrus, Thomas

10 White

32. Burrus, Charles

7 White

33. Burrus, John	6 White
34. Burrus, Peter	11 White (Son of John)
35. Burrus, Robert	3 White (Son of John)

**1800 TAX LIST**

1. Number of White Males
2. Number of Horses
3. Slaves (Taxed Over 16)
4. Slaves (If Taxed Under 16)

36. Burrass, Jacob	1-0-0-0 (Son of Charles)
37. Burrass, John	2-1-1-0
38. Burrass, Peter	1-1-0-0 (Son of John)
39. Burrass, Robert, Jr.	1-1-1-0 (Grandson of John)
40. Burruss, Joshua	1-0-0-0 (Son of Robert, Sr.)
41. Burrass, Nelson	1-1-0-0 (Son of John)
42. Burrass, Charles	2-6-2-0 (Son of Jacob, Jr.)
43. Burrass, Robert, Sr.	1-3-1-0 (Son of John)
44. Burrass, Walter	2-4-0-0 (Son of John)

**1810 CENSUS:**

45. Burris, Charley

1 Male 45+  
 1 Male 10-16  
 1 Female 45+  
 2 Females 16-26  
 2 Females 10-16  
 1 Female 0-10

46. Burris, Nelson

1 Male 26-45  
 6 Males 0-10  
 1 Female 45+  
 1 Female 1-10

## **1820 CENSUS**

47. Burrus, John

1 Male 26-45  
1 Male 10-26  
1 Male 0-10  
1 Female 26-45

### **POSSIBLE JOHN BURRIS FAMILY:**

This John Burris/Burrus appears to have been born 1730-40. His wife was Mary (Dickenson)

John Burris first bought land, 205 acres, in Albemarle County, Virginia, 4 Dec 1758, for four pounds. On Jun 1761 he bought 300 acres on Buck Island Creek fifty pounds current money. He lived on Buck Island Creek land for the rest of his life.

On 11 Mar 1799 he sold to Walter Burris the land on Buck Island Creek, with the provision that Walter would take care of him and his wife, Mary, for the rest of their lives. Walter is believed to be the youngest son. (This is the first time wife Mary is mentioned.)

### **POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY BURRIS/BURRUS**

1. John Burris, 8 March 1787, married Anna Fergueson. She was born 21 Sep 1755, at St. Charles Parish, York County, Virginia. John Burrus and William Ferguson, Bondsmen. (Seems to be the only family he could belong to, unless he is a son of Thomas and Sarah.)-(JWB)

2. Peter Burris.

3. Robert Burris. He married Judith.

4. Walter Burris. He married Mary Lively.

5. Thomas Burris. He married Dicey Cardin.

6. Mildred Burris. She married Abraham Jones and moved to Butler County, Kentucky. No date given.

7. Elizabeth Burris. She married John Davis and moved to Overton County, Tennessee. No date given.

8. Martin Burrus. He married Susannah Martin. Revolutionary War pension application reads "born 11 Feb 1754 in Albemarle County, Virginia."

(This seems to be the only family he could belong to, unless he is the son of Thomas and Sarah.)

9. Numbers 1, 6, 7 and 8 are only possibilities. No proof has been found.

**MARRIAGE BONDS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. (LDS FILM 89984823) :**

Burrus, John	to Anna Ferguson	8 Mar	1787
Burrus, Walter	to Mary Lively	1 May	1787
Burrus, Charles	to Jean Owen	10 Nov	1791
Burris, Thomas	to Dicey Carden	17 Dec	1792
Burrus, Nelson	to Lucy Duke	24 Dec	1797
Burrus, Joshua	to Patsy Lively	1 Dec	1803
Burrus, Dickerson	to Rachel Frailey	1 Jan	1805
Burrus, Jacob	to Nancy Thomason	16 Jul	1805
Burrus, James	to Polly Thompson	9 Jan	1807
Burrus, Dickerson	to Sarah Snow	27 Dec	1808
Burrus, Henry	to Lucy Johnston	19 Dec	1816
Burrus, Walter	to Lucy R. Shilell	26 Mar	1819
Burrus, Charles	to Agnes Keaton	5 Sep	1831
Burrus, Charles	to Frances Walton	11 Aug	1841
Burrus, Robert H. D.	to Frances E. Blackwell	4 Sep	1843

**LDS FILM 9755482 (Additional Marriage Bonds to those listed above.**

Burrus, Sally	to Shederick Lively	4 Mar	1794
Burrus, Polly	to William Frailey	15 Feb	1798
Burrus, Milly	to Bennett Eves	2 Aug	1802
Burrus, Nancy	to Robert Gillock	2 Jan	1806
Burrus, Jormer	to Polly Thompson	9 Jan	1807
Burrus, Enima	to John Austin	23 Dec	1807
Burrus, Ann	to Thomas M. Gillock	29 Sep	1808
Burrus, Nancy	to Walter Reynolds	7 Nov	1808
Burrus, Mourning	to Durham	28 Jan	1811
Burrus, Jane	to John Snow	25 Dec	1811
Burrus, Polley	to David Durham	19 Mar	1817
Burrus, Elizabeth	to Tandy Robinson	25 Dec	1821
Burruss, Eliza	to Edmund T. Lacy	6 May	1818
Burruss, Amanda	to Robert Burgess	26 May	1828
Burris, Susan A.	to Jno. C. Bing	9 Feb	1874
Burrus, Sally	to Henry H. Bing	29 Oct	1892
Burrus, Sally	to O. Q. Tate	29 Oct	1892



### Details of Albemarle County Virginia Marriages.

1. 21 Dec 1782-Elizabeth Burruss and William Douglas. Elizabeth from Louisa County. Min. Matthew Maury (Rector Frederickville Parish).
2. 23 Oct 1786-Charles Burrus and Susannah Ballard, spinster. Bond, Michael Ahart.
3. 8 Mar 1787-John Burrus and Anna Ferguson, spinster. Bond, William Ferguson and John Burrus.
4. 1 May 1787-Walter Burrus and Mary Lively. Bond, Benjamin Lively. Wit. Robert Nicholas, Robert Burrus and Thomas Burrus. Son of John Burrus who gives his consent.
5. 10 Nov 1791-Charles Burruss and Jean Owens. Bond, Thomas Divers.
6. 17 Dec 1792-Thomas Burris and Dicey Carden, spinster. Bond, James Carden. Wit. James Carden and William Bacon. Dau of Robert Carden who gives his consent.
7. 4 Mar 1794-Sally Burruss and Shadrick Lively. Bond, Peter Burruss, Wit Alexander Garrett.
8. 24 Dec 1797- Nelson Burrus and Lucy Duke. Bond, Thomas R. Rootes. Wit. John Carr, Samuel Cobb, John Burruss and Thomas R. Rootes. Dau. of Clevears Duke, who gives his consent.
9. 15 Feb 1798-Polly Burrus and William Frailey. Dau. of Charles Burrus who gives his consent, Wit. Richard Garrett, William Thompson and William Fretwell.
10. 16 Jun 1801-Robert Burris and Judith Lively. Min. Martin Dawson.
11. 2 Aug 1802-Milly Burrus and Benett Eaves. Bond, Robert Burrus, Wit John Carr.
12. 1 Dec 1803-Joshua Burrus and Patsy Lively. Bond, Cannon Lively. Wit. Benjamin Cave, Benjamin Lay and Cannon Lively. Dau. of Benjamin Lively who gives his consent.
13. 1 Jan 1805 Dickerson Burrus and Rachel Frailey. Bond, John Frailey. Min. Jacob Watts.

14. 3 Jan 1805 Thomas Burrus and Rachael Frailey. Bond, Daniel Frailey.
15. 16 Jul 1805-Jacob Burruss and Nancy Thomason. Bond, Charles Reynolds. Min. Martin Dawson Sr.
16. 2 Jun 1806- Nancy Burrus and Robert Gillock, Min. Martin Dawson, Bond, Walter Burrus, father. Wit Alexander Garrett.
17. 23 Dec 1807 Jestina Burrus and John Austin Dau. of Charles Burrus who gives consent, B. Dickenson Burrus, Con. William Frailey (Guradian for Jestina) Wit. Dickenson Burrus and Parmenus Rogers.
18. 29 Sep 1808- Aggy Burress and Thomas M. Gillock. Min. Martin Dawson, Dau. of Peter Burress who gave surety.
19. 7 Nov 1808-Nancy Burress and Walter Reynolds. Dau. of Peter Burress who gave surety.
20. 17 Dec 1908-Dickerson Burress and Sarah M. Snow. Min. Jacob Watts. Dau. Richard Snow who gives surety.
21. 28 Jan 1811-Mourning Burrus and John Durham. Bond, Walter Burrus, Wit Ira Garrett.
22. 25 Dec 1811-Jane Burrus and John Snow, Dau of Charles Burrus, Wit. Dickenson and Joseph Burrus. B. Dickenson Burrus
23. 19 Dec 1816-Henry Burrus and Lucy Johnston. Min. William Douglas, Bond, James H. Terrell. Wit. William Wertenbaker, Walker G. Merriwether and David Bibbs. Dau. of Lewis Johnston, who gives his consent.
24. 19 Mar 1817-Polly Burrus and David Durham. Walter Burrus, father who gives his consent, William Wertenbaker.
25. 26 Mar 1819 Walter Burrus and Lucy P. Shekell. Min. William Douglas. Bond, Caphas Shekell (father) who gives his consent. Wit. William Wertenbaker.
26. 21 Nov 1819-Malinda Lewis and William Knight, Min George Jones, Bondsman Walter Burrus, who gives his consent. Wit. Ira Garrett and Benjamin Knight who also affirms that his brother William is over 21.
27. 25 Dec 1821-Elizabeth Burrus and Tandy Robertson. Con. Edmund Davis (Father) Wit John Kiester and Bricve Edwards and Robert Davis.

28. 24 May 1828-Amanda Burruss and Robert (J.) Burgess. Min. John Goodman. Bond Walter Burruss, Wit. A.H. Jameson.

29. 5 Sep 1831-Charles Buruss and Agness Keaton. Bond, Nicholas Maupin. Wit. Ira Garrett.

30. 6 Aug 1832-Margaret Burrows and Staples Gowens. Min Frances Bowman, Bond, Robert Battles, Wit. Alexander H. Arthur, Con. Elizabeth Randall.

31. 11 Aug 1841-Charles Burrus and Frances R. Walton. Bond, Jessy Walton, Wit. Ira Garrett.

32. 15 Mar 1842-Maria L. Burrus and Gaswell Marr. Bond, John N. Gillaspay Wit. Ira Garrett. Dau. of Lucy Burrus who gives her consent and affirms her daughter is over 21.

33. 27 Jun 1843-Susan Ann Burruss and John Lee. Bond, Pleasant Moore, Wit. Jesse Pace, who affirms John over 21. Dau. of Lucy Burruss who gives her consent.

34. 4 Sep 1843-Robert H.D. Burrus and Frances E. Blackwell. Bond, Leland Blackwell.

Page 41, Henry Burrus.

35. **From**, Papers of the Albemarle County Historical Society, Vol 5 (1944-1945) Albemarle Court Orders 1745-46 Page 92. Ordered that Henry Burrus, Overseer George Taylor and John Heard or any two of them do view the road from the 3 notched Road to Rooks Ford-(JLW).

36. 11 June 1752, Wills and Deeds Book 1, Page 32-33. The will of Mark Lively was presented to the Albemarle Co. Court. Security for the administration was paid by Samuel Taliaferro, Thomas Jopling and Henry Burrus-(JLW).

37. Deeds and Wills 1748-1752, pp 32-33 (from LVA microfilm)  
Will of MARK LIVELY/LIFELY

Written 3 Nov 1750. To son Bethel Lively 20 shillings and four large hepe(?) hooks; to my three sons John Lively, Joseph Lively and Beoy(?) Lively the land I now live on to be equally divided amongst them after the death of their mother and the carpenters tools, wedges & axes for the use of these three boys; to son William Lively 1 shilling; after death of my wife Mary remainder of estate to be equally divided amongst all the rest of my children (not named); appoint executores wife Mary and Thomas Cauthorn.

Mark Lively

Thomas Cawthorn

William Woodson

Presented at court 11 Jun 1753. Security paid by Samuel Talliaferro, Thomas Jopling, HENRY BURRUS-(MKB).

3. 16 Aug 1756, Henry Burrus mentioned in patent of Thomas Hill as living adj. James Hill on the S. Fork of Hardware River-(JLW).

4. Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol 32, No. 2, May 1994, pg 157.

VA land patent book 33, pg 91, 16 Aug 1756, patent to Thomas Hill, 400 acres Albemarle Co, on the South Br of Hardware River, adj HENRY\_BURRUS in James Hill's line, crossing the River.

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1794 Charles	From	John Puthuff	10	B.S 10-328
1814 Charles	From	Wm.Frailey	52 1/4	B.S 18-561
1816 Charles	To	Clara Evans	52 1/4	B.S 20-135
1817 Charles	From	Crenshaw Fastwell	285	B.S 20-395
1806 Jacob	To	Peter Burrus		B.S 15-421
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**Will Book 6. Page 331.**

Will of Charles Burrus.

I Charles Burries of Albemarle County do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following. that is to say. first of all my just debts and funial expenses to be paid.

2nd. after the payment of my debts and funial edpenses. I give to my wife Jane Burruss the tract of land where I now live, also negrows named Sary. Rachel. Dick. joshua. jude and Harry. To enjoy during her natural life or widowhood. and at her death or marriage to be divided as hereafter mentioned.

3rd I give to my daughter Sally. Tallafaro negro boy Lacy, bed, horse, and Saddle.

4thly. I give to my son Jacob Burrus.negro girl Phillis,horse and saddle.

5thly. I give to my daughter Mary Frayley negro girl, Lucy, bed, horse and saddle.

6thly. I give to my son Dickinson Burrus negro boy, Jacob, horse and saddle.

7thly. I give to my son Thomas Burrus negro girl Dete horse and saddle. Those children above named has the aforesaid property in possion.

8thly. I give my daughter Jane Burrus nigro girl lid, and bed and horse.

9thly. I give my daughter Susannah Burrus negro girl Temp. horse and saddle & bed.

10 thly I give to my son Joseph Burrus negro boy Robert, horse and Saddle.

11 thly. I give my daughter Anne Burrows negro boy Ben. bed, horse and Saddle.

12 thly I give my daughter Elizabeth Burrows. negro boy Lauy. bed horse and saddle.

13 thly I give to my daughter Jestain Austin. five shillings to be paid at my death out of my estate.

14th I give unto my sons Dickinson Burrows and Thomas Burrows. my upper tract of Land adjoining the lands of Edmund Dawson, Permanas Rogers and others to be equally between them.

15th I give unto my son Joseph Burrus the tract of land of land whereon I now live which has to pass at his mothers death or marriage.

16th the balance of my estate at my wife Jane Burrows marriage or death is to be equally divided among my children hereafter named. Sary Tallafaro, Jacob Burrus. Mary Frailey if in case, William Frailey and Mary his wife did not make a good and lawful title. To the track of land whereon Thomas Bed\_\_\_\_ now lives and also pays seven pound to my estate in money the said Mary Frailey is to have no part of my estate. Dickinson Burrows. Thomas Burrus. Jane Burrus. Susannah Burrus. Joseph Burrus. Anne Burrus and Elizabeth Burrus. Also Sary Tallafaro is to pay ten pounds to my estate at the division for money lend. Also if in case any of the above named Negros should die before the above named Children gets them in possession. it shall be their own loss and; Lastly. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Edmund Davis and son Dickinson Burrus Executors of this my last will and Testament. Revolking all others by me heretofore made. Given under my hand this 12th day of October one thousand Eight hundred and ten.

Charles (X) burrus

Signed sealed and deliivered in the presence of us.

Permanas Rogers

Jonothan Rogers

(The above will was taken from a hand written copy. As near as possible was copied exactly as written. Note the family name was spelled several differant ways.)-(JWB)

In a court held for Albemarle County the 2nd day of March 1819.

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Burrus deceased was produced into Court and proved by the oath of Parminus Rogers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Jonathan Rogers the other subscribing witness thereto is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth: and the said Parminus Rogers being sworn saith that the said Jonathan Rogers subscribed his name as a witness in the will in his presence: and also in the presence and at the request of the said Charles Burrus. and thereupon the same so as by this court ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Alex Garrett C: Ale

(I suppose that means Clerk, Albemarle County.)-(JWB)

In obedience to an order of the Worshipful Court of Albemarle County to us directed bearing date March 4th 1819 have proceeded to appraise the Estate of Charles Burrus dec. in the following manner (to Wit.)

One Negro woman Rachel \$50. Negro man Dick \$850.	900
One Negro man Joshau 4850. Negro Woman \$600	1,450
" Negro Man Harry \$800. Negro Woman Tempy \$600	1,400
" Negro Boy Bob \$600, Boy Ben \$550	1.150
" Negro Boy Lacy \$500. boy Terry \$400	950
One Black Mare \$40, Bay Mare, \$60, Bay Mare (blind) \$15	115
" Bay Horse \$45	45
" Red Heifer \$17, Speckled Cow \$15, Red Cow \$14	46
" Red Cow \$12 Red Heifer \$8 Black Heifer \$8, Red Steer \$17	45
" Red Steer \$12, Red Steer \$14 Two Red Yearlings \$10	35
" Two Black Yearlings \$9 Nineteen Sheep and five Lambs	\$41.75
" Fourteen head of hogs \$35, Two sows 14 pigs \$12	47.
" Wheat Fann \$15, Five empty hogshead \$5 Two do \$2.50	22.50
" Four old Barrels \$3 Barrell Buckwheat \$.25 Two tubs	5.25
" Seven tight cask \$ 7 Three flower Barrels & meal tub	8.
" Bar Sheet plow \$4 Four shovel Plows, single tree, \$4	8.
" Pair thenchers and Swingle trees, Two old Barhear plows and Colter plow, Swingle tree & clevis \$2 Pair Strechers \$.75	5.15
" Three pair Hames and plow chains \$4 Hames and hemp 50	4.50
" Five hilling hoes \$2.50 Six weeding Hoes \$1.25 Spade \$1	4.75
" Four Pole Axes \$4 Two Borad Axes \$2 Claw Hammer \$.25	6.25
" Still and worm \$50 Steel Trap \$1 Grindstone \$2 Cart	15 68.
" Two cutting boxes \$2 Four Syths and cradle \$5 Box \$.50	7.50
" Shot Gun \$10 Musket \$5 Pr Steelyards \$2 Two saws \$2.50	19.50
" Hand saw, Drawing knife, two augers, gouge tow chizles	4.
" hand irons \$2 Shoe Hammer & pincers \$.50 hackle \$1.50	4.
" Shovel and Tongs \$1 Two pots and hooks \$2.50 Oven hook	4.
" Grid Iron Ladeland Flesh fork \$1pr. flatt Irons \$.75	1.75
" Two old Cotton Wheels \$.50 Four little wheels & fliers	5.50



" Check reel \$.25	Look Working Bars & fifteen spools \$2	2.25
" Three slays and harnesses, & old stay \$3	Seven Chair \$2	5.
" Half Bushel and churn \$75	two water pails & noggins \$50	1.25
" Wash tub \$50,	Pack bags \$1.50	Cupbord \$3 5.
" Large pine chest \$1.50	Painted Chest \$2	Empty B. case \$.12 3.62
" Bed furniture pliad and cord \$20	White Counterpin \$8	28.
" Bed furniture, plead and cord \$35	Bed furniture stead and Cord	\$25-----60
" Mans Saddle \$6	Side Saddle \$12	18
" Old folding table \$.5	two tables and two crocks \$2.50	3.
" Five Earthurn Plates \$.75	One large spoon, six small	.75
" Tea Pot, Dish, Three bowels, seven saucers	two tea cups	1.
" Six tea spoons, Pepper box	pitcher & case Bottle \$.50	.50
" Dish, Bason, Eight Plates (Pewter) \$3	Pitcher \$.12	3.12
" Coffee Pott, bread basket \$.50	Two cotton Cords \$1.25	1.75
" Basket of old lumber \$1	empty box, two barrells feathers	5.00
" Looking Glass & four vials \$250,	Stone Jug \$.25	2.50
" Two cases Two Razors & Shaving box	Twenty two Gease \$11	12.50
" Basket and nails \$.25	Wheat riddle \$.50	.75
" Forty Barrells Corn at \$3		120.
" Twenty five Bushels of Rye at \$.75		18.75
" Shock Rye \$2.25	Quanity of trod Wheat Straw \$2	4.25
" Four blade stacks 412	Broken Top Stack \$7	19.
" Three Stacks of Oats \$40		40.
" Provisions on hand-----		
" Quanity of bacon supposed to be 200 lbs at 17	\$34	34.
" Quanity of Lard supposed to be 12 at 17	\$2 G. Tallow	3.50
" Parcel Soap \$3	Box of Salt \$1.50	4.50

Matthew P. Walton

Hawkey Ferguson

William Thompson

We verify that the within contains a true list of all the personal estate of Charles Burruss, deceased as far as we found.

Executors of Charles Burrus, Deceased.

Edmund Davis

Dickenson Burrus

At a court held for Albemarle County the 5th day of April 1819, This inventory and appraisement of the estate of Charles Burrus, deceased was this day delivered into court and ordered to be recorded---Alex Garrett.

Agreeable to and order of the county court of Albemarle, bearing date 4. of Feburary 1822 to us Directed to settle the eatate of Charles Burrus Deceased we have procceded to examine the papers of Edmund Lewis and Dickerson Burrus, Executors of the foresaid and make the following report, April 8th 1819.

The amount of the sale of the Chattle property and crops on hand -----	\$728.80
One Horse and saddle to Joseph Burrus, praise value	45.00

Saddle to Elizabeth Burruss	do	do	12.00
Hire of a negro girl Tompy			18.00
Old debts collected	263.39		
To be paid by Charles Telafore			33.15
To be paid by Mary Fraley			23.33

Jan 13, 1820

Negores Sale in a credit of 12 months.

Dick to Thomas Burrus	703.00
Joshue to Edmund Davis	400.00
Tudy To Elizabeth Burrus	435.00
Tempy To Danniell Alexander	600.00
Rachael and Terry to Dickerson Burrus	380.00
Harry to Robert Davis	716.00

Total Amount	<u>4683.87</u>
Debts Paid	1666.12

Amount for division 3017.75

Edmund Davis, Acting Executor 5 percent commission	234.19
Amount paid for said estate, special legacy	1251.91
To Joseph Burrus Horse and saddle	60.00
To Ann Alexander Horse and Saddle	50.00
To Elizabeth Burrus, Horse and saddle	60.00
	<u>1666.12</u>

(The above figures are difficult to read minor mistakes may be noticed.)-(JWB)

Total amount for division 3017.78

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Sarah Talefaro. paid	335.35 8/9
Jacob Burrus	335.30 8/9
Mary Frailey	335.30 8/0
Dickerson Burrus	335.30 8/9
Thomas Burrus	335.30 8/0
James (Can't Read)	335.30 8/9
Joseph B. Burrus	335.30
Ann Alexander	335.30 8/9
Elizabeth Roberson	335.30 8/9

3017.78

Given under our hands this month day Oct 1823

Nath Thomposn

Hawkey Ferguson

Jonothan Martin

At a court held for Albemarle County the 6 December 1824.

This report of the settlement of the act of Edmund Davis acting Executor of Charles Burrus deceased was returned into court and ordered to be recorded. Alex Garrett.

## **AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA,**

Amelia County was formed from Prince George/ Brunswick. The Conty Seat is Amelia, 23002.

Amelia County, Virginia Tax Lists 1736-1764: An Every-name Index, T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1993.

1736, tax district of Rich'd Jones, below Deep Creek (in Nottoway Parish . . . HENRY BURRUS-(MKB).

## **AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Amherst County, Virginia, was formed from Albemarle County in 1761. The county seat is Amherst, 24521.

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# LAND RECORDS

1. 1756, Book B, Page 146. John Burrous sold to Minzies 20 acres for 5 shillings.

2. 19 Nov 1772, Book C, Page 461. John Burris sold a mare for 10 pounds, 14 shillings.

3. 23 Apr 1786, Book F, Page 60. Joseph Burris bought from Phillip Bunson 400 acres for 400 pounds.

4. 1 Jul 1786, Book F, Page 96. Joseph Burris bought from William Bustor (acres faded) for 76 pounds.

5. Book F, Page 140, Joseph Burris bought from Daniel Harris (land faded.)

6. 19 Jun 1797, Book H, Page 193. Sally Burris signed Declaration of Interest. (Faded)

7. 16 Jan 1804, Book K, Page 27. Joseph Burris sold to William Penn 352 acres for 500 pounds current money of Virginia. Land on North fork of Huff Creek.

8. 6 May 1806, Book K, Page 397. Joseph and Sophia Burris, Sophia was examined and questioned apart and separate from her husband about the land sold to William Penn. Sophia signed release of dower.

9. 21 Sep 1807, Book K, Page 618. Joseph and Sophia sold to William Penn for 1,200 pounds current money of Virginia, land that Joseph had purchased from Philip Burton on 25 April 1786 on Buffalo river, 76 acres part of a tract of 400 acres.

10. 27 May 1812, Book L, Page 35. Philip Johnson to Joseph Burris, Whereas Charles Burris and Elizabeth his wife sold on 20 September 1807 to (Cardmson) 233 acres. Elizabeth signed release of dower.

11. 17 Oct 1807, Book L, Page 28. Sarah Burris, widow of Charles Burris in consideration of 6 shillings, paid by Linmon Henley, 155½ acres of land conveyed by Charles Burris and Elizabeth his wife 20 September 1807. Sarah released right of dower on this tract of land which belonged to Charles Burris, her late husband. Signed Sarah Burris.

12. 27 Nov 1807, Book L, Page 114. John Crawford, agent for Sally Burris and William Camden sold several slaves.

13. 24 Apr 1810, Book L, Page 318. Pamalia Burris, Power of Attorney to William Wart.

14. 1810, Book L, Page 314. Elijah Burris bought from Lola Enfoff, 50 acres.

### **MARRIAGE RECORDS**

**The Douglas Register**, by Rev. William Douglas:

1. 3 Sep 1763, Page 100. Charles Burris married Sarah Woolfolk.

2. Page 165. To Charles and Sarah Buress, Fanny, born 3 Sep 1763. Baptised 23 Dec 1763.

### **COURT RECORDS**

1. 1776. Warrant issued to Charles Burras 17-3. (Not sure what the numbers mean.) Apparently Charles was awarded a warrant for land. Service in the French and Indian War. From the Jefferson County Kentucky Land Records on 2-19-1784, we found where Charles Burras received 2000 acres on Salt River Book 6 Page 499. Also on 3-16-1784, Charles Burras received 2284 acres on E Fork of Plum Creek Book. On June 18, 1773 William and Susannah from Caroline County sold 500 acres of the 2000 acre track to John Gatewood, Book 4 Page 97. No other Burrus is listed as selling land in Jefferson County. Charles Burrus may have bought this land as there is no record of him serving in the French and Indian War.) See Will-(JWB)

2. Charles Burrus, Guardian of Orphan Jonothan Johnson.

3. 1778, Charles Burrus, Grand Jury.

4. 1778, Charles Burrus, Witness to a deed.

5. Court, 4 May 1778, Recommended as Captain, Charles Burras.

6. Captain William Tucker Company or Malita (Militia?), Amherst County, Virginia, 14 Jan 1781 to 16 Mar, 72 days. Joseph Burrus, Sgt.

7. 22 Aug 1783, 3 Nov 1783, Will Book 3, Page 149. John B. Burruss. Lagettees: Sister, Susannah Nash, 1 Slave. Nephew,

Thomas Nash, a tract of land containing 190 acres. James Montgomery's oldest son, cloth coat and other wearing apparel. Ex'rs: James Montgomery, Witness: Thomas Bichnell, Rebecca Montgomery, Jane Tuggle. (This John B. Burrus may be the John Burrus (Jr.) from King William County. Apparently no issue.)

8. Amherst Will Book 3, Page 479. Court allots and assigns to Sarah Burrus, widow of Charles Burrus, deceased, her dower in the personal estate of said deceased, etc. Recorded 18 Jun 1798.

#### **MARRIAGES**

1. 4 Dec 1780. Fanny Burrus married Joseph Penn. (Daughter of Charles Burrus.)-(JWB)

2. 11 May 1781. Elizabeth Burrus married Richard Pickett. (Daughter of Charles Burrus.)

3. 6 Dec 1784. Mary Ann Burrus married John Crawford. (Daughter of Charles Burrus.)

4. 9 Jan 1792. Joseph Burrus married Sophia Rucker. (Son of Charles Burrus.)

5. 7 Jan, Richard Burrus married Jane Hansford.

6. Charles Burrus Married Elizabeth (Son of Charles Burrus.)

#### **WILL BOOK 3, PAGE 407-411,**

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, Charles Burrus of the County of Amherst being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills, and after my body is buried in a decent and Christian like manner, as to the worldly goods which I possess, I dispose of in the following manner.

To wit.

First I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Burrus the tract of land whereon he now lives containing upward of four hundred acres, which had formerly belonged to Phil and William Burton, and twelve hundred acres of land in Cantucke, it being part of a tract of two thousand acres which is to be laid off in such a manner that the remainder shall be equal value in proportion to quantity, also two hundred acres of land in Cantucke, the right to be made by Isaac Davis the Elder of Albemarle County also my negroes Sawney and James, two fellows; Sapia and John, two boys; a girl named Charity, a boy named Joe, a young wench named Mary and a negro fellow named Jacob or his value in cash should I dispose of him otherwise, they and their increase to him and his heirs forever also twenty five pounds specis? to be paid out of my estate.

Item - I give to the children of my deceased daughter Fanny Penn, two negro women, one named Sarah, the other Philis; a girl named Winney and a boy named David and a girl named Daphney. They and their increase to them and their heirs forever.

Item - I lend to my daughter Molley Anne Crawford during her natural life, a negro woman named Mima, a boy named George, a girl named Amy, and a boy named Sam, Mima's children, a young wench named Molleybob, a wench named Barb also Sizzy (or Suzy) and Buck, Barb's children, and after her decease to her children which she may have, Lawfully begotten on her body, and should she have no children at her death, I desire that the said negroes and their increase be equally divided amongst my four children; Joseph Burrus, Elizabeth Pickett, Pamilia Burrus and Fanny Penns heirs except Buck the child of Barb which I desire may go to my grandson Charles Burrus Pickett. I also give and bequeath to him five pounds current money to him and his heirs.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Pickett my negro named Fanny and her four children, a negro girl named Phebe, a wench named Violet and a boy named Rueben, they and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give to my daughter Lucy Camden five pounds I also lend her my negro woman Sidney and her child Sarah and negro boy named John to her during her natural life and to her heirs lawfully begotten on her body, also a riding horse the value of ten pounds, one cow and calf, two pewter dishes, one bason, and six plates but should my said daughter or her husband dispose of convey out of the way conceal or any attempt to alienate the negroes aforesaid, I do hereby declare her tithe to cease and direct my executors to take them into possession and in such case after her decease and their increase to be divided amongst her children if any living otherwise to be divided amongst my children, Joseph Burrus, Elizaeth Pickett, Parmelia Burrus and Carolus Burrus or their heirs.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Parmilia Burrus, one negro fellow named Mingo, a negro woman named Amy, a girl named Mourning, a girl named Doll, a girl named Deal and one boy named Robbin, the two last are children of Dunks?, also a riding horse the value of twenty pounds cash, two good cows and calves, two good feather beds and furniture, four ewes, six pewter plates, two good basons and two good dishes, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten on her body and should she deceased without a living heir begotten on her body then in that case her estate to be divided amongst my children, Joseph Burrus, Elizabeth Pickett and Carolus Burrus or their heirs.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Carolus Burrus my land and premises whereon I now live also the land purchase of Cornelius Sale also the land purchased of Johnson of Goochland County all of which lands adjoining the mansion house tract containing one thousand acres more or less. Also eight hundred acres of land in

Cantucke it being the balance of the two thousand acres tract out of which I gave my son Joseph twelve hundred acres, also a negro fellow named Sam and his wife Silly, Sams daughter Creass? Will, Rachel and her son Isaac Bob and his wife Dinah and his daughter Ceal Philis and her sons Dick and Ralph and an old wench named Sarah to him and his heirs but should he die without marrying and have heirs on the body of his wife then the land hereby bequeathed to him are to go and are hereby devized to my son Joseph Burrus and the negroes to be equally divided between my children, Jopseph, Fanny Penn's heirs, they taking their mothers as one share, Elizabeth Pickett and Pamela Burrus.

Item - I lend to my beloved wife a genteel maintenance with my son Charles out of his estate, she is to be handsomely maintained and provided she is at any time distressed or not provided for, my desire is that she take one third of my son Carolus's Estate during her natural life and at her decease all my household furniture and stock not heretofore bequeathed, I do hereby give to my son Carolus.

And lastly appoint my sons Joseph Burrus, Carolus Burrus and my friend Philip Johnson executors of my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of May and year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Charles Burrus (Seal)  
Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us:  
George Dillard  
James Dillard  
Wiatt Smith  
Martin Bibb

At a court held for Amherst County the 16th day of January 1797, this last will and testament of Charles Burrus deceased was proven by the oaths of James Dillard, Wiatt Smith and Martin Bibb their witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and a certificate for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form granted to Joseph Burrus and Charles Burrus two of the executors therein named they having made oath and given Bond with Thomas Moore and Robert Walker their securities in the penalty of 5000£ current money conditioned according to Law - Liberty being reserved to the other Executors in said will to join in the probate when he thinks fit. And at a court held for Amherst County the 19th day of June? 1797 This will was also proven by the oath of George Dillard a subscribing witness thereto.

Teste: A. G. Crawford



Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Burrus, Charles Burrus, Robert Walker and Thomas Moore are held and firmly bound to William Harris, William Warwick and Joseph Shelton, gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting, in the sum of five thousand pounds to the payment whenof will and truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors, we bind our selves and each of us our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of January anno dom one thousand seven hundred seventy seven in 21st year of the Commonwealth.

The condition of this obligation is that if the said Joseph Burrus & Charles Burrus executors of the last will and testanum of all the goods, Chattels and Credits of Charles Burrus Dec.d do make true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the said dec.d which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of them the said executors or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them and the same so made to us into the Court of at such time as they shall be thereto required by the said court and the same goods, chattels and credits do well and truly administer according to law and make a just and tru account of their outings and doings therein where required by the said court, and further do and truly and deliver all the leg?? contained and specified said will as fair as the said goods chattels and credits according to the value hereof and as shall charge this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force.

Joseph Burrus  
Charles Burrus  
Thomas Moore  
Ro Walker

At a court held for Amherst County the 16th day of January 1797.

This

executors bond was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be Recorded. Teste

#### **Added Records**

1. 4 Jan 1819 Bond for marriage, Richard Burress- Jane V. Hansford.
2. 1769, Book C Page 25. Charles Burrass from Leonard Tarrant and Jane Tarrant. (This deed states that Charles Burrass is from Albermarle County. Land is located on both sides of Rives Creek and branch of Buffalo River. Consists of 241ac.)-(WHBIII)
3. 1781, Book E Page 325. Charles Burrass from Lucy Johnson.

(Lucy Johnson, widow of Robert Johnson, ask's friends David Crawford, Edmund Wilson, William Bibb, and Charles Burrass to sell land that her husband had in Amherst County. Lucy Johnson was from Louisa County.)-(WHBIII)

4. 1781, Book G Page 66. Charles Burrass from Cornelius Sale and Wife. (Consists of 279ac.)-(WHBIII)

5. 1786, Book F Page 60/140. Joseph Burruss from Phillip Burton.

6. 1791, Book G Page 72. Joseph Burruss from Moses Penn.

7. 1766, Book B Page 146. John Burrows to Mc Pherson.  
Comment: Sold horses and personal property.

8. 1797, Book H Page 193. Sally Burrass ??? (Grantee)

9. 1807, Book K Page 623. Charles Burrus & others to Jacob Camden. (See what kin Jacob is to Lucy Burras Camden.)-(WHBIII)

10. 1807, Book K Page 623- Book L Page 34. Charles Burrus to Leonard Henley.

11. 1807, Book L Page 35. Charles Burrus to Jabez Camden.

12. 1807, Book L Page 53. Charles Burrus to Polly H.Tucke(r).

13. 1807, Book L Page 53. Charles Burrus to Saint George Tucker.

14. 1807, Book L Page 114 Sally Burrus to William Camden.

15. 1807, Book L Page 28. Sally Burrus to Leonard, Jabez Camden & others.

16. 1809, Book L Page 318. Pamdia Burruss to John Crawford.

17. 4 DEC 1780. Marriage Bond. Joseph Penn-Fanny Burros  
Charles Burross: Father

18. 5 Nov 1789, Marriage Bond. Richard Pickett of Caroline  
County and Elizabeth Burrus Charles Burrus: Father

19. Jan 9 1792, Marriage Bond. Joseph Burrus-Sophia Rucker,  
seamstress.

20. Dec 6 1784, Marriage Bond. John Crawford-Mary Ann Burrus,  
Charles Burrus: Father

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21. 9 Nov 1807, Marriage Bond. William Burrus-Lucy Robinson
22. Jan 4 1819, Marriage Bond. Richard Burruss-Jane V. Hansford
23. Mar 1775, On the motion of Ann Johnson Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Johnson Des. is granted her Security. Whereupon the said Ann Johnson with Charles Burras & Thomas Lumphin her Securities. Entered into and Acknowledged Bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds with the Condition Required by Law, previous to which said Ann took the oath of an Administrator as the law Required. (Ann appears to be the daughter of Jacob Burrus Sr., Caroline County.)
24. Feb 1776, William Camden is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Gabriel Penn's upper Quarter to Tribulation Creek and is ordered that he with Noell Johnson, Charles Burras, James Tobley, John Dillard, and male labor Tithables at Gabriel Penn's upper Quarter, Lanaster Coxey, William Asbury & Daniel Goode and their male Laboring Tithable, do keep the said Road and Bridge in Repair according to Law.
25. Aug 1776, Matilda Burras an orphan child is ordered to be bound out by the churchwarden according to law.
26. Feb 1777, Ordered that Charles Burras, Samuel Higginbothan, Richard Oglesby, and Noell Johnson or any three of them, they being just sworn to appraise in Current Money the Slaves and personal Estate of Benjamin Cash Deceased and return an Inventory of Appraisement there to this Court.
27. May 1777, Mary Johnson and Francis her Sister Infants of Jonathan Johnson Deceased. Personally Appeared in Court and the said Mary maid a Choice of Thomas Muffitt for the Guardian and the said Frances made Choice of Charles Burras for her Guardian. Whereupon T. Muffitt with the said Burras his Security Entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of three hundred pounds. with the Condition Required by Law and the said Burras with the said Muffitt his Security Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of three hundred pounds with the Condition Required by Law - which Bond were ordered to be Recorded.
28. May 1778, Charles Burras is Recomend to his Excellency the Governor as a proper person to Execute the Office of Captain; James Montgomery first Lieutenant, James McAlexander, Jr. Second Lieutenant and Robert Wright Ensign of a Company of the Militia of this County.

29. May 1778, Charles Burras is Appointed Surveyor of the Road in the Room of William Camden. And it is ordered that he also with the Usual Gang that kept the said Road in Repair, keep it in Repair, according to Law.

30. May 1778, Charles Burras produced a Commission from his Excellency the Governor appointing him Captain, Joseph Tucker provided his Com (pany) appointing first Lieutenant, Wiatt Powell provided his appointing him Second Lieutenant and Daniel Tucker his appointing him Ensign of a Company of the Militia of this County who qualified to this Commission according to Law.

31. August 1778, Charles Burrous against Joseph Cabell, Assault & Battery. This suite is Continued between the Parties till Next Court.

32. August 1778, Joseph Cabell, Gent. against Charles Burras, Assault & Battery. This suite is Continued between the parties till Next Court

33. September 1778, The Action of Trespass, Assult & Battery brought by Joseph Cabell against Charles Burrous is continued between the parties till next Court.

34. May 1779, Francis Lee orphan of Ambrose Lee Deceased personally appeared in Court and chose George Penn for his Guardian, who with Charles Burras, & James Franklin his Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of three thousand pounds and ordered to be Recorded.

35. May 1779, A deed Indented from David Crawford to William Goolsby was proved by the oath William Horsley, Charles Burras, and John Hargrave Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded.

36. August 1779, Proclamation being made agreeable to Law for all Guardians to Orphans Estate in this County to Come into Court and Settle there Accounts - Whereupon Charles Burrow and George Penn appeared the said Burras as Guardian to three of Jonathan Johnsons orphans and Informed the Court, that there was more of the said Orphans Estate as yet came to his hands, the said Penn as Guardian to Frank Lee orphan of Ambrose Lee, dec. Informed the Court that it was not at present in his power to Settle his account. Whereupon It is ordered that the Clerk serve summons to have the other Guardians to Orphans in this County that fail to Settle their Accounts, Summoned to Attend at Next Court and Settle their Accounts.

37. September 1779, George Penn as Guardian to George Lee, personally appeared in Court and asserted that he was only chosen

by the said George Lee as his Guardian for the purpose of the said Lee's Intendent Marriage and that he never had any of the said George Lee's Estate in his possession; whereupon the said Lee appeared in Court and asserted that what the said Penn had said was the Truth of the case, whereupon the Summons that afosaid? for said Penn as Guardian to said Lee is Dismised. (This record was recorded because W.H. Burruss, III saw it as an extention of the previous record pertaining to Charles Burras.)-(WHBIII)

38. September 1779, George Lee guardian to Richard Lee (This record was recorded because W.H. Burruss, III saw it as an extention of the previous record pertaining to Charles Burras.)-(WHBIII)

39. December 1779, Henry Masten wants to put up a grist mill on Dutch Creek. This land ajoins Eunoch Nash. (Eunoch Nash is the husband of Suzanna Burruss Nash.)-(WHB111)

40. May 1780, Lucy Baldock is appointed Surveyor of the Road in the Room of Charles Burras and It is ordered that he do with the gang that usually Labored on the said Road keep the same in Repair according to Law.

41. June 1780, Ambrose Rucker, David Woodroof, Samuel Higginbothan, Charles Burras, Phillip Thurmond, George Penn, Josiah Elis, Charles Christian, John Christian and Richard Ballenger Captains of the Militia and their Subalterns and Companys are appointed of the Second Battallion of this Country.

42. June 1781, The Last Will & Testament of Enoch Nash, Deceased was presented in Court by Susannah (Burrus) Nash and bounded by the Oath of James Mathews, William Dickson, and Lucretia Dickson and ordered to be Recorded.

43. March 1782, A Power of Attorney from Lucy Johnson, Widow of Robert Johnson Deceased to David Crawford, Edmund Wilcox, William Bibb, and Charles Burras was proved by the Oath of John Wright and Hezekiah Hargrove Witness thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

44. April 1782, The court proceeds to Revise publick Claims. ... To Charles Burras for 300 lbs Beef for Cost 17 July 1781 prov. Law 2 pounds 10 shillings

45. June 1782, David Crawford & Charles Burrus Attorneys for Lucy Johnson acknowledged their Deed Indented to Phillip Thurmond and Ordered to be Recorded.

46. October 1782, The Action of Trespass, Assault, & Battery brought by Charles Burruss against Joseph Cabell is dismissed being agreed.

47. September 1783, On the Motion of Roderick McCulloch, Gent. Sheriff Joseph Burruss is admitted and Sworn as Deputy Sheriff.

48. November 1783, The Last Will and Testament of John Burruss Deceased presented in Court by James Montgomery the Executor therein Named and proved by the Oath of Thomas Becknall and Rebecca Montgomery Witnesses thereto and the said Executor with John Staples his Security Entered into and Acknowledged this Bond in the penalty of fifty pounds, took the oath Required by Law, and the said Will and Bond was ordered Recorded.

49. November 1784, An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John Burruss Deceased was this Day Returned and ordered to be Recorded.

50. March 1786, On the Motion of James Montgomery, James Turner, James Hopkins, and Zacharias Phillips (or any two of them) are appointed to Settle the said Montgomery accounts as Executor of John Burruss Decd. and made a Return thereof to this Court.

51. November 1786, On the Motion of William Horsley Gent. Sheriff, Nelson Crawford, Joseph Burruss & Joseph Penn are Bounded and Sworn Deputy Sheriffs-(WHBIII)

Information Researched: Order Books 1763 - 3/1767 p. 126 & 12/1773-12/1786 Amherst County does not have an Index of their early records-WHBIII)

## **APPOMATTOX COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Appomattox County was formed 1845, from Buckingham, Campbell, Prince Edward, and Charlotte,. The County Seat is Appomattox 24522.

1. Jul 6 1893, Book 1 Page 21. Sarah M. Burruss was the wife of a Burris her heirs are as followes.

2. Frederick N. Burruss, wife Kate M.

3. James M. Burruss

4. Mary N. Franklin

5. John W. Burruss-(WHB111).

## AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Augusta County was formed from Oraange County 1745. The County Seat is Staunton 24401

Chronicles of the Scotch - Irish Settlement in Virginia, Vol. 2, by Lyman Chalkey, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1974.

1. Oct 10 1796, Page 355. Jno. Dougherty and Elizabeth Burris.  
2. Burrows vs. Gidony (Gibbons) O. S. 52; N. S. 18 - Land in Monongalia. Orators are viz: William Ward Burrows and Polly his wife; David Easton and Sarah, his wife, which Polly and Sarah are daughters of Thomas Bond, deceased, and Jane Bond, widow and relict of Thomas, who died 179\_ testate, will recorded in Fairfax. Thomas was a physician and died after 1791. Defendants, viz James Morgan, Alex Gibbony, improperly styled Gibbons; Joseph Kelso". p. 90.

3. Nov 15 1798, Page 323. Edward Burrus and Isaac Hays, surety. Edward Burrus and Agnes McCann, widow of James McCann, deceased.

4. 1756, Page 505. John Barrow qualified Lieutenant ... in the Old Virginia Regiment.

5. 1 Apr 1783, Page 506. ... John Barrow recomended Captain .

6. 1797, Richard Claiborne vs. Burruss--O. S. 34; N. S. 12-Bill. In 1784 Richard was entitled to 55,000 acres. About 1785-6 he went to Europe and returned in 1794 and lived in Philadelphia. While he was in Europe the Monongalia records were destroyed by fire. Thomas Bond died, 1793. Jane Bond married Thomas Williams. Sarah Bond, daughter of Thomas, married David Easton and is since dead without issue, leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Burrows, her only sister, as heiress. Copy of Dr. Thomas Bond's will dated Alexandria, 20th January, 1793, proved in Fairfax, 22d April, 1794. Wife, Jane. Daughter, Sarah Bond. Brother Venables Bond. Wife's daughter, Elizabeth Ferris, under 18. Faithful servant, Henry Foulk. 500 acres on Buckhannon: Legacy to Lawrence Sterne Smallwood, an orphan, now an apprentice of William Hunter's Coachmaker, 4,000 acres of Buckhannon land. To Letitia Aimwell, an orphan somewhere in Philadelphia, 2,000 acres of Buchannon land. To Miss Abigail Luken (Lumb), ;L 100 or 2,000 acres of Buckhannon lands. William Ward Burrows married Mary, daughter of Dr. Thomas Bond ". p.74

7. 1779 "Shinn vs. Dean-O.S.89; N. S. 30 - Before 1779 Nicholas Shinn, deceased, father of orator George Shinn (heir-at-law), was assignee of a claim to land in Monongalia County from James Johnston. Orator is now just 21 years old and a few months. His the land by inducing a transfer to James Johnston. Thomas Mahan

has died leaving children, Margaret, Thomas, and James Mahan. mother, Catherine Shinn, moved with orator to Pennsylvania, where they have resided. Thomas Mahan has defrauded him out of Johnston has also died leaving children, Valentine, Ann, Catherine, Amelia, and James Johnston. Answer by Valentine Johnston, Ann Robinson, formerly Ann Johnston, who married William Robinson (now deceased) and Catherine Johnston, sworn to in Muskingum County, Ohio, 1805. Answer of John Wilson Dean; Elijah Burrows, brother of Boaz Burrows. George Shinn, Sr., deposes that George, Jr., was two years old at his father's death. He had two sisters, viz: Elizabeth and Mary. Col. David Scott deposes. Nicholas and George Shinn were brothers. Deed 9th August 1796. James Johnston and Catherine, his wife, of Monongalia, to John W. Dean, conveys settlement made in 1775. Proved at October Court, 1799". p. 104.

8. 1811, "Norvell vs. Camm-6. S.- 160-; N. S. 56-Bill. Orator is Reuben Norvell of Amherst. In 1755 patent was issued to James and John Christian and William Brown for 3,926 acres in Albemarle (now Amherst). In 1774 the tract was declared forfeited on petition of John and Charles Christian, sons of said Jno. Christian, then deceased. James Christian was also dead in 1774. John and Charles, however, did nothing to perfect a title. Yet in 1777 they conveyed 933 acres to James Grisham, who in 1787 conveyed 433 acres to Thomas Powell. Thomas died 1788, intestate, leaving two children, viz: Betsey, wife of John Camm, and Mary, wife of John Warwick. Patent was issued to orator in 1798 for the 3,926 acres. John and Charles Christian had resided, one in New Kent and one in Charles City. In 1774 Charles lived in Goochland. In 1779 he moved to Amherst. Col. Thomas Moore married Sally, the widow of Thomas Powell. Col. Joseph Burrus lived in Tennessee. James Loudon, aged 71, deposes in Amherst, 9th October, 1811, that the last one of the Christians moved to Charles City in 1763. William Knight deposes in Campbell County, October, 1811 - he has resided near the land since 1774 - that James Grissom did not remove to Amherst until 1780. James Loudon deposes further he has lived in Albemarle, near the land, since infancy; it was settled in 1752. Henry Turner, aged 53, deposes in Campbell, 12th October, 1811, has lived near the land since 1776. Previous to 1765 John and James Christian died. There was a judgment of forfeiture in General Court in 1774 for non-payment of quit rents due from William Brown. Henry Christian and William Brown Christian, children and devisees of John Christian, deceased; James, John and George Christian, children and devisees of James Christian, deceased, in whom the right is since become vested. On 30th October, 1774, John and Charles of Charles City County, conveyed to James Gresham, of Cumberland, 933 acres (copy of deed). Recorded in Amherst, 6th July, 1778. On 21st August, 1787, Gresham of Amherst conveyed to Thomas Powell. Copy of deed recorded in Amherst 3d September, 1787. Powell died 1788. Henry



Turner deposes that the land on which he lives belonged to John Scott, who married Margaret Fry, and was conveyed to Turner's father by Scott".p131-(WHBIII)

## **BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Bedford County, Virginia, was formed from Lunenburg County, Virginia, in 1754. The county seat is Bedford 24523.

### **LAND RECORDS**

1. 25 Apr 1791, Book 8, Page 443. Edmund Burrus bought from Samuel Campbell 600 acres for 100 pounds. Land on Goose Creek, North Fork.

2. 20 Nov 1812, Book 13, Page 667. Edmund and Hannah Burrus sold together with Joseph and Peggy Gaddy, Peter Master, Henry and Elizabeth Robinson to Elisha Whitter 1,600 acres for \$1,460.00. The land belonged to the late (M. or S.) Gaddy. (Edmund Burrus seemed to have married Hannah Gaddy.)-(WHBIII)

3. 1812, Book 12, Page 667. Edmund and Hannah Burruss sold to Elisha Witter 162 acres.

4. 1813, Book 14, Page 18. Edmund and Hannah Burruss sold to Elisha Witter 162½ acres.

5. 18 Jan 1815, Book M, Page 171. John C. Burris bought from Nathaniel Page 69 acres for \$138.00, land on Paint Creek, part of a tract of 1,466 acres, surveyed by Daniel Clark.

6. 10 Feb 1817, Book 13, Page 744. Edmund Burrus bought from John and Nancy Planey 200 acres for \$100.00.

7. 26 Mar 1827, Book 26, Page 87. Edmund Burrus, decd., estate. Thomas G. (Gordon) Burris and Bartholmeau Halley, adm., sold 303 acres on south fork of Goose Creek to Thomas Jensen for \$11.00 per acre, \$2,233.00.

8. 22 Mar 1837, Book 27, Page 381. Thomas G. Burrus sold to John Haley 168 acres for \$360.00. Land on north fork of Goose Creek.

9. 25 Nov 1841, Book 29, Page 283. Thomas G. and Killonah Burrus sold to Uriah Lipscond, 179 acres, for \$100.00, Estate Settlement.

(Through the research of W. H. Burruss, III, he has a difference with several of the names above. WHBIII believes Elisha

Whitter/Witer is Elisha Whitten, that John Planey is John Percy, Sr., and that Peter Master is Peter Masten As of January 10, 1999 he has not seen Deed 29/283 but states that Thomas G. Burrus(s) wife was Ketura(h)/Catherine. Finally, Thomas G. Burruss is his g-g-grandfather and WHBIII has no documented knowledge of what the "G" stands for.)-(WHBIII)

#### **MARRIAGES**

1. 2 Aug 1779. Charles Burras\* married Elizabeth Alligre, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth. (Although Mathew Allegre/Alligre signed a consent letter for his daughter to marry, it appears from the original consent letter that he also wrote his daughter's name, Elizabeth, which has been misinterpreted in published abstractions to be the signature of his wife. Charles Burris/Burrus married (2) Elizabeth Kidwell, 27 Oct 1796 in Madison County, KY.)-(MKB)

#### **WILL OF CHARLES BURRIS**

Book D, Page 290, MADISON COUNTY, KY

In the name of God amen. I Charles Burris of Madison County and state of Kentucky being in low state of health but of a firm and di spacing (?) mind; Do ordain and publish this my last will and Testament first my desire is that all my joint debts shall be paid. Secondly that my loving wife Elizabeth Burris shall have all my Estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood but if the said Elizabeth should marry after my discease then my dision is that any estate be equally divided amongst all my children or should she not marry till her death then after her death to be divided amongst (?) named my children are as followth, William, Jacob, Mary, Milly, John, James, Thomas, Vincent, Rebecka, Elizabeth, Sally, Patsy, Greenup, Kitty, Ann and Nathaniel. Lastly my desire is that the part of my estate which shall according to my will fall to my daughter Rebecka shall not go to the benefit of her husband but shall be exclusively for the benefit of the heirs of her own body. done this 23rd day of March and in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred twenty seven.

Signed in prisince of      Charles Burris  
Joseph R. Pond  
Jonathon Kidwell  
George Ham  
Madison County

I David Irvine Clerk of the Court for the County of Madison do humbly certify that at a County Court held for Madison County on Monday the 7th day of May 1827 this instrument of writing was produced in open Court and proven to be the last Will and

Testament of Charles Burriss decd. by the oaths of Joseph R. Pond and Jonathon Kidwell witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and the same has been done according.

Att. David Irvine-(MKB).

2. 2 Aug 1779, Polly Burras married James Price, consent of Edmund and Polly Burras.
3. 28 Aug 1811, Edmund Burras, Jr. married Sally Wilson, daughter of James Wilson.
4. 1 Sep 1812, Elizabeth Burras married Jacob Burrass, daughter of Edmund Burras.
5. 4 Sep 1826, Martha Burras married Moses Swinny, daughter of Edmund Burras.
6. 22 May 1832, Thomas Burras married Katherine G. Booth.
7. 29 Nov 1832, Charles Burras married Rhonda Morgan.
8. 1 Sep 1812, Jacob Burruss married Elizabeth Burruss Edmund Burruss Father.
9. 27 Jul 1818, James Burrows Married Elizabeth W. Robertson
10. 22 May 1832, Thomas Burruss married Katherine G. Booth
11. 29 Nov 1832, Charles Burruss married Rhomda Morgan Rhonda-(WHBIII).

**TAXPAYERS, 1782-1794. LDS FILM # 0029289**

(Film was very hard to read-(JWB)).

Column 1 Males over 21

- " 2 Slaves
- " 3 Horses
- " 4 Cattle
- " 5 Total White Tithables

1782

John Burras

Edmund Burras

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
1	0	1	5	1
1	0	1	5	1

1783					
Edmund Burris	1	0	4	7	1
1784					
Edmund Burras	1	0	5	11	1
1785					
Edmund Burrass	1	0	3	4	1
William Burrass	1	0	1	0	1
1788 and/or 1789					
Edmund Burrass	1	0	0	2	1
William Burrass	1	0	1	0	1
1790 District of Thomas Logwood					
Edmund Burris	1	0	0	2	1
1791 District of Thomas Logwood					
Edmund Burris	1	0	3	0	1
1792 District of Thomas Logwood					
Edmund Burris	1	1	3	0	1
1793					
Edmund Burrass	2	1	1	0	2
1794					
Edmund Burrass	1	0	3	0	1

# **Edmund Burrass Data**

Born abt 1750. No information on parents.

Died 17 Sep 1830, Bedford County.

Obituary states that he was a Revolutionary War Veteran and was at the Battle of Guilford C.H.

Believed to have lived in Madison County, Kentucky, 1805-06-07.

At the time of his death he left 10 living children.

At the time of wife Hannah's death, 13 Dec 1836, it is mentioned that she left 5 living children.

Was Edmund married twice or did 5 children die between 1827 and 1836?

## **Special Notes**

1. 1 Apr 1771, Book and page number missing. John Burres, witness to land sale of John Eastins to Benj. Wright.
2. 1761-1771, List of Surveys by Wm. Cabell. John Burres' name mentioned. No other information on this John Burres.

# **INDEX TO COURT RECORDS LDS FILM 0030573**

(Film easy to read but has many abbreviations.)

1. Book 1, Page 197. Jacob Burus vs. Wm. Harris, dismd.
2. 1763-71, Book 3, Page 4. Burroughs vs. Langford.
3. 1772, Book 4, Pages 23, 27, 54, 82. Burrows vs. Kennedy.
4. 1790-95, Book 10, Page 125. Burrus, Edmund's hands to open road. Pages 11, 19, 35. Burras vs. Scatterwhite.
5. 1795-99, Book 11, Page 14. Edmund Burruss Apt. Surveyor of road.
6. 1799-1803, Book 12, Page 166. Edmund Burruss bound to keep the peace.
7. 1806-08, Book 14, Page 311. Burruss assignee vs. Harrison.
8. 1808-11, Book 15, Page 221. Edmond Burruss security on peace bond. Page 59. Burruss assignee vs. Slaughter.
9. 1815-20, Book 17, Page 317. Thomas Burruss gave peace bond. Page 387. Burruss Ads Commonwealth.  
Page 357. Burruss & Fuqua Ada Commonwealth.  
Page 693. Joseph Burroughs. Granted leave to celebrate rites of matrimony.
10. 1820-23, Book 18, Page 143. John Burress security on peace bond.  
Page 160. Joseph Burress, Negro man exempt from levies.  
Page 235. John Burress recommended for Ensign.  
Page 358. John Burress refuses to act as Ensign.  
Page 206. Joseph Burress appointed Surveyor of road.
11. 1823, Book 19, Page 181. James Burress appointed Surveyor.
12. 1828-29, Book 22, Page 41. Burress, Joseph & C. Commissioners appointed to allot hands to Surveyors.
13. 1830-32, Book 23, Page 178. Edmond Burress will proven. Qualifies & apprs. appointed.  
Page 355. Edmond Burress Inventory & Appraisers est. Recorded.

Page 417. Edmond Burrers Comrs. appointed to set. acct. with his exors.  
 Page 435. Edmond Burrers Exors. account filed.  
 Page 441. Edmond Burrers same ordered recorded.  
 Page 444. Edmond Burrers Exors. account alld.  
 Page 500. Edmond Burrers. One Exor. refuses to give counter security and his powers are removed.  
 Page 335. James Burroughs, Acct.  
 Page 247. John Burroughs, land owner summoned.  
 Page 289. John Burrers, Est committed to Sheriff.

14. 1832-34, Book 24, Page 134. Burroughs, James and Joseph Jr. qualify as Adms. of Joseph Burroughs.

15. 1834-37, Book 25, Page 295. Edmund Burrers, Exor. summoned to give counter security.  
 Page 295. Thomas Burrers, Exor. of Edmund Burrers summoned to give counter security.

#### **ORDER BOOKS**

1. MAY 1757, Book 1A. Jacob Burras vs. Wm Harris  
 Comment: Case discharged.
2. Mar 1790, Book 10 Page 11. Burrus vs. Satterwhite
3. Jun 1795, Book 11 Page 14. Edmund Burrus, Appointed to surveyor of road.
4. 25 May 1801, Book 12 Page 166. Edmund Burruss, Bond to keep peace.

#### **MILITARY**

1. Sep 1776, "Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain William Campbell of the first Regiment for one hundred & ten pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence for the use of his Company, for the hire of Rifles & for Uniforms & provisions found themselves.

Ordered that a warrant issue to . . . also two pounds five shillings for the use of CHARLES BURRISS . . . for Rifles purchased of them by Captain Wm Campbell for the use of the public as per Receipts examined & Certified by the Commissioners."

Journals of the Council of the State of Virginia, Vol. I, July 12, 1776-October 2, 1777, ed. H. R. McIlwaine, Virginia State Library, Richmond, 1931, p 178-(MKB).

2. Charles Burruss of Madison County, Kentucky in 1822 applied for a military land bounty stating in an affidavit that he enlisted in the First Virginia Regiment in Capt. William

Campbell's Company, under command of Col. Christy, in Bedford Co., VA in 1776 for a three year period and that he served his full term. A supporting affidavit was filed by Daniel Hukill of Jessamine Co., KY. Charles' application was denied because of a lack of supporting evidence-(MKB).

**FROM BEDFORD COUNTY MUSEUM - RESEACH ON BEDFORD COUNTY GRAVESTONES**

16. 7 Mar 1862-31 Oct 1932:Lucy Mildred Burruss, wife of  
A.W. Robertson

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDMUND BURRUSS**

In the name of God Amen. I Edmund Burraughs of sound mind and perfect memory althe weak in body do make this my last will and testament in manniss P. from following.

1st I desire that all my just debts be first paid by my executors hereinafter named.

2ndly I give all my estate both real and personal to my loving wife Hannah Burrass to her ??? and enjoyment during her natural life or widowhood : but should either of those eventually take place it is my wish that my executors hereafter named should proceed to sell all my estate both real and personal for the best price that can be attained. P. Make an equal division amongst my ten children, that is to say.

I give to my son William Burrass sixty-two dollars that I heretofere advanced him -

I give to my son Edmund Burrass sixty-seven dollars that I have heretofere advanced him.

I give to my son Thomas Burrass ninety-five dollars that I have heretofere advanced him.

I give to my daughter Elizabeth Burrass seventy-six dollars that I have heretofere advanced her.

I give to my daughter Martha Swenney sixty-seven dollars and no more that I had heretofere advanced.

I give to my grand child Joseph B. Swenney the balance that would be coming to Martha Swenney after giving a credit for what has been advanced his mother. Whenever an equal division can take place.

I give to my daughter Ann Halley twelve dollars that I have heretofere advanced.

I give unto my son Charles an equal share with the rest of my children after charging him two-hundred dollars - charged him for maintaining himself and negroes -

I give to my daughter Polley Price an equal share with the rest of my children after charging her with eighty dollars / I have heretofere advanced.

I give to my daughter Fanny Burrass an equal part without being charged with any advancement with the rest of my children.

I give my daughter Mildred Burrass an equal part with the rest of my children without any charge for any advancement -

I wish it to be distinctly understood by my Exes. that my intention is to make all my children equal after they account for the different sums they they are charged with on the memorandum that will accompany this my ..... will. And lastly I hereby constitute an appoint my son, Thomas Burrass & Barthulemu Halley my executors of this my last will and testament given under my hand this 7th day of September 1830.

Witness present

John H. Otey

Edmund Burrass

James G. Higginbonbotham

Calleb Williamson

Research-(WHB111)

## **BERKELEY COUNTY, VIRGINIA (West Virginia)**

Berkeley County, Virginia, was formed from Frederick County, Virginia, in 1772. In 1861 it became a county of West Virginia. The county seat is Martinsburg 25401.

1. 23 Dec 1767, Susanna Burris born. Daughter of William and Jane Burris.
2. 10 Sep 1807, Thomas Burris married Margaret Hemmanm. William Jordan, Sec.

## **BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Botetourt County, Virginia, was formed in 1770 from Augusta County, Virginia. The county seat is Fincastle 24090.

1. 16 Feb 1761, Patent Book 39, Page 252. John Burris received 160 acres on a small branch of the Roanoak River from the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. 11 May 1771, Deed Book 1, Page 368. John and Esther Burris sold 160 acres of land. (See **SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**).
3. 6 Apr to 6 Sep 1764. Capt William Christian's Company of Malitia Roll given and number of days served, John Burris 86.
4. 10 Sep 1774. James Burrens and David Cutlip in Capt. Robert McChenchans Co. of Volunteers from Botetourt County. (Jane Burris married David Cutlip in Rockingham County, Virginia, 2 Mar 1781.)-(JWB)



## BRUNSWICK COUNTY VIRGINIA

Brunswick County was formed from Prince George County 1732. The County seat is Lawrenceville 23868.

1. 1 Aug 1745, Book 23 page 981. John Burrough 400 acres for 40 shillings on the Laniuls Branch.

2. 25 Jul 1749. John Burris from King of England 180 acres, including both sides of the middle fork of the Cubb Creek, Adj. William Watson, Thomas Harvey-(WHBIII).

### VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS

3. 12 Jul 1750 Book 30 page 192. John Burrow, 344 acres for 35 shillings, south side of Reedy Creek.

4. 5 Aug 1751, Book 29 page 192. John Borough 272 acres for 30 shillings, south side of Reedy Creek, Lynches River. Line of Thomas Freeman, Edward Roberson, William Welch and Thomas Boles.

**William and Mary Quarterly**, Vol. 1, Page 62. Poll List 1748, John Burrow.

1743 Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, Vol V (1 Nov 1739-7 May 1754), The VA State Library, Richmond, 1945.

"The following petitions for land were read & granted":

1. 6 May 1743, Page 125. Council Meeting. To William Winston Jun'r & WILLIAM BURRUS five thousand acres in Brunswick County on the South side of Hazard branch beginning at a red oake on the said branch being a branch of Stocken River.

To Theophilus Fields one thousand acres in Prince George County lying between & adjoining the lands of James Keith David Walker BURROWS & Hawkins adjoining to some other lands of the petitioners purchased of John Levit. And to have an inclusive patent for the whole.

2. 3 Nov 1743, Page 137. Council meeting. To William Winston Jun'r & WILLIAM BURRUS five thousand in Brunswick beginning at a whiteoak on a branch of the River Dan & so running along the said

river where there has been no grant already to make up the compliment-(MKB).

**Deeds & Wills.** Brunswick County, Virginia Deeds, 1745 - 1749, T. L. C. Genealogy, Miami, 1991

1. 4 Dec 1746, Book 3, Page 246. "...to my well loved son, William Burrow, ...about 200ac. of land, being the half of a tract of 400ac. In Brunswick, the patent dated 1745. The land is near Sturgeon Run, and bounded by Lenier and Gee, being the upper part of a half of the said tract of land, divided by the Rocky Branch. Signed John Burrow. Wit: Thos Shakell, Isaac Howze. p. 24.

2. 4 Dec 1746, Book 3, Page 256...to John Burrow, his son,..about 200ac. Of land, being the lower half of a tract of 400 acres in Brunswick near Sturgeon Run, and bounded by Lanier (Laner) and Gee. The 400acre division line is bounded in part by Rocky Branch. Signed John Burrow. Wit: Wood Tucker, Thomas Burrow. p.25.

3. Jun 1748, Book 3 Page 515. Burgess, A poll of their Voters. June, 1748, John Burrow. p. 55.

4. Jun 1748, Book 3, Page 515. Burgess, A poll of their Voters. June, 1748 William Burrow. p. 55.

5. Jun 1748. Book 3, Page 517. Burgess, A poll of their Voters. June, 1748, John Burrow. p. 57.

6. Jun 1748, Book 3, Page 517. Burgess, A poll of their Voters. June, 1748 William Burrow. p. 57.

**Virginia Will Books**, Volume 1, 2 and 3, 1739-1769, 1783-1785, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., Lawrenceville, VA, 1997

7. 1751, Book 3, Page 572. Account 1751 of the estate of Batle Peterson admr. Named: ...Simon Barrow...p.101.  
Note: Over 60 people were named.

8. 1752, Book 3, Page 747. Account 1752 for the estate of John Tooke by Wm. Ezell, Jr. admr. With the will annexed: ...Simon Barrow...p.136. Note: Over 30 people were named.

9. 1750, Book 3, Page 573. Account 1750 for the estate of Burwell Brown by Nattl Hicks extr. Named: Thos Barrow...p.102.  
(Over 40 people were named.)

10. Oct 12 1759, Book 3, Page 614. Will of Nathaniel Clarke.  
Heirs: Joshua (son)

Lee (son)  
Nathaniel (son)  
Peter (son)

Moses Vinson, Henry Lee, William Barrow, Nathaniel Mitchell, and  
Jester Knott to divide my land ...Ex. my wife Rebecca & Joshua  
Clark. p. 108.

11. 3 Aug 1759, Book 3, Page 665. Will of William Lee  
Heirs: Peter Lee (grandson)

Wm (son)  
Elizabeth (daughter)  
Ann (daughter)  
Rebecca (daughter)  
Amy (daughter)

Ex. William Barrow, Henry Lee

Wit: Isaac Row Walton, Elizabeth Maslay, Elizabeth Walton. p. 119.

12. 1 Aug 1766, Book 3, Page 726. Will of Christopher Smith.

Heirs: William (son)  
Benjamin (son)  
Ambrose (son)  
Sarah (wife)  
Sarah (daughter)  
Jane (daughter)

Ex. Sarah Smith, wife.

Wit: Ambrose Jones, William Barrow, Isaac Lee. p. 131.

13. 27 Jul 1763, Book 3, Page 741. Appraisal of Christopher  
Smith dec'd 10 Jul 1767. Appraised by William Barrow, Richard  
Branscomb, Ambros Jones Returned to Court 27 Jul 1767. p. 134.

14. 1762, Book 3, Page 752. Account 1762 for the estate of  
Ambrose Smith dec'd by Thomas Meggs excr. Named: William Barrow.  
p. 137, (There were 11 names.)-(WHBIII)

15. 27 Jan 1769, Book 3, Page 769. Account for the estate of  
Peter Simmon by Elizabeth Simmon excrx. Named: ...Mary Burriss....  
p. 141.

(There were 13 names. Could Simon Barrow be tied to this  
family?.)-(WHBIII)

16. 22 May 1764, Book 3, Page 777. Will of William Short Sr.

Heirs: William (son)  
Jacob (son)  
Rebeca Abernathy (grandaughter)  
Not named (wife)

Ex. William Short, Jacob Short, Charles Abernathy

Wit: Matthew Carlos, William Smith, Liles Abernathy.

Codicil. 12 Oct 1769 John Barrow & his' wife "shall never have any of part my estate. p. 142.

17. 1754. Book 3, Page 515. Account 1754 for the estate of Alexander Walker dec'd by Robert Walker admr. Named: Philip Burrow. p. 88. (Over 55 people named.)-(WHBIII)

18. 10 Nov 1751, Book 3, Page 426. Inventory & appraisal of the estate of Michael Rice dec'd 10 Nov 1751. Appraised by Henry Simmons, William Barrow, Sheppard Lanier ....p.71.

19. 1751, Book 3, Page 533. Account 1751 of the estate of Sterling Clack by John Clack excr. Named: William Barrow. p. 92. (Over 70 names.)-(WHBIII)

**Will Books**, Volume 2, Will Book 4 and 5 (in part), 1761-1780, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., Lawrenceville, VA, 1997

1. 22 Mar 1762, Book 4, Page 197. Appraisal of the estate of Ambrose Smith dec'd. Appraised by Henry Lee, William Barrow, Richard Branscomb. Returned to Court 22 Mar 1762. p. 47.

2. 2 Nov 1775, Book 4, Page 293. Appraisal of the estate of Richard Branscomb dec'd 2 Nov 1775. Appraised by William Goodrich, William Barrow, William Forgason, Sr. Returned to Court 26 Feb 1776. p. 69.

3. 9 Sep 1772, Book 4 Page 96. An additional account of the estate of Hinchey Mabry dec'd. Named: Philip Burrow". p. 23. (28 names were listed)-(WHBIII)

## **CAMPBELL COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Campbell County formed from Bedford County 1782. The County Seat is Rustburg 24588.

1. 14 Nov 1809, Book 8 Page 636. William Burras and Ellender Elender Burrus his wife of Montgomery County to, Douglas Irby and Hannah Irby his wife of Bottetourt Co. sold to James Candler 285 Acres of land in Campbell Co. for \$300.00. Land on North head waters of Beaver Creek. Foremerly the property of Henry Candler, deceased-(MKB).

From Campbell County Order Books.

2. May 1784, Book 1, Page 292. Wm. Burruss, set date for court appeaarance.

3. Jun 1784 Book 2, Page 57. Burruss to pay debts.

4. Jun 1784, Book 1 Page 352. Burruss to pay debts or answer to Court.

5. May 1785, Book 2 Page 75. Edmund Burras, Plft. against Charles Roark, Deft.

6. Dec 1785 Book 2 Page 287. Ordered that the following hands James Henson, Charles Burrus, Matthew Allegre, John Snow, and William Davis with their male tithes be added to their hands who work under John Venable Surveyor of the road-(MKB).

7. April 1889, Book 34 Page 349. Commonwealth Vs. Burrus (This Wm Burruss can't be the same as the first two entries.)-(WHBIII)

8. 14 Sep 1835, Book 21 Page 233. Thomas J. Burress. Ordered that Richard Clark, Peter Webber, Journell Farmer, and Thomas J. Burress or any two of them after being just sworn appraise said decedents estate. (Should have been Thomas G. Burress.)-(WHBIII).

9. Mar 1837, Book 22 Page 128. Thomas G. Burrows A Grand Jury charged and sworn to mit Robert Huter, foreman. Thomas Mosely, Samuel Lambeth, Joe Roper, John Ray, James Hendrick, Reece Evans, George B. Faris, Reuben Bagby, William W. Dinwiddie, Thomas G. Burrows, John J. Moorman, John Andrews, Moses Arnold, Alexander S. Henry, Jese Bailey who retired to their room and made the following presentments to wit.-(WHBIII)

10. 14 Aug 1837, Book 22 Page 242. Thomas G. Burrus, Daniel Franklin, Zachariah Moorman, Thomas G. Burrows and Thomas Lindsay, who have been summoned to appear at this term as Grand Jurors and failed to attend. It is ordered that they be summoned to appear at the next term of this court to show cause why they should not be fined according to law for their said contempt-(WHBIII).

11. Jun 1838, Book 23 Page 51. Thomas Burrus. A Grand Jury charged and sworn to wit Bennet ???, foreman. George A. Walton, Robert J. Wilbourn, William Arnold, John A. Bailey, Gilbert Hayth, Josiah H. Whitton, Littleton Leftwich, Thomas Burrus, George Akers, Danice Franklin, James Litchford, John Shannon, James Shearer, Reuben Bagby, William Elmore, who made the following presentments to wit. We present John W. Harvey for a breach of the peace for assulting & beating Charles Depriest in said County of Campbell within six months last past by the information Charles Definesi voluntary informer.

12. 14 Jan 1839, Book 23 Page 123. Thomas Burrass. Ordered that Thomas Burrass, Zacheriah Phillips, William Moore, and William Elliott, or any three of them being justly sworn for the purpose appraise the estate of said decedent and report to County.- (WHBIII)

13. Book 23 Page 221. Thomas G. Burrass. The last will and testament of William ??? (Postich, Fostich, Postick, (Fostick) deceased was this day proved by the oaths of Jno.M. Mason, and Wm. W. Hill, two of the witness ??? subscribed and ordered to be recorded and the court doth order Thomas G. Burrus the Exor. named due summoned to the next term of this Court to show cause why he does not qualify as the Exox. of the said Wm. Fostick, deceased.- (WHBIII)

14. Dec 1839, Book 23 Page 236. Thomas G. Burrass. Ordered that Thomas G. Burrass Ex. of Wm. Fostick the Exox. named in the last will and testament of Wm. Fostick be summoned to the next term of this Court to show cause why he does not qualify as the Exox. of this Wm. Fostick, deceased.- (WHBIII)

15. 12 Jul 1841, Book 23 Page 407. Thomas G. Burress, Serves on Grand Jury.- (WHBIII)

16. 13 Jun 1842, Book 23 Page 525. Thomas G. Burres, serves on Grand Jury.- (WHBIII)

17. Feb 1849, Book 26 Page 11. John P, Burruss.  
John P. Burruss on a motion gave James L. Jordan guardianship to of infant.- (WHBIII)

18. Date ?, Book 28 Page 383. Thomas G. Burruss.  
As Administrator of the estate of John T. Davis. Thomas G. Burruss gave security.- (WHBIII)

19. Aug 1859, Book 28 Page 74. John E. Burruss. The Commonwealth against John E. Burruss.

20. Mar 1860, Book 28 Page 126. Burruss gets bail for the death of Joseph Eads, whom Burruss shot then crushed his skull with a rock. Burruss put up \$2000 bail and Margret Gaddy puts up security.

(I do not know who the parents of John E. Burruss. Further, I do not know what kin Margret Gaddy is to Hannah Gaddy. As of January 10, 1999, we know that John E. Burruss was the son of Charles & Rhonda (Morgan) Burruss.) - (WHBIII)

21. Mar 1862, Book 28 Page 274. Margret Gaddy is appointed administrator to John E. Burruss, deceased-(WHBIII)

22. 1850, John P. Burress: The census gives this information

John P. Burress	29	M
Sarah M. Burress	27	F
Frederick M. Burres	10	M
James Burress	6	M

Marriage records show that John married Missouri Bass. Her full name appears to be Sarah Missouri Bass. The records in Appomattox show the same children in the will of Sarah M. Burruss-(WHBIII).

### MARRIAGES

1. 16 Dec 1816 Samuel Gutherie married Jane Burruss. Minister was Edmund John (or could be John Edmund)-(WHBIII).
2. 1829, Thomas G. Burruss married Catherine Weber.
3. 1839, John P. Burruss married Missouri Bass-(WHBIII).

### DEEDS

Campbell County, Virginia Deeds, 1782-1784, T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, 1991, Page 31.

Oct 1784, Book 1, Page 339. Deed from Mary Stovall, Thomas Stovall and James Stovall, executors of George Stovall, deceased, of Campbell Co., to William Galt of Henrico Co., . . . Stovall's Ferry Tract whereon the late George Stovall Jr lived, and bounded by Fluvanna River, 200 acres. Wit. JOSEPH BURRUS, Joseph Stovall, Brett. Stovall-(MKB).

Campbell County, Virginia Deeds, 1784-1790, T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, 1991, p 22:

20 Nov 1785, Book 2 Page 119. Deed from Achilles and Charles Moorman to Mathew Allegree . . . 602 acres on Seneca Creek. Signed Achilles Moorman, Charles Moorman. Wit. CHARLES (X) BURRIS, James Carver. Rec. 6 Jul 1786-(MKB).

2 Oct 1788, Book 2, Page 211. Deed from Aquila Gilbert to Richard Bloxom for and in consideration of 1000 acres of land in Fayette County (KY) . . . 660 acres on the south side of Seneca Cr . . . Signed Aqa Gilbert, Eliz'h Gilbert. Wit. Isaac Reynolds, CHARLES (+) BURRUSS, James Carver. Rec. 2 Oct 1788, Campbell County,

Virginia Deeds, 1784-1790, T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, 1991, p 49-(MKB).

## **BRISTOL PARISH**

Births from Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George, Dinwiddie Counties, Published by John B. Boddie, Mountain View, CA (no date).

1. Phillip S. (son) of Phillip & Martha Burrows. Born 20th July 1741 & Bapt. 1st Nov 1741 Page 287.
2. Henry, S. (son) of John and Johannah Burrough. Born 26th Oct 1730, Bap. 15 Nov Page 283.
3. Patty D. (daughter) of Nathaniel & Mary Burrows. Born 22nd Sep 1745 & Bapt. 3 Nov 1745 Page 290.
4. Elizabeth D. (daughter) of William & Elizabeth Burrow. Born 5 Feb 1734-5 Page 287.
5. Mary D. (daughter) of James & Catherine Burrow. Born 11 Nov 1733, Bap. 15 Nov Page 285.
6. Ann D. (daughter) of James & Catherine Burrows. Born 28 Mar 1742 & Bap. 2 May 1742 Page 288-(WHBIII).

## **CAROLINE COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Formed in 1728 from Essex, King and Queen, and King William Counties. The county seat is Bowling Green 22427.

### **SECTION ONE, JACOB BURRUS FAMILY**

(Caroline county data is divided in two sections. Section one is the Jacob Burrus family. Section two is the Charles Burrus family)-(JWB)

1. Jacob Burrus lived in King William County. (This is the son of John Burrus, formerly from King William County.)-(JWB)

(Of the known children of John Burrus of King William County, Edmund, William, Thomas, Charles, John, and Jacob, Jacob is the only one who left a will. Land and a few other records have been found for Charles.)

2. **The Name and Family of Burrows**, Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C., Page 5. "In 1717 Jacob Burrus or Burris came



from England to Caroline Co. VA. He and his son, William, both served in the American Rev. Possibly Thomas Burris, who was born in 1730 in Orange Co. VA, was another son of the immigrant Jacob, but this is conjectural."

(We can find no ship's passenger list, war, or any other record to prove or disprove this entry. Jacob Burrus, Sr., died 1754. Jacob Burris, Jr., born 1714, died 1778. William Burris, son of Jacob, Jr., was born about 1747. This appears to be mistaken informaion.)-(JWB)

### 3. Will of Jacob Burrus

St. Margaretts's Parish

Caroline Co., Virginia

Dated 20 March 1742

In the name of God Amen, the twentieth day of March Anno Dommi 1742 I JACOB BURROUGHS of the Parish of Saint Margaretts and County of Caroline being well in Body and perfect in memory Thanks be to Almighty God for it and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this life and that all Flesh must yield to Death when it please God to call, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First being penitent and sorry for all my sins and most humbly desiring Forgiveness for the same, I commend my soul to Almighty God, my Savior and Redeemer in Whom and by whose merits I trust and believe assuredly to be saved to have full remission and Forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Descretion of my Executors hereafter named and for the settling of my Temporal Estate and such Goods, and Chattles -- as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I do Order give & bestow them in manner & form following.

Imprimize, I give & bequeath to my Dearly beloved wife MARY, one third of all my estate real and personal with the Plantation whereon I now live in Caroline County during her natural life & after her decease to my son CHARLES & his heirs & in case of his dying in his nonage to my son WILLIAM & his heirs.

Item I give to my well beloved son WILLIAM Twenty five pounds current money to be raised out of my estate as also one Bed with furniture, a cow yearling & two ewes.

Item I give to my beloved son JACOB one young mare.

Item I give to my beloved son HENRY one cow & Yearling & two ewes.

Item I give to my beloved son THOMAS two hundred seventy three acres of land being part of four hundred acres Granted to my letters Patent bearing date the fifteenth of March 1735 lying on the side of Houry Creek in Hanover County to him and his heirs and in case of his dying childless to be equally divided among his four brothers above mentioned or the survivors of them as also one fether Bed, a cow & yearling & two Ewes.

Item I give to my son CHARLES besides the Plantation whereon I now live after my wife's decease a Feather Bed & furniture, a cow & yearling & two ewes, one iron pot, two Puter dishes with six puter plates.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one Feather Bed with Furniture, a cow & yearling & two Ewes, Two puter dishes and a bason and as for the rest of my estate that is not Bequeathed nor Given

I give and bequeath to my daughters ANN, JUSTINIANA & MARY to be equally divided amongst them. And I hereby make & appoint my beloved wife MARY & my beloved son WILLIAM executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking, dis annulling & making void all former wills by me made. Declaring this only to be my hand and seal the Day & Date above mentioned the 24th line being underlined & the word (forever) being raised in the 21st, 22nd & 30th lines.

JACOB BURRAS (Seal)

Signed, sealed in the presence of

Mary (X) Burrus, Reuben Harris, James Fr. Edwd. Robins.

The above will was filed in the suit papers in the clerk's office Circuit Court Louisa Co. Va. Suit entitled Isaac Davis vs William Burrus, March, April, May terms 1767.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS:

4. Jacob Burrus died late 1754 or early 1755. There is a possibility that he retained control of all his property during his life, possibly 13 to 15 years after making his will, as both Henry and Thomas, his sons, sold their land after Jacob died.

5. Mary listed in will. No other record located mentioning her.

6. Children of Jacob and Mary Burrus:

A. William Burrus.

In the court case in Louisa County in 1767 styled Davis vs Burrus. The Bill of Complaint states that Isaac Davis of the County of Louisa is the Plaintiff and Jacob Burrus of Caroline County made his will devising certain property to his son William...William Burrus the son, left the colony and "after traveled to South Carolina has not been heard of for several years" Isaac Davis further declares that the said William Burrus before he left this colony became indebted to Henry Bayley, John Ballard and Isaac Davis and that Robert Fleming Bibb was executor of the said Jacob Burrus. Isaac Davis prays that the court will decree that William Burrus died in the lifetime of his father, Jacob Burrus and that portion of the estate of Jacob Burrus which

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was bequeathed to his son William Burrus be subject to payment of the debts of the said William Burrus. (No information on how this case was decided. This may be the William Burrus that moved to Surry County, North Carolina.)

#### **LAND PATENTS**

7. 24 Mar 1740, Book 19, Page 905. William Burrus, 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. Both sides of the north fork of Mormans River, Major Henrys corner.

11 Jul 1743, Louisa County Deed Book A, Pages 90-92. William Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, to John Starke of Fredricksville Parish, Louisa County, for 25 pounds, current money, 400 acres in Fredericksville Parish. On both sides of the North Fork of Moremans River, Maj. Henry's corner. Signed: W. Burrus.

(Moremans River is in the western part of Albemarle County. At the date of this deed it was Louisa County, Fredericksville Parish. This indicates that William is the son of Jacob Burrus, Sr., St. Margaret's Parish. He would have been born about 1718 to engage in this land transaction or over 21 years old.)

Caroline County was formed from King William County 1728. Albemarle County was formed from Louisa and Goochland Counties in 1744.

8. 15 Sep 1752, VA Patent Book 31, Page 201. Richard Davenport, 396 acres Caroline Co on the Road Side that leads from Chesterfield to Mantahick Church, near Herring Br, adj the sd Davenport, SAMUEL BURROS, Wm Crutchfield, Major Temple, Thomas Wild & Singleton.-(MKB)

B. Jacob Burrus, Jr., married Martha Harris, Susannah and Diana. He lived in Caroline County all of his life. He died 1778. Children:

William 1747-1831, John 1749-1777, "Charles 1750-52, died 1809-10."

(No definate proof has been found that Charles is a son of Jacob, Jr. He lived in Albemarle County all his life and married three times. A letter from Mrs. Ruth Huff dated Jul 9 1951 to W.E. Brockman states "I also knew that Jacob Burruss was one of my grandfathers but how far back I did not know until I received your information" Also "My great, great, grandfather Charles Burrus was a son of Jacob Burrus". Charles named his oldest son Jacob and daughters Ann, Justina, Mary, Elizabeth and another son Thomas. These are certainly Jacob Burrus, Sr. family names. Research now indicates that Charles is the son of Thomas and Sarah.

(Shirley Spain Smith, 56 Bay Quarter Drive, Heathsville, VA 22473, is a descendant of Jacob Burrus Jr. Shirley is an excellent researcher and contributed most of the research from Caroline and King County, VA)

C. Henry Burrus sold land in Louisa County that he received on 4 Nov 1741 by deed of gift from his father, Jacob Burrus, Sr.

D. Thomas Burrus, Louisa, Albemarle, Orange Counties, Virginia, and Surry County, North Carolina.

(Betty Burrus Swaringen, 201 10th Avenue, Canyon, Texas 79015, is a genealogist and a descendant of this Thomas Burrus.)

(Married Sarah. Some researchers say she was the daughter of Joseph Martin, who married Susannah Chiles. Their Sarah seemed to have been born 1748 and married John Burris. See **MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**. Other researchers say she was the grand-daughter of John Martin and daughter of his son, Joseph Martin, a different Joseph Martin than the one who married Susannah Chiles. No proof has been found of the parents of Sarah.

On 22 May 1759, Thomas sold the land he received from his father, Jacob. This was found in Book B, Pages 306-07, Louisa County, Virginia. Sarah was mentioned in the deed and a place was prepared for her signature, but she did not sign. On 28 August 1759 Thomas sold another piece of land in Louisa County. This was found in Book B, Pages 334-35. Sarah's name was not mentioned and she did not sign.

(In all the deeds or land sales in Louisa County that we researched, the dower law was observed to protect the wife's interest in any property or land they had accumulated together. Sarah's name appearing in the deed indicates they were married when Jacob made his will in 1742 and this would be property accumulated after marriage. Sarah, it seems, died in 1759. Children by Sarah and Thomas: Jacob, Susannah, Charles and possibly others.

Thomas then married Ann, date unknown; first mentioned in Deed Book 16, Page 35, 25 Nov 1772, Orange County, Virginia. Parents unknown. No marriage certificate has been found. Children: Justince or Justiniana, Thomas, Jr., William and Isaac.

E. Charles Burrus died 1795-97. (For documents, see **AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA**. Married Sarah Woolfolk (Douglas Register, Page 100.) Children: Joseph, Lucy, Elizabeth, Fanny (born 1763), Charles and Permelia.

F. No record has been found concerning Elizabeth, and Mary, children of Jacob, Sr. Justinia married Robert Fleming Bibb, Ann married Jonothan Johnson.

## SOURCES

Land records are the most accurate research documents we can find; however, other than a few scattered records, the first Caroline County deed book is no. 39, which begins in 1836. Therefore we rely on the order books, and other court documents, land tax records, personal property tax records, Land office records, and the surviving Federal Census for information. These have all been microfilmed and are available, but sometimes difficult to read.

### **Bible Records from Mrs. Julian A. Burruss:**

8. William Burruss married Susanna Terrell, Caroline County, Virginia, daughter of David Terrell and Agatha Chiles.
9. Son of William and Susanna: Pleasant Burruss married Nancy Cheadle of Hanover County, Virginia, 10 Jan 1805. Daughter of John Cheadle and Elizabeth Woodson.
10. Son of Pleasant and Nancy: Jacob Burriss married Lucinda Wright, both of Caroline County, Virginia.
11. Son of Jacob and Lucinda: Woodson Cheadle Burruss married Cora Emmett McDowell, Hanover Co., Virginia. He was from Caroline County, Virginia.
12. Son of Woodson and Cora: Julian Ashley Burruss, Henrico County, Virginia (1874-1947), married Rachel Cleveland Ebbert, of Covington, Kenton, Kentucky. Daughter of George Dorsey Ebbert and Lillie Collins.
13. Son of Julian and Rachel: Julian Ashley Burruss, II (1919), Rockingham County, Virginia, married Mary May Inscho, Miami, Florida. Son of Julian II and Mary, Bruce Kenneth Burrus, (1947), Montgomery County, Virginia.
14. Terrell Genealogy, by Emma Dicken. David Terrell and Descendants, (Daughter) Rachel born 1749, died 1780, married John Burruss who died 1780. (The death dates for both Rachael and John Burrus (Burruss) are incorrect. Caroline Co. Order Book for 14<sup>th</sup> May 1778, page 83, shows will of John Burrus, deceased, proved. Caroline Co. Order Book for 9 Dec 1779, page 203, indicate Rachael, widow of John, is now married to Thomas Hackett.)-(SSS)
15. 1770, Page 167. David Terrell and Descendants, (Daughter) Susannah born 30 May 1752, died 8 Dec 1828. Married William

Burress 15 Oct 1770, brother of John Burress who married Rachael Terrell.

#### **VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS**

16. 24 Mar 1725. Jacob Burros, 400 acres, new land, King William County in St. John's Parish on east side of Rangers parth.

17. 15 Mar 1735, Book 17 page 28 Jacob Burrus of Caroline County 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover county. Beginning in Burreses corner, George Bracks line, on both sides of Hickory Creek.

18. 15 Mar 1735 Book 17 page 29. Jacob Burrus of Caroline County 400 acres for 40 shillings in Hanover County. Col. Symes and George Bracks corner, John Aylells line.

#### **COUNTY COURT RECORDS AND ORDER BOOK**

19. 1733, Nov Court, Page 107. Jacob Burrus to be overseer of old road from Pole Catt into Ridge road. David Terrell to be overseer of road from Pole Catt into ridge road and to use Jacob Burris gang as well as the people belonging to his own precincts to assist in clearing the road. (David Terrell is father of Susanna and Rachael who married John and William Burrus-(JWB)).

20. 1734, Nov Court, Page 167. Jacob Burrus appointed surveyor of the road in the precinct where Thomas Dickenson was surveyor.

21. 1734. Jacob Burruss registered 1 slave.

22. 1734, March Court, Page 281. Jacob Burris appointed juror.

23. 13 Feb 1735, Feb Court, Page 746 Jacob Burris, Joseph Woolfolk, William Carr, and Joseph Martin appointed appraiser, Estate of Debney Anderson.

24. 14 May 1736, May Court, Page 341 Jacob Burris, grand jury. (For John Terrell and Elizabeth Harrison living in adultery) (John Terrell is brother of David Terrell whose daughters, Susanna and Rachael married William and John Burrus respectively. John and David Terrell were sons of William and Susannah Terrell.)(SSS)

25. 1735, May Court, Page 289. It is ordered Henry Terrell be overseer of the road commonly called Woolfolk road in the room of Jacob Burrus.

26. 1736, Jun Court, Page 346. It is ordered John Clarke be overseer of the road in the room and precincts of Jacob Burrus.

27. 1739, Mar Court, Page 585. Henry and Anne Terrel's deed of feoffment and livery of seizin of land indented to Jonothan Johnson was proven by Willian Ignor and Jacob Burrus, Jr. (Jonothan Johnson married Ann Burrus Daughter of Jacob Sr.)
28. 1739, Aug Court, Page 554. Jacob Burrus proves Robert Powell's deed.
29. 12 Oct 1739, Oct Court, Page 563. Joseph Martin acknowledged his deed of land to Jacob Burrus. Susannah Martin, wife of Joseph, signed release of dower in Hanover County.
30. 13 Jan 1740, Jul Court, Page 620. Sarah, a Negro girl. belonging to Jacob Burris, is adjudged to be 12 years old.
31. 1743, Aug Court, Page 210. John Minor, Gent., presented last will and testament of Thomas Carr...it is ordered that John Johnson, Jacob and William Burrus, witness to the will, be summoned to prove the same.
32. 1743, Oct Court, Page 231. Thomas Carr's Will Proved. Jacob Burrus, Jona Johnson, Charles Goodall and Daniel Green ordered to appraise the estate.
33. 1743, Nov Court, Page 233. Inventory and appraisal of estate of Thomas Carr returned. Proved by Jacob Burrus, one of the witnesses.
34. 1746, June Court, Page 607. The last will and testament of Thomas Swiney was presented in court by Jacob Burrus, Exec.
35. 1747, May Court Page 33. Jacob Burrus Juror.
36. 1749, Jun Court, Page 155. William Burrus acknowledged his deeds of lease and release and bonds indented to James Foster.
37. 1754, Mar Court Page 457. Jacob Burrus deed indented to Samuel Redd was proved by Thomas Swiney, James Bradle and Reuben George, Wit.
38. 1754 or early 1755. Jacob Burruss, Decd. Reuben Harris, Exec.
39. 1755, Feb Court, Page 28. On the motion of Robert Fleming Bibb it is ordered that he have administration with the will annexed of the estate of Jacob Burrus. (Robert Fleming Bibb married Justina, daughter of Jacob Burrus)



40. 1755, Apr Court, Page 45. The inventory of the estate of Jacob Burrus returned.
41. 1755, May Court, Page 49. William Terrell's deed indented to Jacob Burrus was proved by Samuel Redd, John Quarles and Rodger Quarles.
42. 12 Feb 1756, Page 138. It is ordered James Terrell, Jacob Burrus, Robert Loway and Moses Karnel appraise the estate of Joseph Crew.
43. 1758, Nov Court, Page 396. Jacob Burrus and Edmund Swinney acknowledged their deed indented to William Magehee.
44. (DELETED)
45. 1759, June Court, Page 87. Jacob Burrus ordered to appraise the estate of William Terrell.
46. 1759, May Court, Page 9. Jacob Burrus appointed overseer of the road in the room of Joseph Butler.
47. 1759. Jacob Burruss, et al, as exec. or adm. estate of Wm. Hewlett.
48. 1761, June Court, Page 211. On the petition of Jacob Burrus it is ordered Joseph Woolfolk, John Thompson, Wm. Wolbert and Carl McGhee view the road Burrus petitioned for.
49. 1761, Jun Court, Page 215. Colin and Company against William Burrus. Trespass on the case. Jury trial, find for the plaintiff 10 pounds 11 shillings 9 pence current money damage. It is considered by the court that the Plt. recover of the Def. and John Hollaway and George Kenner his common bail the sum of money.
50. 1763, Mar Court, Page 393-397. Jacob Burrus against Michael Aestock. The Plt. proving his account judgement is granted him.
51. 1763, May Court, Page 412. John Hampton is appointed overseer on the road in the room of Jacob Burrus and is ordered to be recorded.
52. 1763, June Court, Page 423. Jacob Burrus and Susanna his wife against Wm. Howard. The Plt. providing their account. Judgement is granted for L 2, 3 Shillings and 6 Pence.
53. 1763, Aug Court, 455. On motion of Thomas Terrell, ordered Jacob Burrus, Robert Chandler and James Gatewood value the imporvements on 329 acres of land granted to Thomas Terrell.



54. 1764, Mar Court, Page 74. Jacob Burrus, James Terrell, David  
ster, and John Hampton or any three of these settle and lay one-  
fourth estate of William Stone for his widow Mary Stone.
55. 1764, May Court, Page 151. Charles Burrus and Sally his  
wife, acknowledge deed indented to William Tyler.
56. 1764, May Court, Page 151. Charles Burrus against William  
Tyler. In dept. Plt to recover money.
57. 1764, June Court, Page 170. Jacob Burrus against John Winal  
Sanders. On attatchment. Dismissed.
58. 1764, Sep Court, Page 284. Jacob Burrus against Jeremiah  
Jordon. By attatchment. Dismissed.
59. 1765, Feb Court, Page 331. Jacob Burrus and others ordered  
to appraise estate of John Lewis.
60. 1765 Oct Court, Page 230. Ordered Jacob Burrus and others to  
appraise in current money the estate of Alexander Atchinson.
61. 1765, Oct Court, Page 263. Charles Burruss, Plaintiff against  
William Tyler & John Sutton , Defendants on a Replevy Bond. On  
motion of Plaintiff, by his lawyer, it is ordered that execution do  
issue against the Defendant for one hundred and fifty five pounds  
& seventeen shillings and fourpence, current money and legal  
interest thereon from the thirteenth day of February 1765 until  
paid the cost.
62. 1766, June Court, Page 299. Jacob Burrus and Susanna his wife,  
she first privately examined, acknowledged their deed for land to  
John Hampton.
63. 1768, Jan Court, Page 79. Ordered Jacob Burrus and others to  
appraise the estate of James Terrell.
64. 1768, Jun Court, Page 183. Ordered that information be filed  
against John Burrus for preaching unlawfully and that other  
offenders for assembling themselves and that the person at whose  
house the same was discharged.
65. 1768. Jacob Burrus allowed home to be used for unauthorized  
worship. Charges dismissed.
66. 1768. Jacob Burruss, et al, adm. estate of James Terrell.

67. 1769, Mar Court, Page 308. Ordered that John Penn, Richens Brame, George Guy and Jeremiah Rawlins do settle Jacob Burrus account of his exec. of Lipscomb's estate.
68. 1769, May Court, Page 2. John Burruss and others fined in connection with not frequenting their parish church. (St. Margarets) 5 shillings or 50 pounds of tobacco.
69. John Burrus registered 1 Negro.
70. 1771, July Court, Page 242. John Burrus came into court and acknowledged that he had preached the Gospal without Eposcopal Ordination and contrary to a licence granted him by the General Court and contrary to the Act of Tolleration; it is ordered he be committed to the Goal of this county and there remain till he gives security himself in the sum of ten pounds and two securities in the sum of ten pounds each for his good behavior twelve month and a day.
71. 1772, Nov Court, Page 160. Grand Jury presentment against Jacob Burrus for not keeping his mill dam in repair.
72. 1773, May Court, Page 231. Ordered James Gregory to pay Jacob Burrus 75 pounds of tobacco for attending this court three days as an evidence for him against Richd. Stevens.
73. 1775. Jacob Burruss ordered to open unused road to his grist mill. Unable to do so in time allotted. Fined 10 pds.
74. 13 Apr 1775, Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_. Jacob Burrus of Caroline County, Parish of St. Margarete, planter, for in consideration of the love and good will which I have and bear toward my son John Burrus of the same County afoersaid. Give 225 acres on the south side of the North fork of Polecat, including the mill and everything belonging to it. (Long description) Jacob Burrus (Seal)-(SSS).
75. 1775, July Court, Page 603. Deed of gift from Jacob Burrus to John Burrus was acknowledged by the said Jacob Burrus and ordered to be recorded.
76. Jun 1776. (Name faded) and Jane, his wife, deed to Jacob Burrus and Susannah, his wife.
77. 1776. Revolutionary Soldiers from Caroline County, John Burruss.
78. Page 45, entry 32. Revolutionary soldies, John Burrus. John was a private serving in Captain Matthew Jouett's Company of the Seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Alexander McClenachan, Esq. He was paid October 1777 6 2/3 Dollars (2 pounds). The payroll

from December 29, 1776 to May 31 1777 indicates his time of service was five months and three days. The pay period June 1777 to July 10 1777 is marked "sick in a county hospital". Remarks for May 21 are: "Dumphries, Virginia under inoculation S. Pox". Remarks for September 1, 1777: "Hospital". Remarks on pay roll for September 1777-October 1777: "Sick" Enlisted for 10 April 1778. Remarks for October 1777- November 4, 1777 "Sick in Hospital". Enlisted until April 1778. There is an entry for November 1777 "Died November 2" "John Burrus, Cap't Jouett's Company" appears on an account stated as follows "Lieu Will Whites 7th Virginia Regiment acco'for his draft at Baltimore. (Dumphries, Virginia is about 35 miles north of Carmel Church.)-(SSS)

(This is not John the preacher, who died 8 Apr 1778. He does not appear to be of the Jacob Burrus family but may be a son of Samuel Burrus.)-(JWB)

#### 79. WILL OF JOHN BURRUS

In the name of God amen. I John Burrus of the county of Caroline do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament to be disfor said of in manner and from following item. I give and bequeth to my beloved wife Rachel Burrus my lands and house with my part of my wet mill during her widowhood. Provided that she make provisions therfore to educate my children fit for county business. Otherwise I direct that my hereafter named Executor shall have have power to dispose of so much of the aforesaid estate as shall be sufficient to make full provisions for their education, after my wife death or intermarriage I direct the whole to be sold and equally divided between my then surviving Children and their representatives. I leave all the rest of my Estate being personal to my wife during her widowhood or until my first child arrive at age or marries, then I direct a division to be made at that period and equal part be given that Child after my wife dower be taken out and in a like manner to every child as they arrive at age. I also direct that in case of my Wife should intermarry that she should be allowed only the Dower of all my Estate both real and personal during her life and after her death to be sold and equally divided between my children. I appoint my friends Samuel Temple, John Thompson and William Burrus, Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. I also direct that in case I die before I acknowledge my rights to Pleasant Terrell of half of the aforementioned mill that they are impowered with my wife to make a sure Tithe of the same. Given under my hand this 15th day of September 1777.

Signed and delivered

In the presence of us

John Burrus (seal)

Joseph Campbell, Jas. Gatewood Jr., Robert Terrell.

80. 1778, May Court Page 83. The last will and testament of John Burrus deceased, was proved by the oaths of Joseph Campbell and James Gatewood, Jr. Two of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

On motion of John Thompson one of the executors herein named certificate is granted to him for claiming a probate hearof. He having taken the oath of an Executor and acknowledged a bond with security according to which is ordered to be recorded.

81. 1778, May Court Page 83. Robert Cobb, William Hewlett, John Hampton and Philip Estes or any three of them being first duly sworn are appointed to appraise the Negros and personal Estate of John Burrus Deceased

82. 1778. Jacob Burrus, decd. William Tinsley, exec. or adm.

83. 12 Nov 1778, Nov Court, Page 133. At the Court held 12th Nobember 1778. The last Will and Testament of Jacob Burrus, Deceased. Was proven by the oaths of Benjamine Thompkins and John Hampton and ordered to be recorded. On motion of William Tinsley and William \_\_\_\_\_ us a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate, thereon having taken the oath of Executor and with security entered into and acknowledged a bond which is ordered to be recorded.

84. 12 Nov 1778 Nov Court, Page 133. John Hampton, Joseph Campbell, John Thomson and William Hioch to appraise the estate of Jacob Burrus.

85. 1778, Nov Court, Page 134. Diana Burrus, Widow of Jacob Burrus, Deceased, in open court agred to renounce all Legacies made by her said husband and will duly cliam her thirds of the decenants Estate-(SSS).

86. 1778, Nov Court, Page 135. By the consent of the parties, Rodger Quarles, Benjamin Thompkins, John Thompson and John Hampton or any three of them are appointed to lay off Mrs. Diana Burrus' Dower of her deceased husband. Jacob Burrus Estate-(SSS).

87. Page 107-109, Vol. 3 #2. TIDEWATER VIRGINIA FAMILIES, Jacob Burrus Jr. born 14 Oct 1714 married about 1739-40 to Martha Harris. From bible records of Henry Burrus, grandson. (Jacob Burrus married three times, Martha Harris, Susannah and Diana)

88. 1779, Jun Court, Page 168. Robert Cabbe, Jacob Burrus and John Burrus against John Tilliman. The case abates by the death of the Plt. death.

89. 1779, Jun Court. John Burrus, deceased. Joseph Campbell and James Gatewood, Adm's. William Burruss, exec or adm.

90. 1779, Jun Court, Page 176. Jacob Burrus Jr. against John Maillone. The suit abates by the Plaintiff death.

91. 1779, Jun Court, Page 176. Jacob Burrus Jr. against John Fields. The suit abate by the plaintiff death.

92. 1779 Jun Court, Page 176. Jacob Burrus Jr. against George Gibson. The suit abates by the Plaintiff death.

93. 1779 Jul Court, Page 181. An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Jacob Burrus, returned and recorded.

94. 1779, Sep Court, Page 192. Samuel Temple, Richard John . Gent. and Benjamin Thompkins are appointed to align to Rachael Burrus, widow of John Burrus, her dower.

95. 1779, Oct Court, Page 191. John Garluck and John Chiles are added to the gentlemen formarly appointed to lay off Mrs. Rachael Burrus division of the estate of John Burrus, deceased.

96. 1779, Nov Court, Page 199. On motion of William Burrus who took the oath prescribed by law, certificate is granted him for obtaining proof of the will of John Burrus, deceased. Bond as here regestured and ordered to be recorded.

97. 1779, Nov Court, Page 199. A deed instate from John Thompson and William Burrus, executors of John Burrus, deceased, to James Gatewood, returned and acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.

98. 1779 Dec Court, Page 203. An inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Burrus, Deceased, returned and ordered to be recorded.

99. 1779 Dec Court, Page 203. John Champion is appointed to act as Guardian to Thomas, John and Nelson Burrus, orphans of John Burrus, deceased in the division of Jacob Burrus estate. (Only three of John Burrus children mentioned.)-(JWB)

100. 1779 Dec Court, Page 203. On hearing the Bill filed by Thomas Hackett and Rachael his wife. Henry, Thomas and Nelson, orphans of John Burrus, deceased. It is decreed and ordered that Samuel Temple, John Garluck John \_\_\_\_\_ and George Hampdon or any three of them.....sell the slaves, Jacob, Porpay, Violet, and Daniel. Meantime in the said Bill at credit till the 20th day of October, next and take Bonds with good security and that one third of the money or bonds to be placed to the said Thomas Hackett as his giving Bond with security to return the money so paid him to the said orphans at the death of the said Rachael.  
(Only three of John Burris children mentioned in this document.)



101. **ESTATE OF JOHN BURRUS,** John Thompson, Executor:

Paper Money

Aug	15	Joseph Richeson	6	10	7
1778	24	Jonathan Terrell	50	00	0
26		Jacob Burrus	20	15	0
26		Abraham Willson	25	10	0
26		Jacob Burrus	55	16	0
1779	Feb 18	James Newbon	10	07	0
Apr	26	Jeremiah Long	8	18	8
"	"		8	10	8
26		John Long	12	4	0
26		Dr. Thomas _____	21	7	0
May	10	Geocon Glen	20	0	0
Jun	20	Alexander Parks	2	10	0
Oct	12	John Harris	22	55	7 1/2
20		John Harris (can't Read) _____			
24		Benj A. Thompkins	15	00	0
Nov	10	Robert Cox			
Dec	9	Jos. Richeson	5	40	15
	9	Daniel Northop	1	6	0
20		William Burruss	20	13	0
1780	Apr 4	Pleaseant Terrell (Can't Read)			
13		John Chiles	8	55	0
7		William Bowers	30	0	0
7		James Gatewood	13	0	0
7		John & Henry Chiles	3	10	0
		Balance due the estate	11	494	5 7 1/2
		By Jas. Gatewood for Balance			
		of sales omitted.	13	0	0
		Balance due the estate in paper	11,507	5	7 1/2

Pursuant to an order of Caroline Court, we the subscribers have examined the accounts of John Thompson Exor. of John Burrus, decd. and find a balance in paper money due the estate of Eleven thousands five hundred and seven pounds five shillings and seven pence, and also a balance due the Estate in Specie of Nineteen pounds, ten shillings and four pence half penny. The subscribers think proper to observe that a part of the paper money above mentioned so was funded agreeably to Saw, and a part is in bonds still in the hands of the Exor, on which no interest has been calculated. Given under our hands this 8 day of Dec. 1792.

Anthony New

Geo Terrell

Geo. Tyler

102. 11 Nov 1779, Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ Caroline County Court. John Thompson and William Burrus, Exec. of John Burrus Estate sold to James Gatewood 230 acres of land on the south side of Pole Cat Creek

for \$4828.00 Current money of Virginia. James Gatewood being the highest bidder for the land. All the land above mentioned except one acre for the Quaker meeting house. The said John Burrus wife, now Thomas Hackett's wife, the dwelling house plus two acres. 161 acres to James Gatewood immediately and balance as a dower to Wife of said John Burrus, now wife of Thomas Hackett for as long as she may live.  
John Thompaon (Seal)  
William Burrus (Seal)

103. **VA PUBLIC CLAIMS REVOLUTIONARY WAR-CAROLINE COUNTY.**

1780-81, Booklet 2 page 3 Caroline County Court. William Burruss, 5 gallon brandy.

104. 1780-81, Book 2, Page 3, William Burruss 32# lbs. of Bacon L 192.

105. Dec 1781 List 2 Mr. Burruss Certificates for Sundry Expenses in paper money L 202-16,

106. No 53 To Diana Burrows, Certificate for 23 1/2 lbs of bacon, 14 shillings.

107. No 55 to William Buruss 32 Lbs bacon L 192-(SSS)

108. 1783, Feb Court, Page 212. William Burrus against William Harper and Philip Estes. About paying a debt.

109. 1783, Aug Court, Page 253. William Burrus against William Harper and Philip Estes. About payment of a debt.

110. 1784, July Court, Page 401. William Burrus against William Harper and Philip Estes. William Burrus to receive 20 pounds with legal interest from 2 Jan 1782.

111. 9 Sep 1785, Sep Court, Page 103. William Burrus, Assee. of Robert Collins, Plt., against William Almond and wife, Defendants. On petition, this motion is continued.

112. 9 Sep 1785, Sep Court, Page 122. William Burrus, Plaintiff against John Thilman, Defendant, on Petition. on the motion of the Petitioner by his Attorney, Judgement is granted him against the said Defendant for five pounds and his cost in this behalf expended.

113. 1785, Nov Court, Page 158, Henry Burrus, orphan of John Burrus, deceased makes choice of Henry Chiles for his guardian, who acknowledges a bond for the same. Which ordered to be recorded.



114. 1786, Sep Court, Page 355. Ordered that George Trrell, Rodger (Quales), Anthony New, and George Tyler, To settle the estate of John Burrus, deceased and make report of such settlement to the Court.
115. 1786, Oct Court, Page 367. John Ellis, John Chiles, Samuel Burrus and William Eubolas or any three of them to view the way (...) for John Rains.
116. 1786, Nov Court, Page 382. William Burrus against William Wright and John Harris. John Thornton testified about the def. Case about a debt.
117. 1786, Nov Court, Page 434. William Burrus against Shipley \_\_\_\_\_. Payment of debt, 3 pounds.
118. 1787, Jul Court, Page 20. William Burrus, assignee of Walt Almond who was Assign of William Wright. Henry Chiles stated the Def. was served notice but did not appear. Plt. to receive L 10 9 Sh and 4 Pc.
119. 1787, Aug Court, Page 203. William Burrus against William Wortham. Debt.
120. 1787, Nov Court, Page 297. John Thompson and William Burrus, Exec. of John Burrus, deceased. Against James Gatewood. Def. appeared in court. Considered by the Court that the Plt. recover against Def. L 24 2 Sh and 10 Pc.
121. 1787, Nov Court, Page 297. William Burrus against James Gatewood. Debt, L 20 with interest from 9 Aug 1785.
122. 1788, Feb Court, Page 327. William Burrus, assignee of Anthony New who was assignee of Henry Chiles, against William Wortham. Settlement of debt plus cost.
123. 1788, Dec Court, Page 139. John Chiles is appointed guardian to Thomas Burrus, orphan of John Burrus. Bond acknowledged and Ordered to be recorded.
124. 25 Mar 1797, Page 71. From William Burrus to Jacob Burrus, David Burrus, Martha Reynolds, Harris Burrus, William Burrus, Pleasant Burris and Susanna Burrus, children of said William of the other part. William for the natural love and affection which he has for his children and also for their better maintenance, support, livelihood and prosperity, has granted his children about 200 acres of Caroline County land, being part of the tract on which the said William Burrus now lives, bounded by John Hampton, Pole Cat Creek,

John Petiss, John Holmes, James Terrell. Also, the following  
slaves, Peter, Lucy and ... to Jacob Burrus; Phebe, John and  
Andrew, and one bed and furnature to \_\_\_\_\_d Burrus; Kesiah,  
Abraham and Anderson to Martha Reynolds; Esther, Chloe and  
\_\_\_\_\_ and one bed and furnature to \_\_\_\_\_ Burris; Hannah,  
Phillis and Killie and 1 bed and furnature to William Burrus; Bell,  
Caroline and Benjamin and a bed and furnature to Pleasant Burrus.  
Daniel and China, and a bed and furnature to Susanna Burrus,  
together with a grey filly. Signed: William Burrus. Wit: Henry  
Chiles, James Jones, Samuel Chiles and Nathan Ainsion.

(This William was the son of Jacob, Jr., grandson of Jacob Burrus  
Sr. of King William County-(JWB).

125. 29 Nov 1797. Burrus, Henry, et al, vs James Gatewood, Henry  
Burrus, Thomas Burrus, John Burrus and Nelson Burrus, an infant,  
children of John Burrus, decd., who appointed John Thomson and  
William Burrus, exec. of his will. The exec. sold his water grist  
mill to James Gatewood on 20 Oct 1779.

126. 1800, Oct Court, Page 196. A deed between Jacob Burrus, Harris  
Burrus, David Burrus, Jacob Reynolds and Martha his wife and  
Pleasant Burrus, of the one part and William Burrus of the other  
part was proved by the oath of Tarlton W. Chiles, one of the witness  
and ordered to be recorded.

127. 1801, Aug Court, Page 362. James Gatewood against Henry  
Burrus, Jury trial. Def. is found guilty of trespass, assult and  
battery, fined L 3.

128. 1801, Nov Court, Page 413. William Burrus against James Bliot  
and Nathan Winston. Def did not appear. Plt to recover L 21 9 Sh.

129. 1801, Nov Court, Page 415. William Burrus, et. al. to divide  
the esate of Thomas and Judy Cheadle.

130. 1801, Nov Court, Page 423. William Burrus served on jury.

131. 1801, Dec Court, Page 429. On motion of William Burrus,  
administrator of the estate of David Burrus, William Dickenson,  
William Gatewood, Richard Tompkins, Jacob Cheadle and Joseph McGhee  
or any three of them to appraise the estate of David Burrus.

132. 1802, Jul Court, Page 511. Mrs. Tolar acknowledged deed from  
her husband Matthew Tolar to Henry Burrus. Ordered to recorded.

133. 1802, Jul Court, Page 520. William Burrus against William  
Yarbouth and John Collins. Debt. Plt. to recover.

134. 1802, Aug Court, Page 20. Henry Burrus assignee of John Goodle, who was assignee of Richard Johnston, against Joseph Pollard and James B. Thornton. Plt. to recover from Def.L 60.

135. 1802, Nov Court, Page 89. Roland Estes to pay William Burrus 53 cents for attending court for one day.

136. 1802, Nov Court, Page 91. Henry Burrus, Thomas Burrus, John Burrus and Nelson Burrus an infant by his next friend, William Burrus, against James Gatewood. Things contained in said bill not sufficient to claim the refund. Said Def. do answer the bill of the Plt. and the case be continued.

137. 1802, Dec Court, Page 102. Henry Burrus assignee of John Gooale, against Joseph Poller, Jr. Settlement of debt.

138. 29 Dec 1802. John L. Johnston states that Henry Burrus was his guardian until 21, on 8 Apr 1801. At that time Henry Burrus delivered to him two bonds of Jennings Burrus, who was adm. of Aquilla Johnston, grandfather to John Johnston.

140. 8 Mar 1803. Henry Burrus states that he married Elizabeth, widow of Jennings Burrus, and on 8 Apr 1802 entered into Articles of Agreement with Charles Burrus and John Johnston in order that all claims might be settled. He refers to Samuel, the Elder, as father to Jennings Burrus.

141. 1803, Jan Court, Page 112. Charles Burrus, exec. of Jennings Burrus, deceased against Henry Burrus and John L. Johnston. Settlement of Aquille Johnston estate.

142. 1803, Feb Court, Page 120. Charles Burrus, exec of Jennings Burrus, deceased, against Henry Burrus and John L. Johnston. Settlement of estate.

143. 1803, Apr Court, Page 161. Ordered Roland Estes to pay William Burrus \$1.06 for attending court for 2 days.

144. 1803, Jun Court, Page 219. Charles Burrus, Exec. of Jennings Burrus, deceased, against Henry Burrus. By consent of all parties, all matters of difference between the relations are referred to George Buckman, Lawrence (Bottarle) and John Woolfolk. Whose rewards are to be returned to the court.

145. Dec 1803, Henry Burruss and Thomas Oliver, Security for the good behavior of one Aaron Estes, who forfeited his bond and went to jail.

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146. Jun 1804, Burrus, William Sr., vs William R. Gibson and Patrick Carnal. William Gibson is indebted to William Burrus and has moved out of the state and Patrick Carnal is indebted to William Gibson.

147. Jun 1804, Burrus, George, et al, vs Susannah Burrus. Court orders the division of lands conveyed by William Burrus to Jacob Burrus and others by deed dated 25 Mar 1797 into seven equal parts. The parts are:

- 1 To Jacob Burrus
- 1 To Harris Burrus
- 1 To William Burrus
- 1 To Martha Reynolds, wife of Jacob Reynolds
- 1 To Pleasant Burrus
- 1 To George & David Burrus, infant children of David Burrus, Assigning in such lot the dower of their mother Fanny Gibson, late the widow of David Burrus and the remaining.
- 1 To Susannah Burrus

148. 1804, Nov Court, Page 235. Charles Burrus against Henry Burrus. By consent...the order of reference made June term 1803 is discharged and the case is redocketed.

149. 1804, Dec Court, Page 255. Ordered William Taliferro (of Bath) Anthony Samuel, Phillip Samuel and Abraham Wilson or any three of them to settle Thornton W. Chiles guardianship account of George H. Burrus and David Burrus, orphans of David Burrus.

150. 1805, Jan Court, Page 208. On filing the bills of George H. Burrus and David Burrus, ordered to sell at public auction 25 acres of land in the county from their father David Burrus and also the one third of said land upon the death of of their mother Frances.

151. Jan 1805, David Burrus died intestate and left a widow, Frances Burrus, and infants named David Burrus and George H. Burrus. Frances Burrus, the widow, has married William Gibson.

152. 22 Mar 1805, The Commissioners met at Burrus' Mill and sold the 25 acres of land to William Burrus.

153. 1805, Apr Court, Page 322. Charles Burrus against Henry Burrus and Charles Hackett, Security for appearance.

154. 1805, Apr Court Page 335. Samuel and John Coleman and William Burrus Exec. of Johm Hampton, against Larkin Miller and John Harris. Payment of debt.

155. 1805, April Court, Page 353. William Burrus against Edmund Chandler. Payment of 75 Pounds, interest from 19 Dec 1803.

156. 1805, June Court, Page 457. David Estes against Samuel and John Coleman and William Burrus, Exec. of John Hampton. Jury trial plat. to take nothing, def. to go without pay.

157. 3 Sep 1805, Page 47, 56. Montgomery County, Tennessee, William Gibson posted bond as guardian of George H. Burris and David Burris, infants of David Burris Deceased. (A David Burrass is listed in the 1850 census, Montgomery County, Tennessee-JWB). (10 Aug 1819 David Burrus, orphan of David Burrus has William Burrus as Guardian, Caroline County)

158. 1805, July Court, Page 473. John Humpres against Thomas Burrus. Judgement, to recover against Thomas Burrus and cost.

159. 10 Jul 1805, Court orders the division of the land of Jacob Cheadle into seven parts for Pleasant Burrus and his wife, Nancy Burrus, Judith Cheadle, Thomas Cheadle, Milly Cheadle, Jacob Cheadle, Mary Cheadle and Woodson Cheadle.

160. 1808, Jun Court, Page 174-175. Joseph Brame and George Burrus Executor of Charles Burrus estate, Plt. Against: Henry Burrus, Defendant. Jury Trial, verdict. "We of the Jury find for the defendant" Therefore it is considered by the court that the Plaintiff take nothing by their bills for their false claims be in money (...) and that the Defendant go thereof hence without pay and receive against the Plaintiff his cost by his defense in that behalf expended...The Plaintiffs to support their action offered to read a evidence articles of agreement entered into between Charles Burrus for himself and others of the one part and Henry Burrus of the other part to wit..."Charles Burrus for himself, Elizabeth Mason, Samuel Mason and Legates of William Burrus deceased of one part and Henry Burrus of the other part. Charles Burrus and Henry Burrus agreed to Henrys claim of the estate of Samuel Burrus, the Elder and his son Jennings Burrus both deceased...that Charles to pay all the debts from the estate of Jennings Burrus...Brother Samuel as executor of the said Jennings...to give up and make over to Henry the following slaves, Ben, Robin and Fereday. Henry to release all rights to slaves Phanna and Bobb, all his interest in the estate both real and personal in which said Jennings was entitled to under the will of his father...Henry to pay the cash due from the Estate of said Jennings...to pay John L. Johnston for the sale of two negros, Amy and Faith, who were allotted to him from his fathers Estate...This agreement was entered into 8 April 1802, Charles Burrus and Henry Burrus each posted bonds of five hundred pounds ".

161. 1805, Dec Court, Page 402. Henry Burrus against Reuben Fanhesley. Def. to recover his cost.

162. Dec 1814, Burrus, Pleasant and Ann Burrus vs Jacob and Woodson Cheadle. Pleasant Burrus and Ann, his wife, Nancy Burrus, Joshua Swann and Judith Swann, his wife, William H. Fulshire and Milly, his wife, and Thomas Cheadle complain that the land and the slaves of Jacob Cheadle, decd., were divided among his children and Polly Cheadle, an infant, had died under the age of 21, unmarried and intestate. They ask that her share be divided among them and Jacob Cheadle and Woodson Cheadle are still infants.

163. Apr 1818. Swann, Joshau and Judith Swann, vs William Burrus, Jacob Burrus and Shelby M. Burrus. Joshau and Judith Swann, Thomas Cheadle, William H. and Mildred Fulcher state that Woodson Cheadle died within the last year intestate and without issue. He was possessed of a small tract of land. Shelby McArthur Burrus, infant children of Pleasant Burrus, (in right of their mother who was a sister of the intestate who died before him) state that they are the nearest of kindred to the said intestate. The Court orders that the land be divided into four equal parts and distributed to Joshau and Judith Swann, Thomas Cheadle, William H. and Mildred Fulcher, and to William, Jacob and Shelby M. Burrus in right of their mother, late wife of Pleasant Burrus.

165. 10 Aug 1819, David Burrus, orphan of David Burrus, has William Burrus as guardian.

166. 15 Oct 1821, Order Book, Page 5. William Burrus Assignee of John Baylor, against Walter Ray. Judgement for a bond of George D. Baylor. Plt. to recover \$342.42.

167. 15 Oct 1821, Order Book, Page 6. William Burrus, Jr. Guardian of George H. Burrus against Henry Burrus. Judgement on a faith coming bond entered by the Def. and Samuel Wortham. Plt. to recover \$115.08.

168. 15 Oct 1821, Order Book, Page 12. William Burrus Sr. Guardian of George H. Burrus against George Conway, John Hopkins and John Stevens. The Def. had notice of this motion, they were called but came not. Plt to collect \$208.08.

169. 15 Oct 1821, Oder Book, Page 13. William Burrus Sr. assignee of William Dickenson. Def. had legal notice to attend but came not. Plt. to be paid \$159.06.

170. May 6, 1822-May 3, 18\_\_\_. Obituaries from The Family Visitor. died at City Point, Capt. Thomas Burruss of Caroline Co., Age 52. Issue dated 20 Mar 1824. (Not sure who this Thomas is. He does not appear to be part of the Jacob Burrus Sr. family.)-(JWB)

171. 10 Dec. 1826, Pichegru Woolfolk, Exec. of William Burruss vs Robert M. Mills & Leroy Evans. This suit mentions Robert Mills and Thompson Mills. 19 Feb 1827.

171-A. 30 Jun 1830, Caroline County Guardian Bond for the orphans of Harris Burruss. Orphans were: Thomas R. Burruss, born circa 1817, William Henry Nelson Burruss born 1817, Maria L. Burruss born 1822, John C. Burruss born circa 1824 and D. Burruss born circa 1827.

172. 1832. Norborne E. Sutton, Thomas Clayton, William Campbell and Elizabeth T. Flagg, exec. of Eliazer F. Flagg against William Burrus. They state that William Burrus the elder, father of William Burrus, Jr., left in his will to the "children of my son William Burrus four of the 21 parts of my estate." Robert Wood, father-in-law of William Burrus the younger, was given a bond in Mar 1832 for the care of three of William Burrus' children. William O. Burrus the younger took the oath of insolvent debtor on 14 Jun 1832.

173. 1833, Overton Burrus and Clarissa Burrus his wife formerly Clarissa F. Wright, William Wright, Mary Ann Wright and James D. Wright, infants and under the age of 21 years by Luke Wright the best friend against Jacob C. Burrus and Lucinda F. Burrus his wife.

174. 11 Nov 1833, Robert Wood states that at the sale of William Burrus, Sr., in Jan 1829, four slaves were purchased and later conveyed to Mary Jane Burrus, William H. Burrus, Susan T. Burrus and Eliz Ellen Burrus, children of William Burrus, Jr.

175. 23 Aug 1834, Pleasant Burrus states that at the sale of his father's estate in the winter of 1828 or 1829 his brother William Burrus, Jr. purchased four Negroes. He also states that Robert Wood took his granddaughters, the daughters of William Burrus, Jr., into his home to raise them.

176. 18 Jan 1834, Eleanor Wood states that William Burrus married one of her sisters who is now deceased and left several infants who lived for a times with their grandfather, Robert Wood.

177. **GUARDIAN BONDS 1821-1844, VSL Reel 37.**

13 Jun 1836, Page 282. Thomas R. Burruss and John Powell are bound for \$4,000 as executors and administrators, shall well and truly pay and deliver, or cause to be paid and delivered unto Maria Burruss orphan of Harris Burriss, dec'd all such estates or estate as now is, or are, hereafter shall appear to be due the said orphan when and as soon as she shall attain to lawful age or when thereto required by the Justices of the said county court, shall faithfully execute the duties of his office according to the law, etc.

signed Thomas R. Burrus and Jno. Powell.

Page 283, John Powell and Thomas Burruss and William C. Redd are firmly held and bound for \$8,000.00, 13 June 1836 condition: John Powell as executors and administrators, etc. ....pay and deliver....unto Harris D. and John C. Burruss orphans of Harris Burrus....until they attain lawful age.  
Signed Jno. Powell, Thomas R. Burrus and William C. Redd.

Page 284, Hugh R. White and Thomas R. Burruss and Wm. C. Redd are bound for \$4,000 13 June condition: Hugh R. White as executors and administrators...pay and deliver..Wm. H. Burruss orphan of Harris Burrus...when of lawful age.

Page 307, Albert R. Flipppo, Woodson Wright, Joseph Flipppo bound for \$2,000 11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1837 to pay and deliver to William H. Burruss, when of lawful age. (Does not state parentage)

Page 308, 11 Dec 1837. Robert Ward and Sam'l A. Swan, Guardian for Elizabeth E. Burruss. (No parent listed)

Page 360, John Burruss, William C. Redd, Wm. W. Dickinson are bound for \$1,500 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1841 condition: John Burruss as guardian and deliver to James T. and Elizabeth J. Burruss children of John Burruss when of age. (James T. and Elizabeth J. Burruss are children of John Burruss, son of Thomas, son of John, and Margaret Burruss, daughter of Henry, son of John.)-(SSS)

Page 216, Pleasaant Burruss bound for \$1,000 condition Pleasant Burrus is guardian of William O., Jacob C. and (?) his children. 10 Jan 1818. Signed Pleasaant Burruss, Thos Burruss Ack. at court 10 Jan 1818.-(SSS)

#### 18. MARRIAGES:

Names May be Burris, Burrus, Burruss, Burres.

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Bondsman</u>
Ortha (daughter of William Sr.)	Jacob Reynolds	15 Nov 1793	
Frances (widow of David Burrus)	William R. Gibson	12 Jul 1803	Mary Hampston
Mary Jackson,	John Hudson	29 Mar 1800	Robert Jackson
for Zachariah and Elizabeth Jackson, married B Harris Burrus, son of Sr. 2 Aug 1812, Culpepper Co. Va, Book 1, Page 26.)-(SSS)			



Susanna (Daughter of William Sr.)	William Campbell	24 Jan 1812	
Rachel T. (Daughter of Thomas Burrus)	William Flipppo	8 Feb 1819	Thomas Burris
Mary C. (Daughter of Thomas Burrus)	John M. Boulware	8 Dec 1823	Thomas Burris
Lucy (Daughter of Thomas Burrus)	George Robinson	25 Feb 1824	
Sarah (Daughter of Henry, sometimes Sallie)	Robert Terrell	11 Sep 1826	Henry Burris
Elizabeth T. (Daughter of William Burrus Jr.)	Eluezer Flag	18 Dec 1828	
Ann C. of Pleasant Burrus)	William Bullard	19 Feb 1834	
Mary J.	Robert Woolfolk	15 Mar 1834	G. Collins
Susan T. (Daughter of William Jr.)	Albert Flioppo	28 Jul 1836	Wm. N. Ward
Elizabeth G. (Daughter of Henry Burrus)	Samuel Bibb	10 Dec 1838	Henry Burris
Margaret (Daughter of Henry Burrus)	John Burris	23 Dec 1838	John Burris Jr.
Elice E.	Andrew Williams	18 Jul 1842	
Ann C. (Daughter of William O. and Elizabeth Burruss)	John G. Saunders	4 Dec 1846	
Elizabeth J. (Daughter of John and Margaret Burrus, Henry Burrus family)	Fountain Smith	8 Jan 1849	John Burris
Susan F. (Daughter of Pleasant and Elizabeth Burruss)	James D. Wright	17 Dec 1849	
Melvina F. (Daughter of Charles Burrus)	William P. Pemberton	19 Apr 1852	Charles Burris

#### **Males**

Thomas	Knelly Bibb	25 Dec 1793	A. Broddus-Min.
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(Son of John the preacher)

Pleasant Nancy Cheadle  
(Son of William Sr.)

8 Jan 1805 T. W. Chiles

Henry Sally Wortham  
(Son of John the preacher)

13 Nov 1805 Richard Samuel

William Eliza Wood  
(Son of William Sr.)

23 Dec 1813 Rev. S. Woolfolk

Pleasant Elizabeth Wright  
(Son of William Sr.)

13 Mar 1818 Ann D. Wright

Thomas Sarah Chiles  
(Son of John the preacher)

13 Dec 1818 Thomas Chiles

Charles Lucy C. Hargrave  
(Son of Thomas Burrus)

8 Feb 1819

George Catherine M. Gayle  
(Son of Jacob Burrus 111))

25 Jan 1832 Thomas R. Burrus

William Janie S. Cole

12 Jun 1826 J. S . Pendelton

Thomas R. Margaret Gayle  
(Son of Jacob Burrus 111)

8 Dec 1828 E. F. Flagg

John Margaret Burruss  
(Son of Thomas)

23 Dec 1828 John Burris, Jr.

Jacob C. Lucinda Wright  
(Son of Pleasant Burrus)

11 Jul 1831 Thos. S. Martin

Overton Clarissa F. Wright  
(Son of Jacob III Burrus)

4 Jan 1832

Samuel Elizabeth Goin  
(Son of Thomas)

23 Jun 1836

John Priscilla M. Luck

12 Feb 1838 Samuel P. Luck

William H. Eliz. P. Campbell  
(Son of William Burrus. Jr.)

2 Jun 1846 E. Campbell

John Eliza P. Hargrave  
(Son of Thomas)

13 Dec 1847 R. C. Hackett

William H.N. Rebecca B. Wright  
(William Henry Nelson Burruss Son of Harris)

19 Dec 1849 E. Wright

William Judith A. Kannon 2 Sep 1852 S. M. Kannon  
 William A. Betsy Hall 28 Jan 1853

179. **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**, 1783-1799 VSL&A REEL 78.

Date	Persons Name	Wh.males over 16	
1783	Diana	1	(Widow of Jacob Jr. Who is
	the white male over 16 living with her?-(JWB).		
	William	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
1784	Burrus, Dinah	1	(Widow of Jacob, Jr.
	William	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	William	1	Son of Jacob, Jr.
	Dinah	1	Wife of Jacob Jr. (Who is
	this white male over 21 living with her?)		

1786  
 William 1 (Son of Jacob, Jr.)

1787 (The tax collector began listing all white males over 16 by name)

Burrus, William	William Burrus
Diana	- (No male listed this year)

White males 16 or over listed.

1788 Burrus,  
 William William and Jacob (Son, Jacob now 16,  
 born 1772. William has 5 slaves 6 horses and 373 acres of land)

Diana - (Has 100 acres of land 2 blacks and  
 4 horses)

1789, The tax collector did not list tax number for males over 16  
 this year.

Burrus, William	William and Jacob
Diana	-

1790, Names of white males over 16

Burruss, William William, Jacob, David. (David now 16  
 born 1774. William has 373 acres of land)

Diana - (100 acres, 1 Black and 8 Horses)

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1793

Redd,  
 Henry

1794

and M.

1795

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preach

1796  
 Cattle

1791 Burrus, William 3, William, Jacob, David (393 Acres 5 Blacks 4 horses)

Diana - (100 acres, 2 Blacks 3 horses)

1792 Burrus

Diana -

William 2, William & David

(In 1792 William Burrus received 563 acres from John Gatewood in King William county, Jacob probably moved to King William County at this time. 18 June 1793 William sold or traded his 500 acres in Kentucky to John Gatewood. Book 4 Page 97, Jefferson County, Kentucky). - (JWB)

1793 Burrus, William 2, William and David, (373 acres, 4 Blacks 7 horses)

Henry 4, Henry and John Burrus, Phillip Redd, Marshall Hortsou, (This is the sons of John, the preacher, Henry born 1769, John born 1774. 1 Black and 1 Horse)

Diana - (100 acres, 1 Black 7 horses)

Thomas 1, Thomas Burrus (Son of John the preacher)

1794

Burrus,

William

2, William & David

Thomas

1, Thomas Burrus (Son of John the preacher).

Henry, and Marshall Hortsou.

4, Henry, John Burrus, Phillip Redd

Diana

-

1795

Burrus, William

William Burrus (No David this year)

Diana

-

Henry

Henry Burrus (Son of John the

preacher).

Thomas

Thomas Burrus (Son of John the

preacher)

1796

Cattle)

Burrus, Diana

- (100 acres, 5 Blacks, 2 Horses or

Henry

3, Henry & J.L. Johnston (5 Blacks 2 horses or cattle)

	William	2, William & Harris, (Harris now
	born 1780, 373 acres, 5 Blacks, 1 horse	
	Thomas	Thomas Burrus (Son of John the
preacher)		
	David	1, David Burrus (Son of William, Da
married about this time)		
1797	Henry Burrus	3, Henry, John Johnston, John Solon
	Diana Burrus	-
	Thomas Burrus	1, Thomas
	William Burrus	2, William and Harris
	David Burrus	1, David

Note: The commisssoners stopped recording names this year.

1798	Thomas Burrus	1 (Son of John the preacher)
	Henry Burrus	2 (Son of John the preacher)
	Dinah Burrus	- (Widow of Jacob, Jr.)
	William Burrus	2 (William and Harris)
	David Burrus	- (David died about this time)
1799		
	Henry Burrus	2 (Son of John the preacher)
	William Burrus	3 (William, Harris & Pleasant now 1
	Thomas Burrus	1 (Son of John the preacher)
1800	Burrus, Henry 1	(Son of John the preacher)
	Thomas	- (No males over 16 ?)
	William, Jr.	1 (Son of William Sr.)
	William	3 (William, Harris and Pleasant)
1801	Burrus, Henry 1	(Son of John the preacher)
	Thomas	1 (Son of John the preacher)
	William	3 (William, Pleasant ?)
	William, Jr.	2 (Not sure who the other male is)
	Harris	1 (Listed separate from William,
	must have married about this time, but who did he marry??)	
1802	Burrus, Thomas	1 (Son of John, the preacher)
	Henry	1 (Son of John, the preacher)
	William	2 (William and Pleasant)
1803	Burrus, Thomas	1 (Son of John the preacher)
	Henry	1 (Son of John the preacher)
	Fanny	- (David Burrus, Widow, Married
	William R. Gibson,	sons David and George H. Burrus)
	William	1 (Must be William Jr.)
	William	2 (William and Pleasant)
1804	Burrus, Thomas	1 (Son of John the preacher)

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16		Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
)		William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		William	2	(William Sr and Pleasant)
David	1805	Burrus, William	2	(William Sr. Who is the other male)
		William	1	(William, Jr. Son of William Sr.)
mon.		Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		Pleasant	1	(Pleasant now over 16, born about 1789)
	1806	Burruss, Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		William	1	(William Jr.)
		Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		William, Sr.	2	(Not sure who the other male is)
		Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	1807	Burrus, William	2	(William Sr.)
		Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		William	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		Henry	1	(son of John the preacher)
16)	1809	Burruss, William	2	
		William, Jr.		
		Thomas	1	
		Henry	1	
)	1810	Burrus, William	1	(Son of Jacob Jr)
		William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
)		Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher, not sure who the other male over 16 is but appears to be John L. Johnston)
	1811	Burrus, William Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
er)		Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
		Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
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	1812	Burrus, William Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
		Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
		Thomas	2	(Son of John the preacher , son Charles born 1795)
	1813	Burrus, William	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)

	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Thomas	2	(Son of John the preacher, son Charles born 1795)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher, who is the other male over 16, John L. Johnston?)
1814	Burrus, Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	Thomas	2	(Son of John the preacher & son Charles)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
1815	Burrus, Thomas	1	(Not sure who this Thomas is)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Thomas	2	(Must be the same Thomas as in 1814)
1816	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Sr.)
	Thomas	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
1817	Burrus, Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William, Jr	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Thomas	2	(Son of John the preacher)
	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
1818	Thomas	2	(Son of John the preacher)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William, Jr.	2	(Son of William Sr., who is the other male over 16 ?)
	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
1819	Burrus, William, Jr.	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)

William 2 (Must be William Sr. with  
grandson David Burrus, son of David Burrus)  
Charles 1 (Son of Thomas, Grandson of John the  
preacher, born 1795, married Lucy C. Hargrave 1819)  
Thomas 2 (Son of John the preacher, other  
male must be son John born 1802)

1820 Burrus, Henry 1 (Son of John the preacher)  
William Jr. 2 (Son of William Sr.)  
Thomas 2 (Son of John the preacher with son  
John born 1802)  
Pleasant 1 (Son of William Sr.)  
Charles 1 (Son of Thomas)  
William 3 (May be William Sr. with two  
grandsons David and George H. Burrus)

1821 Burrus, Thomas (White males not listed)  
Charles (Son of Thomas)  
Henry (Son of John the preacher)  
William Jr. (Son of William Sr.)  
Pleasant (Son of William Sr.)  
William (Must be William Sr.)

1822 Burrus, Thomas (Son of John the preacher)  
Henry (Son of John the preacher)  
William Jr. (Son of William Sr.)  
Pleasant (Son of William Sr.)  
William (Must be William Sr.)

1823 Burrus, Thomas (Son of John the preacher)  
William Jr. (Son of William Sr.)  
Pleasant (Son of William Sr.)  
Henry (Son of John the preacher)  
Charles (Son of Thomas)  
William Sr. (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1824 William Jr 1 (Son of William Sr.)  
Henry 2 (Son of John the preacher with son  
John born 1806)  
William Sr. 1 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
Sarah 1 (Widow of Thomas, son of John)  
Jacob - (Jacob C. Burrus who married  
Lucinda F. (Collins) Wright, son of Pleasant)  
Charles 1 (Son of Thomas)  
Pleasant 2 (Son of William Sr. with one of his  
sons Cicero or Pleasant T.)



1825	Burrus, Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William Sr.	2	(Son of Jacob Jr. with one of his grandsons)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher with son John)
	Sarah	1	(Widow of Thomas)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Jacob	-	(Son of Pleasant)
1826	Burrus, George	1	
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Samuel	1	(Not Sure)
	William Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Henry	3	(Son of John the preacher)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	William Sr.	2	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Sarah	1	(Sarah Chiles Widow of Thomas)
1827	Burrus,		
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant Burrus)
	William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas born 1802)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Sarah	-	(Widow of Thomas)
	George	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	William Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher with one of his sons, Charles or Elliott W.)
	Jacob	-	(Son of Pleasant)
	Harris	1	(Son of William Sr. from King William County)
1828	Burrus, Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Sarah	-	(Widow of Thomas)
	George	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	William	1	(William Sr.)
	William Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Mary	-	(Wife of Jacob, son of William Sr.)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher with son Elliott W.)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William, Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)

1829

Burrus, Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr)
Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
George	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
William, Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
Mary	-	(Widow of Jacob 111)
John	1	(Son of Thomas)
Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher with son Elliott W.)
Sarah	-	(Widow of Thomas)
William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant Burrus)
William Sr.	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)

1830

Burrus, Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
William Jr.	1	(Son of William Sr.)
Jno: A.C.	1	(New)
Henry	3	(Son of John the preacher with sons Charles and Elliott)
Mary	-	(Widow of Jacob 111)
Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
George	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
William Sr,	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
John	1	(Son of Thomas)
Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas born 1807)
William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant Burruss)

1831

Burrus, William	1	(Jr.Omitted)
William O	1	(Son of Pleasant)
John	1	(Son of Thomas)
Henry	3	(Son of John the preacher with sons Charles and Elliott)
Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
John A.C.	1	
Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)
Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)

(William Sr. and Mary, wife of Jacob 111 not shown this year)

1832,

Burrus Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
William, Senr.	1	(Former William Jr.)
John A.C.	1	
Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)
John	1	(Son of Thomas)
Henry	3	(Son of John the preacher with sons Charles C.P. and Elliott W.)

	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr. with son Shelby M. Burrus)
1833, Burrus	John A.C.	1	
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William	1	
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher)
	Jacob C.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	George	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Elliott	1	(Son of Henry)
1834, Burrus	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Jacob C.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	William	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Henry	2	(Son of John the preacher)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Harris	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Elliot	1	(Son of Henry)
1835, Burrus	Charles	2	(Son of Thomas)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	Shelby	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
1836 B	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1837 Book A			
Burrus,	Charles	2	(Son of Thomas)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)

	Shelby	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William	1	
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
1838, Burrus	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Charles	2	(Son of Thomas)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
<u>Book B</u>	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1839, Burrus	Charles	2	(Son of Thomas)
	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	William		
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Sarah	1	(Widow of Thomas)
	George	1	
	Henry	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Pleasant	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1840, Burrus	George	1	
	Samuel H.	1	(May Be Samuel J. Son of Thomas)
	Charles	2	(Son of Thomas)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Elliot, W.	1	(Son of Henry)
	Sarah T.	-	(Widow of Henry)
	John Jr.	1	(Son of Henry)
	William	1	
	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1841, Burrus	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Samuel H.	1	(May be son of Thomas)
	Patrick H.	1	(Son of Charles Grandson of Thomas
who is son of John the preacher)	Thomas	1	(Son of Thomas)

	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	3	(Son of William Sr.)
	Elliot W.	1	(Son of Henry)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William	1	
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1842, Burrus	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Sarah T.	-	(Widow of Henry)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William	1	
	Elliot	1	(Son of Henry)
	Patrick	1	(Son of Charles)
	John	1	(Son of Henry)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1843, Burrus	Sarah T.	1	(Widow of Henry)
	John	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William Sr.	1	
	Samuel H.	1	
	Pleasant	2	(Son of William Sr.)
	Overton	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)
	Patrick H.	1	(Son of Charles)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Elliot	1	(Son of Henry)
	John	1	
	Jacob	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	George T.	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
1845, Burrus	Jacob C.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William	1	
	John Sr.	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Elliott W.	1	(Son of Henry)
	John	1	
	Sarah T.	-	(Widow of Henry)
	Patrick H.	1	(Son of Charles)
	Charles	1	(Son of Thomas)
	Elizabeth	-	(Widow of Pleasant)
	William O.	1	(Son of Pleasant)
	William H.	1	(Son of William Jr.)

George T. 1 (Son of Jacob 111)

1848, Burrus

Elizabeth - (Widow of Pleasant)  
John Sr. 1 (Son of Thomas)  
Elliot W. 1 (Son of Henry)  
Sarah T. - (Widow of Henry)  
Patrick H. 1 (Son of Charles)  
William H. 1 (Son of William Jr.)  
William O. 1 (Son of Pleasant)  
William Sr. 1  
Thomas J. 1 (Son of Thomas)

1850, Burrus

Jacob C. 1 (Son of Pleasant)  
Elizabeth - (Widow of Pleasant)  
John Sr. 1 (Son of Thomas)  
Elliott W. 1 (Son of Henry)  
William H. 1 (Son of William Jr.)  
William Sr. 1  
Charles 1 (Son of Thomas)  
William O. (Son of Pleasant)  
William H.N. 1  
Josiah 1 (Son of Jacob 111. Trustee for Overton)  
George T. 1 (Son of Jacob 111)  
William B. 1 (Son of Nelson Burruss)

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Land Tax Records

1788

Burrus, Diana 100 Acres  
William 373

1789

Burrus, Diana 100 (Acres (Widow of Jacob Jr.)  
William 373 (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1790

Burrus, Diana 100 Acres (Widow of Jacob Jr)  
William 373 (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1791

Burrus, Diana 100 Acres (Widow of Jacob Jr.)  
William 373 (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1792

Same as 1791

1793

Burrus, Diana 100 Acres (Widow of Jacob Jr.)  
William 373 (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1794	Same as 1793		
1795	Burrus, Diana	100, Acres	(Widow of Jacob Jr.)
	William	373	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
1796	Burrus, Diana	100 Acres	(Widow of Jacob Jr.)
	William	373	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
1797	Same as 1796		
1798	Burrus, Diana	100 Acres	(Widow of Jacob Jr.)
	William	373	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	From: James Terrell	93	
		466	
	By, Jacob, David, Harris, William, Susanna Burrus & Martha Reynolds	200	(Children of William Sr.)
	William	266	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	From: Paske Goodall		
	To: Henry Burrus	100	(Son of John, the preacher)
1799	Burrus, Diana	100 Acres	(Widow of Jacob Jr.)
	William	266	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Henry	100	(Son of John the preacher)
	Jacob, David, Harris, William, Susannah and Martha Reynolds-	200	(Children of William Sr.)
1800	Burrus, Diana,	100	Transferred to Carnal Patrick-To his Missionary Fund.
	William	266 Acres	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Henry	100	(Son of John the preacher)
	Jacob, David, Harris, William, Susannah and Martha Reynolds,	200	(Children of William Sr.)
1801	Burrus, William	266	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	Jacob, et.al	200	(Children of William Sr.)
	Henry	461	(Son of John the preacher)
1802	Same as 1801		
1803	Same as 1801		
1804	Same as 1801		
1805	Burrus, Jacob-et.al,	Transfer to William Burrus	200 acres.
1806	Burrus,		
	William	466	
	Thomas	171	(Son of John, the preacher)
	Henry	361	(Son of John, The preacher)
	Pleseant	90	(Son of William)
	William	466	(William Sr.)

1807 Burrus,  
Henry 364 (Son of John, the preacher)  
Thomas 171 (Son of John, the preacher)  
William 466 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
Pleasant 90 (Son of William, Sr.)  
From: Jno Hampton, Est 340  
430

1809 Burrus,  
Henry 900 (Son of John the preacher)  
Thomas 312 (Son of John the preacher)  
William 466 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
Pleasant 430 (Son of William Sr.)  
From: John Johnson 90  
344

1810 Burrus,  
Henry 900 (Son of John the preacher)  
Thomas 312 (Son of John the preacher)  
William 466 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
Pleasant 340 (Son of William Sr.)  
John

1811 Burrus,  
William Sen. 466  
Pleasant 340

1812 Burrus,  
Pleasant 340 (Son of William Sr.)  
William, Jr. 216 (Son of William Sr.)  
From: Burrus, Susanna  
To: Jno Thompson and William Burrus, exec of Jno  
Burrus, Dec.d for half of a mill.  
3 acres  
William, Sr. 466  
469

1813 Burrus,  
Henry 315 (Son of John the preacher)  
Thomas 175 (Son of John the preacher)  
William, Jr. 216 (Son of William Sr.)  
William, Sr. 469 (Son of Jacob Jr.)

1814 Burrus,  
Miles distance from Courthouse added.  
Jacob 162 1/2 S.E. 16 (Son of William Sr.  
Res. King William County)  
Henry, 315 (Son of John the preacher)



Thomas	171	S.W. 11 (Son of John the preacher)
William Sr.	496	
Pleasant	330	S.W. 8 (Son of William Sr.)
William Sr.		S.W.11 (Land in the Alterations)
1815		
Burruss, Jacob	162 1/2	S.E.16 (Son of William Sr.)
Henry	361	S.W.11 (son of John the
preacher)		
Thomas	171	S.W.11 (Son of John the
preacher)		
William, Jr.	216	S. 8 (Son of William Sr.)
Pleasant	330	S.W. 8 (Son of William Sr.)
1816		
Burruss, Jacob	162 1/2	S.E.16 (Son of William Sr)
Henry,	361	S.W.11 (Son of John the
preacher)		
Thomas	171	S.W.11 (Son of John the
preacher)		
William Jr.	216	S. 8 (Son of William Sr.)
Pleasant	330	S.W. 8 (Son of William Sr.)
William Sr.	517	S.W.11 (Son of Jacob Jr.)
To Joseph Dejarnett	400	S.W. 8
To William Terrell	29	S.W.10
1817		
Burruss		
William Sr. In the Alterations		
Henry	361	S.W.11
To A.C. White	13	
1818 Same as 1817.		
1819		
Burruss		
Jacob	360 1/2	S.E. 16 Res. Kg.Wm. Co. ( Son
of William Sr.)		
William	371	Acres to Aron B. White
1820		
Burruss		
William Sr.	721	S.W.11 (Son of Jacob Jr.)
Jacob	198	S.E.18 (Son of William Sr.)
1824		
Burruss		

r) William Sr. 897 SW 11 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
 William Sr. 789 SW 8 WM Chandler's Est.  
 Alterations: Fr. R. Hooms 789 5\8 acres 1 com fee 75 cents to Wm  
 Burruss Sr.  
 Henry 382 SW 11 (Son of John the preacher)  
 Thomas, Est. 171 SW 11 (Son of John the preacher,  
 died this year)  
 William, Jr. 216 S 9 (son of William Sr.)  
 Jacob Kg.Wm. 228 SE 18 (Son of William Sr.)  
 Alterations: To Reuben Turner for 30 acres 1 commission fee 75  
 cents to Jacob Burruss.  
 Pleasant 304 SW 8 (Son of William Sr.)  
 Charles 150 S 9 (Son of Thomas)  
 Reynolds  
 Jacob, Est, 315 SW 12 (Husband of Martha,  
 daughter of William Sr.)

#### 1825

Burruss  
 William Sr. 897 SW 11 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
 William Sr. 789 5\8 SW 8 Wm. Chandler Est.  
 Henry 382 S 11 (Son of John the preacher)  
 Thomas, Est. 171 SW 11 ( Son of John the  
 preacher)  
 William, Jr. 216 S 9 (Son of William Sr.)  
 Jacob, Kg.Wm. 343 SE 18 ( Son of William Sr.)  
 Alterations: From Reubin Turner 15 acres 1 com. fee 75 cents to  
 Jacob Burruss.  
 Pleasant 304 SW 8 (Son of William Sr.)  
 Charles 150 S 9 ( Son of Thomas)  
 Reynolds  
 Jacob, Est. 315 SW 12 (Husband of Martha)  
 To Maetha Reynolds 95 and 10/15ths acres. To Polly Reynolds 40  
 acres. To Leland Reynolds 40 1/15th acres. To Nelson Reynolds 40  
 1/15 acres. To Susan Reynolds 437/15 acres. To Elred Reynolds 55  
 1/15 acres. (Martha is the daughter of William Burruss Sr.)

#### 1826

Burruss  
 William Sr. 897 SW 11 (Son of Jacob Jr.)  
 William Sr. 389 SW 8 Wm. Chandler Est.  
 Alterations: To Harris Burruss 400 acres 1 com fee 50 cents to  
 William Burruss Sr.  
 Harris Kg. Wm. 400 SW 8 (Son of William Sr.)  
 Alterations: From William Burruss Sr. 1 com fee 75 cents to Harris  
 Burruss  
 Henry 382 SW 11 (Son of John the preacher)

Sarah, Life	171	SW 11	(Widow of Thomas)
William Jr.	216	S 9	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob Kg. Wm.	243	SE 18	(Son of William Sr.)
Pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Charles	150	S 18	( Son of Thomas)
Reynolds			
Martha Life	962/3	SW 12	(Daughter of William Sr.)

# 1827

Burruss			
William Sr.	880	SW 11	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
William Sr.	389	SW 8	William Chandler Est.
Harris	400	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Henry	381	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
Sarah, Life	135	S 11	(Widow of Thomas)
William Jr.	216	S 9	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob Kg. Wm.	243	SE 18	(Son of William Sr.)
Pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Charles	150	SW 12	(Son of Thomas)
Reynolds			
Martha Life	962/3	SW 12	( Daughter of William Sr.)

# 1828

Burruss			
William Sr.	635	SW 11	((Son of Jacob Jr.)
Alterations: By Jacob Burrus 636 acres 1 fee 50 cents to			
Wm.Burrus, Sr.			
Harris	400	SW 11	(Son of William Sr.)
Henry	382	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
Sarah, Life	135	1\2 S 12	(Widow of Thomas)
William Jr.	216	S 9	(Son of william Sr.)
Jacob, Kg.Wm.	243	SE 18	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob	643	SW 10	
Alterations: To Wm.Burruss Sr. 634 Acres 1 fee 75 cents to Jacob			
Burruss & Estate.			
Pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Charles	150	SW 12	( Son of Thomas)
Reynolds			
Martha, Life	96	SW 12	(Daughter of William Sr.)

# 1829

Burruss			
William Sr.	635	SW 11	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
Harris	400	SW 11	(Son of William Sr.)
Henry	382	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
Sarah, Life	135	S 12	(Widow of Thomas)
William Jr.	216	S 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob Kg.Wm.	245	SW 18	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob Kw.Wm.	634	SW 10	( Son of William Sr.)

pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
Charles	150	SW 12	(son of Thomas)
Reynolds			
Martha, Life	96	SW 12	(Daughter of William Sr.)

### 1830

Burruss:

William Sr.	15	SW 11	( Son of Jacob Sr.)
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Alterations: By 474 acres to Martha Reynolds; 144 Acres to Wm.

Redd, 2 fees to Wm. Burruss Sr.

Harris	400	SW 11	(Son of William Sr.)
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Henry	382	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
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Sarah Alterations: To B. Francisco. 135 1/2 acres. I com. fee

to B. Francisco 75 cents (Widow of Thomas)

William Jr.	216	S 8	(Son of William Sr.)
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Jacob Kg.Wm.	245	SW 18	(Son of William Sr.)
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Jacob Kg.Wm.	634	SW 10	(Son of William Sr.)
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Pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
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Mary	14	SE 20	(Widow of Jacob 111)
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Charles	150	SW 12	(Son of Thomas)
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Reynolds

Martha, Life	96	SW 12	(Daughter of William Sr.)
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Martha, fee	474	SW 12	
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Alterations: >From William Burruss Sr. 1 com. fee 75 cents to Martha Reynolds. Martha acquired 474 acres from her father, but also his house.

Redd

William	144	SW 12	
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Alterations: From William Burrus Sr. 1 com. fee to William Redd. (

William C. Redd married Susan T. Burrus, Daughter of ? Burrus)

1830 Book B:

Burruss

Thomas, Kw.Wm.	180	S 8	
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Alterations: From Peggy Gayle 1 com fee 75 cents. (Thomas is Jacob 111's son who married Peggy Gayle, John Gayle's Daughter)

### 1831

Burruss

William Sr. Est.	15	SW 11	(William Sr. Died this year)
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Harris	400	SW 11	(Son of William Sr.)
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Henry	382	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
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Jacob Kg. Wm.	245	SE 20	(Son of William Sr.)
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Jacob Est.Kg. Wm.	634	SW 10	(Jacob 111 died this year)
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Pleasant	304	SW 8	( Son of William Sr.)
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Mary	14	SE 20	(Widow of Jacob 111)
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William Sr.Jr.Omitted))	216	S 8	(Son of William
Charles Reynolds	150	SW 12	(Son of Thomas)
Martha	610	SW 12	(Daughter of William Sr.)

Alterations: From Nelson Reynolds 40 1/15 acres transferred \$1.25 fee to M. Reynolds.

Redd William	144	SW 12	(Married Susan T. Burruss)
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1831, Book B:  
Thomas Kg.Wm.

	180	S 8	(Son of Jacob 111)
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### 1832

#### Burruss

William Sr.Est	15 1/8	SW 10	(William Sr. deceased)
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Harris	665	SW 10	(Son of William Sr.)
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Alterations: To Jacob Burruss est. 265 acres transferred fee, \$1.25 to Harris Burruss.

Henry	382	S 11	(Son of John the preacher)
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Jacob, Est. Kg.Wm.	243	SE 20	(Jacob 111 deceased)
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Jacob, Est. Kg.Wm.	169	SW 20	
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Alterations: 200 acres to Martha Reynolds, 265 acres to Harris Burruss 2 fees \$1.00 to Jacob Burruss Est.

Mary, Kg. Wm.	14	SE 20	(Widow of Jacob 111)
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William	216	S 10	(Son of William Sr.)
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Pleasant	304	SW 8	(Son of William Sr.)
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Charles	150	SW 12	(Son of Thomas)
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#### Reynolds

Martha	1010	SW 14	(Daughter of William Sr.)
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Alterations: 200 acres to William Campbell & 200 acres to Ja. Burruss Fee \$200 to M. Reynolds.

#### Redd

William	246	SW 9	(Married Susan T. Burruss)
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### 1832 Book B

#### Burruss

George, Kg.Wm.	180	S 8	(Son of Jacob 111)
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George, Kg.Wm.	300	S 8	
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Alterations: From Kitty Gayle, com fee 75 cents. (George Tyler Burruss married Catherine Gayle)

Thomas R. Alterations: Transferred to George Burruss

Thomas R. Kg.Wm.	260	S 8	(Son of Jacob 111)
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### 1833

Burruss

William Sr. Alterations to Harris Burruss

Harris 680 SW 9 (Son of William Sr.)

Henry 382 S 12 (Son of John the preacher)

Jacob, Est

Alterations: To Josiah Burrus and Overton Burruss( Both sons of

Jacob 111)

Pleasant 304 SW 8 (Son of William Sr.)

Mary Kg.Wm. 14 S 9 (Widow of Jacob 111)

William

Alterations: To Robert Wood (William Jr. Robert Wood is his father-in-law.)

Jacob 140 SW 8

Alterations: Fee \$1.25 to J.C. Burrus (Son of Pleasant Burrus)

John 140 SW 14 (Son of Thomas)

Alterations: From Austin Harris 1 fee 75 cents to John Burruss

Josiah 243 SE 20 (Son of Jacob 111)

Alterations: From Jacob Burruss, Est 1 com fee 75 cents to Josiah

Burruss.

Overton 169 SW 9 (Son of Jacob 111)

Alterations: From Jacob Burruss 1 fee 75 cents to Overton Burruss.

Elizabeth 65 SW 11

Alterations: From William Wright est. 1 com fee 75 cents to

Elizabeth Burruss.

Charles 150 SW 12 (Son of Thomas)

Reynolds

Martha Fee 507 SW 10 (Daughter of William Sr.)

Alterations: By 400 acres overcharged in land fee 50 cents to

Martha Reynolds

Redd

William 396 SW 11 (Married Susan T. Burruss)

1833 Book B:

Burruss

George 180 S 8 (Son of Jacob 111)

George 300 S 8 (Son of Jacob 111)

George (New) 260 S 8

Alterations: From Thomas R. Burruss fee \$1.25

George (New) 26 1/3 E 14

Alterations: From Jno. Freeman com fee \$1.25

George (New) 26 1/3 E 14

Alterations; From George Freeman com fee \$1.25

Thomas R.

Alterations: Transferred to George Burruss

1834

Burrus

Henry 382 S.W.12 (son of John the preacher)

Pleasant 304 S.W.10 (Son of William Sr.)

Mary	14	S.E.17	(Widow of Jacob 111 King
WM County)			
Jacob	140	S.W.8	(Son of Pleasant)
John	140	S.W.14	(Son of Thomas)
Josiah	243	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	169	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth	65	S.W.10	()
Charles	150	S. 12	(Son of Thomas)
Elizabeth	65	S.W.13	(Must be Samuel Burrus
Family)			

#### Entry 1836 Land Tax Book

Burruss

George T	180	S 8	(Son of Jacob 111 George Tyler Burruss)
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George T.	249	S 8	
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George T.	260	S 8	
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George T.	26	E 14	
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George T.	26	E 14	
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George T.	128	S 11	
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Alterations: From German Goodloe Com Fee \$1.25 ( This is Stanhope Farm)

#### 1837 Land Book B

Burruss

George T.	735	SE 8	(Son of Jacob 111)
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Alterations: by 135 acres to Younger E. Gayle com fee 50 cents.

#### 1840

Burruss

Mary	14		(Widow of Jacob 111)
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#### 1844

Burrus

Sarah T. Life Est.	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
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Ann family)	33 1/3	S.21	(Must be Samuel Burrus
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Pleasant	284	S.E. 7	(Son of William Sr.)
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Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
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John	140	S.W.16	(Son of Thomas)
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Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
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Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
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Elizabeth	65	S.W.16	
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Charles	130	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
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Elizabeth	15	S.W.16	
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George T.	821	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)
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#### 1845

Burrus

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Sarah T.	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
Ann	33	I/3 S.21	(Must be Samuel Burrus
family)			
Pleasant	284	S.E. 7	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
John	140	S.W.14	(Son of Thomas)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth	65	S.W.16	
Elizabeth	15	S.W.14	
Charles	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Charles)
George T.	821	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

1846

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Burrus			
Sarah T.	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
Pleasant	284	S.E. 7	(Son of William Sr.)
Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
John	140		(Son of Thomas)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth	65	S.W.16	
Charles	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Charles)
Elliott W.	452		(Son of Henry)
George T.	821	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

1847

Burruss			
Sarah T.	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
Ann	33	1/3 S.21	(Must be Samuel Burrus
family)			
Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth	15	S.W.16	
Charles	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Charles)
William H.	8	1/2S.W.16	(Son of William Jr.)
Elizabeth, (Car Life)	48	S.E. 7	(Widow of Pleasant)
Pleasant	236	S.E. 7	(Son of Willian Sr.Dec.)
George T.	905	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

1848

Burruss			
Sarah T. Life	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)



Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth	65	S.W.16	
Elizabeth	15	S.W.14	
Charles	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Charles)
John	371	S.W.19	(Son of Thomas)
William H.	8 1/2	S.W.16	(Son of William Jr.)
Elizabeth, Car Life	48	S.E. 7	(Widow of Pleasant)
Pleasant	236	S.E. 7	
George T.	905	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

#### 1849

Burruss			
Sarah T.	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
Jacob	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth Life	65	S.W.16	
Elizabeth	3	S.W.14	
Charles	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Charles)
John	371	S.W.19	(Son of Thomas)
William H.	8 1/2	S.W.16	(Son of William Jr.)
Elizabeth, Life	48	S.E. 7	(Widow of Pleasant)
Pleasant	236	S.E. 7	(Son of Pleasant)
George T.	905	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

#### 1850

Burruss			
Sarah T. Life	382	S.W.11	(Widow of Henry)
Jacob Fee	140	S.W. 6	(Son of Pleasant)
Josiah	103	S.E.18	(Son of Jacob 111)
Overton	330	S.W. 9	(Son of Jacob 111)
Elizabeth Fee	65	S.W.16	
Elizabeth Life	3	S.W.14	
Charles Fee	125	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
Patrick H.	25	S.W.11	(Son of Thomas)
John	371	S.W.19	(Son of Thomas)
William H.	8 1/2	S.W.16	(Son of William Sr.)
Elizabeth Life	48	S.E. 7	(Widow of Pleasant)
Pleasant Fee	236	S.E. 7	(Son of Pleasant)
George T.	905	S.E.10	(Son of Jacob 111)

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#### **CENSUS RECORDS**

1810

Burruss	Males		
Henry	26-45	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	16-26	1	(John L. Johnston)
	Under 10	1	(John Burruss)
	Females		
	26-45	1	(Sallie or Sarah Worthan #2 Wife)
	10-16	2	(Sarah T. and Nancy Burruss)
	Under 10	4	(Rachael, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary)
	Slaves	13	

Burruss			
Thomas	26-45	1	(Son of John the preacher)
	10-16	1	(Charles)
	Under 10	2	(John and Thomas J. Jr.)
	Females		
	26-45	1	(Elenor Bibb)
	10-16	2	(Rachael and Lucy)
	Under 10	2	(Mary and Frances)
	Slaves	4	

Burruss			
William	45+	1	(Son of Jacob Jr.)
	26-45	1	(William Jr.)
	Females		
	45+	1	(Susanna Terrell)
	16-26	1	(Susannah)
	Under 10	1	(Nancy Terrell)
	Slaves	18	

#### 1830 Census

Burruss Page 178			
Pleasant	40-50	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	15-20	2	(Cicero and Pleasant T.)
	10-15	1	(Jacob C.)
	5-10	1	(William O.)
	Under 5	1	(Shelby M.)
	Females		
	20-30	1	(Elizabeth Wright)
	5-10	1	
	Under 5	1	

Burruss Page 178			
Harris	40-50	1	(Son of William Sr.)
	20-30	1	(Thomas R. Born 1812)
	15-20	2	(William Henry Nelson, Born 1817 and Harris, Born 1822)
	5-10	1	(John C. Burrus Born 1824)

Females		
30-40	1	(Nancy Hudson)
10-15	1	(Marie L. Burrus born 1821)
5-10	1	(Mary D. Burruss born 1827)
Burruss Page 174		
William 40-50	1	(William Jr.)
10-15	1	(William H. Burrus)
Females		
15-20	1	(Mary Jane)
10-15	1	(Susan T.)
5-10	1	(Elizabeth Ellen)
1840 Census		
Burruss Page 74		
Overton 40-50	1	(Son of Jacob 111)
Females		
40-50	1	(Clarissa Wright)
30-40	1	
5-10	1	(Mary E.)
Under 5	1	(Roberta)
Joseph C. 20-30		
10-15	1	
Under 5	1	
Females		
50-60	1	
Under 5	2	
Pleasant 50-60		
15-20	1	
10-15	1	
Free Colored 20-24	1	
Females		
40-50	1	
10-15	1	
Burruss Page 75		
Thomas L. 30-40	1	(Son of Thomas)
Females		
20-30	1	
Burruss Page 75		
John 30-40	1	(Son of Thomas)

10-15	1	(James T. Burruss)
Under 5	1	
Females		
20-30	1	(Margaret Burrus)

Burruss Page 75  
 Sarah T. (Widow of Henry)

Males	
20-30	1
Females	
50-60	1
20-30	1

Burruss Page 75  
 Charles 40-50 1  
 20-30 1  
 Under 5 1  
 Females  
 40-50 1  
 15-20 1  
 10-15 3  
 5-10 1  
 Under 5 1

Burruss Page 77  
 George T. 30-40 1 George T.  
 20-30 1 Younger Gayle  
 5-10 1 Atwell  
 Under 5 1 John G.  
 Females  
 20-30 1 Catherine Gayle

Burruss  
 William 30-40 1  
 15-20 1  
 5-10 1  
 Females  
 20-30 1  
 Under 5 1

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Burrus Page 235 Family 194

William Jr.	42	M	(Laboror, no real estate)
Elizabeth	31	F	
Catherine (Foawner)	5	F	
John	8	M	

Moses	6	M
Charles Anna	1	F

Wright Page 257 Family 574

Mary B.	55	F	
William H.	32	M	
Martha T.	28	F	
Susan	19	F	
William Burruss	46	M	Teacher Born 1804

Burrus Page 239 Family 253

Charles	54	M	(Son of Thomas and Elenor, Farmer,
Value of real estate \$750.00)			
Mildred A.	29	F	
Frances E.	25	F	
Melvena F.	23	F	
Lucy F.	18	F	
Mary B.	15	F	
Edmonia A.	13	F	
Thomas L.	11	M	

Burrus Page 235 Family 470

Overton	40	M	(Farmer, Value of real estate \$4620.00)
Clarissa F.	32	F	
Mary E.	16	F	(Attended School this year)
Roberta A.	13	F	
James W.	10	M	
Emuella A.	7	F	
Waller L.	4	M	
Josiah	6\12	M	
Frances Bell	32	F	
Burrell Gatewood	34	M	

Burrus Page 259 Family 565

William H.	33	M	(Son of William Jr. Farmer No value for real estate)
Eliza B.	22	F	(Elizabeth Campbell)
Susan A.	3	F	
Elexs C.	1	M	

Burrus Page 244 Family 342

William H.N.	30	M	(Married this year, Son of Harris)
Rebecca B.	34	F	(Rebecca B. Wright)
Mildred J. Wright	39	F	

Burrus Page 247 Family 391

John	46	M	(Son of Thomas and Elinor, farmer
value of real estate \$1575.00)			
Eliza P.	30	F	(Eliza P. Hargrage)
James T.	20	M	
John S.	11	M	(Attended School this year)
Thomas P.	9	M	"
Sarah E.	6	F	"

Burrus Page 253 Family 474

Jacob C.	39	M	(Son of Pleasant, farmer, value
of real estate \$700.00)			
Lucinda	56	F	
Woodson C.	16	M	
Mundes M.	14	F	
John T.	2	M	
Rosa Fay	13	F	(Mulatto)

Wright Page 257 Family 531

Frances	77	F	(Mother of Elizabeth)
Elizabeth Burrus	55	F	(Widow of Pleasant Burrus, Value
of real estate \$250.00)			
Pleasant T. Burrus	27	M	Merchant (Son of Pleasant)

Burrus Page 266 Family 681

George T.	41	M	(Son of Jacob 111)
Catherine M.	36	F	(Catherine M Gayle)
Younger G. Gayle	39	M	

[Both Atwell and John George are counted in the King William Co. census as they are students at Rumford Academy. SSS]

Burrus Page 273 Family 792

William B.	27	M	(Son of Nelson, Farmer, no real
estate)			
Mary E.	22	F	
Rich. H	1	M	

Burrus Page 253 Family 466

Elliott W.	35	M	(Son of Henry and Sallie,
farmer, value of real estate \$3500.00)			
Clementina B.	35	F	(Clementina B. Pleseants)
Sarah T.	10	F	
Georgina F.	4	F	
Sarah T.	67	F	(Widow of Henry)
Mary I	29	F	
Robert G. Allen	27	M	
Thos. W. Valentine			

Wortham Page 253 Family 467

Elliott	55	M	(Farmer, Value of real estate \$4172, both Elliott Wortham and Sarah married this year)
Sarah T.	51	F	(Daughter of Sarah and Henry)
Mary S.	19	F	
Charles S.	18	M	
Rachael Burrus	39	F	(Daughter of Henry, Correct age 49)
Robert F. Hackett			

Waller Page 253 Family 465

Dabney W.	46	M	Teacher
Wm E.L. Burruss	18	M	Student (Born 7 May 1832, Louisa County, VA. Son of James Overton Burrus and Ann Garrett. Grandson of John Burrus and Mary Harris)

Wright Page 257 Family 524

Mary B.	55	F	(Value of real estate \$896.00)
William H.	32	M	(Carpenter, Value or R.E. \$1330.00)
Martha T.	28	F	
Susan	19	F	
William Burruss	46	M	Teacher

THOMAS BURRUS

The second of Jacob Sr. children left Caroline County at an early age and as far as anyone knows neither he nor his descendants ever went back. He did found a large family if all the records we have received are correct. Thomas lived in Louisa, Orange and Albemarle Counties in Virginia and Surry County North Carolina where he died 1799. He first married Sarah who apparently died about 1759. Descendants list a good number of children to this marriage but only the four found in the descendance chart appear to be correct. However we have not found any definite proof if these are indeed the children of Thomas and Sarah.

Thomas then married Ann shortly after Sarah died and from an obscure probate record found in Surry County, North Carolina we found a definite record of three of their children. From other records Justina, apparently the oldest completes the family of Thomas and Ann.

Records for the family of Thomas Burrus were furnished by the following individuals.

Edith Gunn, Texas, deceased.

Betty Burrus Swaringen  
201 10th Avenue  
Canyon, TX 79015

Martin Burrus  
Rt. 1 Box 24  
Arenzville, IL 62611

Doris Welty, Deceased  
504 W. Fairview  
Carthage, Mo 64836

Charles Sidney Burrus  
2336 University Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77005

Ed L. Burrus  
1805 Park St.  
Greenville, TX 75401

Baal J. Whiteside  
2012 W. the St.  
Plainview, TX 79072

Joan Burrus Schnorrenberg  
P.O. Box 822  
Pails Valley, OK 73075

## CAROLINE COUNTY VIRGINIA

### SECTION NUMBER TWO, CHARLES BURRUS, FAMILY

(Son of John Burrus, King William County)

The name Charles has become an interesting player in the game of genealogy research. He has become a key figure for some families. The following is some of the information we have on the various Charleses.

1. 20 Jan 1706/07, Book 1 Page 340, Charles Burruss to John Burruss, 61 acres for 2,000 lbs. of sweet scented tobacco and caske, to said Charles. Description: On John's Creek bounded by line of Thomas Burrus and William Woodward to John Burrus present line thence to down to said creek where it first began. Signed Charles Burrus.

Wit: Jno Hopkins, Orl. Jones.

Recorded 20 Feb. 1706.



Virginia Law states that a person must be 21 years of age to sell land. This would make Charles born 1686, however this might not be true in this case as Thomas seems to be a part of the transaction.

2. 20 Jan 1706/07, Book 1 Page 341. Thomas Burruss to John Burruss. Description: All the reversion incontinently by and after ye death of Charles Burruss, brother to the said John Burruss and in all the lands and tenements & c. on ye upper side of John's Creek now in the holding of ye sd. Charles Burrus being the same which was devised to him the sd.....(Rest of the deed is missing)  
(Legal opinion: Charles apparently had a life right and Thomas was selling to John his interest, after Charles died the property reverted back to Thomas)-(SSS) .

King William County records 1721-1722 by Ruth Sparacio page 103. VI-248-(337) Demand of any person or persons whatsoever the sd. Charles Burrus that the sd Tenent all manner of other sales & that the sd. Samil Davis his heirs & assigns shall and will acknowledge unto the said Charles Burrus his heirs & Assignes together with a full right of Dower of in & unto the sd.Land when thereto required.

At the Court held for King William County on the 15th day of Feb 1721 Samuel Davis acknowledged this Deed unto Charles Burrus & Wilmenth to sd. Davis relingushed her right of Dower in the land Conveyed by said deed unto the said Burrus at whom motion it was admitted to Record.

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Deed Book, Index, Grantee. LDS Film 0031652

3. 20 May 1734, Charles Burrus, from Anthony Hoggett, Book 1 Page 497, Deed.

21 Jun 1737, Charles Burrus, From Anthony Hoggatt, Book 3 Page 40, Bond.

19 Mar 1743, Book 4 Page 318, Deed from Charles Burrus in King William County, planter, to John Watson Jr. in Hanover County. 300 acres on Tuckahoe Creek in Goochland. Signed by Charles Burrus. Witness, William Ford, George Quin.

Mar 1743, Book 5 Page 342. ORDER BOOKS, Charles Burruss acknowledges a deed with Feoffment and Livery of Seizin endorsed from himself to John Watson. Jr. to be his act and which is ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that a comission\_\_ find unto James Quales, James Weacon, Richard gregory, Gent. Justices of King William County to examine Elizabeth Wife of Charles Burrus towing Lbor Relinquishment of her

rights of Dower in the same land and to make report there to this next Court. (Feoffment and Livery of Seizin means, when the owner and buyer meet on the land and the owner picks up a handfull of dirt and hands it to the buyer. This symbolizes delivery of the deed.)- (SSS)

4. May 1743, Book 5 Page 222 (ORDER BOOKS) Wilmarth Mcgehee comes into Court and makes oath that Abraham Megehee deceased died without any Will so far as she knows or believes and on her motion Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration in due form. Charles Burrus and John Scruggs enter themselves Security for the same.

Ordered that David Winfried, William Bradshaw, John Merriman, John Robertson or any three of them being first sworn by the justice if the peace do appraise the estate of Abraham Mcgehee deceased and that his Administrative return an inventory thereof to the next Court-(WHBIII).  
(Wilmarth Mcgehee, daughter of Charles Burrus).

#### COURT RECORDS

1. 8 Mar 1744, Mar Court, Part 3 Page 8. Wm. Meriwether and Elizabeth Meriwether deeds of release of land and bond indented to Charles Burrus was proven by Samuel Burrus, George Burrus and John Chinch Jr. Witness thereto.

2. 7 May 1745, Page 44, # 9. From Caroline Co VA Court Records 1742-1833 by William L Hopkins, Page 202. Deed of gift of Charles Burrus of St. Johns Parish in King William Co. to his son Samuel Burriss of Drysdale Parish in King & Queen Co. 473 acres being on Herring Creek. Written 7 May 1745, recorded in Caroline County, 14 Jun 1745. Deed was proven by Thomas Hamilton, Joseph Wood and Robert Coleman.

(Herring Creek is in both Caroline and King William Counties. The King William part is in St. David's Parish (formed 1745) and the Caroline part was in Drysdale Parish. This is half of a tract purchased from Col. William Meriwether of Hanover Co.)-(SSS)

(The Charles Burrus, son of John Burrus Sr. in King William County was born about 1685. Samuel his son appears to be the Samuel Burrus, The Elder. who died 1777. Family records refer to Samuel Burrus The Elder and Samuel Burrus Sr. There is also a Samuel Burrus, Jr. as noted in the personal property tax records.)-(JWB)

3. 1745, Jacob and Charles Burrus, provide a bond of 50 pounds sterling for Alexander Sweeny who was convicted of selling "gold

bricks" (fakes) in Port Royal when the town was first established.  
(Considering the date this could only be Jacob Burrus Sr. from  
Caroline County and brother Charles.)-(sss)

Possible Children of Charles Burrus, King William County.

1. Samuel Burrus Died 1777
2. George Burrus ?
3. Wilmarth Burrus (Meghee)?
4. Edmund ?
5. Nathaniel ?

4. 7 May 1745, Book 9, Page 44. Deed of gift of Charles Burrus of St. Johns Parish in King William Co. to his son Samuel Burriss of Drysdale Parish in King & Queen Co. 473 acres being half of a tract purchased from Col. William Meriwether of Hanover Co. in 1744 on Herring Creek. Written 7 May 1745, recorded 14 Jun 1745.

5. 1745, June Court, Page 484. Charles Burriss deed to Samuel Burriss was proved by Thomas Hamilton, Joseph Wood and Robert Coleman, witnesses thereto.

6. 1749, March Court, Page 20. John and Judith Lipsocnb's deed indented to William Wills was proven by James Inge, George Burrus and Benj. Clardy, wit.

7. 1751, May Court, Page 253. Samuel Burruss and Sina his wife acknowledged their deed indented to James Foster.

8. 1752, March Court, Page 307. Robert Burrus & Company, agt. Presilla and John Dyer, executors of Wm. Dyer. In debt Defendants say they owe L 33.14.1 curr. money. To be discharged on the defendants paying L 16. 17. 1/2 wih interest from 14 Jun 1751.

(A Robert Burrus was noted in King William County. He does not appear to be part of Jacob Burrus Sr. family.)-(JWB)

9. 1753, Nov Court, Page 433. Jean Burrus binds himself to indenture to Timothy Smith. (This person does not appear to be a part of the Jacob Burrus, Sr. family.)-(JWB)

10. 1753, Samuel Burrus, Master; Benjamin Sweeny, apprentice.

11. 1755, Apr Court, Page 46. Benjamin Swinney binds himself to indenture to Samuel Burrus.

d. 12. 1758, Nov Court, Page 396. Samuel Burruss fined 10 sch. or 100 lbs of tobacco for swearing 2 oaths.

13. 1759. Samuel Burruss, et al, exec. of adm. estate of William Crutchfield.

14. 1761, Jun Court, Page 215. Colin and Company against William Burrus. Trespass on the case. Jury trial, find for the plaintiff 10 pounds 11 shillings 9 pence current money damage. It is considered by the court that the Plt. recover of the Def. and John Hollaway and George Kenner his common bail the sum of money.  
(Not sure who this William is or which family he belongs to.)-(JWB)

15. 1765, Apr Court, Page 474. Edmund Burrus vs. John Ashburn. Attachment against def. estate. Granted.

st 16. 1765, June Court, Page 84. Edmund Burrus Assignee and Co. against John Ashburn. In Debt. Dismissed. (Edmund Burrus from Orange County was from King William County. He was born about 1726 and could be a son of Charles Burrus from King William County. No other Edmund is mentiond in Caroline County or any other County at this era except Edmund from Orange County.)-(JWB)

17. 1765, Oct Court, Page 274. Samuel Norment to pay Samuel Burrus 125 Lbs of tobacco for five days attendance for the trial against Graham.

18. 1768, Samuel Burruss, et al, adm. or exec. estate of Matthew Peatross.

19. 1772, Samuel Burruss, guardian of Ingatius West, son of Richard West.

20. 1776, Revolutionary Soldiers from Caroline County, John Burruss.

ure , 21. Page 45, entry 32. Revolutionary soldies, John Burrus. John was a private serving in Captain Matthew Jouett's Company of the Seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Alexander McClenachan, Esq. He was paid October 1777 6 2/3 Dollars (2 pounds). The Payroll from December 29, 1776 to May 31 1777 indicates his time of service was five months and three days. The pay period June 1777 to July 10 1777 is marked "sick in a county hospital". Remarks for May 21 are: "Dumphries, Virginia under innoculation S. Pox". Remarks for September 1, 1777: "Hospital". Remarks on pay roll for September 1777-October 1777: "Sick" Enlisted for 10 April 1778. Remarks for October 1777- November 4, 1777 "Sick in Hospital". Enlisted until April 1778. There is an entry for November 1777 "Died November 2" "John Burruss, Cap't Jouett's Company" appears on

an account stated as follows "Lieu Will Whites 7th Virginia Regiment  
acco'for his draft at Baltimore. (Dumphries, Virginia is about 35  
miles north of Carmel Church.)-(SSS)

(This is not John the preacher, who died 8 Apr 1778. He does not  
appear to be of the Jacob Burrus family but may be a son of Samuel  
Burrus.)-(JWB)

22. 1777, Samuel Burruss, decd. Samuel Burruss, Jr., exec.

23. 1777, Sep Court, Page 130. The last will and testament of  
Samuel Burriss, deceased, was presented in court by Samuel Burrus  
and William Burrus. Exores therein named and made oath thereto  
according to law. Furthur proved by the oath of Susanna Foster and  
Betty Foster. On he motion of Samuel Burrus and William Burruss  
certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate.

(Samuel and William Burrus, brothers, son of Samuel the Elder)

24. 1777, Nov Court, Page 135. Jennings Burruss with the  
approbation of the court chose Samuel Burrus for his guardian. Bond  
acknowledged and ordered to be recorded. (Jennings apperantly not  
yet 16 years old.)

25. 1777, Nov Court, Page 135. Richard Burrus by permission of the  
court chose Charles Burrus his guardian. Bond acknowledged.  
(Another son of Samuel the Elder and Sina.

26. 1779, May Court, Page 159. A settlement and division of Samuel  
Burrus, Dec. returned and ordered to be recorded.

27. 1779, May Court Page 159. M. Brame, Charles Mason, John Mason  
and John Ellis or any three of them being first sworn are appointed  
to appraise the estate of William Burrus, deceased, according to  
Law. (This appears to be a son of Samuel Burrus, the Elder. They  
had three children, Samuel, William and Wilmoth.)

28. 1779, Samuel Burrus, guardian to Samuel and Wilmoh Burrus  
children of William Burrus.

29. 1779, Aug Court, Page 184. Samuel Burrus guardian to Jennings  
Burrus, orphan of Samuel Burrus, deceased, returned account upon  
oath of his guardianship which was ordered to be recorded. (Jennings  
now 16 years old or born 1763.

30. 15 Oct 1781, Page 19, List 2. Charles Burruss for waggoning  
grain L 198.

31. 15 Oct 1 1781, Charles Burruss for 1 grass fed beefs, L 1675.

32. Dec 1781, List 2 Mr. Burruss Certificates for Sundry Expenses  
in paper money L 202-16,

33. Page 5, Charles Burrus (various certificates) L 137-1-8.  
Public Service Claims.

34. Oct 6 1790, No 12 to Charles Burruss for Waggoning L 198.

35. 6 Jan 1790, Jennings Burrus directs sale of land called Goose  
Pond. "Wife if there is no issue to sister, Elizabeth Mason, and  
brothers, Charles and Samuel." (Apparently Jennings had no issue.)

36. 1781, March Court, Page 1. An inventory and appraisement of  
the estate of Richard Burrus, deceased was returned and ordered to  
be recorded. (Son of Samuel Burrus, The Elder.

37. 1782, Nov Court, Page 203. Ordered that John Guy, John Ellis,  
Vivion Minor, John Cocke, and Anthony New or any thee of them do  
settle Jemina Burrus's administration of the Estate of William  
Burrus, deceased also do divide the said estate according to Law and  
make report of such their proceedings to the Court.

38. 14 Nov 1782, Nov Court, Page 203. Samuel Burrus is appoointed  
Guardian to Samuel and Wilmouth Burrus orphans of William Burrus  
deceased. Bond acknowledged and ordered to be recorded. (The reason  
another son William was not appoointed a guardian he was not born  
when his father William died. This is from the census records-(JWB).

39. 1783, May Court, Page 224. Ordered that George Guy, John  
Ellis, Charles Burrus and Charles Cooke or any three of them do meet  
the persons from Hanover to let the replacement of Littlepage's  
Bridge and to employ persons to tear away the trees from said  
bridge.

40. 1783, Jun Court, Page 225. A division of the Estate of William  
Burrus deceased was returned and ordered to be recorded.

41. 1783, Jun Court, Page 225. Settlement of the Estate of William  
Burrus deceased was returned and ordered to be recorded.

42. 1784, Oct Court, Page 462. John Locke, Gedean Floyd, Samuel  
Burrus, Walter Brame, to appraise the estate of John Beveridge.

43. 1785, Apr Court, Page 484. A division of the Lands of Samuel  
Burruss deceased was returned and ordered to be recorded.

44. 1786, May Court, Page 266. Jennings Burrus against Duncan  
Graham, James Lynch and Paul Woolfolk, Judgement of 213 Shillings.

45. 1786, Oct Court, Page 367. John Ellis, John Chiles, Samuel Burrus and William Eubolas or any three of them to view the way (...) for John Rains.
46. 1787, Mar Court, Page 456. Jennings Burrus against Paul Woolfolk and Thomas Terry. Collect a debt of 12 pounds 19 Shillings and Seven pence.
47. 1787, Mar Court, Page 492. John Burrus against Thomas Harris and Clairborn Durrett. Def. to pay 21 pounds, 19 Shillings with legal interest from 12 Aug 1785.
48. 1787, Mar Court, Page 519. Samuel Burrus, Executor of Samuel Burrus, deceased, who was Exec. of Anderson Lipoceub, deceased, against Thomas Booth and William Caddy to pay dept of 25 pounds and 11 Shillings.
49. 1787, Apr Court, Page 14. John Burrus against William Wright and John Coghil. Def. did not appear. Plt. to recover against Def. L 18 12 Sh. 4 Pc.
50. 1787 May Court, Page 20. Samuel Burrus against Duncan Graham.
51. 1787, Aug Court, Page 174. Samuel Burrus against Duncan Graham and Edward Valentine. Def. did not appear. Plt to receive L 7 plus cost of bond and court cost.
52. 1787, Aug Court, Page 194. John Burrus against Thomas Harris and Charles Thornton. Affididate by Henry Chiles that Def. was notified but did not appear. Plt. awarded, L 53 4 Sh and 4 Pc plus cost. (No infromaion on who this John is. This is not John the preacher but may be the John Burrus who married Mary Harris and lived in Louisa County. The settlement amount indicated a land sale.)-(JWB)
53. 1787, Nov Court, Page 297. Samuel Burrus against Dunchan Graham. Def. appeared to pay L 6, 3 Sh. and 8 Pc. with legal interest from 5 Oct 1787.
54. Jennings Burrus and Elizabeth his wife against John and Nancy Johnston. That the Estate of John Johnston to be divided equally according to his will. Among the right of Plt. Elizabeth, George Gay, Viviln Minor, Paul Woolfolk and Danial Turner or any three of them to appraise and make such a division and report to the Court.
55. David Bibb allowed one day's attendance for Burrus vs Woolfolk.
56. 1794, Sep Court, Page 27. Ordered that Paul Woolfolk, Burwell Robert, Walter Brame, and William Eubank or any three of them lay



off Elizabeth Burrus, widow of Jennings Burrus, Dower in the Goose Pond lands and report to the court.

57. 1794, Oct Court, Page 30. An allotment with a survey of Elizabeth Burrus dower as the lands of her late husband Jennings Burrus, deceased was returned and Ordered to be recorded.

58. 14 Feb 1795, Charles and Samuel Burrus of Caroline County (Brothers), exec. the estate of Jennings Burrus, decd. To Benjamin Toler of Hanover County, land in Caroline and King William counties. Land bounded by Pamunkey River, Kidds Mill Creek, corner to Samuel Norment, Col. Nelson's line, tract known as Horn Quarter.

59. 1800, Oct Court, Page 211. On the motion of Charles Burrus and after taking the oath the court granted him authority to probate the will of Samuel Burrus, deceased.

60. 14 Oct 1800, Sina Burrus will. One-fourth to Elizabeth Mason; one-fourth to grandson, Samuel Mason; one-fourth to the three children of her son William Burrus, decd; one-fourth to William B. Barlow to be held in trust until he be 21 yrs of age. Appointed Charles Burrus and Paul Woolfolk as William B. Barlow guardians. (Sina seemed to have left her estate to the ones who needed it most, Elizabeth, a widow, Samuel Mason, grandson, three children of her son William Burrus, Decd. Samuel, William, Wilmoth and William B. Barlow a Grandson and orphan.)-(JWB)

61. 1801, Aug Court, Page 361. Executors of James Oliver estate vs. Charles Burrus. William Ellis spoke for the Def.

62. 1801, Nov Court, Page 410. Executors of James Oliver estate against Charles Burrus and William Ellis. R. Rootes for the Def. Settlement of an estate.

63. 1802, Apr Court, Page 469. Exec. of James Oliver estate against Charles Burrus and William Ellis. Def to pay L 9, 18.

64. 8 Apr 1802, Estate account of Samuel Burrus, the Elder, deceased, Charles Burrus, executor (1800-1802). Henry Burrus and wife against Charles Burrus, surviving exec. of Jennings Burrus, decd. Court orders the division of the estate to (1) Jennings Burrus, decd, (2) to the legatees of William Burrus and (3) to Elizabeth Mason and Samuel Mason.

65. 1802, May Court, Page 483. Ordered Paul Woolfolk, Barwell Roberts, William Ellis and William Petross or any three of them do state and settle Charles Burrus executorship account of the estate of Sina Burrus, deceased and also Samuel Burrus, Sr. guardianship



account of Samuel Burrus and Wilmouh Burrus, orphans of William Burrus and make report to the court.

66. 1802, Aug Court, Page 20. Henry Burrus assignee of John Goodle, who was assignee of Richard Johnston, against Joseph Pollard and James B. Thornton. Plt. to recover from Def. L 60.

67. 10 Nov 1802. Charles Burrus, Exec of Jennings Burrus, Decd, says that Henry Burrus has married Elizabeth Burrus, the widow of Jennings Burrus. (Henry Burrus is son of John Burrus, the preacher.)

68. 1802, Nov Court, Page 76. Charles Burrus, Exec. of Sina Burrus, deceased, against John Overton Def. Def. did not appear, L 20 9 Sh.

69. 10 Nov 1802, Burrus, Charles, Exec. of Jennings Burrus vs Henry Burrus.

Jennings Burrus:

1815, Book W 19, Page 92, Samuel Burruss, Exec. Paid as follows:

1. Orphans of William Burruss 5/28/1788.
2. J&B Oliver 3/11/1794 (J&B was hard to read may be something else. Sure last name was Oliver.) (WHBIII)
3. John Lyons, 5/2/1794.
4. Samuel Chiles 9/3/1794.
5. Doctor Severt & John Ellis, 2/5/1795
6. John B. Brown, 4/27/1795.
7. WM Leftwich, 5/27/1795.
8. John Lyons, 11/1795
9. Henry Burruss, 8/1796
10. llah Letwich, 8/1796.
11. Birwik Roberts & John Cheu, 1/4/1797.
12. John Oliver and John Pendleton, 10/1798
13. Stephen Sutton & William Eubank, 12/1798-(WHB111).

70. 29 Dec 1802, John L. Johnston states that Henry Burrus was his guardian until 21, on 8 Apr 1801. At that time Henry Burrus delivered to him two bonds of Jennings Burrus, who was adm. of Aquilla Johnston, grandfather to John Johnston.

71. 18 Mar 1803, Henry Burrus states that he married Elizabeth, widow of Jennings Burrus, and on 8 Apr 1802 entered into Articles of Agreement with Charles Burrus and John Johnston in order that all claims might be settled. He refers to Samuel, the Elder, as father to Jennings Burrus.

72. 1803, Jan Court, Page 112. Charles Burrus, exec. of Jennings Burrus, deceased against Henry Burrus and John L. Johnston. Settlement of Aquille Johnston estate.

73. 1803, Feb Court, Page 120. Charles Burrus, exec of Jennings Burrus, deceased, against Henry Burrus and John L. Johnston. Settlement of estate.

74. 1803, Jun Court, Page 187. Ordered Edward Wallron to pay Samuel Burrus \$1.06 for attending court for two days.

75. 1803, Jun Court, Page 219. Charles Burrus, Exec. of Jennings Burrus, deceased, against Henry Burrus. By consent of all parties, all matters of difference between the relations are referred to George Buckman, Lawrence (Bottarle) and John Woolfolk. Whose rewards are to be returned to the court.

76. 5 Apr 1804, R. T. Barlow has this day received his son, William B. Barlow's legacy left him by Sina Burrus.

77. 4 Jan 1804, Samuel Burris gives bond to Charles Burris for hire of a Negro man.

78. 1804, Nov Court, Page 235. Charles Burrus against Henry Burrus. By consent...the order of reference made June term 1803 is discharged and the case is redocketted.

79. 1805, Feb Court, Page 296. On motion of Charles Burrus, ordered that William Ellis, Richard (Petros), John Ship and William Wyott to divide the estate of Jenning Burrus, deceased and make report to the court.

80. 1805, Feb Court, Page 296. On motion of Charles Burrus, ordered that William Ellis, Richard (Petros), John Ship and William Wyott to divide the estate of Samuel Burrus, Sr. deceased and make report to the court.

81. 1805, Feb Court, Page 296. On motion of Charles Burrus, ordered that William Ellis, Richard (Petros), John Ship and William Wyott to divide the estate of Sina Burrus, deceased and make report to the court.

82. 1805, Feb Court, Page 296. On motion of Charles Burrus, ordered that William Ellis, Richard (Petros), John Ship and William Wyott to divide the estate of Samuel Burrus, The Elder, deceased and make report to the court. (There seems to be a great deal of difficulties in settling the estate's of the Samuel Burrus family.)- (JWB)

83. 1805, Apr Court, Page 322. Charles Burrus against Henry Burrus and Charles Hackett, Secrity for appearance.

84. 1805 April Court, Page 374. Charles Burrus Adm. of Samuel Burrus against John Cocke, jury trial. Court ruling the Plt. to take nothing by his bill, the Def. to go without pay.

85. 1805, July Court, Page 473. Samuel Burrus against David Mason To recover cost of the plat.

86. 5 Nov 1805, Mary and Samuel Burrus give bond to execute estate of Charles Burrus, decd. Wit: John C. Burrus. (Mary, wife of Charles, Samuel and John C. sons.)-(JWB)

87. Aug 1806, Hezakiah Elgin and Sina vs. Charles Burrus. Hezekiah Elgin and Sina, his wife, formerly Sina Burrus, Samuel Burrus, Richard Burrus, an infant under 21 years of age by Samuel Burrus, his guardian, John C. Burrus, Susannah A. Burrus, Sarah C. Burrus and Mary H. Burrus, infants under the age of 21 years by Mar Burrus, their mother and guardian. That Charles Burrus died testat in 1805, leaving children, viz. Sina Elgin, Samuel C. Burrus, Richard Burrus, John Burrus, Susannah Burrus, Sarah Burrus, and Mar Burrus. Exec. are George Burrus and Joseph Brame. (George is also son of Charles and Mary.)

88. 1808, Feb Court, Page 43. Samuel Burrus against David Mason. The suit is dismissed. Def. to recover cost of his defense.

89. 1808, Jun Court, Page 174-175. Joseph Brame and George Burrus Executor of Charles Burrus estate, Plt. Against: Henry Burrus, Defendant. Jury Trial, verdict. "We of the Jury find for the defendant" Therefore it is considered by the court that the Plaintiff take nothing by their bills for their false claims be in money (...) and that the Defendant go thereof hence without pay and receive against the Plaintiff his cost by his defense in that behal expended...The Plaintiffs to support their action offered to read a evidence articles of agreement entered into between Charles Burrus for himself and others of the one part and Henry Burrus of the othe part to wit..."Charles Burrus for himself, Elizabeth Mason, Samuel Mason and Legates of William Burrus deceased of one part and Henry Burrus of the other part. Charles Burrus and Henry Burrus agreed to Henry's claim of the estate of Samuel Burrus, the Elder and his son Jennings Burrus both deceased...that Charles to pay all the debts from the estate of Jennings Burrus...Brother Samuel as executor of the said Jennings...to give up and make over to Henry the following slaves, Ben, Robin and Fereday. Henry to release all rights to slaves Phanna and Bobb, all his interest in the estate both real ar personal in which said Jennings was entitled to under the will of his father...Henry to pay the cash due from the Estate of said Jennings...to pay John L. Johnston for the sale of two negros, Amy and Faith, who were allotted to him from his fathers Estate...This

agreement was entered into 8 April 1802, Charles Burrus and Henry Burrus each posted bonds of five hundred pounds".

90. 1808, Aug Court, Page 289. William Boskley against Samuel Burrus and William Ellis.

91. 1808, Aug Court, Page 289. Joseph Brame and George Burrus, Exec of Charles Burrus against Samuel Burrus.

92. 1805, Nov Court, Page 357. Joseph Brame and George Burrus, Exec. of Charles Burrus against Mary Burrus and Samuel Burrus.

93. 1809, Samuel Burrus and John C. Burrus make a bond to George Burrus and Joseph Brame.

94. Jun 1809, Samuel Burrus states that at the sale of his father Charles Burrus estate, his brother Richard Burrus made a purchase and executed a bond. (George, Samuel, John C. and Richard are sons of Charles Burrus.

95. Oct 1810, Burrus, Samuel vs David Dickenson, Samuel Burrus, Executor of Paul Graham who died considerably in debt. In his will Paul Graham directed that his lands be sold and a debt owned by his grandfather, Duncan Graham, decd., be paid to John Bogle & Co.

96. 1813, Mason vs Burrus Executors. Elizabeth Mason sues Joseph Brame and George Burrus, exec. of Charles Burrus, decd., for a debt due her, acknowledged by Charles Burrus on 15 Sep. 1803 ... Another receipt signed by Elizabeth Mason, "recd. of Charles Burrus ... It being in full of my proportion of sundry estates viz. Samuel Burrus, Sr., decd ... Sina Burrus, decd., and Samuel Burrus, the Elder, decd. I say recd. from him as adm. & exec. of the above Estates."

97. Oct 1813, Joseph Brame and George Burrus, executors of Charles Burrus, decd., state that on 8 Apr 1802 articles of agreement were entered into by said Charles Burrus, for himself, Elizabeth Mason, Samuel Mason, and the legatees of William Burrus, decd., against Henry Burrus. In this agreement, Charles Burrus agreed to pay all the debts of the estate of Jennings Burrus as exec. with his brother Samuel Burrus of the Jennings Burrus Estate.

98. May 1815, Page 144, Caroline County Guardian Book.  
Condition: William Burruss and Nathaniel Ware Bond: \$3,000, unto Samuel Burruss, orphan of Samuel Burruss. Signed William Burruss, Nathaniel Ware 8 May 1815.

99. No Date: Francis Mason, widow of Nathaniel Mason, decd., states that when she married Nathaniel Mason she was the widow of Samuel Burruss, who left 165 acres. Nahaniel Mason administred her first

husband's estate and was guardian of her son Samuel Burruss. Samuel Burruss infant, has chosen as his Guardian his uncle, William Burruss. (Samuel Burruss married Frances Graves 11 Dec 1800. He died shortly after leaving Son Samuel Jr. Frances then married Nathaniel Mason 3 Mar 1803.)-(JWB)

100. Charles Burruss Estate. 1815, Book W 19 Page 371. People paid. George Burruss, Henry Burruss, Phillip Samuel, Mary Burruss, Henry Hill, John Dickenson, James Mason, Elizabeth Mason, George Mason, Robert Stanard, Samuel Burruss

Accounting:

The Court appears to have sold Slaves: The purchase order for the Slaves is as follows:

George Burruss purchased Rodger and Bobby	L 178.
John Burrus purchased Winston and Phillis,	L 178
Susanna Burruss purchased Squire and Polly,	L 180.
Polly Burruss purchased Peter and Patty,	L 193
Richard Burruss purchased John and Mary,	L 156.
Sally Burrus purchased James and Susanna,	L 195.
Total sale	L 1080.

Wit. Richard Peatrop (Petros), Matt Toller and Thomas P.-(WHBIII).

101. 8 March 1819, Archibauld Samuel and Ann Samuel, his wife, formerly Ann N. Woolfolk, Sarah T. Graham, an infant, and Duncan Graham state that Sarah Woolfolk died in the middle of Feb, last, intestate, leaving heirs Henry Hill in right of his wife Sarah Hill, a daughter of Sarah Woolfolk, decd., and Paul and Charles Burrus, infant sons of Samuel Burrus by his deceased wife who was a daughter of Sarah Woolfolk, decd., Sarah T. Graham, a daughter of Paul Graham who was a son of Sarah Woolfolk who died before she died. Sarah Woolfolk left as part of her last husband's estate some slaves to (1) Archibald Samuel in right of his wife Ann K. Samuel, (2) Henry Hill, the adm. of John Woolfolk, decd., who survived his father but died before his mother's death, and (3) Henry Hill in right of his wife Sarah T. Hill. (Of the full blood there are Ann Samuel, John Woolfolk, decd., and Sarah T. Hill. Sarah (Graham) Woolfolk's children being Paul Graham, decd., Duncan Graham and a Graham daughter who married Charles Burrus.

102. 29 Dec 1819, Sarah Woolfolk's estate is to be divided into five equal parts for (1) Archibald Samuel, (2) Henry Hill, (3) Duncan Graham, (4) Sarah T. Graham, and (5) Paul and Charles Burrus, infants of Samuel Burrus.

103. 28 Sep 1821, Burrus, Charles, His administrators Vs Robert T. Barlow, Benjamine Leay and William Burrus. William B. Barlow, son of Robert T. Barlow, states that his grandmother, Sina Burrus, by her last will on 14 Oct 1800 divided her estate into four parts as follows; one fourth to Elizabeth Mason; one fourth to Elizabeth

Mason's grandson, Samuel Mason, one fourth to the three children of her son William Burrus, decd., and the last to William B. Barlow to be held until he be 21 years of age. She appointed Charles Burrus and Paul Woolfolk as William B. Barlow's guardians. Charles Burrus died while said Barlow was still a minor and Joseph Brame and George Burrus qualified as Charles Burrus administrations and presently, George Burrus is insolvent and Joseph Brame has lately died and Charles B. Brame has qualified as his executor. Charles B. Brame states that Charles Burrus was his grandfather. He also states that William B. Barlow lived as an adult with his grandfather, Robert Barlow.

104. May 6, 1822-May 3, 18\_\_\_. Obituaries from The Family Visitor. Died at City Point, Capt. Thomas Burruss of Caroline Co., Age 52. Issue dated 20 Mar 1824. (Not sure who this Thomas is. He does not appear to be part of the Jacob Burrus Sr. family.)

105. 14 Jan 1837, Book 40, Page 10-11. Decree of Circuit Superior Court, Thomas B. Anderson and Woodson Wright, Plt. Against Sam'l Chiles Adm. of Samuel Burrus, Jr. Deceased and others. Ordered that unless the def. pay the plaintiffs within 30 days to sell at auction to highest bidder residue lands of said Samuel Burruss, Jr. After the allotment of the widow of Samuel Burrus, Jr. her dower of 21 acres. Thomas McLaughlin successful bidder, \$350.00 for 50 acres, includes the tan yard.

#### 106. MARRIAGES

Names May be Burris, Burrus, Burruss, Burres.

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Bondsman</u>
Wilmoth (Daughter of William, Son of Samuel the Elder)	Benjamin See	3 Mar 1800	
Frances (Widow of Samuel Burrus Jr. Gandson of Samuel The Elder))	Nathaniel Mason	1803	
Sarah C. (Daughter of Charles, Samuel Burrus family)	Richard Haze	25 Dec 1828	
Sarah (Daughter of George, Samuel Burrus family)	Richard Hayes	15 Dec 1828	George Burris
Elizabeth (Widow of Samuel Burruss Jr. Great Grandson of Samuel The Elder)	Beverly Vaughn	28 Apr 1832	
Rebecca (Daughter of William C. Burruss)	Benjamin Wingfield	11 Feb 1833	Wm. C. Burris
Elice E.	Andrew Williams	18 Jul 1842	

Sarah A.	Hugh L. Doggell	26 Nov 1844	Rob. J. Burris
(Daughter of William C. Burruss)			
Ann E.	John G. Saunders	4 Dec 1846	
(Daughter of William C. Burruss)			
Sarah Jane	Henry Hill	11 Dec 1848	
(Daughter of Samuel Burrus Jr. who died 1830)			
Susan F.	James D. Wright	17 Dec 1849	
Samuel	Frances Graves	11 Dec 1800	Rev. J. Self
(Son of William, grandson of Samuel Burrus The Elder)			
John C.	Elizabeth Brame	14 May 1811	Rev. McMelland
(Son of Charles, Samuel Burrus family)			
Samuel	Elizabeth Chiles	10 Nov 1823	Eliza V. Chiles
Samuel Burruss Jr. great grandson of Samuel The Elder)			
William	Janie S. Cole	12 Jun 1826	J. S . Pendelton
William	Judith A. Kannon	2 Sep 1852	S. M. Kannon
William F.	Anne E. Mitchell	10 Sep 1853	Richard Arnold
William A.	Betsy Hall	28 Jan 1853	

107. **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX,**

1783-1799 VSL&A REEL 78.  
(Research, SSS)

Date	Persons Name	White males over 16	
1783	All Names Burrus,		
	John	1	(Who is this, he is listed as a male over 21 with two horses and 2 cattle)
	Samuel	1	(Samuel Sr., son of Samuel The Elder died 1777 and Samuel Jr. exec. of his estate. Also one male 16 to 21 in this household. Must be Jennings Burrus-JWB)
	Charles	1	(Son of Samuel the Elder)
1784	Burrus,		
	John	1	Not sure
	Jennings	1	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1785 Burrus, Samuel 1 (Samuel, Sr.)  
 Charles 1 (Son of Samuel The Elder)  
 Jinnings 1 (Son of Samuel, The Elder)  
 John 1 (Not sure, This is not John,

the preacher or his son John. Could it be the John Burrus who married Mary Harris and moved to Louisa County. Their first child was born 1791, named Henry. But who is his father, Samuel, The Elder?. He was born about 1762. He is listed with one horse and two cattle. John Burrus married Mary Harris 3 Jul 1790-JWB).

1786 Burrus, Samuel 1 (Samuel, Sr.)  
 Charles - (Brother of Samuel, Sr.  
 and Jennings. He may be exempt  
 from paying a tax)  
 Jinnings 1 (Son of Samuel, The Elder)  
 Charles, -  
 Samuel 1 (Son of William grandson  
 of Samuel the Elder).

1787 (The tax collector began listing all white males over 16 by name)

John - (21 or over. Who is this)  
 Samuel Samuel Burrus  
 Jinnings Jinnings Burrus  
 Charles - (Son of Samuel, The Elder)

White males 16 or over listed.

1788 Burrus, Jinnings Jinnings Burrus (listed with  
 113 acres of land 4 blacks and 3 horses)

Samuel Samuel Burrus (Has 765 acres of land, 8  
 blacks and 6 horses).

Charles - (Not taxed, 432 acres of land 5 blacks  
 and 4 horses)

1789, The tax collector did not list tax number for males over 16  
 this year.

Samuel Samuel Burruss & John Mourning  
 Jinnings Jinnings Burrus  
 Charles Smith Mason

1790, Names of white males over 16

Samuel (765 acres, 2 horses)



	Charles	- (Not taxed, 6 blacks and 4 horses. Land in Altertations)
	Jinnings	Jinnings Burruss (From John Johnston Est. 562 acres, 5 blacks 3 horses)
1791	Jinnings	1, Jinnings Burrus (675 acres, 5 Blacks 4 Horses)
	Samuel	2, Samuel & Samuel (785 acres, 9 blacks horses. Must be Samuel Sr. and Samuel Jr. son of William)
	Charles	- ( Not taxed, 553 acres, 5 Blacks)
1792	Burrus, Samuel	2, Samuel and Samuel
	Jinnings	1, Jinnings Burrus
	Charles	- (Not taxed)
	Samuel	1, Samuel Burrus (Jennings Burrus sold t Samuel 113 acres, has 8 blacks 5 horses or cattle)
	Samuel, Jr	1, Samuel Burrus Jr. (Son of William, Samuel Burrus Sr. was his guardian)
	Charles	1, Charles Burrus (Now taxed. Has 8 Blacks, 8 horses and cattle and 462 acres)
	Jennings	1, Jennings Burrus (462 acres, 4 Blacks and 4 Horses or cattle)
1794	Charles	2, Charles and Samuel Burrus (This must be son Samuel now 16 or born 1777)
	Samuel, Jr.	Samuel, Jr.
	Jennings,	1, Estate, (Jennings died about this date. Charles and Samuel Burrus, (brothers) Exc. Henry Burrus married Elizabeth, widow of Jinnings Burrus. This is Henry the son of John the preacher.
	Samuel	1 (Son of Samuel the Elder)
1795	Charles	Charles & Samuel (Charles son Samuel)
	Samuel	Samuel (Samuel and Walter Brame)
1796	Samuel	1 Samuel Burrus
	Charles	2 Charles Burrus and George Mason

1797

Samuel Burrus	Samuel (Samuel Sr.)
Samuel Burrus, Jr.	Samuel Jr.
Charles Burrus	2, Charles & Samuel (Son Samuel born about 1777)

cks 6 Note: The commisssoners stopped recording names this year.  
1798

Charles Burrus	1 (One of his sons?)
Samuel Burrus	1 (Samuel, Sr.)
Samuel Burrus, Jr.	1 (Son of William, deceased)

1799 Samuel Burrus, Jr 1 (Son of William, deceased)

Charles Burrus	1 (Son of Samuel The Elder, brothers, Jennings and Samuel Sr.)
Samuel Burrus	1 (Samuel Sr.)

1800

Sinah 1 (Wife of Samuel The Elder.  
Left will, 1\4 to Elizabeth Mason, her daughter, who had married a  
Mason. 1\4 to Samuel Mason, 1\4 to the three children of her son  
William and 1\4 to William B. Barlow, a grandson)

Samuel, Jr.	1 (Son of William, grandson of Samuel and Sina)
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Charles	1
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1801

Samuel (M) 1 (Not sure what the (M) means Some  
times the clerk added something following a name to idenify where  
the person lived. It might mean Mattaponi River. Appears to be son  
of Charles-JWB-)

Samuel, Jr.	1
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Charles	1 (Son of Samuel)
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1802

Samuel (M)	- (Not sure, not listed as over 16)
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William (Reeds) 1 (Reeds may be added by the clerk to  
identify where he lived. William Burrus who died 1778-79 also had a  
son William. This appears to be that William)

Charles	1 (Son of Samuel, The Elder)
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Samuel, Jr at ino (?) of the estate. (Samuel Jr. Died  
This year leaving a son Samuel Jr.)

1803

Samuel 2 (Not sure)  
William 1 (Son of William who died 1779, This  
William born 1780).

Charles 1 (Son of Samuel the Elder)

1804

Charles 2 (Not sure who the other male is,  
perhaps one of his sons, now of age)

1805

William 1

Charles, Estate 2 (Son of Samuel The Elder, Charles  
died about this time, children listed, BBB Page 47-48 entry 58, Sin  
Elgin, Samuel C., Richard, John, Susannah, Sarah, and Mary Burrus.  
Exec George Burrus and Joseph Brame. George Burrus born 1784 now 21  
is also listed as a son of Charles and Mary, Joseph Brame appears to  
have married one of the daughters).

1806

William 1 (Son of William)

George 1 (Son of Charles, 1810 census of  
Carolina County show George, 2 males 16-26, one female under 10 and  
one female 16-26)

Mary 1 (Charles Burrus, Widow, with one  
son over 16 must be Richard Burrus)

1807

William 1 (Son of William who died 1789)  
George 1 (Son of Charles and Mary)  
Mary 1 (Widow of Charles)  
Samuel 1 (Son of Charles, deceased)

1809

George 1 (Son of Charles and Mary)

Samuel 1 (Son of Charles)

Mary 1 (Widow of Charles)

BOOK B William 1 (Son of William, grandson of Samuel  
the Elder. Book B is part of St. Margaret's Parish. William lived at  
the forks of Matta and Poni Rivers)

1810

Samuel 1 (Son of Charles, Deceased)

This

George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
Mary	1	(Widow of Charles, Male over 16 must be Richard or John)
<u>Book B</u> William	1	(Son of William)
1811		
Samuel	1	(Son of Charles, grandson of Samuel the Elder and Sina)
George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
Reel 80		
1912		
George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
C. John	1	(Son of Charles and Mary, 1796)
<u>Book B</u> William	1	
1813		
George		(Son of Charles and Mary)
C. John	1	(Son of Charles and Mary, grandson of Samuel and Sina)
William	1	(In the forks of the Mattaponi)
		(William, son of William who died 1798 lived 9 miles N.W. from the court house where the Matta and Ponirivers meet to form the Mattaponi).
1814		
William	1	(Forks, grandson of Samuel The Elder)
George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
Mary	-	(Charles and Mary seemed to have had four boys, George, Samuel C., Richard and John C. all must be 16 or older and not at home)
1815		
William	1	(Forks)
George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
Samuel	1	(Samuel Burrus Jr. died before this date. This appears to be the son of Charles and Mary)
Mary	-	(Widow of Charles)
1816		
Burrus,		
William C.	1	(Grandson of Samuel, The Elder son of William who died 1779. Now added a C. to his name to identify him from the other two William's in St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County. His middle name is Chiles-(JWB).
George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)

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	Samuel	1	(Son of Charles )
1817			
	William, C.	1	(William Chiles Burrus)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1818	William C.	1	(Son of William)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1819			
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
	William C.	1	(Son of William)
1820			
	William C.	1	(Son of William)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1821			
	William C.	1	(Son of William)
	Samuel	1	(Son of Samuel Jr.)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1822			
	William C.		
1823			
	William C.		
	George		
1824	Burrus, George	1	
	William C.	1	
	Samuel	1	(May be son of Charles and Mary)
	Samuel	1	(Samuel Jr. Great Grandson of Samuel The Elder)
1825			
	Samuel	1	(Not Sure)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
	William C.	1	(Son of William)

	Samuel Jr.	1	(Son of Samuel Jr.)
1826	Burrus, George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
	Samuel	1	(Not Sure)
	Samuel	1	(Samuel Jr.)
	William C.	1	(Son of William)
1827	Burrus, Samuel Jr.	1	(Son of Samuel Jr.)
	William C.	1	(William Chiles Burrus)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1828	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
	Samuel	1	(Samuel Jr.)
	William	1	(Not Sure)
	William C.	1	(Son of William)
1829	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
	William C.	1	(William Chiles Burrus)
1830	William Jr.	1	(Not Sure)
	William C.	1	
	Jno: A.C.	1	(New)
	George	1	(Son of Charles and Mary)
1831	Burrus, William	1	
	William C.	1	
	John A.C.	1	
1832, Burrus	William C.	1	
	John A.C.	1	
1833, Burrus	John A.C.	1	
	William C.	1	

	William	1	
1834, Burrus			
	William	1	
	John C.	1	(Son of Charles)
	William C.	2	
1835, Burrus			
	William C.	2	
<u>1836 B</u>			
<u>1837 Book A</u>			
Burrus,			
	William	1	
	William C.	2	
1838, Burrus			
	William C.	2	
<u>Book B</u>			
1839, Burrus	William C.	2	
	William		
1840, Burrus			
	William C.	2	
	William	1	
1841, Burrus	William C.	1	
1842, Burrus			
	William C.	2	
	William	1	
1843, Burrus			
	William C.	1	
	William Sr.	1	
	Samuel H.	1	
	Charles	1	
	Charles	1	
	John	1	
	William	1	

1845, Burrus

William C.	1	(William Chiles Burrus)
William F.	1	(Son of William C. Burruss)
Charles	1	

1848, Burrus

William F.	1	(Son of William C. Burruss)
William Sr.	1	(Not Sure)

1850, Burrus

Elizabeth	1	(Widow of William C. Burrus)
William F.	1	(Son of William C. Burrus)
William Sr.	1	(Not Sure)
Charles	1	

108.

#### LAND TAX RECORDS

1783

From: Wm. Aile  
To: John Burriss 70 Acres

From: John Smith  
To: John Burruss 30 Acres (Could this be the John Burris  
who married Mary Harris and  
lived in Louisa County?).

1784

From: Samuel Burruss  
To: Jennings Burruss 113 Acres

1788

Jennings	113	
Samuel, Jr.		64
Charles	432	

1789

Samuel	765	(Samuel Sr.)
Jinnings	113	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
Samuel, Jr.	64	(Samuel Son of William, deceased)
Charles	432	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

#### Alterations from 1789

From: John Johnston's Estate  
To: Jennings Burrus 562 Acres  
From: Edward Valentine  
To: Charles Burrus 112 1/2



1790	Samuel	765	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William, Dec.)
	Jinnings	675	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Charles	553 1/2	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1791	Samuel	765	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William, Dec.)
	Jinnings	675	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Charles	553 1/2	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1792 Same as 1791

1793	Samuel	In the Alterations	
	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William, Dec.)
	Charles	553 1/2	(Son of Samuel the Elder)
	Jennings	462	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

From: Jinnings Burrus

To: Samuel Burrus 113 Acres

Samuel	765	
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	878	(Son of Samuel the Elder)

1794 Same as 1793

1795	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William)
	Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Charles	553 1/2	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

Alterations-1793

Error:Added

To Jinnings Burrus Estate 32, Acres

	462	
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	494	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1796	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Grandson of Samuel Elder)
	Charles	553 1/2	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1797 Same as 1796

1798	Samuel, Jr.	64	(Grandson of Samuel Elder)
	Charles	553	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
	Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1799

Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William)
Charles	553	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1800

Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William)
Charles	553	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1801

Samuel, Jr.	64	(Son of William)
Charles	553	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
Samuel	878	(Son of Samuel The Elder)

1802

Same as 1801 (Samuel Burruss Jr. Died this year)

1803

Same as 1801

1804

Same as 1801

1805

1806

Burrus, Samuel Jr.	64	(Son of William)
Charles	553	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
Samuel, Est	545	(Samuel Sr. Son of Samuel the Elder.

Does not appear to have had any children)

1807

Burrus, Samuel, Estate (Son of Samuel The Elder)

1809

Burrus, Samuel Estate (Samuel Sr. Died about 1806)  
Samuel Est. transferred to Charley Barnes  
(Samuel Sr.)

From: Anthony Thornton

To: William Burrus 176 (This William is the of William,  
who died 1779, grandson of Samuel The Elder)

Charles, Estate (Son of Samuel The Elder, Deceased)  
Left to Samuel Burrus, est. to John  
Mason to George Burrus to Samuel

Burrus)

1810

Burrus, Samuel,	Est.
William	176 (Son of William, who died 1779)
Charles, Est.	(Son of Samuel The Elder)
George	

1811

William 176 (William Chiles Burruss)

1812

Samuel, Children

1813

Burrus. William 176  
John C. 40

(Son of William who died 1779)  
(Son of Charles Burrus, grandson  
Samuel, The Elder)  
(Samuel Jr.)

of

Samuel, Estate  
Charles, Est. 729

1814

Miles distance from Courthouse added.

William  
died 1789)

176

N.W. 9 (Son of William who

George  
Mary)

62

S. 18 (Son of Charles and

Charles, Est  
Settled ?)

729

S. 11 (Died 1806 Estate not

Samuel, Jr. Est.

64

S. 18 (Samuel Jr. Died 1802)

1815

William  
died 1789)

176

N.W. 9 (Son of William, who

George  
Mary)

62

S. 18 (Son of Charles and

Charles  
Brame)

S. 21 (Shown as by Joseph

John C.  
Mary)

60 3/4

S. 22 (Son of Charles and

1816

William

176

N.W. 9 (Son of William)

George  
Mary)

62

S. 18 (Son of Charles and

John C.  
Mary)

60 3/4

S. 22 (Son of Charles and

1817

Burruss

Samuel Jr. Est.

64

S. 18 (Samuel Jr. Died 1802)

Charles, Est. In the Alterations  
Charles Burruss Est. 729 1/2  
To Thomas Harris 422

307 1/2

160

To Henry Hill 182  
125 1/2

1818 Same as 1817.

79) 1819

ndson Burruss

George

Transferred to Dabney Turner

1824

Burruss

Samuel Jr. Est.

86 S. 18 (Samuel Jr. died 1802)

William C.

313 NW 9 (Son of William and Jemina

Chiles Burruss)

1825

Burruss

Samuel Est

84 S 18

William C.

313 NW 9

1826

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18

William C.

313 NW 9

1827

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18 (Son of Samuel and

Frances Graves)

William C.

313 NW 9

1828

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18

William C.

313 NW 9

1829

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18

William C.

313 W 7

1830

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18 ( Next to George Burruss)

William C.

313 W 7

1831

Burruss

Samuel Est.

84 S 18 ( Next to George Burruss, Son of

Jacob 111)

William C.	313	W	7	
1832				
Burruss				
Samuel Est.	84	S	18	
William C.	313	W	7	
1833				
Burruss				
Samuel Est.	84	S	19	
William C.	313	W	7	
1844				
William C.	313	N.W.13		(Son of William)
1845				
William C.	313	N.W.13		(Son of William)
William C.	313	Ifn.		(Samuel Burrus Family,
Dec.)				
Ann	33	1/3 S.21		(Must be Samuel Burrus
family)				
1846				
Elizabeth	313	N.W.13		(Widow of William C.)

#### CENSUS RECORDS

1810				
Burrus				
George, 16-26	2			Born 1784-1794 (Son of Charles)
Females				
16-26	1			
Under 10	1			
Slaves	5			
Burruss				
Samuel	25-45	1		(Born 1785-1765 Son of Charles and
Mary)				
16-26	1			
Slaves	10			
<u>1830 Census</u>				
Burruss Page 179				
George	50-60	1		Born 1780-1770 (Son of Charles
Burrus)				
15-20	2			

10-15	1
5-10	1

# Burruss Page 178

William C.	40-50	1	Born 1790-1780
	20-30	1	(William F.)
	15-20	1	(Richard A.)
	10-15	1	(Robert J.)
Females			
	90-10	1	(Born 1740-1730, Must be his Grandmother)
	60-70	1	(Born 1770-1760, Must be his mother)
	30-40	1	(Wife, Elizabeth)
	20-30	1	(Rebecca Ann)

# 1840 Census

William C.	50-60	1	Born 1780-1790
	20-30	1	(Richard A.)
Females			
	60-70	1	Born 1780-1770
	20-30	1	(Sarah Adaline)

Joseph C.	20-30	1	Born 1810-1830
	10-15	1	
	Under 5	1	Females
	50-60	1	
	Under 5	2	

# Burruss

William	30-40	1	Born 1800-1810
	15-20	1	
	5-10	1	
Females			
	20-30	1	
	Under 5	1	

# 1850 CENSUS

Burruss Page 255 Family 495

Elizabeth	75	F	(Value of Real Estate \$250.00)
William F.	34	M	

Burrus Page 273 Family 793

William F. 54 M (Born 1796, son of William C.  
Burruss)

Fanny E. 52 F

Mary E. 20 F

Edmonia 16 F

Robert W. Coob 30 M

Lucy L. Coob 25 F

Waller Page 253 Family 465

Dabney W. Teacher

Wm E.L. Burruss Student, (Son of James Overton Burrus and Ann  
Garrett, Grandson of John Burrus and Mary Harris)

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Charlotte County was formed from Luenberg County 1765 23923

1. Jan 13 1776, Book 3 Page 570. John Burrass witness to a deed.
2. 17 sep 1782, John Burress married Elizabeth Elam.  
Surety on Bond: Martin Elam, probably brother of Elizabeth-(WHB111).
3. 4 May 1787, Book 5 Page 192. John Burrass from James Watkins,  
225 Acres. (225ac. - Adj. Moody's Branch, Bluestone Creek,  
Watkins, ?, ?, Williams. Teste: Thomas Reade.)-(WHBIII)
4. 5 Oct 1789, Book 6 Page 65. John Burrass & Elizabeth, his wife  
sold to Joel Collins 225 Acres. (225ac. - Adj. Bluestone Creek,  
James Watkins, Osbornes, Christopher Marables, Williams, Moody  
Branch.)-(WHBIII)
5. 5 Jul 1784, Book 5 Page 93, Deed Book. Wm. Sansom sold to  
Peter Burrow, 225 acres on Branch of Buffalo, adj Edmund Allmond,  
Benjamin Herndon. Signed William Sansom.
6. 27 Sep 1786 Book 1 Page 290-C Inventory, Peter Burrow,  
Appraisers; Francis Bames, John Bibb, Edward Mosley.

Charlotte County Miscellaneous

**Library of Virginia, Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants, "Thomas Eubank 1838" file:**

In 1838, the heirs Thomas Eubank/Eubanks (deceased) of Charlotte Co. filed a claim for a land bounty based on Eubank's Rev War service. Thomas Eubank died at the battle of Guilford Courthouse.

The name "JNO J. BURRUS" is indexed in the Eubank file by the LVA. In viewing online images of the original documents a list of four signatures can be found which may represent a list of Eubank's heirs as described in the file:

John Eubanks

Benj (X) (Kerr?)

JNO J BUR\_\_\_\_\_ (the "J" may have been his mark rather than an initial, the name is nearly illegible)-(MKB).

Sarah(?) (her mark unclear) Gill

**CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Culpepper County was formed from Orange County 1749. The County seat is Culpepper 22701.

1. 23 Jan 1687. William, son, of James and Hannah Burrus baptised.
2. Will Book A, 1749-1770. 9 May 1760. Will of William Kelley of the County of Culpeper and Parish of St. Marks being sick and weak ... To my well beloved friend John Barrow my whole estate real and personal except the legacies herein after mentioned. I give to my worthy friend Robt. Green my young gray mare. I do appoint my well beloved friends John Barrow and Robt. Green Exec. William (X) Kelly.
3. Francis Burris, married John Embree. (No Date. - JWB)
4. Millie Burris, married Joseph Embree, son of John and Francis Burris Embree.
5. 10 Dec 1785. Mildred Burris married Jacob Rifflar.
6. 6 Nov 1803. Thomas Burras married Polly Meade. Lewis Conner, Baptist Minister.
7. 10 Feb 1832. Jessee L. Burrows married Catherine S. Mason. William F. Brodus, Min.
8. 12 Mar 1812. Jessee Butter married Mary Hill Burruss. He was a Methodist Minister.

9. Land Records:



12 Jul 1795, Book\_\_\_\_Page 110. Thomas Burris leased a track of land from William Bryant. Thomas Burris, wife Nancy Burris and son William Burris mentioned.

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### Revolutionary War

The Culpepper Classes were list of men and boys who were selected by the county at the request of the state for aid to Lafayette and the Continantal Army. Probably all had been malitia men as training was required at this time. Some fought at Yorktown. It seems there were 10 classes. Anyone tracing her ancestry to a soldier on this list is acceptable for D.A.R membership. This list is from the National Archives.

	Class
Burroughs, Michael	14
Burroughs, Thomas	39

11.

### COUNTY TAX RECORDS

(No other Burrus family listed in the tax records in this county on the dated, 1782 to 1805-(JWB)

		White male over 21	Horse	Cattle
1782	Michael Burruss	1	1	3
1783	Michael Burrus	1	1	4
1784	Michael Burrus	1	1	1
1785	Michael Burrus	1	1	1
1786	Michael Burrus	1	1	2
1787	Michael Burrus	1	1	8
1788	Michael Burrus	1	1	
1789	Michael Burroughs	1	1	

(Changed to white males over 16 years old)

1790	Michael Burroughs	1	1	
1791	Michael Burras	1	1	
1792	Michael & T. Burrus	2		(Son Thomas born 1774)
	Thomas Burrus	1		(Must be a brother of Michael)
1793	Michael Burrus	2	2	
	Thomas Burrus	1		
1794	Michael Burras	2	1	
	Thomas Burroughs	1		
1795	Michael & T. Burras	2	2	
	Thomas Burras	1		
1796	Michael Burrus	2	3	
	Thomas Burrus	1		
1797	Michael Burrus	3	3	(Sons Thomas & George)

land from am Burrus	1798	Thomas Burras	1	
		Michael Burrus	3	3
		Thomas Burras	1	
	1799	Michael Burrus	2	3 (Michaels son Thomas not listed May have moved to Madison County Kentucky at this time)
e select and the ng was	1800	Thomas Burroughs	1	
e were 10 is al		Michael Burrus	2	4 (Son John born 1779)
		George Burrus	1	
		Thomas Burroughs	1	
	1801	Michael Burras	2	1 (Another son, David?)
		John Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
		George Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
		Thomas Burras	1	1
	1802	Michael Burras	2	1 (May be son David)
		Thomas Burras	1	2 (Not sure)
		John Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
		George Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
y on the	1803	Michael Burrus	2	1 (May be son David)
		John Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
		George Burras	1	1 (Son of Michael)
		Thomas Burrus	1	2 (Not sure)
	1804	Michael Burras	1	1 (Son Not listed)
		George Burras	1	
		John Burras	1	1
		Thomas Burras	1	2
	1805	Michael Burras	1	

(Michael is the only Burrus listed in Culpepper County on this date. George and John have moved to Henry County, Virginia). (Perhaps, Thomas and Michael's other son (David) moved to Madison County, Kentucky. Son Thomas Burrus, married Mary A. Mills in Madison County, moved to Howard County, Missouri. Thomas Burrus, not the son of Michael married Margaret French 1801 in Madison County and later moved to Cass County, Missouri, Died 1845. David Burrus, married Ellender Lackey in Madison County, Kentucky 1805 and later moved to Cass County, Missouri. This was his second marriage and had three children by his first wife. Died in Cass County 1849. Son George Burrus married Elizabeth Taylor in Patrick County, Virginia and moved to Jackson County, Missouri. Son John married Deborah Thomas or Hughes in Patrick County and moved to Howard County, Missouri.)-(JWB)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Library of Virginia Online Archives of Revolutionary War Bounty

(card #12 of 64, Burnes-Cabbage,): A file dated 1835 indexed as JOHN BURRISS. Documents listed on the index card include:

1 Cert. Of Naturalization. From the online image of this document it appears that John Burrass swore an oath of allegiance in Culpeper Co on 27 Sep 1777 (it is not a certificate of naturalization as the index card states.)-(MKB)

2. Affidavit - Sarah Burriss

15 Dec 1834. "I Sarah Burriss a resident of Madison County in the state of Virginia do certify . . . I am the only heir by will of my late husband John Burriss . . . the said John Burriss enlisted the service in Culpeper County in the year 1777 or 1778 and served in the Illinois Regiment and that he served to the end of the war . . ." signed Sarah (X) Buriss

3. Report-Jno. H. Smith., Comr. This is a letter dated 11 May 1835, in which pay musters were examined for John Burriss/Burroughs who was listed as both a soldier and a corporal in Capt Mark Thomas' company of the Illinois Regiment, to determine Sarah Burriss' eligibility for a land warrant-(MKB)

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA

Cumberland County was formed from Goochland County 1749. The county seat is Cumberland 23040.

1. LDS Film 0030745, Deed Book, 1745 to 1760. No Burrus, Burris Listed-(JWB).

2. LDS Film 0030746, Deed Book, 1760 to 1771. No Burrus, Burris, Listed-(JWB).

### ORDER BOOKS,

3. LDS Film 0030759, Court Orders, 1747 to 1762, No Burrus, Burris Listed-(JWB)

4. LDS Film 0030760, Court Orders, 1762 to 1767.

Aug 1763, Book 5 Page 279. Ordered that the Churchwardens of Southern Parish bind out Edmund Burras, Orphan of Nathaniel Burras. Deceased to John Riddle-(JWB).

5. No John Riddle found in Cumberland County, except as noted. Goochland County Index to deeds. 18 Mar 1771, Book 10 Page 111. John Riddle, Will. 20 Apr 1771, Book 10 page 135. John Riddle, Inventory.

6. Riddle is a big family in Goochland County any number of names-(JWB).

7. Aug 1763, Book 5, Page 279. (Ordered that the Churchwardens of Southern Parish bind out Edmund Burras, orphan of Nathaniel Burras, Deceased, to John Riddle according to law. At the court those present were: George Carrington, Nicholas Davies, Thomas Tabb, Carter Henry Harrison, John Mayo.)-(WHBIII)

8. 8 Aug 1771, Book 5, Page 184. Edmund Burruss of Cumberland County bought from Dudley Terrell of Cumberland County, 200 acres on Muddy Creek, on North Fork. Wit: Hans Steger, A. Davenport, Katherine Steger. Recorded: 27 Jul 1773-(WHBIII)

9. 7 Jan 1773, Book 5 Page 188. Edmund Burruss of Cumberland County sold to Hans Steger of Cumberland County. 200 acres on Muddy Creek, Adj. Wm Terrell and Nicholas Davie's. Wit: John Netherland, Joseph Cobuen Ben Netherland. Recorded 28 Jan 1773-(WHBIII)

10. 28 Sep 1773, Book 5, Page 196. Edmund Burruss sold to WM Ferguson, the same tract that transferred to Hans Steger. Edmund was party of the first part, Hans was party to the second part and Wm (William) was party to the third part-(WHBIII)

11. 23 Jun 1783, Book 11, Page 358. Comment: Joseph Burras Plt. against Benjamin Webber & Ambrosia Nelson, Defts. Indebts Richard Webber enter himself special bail for Deft. Who imparts specially till the next court of them to pledge-(WHBIII).

12. 23 Sep 1783, Book 11, Page 443. Comment: Joseph Burras Plt. against Benjamin Webber & Ambrose Nelson, Defts. In Dept. Payment and fine-(WHBIII)

13. 28 Feb 1785 Book 13, Page 205. (Jospeh Burras was awarded 4557 1/2 lbs of crop tobacco of Richmond or Manchester Inspected & 2.5.4 with interest, etc.)-(WHBIII)

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14. 8 Aug 1771, Book 5, Page 184. Edmund Burruss of Cumberland from Dudley Terrell of Cumberland. (200ac. on Muddy Cr. on north fork. Wit: Hans Steger, A. Davenport, Katherine Steger. Rec: 7/27/1773. In a second location they have "A". Davenport as what looks like "Abraham" Davenport, I could read Abra\_\_\_)-(WHBIII)

15. Jan 7 1773, Book 5 Page 188. Edmund Burruss of Cumberland to Hans Steger of Cumberland (200ac. on Muddy Cr. ADJ Wm Terrell, Wm Bagby, & Nicholas Davies's land. Signed :Edmund Burrus, L.S. Wit: John Netherland, Joseph Cobuen, Ben, Netherland. Rec: 1.28.1773)-(WHBIII)

16. 28 Sep 1773, Book 5 Page 196. Edmund Burruss to Wm Forguson. The same tract that transferred to Hans Steger. Edmund was party of the first part, Hans was party to second part and Wm (William) was party to third part-(WHBIII)

## **DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Dinwiddie County, was formed in 1752 from Prince George County. The county seat is Dinwiddie 23841.

Virginia Genealogist (The wills of John and Phillip Burros were filed in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1797 and were preserved at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, North Carolina.)-(JWB)

1. 10 Mar 1770, John Burrows Will. No wife mentioned. Children Phillip Burrow, Isabel Buckner, Henry Burrow, Exec. was son Henry Burrow. Proved in Dinwiddie County, Court March 1778.

2. 13 Oct 1777, Phillip Burrow Sr. Will. Wife Martha Burrow. Children; Martha, Cain, Jerrald Burrow, Phillip Burrow, Gray Burrow, Mary ?, son-in-law James Mangum and William Martin. Exec., Wife Martha and son Gray Burrow.

## **Essex County, Virginia**

Essex County, Virginia, was formed in 1692 from Old Rappahannock. The county seat is Tappahannock 22560.

### **PATENT RECORDS LDS FILM 0032130**

1. 2 May 1706, Book 9, Page 736. Mr. Edward Barrow 177 acres in Essex County, on the south side and about 10 miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River, about 1/2 mile below the main fork. Transplant of four persons.

## FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Fauquier County, Virginia, was formed in 1759 from Prince William County. The county seat is Warrentown 22186.

### MARRIAGE BONDS:

1. 23 Feb 1790, Thomas Burroughs married Lettice Kendakk, by J. Ashley.
2. 23 Dec 1791, Michael Burroughs married Mary Hill, dau. of Russell.
3. 25 Mar 1793, James Burrows married Heppebess Collins, dau. of Thomas.
4. 14 Oct 1797, Wm. Burras married Elizabeth Dews, dau. of Samuel.
5. 3 Jan 1803, Bartley Burroughs married Elizabeth Congrone.
6. 15 May 1811, Samuel Burroughs married Elizabeth Thacket.
7. 1 Jan 1823, John B. Burroughs married Mary E. Sumate.

### Deed Book 1759-1778

1. 15 Oct 1773, Book 5 Page 429. "Deed of gift. Elizabeth Marshall of Leeds Parish to Charles Burrus.. for nat. love and affection...in consideration of his marriage with my granddaughter one negro woman named Sarah...signed Elizabeth Marshall. Wit: W. Grant, Joseph Smith, Augustine Smith. Rec: 25 Oct 1773 Proved of Augustine E James Smith" Page 156-(WHB 111).
2. 28 Nov 1768, 1768-1773, Page 47. Charles Burrus is appointed surveyer of the Road from Liking Run to the Forks of the Road in a room of Armistead Churchill and it is ordered that he with the tithes that shall be appointed by Armistead Churchill and Jeremiah Dernal, Gent. do clear and keep the same in repair according to Law. Page 65. Minute Book-(WHB 111).
3. 25 Jun 1770, 1768-1773, Minute Book, Page 199. The presentinent of the Grand Jury against Charles Burrus is discontinued, Page 47.
4. 1768-1773, Minute Book. Joseph Blackwell Plt. Agt. George Cristwell On a attachment. This day came the Plt. by his Atorney and came also the

Sheriff who returned that he had levied this attachment on one Negor named Pompey, one Horse, one Saddle and Bridle, and the Deft. falling to appear and replavy the same the called, it is considered by the court that the Plt. recover against the said Deft. fifteen pounds, ten shillings and twelve hundred pounds of Crop tobacco. And the said Deft. in mercy &c. And it is also ordered that the Sheriff sell the attached effects after paying Charles Burrus the sum of five pounds, four shillings and six pence that he pay the residue thereof (or so much as will satifle the Judgement) to the Plt and that he return an Account of the sales to the Court. Page 17.- (WHBIII)

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Franklin County was formed from Bedford/Henry 1786. The County seat is Rocky Mount 24152

**Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia**  
Vol. 2 Deed Book III (1793 - 1799), Prepared by Sara Motisher Beck, Rocky Mount, VA, 1978.

The Legatees Cutbert (Cutberth) Webb, Adrian Webb, John Webb, James Webb, Jacob Adam Helm, Isham Jarrauld (Fr. Co.) to Theodorick Webb (Fr. Co) L. 100 cmu. 533a m/1 in the county of Hamherst composed of three several tracts contagious to and adjoining to each other the first of which was granted before the late Revolution & Independence of Merica unto William Burris by Letters Patent bearing date at Williamsburg Dec 25, 1762 containing 150 ac. Lying on the Branches of the South Fork of Rock Fish River Adj: in Henry Keys line; Henry Keys line. Second of the said tract was Granted by Letters patent unto Theodoric Webb bearing date at Williamsburg Aug. 27, 1770 containing 154a Bounded as Expressed in the said Patent and the third and last of s'd tracts was granted by letters patent unto Cutbirt Webb bearing date at Williamsburg July 5, 1776 containing 229a. bounded as Expressed in the s'd patent.  
Signed: Cutbert Webb, Adrian Webb, John Webb, James Webb, Adam Helm, Isham Jarrauld. p.?- (WHBIII)

## **FREDERICK COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Frederick County, Virginia, was formed in 1743 from Orange County. The county seat is Winchester 22601

1. George Neville and wife Ann Burroughs, son John Neville born 26 Jul 1721.

**Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administrations Accounts of Frederick County, Virginia**, compiled by J. Estelle Stewart King, Scottsdale, Arizona, 1961.



1. Will, January 4, 1754, 7 December, 1756,  
Son: James Davis, Jr., eldest son - to receive 200 acres. Son: John  
to have land between my son James and my brother Robert Davis. Son:  
Edward to receive 100 acres of land. Wife: Sarah Davis to have the  
maintenance and live with son Jacob. Exrs. son James and Mr. Jonas  
Hedges, Gent. Wit: Samuel Burrows, John Pack, Isabel Burrows-(WHB  
III)

2. 4 Mar 1767, Page 141. (mortgage) Between Adam Nicodeamas of  
County of Frederick (to) George Bowan of County aforesaid ...  
consideration sixty pounds ... Tract of land containing four hundred  
and fourty seven acres ... corner to Andrew Hackers line ... and  
Thomas Barrows late survey in at John Baricks line ... line to  
George Barrick to Lawrence Swamp ... also on still with the still  
worm tubbs and utensils thereto ... Signed: Adam Nicodemias. Wit:  
Gabriel Jones, Peter Hogg, Alex Woodrow, James Lindsay-(WHBIII)

## GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Goochland County, Virginia, was formed in 1728 from Henrico County.  
The county seat is Goochland 23063

### LAND AND PROPERTY, INDEX TO DEEDS

1. 20 May 1734, Book 1, Page 497. Charles Burrus from Anthony  
Hoggart.

2. 21 Jun 1737, Book 3, Page 40. Charles Burruss, Bond from  
Anthony Hoggatt. (Possibly son of John Burrus.)

3. 19 Mar 1734, Book 4, Page 318. Charles Burrus of King William  
County, conveys to John Watson Jr., of Hanover County, land in  
Goochland, on Tuckahoe Creek, North side James River. (Possibly son  
of John Burrus Sr., King William County.)-(JWB)

### MARRIAGE:

3. Anne Meriweather born 1785, married John Burroughs.

The Douglas Register, by Rev. William Douglas.

4. 3 Apr 1786, Abram Munday and Molly Burrows married.  
Page 258.

1788, Dolly Mundy born, Bap. 22 Sep 1788.

3 Apr 1789, Henry Munday born, Bap. 9 Oct 1789.



3 Jul 1790, John Burrows married Mary Harris.  
3 Jul 1790, Nancy Burrows born, Bap. 5 Sep 1790.  
17 Jul 1792, Lucy Burrows born, Bap. 9 Aug 1792.  
2 Jan 1793, Burrows Munday born, Bap. 21 Mar 1793.  
23 Sep 1794, John Burrows born, Bap. 30 Nov 1794.

**DEED BOOK**, Index, Grantee. LDS Film 0031652

1. 20 May 1734, Charles Burrus, from Anthony Hoggett, Book 1 Page 497, Deed.
2. 21 Jun 1737, Charles Burrus, From Anthony Hoggatt, Book 3 Page 40, Bond.
3. 2 Feb 1819, Nelson Burrus, from Samuel Mencos and wife, Book 24, Page 147, Deed.
4. 9 Feb 1829, Nelson Burruss, from James H. Terrell, Book 28, Page 64, Trust Release.
5. 5 Jul 1833, Nelson Burruss, from C.D. Burras, Book 29, Page 718, Reciept.
6. Nov 23 1833, Nelson Burruss, From C.D. Burruss, Book 28 Page 718, Trust.
7. Nov 20 1835, Nelson Burruss from Griffin Marks, Book 30 Page 459, Trust.

**DEED BOOKS**, Index, Grantor. LDS Film 0031651

Grantor

1. 19 Mar 1745, Charles Burrus to John Watson. Book 4 Page 318, Deed.
2. Jan 5 1835, Cleavers Burruss to Nelson Burruss, Book 29, Page 718, Reciept.
3. Nov 23 1835, Cleavers Burruss to Nelson Burruss, Book 29 Page 718, Trust.
4. 8 Dec 1832, Nelson Burruss and wife to William Woolfolk, Book 25, Page 368, Deed.

5. 14 Jan 1823, Nelson Burruss and wife to James H. Terrell, Book 25 Page 467, Trust.

6. 2 Feb 1829, Nelson Burruss and wife to William Southsmith, Book 28 Page 65, Deed.

7. 1 Jan 1830, Nelson Burruss and wife to David Bullock, Book 25, Page 432, Trust.

8. 7 Nov 1835, Nelson Burruss and wife to Griffin Marks, Book 30 Page 435, Deed.

9. 30 Jun 1836, Paul, N. C. Burruss and wife to Richard Manning, Book 31, Page 22, Deed.

The index only gives the book and page number to find particulars or the name of a wife it will be necessary to order the film or deed-(JWB).

## GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Grayson County, Virginia, was formed in 1793 from Wythe County. The county seat is Independence 24348.

### IDS FILM 0873858

1. This film contains a large amount of information on the Hale, Nuckolls, Bourne, Burris and other families. Hale is sometimes Hail.

Lewis Hale married Mary Burwell, who was a descendant of early settlers of Jamestown Va. Soon after their marriage they moved from what is now Franklin Co. Va. to the upper part of New River Valley, and settled on Elk Creek. This later became Grayson Co.

Children listed on Pages 111-112:

A. Richard married Elizabeth Stone.

B. William born 20 Mar 1771, married Lucy Stone. (Daughters of Jeremiah and Susannah Stone.

C. Dudley married Mary Burroughs.

D. Francis married Elizbeth Burroughs. (Mary and Elizabeth were sisters. Name probably Burris and probably daughters of William, Thomas, or Martin Burris of Surry County, North Carolina.)

E. Lewis married Elizabeth Bourne.

F. Stephen married Francis Bourne.

G. Elizabeth married first Thomas Burrughs, had children; married second, had children. One daughter married a Hamilton, and had one son Rev. Hale Snow Hamilton of Holston Conference. (This is the Elizabeth Hale we have listed as married to Thomas Burrus, Jr. Their three children: Lewis Burrus, Stephen Burrus, Isaac Burrus.)-(JWB)

H. Mary married John Hale.

(In the will of Dudley Hale and on a deed his wife is Nancy. There is no mention of the parents of Mary and Elizabeth Burroughs.

2. **Births and Deaths, LDS Film 30031758.** Micajah Stone married Nancy Hail, 7 May 1799, Book 1. Molly Burris married Jacob Sexton, 26 Jul 1808, Book 1, Page 42. (This is Mary Burrus, daughter of Martin Burrus and Susannah Martin, who married Jacob Sexon. Jacob listed as born in Grayson County, Virginia.)-(JWB)

Polly Eaton married Jeremiah Summers, 1812, Book 1, Page 9.

Burris Hail married Peggy Sutherland, 1816, Book 1, Page 44.

#### **LDS Film 0031741**

3. 12 Jan 1815, Will of Dudley Hail, Wife, Nancy. Children: Preston Hail, Burris Hail, Lewis Hail, Polly Hail, Franklin Hail, Sally Hail, Jestin Hail, Olive Hail, and Elizabeth Hail. (Dudley Hail is recorded married to Mary Burroughs. Is Nancy a second marriage? Are the children mentioned by Mary or Nancy?.)

4. 22 Mar 1814, Mar Court. An Affidavit and description of a slave imported into this Commonwealth by Anne Burrus was exhibited in Court and ordered to be entered of record in the following. (?) towit description of a slave imported into the state of Va. by Anne Burrus on the 22nd of February 1814. To wit one negro man named Frank age 58 years about five feet nine inches high, very black, brought from Surry Co. N. C. into Grayson Co., Va. To wit Anne Burrus made an oath before me William Hail in presence of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace of said County that the above statement contains a true account of a slave brought into the state of Va. by her and that the said slave was brought into the Commonwealth for the purpose of sale or with the intent to make the law of this Commonwealth to present the further implication of slaves or in any manner contrary to the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed on the 9th day of January 1813.

"AN ACT CONCERNING SLAVES" given under my hand and seal this 21 March 1814. Signed William Hale.

(This is Ann, the second wife and widow of Thomas Burrus. He died in 1799 in Surry County, North Carolina.)-(JWB)

5. Aug 1814, Page 162. A deed from Dudley Hail and Nancy his wife, to Lewis Hail was acknowledged in court by the said Dudley and Nancy and ordered to be recorded, the said Nancy having been previously examined as the law directs.

6. Aug 1814, Page 163. A deed from Lewis Hail and Elizabeth, his wife to Dudley Hail was acknowledged in court by the said Lewis and Nancy and ordered to be recorded, the said Elizabeth having been previously examined as the law directs.

7. Apr 1815, Page 185. A deed from William Burris to James O'Neal was proven by Samuel O'Neal being heretofore proven in Court. (Apparently the same deed as October 1813.)

8. Jul 1815, Page 192. Preston Hail, orphan of Dudley Hail chose Richard Hail as his guardian. The court assigned the said Richard Hail as guardian of James and Olive Hail, orphans of Dudley Hail.

9. Jul 1815, Page 192. Burris Hail, orphan of Dudley Hail with the approbation of the Court made a choice of William Hail for his guardian, and the court doth assign the said William Hail guardian of Sally Hail another of the orphans. Whereupon the said William with George Currin entered into bond in the penalty of \$1,200.00 with a condition according to law.

10. Jul 1815, Page 192. Franklin Hail is by the court assigned guardian of Jestiane Hail, Betsy Hail, and Polly Hail orphans of Dudley Hail decd. Whereupon he together with Peter Delp his security entered into bond in the penalty of \$1,800.00 with a condition according to law.

11. Aug 1816, Page 244. Lewis Hail guardian of Franklin Hail orphan of Dudley Hail.

12. Aug 1817, Page 286. A deed from James O'Neal to John O'Neal was proven by John Eaton and John Hawk, subscribing witness. (John Eaton married Frances Burruss in Patrick County 20 April 1809.) - (JWB)

13. Apr 1820, Burris Hail fined \$.83 for profane swaring.

14. **LDS Film 00317753.** Aug 1813 Court. On Motion of James McGraw who made oath on adm. and together with Jesse McKinney, John A. Grigg, Robert Nuckolls, and John Dalton his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$300.00 contained as the law hereto certificate is granted the said James McGraw for obtaining letters of adm. of the estate of William Burris decd. in due form.

15. Aug 1813 Court. Ordered that Joseph Johnson, Mitchell Thompson, and Isaac Branscoun being first sworn before said Justice of the Peace, do truly and justly appraise in current money the personal estate of William Burris decd. and return the appraisement their hands to this court.

16. Oct 1813 Court. A deed from William Burris to James O'Neal proven in court by Joseph Johnson a subscribing witness.

17. 1813 November Court. An inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of William Burras decd. was returned to court and ordered recorded. (This appears to be the William Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia, Surry County, North Carolina, and Patrick County, Virginia. Elizabeth Burris was mentioned as his wife in a deed in Patrick County, but, since Elizabeth was not mentioned as the widow in the Letters of Adm., #14 above, it appears that she was deceased at this time,)-(JWB)

18. Burris connections from Surry County, North Carolina, to Grayson County, Virginia.

A. Mary Burrus, daughter of Martin Burrus of Surry County, North Carolina, married Jacob Sexton 26 Jul 1808, Grayson County, Virginia.

B. Thomas Burrus, Jr., married Elizabeth Hale. (Thomas Burrus, Jr. was son of Thomas and Ann Burrus of Surry County, North Carolina. The Hale family lived in Grayson County, Virginia.)-(JWB)

C. Dudley Hale married Mary Burroughs in Grayson County, Virginia.

D. Francis Hale married Elizabeth Burroughs in Grayson County. Mary and Elizabeth are sisters. (They could be daughters of Martin Burrus or William Burrus.)

E. Thomas Burrus married Mary Bonham and lived in Tazewell County. Mary was born in Wythe County, Virginia. (This appears to be Thomas Burrus, son of Martin Burrus of Surry County, North Carolina.)

McGraw F. 2 Mar 1814. Anne Burrus in Grayson County, Virginia.  
(This Anne appears to be widow of Thomas Burrus, Sr.)

ntered as G. 1813. William Burrus died in Grayson County. (This must be the William Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia, Surry County, North Carolina, and Patrick County, Virginia. We have not found a place for him on the family tree. See **NAMES FOR WHICH WE CANNOT FIND A PARENT.**)-(JWB)

**Court Order Book LDS Film 0031753**

oney 33. Aug 1813 Court. On motion of James McCraw who made oath on adm. and together with Jesse McKinney, John A. Grigg, Robert Nucholls, and John Dalton, his security, entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$300.00, contained as the law hereto, certificate is granted the said James McCraw for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of William Burris, decd., in due form. (This is believed to be the William Burris, Sr., from Albemarle County, Virginia, Surry County, North Carolina, and Patrick County, Virginia.)

wife oned she 34. Aug 1813 Court. Ordered that Joseph Johnson, Mitchell Thompson, and Isaac Branscum, being first sworn before said Justice of the Peace, do truly and justly appraise in current money and personal estate of William Burris, decd., and return appraisement their hands to this court.

**Will Book 1, LDS Film 0031741, Pages 93-94:**

y, 35 The Commonwealth of Virginia, Grayson County. In obedience to an order from the honorable Court of Grayson County, we met at the dwelling house of William Burrus, dec'd, and the property shown to us by James McCraw, the administrator of said estate, was viz., Two Feather Beds and Furniture, one Pot, one pair Fire Irons, one Fish Pan, 5 Chairs, 1 Pewter Dish, 5 Pewter Plates, 1 Brass Mortar, 1 Pine Chester, 2 Axes, 2 Weeding Hoes, 1 Grubbing Hoe, 1 Mattock, 2 Plank Gums, 2 Open Headed Caskes, 1 Two Grass Heifer, 1 Shovel Plough, 1 Logchain, 1 pair Drawing Chains, 1 Candlestick, three Pewter Spoons, 2 Bells and Collars, 1 Iron Potrack, 1 Cotton Wheel, 1 Bedstead, and an Under Bed, 1 Man's Saddle, 1 Light Casks, 1 ... Tub, 1 Water Pail, 1 Table, 1 Cow and Calf, 1 Peck Measure, 1 pair Harness and 1 Bridle, and do appraise the above articles to sixty three dollars and 40 cents. Certified from under our hands this 20th day of August 1813.

Mitchell Thompson  
Isaac Branscum  
Joseph Johnson

Test. Jn. McCraw, Adm.

36. Nov 1813 Court. This inventory and appraisement of the estate of William Burrus, dec'd, was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Test. M. Dickenson

Amount of property sold belonging to the Estate of William Burrus, dec'd, this 30th day of September 1813:

		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cents</u>
Jacob McCraw	1 Fish Pan	1	03
" "	1 Brass Mortar	3	66
Johnston Snow	2 Axes	1	03
Jacob McCraw	2 Plank Gums		62
" "	1 Log Chain	1	57
William Allen	1 Iron Potrack	1	50
Sarah McCraw	1 Cotton Wheel		41
Jacob McCraw	2 Casks		55
" "	1 Peck Measure		62
Elizabeth Burrus	1 Bed Furniture	4	00
Elizabeth Burrus	1 Bed Stead	1	00
Jacob McCraw	1 Bed & Under Bed	10	01
" "	1 Pot	5	01
" "	1 Pair Fire Irons	2	80
Francis McCraw	4 Chairs	1	10
Elizabeth Burrus	1 Chair		20
Elijah Edwards	1 Pewter Dish	3	00
Jacob McCraw	5 Pewter Plates	2	65
Elijah Edwards	2 Spoons &		
	1 Candlestick		33
Francis McCraw	1 Pine Chest	1	05
Mitchell Thompson	2 Weeding Hoes		15
John Allen	1 Grubbing Hoe		50
Johnson Snow	1 Mattock		82
Johnson Snow	1 Open Head Cask		52
John Snow	1 Pr Hames & Chains	1	75
Elijah Edwards	1 Bridle		25
Mitchell Thompson	1 Shovel Plough		69
Elijah Edwards	2 Bells & Collars	1	30
John Eator	1 Man's Saddle	6	70
Jacob McCraw	1 Pail		41
" "	1 Gum		12
John Snow	1 Water Pail		81
James McCraw	1 Cask		50
" "	1 Heifer	4	57
John Snow	1 Cow & Calf	17	00
Jacob McCraw	1 Tub		20

Signed James McCraw

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Nov 1813 Court. This list of sales of the estate of William Burrus,  
dec'd, was returned into Court and ordered to be recorded.  
Test. M. Dickenson

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37. 30 Sep 1813. Amount of property sold belonging to estate of William Burris, decd. An Elizabeth Burris bought bed furniture and chair. (We do not know who she was. William Burris had a wife Elizabeth Burris but she was apparently deceased at this time because she was not mentioned in the letters of administration. She was mentioned in a deed listed in Patrick County, Virginia. This is believed to be the William Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia, to Surry County, North Carolina, to Patrick County, Virginia, to Grayson County, Virginia.)-(JWB)

38. Oct 1813 Court. A deed from William Burrisss Jinnings.

## HALIFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Halifax County, Virginia, was formed in 1752 from Lunenburg County. The county seat is Halifax 24558.

1. 30 Sep 1784, George Burriss married June Seats.

2. May 1772, Book P7 Page 324. Mary Burras was paid to be a witness for Elizabeth Dickerson.

3. Jul 1772, Book P7 Page 413. Dickerson Vs. Cobbs. Mary Burrass, witness.

4. Feb 1807, Book P25 Page 121. George Burrass ordered to work road.

5. 1864, Book M20 Page 242. Commissary to place Defendants on District No 6 List. Note: Mary A (Clay) Burruss came to Halifax county from Campbell County. Her husband John W. Burruss was a son of Thomas G. Burruss. This document states that Mary's husband had fought for two years. (Thomas G. Burruss is great-great-grandfather of WHBIII).

6. May 24 1813, Book 13 Page 259. George Burrus bought from William Vasser 55 1/2 acres on Bookers Road. Wit. William Burrus, Elizabeth Burrus, Wm. Richardson, Joseph Levern.

7. May 24 1813, Book 24 Page 260. George Burrus bought from John Johnson, 65 acres on Childrey Creek. Wit. William and Elizabeth Burrus.



8. Jul 26 1813, Book 24 Page 307. George Burrus bought from John Crews 120 1\2 acres on Childrey and Catawba Creek.

9. Jul 26 1813, Book 24 Page 307. Jinney Burrus sold to John Crews-----Jinney was the wife of George Burrus.

10. April 10 1878, Book 66 Page 202. Virginia T. Burress bought from Reaves Est. P.M. 3 acres on Concord Road. (Virginia receive this lnd through her father;s estate. it appears he was a minister and a Captain.)-(WHBIII)

11. Aug 14 1882, Book 70 Page 41. Ann Eliza Burress sold to Jame B. Coates Jr. 3 Acres.

12. Jan 28 1884, Book 72 Page 48. Ida F. Burress sold to David Pigg 275 acres. North Ban River.

13. Jan 28 1884, Book 72 Page 48. James M. Burress sold to David Pigg\_\_\_\_\_. James M Burress is the husband of Ida F. Burrus. James M. is great grandfather of WHBIII.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Hampshire County was formed from Augusta and Frederick County. The county seat is Romney 26757, West Virginia.

Early Records Hampshire County, Virginia, Now West Virginia, by Clara McCormack Sage & Laura Sage Jones, Delavan, Wisconsin, 1939.

1. 15 Oct 1794, Page 6. Henry Burris, and Rebecca, his wife, to Corenlus Ferree, 376 A. on Great Cacapeon; rec. 10-15-1794. Wit: And: Wodrow-(WHBIII)

2. 13 Aug 1782, Page 6. Jememiah Burroughs to Col. Michael Creasp, "Apologizing to Mr. Creasp for accusing him of a crime tha he did not do. Wit: none-(WHBIII)

3. 9 Sep 1793, Page 11. Joseph Crecaft to Henry Burris, 376 A. o Great Cacapeon. Wit. John Hansbrough, James Cunnard, Jr., Thos Hues (WHB III).

4. 2 Oct 1816, Page 130 Prather, James presented 2-19-1821 (of Allegany Co., Maryland) 8 children: Charles, James, Basil, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Caty, Ruth ...Wit. Samuel McBride, George W. Glaze, Nathan Burress-(WHIII)

5. 13 Aug 1782, Deed Book VI. Jeremiah Burroughs states: "Neve wilfully intending to injure any of my neighbors, I do declare that I never intended to brand Col. Michael Cresap with any crime in

anything I said, and willingly excuplate him from any such intention in the matter now in dispute between us."

## HANOVER COUNTY VIRGINIA

Hanover County was formed from New Kent County 1721. The county seat is Hanover 23069.

1. 5 Feb 1753, VA Patent Book 32, Page 53. Patent to William Burras & Vincent Inge, 10 acres Pumunkey River in Hanover County- (MKB)
2. 1733-35 Court Record Book, Page 42, Item 187. William Burrus and A. Terry are witness "to grant unto my loving son James Yancy my plantation wher he now lives with 125 acres adjoining, in upper St. Martin' Parish.
3. 1743, Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol 34, No. 3, Summer 1996, "Merchant's Account Book, Hanover County," pp185-202: pg 187 includes BURROWS, HENRY on a list of "Sundries Dr to balance, being a list of Debts due to the Cargo belonging to Neill Buchanan, Esqr in London, 1st October (1743). Also listed on this same page is JAMES BURROWS- (MKB)

## HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Henrico County, Virginia, was an original county, formed in 1634. The county seat is Richmond 23273.

1. 18 May 1668. George Browning transported Wm. Burrowes and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
2. 7 Apr 1671. Thomas Ludwell transported Tho. Burroughs and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
3. 27 Oct 1673. Major Francis Epes transported Wm. Burroughs and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
4. 17 Aug 1725. Henrico County on south side of James River. Thomas Moss transported John Burrows and Mary Burrows and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years.
5. William Burrows and William Blackwell of New Kent County own 63 acres of land in Henrico County.
6. Philip Burrow mentioned as collector of "Levy."
7. 2 Jan 1799. Isaac Burruss married Patsy Ann Robinson.

8. Feb 10 1689, Book 1 Page 252. Bartholmew Burrows. Batt Burrows 30 years or thereabouts (Tobacco transaction).

9. Dec 9 1682, Book 1 Page 227. Batholmew Burrows was paid for two wolves heads.

10. Sep 1 1684, Book 1 Page 294. Bartholomew Burrows was fined for swearing.

11. Aug 1, 1685, Book 1 Page 325. Edward Hatcher aged 48 or thereabouts... It appears that Hatcher sold a horse to Batholomew Burrows.

12. Aug 1 1685, Book 1 Page 326. Bartholomew Burrows was witness to a dispute between Mr. Pleasant and John Davis.

13. Oct 15 1685, Book 1 Page 339. Will (WB) Burroughs & Barth (B) Burrows, sworn as jurymen.

14. Jul 27 1686, Book 1 Page 385. Bartholomew bought from Edward and Martha Finch 200 acres.

15. 29 Jan 1702, Deed Book 1677-1703, Page 308. Clecey Sherman of Viarina Parish, Henrico County, for love and affection to my grandson, Alexander Trent, 1/2 of my plantation in neighborhood called "Warwick" in Varina Parish, bounded by James River lands Peter Lee's now in possession of William Burrush, 114 acres. Wit Henry (X) Trent, John Blackman. Signed Clecely (C) Sherman. Exhibited in Court by Gles Webb-(WHBIII).

**16. Will of WILLIAM BURROUGHS**

Written 14 Jan 1710, proven 6 May 1717, Henrico Co.

In the name of God Amen. . .

I give and dispose thereof as followeth . . . to JOHN BRANCH, the son of MATTHEW BRANCH my Negro man named Phill and it is my desire that after the said John Branch arrives to the age of seventeen years that he shall have the benefit of the said Negro labour unto whosoever shall be guardian or overseer for the said John Branch shall \_\_\_ and convert to the use of the said John Branch what shall accrue by the abovesaid Negro labour till the said John Branch comes to full age. His wife I give and bequeath unto the said John Branch the halves(?) of my cattle and hogs \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ and their increase also I give and bequeath unto the said John Branch \_\_\_ a dozen of plates, a cason two iron potts and pothooks and a suit and a brass candlestick and a frying pan, the above said Negro and cattle and hogs and household goods that I have bequeathed unto the said John Branch is for him and his heirs, and it is my will and desire that

when the said John Branch arrives to the age of seventeen years that if he thinks fitt to take the said Negro unto his own custody his way be allowed to do it but it is my will and desire that the said John Branch shall not sell or dispose of the Negro him being for the use of him and his heirs, and all the rest and \_\_\_ of my personall estate I give and bequeath unto Matthew Branch his heirs etc. whom I make and appoint as my sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke disanull and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness thereof I have set my hand and seal this 14th day of Jan'y 1710.

signed seald and deliverd  
mark  
William WB Burroughs

In the presence of us

Jno Drinkwater  
John Blackman  
James Branch

At a court held for Henrico County the 6th day of May 1717. This will was proved by the oaths of James Branch and Robert Good two of the witnesses thereto, and thereupon admitted to record.  
Test. William Randolph, Clerk-(MKB)

17. 1 Aug 1717, Will. Inventory of William Burruss (Burroughs) Value 1 79/10/4 1/2 appraised by Thomas Howlett, Henry Gee, and Henry Trent, 29 Jun 1717. Presented in Court by Mathew Branch and recorded 1 Jul 1717-(WHBIII)

18. 22 Nov 1745, 1744-1748. Deed Book Page 100. Henry Burrus witness to a deed from Josiah Seale to Howlet Crowley.

Henrico County, Virginia Deeds 1737-1750, Benjamin B. Weisiger, III, Rocky Ridge Press, 1985.

Henrico County deed book 1744-1748, pg 100, 22 Nov 1745. Deed from Josiah Seate to Crowley Howlet. For £45, 460 acres in Dale Parish, on the south side of the James River being part of 17,653 acres patented to John Taullit and sold to John Page, and from him descended to his sister Elizabeth Page, and by her will given to Mary Diggs, wife of Dudley Diggs, and by him sold to Henry Cary. Land is bounded by Powhite Creek, Olive Branch and Samuel Welding. Wit. by, Luke Smith Jr, James (J) Martin, John Pierce, HENRY BURRUS, Gilley Marin. Signed Josiah Seate. Recorded 1st Mon., Dec 1745, pg 19.

19. 6 May 1717, Will of William Burroughs of Varina Parish. To John Branch, son of Mathew Branch, a negro man at age 17 also items

of live stock. All res in Mathew Branch and he to be edecutor dated 14 Jan 1710. Wit. John Drinkwater, John Blackman, John Branch, and Robert Goode. Recorded 6 May 1717, Page 103-(WHBIII)

20. 18 Oct 1688, Recorded 1 Jun 1689, Page 25. William Burroughs, Witness. Will of Edward Deely.

21. 1 Apr 1695, Recorded 1 Apr 1695, Page 39. William Burroughs Wit. Will of Joshau Stup of Varina Parish.

22. 15 Nov 1730, Henry Burrough, son of John and Johannah Burrough born 26th Oct 1730 Bap. 15 Nov, Page 283-(WHBIII)

23. 11 Nov 1733 Mary Burros daughter of James and Catherine Burros Born 11 Nov 1733 Bap. 15 Nov, Page 285-(WHBIII)

24. 5 Feb 1734-5, Elizabeth Burros daughter of William and Elizabeth Burrow, born 5 Feb 1734-5, Page 287-(WHBIII).

25. 20 Jul 1741, Phillip Burrows son of Phillip and Martha Burrowes, born 20 Jul 1741. Bap. 1 Nov 1741, Page 257-(WHBIII)

26. 28 May 1742, Ann Burrows daughter of James and Catherine Burowes, born 28 Mar 1742. Bap 2 May 1742, Page 288-(WHBIII)

27. 3 Nov 1745, Patty Burrowes daughter of Nathaniel and May Burrowes. Born 22 Sep 1745. Bap. 3 Nov 1745, These records also show up in a section I titled Bristol Parish-(WHBIII)

**Cavaliers & Pioneers** - Absracts of Virgijnia Land Patents & Grants, Part 3 (1695 -1732), compiled by Nell Marion Nugent, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA, 1979.

28. 25 Apr 1701 John Pleasants .....Import 60 persons ... Mary Barrow ... p. 43.

39. 19 Dec 1711, Page 125. Thomas Barrow of Surry Co; 128 acs. (N.L. - new land) in the up. par. of sd. Co; side of the main Blackwater Sw. 19 Dec. 1711 p. 57. Beg in the College Line. Imp. of 3 pers: Edward Walker, John White, Mary White-(WHBIII).

## **HENRY AND PATRICK COUNTIES, VIRGINIA**

Henry County, Virginia, was formed from Pittsylvania County in 1777. The county seat is Martinsville 24114. Patrick County, Virginia, was formed from Henry County in 1791. The county seat is Stuart 24171.



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**LAND RECORDS**

s,  
1. 25 Apr 1791, Book 4, Page 223. Charles Burres bought from Stephen Senter 110 acres for 50 pounds. Both sides Pauls Creek. (This is believed to be a son of Martin Burris of Surry County, North Carolina, and just across the line. This sale was made before Patrick County was formed from Henry County.)-(JWB)

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2. 4 Jun 1807, Book 10, Page 303. John Burrus bought from Nathaniel Seals 120 acres for \$400.00. Land on the south side of the South Mayo River. (Son of Michael Burrus from Culpepper County Virginia.)-(JWB)

3. 28 Feb 1809, Book 7, Page 173. George Burrus bought from George Taylor 50 acres. Land on the south side of the North Mayo River. (Son of Michael Burrus from Culpepper County Virginia.)

4. 25 Jun 1810, Book 7, Page 240. George Burrus bought 50 acres for 50 pound. (Document faded; can't read location.)

5. 12 Jul 1813, Book 7, Page 435. George Burrus sold to Michael Burrus for \$1.00. Faded, could not read. Seemed to give land to Michael and wife Lety for rest of their lives. Land adjoins the plantation of George. (Michael and Lehetty are parents of George Burrus.)-(JWB)

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6. 11 Sep 1813, Book 7, Page 435. Jacob Burrus sold to Phoebe Dillion a Negro girl, Phillis and child. Money he owed. Jacob Burrus married Ruth Dillon, 1803, daughter of Phoebe Dillon. (Jacob is a son of Charles Burrus of Albemarle County, Virginia.)

7. 8 Nov 1814, Book 8, Page 53. John Burrus bought from John Rea 108 acres for 62 pounds, 8 pence, 6 shillings. Land beginning at a stump next to Bollinger Wardline.

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8. 11 Oct 1833, Book 11, Page 252. John Burrus sold to Thomas Joyce 208 acres for \$300.00. Land beginning at George Burrus line. Tree to tree survey. John and Deborah made mark. Deborah examined apart and separate from her husband.

9. 15 Oct 1833, Book 11, Page 237. John Burrus sold to Thomas Joyce 120 acres for \$350.00. Land on south side of South Mayo River. John and Deborah made mark.

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10. 6 Feb 1834, Book 11, Page 309. George and Elizabeth Burrus of Patrick County, Virginia, sold to William T. Burrus 100 acres for \$100.00. Land in Henry County, beginning south side of North Mayo River. John Burrus and Reuben Taylor line mentioned. Tree to tree

survey. George and Elizabeth made mark. Elizabeth examined separate and apart from her husband. (William T. Burrus is the s of George and Elizabeth.)

11. 7 Oct 1834, Book 11, Page 440. William T. Burrus sold to Reuben Taylor 100 acres for \$100.00. Beginning on the south side the North Mayo River. Tree to tree survey. William T. Burrus made his mark, no wife mentioned.

#### **LAND IN PATRICK COUNTY AND HENRY COUNTY LINE**

12. 9 Sep 1807, Book 3, Page 122. John Hughes sold to George Burris, James Soloman, James Robinson, Abraham Frazer and Ben Stewart, 400 acres for \$60.00. Land on North Carolina line. Patrick County, Virginia.

13. 27 Oct 1831, Book 8, Page 120. Archelos Critz sold to George Burris 228 acres for \$1,135.44. Land on Spoon River, Patrick County, Virginia.

14. 22 Sep 1832, Book 8, Page 116. Garland Critz sold to George Burris 2 acres for \$10.00. Land on south line of George Burris. of land sold to George by Archelos Critz. Patrick County, Virginia.

15. 24 Sep 1832, Book 8, Page 141. George and Elizabeth Burris sold to John Tatum for \$1.00, 221 acres of land on Spoon Creek, Patrick County, Virginia. Also, two bonds or debts to Critz of \$287.57 and \$688.75. Also included one Negro woman, Sarah, and 1 children, Sarah, Rachael and Mary. Signed George (X) Burris, Elizabeth questioned apart from her husband.

16. 20 Feb 1834, Book 8, Page 360. George Burris sold to John Simmons for \$1,100.00, 227 acres. Land on Spoon Creek. George and Elizabeth made mark. Elizabeth was questioned separate and apart from her husband. Patrick County, Virginia.

17. 22 Feb 1834, Book 8, Page 329. George Burris sold to Garland Critz, for \$10.00, 2 acres on Spoon Creek. Patrick County, Virginia.

18. 1 Mar 1834, Book 8, Page 324. George Burris - John Tatum. George Burris on this date paid full amount of debt. This is a release document from a debt. Patrick County, Virginia.

#### **MARRIAGES OF PATRICK COUNTY**

1. 26 Nov 1795, Page 103. Polly Poore married Thomas Joyce.

2. 2 Aug 1796, Page 123. Molley Poore married Moses Hale.



3. 2 Jun 1797. Peter Burress married Mary Going. (Son of William Burris, Sr., of Surry County, North Carolina.

4. 1798, Page 161. Roday Poor married Noah Parr.

5. 6 Dec 1798, Page 172. Hugh Poor married Martha Hutchings.

6. 13 Oct 1802, Page 232. Noah Parr married Polly Deal. (Roday Poore Parr died and Noah married again.)-(JWB)

7. 3 Feb 1805. George Burrus married Elizabeth Taylor. (Son of Michael Burris)

8. 8 Apr 1809. John Burress married Delby Thomas.

9. 20 Apr 1809. Francis Burress married John Eaton. (Believed to be the daughter of William Burris, Sr.)

10. 22 Jul 1820, Page 802. Synthia Poore married John Turner.

11. 24 Dec 1829. Nancy Burrus married John Kallum.

12. Dec 1829. Nancy Jane Burris married Allen Hightower. Wit. Jeremiah Hylton and William T. Burruss, Father, George Burruss. Nancy 21 years old this year.

13. 1 Apr 1830. Abigail Burrus married Horatio Kallum.

(Jackson County, Missouri, 24 Oct 1840. George Burris died. Adm. of estate, William T. and John W. Burris. Widow Elizabeth Burris. Children: Nancy Hightower, William T. Burris, Susan A. Wood, John W. Burris, George W. Burris, James M. Burris and Martha M. Burris.)

(8 Nov 1858. William T. Burris died. Born 1809 in Virginia. Widow Nancy M. Burris. Children: Rhoda Ann Adams, G. W. Burris, James M. Burris, Nancy M. Burris, Mary S. Burris, Mineriva J. Burris, John R. Burris, Robert T. Burris, and an unnamed infant. All living in Jackson County, Missouri.)

(John Burris and Deborah his wife moved to Howard County, Missouri)

#### MARRIAGES OF HENRY COUNTY

1. 13 Mar 1781, Jacob Burris married Susannah Martin, daughter of General Joseph Martin. (Son of Thomas and Sarah Burris).

2. 26 Apr 1786, Justiana Burrus married Stanwix Hord. (Daughter of Thomas and Ann Burrus.)-(JWB)

3. 3 Sep 1802, Jacob Burris married Ruth Dillon, daughter of Phoebe Dillon. (Son of Charles Burrus of Albemarle County, Virginia).

4. 3 Feb 1805, George Burris married Elizabeth Taylor. (Son of Michael Burrus.)

#### **HENRY COUNTY, WILLS**

1. May 1797, Volume I, Pages 292-294. Probate 26 Mar 1798. Last Will and Testament of Henry Dillen. Weak in body ... wife Mary Dillen all the estate during her natural life or widowhood ... All daughters, Phebe Dillen, Susanah Dillen, Sarah Dillen, may remain the plantation as long as they are single and unmarried, but no longer. To sons Carter Dillen, Henry Dillen, William Dillen at the death of wife and marriage or death of my three daughters to have 840 acres in Henry County to be equally divided among the aforename sons. Son John Dillen after the decease of wife Mary, Negro Frank. To Daus Phebe Dillen and Susannah Dillen beds and furniture; to da Sarah Dillen, now married to Joseph Carter, three cows. After the decease of my wife, the Negroes Jean, T., Fann, Betty, Tom, Jean and Phil to be sold if the legatees can't agree to divide among my children to wit. Carter Dillen, Henry Dillen, William Dillen, Patt Dillen, wife of William Dillen, Phebe Dillen, Mary Dillen, wife James C. Dillen, Ann Cook, Susanah Dillen and Sarah Dillen. The balance divided between daus Phebe Dillen, Susannah Dillen, Sarah Dillen.

Codicil: If any of my sons or daus contends at law for any part other than given them, their part is to be divided among the others 19 Oct 1797. Wit. John Salmon, James Cook, Justiana (X) Heard.

2. 10 Apr 1798. Volume I, Pages 296-298. Inv. Est. Henry Dillen. Ret. 30 Jul 1798 by John Cox, Stanwix Hord, etc.

#### **LAND RECORDS**

1. 1795, Book 2, Page 316. William Burris of North Carolina sold to John Burris of Patrick County, Virginia, 192 acres. Both sides of Pauls Creek. Tree to tree survey. (This William appears to be the one from Surry County, North Carolina.)-(JWB)

2. 1801, Book 2, Page 104. William Burris, Jr., sold to William Burris, Sr., and Elizbeth 83 acres on Pauls Creek. For the love and good will he has for a worthy Father and Mother, William Burris, Sr., and Elizabeth. (Pauls Creek extends from Surry County, North Carolina, line, west side of Patrick County.

This is the first time the name of a wife for William Burris has been found.)-(JWB)

3. 1802, Charles Burris of Patrick County, Virginia, sold to John Armstrong for 200 pounds current money 120 acres on Pauls Creek, tree to tree survey. Bounded by the conventional line.

4. 31 Mar 1803, Book 2, Page 239. George Poore sold to William Burris 208 acres for the consideration of \$200.00, "For the love and good will he has for his son-in-law." (Land located on South Mayo River. William Burris married Martha Poore, They moved to Jackson County, Ohio where both died. We have about 6000 of their descendants.)-(JWB)

5. 1 Feb 1804. William Burris and George Poore sold to Noah Parr 208 acres. (Noah Parr was also a son-in-law of George Poore, Sr. However, his wife had died and he had remarried.

6. 1 Oct 1799, Book 1, Page 702. David May of Surry County, North Carolina, sold to William Burris, Sr., of Surry County, North Carolina, 40 acres for 10 pounds. Land on Fish River, dividing ridge of Fish River and Stewarts Creek. (These streams run into Surry County, North Carolina.

7. 3 Oct 1801, Book 2, Page 111. Haley Talley sold to William Burris, Jr., of North Carolina, 83 acres for 200 pounds. Land boundary of Patrick County, Virginia, on waters of Pauls Creek.

8. 19 May 1807, Book 3, Page 51. William Burris sold to Stewart for \$50.00, land on Little Fish River on county line of Patrick County, Virginia and North Carolina. Signed: William (W) Burris.

#### ABSTRACT OF ORDER BOOK:

1. 30 Nov 1797, Page 174. Court ordered overseers of the poor to bind Abigail Burress to Laghlin Fagin. She was 6 years old October last. (No information on who this is).

2. Apr 1798. Ordered that the overseer of the poor bind out Margaret Burris, an orphan girl, to David Rogin, according to law. Aged five years October 16, 1797. (No information).

#### COURT MINUTES LDS Film 0033346

1. Jan 1805 Court. William Burress is bound to the peace for 12 months and one day in the sum of \$100.00. Abram Penn, Wm. Adams, and Thomas Ayres his securities ... in the sum of \$50.00, to be complied with ... performed according to law.

2. 1805, Commonwealth vs Wm. Burress J. Judgment for \$0.83.  
(Must be William Burress, Jr.)

3. Oct 1805. Jacob McGraw vs Wm. Burress on an attachment ordered  
at the P... Court. (May be Poor. Court).

4. Nov 1793. McGhee vs Charles. Daniel Carland (Carter) Spl. B  
... and a Ded ... Awarded the Def ... to take the Dip ... of William  
Burris and William McGraw giving legal notice.

5. Nov 1793. Ordered that the sheriff pay Charles Vist, fifty  
pounds of so much in his hands of the (debt) for the year 1791 (dif)  
not the ... to be paid by Tho. Burris.

6. Apr 1794. Hail vs Jones dismissed and the defendant to take  
the dep. of Lewis Burris and Francis McGraw and giving legal notice:  
Hugh Armstrong and James Bouise GR? are appointed Commissioners for  
that ... . (Lewis Burris believed to be son of William Burris, Sr.)

7. Apr 1795. Deed from William Burris to John Burris proven and  
ordered recorded. (William Burris, Sr. and son John Burris).

8. May 1822. Deborah Burrus, Father John Hughes, will to her, 2  
Negroes, stock and household furniture. (This must be the Deborah  
who married John Burrus and moved to Howard County, Missouri.

## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was an original shire, formed in  
1634. The county seat is Isle of Wight 23397.

### LAND PATENT RECORD

1. 23 Dec 1714. William Brown transported Thos. Burrows and  
others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

2. 10 Oct 1711, Book 10, Page 50. Thomas Barrow granted 100  
acres, New land.

3. 3 Jun 1714, Book 10, Page 149. Thomas Barrow granted 160  
acres, New land.

4. 5 Sep 1723, Book 11, Page 252. Thomas Burrow granted 225  
acres, New land.

5. 20 May 1742, Book 20 page 294. John Burron 200 acres for 20 shillings Flaggy Branch to Angellica Swamp.

6. 12 Jan 1747, Book 28 page 288 Thomas Barrow, 120 acres for 15 shillings, Cooks Swamp, Richard Taylor and Joshua Clands line.

Cavaliers & Pioneers - Abstracts of Virginia Land patents & Grants, Part 3 (1695 -1732), compiled by Nell Marion Nugent, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA, 1979.

6. 13 Nov. 1713, Page 135. Thomas Drake, 250 acs. (N.L. - new land) in Isle of Wright Co.; S. side of Nottoway Riv; on N. side of Totquotunnta Sw.; adj. Joseph Lane & Thomas Jarrell. Imp. of 5 pers: Thomas Altman, John Barrow, Alexander Campbell, John Sutton, Peter Williamson.

7. 5 June 1736 , Page 108. Thomas Barrow, 250 acres on the S. side of Nottoway Riv., adj sd Barrow & William Turner.

8. 1 June 1741, Page 244. Thomas Wren, 500 acs. S. side of Nottoway Riv. & N. side of Cocke's Sw., adj John Barrow, Thomas Barrow & William Pope.)-(WHBIII)

## KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

King and Queen County, Virginia, was formed in 1691 from New Kent County, Virginia. The county seat is King and Queen 23085.

### LAND PATENT RECORDS, LDS Film 0029508

1. 25 Apr 1701. Book 9, Page 358. John Burrows patented 439 acres in Pamunkey Neck in St. Johns Parish on west side of St. Johns Creek, implant of nine persons. [This land becomes King William land upon formation of that county in 1702.)-(SSS]

2. 24 Apr 1703. Book 9, Page 531. John Pigg patented land next to where John Barrow lived.

(This appears to be the John Burroughs/Burrows who died in King William County about 1703. There is a possibility that Ann Burrow, found LDS Film #0029508, 25 Sep 1665, Book 5 Page 468, Land Patent Books, was transported by John Burrow, was his wife. The transporting of people to Virginia was a business and a number of people working together made it work. The person who found the willing immigrants in England, the ship owners, the people who paid their passage for so many years of labor, and for all this they received land which was sold to another party for a profit. John Barrow apparently made several trips to England and on one of these

journeys, married Ann. Bear in mind there is no proof of this -- only possibility.)-(JWB)

**Virginia Colonial Abstracts**, Vol. 2., by Beverley Fleet, Genealogical Publishing, Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1988.

3. 1719, Paage 238. 'Colonial Papers. Endorsed: Robert Beverley for land 1719'. To the Hon'ble the Governor and Councill Robert Beverley humbly prays leave to take up 1200 acres of Land in the upper part of Essex County (the words 'below the wilde goss Run and bounding on Motts's and Barrows lands' interlined and then cancelled) being able as he humbly conceives to cultivate and improve the same as the Law directs And shall pray &c Rob Beverley-(WHBIII)

4. 20 Mar 1815, Page 375. Richard D. Burruss born. Son of George and Frances Burruss-(WHBIII)

## KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

King William County, Virginia, was formed in 1702 from King and Queen County, Virginia. The county seat is King William 23086

(Records of King William County are difficult to read as the Court House was burned. Some books were saved but are scorched and water soaked, but every bit and piece has been microfilmed. Index of land records survived but other records were microfilmed as found and do not follow index).

(The first Vestry Book for St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, began with the year 1684. In the first "Processioning" of land, 4 May 1698, John Burruss is mentioned. At that time St. Peters Parish lay on both sides of the Pamunkey River and over into what was later King William County. Processioning means to walk in ever so often. The Vestry appointed people to walk the boundary of everybody's land to verify their lines or to see if anyone moved a fence or strayed.)-(JWB)

**LDS Film 0029508.**

1. 25 Apr 1701. Book 9, Page 358. John Burrows patented 439 acres in Pamunkey Neck in St. Johns Parish on west side of St. John's Creek, implant of nine persons.

2. **Virginia Land Patents**, Book 6, Page 115. Mr. William Woodward and John Borrass, 179 ac. New Kent Co. N. side of Yorke Riv. On Mr. Woodward's land beg. By Mr. Johns Cr. &c. to Manskin Path &c.

for transportation 8 people, with note "last four rights due Mr. Clayborne. (This land became part of Kg. Wm. Co. in 1702.)-(SSS)

3. King William County, St. John's Parish and John's Creek are mentioned in land records of John Burroughs or Burrus. This is apparently the same John as mentioned in **Entries 1 and 2**.

(There appears to be a very close knit family named Burroughs/Burrus all living on land that joined each other or in the same area. Most of the land sales were within the family. The head of this family was a John Burroughs/Burrfs/Burrus (deed clerk spelling) but who signed his name John (B.) Burrus, Sr. Apparently he was the first and a large land owner as the records show John, Jr., Edmund, Jacob and Thomas received land as a gift. The other sons may have received land as many pages are missing from the deed book.)-(JWB)

4. (John Burrus, Sr., appears to be the parent of the following land owners found in King William County. According to well-known researchers, children of any age could own property in early Virginia. This was one way to keep property from being seized for taxes, keep changing the title and stay one step ahead of the law. They could not take land from a boy, even if the father got into debt himself. Bear in mind this is only a possibility. No age of the early King William County land owners is known, except possibly William who married Mary Higgason in 1706, so was probably born 1675-80. In all the other land records we found in King William County, if there was a wife she was mentioned in the deed, i.e. John Doe and his wife Mary. It appears that Jacob, Thomas, Edmund, Charles, and John were not married and were sons of John Burrus, Sr.)-(JWB)

5. (The following is a land index found in King William County. The index does not indicate where the record is found in the deed book as available records were placed in the record book as found.)

A. 1702, Book 1, Page 19. John Burroughs to John Burroughs, Jr., deed.

B. 1703, Book 1, Page 100. Thomas Burroughs to Nathaniel West of New Kent, Division 38, deed.

C. 1703, Book 1, Page 243. Thomas Burrus to Jacob Burrus, deed.

D. 1703, Book 1, Page 150. Thomas Burroughs, Jr., to Jacob Burroughs, deed.



E. 1705, Book 1, Page 290. Jacob Burrus, et al, from Thomas Burrus, deed.

F. 1705, Book 1, Page 270. Edmund Burriss from Thomas Burruss, deed.

G. 1705, Book 1, Page 210. Thomas Burrus to Jacob and Edmund Burrus, deed.

H. 1705, Book 1, Page 240. Jacob Burrus from Thomas Burrus, deed.

I. 1705, Book 1, Page 290. Jacob Burrus from Thomas Burrus, deed.

J. 1706, Book 1, Page 312. Jacob Burras to Orlando Jones, deed.

K. 1706, Book 1, Page 340. John Burras from Charles Burrus, deed.

L. 1706, Book 1, Page 311. Jacob Burras, et al, to Orlando Jones, deed.

M. 1716, Book 1, Page 311. Edmund Burrass to Orlando Jones, deed.

N. 1716, Book 1, Page 312. Edmund Burrass to Olando Jones, deed.

**THE FOLLOWING IS AN ABSTRACT OF RECORDS**

6. 20 Aug 1702, Book 1, Page 19. John Burroughs of King William County, St. John's Parish, sold to his (Loving Son) John Burroughs 100 acres of land. "part of the division I now live on and bounded as follows viz: beginning at the upper end of my land on Mr. Gough's line and running from the ... to Mr. Woodard's line... the full quality of 100 acres". St. John's Parish and John's Creek mentioned. Signed, John (B.) Burrus, Senior. Wit: Cole Saunders John Williams.

In a court held on 20th day of Aug 1702, John Burroughs sold 100 acres to John Burroughs, his son. (The clerk who wrote the deed wrote the name Burroughs, Burrufs, but was signed Burrus.)

7. 17 Jan 1702-03, Book 1, Page 160. Both John Burrus and Charles Burrus were witnesses to property sale from Francis Arnold to Francis Fenton-(SSS)



8. 20 Jul 1703, Book 1, Page 108. Thomas Burrass sold to Nathaniel West, 2 acres on the main branch of John's Creek. Wit: Tho: Spencer and John Davick. (John Burruss may have died before this date and Thomas seems to be the administrator of his estate and over twenty one years of age.)-(JWB)

9. 20 Dec 1703, Book 1 Page 155 Thomas Burruss to Jacob Burruss (Burroughs) 100 acres for the sum of 50 pounds. "All the plantation on which I now live together with all buildings, houses edifices, orchards, gardens" bounding on William Woodard and Jack's Creek. Signed, Thomas (TB) Burrus. (Jacob is probably married by this time and gets the home place. Born 1682 and died in Caroline County 1755 or 73 years old. However no wife is mentioned in his other sale of lands. Thomas would be twenty one years old or over to sell land or born 1682 or before.)-(SSS)

10. 23 Feb 1705/06, Book 1, Page 337. To all true Christian people to whom this present writing shall concern Thomas Burras of St. John's Parish in King William County sendeth greetings in our Lord God everlasting WHEREAS my brothers Jacob Burras and Edmund Burras of the same parish and county by virtue of a devise to them made by my dec'd father John Burrus late of the parish and county are now lawfully seized in their ... as and free hold for and during the said Jacob and Edmund's natural lives of and in one said part of parcel of land situate lying and being in the parish and county aforesaid containing one hundred and thirty acres bounded as followeth, viz. beginning upon John's Creek where Capt. Marshall West's land which he holdeth in right of his wife Martha West runs down into ye said creek and running up the line of said land north west by west sixth one poles thence west eleven degrees, north one hundred and thirty poles thence north twenty three degrees west to William Burras his line thence down the said line east forth four degrees and three quarters, north down the John's creek thence down to sd. creek to the place where it began the reversion of reminders of and singular which premises with the appurtenances and of every part and parcel thereof now lawfully in or are the sd. Thomas Burras and his belonging. I, the sd. Thomas Burras for divers and good causes and considerations me thereto moving and namely for the natural love and affection that I bear to my brothers Jacob Burras and Edmund Burras and for the advantage and performance of them and to prevent questions and controversies which might arise or grow amongst my heirs and their heirs to there great cost and prejudice and for the fulfillment of my dec'd fathers desire, who if it had not been for the ignorance of the clerk who wrote his will would have made them an estate in fee simple of interest in the land, have given and granted and by my present (...) of gift do freely clearly and absolutely give (grant) and confirm unto my sd. brothers, Jacob Burras and (Edmund) Burras their heirs and assigns forever the aforesaid one hundred and thirty acres of land with appurtenances



named, bounded as above is (...) be the same more or less to hold the sd. granted (premises) with the appurtenances unto the said Jacob Burras and (...) and Edmund Burrus their heirs and assigns to the only (...) of the sd. Jacob Burras and Edmund Burras and their heirs and assigns forever, in witness whereof I have (hereto) set my hand and seal this 23rd day of February Anno Domini 1705-06.

The words (and thirty) in the twenty seventh line interlined before the gift was signed sealed or ... Thomas (T-B) Burras (seal). Signed sealed and delivered, in the presence of us, Orlando Jones, Will Biggers, Rowland Gough.

At a court held in King William County this 20th day of March 1705/06 Thomas Burras acknowledged the within deed unto Jacob Burrus and Edmund Burrus upon whose option it was admitted to Record. Clerk Wm. Aylett.

11. 26 Sep 1706, Book 1, Page 307. To all Christian people to whom present writing shall concern that I John Higgason, of King William County, St. John's Parish, whose daughter is marrying William Burroughs, do give 90 acres to this couple. Deed of gift. Signed: John Higgason. Wit. Orlando Jones, Matt Creed, Jno (X) Farmer.

12. 20 Jan 1706, Book 1, Page 383. To know all men that shall come Greetings ... That Know ye that I William Burrus of King William County, St. John's Parish, sold to Thomas Burrus 61 acres, for 3,000 pounds of good sweet tobacco. Property lies on the upper side of John's Creek bounded by John's Creek at line that divides William Burruss's property from Jacob and Edmund Burruss's property and line back to William Woodward's property and then back to Thomass Burruss's property and back to Johns Creek at the beginning. Wit. Wm. Bigger, Jos Norment, Charles Burrus. (This must be the 61 acres William received from the estate of his father, John.)

13. 1706, Book 3, Page 358. This indenture made this ( ) in the fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, Queen, Defender of the faith etc. Jacob and Edmund Burrus sold to Orlando Jones for the sum of five ( ) money of England, for 130 acres of land on John's Creek...paying therefore yearly rent of one grain of Indian Corne at ye Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, etc. 130 acres Signed: Jacob Burrus, Edmund (EB) Burrus. Wit. Tho. West, Geo. Clough, David Clarkson.

14. 1706, Book 3 Page 359. Jacob and Edmund Burrus sold to Orlando Jones, 130 acres for 3000 pounds of good sweet scented tobacco. (This deed is exactly the same as above except one was for money and the other for tobacco.)-(JWB)

15. 1706, Book 3 Page 360. By indenture bearing the date hereof made of the premisses by said Jacob Burrus and Edmund Burrus unto the said Orland Jones for one whole yeare whereupon the yearly rent on one grain of Indian Corne is reserved only excepted that they the sd. Jacob Burrus & Edmund Burrus their heirs will at any time during ye space of seven years next ensuing upon the request of the said Orlando Jones make or cause to be further actions in the Law as the sd. Orlando Jones his heirs or assignee shall reasonably require.  
(The reason we copied this deed as found it doesn't make any sense. All three of the above deeds had the same witness, same date, same signatures. It appears they were selling 130 acres of land.)

16. 20 Jan 1706/07, Book 1 Page 340, Charles Burruss to John Burruss, 61 acres for 2,000 lbs. of sweet scented tobacco and caske, to said Charles. Description: On John's Creek bounded by line of Thomas Burrus and William Woodward to John Burrus present line thence to down to said creek where it first began. Signed Charles Burrus.  
Wit. Jno Hopkins, Orl. Jones.  
Recorded 20 Feb. 1706.

17. 20 Jan 1706/07, Book 1 Page 341. Thomas Burruss to John Burruss. Description: All the reversion incontinently by and after ye death of Charles Burruss, brother to the said John Burruss and in all the lands and tenements & c. non ye upper side of John's Creek now in the holding of ye sd. Charles Burrus being the same which was devised to him the sd.....(Rest of the deed is missing)  
(Legal opinion: Charles apparently had a life right and Thomas was selling to John his interest, after Charles died the property reverted back to Thomas.)-(SSS)

18. Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 30-32. In 1704, Wm. Burrows and Wm. Blackwell of New Kent County owned 64 acres in Henrico County; John Burrus, of King William County, owned 60 acres; and Thomas Burrus, of King William County, owned 60 acres.

#### Virginia Land Patents.

19. 25 Dec 1714, Thomas West 1615 acres, King William County, in St. John's Parish ... To William Burrus land. (William Burrus was still living in King William County, St. John's Parish, in 1714. Family, if any, not known).

20. 15 Feb 1721, Book 2, Page 18, Second Part 1721-1722. Samuel Davis sold to Charles Burruss, 200 acres.  
Description: 200 acres in St. John's Parish. on Mallory's Branch the College line and Mr. Chilion White-(SSS).

21. 15 Feb 1721, Book 3, Page 460. Parish of St. John, King William County, Samuel Davis sold to Charles Burrus for Sixty Five pounds, current money of Virginia, 200 acres on Mallory's Branch. Demand of any person or persons whatsoever the sd. Charles Burrus that the sd Tenant all manner of other sales & that the sd. Samil Davis his heirs & assignee shall and will acknowledge unto the said Charles Burrus his heirs & Assignee together with a full right of Dower of in & unto the sd. Land when thereto required.

At the Court held for King William County on the 15th day of Feb 1721 Samuel Davis acknowledged this Deed unto Charles Burrus & Wilmenth to sd. Davis relinquished her right of Dower in the land Conveyed by said deed unto the said Burrus at whom motion it was admitted to Record-(WHBIII).

Mallory's Branch is a branch of John's Creek. Wilmenth appears to be the wife of Samuel Davis. Charles Burrus apparently married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Davis. He had a daughter named Wilmenth.

22. Notice, the number of the children of John Sr. who received 61 Acres. Thomas was the administrator of his estate, Sells 2 acres to Nathaniel West, 1703. Gives Jacob and Edmund 130 acres or sixty each, 1705/06. Charles to John 61 acres. Thomas gives to John, Charles 61 acres on Charles death, 1706/07. William sells to Thomas 61 acres, 1706/07. Thomas listed on a suit Rent Roll with 60 acres, 1704. Also Quit Rent Roll John Burrus 60 acres.

23. 1801, Page 31, VSL Reel #3. Elizabeth Burrus, Mills Burrus and William Burrus of St. John's Parish to William Cockran of same Parish. \$250.00 for 50 acres more or less. Bound on the east by William C...on the west by Samuel Meredith and Betty Hynge and on the north by James Terry and all the houses, out houses, barns, outbuildings, edifices, woods, etc. Wit. illegible-(SSS)

24. 16 Mar 1800, Deed Book 4 Page 14. William Tandy Burrus and his wife Martha who was Martha Slaughter of Orange County, sell to Henry T. Slaughter of King William County, estate of George Slaughter, dec;s brother of the seller. (William Tandy Burrus is son of Thomas Burrus from Orange County.)-(JWB)

25. 28 Sep 1801, Deed Book 4, Page 90. Jacob Burruss and Polly his wife of St. David's Parish to John Fox "Part of the track where the said Jacob Burrus now lives containing 33 acres. Wit. Harris Burrus, Joseph Fox, Thomas Nelson and Temple Elliott. Signed: Jacob and Polly Burruss. Jacob Burrus, son of William Burrus from Caroline County-(SSS)

26. 28 Sep 1801, Book 4, Page 92. Jacob Burruss and Polly his wife sold to Harris Burrus for 200 pounds of current money of Virginia, 200 acres, bounded by John Fox, corner Gatewood, Johnson and Fox.

Signed Jacob and Polly Burruss. Harris Burrus is son of William Burrus from Caroline County-(SSS)

27. 13 Feb 1808 Book 5, Page 17. Deed from John Bird etc. to Henry Garnett, 300 acres on Matta. River. Wit. Robert Burrus.

(No information on who this Robert Burrus is or which family he belongs to.)

28. 4 Mar 1811, Page 17. Harris Burrus land described as adjacent of William Ancarrow, which was conveyed from said Johnson rec-(SSS)

29. 10 Nov 1811, Book 6, Page 91. Party of the first part, Basil Brown. Party of the second part, Jacob Burruss, residence. Consideration \$106.67. Herring Creek Hill with the high ground whereon the said Basil Brown now resided. Bounded by creek, James Campbell. To be laid off by John Fox-(SSS)

30. Dec 1812 Book 6, Page 94. Samuel Burrus, license to keep ordinary at Ayletts Warehouse. William T. Fleet, Security-(SSS) (Ordinary is a tavern)

31. 28 Jun 1813, Book 6 Page 250. Party of the first part: Samuel Burruss and William Fleet Tomp(torn). Party of the second part: James Barbour, Governor of the Commonwealth of VA. Consideration \$150.00. (This is a bond account Samuel Burruss granted license to keep an Ordinary at Aylett. Promise: Clean facilities for people and horses.)-(SSS)

32. 13 Sep 1813, Book 6, Page 305. Party of the first part: Achilles and Rachael (wife). Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss. Consideration \$131.00. Land on Herring Creek. Achilles Garnett (Seal), Rachel (X) Garnett. Wit. James Fox, Harris Burruss, Thomas Leftwich, John Fox-(SSS)

33. 10 Feb 1814, Book 6, Page 326. Party of the first part: Samuel Burruss, Residence King William Co. Party of the second part: Christopher Tompkins. Jr. Party of the third part: Thomas Dabney. Deed of trust. Samuel Burruss pledges two slaves in case of default. Christopher Tompkins, Jr. is security. Thomas Dabney is trustee.)-(SSS)

34. 21 Mar 1816, Book 6, Page 502. Party of the first part: John Banks. Executor of Baylor Banks of Culpepper Co. Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss, Residence, King William County. Consideration \$1170.00, Acres: 234. A certain Parcel of land whereof Baylor Banks died possessed or in King William Co., Parish of Saint David. Bounded by lands of Robert Garnett, Ralph Horne, Robert Law and James Cock-(SSS)

35. 5 Sep 1816, Record Book, Page 475. Harris Burrus is witness 500 acres, Frances Fox, etc to James Gwathmy-(SSS)
36. 26 Feb 1819, Book 7 Part 2, Page 423. Party of the first Part George R. Cock and Martha(wife). Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss: Consideration: \$825.00. Acres 100. in King William County. bounded by John Fox, deceased, James Cock, I. Bradberry, A. Garnett, deceased-(SSS).
37. 3 Nov 1819, Book 8, Page 43. Party of the first part: James McNab and Elizabeth (wife). Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss. Residence King William Co. Consideration: \$45.00. Acres 17 1/2. All of the land possessed by John and Elizabeth McNab as a result of the estate of Achilles Garnett, deceased-(SSS)
38. 10 Jan 1820, Book 8, Page 45. Party of the first part: Pemberton Wood and Elizabeth (Wife). Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss Residence: King William County. Consideration \$300.00, 3 Acres and 33 Poles. On Herrin Creek being part of the land whis was allotted to Pemberton Wood in the division of his father's Estate; adjoins Jacob Burruss.
39. 19 Jan 1820, Book 8, Page 96-99. Party of the first part: John & Frances (wife). Party of the second part: James Cock. Party of the third part: Jacob Burruss, Residence. King William County. This is a strange deed. The first page is so faded it is almost illegible. The land lies on Herring Creek. It was allotted to John Wood at the time of his father's estate and sold to Jacob Burruss by John Wood and Frances and they desire to make good to him the title to the land aforesaid. John and Frances Wood or \$1.00 to them paid by James Cock sold to James Cock all the tract of land on Hering Creek residue of the land allotted to John Wood in the division of his father's estate, afted deducting 15 acres and eighty poles sold to the aforesaid Jacob Burruss. "Yet upon this special trust and confidence that if the said Jacob Burruss his heirs or assigns shall at no time hereafter be molested or disturbed in the peaceable and quick propagation of the land aforesaid which the said Jacob Burruss purchased of the said John Wood and Frances his wife, then this indenture shall be wholly said of no effect. But if the said Jacob, heirs etc. are molested, etc. then James Cock or his heirs, etc. shall on the request of Jacob Burrus proceed to sell at public auction the premises hereby conveyed for ready money, etc. and fully satisfy the said Jacob Burruss, heirs etc. for the value of their land purchased from John Wood and Frances and pay John Wood and Frances the residue of the sale if any. Signed: John Wood, Frances Wood and John Cock-(SSS)



10. 1 Sep 1820. Book 8 Page 222. Party of the first part: Thomas  
Fox, Acting Administrator of John Fox, dec'd and the Legates of  
John Fox, deceased. Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss,  
Residence: King William County. Consideration \$450.00, Acres 27.  
Signed Tho. W. Fox, Judith T. Fox, Richard W. Fox, Mary D. Fox,  
Martin Drurry, Mildred Drurry, Thomas Leftwich, Frances W. Leftwich.  
Wit. Cater Redd, Thomas R. Burruss and Turner Redd-(SSS)

11. 12 Feb 1822, Book 8 Page 416. Party of the first part: John  
Lumpkin and Ann (wife). Party of the second part: Jacob Burruss,  
Residence: King William County. Consideration \$1,032.00, Acres 160-  
(SSS)

12. 12 Oct 1836, Book 9, Page 383. Party of the first part: George  
and Cine M. wife Burruss: Overton and Clarissa F. Burruss,  
Residence Caroline County. Party of the Second part: Josiah  
Burruss. Consideration \$2,600.50. Acres 530 1/2. The buyer is  
apparently Josiah Burruss. The tract is part of the same "Dewey"  
tract of land allotted to Mary ... of Jacob Burruss dec'd seized and  
possessed of the whole which ... and 95 and 3/4 acres mor or less  
situated ... upper end of King William Co. extending ... County,  
bounded by well known lines & adjoining ... George Cartwell, Mr.  
Young and others ... together with all apprttences. Signatures are  
burned (SSS)

13. 26 Jan 1838, Book 10, Page 47. Josiah Burruss to Thomas  
Burruss for \$4000.00 current money of Virginia, 795 3/4 acres in  
upper King William County and a smaller portion in Caroline County,  
adjoining the public road leading over Herring Creek bridge.  
Josiah Burruss (Seal)-(SSS)

14. 26 Jan 1838, Book 10 Page 92. Party of the fiirst part: Josiah  
Burruss. Residence: King William County. Party of the second part:  
John Cartwell. Consideration two thousand, thirty (charred). Acres  
3 3/4 (SSS)

15. 20 Jan 18\_\_, Book 11 Page 250. Party of the first part: Thomas  
Burruss and Margaret T. (wife). Party of the second part:  
William S. Ryland. Consideration (charred). Acres 147. This deed  
is charred and almost illegible. The land appears to lie part in  
Caroline and part in King William. (William S. Ryland lived at  
"Seville" which estate adjoined the land of Jacob Burruss. Jacob's  
son Josiah married Catherine Ryland, William's daughter-(SSS)

16. \_\_\_\_, Book 12 Page 285. Party of the first part Ruben M.  
Burruss. Party of the second part: Josiah Burruss: Harris D. Burruss  
and Mary Elizabeth, his wife. This record is extremly burned. It  
is listing of household goods that are apperantly being left to  
Josiah Burruss. There is a charred part, the next line being: Harris



D. Burruss and Mary Eliz. his wife to have, receive, take  
...Apparantly at the death of Harris D. Burruss, the property is to  
go to his children-(SSS)

47. 29 Mar 1739, Page 552, St. Peters Parish, New Kent County.  
Elizabeth Burrows born. Parents Henry and Mary Burrowes. Baptized  
9 June 1739-(SSS) (Elizabeth or Betty is shown owning land in King  
William County, in 1785, is the Elizabeth above who never married?)

48. 12 Feb 1842, Book 11, Page 250. Thomas R. Burrus and Margaret  
T. his wife all of King William County, for the sum of (too charred  
to read) current money to William S. Ryland, 150 acres of land part  
in Caroline County and part in King William County. Land lately  
purchasd from James Fox est-(SSS)

49. 25 Mar 1845, \_\_\_\_\_. Party of the first part: Thomas R.  
Burruss and Margaret T. (wife), residence: King William County.  
Party of the second part: William S. Ryland, Residence: King  
William. Consideration \_\_\_\_\_ acres 55. The land is in King  
William County. Lying on either side of Herring Creek, bounded by  
Mary Fox, William S. Ryland, Thomas R. Burruss purchased of  
Jo...(Josiah Burruss)-(SSS)

50. 30 Dec 1846, Book 13, Page 21. Party of the first part:  
William I. Lumpkin and Frances B. (wife). Party of the second part:  
Thomas R. Burruss, Residence: King William County. Consideration  
\$1500.00. Acres \_\_\_\_\_-(SSS)

51. 1 Jan 1849, Book 13, Page 364. Party of the first part:  
Egbert Lipscomb and Ann R. (wife). Party of the second part: Harris  
D. Burruss. Consideration \_\_\_\_\_ Acres 220. Property is known by the  
name of "Springfield" and is in King William Co. It is bounded by  
the land of Egbert E. Lipscomb, purchased of Reuben M. Davis, and is  
a part of the tract of land John W. Lipscomb died seized and  
possessed. Harris D. Burruss guartees Egbert and Ann Lipscomb will  
be free from harrassment as long as the note payments are not in  
default. If defauld occurs, land is to be sold at public auction to  
satify Harris D. Burruss, Lipscomb to receive Residue if any-(SSS)

52. 12 Jan 1849, Book 13 Page 337. Party of the first part:  
William Sizer. Party of the second part, David Rizer. Party of the  
third part: John Cardwell, Josiah Burruss, Achilles Campbell.  
Consideration, \$1.00-(SSS)

53. **LAND TAX**

		Acres
1782	Eliz Burras	50, Acres
1785	Eliz Burras	50
1787	Betty Burras	50

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1788	William Burrass	563	(Wm Burrus Sr.)
	Reuben L. Burrass	86 1/2	
1793	Betty Burras	50	
	William Burras	563	
	Reuben Burras	86 1/2	
1794	Betty Burras	50	
	Reuben L. Burras	86 1/2	
	William Burras	563	
1795	Betty Burras	50	
	William Burras	563	
	Reuben L, Burras	86 1/2	
1796, 1797,	Same		
1798	Betty Burras	50	
	Jacob Burras	546	(Son of Wm Sr.)
1799	Betty Burras	50	
	Jacob Burras	544	
1800	Jacob Burras	546	
1801			
	Jacob Burras	546	
1802			
	Jacob Burrus	313	
	Harris Burrus	200	(Son of Wm Sr.)
	1803 to 1811, same.		
1812			
	Jacob Burruss	323 2/3	
	Harris Burruss	217	
1813			
	Jacob Burruss	323 2/3	
	Harris Burruss	200	
1814			
	Jacob Burrus	323 2/3	
	Distance from Courthouse		Miles.
	Harris Burrus	200	21 NW.
1815			
	Jacob Burrus	336	21 NW
	Harris Burrus	200	21 NW
1816	Same		
1817			
	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1818	Same		
1819			
	Jacob Burrus	838	21 NW
	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1820			
	Jacob Burrus	881	21 NW
	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1821			
	Jacob Burrus	908	21 NW

	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1822	Jacob Burrus	1086	21 NW
	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1823	Jacob Burrus	1106 1/2	21 NW
	Harris Burrus	264	21 NW
1824-1825	Same		
1826	Jacob Burrus	1270 1/2	21 NW
1827	Jacob Burrus Est.	1334 1/2	
1828, 1829, 1830, Same as above. Harris Burruss not shown.			
1832	Mary Burruss	1957	Life estate, on Herring Creek, This is Jacob's widow. 21 NW
	George T. Burruss	1179,	On Herring creek. This is Jacob and Polly's son. 21 NW
	Josiah Burruss	259 1\2,	On Herring Creek, adj. Mary Burruss and Caroline County. This is Jacob and Polly's youngest son-(SSS) 21 NW
1833	Mary Burruss	739 3/4	21 NW
	Josiah Burruss	259 3/4	21 NW
1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, Same as above.			
1838	Josiah Burruss	206	21 NW
	Mary Burruss not shown.		
1839	Thomas R. Burruss	795 3/4	21 NW
	(Oldest son of Jacob and Mary)		
1840	Josiah Burruss	206	21 NW
	Thomas Burruss	795	21 NW
1841	Thomas R. Burruss	795	21 NW
Josiah Burruss not shown.			
1842			

Thomas R. Burruss 613

21 NW

1843, 1844, 1845, Same as above.

1846

Thomas Burruss not shown as he sold his property to  
Richard W. Fox.

Josiah Burruss 814 1/2 13"W

1847

Josiah Burruss 814 1/2 13"W

Thomas R. Burruss 223 15 NW

1848, 1849, 1850, Same as above.

54.

#### CENSUS RECORDS

1810

Males 16-26 Jacob Burrus  
Harris Burrus

1820

Males 45 + Jacob Burrus  
10-16 Overton Burrus  
Under 10 Josiah Burrus  
Thomas R. Burrus

Females 16-26 Mary (Wife of Jacob)

16-20 (Name unknown, may possibly be Susan T. Burruss  
who married William C. Redd of Caroline County.  
Thomas Burrus, oldest son of Jacob and Mary was  
born 1802 and would be 18 years old. He does not  
appear to be counted in Jacob's Household.)-  
(SSS)

Harris Burruss

Males 26-45 Harris Burrus  
16-26 1  
16-18 1  
6-10 1

Females

26-45 1  
10-16 3  
0-10 3

(The Caroline County Guardianship Records of 1836 provide guardianship for the orphan children of Harris: Maria Burruss, Harris D. Burruss, John C. Burruss, William H. Burruss. Harris D. Burruss is listed in the 1850 census as age 27 making his birthday 1823 to late for this census. I do not have any information as to the age of the other children.)-(SSS)

Males 45 + Wm. G. Burruss

0-10 5

Females

26-45 1

(No information on who this is, Not Jacob Burrus line)

1830

Males 30-40 2

George T. Burrus, ( Born 1809; would be 21 not in this catagory)

Josiah Burrus, ( Born 1817 would be 13, not in this catagory)

Thomas R. Burrus ( Born 1802; not in this catagory)

Overton Burruss ( Born 1808; not in this catagory)

( No information on who the 2 males 30-4-0 are.)-(SSS)

Females

20-30 Margaret (Wife of Thomas R.)

50-60 Mary (Widow of Jacob)

80-90 (Not Sure)

Slaves 52

#### 1840

Males- 30-40 Thomas R. Burrus

20-30 2

5-10 2

Under 5 2

Females- 20-30 1

5-10 1

Slaves 14

#### 1850

Josiah Burruss 33 VA. 17,000 Value

Catherine E. 25

Elizabeth 8

Mary L. 7

Emma 5

Catherine 2

Thomas R. Burrus 48 VA. 1,500 Value

Margaret G.	38
William H.	16
Thomas	12
Mary E.	10
Gabriella	8
Maria L.	6
Josiah	3
Richard	4\12

Harris D. Burrus	27 ( Son of Harris Burruss)
Mary E.	27
Reuben H.	9
Thomas D.	3
Lewis	1
Catherine Burrus	22
Betty	3
John D.	1

Rumford Academy	
S. W. Smith, Teacher	22
Andrew Burruss	18
Atwell Burruss	18
John Burruss	15

Paupers Home	
Samuel L Rice, Manager	43
Patsy Sullens	45
William Sullens	70
Catherine Burrus	48
Amanda Burrus	14

# **DEATH NOTICES FROM VIRGINIA RELIGIOUS HERALD:**

1. Nov 27, 1873, Nannie Burruss, daughter of Josiah Burruss, publication, died 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo, age 19. [She is buried at "Rosewell" home of her mother, Catherine E. Ryland.)-(SSS)
2. May 8 and 22, 1884 publication. Josiah Burruss Died at his home "Queenfield", Kg. Wm. Co., April 13, "in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of his age."
3. 18 Sep 1884 publication. Mrs. Catherine Burruss, Daughter of the late William S. Ryland, was born 17 Nov 1821, married Mr. Josiah Burruss 28 Oct 1841, died 16 July 1884. Seven surviving children not named. [Will of Mary G. Garlick 19 Mar 1856, Hanover Co. indicates Elizabeth Ryland wife of William S. Ryland, the was daughter of Mary G. Garlick's husband, not named, by his first wife. She had two daughters, Catherine,

wife of Josiah Burruss and Mary Hill who are left \$100 each as their mother's portion of the estate. Will is probated Hanover Co. 22 Sept 1856.)-(SSS)

4. 3 Mar 1870. Marriage of Emma, daughter of Josiah Burruss, to Charles B. Fleet.

## LANCASTER COUNTY VIRGINIA

Lancaster County, Virginia, was formed in 1651 from York and Northumberland Counties. The county seat is Lancaster 22503. (Land records may be Old Rappahannock County).

**Deed Book 4, Page 181.** At the court held 9th Anno Dom 1680 Thomas Burroughs being ... to this court and ... Mary, his wife, and not appearing to answer the said suit the sheriff not taking security according to law is therefore granted against the said sheriff upon whose petition is granted against said Burroughs.

### LAND PATENTS LDS FILM 0029319

1. 11 Nov 1642, Book 1, Page 858. John Sweete patented 650 acres for transporttion of 13 persons, John Barrow and John Berry and others.
2. 28 Jul 1652, Book 3, Page 195. Thomas Glascock patented 600 acres in Lancaster County for transportation of 8 persons, John Barros and others.
3. 20 Aug 1654, Book 3, Page 365. Walter Dickenson, Patented 500 acres upon West side of Corotoman River. Adj. land of Thomas Hobkins Assignee of Thomas Burrows, assignee of David Fox and a tract of William White assigned unto Thomas Borrows, who assigned the same to said Dickerson and 200 acres for transportation of 4 persons. (This is the first time the name Burrows is mentioned in Lancaster County. Details of this transaction are not known.)
4. 7 Sep 1654, Book 3, Page 283. John Wyre patented 4,000 acres on freshes of Rappahannock River for the transportation of 80 persons, John Barrow and others.
5. 20 Aug 1655. Walter Dickenson, 500 acres on w side of Corotoman River adj. land of Thomas Hobkins, assignee of Thomas Burrows, assignee of David Fox, and a tract of William White. Also, 300 acres granted to Henry Hacker, assigned to Thomas Burrows, who assigned same to sd. Dickenson and trans. of 4 persons.

6. 6 Oct 1658, Book 4, Page 374. John Barrow granted 450 acres, 347 acres formerly granted to Col. Henry. Transportation of 9 persons. (County not named.)-(JWB)

7. 13 Nov 1662, Book 4, Page 167, (108) (605). John Burros patented 943 acres. 643 acres on westside of a gutt and running on the northwest side of Colemans thickett, 300 acres being marsh land and lying before said tract.

This land was first patented to Walter Dickenson 6 Sep 1654 and sold to Alexander Fleming, who assigned 600 acres to said Barrow. Due for the transportation of 6 persons, Edward Gooch, Mary Powell, Ann Williams, Tho. Carew, Jno. Martin, and Edward Fouch.

8. 24 Mar 1665, Book 4, Page 392. John Barrow granted 737 acres on the freshes of Rappahannock River on the south side of Corotoman Creek. Transportation of 15 persons.

9. 25 Sep 1665, Book 5, Page 396. Nich. Copoeland patented 1,589 acres on North side of Rappahannock River for transportation of 32 persons, John Barron and others.

10. 25 Sep 1665, Book 5, Page 468. 600 acres patented to John Burrow on the freshes of Honnock River on west side of Powmnition Creek.

11. 19 July 1666, Book 5, Page 531. Thomas Bulton patented 3,650 acres, Rappahannock County for the transportation of 73 persons, John Burrow and others.

**LDS FILM 0032130**

12. 1654-1702, Deeds and Wills. 1691, Page 409. Thomas Burroughs sold to James Haynes 50 acres.

13. 4 May 1699, Page 410. Deed from James Haynes to Thomas Burroughs.

**LDS FILM 0029508**

14. 13 Oct 1670. Book 6, Page 326. John Barrow received 1,500 acres on the Freshes and on South side of Rappahannock River. Adj. the land of Thos. Luceas and Clement Herest. Granted to Henry Berry and assigned to said Barrow 14 March 1662, and confirmed to him by order 23 March 1665.

**PROBATE COURT**

1678. Wit: Matthews Burrowes and Benj. Doggitt, will of Robert Jones.



## LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Louisa County, Virginia, was formed in 1742 from Hanover County. The county seat is Louisa 23093.

### LAND RECORDS:

1. 11 Jul 1743, Book A, Pages 90-92. William Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, to John Starke of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, for 25 pounds current money, 400 acres in Fredericksville Parish On both sides of the north fork of Moreman's River, Maj. Henry's corner. Signed: W. Burrus. (See **CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA; KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA; and ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**)
2. 12 Sep 1743, Book A, Page 90. W. Burris, et al, wit. a deed from Champress Terry to wife Christian Terry.
3. 28 Aug 1748, Book A, Page 323. George Burrus wit. deed from Richmond Terrell to Babartleot Anderson of Hanover County.
4. 20 Mar 1752, **Fredericksville Parish Vestry Book**, "Burrus's Land" not processioned for want of somebody to show the lines.
5. 25 Aug 1752, Book A, Page 480. Corner of William Burris's land identified in deed from Joseph Phillips to Benjamin Brown.
6. 6 Feb 1755, Book B, Page 43. Henry Burrus to Benjamin Bibb of Louisa County for 80 pounds current money, 267 acres on both sides of Hickory Creek, conveyed to said Burrus by Deed of Gift from Jacob Burrus, his father, 4 Nov 1741. Terry's corner in Burphys and Burris line. Signed: Henry Burrus.
7. 26 Jun 1758, Book B, Pages 269-270. Joseph Martin of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, to Thomas Burrus of same. 40 pounds current money, 350 acres. Located on north side of the Little Mountains, John Hammacks line, along Graves line, Brockman line. Signed: Joseph Martin.
8. 22 May 1759, Book B, Pages 306-307. Thomas Burrus and Sarah of Louisa County, Virginia, sold to Isaac Winston for 150 pounds current money, 273 acres on Hickory Creek. Adj. land which Winston purchased of Compress Terry. (Sarah did not sign this deed. Her name mentioned one time and a place with seal was prepared for her signature.)-(JWB)
9. 28 Aug 1759, Book B, Pages 334-335. Thomas Burrus of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, to James Watson of same, 52 pounds, 8 shillings, current money, for 350 acres on North side of

Little Mountains in Parish aforesaid. John Hammack's line, Graves line, Brockman's line. Signed: Thomas Burrus.  
25 Sep 1759 acknowledged by Thomas Burrus (Sarah's name not mentioned in this deed. See **MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**, and **ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**.)

10. 11 May 1767, **Will Book 2**, Page 5, Page 33. Bond for Jacob Burrus, Jr. and Robert Fleming, adm. of estate of Mary Michie. Sec. Samuel Temple and William Garrett.

**TRINITY PARISH TITHABLES:**

11. 1767, Page 8. John Burrose listed in the household of Charles Bibb. (Not sure who this John is or relationship to Charles Bibb.)

12. 14 Nov 1771, William Buirrus and Robert Miller ordered to procession land.

13. 5 Nov 1772, Peter Winston sold to Isaac Winston 273 acres on south side of Hickory Creek, formerly the property of Thomas Burrus. (This deed does not say that Thomas Burrus was deceased at this time as was reported by Brockman and in the Valentine Papers. Mistakes sometimes become taken as facts.)-(JWB)

14. 10 Feb 1777, **Deed Book E**, Page 131. Elizabeth Burrus, et al, witnessed the deed of Thomas Johnson, Jr., son of Nicholas, decd. (This could be a daughter of Thomas and Sarah who married William Douglas-(JWB)

15. 3 Aug 1778, Martin Burrus, guardian of Mary Hammock, to serve said Burrus until age 21.

16. 21 Dec 1782, **Deed Book E**, Page 366. We, WILLIAM DOUGLAS & ELIZABETH BURRUSS, both of Louisa County, intending to join in Matrimony and to prevent all differences after our marriage, do agree as follows: I, WILLIAM DOUGLAS, considering with what an eminent Wife I was blessed with before and what excellent children I am happy with from her and how unjust it would be to give my estate from them. At the same time being desirous to make a reasonable provision for my sd. future spouse, do give to Elizabeth Burrus 200 a. of land bought from Col. John Syme, to be laid off by a parrellell line with the upper line in Trinity Par. on Pamunkey River and Negroes PHILLIP, GIBE, AND BUK, daughter to RANDY, 2 cows, my young riding mare and a furnished bed to her forever.

In consideration of the above Jointure, I, ELIZABETH BURRUSS, do renounce all right to any part of sd. Douglas estate, I Hope through Divine providence to be a dutifull Wife to him and a kind

mother to his children and relations while God shall spare us in life together. 21 Dec 1782.

**Entries in Bible of Rev. Wm. Douglas.** My second wife Eliz. Burrows was born 9 Jun 1755, was married to me 21 Dec 1782, aged 27 and I was then 74. W.D.

17. 13 Nov 1783, Charles Burris, et al, ordered to procession of land.

18. 4 Jul 1788, Page 192. William Linney, guardian to Mary Burrus, orphan of John Burrus.

19. 27 Jan 1795, Book I, Page 17. John Burris of Louisa County bought from John Minon 80 acres for 22 pounds current money of Virginia.

20. 10 Dec 1798, Book I, Page 563. Roger Burris bought from Francis and Mary Giddions and John White 200 acres for 500 pounds. Land on north side of Draggon Swamp, or Dirty Swamp.

21. 21 Dec 1795, Book I, Page 129. John Burris bought from John and Elizabeth Minon, 30 acres for 30 pounds.

22. 12 Oct 1807, Book J, Page 234. Roger Burrus bought from George Morris his part of the estate of Richard Grave, that came to him by virtue of his wife Susannah, \$407.00. Wit. Gideon Cooch, Charles Mills and William T. Burrus.

23. 20 Jan 1809, Book R, Page 512. Nelson Burrus leased from David Bulls a plantation for 7 years, \$200.00 per annum.

24. 29 Aug 1812, Book M, Page 86. Roger and Cynthia Burrus sold to John Nunn 392 acres for 975 pounds. Wit. John Chiles, Joseph Bullard, Nathaniel Burrus.

25. 1 Apr 1813, Book M, Page 574. Henry Burris sold to Charles Wright 66-1/2 acres for \$850.00. Land on Goldmine Creek. Burris bought from Charles Wither.

26. 4 May 1815, Book M, Page 617. Amos Burris sold to R. S. and Charles Debney, 3/4 of a carding machine for \$150.62, in operation at Eggleaton Mills.

27. 10 Feb 1816, Book N, Page 160. James Duke, Arch. Duke and Nelson Burris sold to Garland Duke 400 acres for \$1,000.00.

28. 26 Jun 1816, Book N, Page 297. John Burris bought from Walter Lewis 150 acres for \$1,200.00. Land on Contrary Creek. Wit: Henry Burris.
29. 16 Mar 1816, Book M, Page 312. In consideration of a supportive maintance Ann Hughes gives to her half brother John Burris a Negro woman, Milly, and her children. Now in the employment of her half sister Elizabeth Ferguson. Ann made mark. Wit: Malcome Hart and Thomas Burroughs.
30. 1817, Book N, Page 214. John Burrus, Jr. to Wallar, deed.
31. 6 Jun 1819, Book O, Page 314. Mary Burris widow of John Burris and Henry and Lucy Burris, John and Elizabeth Monday, Henry and Lucy Coats, John and Lucinda Burris and Overton Burris, in consideration of \$300.00 paid by David Bronough, 115 acres. Land on Contrary Creek.
32. 28 Sep 1819, Book N, Page 214. Henry and John Burris sold to Boxley for the sum of \$1.00, to secure a debt given to Wallen Lewis for \$380.80 on September 28, 1816. Land on Contrary Creek, 150 acres. Land to be sold to highest bidder and the residue to John and Henry Burris.
33. 30 Aug 1827, Book R, Page 224. Overton Burris bought from Ashton Garrett 51 acres for \$228.00.
34. 13 Feb 1820, Book Q, Page 565. Lucy J. Burrus and Merriweather Wright sold land for a debt. Land seized.
35. 10 Dec 1824, Book U, Page 427. John and Lucinda Burris sold to Joseph Boxley 150 acres for \$5.00 per acre. Land on Contrary Creek.
36. 1 Dec 1824, Book U, Page 428. John and Lucinda Burris sold to Joseph Boxley 51 acres at \$5.00 per acre.
37. 8 May 1833, Book U, Page 29. Nelson Burrus sold to Elisha Milion and Pleseant Hackett a number of slaves.
38. 14 Aug 1824, Book Q, Page 60. Overton Burris bought from John McGhee 258 acres for \$8.00 per acre. Land on Elk Creek in N.E. part of Louisa County.
39. 26 May 1829, Book S, Page 118. John Burrus bought from David Bullock 51 acres for \$153.00. Land on Black Water Creek.
40. 4 Jul 1831, Book T, Page 173. Overton Burrus bought from Ashton and Elizabeth Garrett 64 acres for \$650.00. Land on Salt Water Creek.

41. 1 Jun 1836, Book V, Page 204. Nelson Burris sold to George Harris for \$1.00 his interest in a tract of land conveyed to Nels Burris by Fredrick Harris, exec. of David Bullock estate.

42. 1 Jun 1836, Book V, Page 200. Fredrick Harris exec. of David Bullock estate. Burris paid \$4,000.00 for 635 acres, called Bibb Place. Land on south side of Anne River.

43. 9 Sep 1837, Book V, Page 556. Nelson and Livinia Burris sold to Thomas Johnson 5 acres for \$150.00. Land on Harris Creek.

44. 30 Aug 1837, Book T, Page 523. John and Lucinda Burris sold Lewis Stevens 137 acres for \$484.00. Land on North Fork of Elk Creek.

45. 3 Apr 1849, Book B B, Page 113. Overton Burruss and Ann, his wife, of Louisa County to Abner Pleasants, of same county, \$276.38 for 46-1/16 acres.

#### 1800 CENSUS:

1. John Burris	2-0-1-0-1	2-1-0-0-1
2 Males under 10		
1 Male 16-26		
1 Male over 45		
2 Females under 10		
1 Female 10-16		
1 Female over 45		
2. Rodger Burrus	3-0-0-1-0	3-0-0-1-1
3 Males under 10		
1 Male 26-45		
3 Females under 10		
1 Female 26-45		
1 Female over 45		

#### MARRIAGES:

(Names could be Burrus, Burres, Burruss.)

1. Sally Sarah Burris	James Arnett	6 Oct 1783
(Daughter of John Burrus and Ann Henderson.)		
2. Mary Burris	William L. McGhee	24 Dec 1799
(Daughter of John Burris and Ann Henderson.)		
3. Elizabeth Burris	John Munday	20 Jan 1808

George (Daughter of John Burrus and Mary Harris.)  
to Nelson  
1. Nelson Burris Lovinia Crawford 28 Nov 1811  
(Son of John the preacher, Caroline County)  
of David  
d Bibbs 5. Nathaniel Burris Rebecca Massie 9 Mar 1812  
is sold 6. Margaret Burris John Draper, Jr. 12 Mar 1812  
k. (Daughter of Roger Tandy Burrus and Cynthia Mills.)  
s sold to 7. Lucy Burris Henry Coats 16 Dec 1816  
Elk (Daughter of John Burris and Mary Harris.)  
n, his 9. John Burris, Jr. Lucinda Nuckells 6 Oct 1817  
\$276.38 (Son of John Burrus and Mary Harris.)  
10. Ann Burris Alexander Nuckalls 17 Nov 1817  
(Daughter of John Burrus and Mary Harris.)  
11. Overton Burris Ann Garrett 12 Nov 1823  
(Son of John Burrus and Mary Harris.)  
12. Frances C. Burris Richard Hinley 13 Apr 1835  
(Daughter of Thomas Burrus, Caroline County)  
13. Elliott W. Burris Clementine Pleasants 12 Feb 1838  
(Son of Henry Burrus and Sallie T. Worthan.)  
14. Lucy Jane Burris William Gathwright 21 Nov 1838  
(Daughter of Nelson Burrus and Lucy Duke.)  
15. Elizabeth M. Burris James R. Coats 22 Dec 1846  
(Daughter of James Overton Burris and Ann Garrett.)  
16. Louise A. Burris James H. Melton 10 Dec 1849  
(Daughter of Nelson Burrus and Lucy Duke.)  
17. Nicy Ann Burris Thomas Buchanan 10 Jan 1853  
(Daughter of James Overton Burris and Ann Garrett.)

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18. Page 73. #15, 24 Nov 1798 Louisa County Marriages, Richard  
Ferguson and Elizabeth Douglass, by Rev John Lasley. (This appears to  
be the Elizabeth Burrus who married Rev. William Douglas)

## **BURRUSS - OTHER**

1. (CHARLES BIBB: Arthur, Samson, Beck, Dinah, JOHN BURROSE 6" think that John Burrose is a Burruss and that John was an overseer to Charles Bibb. That is why Charles payed John's tythe.)-(WHBII)

### **TITHABLES and CENSUS, 1743-1783**

2. Henry Burruss, Son of John Burrus and Mary Harris.

Will

Lucy J. Burruss, Wife

John Lewis Burruss, Son

Mary Eliza Burruss, Daughter

Carroline Matilda Burruss, Daughter.

3. 5 May 1851 Book 13 Page 457. Nelson Burrus, son of John Burr and Rachael Terrell.

Will,

Lavina Burruss, Wife

Nelson Burrus, Son

Cleavers Burrus, son

John P. Burruss, son

Richard M. Burrus, son

James J. Burrus, son

William B. Burrus, son

Rodger D. Burruss, son

Lucy Jane Gathright, daughter

Louisa Ann Mellon, daughter-(WHBIII)

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

1782 - 1794: There are no Burris/us entries until 1795. However, there are BIBB and TERRELL entries from 1782 onward.)-(SSS)

Rec.List:

Person's Name	Wh, Males Over 16	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12	Horses	Tax
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1795

Burrus, Roger (Orange)	1	-	1	3	
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( Son of Thomas Burruss, Orange County, Rodger Tandy Burrus 1769-1826)

1796

Burrus, Roger	1	-	2	3	
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eer  
(II).

1797	Burrus, Roger	1	-	3	3	
1798	Burrus, Roger	1	1	3	3	
1799	Burrus, Roger	1	2	3	3	\$2.56

1800 missing

1801 Burrus, John 1 1 - 3 \$.56  
(Not sure of the parents of this John. He may be the John from  
Caroline county. He married Mary Harris)

Burrus, Roger	1	-	5	4	
1802 Burrus, John	1	-	2	2	\$1.12
Burrus, Roger	1	-	5	5	

1803  
Burrus, John & son 2 - 2 2 \$1.12  
(Son not named, Must be Henry- 1791-)  
Burrus, Roger 1 3 5 5 4.12

1804  
Burrus, John & son 2 - 2 2 \$1.12  
Burrus, Roger 1 3 5 4 \$4.00

1805  
Burrus, John & son 2 1 2 2 \$1.56  
Burrus, Roger 1 2 5 4 \$3.56

1806  
Burrus, John & son 2 1 2 2 \$1.56  
Burrus, Roger 1 3 5 7 4.36

1807  
Burrus, John 1 1 3 2 \$2.00  
Burrus, Roger/son 2 1 7 9 4.00  
(Son not named, must be Nathaniel, 1790-1870)

Virginia did not collect taxes in 1808 as the General assembly did  
not pass collecting legislation for that year.

1809  
Burrus, John 1 - 3 2 \$1.56  
(Son Henry not listed with father John)  
Burrus, Roger 3 1 7 9 4.16  
(Sons not named, must be Nathaniel and Rodger Tandy 1792-1872)

1810



Burrus, John	1	-	3	2	\$1.56
Burrus, Roger	3	-	7	9	4.16
1811					
Burrus, John	1	-	3	2	\$1.56
Burrus, Roger	3	-	7	9	4.16
1812					
Burrus, John	2	-	4	2	\$2.00
(Son not named, must be John Burrus, Jr.)					
Burrus, Roger	2	1	7	9	4.60
1813					
Burrus, John	2	1	4	3	\$3.43
( Must be his third son James Overton)					
No Burrus, Roger for 1813					
1814					
Burrus, John	1	1	2	2	\$2.79
1815					
Burrus, Jno., Estate	1	-	4	4	\$3.57
(Joh Burrus Sr. died this year)					
1816					
Burrus, Jno., Estate	1	1	3	3	\$3.34
1817					
Burrus, Jno., Estate	1	-	4	4	\$3.57
1818					
Burrus, Jno., Estate	1	1	3	3	\$3.34
Burrus, Henry	1	1	-	-	.70
( Son of John Burrus Sr. Married Lucy Johnson)					
1819					
Burrus, Henry	1	2			\$1.40
1820					
Burrus, Henry	1	2			\$1.40
1821					
Burrus, Henry	2	-	-	-	\$1.06
Burrus, Mary	3	-	3		1.99 [This
entry is between Bulluck & Bayhan the previous location of the entry					
for Burrus, Jno, Est. Widow of John Burrus Sr. Mary Harris)					
1822					
Burrus, Overton	1				\$ .13 ½
(Son of John Burrus and Mary Harris, 1797, Married Ann Garrett)					

\$1.56	Burrus, Henry	2	-	-	-	\$1.06
4.16	1822					
	Burrus, John	3	3			\$1.99 ½
\$1.56	[This entry replaces Burrus, Mary and is between Bulluck & Bayhan]					
4.16	[Not sure who this John is. May be John Jr. who married Lucinda Nacholls 6 Oct 1817)].					
	1823					
\$2.00	Burrus, Overton	1	1			\$ .59
	Burrus, Henry	5	-	1	-	\$2.47
4.60	Burrus, John	3	3			\$1.77
	1824					
3.43	Burrus, Overton	1	1			\$ .59
	Burrus, Henry	5	-	2	-	\$2.59
	Burrus, John	3	2			\$1.65
	1825					
2.79	Burrus, Overton	4	2			\$2.12
	Burrus, Lucy J. [in place of Henry]	4	2	-		\$2.12
1.57	(Henry Burrus died this year, Lucy J. his widow)					
	Burrus, John	1	2			\$ .12
	[There was no entry for 1826; presumably it is lost.]					
.34	1827					
	Burrus, Overton	3	2			\$1.65
.57	Burrus, Lucy J.	5	1	-		\$2.47
	Burrus, John	1				\$ .12
.34	1828					
.70	Burrus, Overton	4	2			\$2.12
	Burrus, Lucy J.	6	1			\$2.94
	Burrus, John	2	2			\$1.18
40	1828 [Different Book which means different district]					
	Burrus, Nelson	9	5			\$4.83
	(Son of John the Preacher from Caroline County).					
40	1829A					
	Burrus, Overton	6	3			\$2.69
06	Burrus, John	3	2			\$1.40
99 [This	Burrus, Lucy J.	6	2			\$2.60
he entry	1830A					
	Burrus, Overton	7	3			\$2.69
.13 ½	Burrus, Lucy J.	6	1			\$3.18
2)	1830A					

Burrus, John	3	3		Carryall \$75	\$2.29
1830B					
Burrus, Nelson	11	5			\$4.25
1831A					
Burrus, Nelson	10	6			\$2.86
1831B					
Burrus, Overton	7	2			\$1.87
Burrus, Lucy J.	5	1			\$1.31
Burrus, John	3	3		Coach \$50	\$1.93
1832A					
Burrus, Nelson A.	1				\$5.75
[Son of Nelson Sr. No slaves or horses recorded; tax seems high]					
Burrus, Nelson	1	9	-		\$2.67
Burrus, James	1			[No tax recorded]	
(May be son of Nelson)					
1832B					
Burrus, Overton	1	8	1	3	\$2.43
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	4	2	2	\$1.62
Burrus, John	1	3	-	3	\$0.93
1833A					
Burrus, Overton	1	7	-	4	\$1.99
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	4	2	2	\$1.62
Burrus, John	1	4	-	3	\$1.18
1833					
Burrus, Nelson A.	1	8	-	6	\$2.36
Burrus, James	1				
1834A					
Burrus, Overton	1	6	-	5	\$1.80
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	3	1	2	\$1.12
Burrus, John	1	4	-	3	\$1.18
1834B					
Burrus, Nelson A.	1				
Burrus, Nelson	1	7	2	6	\$3.11
Burrus, James	1				
1835A					
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	1	5	2	\$1.62
Burrus, John	1	4	-	4 Carryall \$50	\$2.24

29	Burrus, Overton	1	6	-	5	\$2.55
	1835B					
25	Burrus, Nelson A.	1				
	Burrus, Nelson	1	10	2	6	\$3.36
	Burrus, James	1	1			\$0.06
36	1836A					
	Burrus, Lucy J.	-	4	1	2	\$1.37
37	Burrus, Overton	1	7	-	3	\$1.93
	[No entry for John Burrus, Moved to Forsyth Georgia about this date]					
31	1836B					
93	Burrus, Nelson A.	1				
	Burrus, Nelson	1	10	3	6	\$3.61
	[No entry for James Burrus]					
.75	1837A					
.67	Burrus, Overton	1	8	1	3	\$2.43
	Burrus, John (RRoad, Not sure what that means)	1	3	-	7	\$1.17
	Burrus, Lucy J.	5	2	2		\$1.87
	Burrus, Nelson A.	1	-	-	-	
43	1837B					
62	Burrus, Nelson A.	1	(I do not know why Nelson A. is listed in both			
93	books)	-				
	Burrus, Nelson	1	10	3	0	\$3.61
99	Burrus, James	1				
62	1838A					
18	Burrus, Overton	1	9	-	3	\$2.94
	Burrus, Lucy J.	-	5	-	2 Carriage \$200	\$3.66
36	[No John (RRoad)]					
	1838B					
	Burrus, Nelson	1	11	2	6	\$4.38
.80	Burrus, James	1				
.12	1839A					
.18	Burrus, Overton	1	9	-	3	\$3.67
	Burrus, Lucy J.	-	9	-	3 Carriage \$150	\$4.94
	1839B					
.11	Burrus, Nelson	2	11	2	6	\$4.38
	Burrus, James	1				
	Burrus, Paul	1				
	Burrus, Nelson A.	1				
.62	1840A					
.24						

Burrus, Overton	1	8	-	4		\$2.72
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	11	-	4 Carriage \$150		\$5.62
1840B						
Burrus, Nelson	2	3	-	5		\$4.30
Burrus, Paul	1					
-						
1841A						
Burrus, James	1					
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	9	-	6 Carriage \$200		\$6.85
Burrus, Overton	2	7	1	3		\$3.57
Burrus, James	1					
(I don't know why James is listed twice, once at the beginning of the Burrus entries and once at the end.)-(SSS)						
Burrus, Nelson	1					
1841B						
Burrus, James T.	1	-	-	- 1 gig \$50		-
Burrus, Nelson	1	11	2	5		\$5.82
Burrus, Paul	1	-	-	1		\$0.12
(Not sure who this is)						
1842A						
Burrus, Lucy J.	1	10	-	7 SW Carriage \$100		\$7.12
Burrus, Overton	1	9	1	4		\$4.50
Burrus, James	1					
Burrus, Nelson	1					
1842B						
Burrus, James T.	1					
Burrus, Nelson	1	11	2	7		\$6.07
Burrus, Paul	1	-	-	1		\$0.12
1843A						
Burrus, Lucy J.	1	11	-	7 S.Wauh Carriage\$100		\$8.29
Burrus, Overton	1	10	-	5 w. clock		\$5.55
Nelson A.	1					
James	1					
1843B						
Burrus, Nelson	1	17	2	7		\$7.67
1844A						
Burrus, Lucy J.	-	11	1	7 Carriage \$100		\$7.67
Burrus, Overton	1	9	-	5		\$4.47
Burrus, Nelson A.	1					
1844B						
Burrus, Nelson	2	12	2	6 1 wood clock		\$6.60
1845A						

\$2.72	Burrus, Lucy J.	1	10	1	5	1 metal clock Carriage	
\$5.62	\$100 Burrus, Overton	2	10	2	5	1 other clock	\$5.77
	Burrus, Nelson A.	1					\$4.46
\$4.30	1845B						
	Burrus, Nelson	2	13	2	6	1 clock	\$5.52
\$6.85	1846A						
\$3.57	Burrus, Lucy J.	1	10	1	5	1 metal clock Carriage	
	\$80 Burrus, Overton	2	11	2	5		\$5.47
of	Burrus, Nelson A.	1					\$4.66
	1846B						
	Burrus, Nelson	2	11	1	6	1 clock	\$4.56
\$5.82	1847A						
\$0.12	Burrus, Lucy J.	1	12	2	6	1 metal clock Carriage	
	\$50 1 physician/surgeons license \$5					Tax	\$11.08
	Burrus, Overton	1	11	1	4	1 gold watch	\$4.24
\$7.12	Burrus, Nelson A.	1	-	-	1		\$1.10
\$4.50	1847B						
	Burrus, James	1					
	Burrus, Nelson	1	12	1	6	1 clock	\$11.88
	Burrus, Rodger	1					
\$6.07	1848A						
\$0.12	Burrus, Lucy J.	1	11	7	6	1 metal clock Carriage	
	\$40 1 physician/surgeons license \$5						\$10.61
\$8.29	Burrus, Overton	1	12	1	11		\$11.56
\$5.55	Burrus, Nelson A.	1	1	-	1	1 clock	\$ 1.43
	1848B						
	Burrus, James	1				1 clock	
	Burrus, Nelson	1	12	-	6	1 clock	\$4.36
\$7.67	Burrus, Rodger	1					
\$7.67	1849A						
\$4.47	Burrus, Lucy J.	1	13	15	11	1 gold watch, 1 other	
	watch Carriage \$575, 1 physician/surgeons license \$5,						\$20.77
	Burrus, Overton	2	13	13	4	1 metal clock	\$4.68
\$6.60	Burrus, Nelson A.	1	1	1	1	1 Pleasure Carriage	\$1.42
	1849B						

Burrus, James	1					
Burrus, Nelson	1	11	11	6	1 metal clock	\$4.24
Burrus, Rodger	1			1		\$0.10

1850A

Burrus, Lucy J.	1	10	10	10	1 gold watch, 1 metal clock	
Carriage \$300	1				1 physician/surgeons license \$5	\$15.59
Burrus, Overton	1	12	13	6	1 metal clock	\$4.88
Burrus, Nelson A.	1	1	1	1	1 gold watch	\$1.42

1850B

Burrus, James	1					
Burrus, Nelson	1	12	12	4	1 clock	\$4.36
Burrus, Nelson A	1	1	1		1 gold watch	\$1.42
[I do not know why Nelson A. is on both lists.]						
Burrus, Rodger	1			1		\$0.10

1851A

Burrus, Lucy J.	1	11	14	12	1 metal clock, Carriage	
\$400	1				1 physician/surgeons license \$5	\$18.01
Burrus, Overton	1	11	12	6	1 other clock	\$5.40

1851B Burrus, James	1	-	1	1		0.38
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Burrus, Nelson	1	7	7	5	1 clock	\$3.38
Burrus, Nelson A.	1	5	5	4	1 gold watch	\$3.38

1852A

Burrus, Lucy J.	1	12	1	16	10 @\$725, 56 @292, 1 metal	
clock \$6, buggy \$50, 2 gold watches \$150 plates, value household						
goods \$250						
Amt. Exemption \$100						
Aggregate Value \$1588						\$11.95

Burrus, Overton	3	10	1	12	8 @\$450, 51 @\$226 , 1	
pleasure carriage \$200, Household goods \$200						
Amt. Exemption \$100						
Aggregate Value 776						
Tax						\$8.23

## LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Lunenburg County, Virginia, was formed in 1746 from Brunswick County, Virginia. The county seat is Lunenburg 23952.

25 Jul 1749. Book 27 page\_\_\_\_ John Burris 180 acres for 20 shillings on both sides of Middle Fork of Cubb Creek, adjoining William Watson and Thomas Henry.

### LAND PATENTS SDS FILM 0029357

1. 16 Mar 1771, Book 39, Page 350. Philip Burrows granted 400 acres for 40 shillings in Lunenburg County.

2. 6 Nov 1770, Book 11, Page 415. Deed from David Mason, executor of William Burrros/Burrows, deceased of Sussex or Louisa County. No family mentioned-(MKB)

3. 6 Feb 1756, Book 4, Page 297. William Abbott of Lunenburg Co sold to John Blanton, 129 acres on south side of Roanoak River. George Burrus.

4. Oct 1749, Book 2 Page 250. William Burruss, Ordered that the Sheriff sell all the estate of William Burrus in the hands of John Hall (viz) a coat, Sachel and Britches, two hankerchiefs, a pair of stockings, a pocket book, two shirts, and two Marrs and all other. The estate lf said Burrus attavhed for John Stewart and bringing money to next Court to answer. (A second record was found of Burrus vs. Cody on the top of the same page. This page 2/250, was 2/3 blank. I suspect that this was a case between WM Burrus and Cody. Burrus died and the case was never heard. No record found of John Stewart reporting to the Court at the next session.)-(WHBIII).

5. Nov 6 1770, Book 11 Page 415. David Masson was the executor of William Burrows. Two tracts of and containing 275 acres. One tract is where a John Cooper now lives. ADJ County line, Burrows, Mathew Bishop. About 200 acres adjoins the first tract and was conveyed to said Cooper by Phillip Burrow Jr. by Deed. Signed John Cooper.)-(WHBIII)

6. 28 Jul 1764, Book 8 Page 337. Phillip Burrow witness to a deed.

7. Mar 9 1769, Book 1 Page 428. Phillip Burros of Dinwiddle, sold to John Cooper, on south side of North Seder Creek.

8. Nov 1757, Book 5 Page 16B. George Burras Plt, against Samuel Young Def. Suite dismissed.



8. Dec 1957, Book 5 Page 28A. Samuel Young to pay George Burras for seven days attendance.
9. Mar 1758, Book 5 Page 51B, 52A. George Burras and Samuel Young came back to court with their attorneys. George Burras won the case
10. Jul 1756, Book 4 Page 163. Richard Jones Plt. George Burras Def. Suit abates.

## MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Madison County, Virginia, was formed 1792/93 from Culpeper County, Virginia. The county seat is Madison 22727.

(John Burriss\Burrus\Burros\Burroughs, is listed as a Revolutionary War veteran from Culpeper County. We are not sure who his parents were. It would seem that he married Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin and Susannah Chiles.)-(JWB)

1. Many family genealogists and many different references have given a position on the marriage of John Burriss of Madison County, Virginia.

A. Position 1: Albemarle County in Virginia, by Rev. Edgar Woods. John Burrus married Sarah Martin. (No parents of John or Sarah were identified.)-(JWB)

B. Position 2: Tradition says John Burrus married Sarah Martin, born ca 1748 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Joseph Martin and named in his will as "Sarah Burros." (Joseph Martin made his will on 3 Dec 1760. If Sarah Martin was born in 1748, she would have been married at the age of 12 or 13 when her father mentioned her in his will.)-(JWB)

C. Position 3: John Burrus married Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph (died 1761, will proven 14 Jan 1762,) and Ann Martin. (All of Joseph Martin's eleven children were by his first wife, Susannah Chiles. Ann Sandidge was his second wife, by whom he had no children.)-(JWB)

D. Position 4: Peace Maker, Joseph Martin, 1740-1808, and His Descendants, by Nancy Marlene Martin Knight, 1976 Page 253a. Sarah born 1748, married John Burriss.

2. Others believe something quite different about the Sarah Burros mentioned above.

A. Mrs. Edith Gunn, family genealogist (now deceased), believed that Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph and Susannah Chiles Martin married Thomas Burrus, son of Jacob Burrus (Sr.) Thomas Burrus obtained land from Joseph Martin and "Thomas Burros" was named as an administrator of Joseph Martin's will. "Sarah Burros'" husband's name was not given in the will. Joseph and Susannah

26 Jun 1758, Louisa County, Virginia, Deed Book B, Page 269-270. Thomas Burrus purchased 350 acres of land from Joseph Martin for 40 pounds. (This was not a gift from Joseph Martin. Eleven other people purchased land from him. Apparently he was land-rich, but money-poor. Sometimes he traded land for tobacco to raise money. When Thomas Burrus sold the land purchased from Joseph Martin on 20 Aug 1759, no wife was mentioned, which indicates she was deceased. No other deed record naming Thomas and Sarah as husband and wife has been located in any county. Therefore, "Sarah Burros" could not have been the wife of Thomas Burrus, as Joseph Martin's will was made 3 Dec 1760.

B. Orange County, Virginia, Families and Their Marriages, by William Everett Brockman gave the following:

Probable line of Jacob Burrus of Hanover County, Virginia:

- (1) Henry married Terry
- (2) Charles
- (3) William
- (4) Thomas married Sarah
  - a. John married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Martin
  - b. Thomas married Frances Tandy
- (5) Elizabeth
- (6) Justine
- (7) Ann
- (8) Mary
- (9) Jacob

C. The second reference to Thomas and Sarah Martin by William Everett Brockman is found in The Brockman Scrapbook. On Page 51, he changed his mind from the above position concerning the marriage of Sarah Martin. "We are concerned with Thomas Burrus who married Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin (Will, Albemarle 1761.)"

William Brockman gave two versions of the marriage of Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin:

Version 1: Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin, married John Burrus, son of Thomas and Sarah ? Burrus.

Version 2: Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin, married Thomas Burrus, son of Jacob Burrus, (Sr.).

(Many seem to accept Version 2, although land records do not bear this out.)-(JWB)

**Virginia Soldiers of 1776.** John Burris (Burroughs), Private.

Executive Department, 4 Jun 1835. The heirs of John Burris are allowed Land Bounty for his service as a soldier in the State Line for three years. Litt. Tazewell.

Sarah Burris appointed Robert Hord, as her Atty., 15 Dec 1834. She was not sure how the name was spelled. She made her mark for her name, but someone with a very trembling hand wrote the name "Sarah Buirris."

"This day Sarah Burris came before me, a Magistrate of said county, and acknowledged the above power of attorney. Signed John Harrison, Jr., Justice of the Peace, 15 Dec 1834.

Warrant # 8200 was issued 15 Aug 1835 to Sarah Burroughs, widow of John Burroughs, a soldier of the Revolution. Recorded Book 3, Page 390, Virginia Land Office.

29 Jan 1820. Will of John Burroughs of Madison County, Virginia. I give to my wife Sarah Burroughs (after my death) all my real and personal estate of whatsoever nature. I appoint James and John Clark my extras. Wit: William Rogers and Jeramiah Carroll. Madison County Court, 28 Oct 1824. The will was proved. Copy teste, Bolfield Cave, Clerk.

**LAND RECORDS**

1. 23 Jan 1810, Book 4, Page 500. John Burroughs sold to Edmund Bryant 50 acres for 9 pounds.

2. 1816, Book 6, Page 108. Received of John Burroughs \$5.80 for the amount of taxes and damage to 100 acres of land. Returns to John Young.

3. 4 Jan 1819, Book 6, Page 238. John and Sarah Burroughs sold to William Rogers 100 acres for 100 pounds. (John's name same as writer of deed. Sarah made an X-(JWB)

4. 24 May 1823, Book 8, Page 31. John Burroughs for the consideration of one dollar from John Rogers for his interest in a tract of land first granted to John Burroughs 29 Oct 1787.

5. 4 Mar 1826, Book 7, Pge 87. John Burroughs sold land to William Fink.

6. 14 Oct 1829, Book 10, Page 339. Samuel Burrus by Ely Penny, his attorney, to James Henderson \$20.00 for part of land formerly belonging to Thomas Rucker and award to Henry Burrus in right of his wife Caty Rucker.

7. 23 Jul 1833, Book 12, Page 378. Land transaction, Burrus or Burroughs. (Can't read).

8. 21 Feb 1839, Book 14, Page 18. Bluford Burris sold 30 acres of land to Jefferson Isarel for \$20.00. (Sally Burris' name mentioned. This family seemed to have moved to Campbell County, Tennessee. Bluford Burris, a family name, was found there.)-(JWB)

#### **MARRIAGES OF CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE:**

7 Dec 1844 Bluford C. Burris married Francis Tally.

#### **1850 CENSUS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE:**

Burris, Bluford C.	28	Farmer Born in Virginia
Francis	26	Virginia
William	3	Tennessee
Daniel	1	Tennessee

#### **MARYLAND**

Maryland Records by Galus Marcus Brumbauh, Vol 11 1985-(WHBIII)

1. Dec 28, 1780, Page 517. William Burris and Lucy Redman.

2. 1803, Page 563. Ellville Ellis and Elizabeth Burress.

3. Jul 22 1797, Page 545. Aquella Burrast of Peter and Mary, born 22 Jul 1797.

4. 4 Apr 1779 Page 517. Charies Burress and Anne Morgan.

5. Jan 22 1778, Page 516. Henry Burris and Francis Davis, by Rev. Thomas reed.

6. 21 Apr 1797, Page 545. Charles Wesley Burress or Thomas and Ann, born 21 Apr 1797, baptism Prince George Parish.

7. 1778, John Burriss, Port Tobacco East Hundred, Charles County.

8. 1 Jan 1800, Page 551. Mary Prather Burress of Zodook and Ruth  
born 3 Jan 1800, Bap. 29 Jun 1800.

9. 2 Feb 1800, Page 551. James Burress of Thomas and Virlander, Born 2 Feb 1800, Bap. 29 Jun 1800.

10. 29 Dec 1806, Page 422. Peter E. Burras married Kitty Lambeth.

11. 15 Aug 1776. Richard Burris,???

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Mecklenburg County, Virginia, was formed from Lunenburg County in 1765. The county seat is Boydton 23917.

1. **Calendar of State Papers.** 14 Feb 1791. Lewis Burwell to Governor Beverly Randolph ... Stating that the bearer, Charles Burton, has a petition to lay before the executive, praying for the remission of a fine of ten pounds and cost assessed against him at the quarterly term of Mecklenburg County Court held in Nov 1790, for assaulting and beating one William I. Burrus. Said Burton supports an honest, good character, and is not quarrelsome. Burrus he knows to be a drunkard blackguard fellow, very quarrelsome, & fond of fighting. The facts stated in the petition he believes to be true, and he, with several other gentlemen, having signed it ... hoping that the Executive will remit the fine.

2. **Marriage Bond:** 14 Aug 1809, Wiley Burruss married Peggy Gordon.

3. Dec 12 1772, Book 3 Page 501, William Jennings Burrows, witness to a deed. Watson family.

4. Mar 6 1773, Book 4 page 2. William Jennings Burrus, witness to a deed.

5. Oct 11 1773, Book 4 Page 180. William Jennings Burrus bought from John Hesketh 50 acres, Adj Watson Creek.

6. Apr 19 1775, Book 4 Page 498. William Jennings Burrus bought from John Phillips 50 Acres. Adj John Tabb, William Jenning Burrus, Joseph Lett.

## MONONGALIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA (WEST VIRGINIA)

Monongalia county was formed from Augusta County 1776. The County seat is Morgantown 26505, West Virginia. (Information submitted by-(MKB).

### LAND GRANTS PERTAINING TO BURROUGHS/BURRIS:

Dec 1766. David Morgan was surveying for John Burris. The following appears in his survey book, page 83: 'J. Burris, N23 W255ps. along line of Burris Camp Hollow. Dec. 24, Caleb Carter S82 96ps. Carters old line to Aron Scot corner. Rain 28 and 29 all night and day. Stayed at fort at Camp Hollow.'" (Burris, Lough, pg 264.) (David Morgan was the father of Sarah Morgan who married Elijah Burris, son of John.)-(MKB)

"Fort Burris - A small stockade fort located at (now) Star City (Morgantown), on the Flats. This was undoubtedly the first fort erected by white people in the Monongahela Valley above present Brownsville, Pennsylvania John Burris, his relatives, 'Old Evan Morgan, Nathaniel Springer, and others built it in 1766, the same year Burris claimed the land on which it stood. This fort was looted and burned by Indians on April 15, 1778, after it had been evacuated, with the settlers taking refuge at Fort Martin and Kerns Fort. It was rebuilt the same year, and the stockade enlarged. Col. Charles Marti, builder of Fort Martin, was John Burris's son-in-law." (Lough, pg 314). (Earl Core, in his book, stated that the reference to Star City was incorrect, it should have read Morgantown only.)-(MKB)

"Fort Burris. A small blockhouse was built in 1774 on the site of the Summers Masonic Lodge at Burroughs and Windsor Streets in Morgantown, a site positively identified by the late John Jacobs (interview, June 1, 1966), who had played there as a boy ..." (Core, 350).

"John and Alexander Burris received grants for 400 acres each in 1770; and Elijah Burris filed a claim for an additional parcel in 1774 [Sim's Index, 1952, pg 451], on land which the fort was built." (Core 350-351)

"When deeds (certificates, patents, etc.) for original lands were eventually issued, the Commonwealth, through representatives appointed by it (commissioners) was very careful to give first consideration to the claims of the first settlers. Actually, Virginia taxed the settlers on these lands long before deeds, or patents, were issued for them." (Lough, 219)

"... as is shown by the Mononglia County land records at Morgantown, the entire Morgantown area was claimed and settled by the following persons ... John Burris, 400-a, 1766." (Lough, 244)

"It will be noted that many of the original settlers, for various reasons, assigned their tracts to others, and these, perhaps, to still others." (Core, 160)

"An act passed in 1777 by the general assembly (of VA) provided that all persons who on or before June 24, 1778, had settled on the 'western waters' should be allowed four hundred acres of land for each family." (Core, 156)

"Fortunately, the certificate book (Reports of the Commissioners on adjustments of Claims to Unpatented Lands 1779-1790) recording the original entries made by the commissioners at their various meetings has been preserved in the Monongalia County Courthouse. This book of 442 hand-written pages is the most valuable document surviving for the history of the decade of 1766-1776 in the territory to become Monongalia County. These old entries are a valuable list of the first landholders, not all of them, perhaps not the majority of them, but it provides data recorded nowhere else ..." (Core, 158)

"John Burris, 388a sold to William John, ad Thomas Evans near John Hoard. Not Burris's settlement-right. 1770. (Monongalia Co. Survey Book No 1, Pg 58 (Lough, 249-250)

"On the following pages the nucleus is presented, copied verbatim from the certificate book, of each grant issued for settlements made from 1766 to 1776, inclusive ... Following the text of the certificate, which is underlined, there is presented descriptive material identifying the settler and the location of his settlement, with present-day counties named." (Core, 159-160)

1. "William John assee to John Burris is Intitled to four hundred acres of land in County of Monongalia on a Drain of the Mononga River to Include his (Burris's, MB) Settlement made thereon in the year 1770. Monongalia County. This 'Drain,' where John Burris settled, may be what is now called Burroughs Run in the city of Morgantown (Wiley, 39)..." (Core, pg 174)

2. "David Scott assee to Edmond West is intitled to four hundred acres of land in Monongalia County adjoining lands claimed by Jno. Burris to include his Settlement made in the year 1770. Monongalia County, Wiley, 39..." (Core, 178)

3. "John Burris is Intitled to four hundred acres of land in Monongalia County on a Drain of Monongalia River to Include his Settlement where he now lives made in the year 1776. This



settlement was on the present site of Morgantown, Monongalia County (Wiley, 47). John Burris is listed as a lieutenant in a company commanded by Zackquill Morgan (Lough, 359). Burris's Fort was located on the tracts (Wiley, 650) and Burroughs Street runs through it." (Core, 319)

4. Elijah Burris is entitled to four hundred acres of land in Monongalia County adjoining lands Claim'd by John Evans according to lines proved betwixt the said Evans and the said Burris to Include his settlement made thereon in the yeare 1774. Monongalia County (Wiley, 40). It was on this tract that Fort Burris was constructed." (Core, 260)

5. Samuel Burrows is Intitled to 400 acres of Land in Monongalia County on Buffalow Creek adjoining Lands Claimed by John Scott to Include his Improvement made in the year 1776. Marion County. [Core, 330]

6. David Scott assee of Boaz Burris is intituled to four hundred acres of land in Monongalia County on the Buffaloe Lick Run Geo. Baxter (?) to Include his Improvement made thereon in the year 1776. Marion County. [Core, 330]

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Montgomery County, Virginia, was formed in 1777 from Fincastle County. The county seat is Christiansburg 24073.

1. 30 Dec 1792. Elizabeth Burris married John Trolliger.  
Surety: William Burris.

2. 12 Oct 1795. Micajah Burris married Rachel McCoy, daughter of Rachael McCoy. Consent of William Burris.

3. 18 Jun 1804. Sale of Phillip Hevener. Micajah Burris purchased hatters implements.

## 1810 CENSUS RECORDS

Anderson Burris

VA

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John Burris	VA	16 10100	00010-00
Micajah Burris	VA	04 21010	41010-00
William Burris	VA	08 11010	31010-00

1. 1810, John Burris
  - 1 Male 16-26
  - 1 Female 26-45
  - 1 Male under 10
2. 1810, Anderson Burris
  - 1 Male 26-45
  - 1 Female 10-16

## NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Nansemond County Merged with Suffolk City 1974. (This was Upper Nolfolk)

Cavaliers & Pioneers - Abstracts of Virginia Land patents & Grants, Part 3 (1695 -1732), compiled by Nell Marion Nugent, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA, 1979.

5 Sep 1723, Page 237. "Epapphroditus Moore, 243 acs. (N.L. - new land) in Up. Par of Nansemond Co; on W. side & near head of Bennet's Cr; on Joseph Hines' land. Imp. of 5 pers: ... Henry Borns (or Borus)". p. 250.)-(WHBIII)

## NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(New Kent County, Virginia, was formed in 1654 from York County. The county seat is New Kent 23124.

1. 15 Dec 1655. Dr. Giles Mose transported Kath. Burris and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
2. 8 May 1674. Geo. Morrise transported Nich. Burras and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
3. 20 Apr 1682. Gawen Gawin transported Tho. Barrow and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
4. 27 Apr 1686. Thomas Terrey transported Wm. Burrows and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

5. 30 Oct 1686. **Virginia Land Patents, LDS Film #0029508.** Book 7, page 514. Joseph Haile patented land next to where John Barrow lived.

6. 16 Nov 1696. **The Vestry Book of St. Peters Parish.** "Whereas Anthony Burrass of this parish is stricken blind & his wife is very ancient by that means they are incapable of getting their living & that ye s'd Anthony addressing himself to this Vestry for maintenance."

7. **Virginia Magazine**, 1703, Volume 31, Page 343. Thomas Burress to Nathaniel West, deed.

8. 29 Mar 1739. **Register of St. Peters Parish.** Elizabeth Burrus, born, babt. 29 Jun 1739, dau. of Henry and Mary Burrows.

## NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY, PRINCESS ANN COUNTY, NEW NORFOLK COUNTY

The 7th Edition of the **Handy Book for Genealogists**, states that New Norfolk was created in 1636 from Elizabeth City. It also states that Norfolk was created in 1636 from Lower Norfolk. There is no listing of Princess Anne County, except a note under Lower Norfolk. However, it also states that Lower Norfolk was created in 1637.)-(BBS)

**The Lower Norfolk County of Virginia Antiquary**, Volume I, by Edward W. James, 1895. In the introduction we find the following: "Lower Norfolk County comprised all of that territory which is now included within the limits of the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne and the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. Its records commence in 1637 and terminate in 1691, when it was made into ... and Princess Anne. The first court for Lower Norfolk was held in 1637." (Princess Anne is no longer indicated as a county in today's Atlas. **The Handy Book for Genealogists** indicates that Lower Norfolk became Chesapeake City in 1853-(BBS).

### Land Patent Books:

1. 3 Oct 1671, Book 6, Page 99. Benony Bourrough (Burrough) 944 acres, Lower Norfolk County in Lyn Haven Par., near head of Bennett's Cr. North of Adam Throwgood on the North side of a Beaver pond. Formerly called Needham's Marsh adj. Lambert & land that was said Throwgood's & now Wm. Smith's & co.; 3 Oct 1671 P, 379. 590 acres part granted to Fra. Yardley, 28 July 1648. Sold to Christopher Burrough, 1 June 1652, & due said Benoni as heire to

his dec'd father. 354 acres granted sd Christopher 7 Nov 1651 & due, etc.

The following are documents related to Christopher Burrowes:

1. Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 16, Page 223. John Burrows sold his rights to Burrows Hill to John Smith. (After John Burrows left Surry County, his family settled in Princess Anne County. Benoni Burrows was living in Norfolk County about 1700.

2. Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 19, Page 236. Mrs. Bridget Broomfield, late widow of John Burrows has been one of the guardians of the children of Rev Richard Buck. Christopher Burroughs who was a prominent man in Lower Norfolk County 1640-52 ... had a son Benoni, so it is probable the family was related to Rev. Richard Buck.

3. At the Census of 1634-35, Anthony Burrows, aged 44, who came in the GEORGE in 1617, lived at Elizabeth City. He owned land near Blunt Point in 1628. (This Anthony Burrows would be born 1580 and could hardly be a son of John Burrows, as claimed by some researchers.)-(JWB)

4. Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 5, Page 92. "Christopher Burroughs, 200 acres in Elizabeth City Co. adjoining the land of Captain Adam Throughgood and bounded on the east by the river Chesopeiack. ALIA Lynn Haven; due 50 acres for his personal adventure, 50 acres for the personal adventure of his brother Wm. Burroughs, 50 acres for the personal adventure of his sister, Ann Burroughs, and 50 acres for the transportation of one servant John Phillips. Granted by West, 4 May 1636.

"Footnote: The name of the family is spelled in Lower Norfolk records Burroughs, Boroughs, Borrowes, and Burrough. Christopher Burroughs, the patentee, was a member of the House of Burgess for Lower Norfolk, 1645, 1646, 1652, and a justice in 1652. In a deposition made in 1642 he states he was thirty years old (born 1612.) In 1643 he cites a power of attorney, dated 1641 from his brother William, to himself. He died between 1652 and 1671, as in the later years there is a grant to Benoni Burroughs, son of Christopher Burroughs, deceased. Christopher Burroughs had at least two sons, William and Benoni. The latter was a justice of Lower Norfolk from 1684, and of Princess Ann in 1700. There is a deed in Nov 1677 from Benony Burroughs, of Lower Norfolk, and his wife Mary, to his brother, William Burrough.

"Christopher Burroughs was a vestryman of Lynnhaven Parish 1728-36. Doubtless the records of Princess Ann County contain

additional information in regard to the family. There is probably some relationship with Rev. Richard Buck, the early minister. The latter had a son named Benoni, and in an order of Assembly, March 1654-5, it is stated that 'Mrs. Bridget Bromfield, late widow of John Burrowes, had been one of the guardians of the children of Rev. Richard Buck.'

5. Capt. Adam Throwgood, 5,350 acres, trans. for 105 persons. On the JON & DOROTHY in 1634, Wm. Burroughs and Ann Burroughs. (This land is located in the same general area as Christopher Burroughs above- (JWB) .

6. **Early Virginia Immigrants**, Page 54. Burroughs, Ann, 1635, by Capt. Adam Throughgood. Burroughs, Ann, 1636, by Christopher Burroughs, Elizabeth City County. Burroughs, William, 1636, by Christopher Burroughs, Elizabeth City County.

7. 23 Oct 1673. Norfolk County. Richd Jones transported Modling Burrow and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or our to seven years labor.

8. **Virginia Historical Magazine**, Volume 5, Page 122. Lower Norfolk County for the Little Creek and Eastern Shore, Christ Burroughs, Elizabeth City County.

9. 30 Oct 1635, Volume 5, Page 330. At a vestry in Lynnhaven Parish for laying the levy, present Mr. Christ'r Burrough.

10. **Lower Norfolk County**, 1640. The names of thosse wch are chosseinge for the vestire of the aforesaid pishe. Mr. Christofer Burrowes.

11. 4 Jan 1640. Mr: CODD & JOHN STRATTON Churchwardens doe present CHRISTOPHER BURROUGH & MARY hs wife for ffornicacion they beinge the 28th May their child baptized the 25 Nov 1640."

12th April 1641 f 37a p 76 btm 52

"Whereas CHRISTOFER BURROUGH and MARY SOMES are presented to this Court by the Church wardens of Linhaven Parish for commttinge of fornication, with absolute testimony of the same it is therefore that the said CHRISTOFER and MARY shall accordinge to the statute of England do penance in their parish Church the next sabbath the minister preacheth at the said Church standinge in the middle ally of the said Church upon a stool in a white sheet, and a white wand in their hands all the time of divine service and shall say after the minister such words as he shall deliver unto them before the congregacon there present and also pay the charges of the court."

Virginia Historial Magazine, Volume 23, Page 241, Mar 1645. Christopher Burroughs to make public acknowledge of his offence, upon his knees before the Grand Assembly, and likewise in the two parish Churches in the county of Lower Norfolk, to give security f his good behavior and be disabled for 7 years.

12. **Lower Norfolk County**, 4 Feb 1652. Christopher Burrowes gent. one new bible & a pencil of other ould bookes .. 250. (The figure given the value of pounds of tobacco-(JWB).

13. **County Court Records**. Marriage, Polomer Bray and the relict and adm. of Simon Barrowes, before 5 Nov 1660. The widow's name w Mary. (Simon must be of the family of Christopher Burroughs, but how?.)

#### **COURT RECORDS:**

14. Savill Gaskin and the widow of Christopher Burrowes, before 10 Jun 1662, Norfolk. (Christopher Burrowes probably died 1661-62.)-JWB).

15. 15 Sep 1687. Norfolk County Court ... present, Mr. Beony Burrough.

16. 10 Oct 1693. Session begun. From Princess Anne County, present, Bennie Burroughs.

17. 3 Mar 1697-8. At the court held ... Mr. Ben. Burrough.

18. 10 Sep 1698. At the court held ... Mr. Benony Burrough.

19. 7th Oct 1705. Princess Anne court ... Present Mr. Ben Burr.

20. Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 15, Page 439. 18 Apr 1695. Session began. From Princess Anne County, present, Benoni Burroughs.

21. 21 Sep 1699. Christopher Burrough and William Burrough, Princess Anne County, swore allegiance to King William and Queen Mary.

22. 27 Apr 1699. Court session began. From Princess Anne County, present, Benonia Burroughs.

23. Princess Anne County. Mr. Benna Burrough, 800 acres, Wm. Burrough, 50 acres.

24. 5 Apr 1720, Paage 93. **Deed Book 3**, Volume 32, Princess Anne County. Christopher Burrough of Princess Anne County to John

15. saunders of ye same county Mariner ... 250 acres ... excepting about  
e, forty foot square being ye burying place.

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y for  
25. 15 Sep 1724, Volume 5, Page 331. At a vestry held in Lynnhaven  
Parish for laying ye leavy, present Mr. Chr. Burrough.

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gures  
26. 6 Feb 1744-45. **Deed Book 6**, Page 362. Martin Burroughs Will  
dated 2 Feb 1743-4. Will probated 6 Feb 1744-45. Exec: Cousin  
John Brown. To Rachael Dale ... to Eliza. Keeling, dau. of William  
Keeling ... to Betty Dale, dau. of William Dale ... to William Dale  
... to Anthony Burroughs, Junr. ... to Eliza Shepard, dau. of Smith  
Shepard ... to William Compton ... to my cousin, Jane Brown, 15 out  
of my estate to buy a gold ring for Mary Ann Dale, dau. of Peter  
Dale ... to my cousin Ezekiall Brown a cow at John Wilbores ... to  
my cousin John Brown all the remainder part of my estate, paying all  
my debts, etc.

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?.)-  
**BENONY BURR<sup>A</sup> WILL:**

4 Oct 1700. Standard beginning leaves soul to God and body to  
be buried in the earth as Executor sees fit.

Item: My plantation whereon I now live to my Esteemed Son  
Christopher I say of plantation & two hundred & fifty acres of Land,  
thousands(?) belonging it is including f<sup>it</sup> whole Dam wch Soe ford at  
the great Dam Ridge and from Thomas(?) by Dorach (?) line to make y<sup>e</sup>  
whole to be Five Hundred and Fifty acres to him in Lake (?) I own  
and to his heirs Forever after the Death of his Mother but Liberty  
to Seat on any part thereof in the meantime.

And to all the rest of my sd. land I bequeath to my other sons viz.  
Robt., & Bena. and to their heirs forever to be by them equally  
divided. It is my will the Land be equally divided by themselves  
and being soe divided to draw lotts for the first choice and he that  
shall have the last choice to have y<sup>t</sup> one hundred and fifty acres of  
land at Muddy Creek belonging to me by pattent to my three afores<sup>d</sup>  
sons I give all my Books Excepting such as their Mother shall make  
Choice for her own use the rest to be Equally divided by their  
Mother & to be delivered to them She please and that to be their  
full part of my Estate.

To my Three daughters viz.: Mary, Barbary, and Eliz<sup>bth</sup> viz: I give my  
Three negores viz: Sarah betty & Moll to my daughter Mary I give  
Sarah to my daughter Barbary I give betty & Moll to my daughter  
Eliz<sup>bth</sup> To each of my aforesaid three daughters I give a Bible &  
that be each of their part of my Estate. All the (?) and rest of my  
estate be of of w<sup>tt</sup>: nature or quality Soever I give & bequeath unto  
my loving Wife Mary whome I make my whole & Sole Executive of this  
my last Will & Testament to Say during her Natural Life but after  
her death, to be finally divided between my Six Children. I mean my  
Estate what I have it shall be then left and revoking all former  
wills by me made and Fashom: all fsd & declaring this to be my last  
Will and testament. In witness thereunto I have hereunto sett my

hand and fixed My Seale this 4th of 10bber 1700: Ben<sup>o</sup> Burrough  
(SEAL)

Signed, sealed and asked to be the last will and testament  
of said Burrough before us - - Proved in open court by  
Marsh. Powell X, Henry H. Linton X, Geo. Smyth the oaths of Marsha  
Powell and Henry Linton y<sup>e</sup> 6th day of March 1705 and by oath Geo  
Smyth.

Land on Muddy Creek belonging to testor by patent ... The two sons  
did divide the land by a survey.

Robert Burrough, one of the devisees died, and in his last will  
devised his part of the land to his brother, Benjamin Burroughs.

The said Benjamin in his last will gave to his son Robert  
Burrough that tract that was left him by his said brother Robert,  
decd.

Benjamin Burrough also gave to his son Arthur the tract that was  
allotted to himself by the aforesaid division.

Arthur died without children and the aforesaid two tracts were  
vested in Robert Burrough, grandson of the first devisor, Benoni  
Burrough.

The last mentioned Robert Burrough did by indenture dated 20 Oct  
1735 sell to James Hunter all the land estimated as 300 acres.  
(This is followed by a boundary suit of no genealogical value.)-  
(JWB)

**28. Slave Owners Princess Anne County, 1810:**

Anthony Burrows	3
William Burrows	1
Travy Burrow	2

29. 4 Feb 1697, Page 97. Princess Anne County Court. Present Mr.  
Ben. Burrough.

30. **Marriage Bonds of Norfolk County, Virginia**, Volume 8, Page 101,  
11 Dec 1756. Ashbury Sutton married Mary Burrows.

31. **Deed Books 6 and 7**. Memorandum dated 17 Apr 1750, recorded 15  
May 1750, Deed Book Page 176. That Patience Burroughs, late of  
Princess Anne County, decd., about 4 days before her death made her  
noncupative will in these words: Her son Argall Throwgood to have  
her estate excepting a small matter to her son Adam Throwgood as a  
token of her affection, in particular all her wearing clothes to be



gh given to Betty Throwgood, dau., and said Adam excepting the choice  
of her suit of clothes to her sister Abigail Widdon & that she  
desired to see Maj. Nathaniel Newton to get him to draw her will ...  
shall the said Patience Burroughs, decd., declared & published in the  
presence of several witnesses. Wit: Nathan Newton, Anne (X) Rice,  
Barbara (X) Mims, Elizabeth (X) Packet.

ns 32. **Apprentices of Virginia, 1623-1800**, by Harold B. Gill, Jr.

A. Princess Anne County

Burrough, Benjamin

Master: Scully Nicholas

Occupation: Tailor

Beginning date: 02/21/1658

Ending date: Unspecified

Sex: Male

Race: White

B. **Princess Anne County Minutes, 1753-1762**, Page 347.

Burrough, John Princess Anne County

Master: Bird, James

Occupation: Blacksmith

Beginning date: 02/21/1758

Ending date: Unspecified

Sex: Male Race: White

C. Burroughs, William

Princess Anne County

Master: Calvert, Cornelius

Occupation: Mariner

Beginning date: 01/07/1768

Ending date: Unspecified

Sex: Male Race: White

Father: Burroughs, Robert (deceased)

33. **William and Mary, Series II**, Volume 4, Page 24. Viewer of  
Lower Norfolk County, Chritr Burrowes.

34. Page 140. H. H. Land enrolled in William & Mary, Oct 1820.  
John J. Burroughs, Gdn. Address: Princess Anne Ct. Hse.

Mr. 35. Volume 5, Page 45. W. H. Burroughs, J. J. Burroughs.  
Princess Anne C. H., Virginia, 21, lived with J. Dix, Methodist.

101, 36. **Calendar of State Papers**, Volume 1, Page 58. Members of the  
House of Burgesses under arrest for non-attendance, Benoni Burroughs  
and John Throwgood.

15 37. Volume 1, Page 34. Princess Anne County, Benj. Burroughs  
mentioned as Sheriff.

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, be 38. (It would appear Christopher Burroughs born 1612 died 1662.  
The other Christopher mentioned after 1662 is probably his son).



**CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.** (The following may or may not be the same family as above. Chowan County, North Carolina, is a short distance from Norfolk County, Virginia. We can find no ship arrivals of this family)-(JWB)

**North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register**, Volume 1, Page 33. All wills probated before 1760 were filed with the Secretary of the Colony in Raleigh, North Carolina. After 1760, probates were filed in the county.

1. 1 Mar 1718, John Barrow. Will probated 2 Aug 1718; daughter Joannah Williams; sons: John, Joseph and James.

2. 11 Jun 1718, John Burrow. Wife Rachel; son John; daughter Sarah, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Margaret. Wife and brother Jos. Barrow exec.

3. 11 Jun 1718, James Barrow of Chowan County. Will probated 11 Oct 1719. Brother Joseph Barrow, sister Joana, wife Sarah, daughter Sarah, cousin Sarah, daughter of John Barrow.

4. 12 Dec 1715, Wm Sigley and Jonna his wife, late widow of John Burruss, Adm. (The date is questionable but this is the way it reads.)-(JWB)

5. 8 Jan 1718, William Barrow. Will probated 27 Apr 1717. Sons William, John and Richard, Samuel, Joseph and James; wife Elizabeth; daughters: Anne and Sarah.

6. 17 Oct 1728, Volume 1, Page 532. Will, Solomon Burress, Chowan County. Son James Jones, son William Halsey, my Mother-in-Law Judith Jones the plantation whereon she now lives during her natural life or widowhood, wife Rachel Burriss. Exec: Geo. White, Noah White and Zachariah Evans. Test.: Absalom Prechard, Sophia Jones. (This is one instance where the mother-in-law was recognized by her son-in-law in a substantial manner. There may be other instances but we have not found them. The mother-in-law is nevertheless often a firm arrangement for the regulation of a family.)

7. 13 May 1841. Wm. Barrow, of Edenton, Chowan County, will. Grandfather William Middleton, also my Exec. Probated Nov term 1841. Test. Theodoroick J. Bland, Henry A. Bond.

8. 19 Dec 1716, Page 132, Entry 2768. Crown to Robert Burroughs, 100 acres, "being island lying on ye side of ye Narrows ... commonly called Cedar Island."

9. 6 Mar 1760, Page 50, Entry 2114. Crown to Robert Burrows in Currituck County, North Carolina, 200 acres, on north end of Chique Macomack Woods, joins Thomas Wallace and the seashore.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Northampton County, Virginia, was an original county formed in 1634. The county seat is Eastville 23347

1. 6 Mar 1747, Jonothan Gills paid transportation for Roger Burrough and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years.

2. **LDS Film 0029357.** 16 May 1772. Book 6, Page 405. Deveroux Brown 3,700 acres for transportation of 74 persons, Edward Burriss and others.

3. 1792, Anthony Burriss bought 201 acres. He died intestate in 1807. Surveyed for division, 200 acres.

4. Page 746, John Burroughs and wife Esther mentioned.

5. 1811, Mary Burrus bought 43 acres. Left it to Nathaniel and Frances.

6. 20 Oct 1688, Page 368. Patent to John Burrus and Thomas Coffin, 200 acres on Rogers Island, on west side of the south end of Hog Island.

**marriage bonds 1706-1854** listed and indexed by Stratton Nottingham, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc. Baltimore 1974-(WHBIII).

1. 12 Feb 1790, Page 14. Burras (Burrows, Burriss) Anthony and Mary Robert Bell, Widow of Robert Bell, Thomas Jarvis, Sec.  
(Robert Bell Married Mary Jarvis 17 Jun 1772. Daughter of William Jarvis.)

2. 26 Dec 1775, John Barrus Jr. married Elizabeth Jacob, dau. of Esau Jacob, decd.

3. Jan 1806, Page 111. Williams, Samuel and Peggy Burriss, Levin Nottingham, Sec. Consent of William Jarvis as to Samuel Williams.

4. 10 Oct 1814, Page 80. Robins, William and Sally Burriss, Thomas Brickhouse and William Dixon, Jr. Sec.

5. 13 Jan 1817, Page 14. Burriss ( Burrows, Burras) Nathaniel and Francis Goffigon, John Goffigon Sec.

6. 5 Jan 1835, Page 14. Burriss Nathaniel and Mary Ann Scott, Widow of Benjamin N. Scott, Nathaniel Goffigon, Sec.

7. 11 Sep 1837, Page 39. Goffigon, William, J. and Arinthia S.G. Burris, ward of John Goffigon, Sr.

8. 26 Oct 1839, Page 68. Nottingham, John E. and Mary Ann Burris James D. William Sec.

9. 3 Nov 1851, Page 14. Burris Nathaniel G. and Mary Ann Powell, ward of Daniel Frichett.

## DEEDS

Research-(WHBIII)

1. Dec 11 1972, Book 22, Page 532. Daniel R. Hall and Susanna his wife sold to Anthony Burris 201 acres. Adj John Moore, Ralph Dixon Daniel Hall. Signed: Daniel R. Hall.

2. Sep 15 1795, Book 23, Page 92. Isaac Luke and Elizabeth his wife & Anne Caple sold to Anthony Burris one acre. Adj Moses Griffeth, Francis Costian Antony Burris, John Moore. Signed Isaac & Elizabeth Luke. Ann Caple did not sign.

3. Dec 14 1807, Book 25, Page 172. George and Margaret Boggs sold to Thomas Burrows 12 3/4 acres, Adj. John Brickhouse, William Roberts, Charles West, James Lyon. Signed George and Margaret Boggs

4. May 13 1811, Book 25, Page 424. Steven E. and Elizabeth Nottingham sold to Mary Burrows 48 1/3 acre. Adj Benjamin Haley, Jacob Nottingham and Thomas Clay. Signed Steven E. and Elizabeth Nottingham.

5. Nov 13 1820, Book 27, Page 36. Polly Nottonmgham sold to Nathaniel Burrows 66 acres.

6. Nov 13 1820, Book 27, Page 115. Wm. Nottingham Sr. by Exr. & al. Sold to Nathaniel Burris 228 acres.

7. Jun 10 1822, Book 27, Page 310. Robert Dunton to Nathaniel Burris. Receipt.

8. Feb 3 1834, Book 29, Page 551. Jesse Simkins Sold to Nathaniel Burris, 200 acres on Kings Creek.

9. Mar 14 1836, Book 30, Page 197. Obadian Goffin sold to Nathaniel Burris 250 acres, Atlantic Ocean.

- S.G. 10. Mar 12 1838, Book 30, Page 518. Edwin Goffin to Nathaniel & Wm. Burris Release.
- Burris, 11. Oct 30 1839, Book 31, Page 119. Mary A. Burris sold to Mary F. Burris 160 acres on Head Kings Creek. Mary A. Burris is the widow of Nathaniel Burris.
- well, 12. Nov 11 1839, \_\_\_\_\_. Wm. J. Goffigon, comr. To Nathaniel & Wm. Burris. ( Not sure what this is)
13. Sep 12 1803, Book 24 Page 290. Mary Burrows, William and Nancy Jarvis, sold to Francis Costin 69 acres. Formerly the property of William Jarvis, Sr. Dec. Adj John Garvis, Francis Costin. Signed William Jarvis, Nancy Jarvis, Mary Burrows.
- na his 14. Apr 13 1818, Book 26, Page 411. Nathaniel Burrows sold to Levin Copes, 35 acres. Adj. William Goffigan, Purgatory Branches, ixon County Road. Deed says that Mary Burrows is deceased.
- is 15. Sep 14 1818, Book 26, Page 446. Wm. Burrows by Exr. to Wm. Goffigon. Power of Attorney. John Mark of city of New York Executor of the last will & testament of William Burrows late of Northampton, ac & Virginia, Mariner, deceased. John Mark gave William Goffigon the power of attorney- in- fact to sell at auction land that was William sold Burrows. This land shows in Deed Book 26, Page 447 as Goffigon to Goffigon. Estimated at 56 acres.
- oggs. 16. Sep 12, 1814, Book 26, Page 113. Sally Burrass, sold to Charles West 14 acres. Adj John Scott, Moses Roberts, James Lyons.
- h 17. Jan 11 1813, Book 25, Page 584. Adam Burris sold to Custis Hslop 55 acres, on Sea side of country road.

#### WILLS

1. Apr 18 1816, Book 34, Page 286. Probated. Heirs, Polly Nottingham, Daughter, Elizabeth, Daughter, Peggy Williams, Daughter, Nathaniel Burris, Son, Jacob Burris, Son, and all my children & grandchildren of Thomas Dunton. Signed, Mary Burris, Executor: Nathaniel Burris. Witness William Jarvis, Jr. John Armstrong, William Costin. (The section for Jacob reads like this" Also my will & desire is that Jacob ever should sew? my estate an the account of negro by the name of James that my dec'd. husband Antony Burris sold some years back for abscombing to Philadephia is not that he shall not inherit any part of my estate in any consideration whatsoever".) - (WHBIII)
2. Nov 27 1835, Book 38 A Book 16. Nathaniel Burris date probated. Heirs: 1. Mary A. Burris, Wife. 2. John and James Goffigon to divide estate equally between children, unnamed. Witness: Meirs W. Fisher, Leonard B. Nottingham, Joseph Seger.

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Northumberland County, Virginia, was an original county, formed in 1634. The county seat is Heathsville 22473.

1. 6 Jul 1763. Samil Bonam transported Eliz. Burrowes and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
2. 10 Mar 1774. William Hinnia Burrus, born to Josiah and Milley Burris.
3. 15 Mar 1778. Josiah Burris, son of Josiah and Milley Burris.
4. 1 Oct 1794. Josiah Burris, born to William H. Burris and Mary.

### (Old) Rappahannock

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Virginia County Court Records Deed Abstracts of Old Rappahannock,  
Virginia, 1663-1668, edited by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, Mc Lean, VA,  
1989.

1. Book 3/264 - 269. "TO THE WORPLL. HIS MATIES Justices of the Peace for RAPPA, County THE HUMBLE Peticon and Bill of complaynt of ALEX:FLEMING, in all humility complayning That yr. Orator purchaed Eight hundred acres of land next& adjoynin g to the lands of yr. Orator of one Mr. WALTER DICKENSON now soe it was yt: JOHN BARROW ...". pp.66-67.
2. Oct 1657, Book 1656-1664/42. John Barrow is mentioned as a past owner to a tract of land which John received "bearing a date of 4th of October 1654". p. 40.
3. 31 Oct 1657, Book 1656-1664/135. "Receified by John Weir ten pounds of Tobacco in full for all debts & demands whatsoever due from William Catton to Capt. Wilson & myself from the begining of the world till the date of these October the last 1658. Wit: John (B) Barrow, Herbert \_\_itfield, Signed: Jo Weir". p. 101.
4. 23 March 1659, Book 1656-1664/173. "TO ALL TO WHOM I Sr. WM. BERKELY Knight Governour & Capt. Generall of Virginia send greeting. Whereas &c. Now know ye that I the said WM. BERKLY Knight do with the consent of the Counsell of State grant unto JOHN BARROW seven hundred thirty seven acres & one hundred forty four perches of land lying in the freshes of RAPPA.RIVER on the So. side of OCCUPACON CREEK beginning (missing) end of the land of Mr. WM. HALL & (missing) to a marked pocickery thence S. near (missing) to a marked Gum to a (missing)nd of AUGUSTINE BLITHENBIRD & lastly N W by W

(missing) end of LAWSONS ISLAND to the place where it first  
(missing) being due to the said JOHN BARROW as foll: Vizt. five  
hundred acres & (missing) thereof formerly granted to the said  
BARROW by Pattent dated (missing) & two hundred acres & one hundred  
forty perches residue by and for the transportation of five persons  
into this Colony and now joyned together by order of the Governour &  
Councelfl bearing date ,with these presents to have and to hold &c  
paying &c Provided &c given at JAMES CITY under our hands the 23 day  
of March 1659 WM. BERKLEY, W. CLAIBOURN Secr". p. 124-125.

5. 15 Dec 1659, Book 1656-1664/182. "WHEREAS I WALTER DICKENSON  
late of the County of LANCASTER in Virga. but now of ye County of  
BALTIMORE in the Province of MARYLAND have by Letr. of Atto. dated  
15 December 1659 made & appointed JOHN MEREDETH of the County of  
LANCASTER my true & lawfull Atto. for me to prosecute JOHN BARROW of  
the County of Rappa. concerning a difference of title of Land  
between me the said WALTER DICKENSON & JOHN BARROW & for as much as  
my said Atto. JOHN MEREDETH hath not only in person prosecuted &  
appeared in my defence of the said title but hath also made &  
appointed ALEXANDER FLEMING of the County of Rappa. as his Attorney  
to prosecute agt: the said BARROW in the difference of the said  
title Nov Therefore know ye that I the said WALTER DICKENSON do  
hereby not only confirme all that my said Atto - JOHN MEREDETH hath  
formerly done in the premises but also hereby authorize him my said  
Atto. to make other Attornys under him for the ease of my said Atto.  
upon the recovery of m,, - said Land or any part either by  
composition or due Course of Law I moreover authorize my said Attos.  
of JOHN MEREDETH to make a full & authentique Sale in all points  
according to Law of what Land is or shall be by him or any other  
attornys under him recovered to acknowledge the same in any Court of  
Indicature in as full & ample manner as I myself might do if I were  
personally present not only in my personal behalf but also for the  
right & claime of my heirs for ever as also the Dowery of my Wife  
JANE DICKENSON who hath also hereunto subscribed in Confirmacon of  
the premises In Witness we have sett our hands & seals this tenth  
day July 1661  
In presence of JOHN COLLET, THOMAS POWELL, (Signed) WALTER  
DICKENSON JEANE DICKENSON". p. 2.

6. 28 May 1660, Book 1656-1664/114. Jonathan Weir sells a cow to  
Jonathan Barrow. John Barrow & William Catten witnessed tobacco  
received of Thomas Paige from Clement Herbert. p. 88.

7. Sep 1660, Book 1656-1664/88. John Barrow & William Catten  
witnessed tobacco received of Thomas Paige from Clement Herbert. p.  
88.

8. 23 Jan 1661, Book 1656-1664/173. "the Within specified JOHN  
BARROW do by virtue of these presents sell over unto JOHN JOHNSON of

Rappahanock to his heirs or assigns all the land within mencone this Pattent & all the priviledges belonging thereto & all my ri & title thereof & also for me my heirs deliver and maintain unto aforesaid JOHN JOHNSON to his heirs & assigns for him quietly to enjoy for ever in that seven hundred thirty & seven acres and one hundred forty & five perches of Land which is butted & bounded as and within this Pattent is menconed for him and them to enjoy the same without any molestation from myself & all other manner of person whatsoever. In Witness I have sett my hand this 23 day of January 1661. (Signed) JOHN BARROW , Witness ROBT. (T) TOMLIN , TIMOTHY PELL". p. 25.

9. 27 Jan 1661, Book 1656-1664/194. "450 acs. adj Pepetick Cree John Paine, Thomas Hawkins, John Barrow". p. 9.

10. 27 Jan 1661, Book 1656-1664/195. John assigns the above lan Old Rappahannock record #9, to John Paine. Wit: Alex Fleming, Si Thacher. p. 10.

11. 11 Feb 1661, Book 1656-1664/184. "KNOW ALL MEN that I ALLEXANDER FLEMING of the County of Rappa. in Virginia the true & lawfull Attorney of JOHN MEREDETH for & in behalf of WALTER DICKENSON do by virtue of a more Especiall Letter of Atto. dated t 10th day of July Ao 1661 wherein the said WALTER DICKENSON doth gi power under his hand & seale & under the hand & seale of his Wife JEANE directed to JOHN MEREDETH to make other Attornys for the better recovery of his said Land & also for the acting & stateing all difference depending between him the said WALTER DICKENSON & JOHN BARROW concerning a title of Land lying in the freshes of Rappa. on the North side of the said River next joyning to the lan of WM. GARROTT now in the possession of ALLEXANDER FLEMING, WALTE DICKENSON claimeing the said land by Pattent granted by the Honorable Governour & Councell dated the 6th 7ber 1654 & also by a Later Ordr. on the records & JOHN BARROW claimeing part of the same Pattent by the Desertment of COLEMAN by which means a Long & tedious suite hath been depending between the said DICKENSON & BARROW Now know ye that I ALLEX. FLEMING do by writing of the said por. abovesd, as also by a Letr. of Atto. directed to me from JOHN MEREDITH dated the 17th July 1661 with a Letter of Instructions to prosecute & act to my best judgmt: in the premises have for divers consideracons me thereunto especially moveing absolutely composd the said Difference as by Discharges past to that purpose may appea dated lthe 25th 1 Ober 1661 that is that all Suites shall cease & all quit chimes to each others titles & all other difference likely to rise between ALLEX. FLEMING JOHN BARROW & WALTER DICKENSON or either of their heirs or assigns firmly or from by or under them & that JOHN BARROW is to save at all times ALLEX. FLEMING & his heir & WALTER DICKENSON & his heirs from the title & claim of COLEMAN & his heirs of any claiming under him or the Dowery of his Wife MARY



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BARROW to all effects & that JOHN BARROW shall not by himself or any other under him make any claime to any part of land belonging unto ALLEX. FLEMING or his heirs or WALTER DICKENSON or his heirs not by any pretence or claime whatsoever according to all true intents & meaning in Consideracon hereof I ALLEX. FLEMING the Atto. of JOHN MEREDETH for & on behalf of WALTER DICKENSON & his heirs & in the behalf of JEANE his Wife by these presents give & confirme unto JOHN BARROW & his heirs for ever all that Messuage of land with the houseing he now lives in or other Tobacco houses upon the same being One hundred & fifty acres of land being part of the Pattent of WALTER DICKENSON beginning at a marked red Oak standing by a Marsh side belonging to ALLEX FLEMING the said tree being marked by Mr. WM. MOSELEY & runing to a marked Pocickery thence East in a lyne of trees marked by Mr. TOBY SMITH to a red Oak standing neer a branch on the backside of the now dwelling house of JOHN BARROW & thence by the side the said branch to a woodland Point that lyeth neer the Creek called BARROWS CREEK from thence to the place where it first began to have & to hold the same to him for ever froin WALT'ER DICKENSON & his heirs for Ever & from the Dower of his said Wife JEAN or from any persons claimeing under them whatsoever In consideracon I ALLEX. FLEMING in behalf of WALTER DICKENSON do sett my hand & seale this 11 th February Ao 1661. (Witnessed) GEORGE HASLOCK, ANT. STEPHENS. (Signed) ALLEX: FLEMING" p.3 -4.

12. 17 Jul 1661, Book 1656-1664/183. "KNOW ALL to whom these presents shall come I JOHN MEREDETH of LANCASTER COUNTY in Virginia Boatwrite Atto. to WALT. DICKENSON do in behalf of myself as of the said WALTER DICKENSON by virtue of a Letter of Atto. directed unto me from the said DICKENSON bearing date 10th July 1661 appoint Mr. ALEXANDER FLEMING. of Rappahanock County our true & lawfull attorney for us to ask & demand of JOHN BARROW a parcell of land lying in the freshes of Rappahanock County on the North side the said land being due unto WALTER DICKENSON by Patt, dated ye 6th Sept. 1654 & also by a later Order of Court acknowledged by the sd JNO. BARROW unto WALTER DICKENSON in JAMES CITY giveing to or. said Attorney full power for possession with real acknowledgmt. on demand by or. sd Atto. of JOHN BARROW to arrest the said JOHN BARROW & him to Implead Imprison & condemne & upon quiett possession or Delivery or Composition out of prison to deliver & to give acquittances or any other discharges & to do in every respect to all effects & purposes that could be done were I or WALTER DICKENSON there personally Present I give power to our Atto. ALEXANDER FLEMING to do & act in all points of Law as may be gathered & collected out of the aforesaid Letter of Atto. Signed & sealed by WALTER DICKENSON & JANE his Wife directed to me JOHN MEREDETH dated 10th July Moreover I confirme this with my hand & seale this 17th day of July 1661 (Witnessed) THOS. MADESTARD, THO. BROWNE, HENRY CLERK, (Signed) JOHN MEREDITH". p. 2.



13. 26 Dec 1661, Book 1656-1664/204. "KNOW ALL MEN that I ALLEX. FLEMING of Parish Of Sittingbourne in the County of Rappa. for divers good causes have released and for ever quit claimed unto JOHN BARROWE of the Parish & County aforesaid into his full & peaceable possession & to his heirs and assigns for ever aft such right whatsoever I the said ALLEXANDER FLEMING had in part or parcell of the lands now in the said Occupation of JOHN BARROW that is to say the Lands the he the said JOHN BARROWS now lives on accrewing due unto him JOHN BARROW by the assigns Of COLEMAN or the heirs of CHAPMAN or by desertment of COLEMAN or by Pattent of or any means whatsoever To have and to hold all the said lands now in possession of said JOHN BARROWE and his heirs for Ever so that I ALLEX. FLEMING nor my heirs will by any means hereafter claime any right of any part thereof & every of them shall be barred for Ever and not only what claim &,; in my own behalf but also all that the said ALLEX. FLEMING may claime as the assigne of WALTER DICKENSON and his heirs (except and always to be excepted) all such lands as I the said ALLEXANDER FLEMING my heirs & assigns shall lawfully hold from and under him the said JOHN BARROW his heirs or assigns by Deed in hand according to Law In Witness I have sett my hand & seale this 26th December 1661 (Witnessed) TH: WILSFORD, GEORGE DAVIS. (Signed) ALLEX. FLEMING". p. 16.

14. 26 Dec 1661, Book 1656-1664/204. "KNOW ALL MEN that I JOHN BARROWE of the County of Rappa. in Parish of Sittingbourne for divers good causes hath released & for ever quit claimed for myself and my heirs do release Mr. ALLEX. FLEMING of the same County in his full & peaceable possession and to his heirs & assigns for ever all right as I the said .JOHN BARROWE had or ought to have in all or any part of the Lands now in the hands of the abovesd Mr. ALLEXANDER FLEMING (that is to say) the lands that he Mr. FLEMING now lives on or the lands lying next the Creek called MR. THACHERS CREEK that the said JOHN BARROW claimed of the land Mr. FLEMING when Mr. JOHN CATLETT surveyed it for and by Mr. ALLEXANDER FLEMINGs Order or any other the lands of the said FLEMING either by Pattent Survey or assignemt. or by the order or assigns of WALTER DICKENSON or his Attorney or by any other means whatsoever To have and to hold all the said Lands unto said Mr. ALLEXANDER FLEMING his heirs for ever so that neither said JOHN BARROWE nor my heirs nor any other person for me have claime or any right to the premises & every of them shall be utterly barred for Ever by these presents (except & always to be Excepted) all such lands and every parcell of such lands as I the said JOHN BARROW my heirs or assigns shall lawfully possession from or under him the said ALLEXANDR. FLEMING his heirs or assigns by Deed in hand Writing sealed & delivered to my ppr. use and to the proper use of my heirs for ever In Witness I have sett my hand & seale this 26th December 1661. (Witnessed) TH. WILSFORD, GEORGE DAVIS, (Signed) JOHN (B) BARROW". p. 16.

15. 10 Mar 1661/2, "KNOW ALL MEN that I ALLEXANDER FLEMING of the County of Rappa. Gent. for the sum of Two thousand pounds of good & lawfull Tobacco unto me in hand paid by JOHN BARROWE of same County planter as also for a certain parcell of land containing two hundred & Eighty acres made over unto me the said ALLEX. FLEMING my heirs & assigns bounded as in said Deed may be made to appear have granted unto the said JNO. BARROW his heirs and assigns one part of land containing Six hundred forty and three acres and One hundred thirty and four perches by Survey part of a Devident of land formerly granted to WALTER DICKENSON by Pattent lying in the Freshes of the RIVER of RAPPA. abovesaid on the North side & next adjoining to the lands now in the tenor of me the said ALLEX. FLEMING Beginning at a small gut and on the Wt. side thereof running on the west of a Thickett called COLEMANS & thence running N. N. W. to the place where it first began. To have and to hold the said Six hundred forty & three acres & 134 perches of land withall rights belonging to him the said JOHN BARROW his heirs and assigns from me the said ALLEXANDER FLEMING and from my heirs and assigns from any claimes by from or under me and from WALTER DICKENSON his heirs or assigns or every other person which would claime under the said WALTER DICKENSON and he the said JOHN BARROW promise with the said ALLEXANDER FLEMING that he his heirs & assigns will yearly & for ever pay one Shill. for every fifty acres of land as the Quit Rents due to be paid to our Sovereign in due manner as it ought to be paid In Witness partyes have sett their hand & seals this third day of October in year (missing). (Witnessed) TH. WILSFORD, GEORGE DAVIS, (Signed) ALLEX. FLEMING". p.16 -17.

16. 24 Jan. 1662, Book 1656-1664/245. John Barrow gives 1 acre to a church for burying place. Wit: Joseph Webb, William We(missing)\_\_\_\_ pp. 40 - 41.

17. 20 Feb 1662, Book 1656-1664/331. Patent for William Hall. "122 acs. adj Occupation Creek, John Barrow". p. 99.

18. 4 May 1662, Book 1656-1664/178. Jno. (B) Barrow & Will Catten witness Eliza, wife of Alexander Fleming. Eliza gives up her dower. p. 128.

19. 1 Nov 1662, Book 1656-1664/200. Gives up dower to satisfy John Johnson. Wit: Allex Fleming, & John Washington. p. 13.

20. 3 Nov 1662, Book 1656-1664/203. "WHEREAS I HUMPHRY TOMKINS of NEW POQUOSON PARISH in the County of YORK. Guardian of ISABELLA CHAPMAN Orphant late Daughter of THOMAS CHAPMAN of the place aforesd Planter deced haveing taken bill in of JOHN BARROW in the behalf of the sd Orphant for three thousand pounds of Tobacco & cask due to the sd Orphant as by the sd Bill bearing date thirteenth day of October One thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight relation being had

may more at large appear Now Know ye that I the sd HUMPHRY TOMKINS do by these presents ordaine Capt. THO. HAWKINS of the Parish of Sittenbourne in County of Rappa. gent my true & lawfull Attorney Depty & assignee for me for the use of the sd Orphant ISSABELLA CHAPMAN to sue allache & imprizon the above named JOHN BARROW for the debt & upon paymt in my name to give discharge for the same rattifying & hereby confirming whatsoever my sd Attorney shall do as fully as if I my self were then & there personally present In Testimony I the sd HUMPHRY TOMKINS have sett my hand & seale this two & twentieth day of February 1663. (Witnessed) ED: WATTS, JOHN HUNT, (Signed) HUMPHRY TOMKINS". p. 61.

21. 9 Jan 1664, Book 1656-1664/332. William & Jane Hall sell to John Weir, "573 & 122 perches adj Occupation Creek, John Barrow ...". p. 100.

22. 9 Jan 1664., Book 1656-1664/346. William & Jane Hall sell to John Weir, "573 acres & 122 perches adj Occupation Creek, John Barrow". p. 109.

23. 28 Jan 1664., Book 1656-1664/338. John and Honor Weir, his wife sell to Capt. Alex Fleming... "Wit: John Barrow, Robert Davis". p. 104.

24. 10 Mar 1665, Book 1/70. "These are to Authorize my loving Friend Mr. Richard Webley my true & lawfull attorney to act & doe in business depending in this Court between me & John Barrow ...". p. 2

25. 1666 Book 3/530-533. Christopher & Katherine Blackbourne, his wife, sell to Wm. Geere ... "Wit: John Barrow, Robert Davies". p. 129.

26. 30 Nov 1666, Book 3/126. Christopher & Katherine Blackbourne, his wife, sell to Wm. Geere, ... "Wit: Jno. Barrow, Robert Davis". p. 33.

27. 26 Nov 1667, Book 3/356. "WE WHOSE NAMES are under written being arbitrators Indifferently Chozen Betweene Capt. ALEX: FLEMING and JNO. BARROW to end and Determine a Difference Betweene them and having seriously perused the right of Both Wee doe award that Capt. Alex. Fleming shall at the next Court held for this County of Rappa. give unto John Barrow his heires sufficient security for his quiett possession of the land now in ye Occupacon of the sd Barrow wch was sould by the sd Fleming to the said Barrow being 643 acres 134 perches lying in the Freshes of Rappa. and bounded as by a Deed of Sale given by the said Fleming to the said Barrow bearing date the 3d day of 9br 1662 more at large may appeare

And also doe award that John Barrow shall at the next Court held in the County abovesaid give unto Capt. Alex. Fleming his

heires sufficient security for his quiett possession of the land now  
in the possession or occupacon of the said Fleming wch was sould by  
the said Barrow to the said Fleming being 290 acres lying in the  
Freshes of the Rappa. and bounded by a Deed of Sale given by the  
said Barrow to the sd Fleming bearing date the 3d day of 9br, 1662,  
more at large may appeare, and Further doe award for the Finall  
decision of all controverseyes each person bear his owne particular  
charge IN WITNESS whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands & seates  
this 26th of Novembr: 1667.

JOHN WEIR

ANTHONY BRIDGES

Recognit in Cur Com Rappa primo Die Januarii 1667". p. 87.

28. 28 May 1668, Book 3/993. Sale of tobacco by John Barrow. p.  
96.

29. 1 Sep 1668, Book 3/504. Robert Payne gives to Alexia Fleming  
a mare filley. Wit: Robert Mapes, John Barrow. p. 122 - 123.

30. 4 Sep 1668, Book 3/514-516. "KNOW ALL MEN by these presents  
that I ALEX. FLEMING of the County of Rappa,. Gent. stand firmly  
bound and doe accknowledge to be indebted unto JOHN BARROW of the  
same County Plantr. In the sume of one hundred and sixty pounds of  
good and lawfull money of England to be paid to the said Barrow his  
heires to wch paymt well and truly to be made I bind me my heires  
this first day of Septembr: one thousand six hundred sixty and eight  
etc.

THE CONDITION of this Obligacon is such that if the above bounden  
Alex: Fleming his heires shall at all times hereafter save harmeless  
and indemnified the abovesd John Barrow his heires from all persons  
that shall lay or make any Clayme under Alex. Fleming or under the  
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or title to a parcell of land cont-, six hundred forty and three  
acres and one thirty foure perches of land lying in the Freshes of  
Rappa. and sold by the sd Fleming to the sd John Barrow and bounded  
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In presents of us RO: PAYNE CC

ROBERT MAPES

Alex: Fleming

Recognit in Cur Com Rappa 4 Die 9bris 1668". p. 124 - 125.

31. 4 Nov 1668, Book 3/516. " KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that  
JOHN BARROW of the County of Rappa. stand firmly bound and doe  
accknowledge to be indebted unto ALEX. FLEMING of the same County in  
the sume of one hundred and fifty pounds of good and lawfull money  
of England to be paid I bind me my heires by these presents dated

this first day of Septembr: one thousand six hundred sixty and Eight etc .

THE CONDITION of this obligacon is such that if the above bounden John Barrow his heires shall at all times hereafter save and keep harmeless and indemnified the abovesd Alex. Fleming his heires from all persons that shall lay or make any clayme under John Barrow or from by or under the heires or order of RICHARD COLEMAN or the heires or order of Mr. THOMAS CHAPMAN of Pacoson Deced to a parcell of land cont: two hundred and Eighty acres of land sold or Exchanged to the sd Fleming by the sd John Barrow lying in the Freshes of Rappa. and bounded as by Deed bearing date the third of Novembr:1662 more at large fully appeareth that then this present obligacon to be voyed of non effect or else to stand

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John (B) Barrow". p. 125.

32. 12 Dec 1668, Book 1668-1672/40-42. Henry Berry to John Barro (document faded). Wit. Anthoney Bridges, Robert Peck. p. 24.

33. 2 Feb 1669, Book 1668-1672/138. George Marke gives his friend Henry Awbrey power-of-attorney. Wit. Calibb Lyout, Jane Bareus. pp. 81 - 82.

34. 2 May 1669/70, Book 1668-1672/17. "I THOMAS FRESHWATER doe b these prsents disowne any title or right to the land claimed by JOHN BARRO in the County of Rappa. & in pticular any land by or neare adjoining to the land at the ( ) where he was last ( ) As Witness, my hand this 4th of Februry 1669/70.

Witness RO. PAYNE

THO. HAWKINS

THO. FRESHWATER

These are to authorize & Impower ROBT. PAYNE to be my true and Lawfufull Atturney to Receave of THO: FRESHWATER his acknowledgment of the above menconed writeing according to the specified intent & meaning thereof hereby houlding good & firme what my said Atturney shall act or doe in and about the praises as if I weare prsonally prsent, Witness my hand this 2d of May 1670. Test EDMOND EDSON, JAMES YATE, (Signed) JOHN (B) BARROW". p. 16.

35. 2 May 1670, Book 1668-1672/167. James Yate gives poer-of-attorney to Robert Payne. Wit. Edmond Edson, Jno. Barrow.

36. 13 Oct 1670, Book 1677-1682/192. Patent of John Barrow. 1500 ac. adj. Thomas Lucas Junier, Clement Herbert.

(John Barrow gives up this claim to George Jones 1/6/1678. Wit: Wm. Potts, Phi Pendleton. p. 110.)-(WHBIII)

37. 8 Jan 1673/4, Book 1672-1676/161. John Barrow to James Pannell. Assignes interest in pattent. Wit. James Harrison, Richard Bray. p. 82.

38. 27 Sep 1675, Book 1/219. "Will of Lawrence Washington, ...Item my will is that the land I have formerly entered with Capt. Wm. Mosely be forthwith after my decease surveyed & Pattented by my Execx. hereafter named & if I shall amount to the quantitiy of one thousand acres then I give an bequeath unto Alexander Barrow two hundred acres of the land to him and his heirs ... Wit. Cornelius Wood, John Barrow, Henry Tandy, Junr.". p. 78.

39. 2 Apr 1677, Book 1677-1682/127. "KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I JOHN BARROW of the County of Rappae. doe for & in consideration of a MARRIAGE between PETER FFOXSON of the one party & MARY BARROW, my Eldest Daughter, of the other party, give and doe deliver unto PETER FFOXSON, my Son in Law, one parcell of land being part of the Devident whereon I now live in the County of Rappae. Beginning at a marked white Oke standing neare the old pasture fence & neare the head of a small swamp & runing in the woods by a line of marked trees neare or about North to the head of a Glade, to a white Oak & Hickery marked & from thence down the Glade to the RACE PLACE & thence to the line of trees that devides me & RICHARD BRAY, & from thence along the side of the CABIN POINT &- soe to the beginning wch said land I doe give unto my Sonn in Law, PETER FFOXSON & his heires lawfully begotten of my Daughter, MARY BAROW for Ever, from me & my heires forever, but in case he should have no issue by my Daughter that then after his decease the land to return to the next Survivor, likewise I doe except in this my Deed of Gift one acre of land wch I formerly gave to the CHURCH called SITTINGBOURNE. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 27th day of April 1677 Signed sealed & delivered ,JOHN (B) BARROW in presence of us RICHARD BRAY, GEORGE MACKARCLE, ANNE BRAY Recognitr. in Cur Com Rappae 2 die Maii 1677 et Recordatr. xx5 die". p. 60.

40. 20 May 1678, Book 1677-1682/191. Henry Smith to James Scott. 800 acs. adj John Barrow. p. 109.

41. 31 May 1679, Book 1677-1682/229. Jonathan Barrow to Miles Hulbert. Sold 4 head of cattle. Wit: Charles Agarde, Lancelot Beck. p. 20.

42. 2 Oct 1684, Book 1683-1685/42. " - Reference is granted between Jno. Collin Plt. and Richard Barrow Plt. till next Court". p. 40.



43. 6 May 1685, Book 1683-1685/84. "Inventory of John Barrow est" p. 78.

44. 6 May 1685, Book 1683-1685/85. "Davis Stern gave oath that John Barrow gave mare filly to his daughter Cicelly". p. 78.

45. 6 May 1685, Book 1683-1685/86. "Moses Hubbart as Marrying the Relict & Executrx of Mr. John Barrow did this day confess Judgmt ...". p. 79.

46. 6 May 1685, Book 1682 - 1687/63-64 " IN THE NAME OF GOD Amen. I JOHN BARROW of the Parish of Sittenbourne of the County of Rappa being of sound mind & memory praised be God do make this my last Will & Testamt. in maanner and forme following

I commending my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my most mercifull & loving Father in sure & certaine hope of the free pardon of my sins & obtainemt: of life everlasting in the Kingdom of heaven through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour & Redeemer my body I committ to the Earth to be decently Interred at the Discretion of my Exectrs, hereafter named.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son, JOHANATHAN, and to his heires of his body lawfully begotten that part & parcell of land called the CABIN POINT begining at the Westward side of the cleared ground called the new ground & running down to the River along the branch and joyning to the land of PETER FFOXON & if my sd Son dye without heires as aforesd that then I give the land to him given to my Son, ALEXR. BARROW, & his heires.

Item I give unto my Son, MOSES BARROW, & to the heires of his body lawfully begotten that tract or parcell of land beginning at the CART PATH in the East side of the Corn Feild & runing thence to the line of ROGER RICHARDSON and Eastward to the land of PETER FFOXON vch. he the sd FFOXON holds for the terme of life, and after to revert to my Son, MOSES, and to his heires as aforesd. And if my Son, MOSES, should die without heires as aforesd that then the land to him given I give & bequeath to my Son, ALEXANDR: as aforesd and to his heires,

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son, ALEXANDR: BARROW, all the rest of my land & to his heires of his body lawfully begotten reserving only to my Loveing Wife the Plantation whereon I now live with the houses & orchards thereon contained to her own proper use & behoofe dureing her Naturall life and further it is my will that my Son, ALEXR. shall be at his own disposall in the managemt. of his Estate at Sixteen years of age & to be then possessed of his Estate & if my sd Son should die without heires as aforesd that then I give the land to him given to my Son, MOSES, & to his heires aforesd, & if both my Sons. ALEXANDR. and MOSES, should die without heires as aforesd, that then I give the land given to them to my Son, JONATHAN, & to his heires and further it is mywill that if all my

Three Sons should die without heires of their bodys lawfully begotten that then all my land be devided equally between my two Daughters, HONER & CICELLY BARROW

Item I give unto my two aforesd Daughters one younge mare & one Cow apeice with two pewter dishes one large & one lesser

Item It is my will that the use of my personall estate be equally devided between my loveing Wife, MARY BARROW, & my Son, ALEXANDR:, aforesd suddenly after my decease by my Overseers hereafter named  
Item My will & desire is that my debts be paid out of my Debts due to me or other my personall Estate.

Item I do make & ordaine my loveing Wife & my Son, ALEXANDER, joynt Executrs of this my last Will & Testamt. & I do desire my loveing friends, Mr. WILLIAM UNDERWOOD SENR. & Mr. JOHN BURKETT to be my Overseers to take care that this my Will be truely performed, And I also give and bequeath to them my Overseers to each of them a gold ring of Twenty shillings price to be procured by my sd Exectrs. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 3d of february 1684

Signed Sealed & made to be his last Will & Testamt.  
In presence of.us  
WM. UNDERWOOD, SR.

JOHN BARROW

JOANE (I) UNDERWOOD her marke

WM. (O) UNDERWOOD JUNR.

We the underwritten do depose & say that wee did heare Mr. JOHN BARROW say that he did own this within written Will to be his last Will & Testamt: and that wee did see him signe seale & publish it he being then to the best of our judgmts. in perfect sence WM. UNDERWOOD SENR. WM. UNDERWOOD JUNR.

Proved in Rappa County Court the 6th day of May 1685 by the Oaths of WM. UNDERWOOD SENR. and WM. UNDERWOOD JUNR. and record 19th". p. 52-53.

4 Sep 1685, Book 1685-1687/122. "Doctr. Moses Hubbert as Marrying the relict & Executrx of John Barrow deced ...". p. 15.

3 Feb 1685/6, Book 1685-1687/134. "Andrew Barrow, Servant to Thomas Watkins, being presented to this Court to have inspection into his age is adjgudged Fourteen years old & ordered to serve his Master or assigns according to Act". p. 26.

5 Oct 1687, Book 1685-1687/42. " - Ordered that Peter Foxon appeare at next Court held for this Country to answer the Complaint of Moses Barrow exhibited against him". p. 97.



## ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Orange County, Virginia, was formed in 1734 from Spotsylvania County. The county seat is Orange 22960.

### LAND RECORDS

1. 27 Oct 1757, Book 12, Page 414. Thomas Burrus of Spotsylvania County bought from Charles and Ann Naden 200 acres, for 50 pounds.
2. 14 Nov 1757, Book 12, Page 418. Edmund Burrus of King William County bought from Thomas and Jan Montegue 200 acres in St. Thomas Parish, Orange County, for 53 pounds, 5 shillings, 8 pence.
3. 7 Aug 1760, Book 14, Page 243. Edmund and Mary Burrus, late of the Parish of St. Thomas, Orange County, Virginia, sold to John Oakes 100 acres ... except 20 sq. ft. for burial ... 40 pounds current money of Virginia. Edmund's signature same writing as writer of deed, Mary (X) Burrus.
4. 17 Sep 1767, Book 14, Page 305. Thomas and Frances Burrus sold to David Daniel 12 acres for 8 pounds current money of Virginia. Wit. Edmund Burrus.
5. 6 May 1768, Book 14, Pages 337, 338, 339. Thomas Burrus of St. Thomas Parish, Orange County, Virginia, bought from John Long 85 acres for 50 pounds current money of Virginia, land on the North Fork of North Ann River.
6. 22 Sep 1768, Book 14, Page 336. Thomas and Frances Burrus, of St. Thomas Parish, sold to Henry Tandy 100 acres for 50 pounds. Signature and seal.
7. 8 Sep 1768, Book 14, Page 344. Thomas and Frances Burrus sold to Vevion Daniel 85 acres for 116 pounds. Land on Roachie River.
8. 27 Apr 1769, Book 15, Page 61. Thomas Burrus bought from William Buckner 290 acres for 30 pounds. Land on north side Branches River.
9. 11 May 1769, Book 15, Page 71. Thomas Burris bought from John Walker, Gentleman, 400 acres for 116 pounds. Land on Roachie River.
10. 22 Jun 1769, Book 15, Page 66. Thomas Burrus of St. Thomas Parish bought from Wilkon Richards 50 acres for 5 pounds.
11. 7 Jan 1770, Book 15, Page 272. Thomas Burrus bought from Robert Jennings and Fanny Chiles, exec. of Malachi Chiles estate, 41 acres for 12 pounds. Left by Malachi Chiles to pay his debts.

12. 21 Jan 1770, Book 15, Page 72. Thomas Burrus bought the estate of Malachi Chiles. Fork of Pamunkey River.

13. 6 Oct 1770, Book 15, Page 257. John Burrus bought from Richard Woolfolk, 200 acres on north side of North Ann River, 25 pounds current money of Virginia.

14. 25 Nov 1772, Book 16, Page 35. Thomas and Ann Burrus of St. Thomas Parish sold to Thomas Snow 150 acres for 25 pounds, current money of Virginia. Thomas had a seal, Ann (X) Burrus.

15. 25 Nov 1772, Book 16, Page 38. Thomas and Ann Burrus sold to Wm Grant 120 acres for 11 pounds. Signed Tho's Burrus (seal).

16. 20 Feb 1777, Book 16, Page 430. Thomas Burrus bought from Ann, Frances and Lucy Wisdom, 50 acres, for 11 pounds.

17. 5 Aug 1778, Book 17, Page 137. Edmund Williams sold to Charles Burrus, 290 acres, 40 pounds.

18. 28 Sep 1780, Book 17, Page 382. Thomas and Ann Burrus sold to John Maycol, 400 acres for 5,000 pounds. Land on Tomes River. Signed: Thomas Burrus (seal) and Ann (X) Burrus (seal.)

19. 28 Sep 1780, Book 17, Page 384. Thomas and Ann Burrus sold to John Snow, 60 acres for 3,000 pounds. Signed: Thomas Burrus (seal) and Ann (X) Burrus (seal). (See **LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA; ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.**)-(JWB)

20. 26 Jul 1790, Book 19, Page 433. Frances Burrus bought from Henry Chiles, 31 acres, 40 pounds, 6 shillings.

21. 3 Feb 1793, Book 20, Page 183. William T. Burrus bought from Joseph Duncan 200 acres for 100 pounds.

22. 8 Dec 1795, Book 26, Page 527. William T. Burrus bought from James Lind 49 acres.

From the land records of Orange County, Virginia, it appears there were three Burrus families who lived in the county: Thomas and Frances, Edmund and Mary, and Thomas and Ann.)-(JWB)

#### MISCELLANEOUS DATA:

County Order Book 16.

23. 2 Dec 1750, Page 505. Upon the petition of Thomas Burrus for leave to turn one of the roads that goes through his land to go on the line. Ordered that Milichi Chiles, John Stevens, Roger

Bell and William Cook, or any three of them ... do view the way road is intended, to be turned and make report to the court.

2. 23 Aug 1766, Pages 368, 369. Thomas Burrus, Wm. Cox and Matthew Davis wit. to the will and did inventory of the estate of Francis Williams.

3. 14 Oct 1766. Thomas Burrus, one of the appraisers of Samuel Brockman estate.

4. 25 Oct 1770. Thomas Burris, inventory of the estate of John Bryson.

5. 3 Dec 1773. Thomas Burrus, witness to the will of Roger Bell of St. Thomas Parish.

6. 5 Sep 1774. Thomas Burrus inventoried the estate of Roger Bell.

7. 1776, Page 253. Jacob Burrus listed in Captain Frank Taylor's Company.

8. 1776, Page 254. Payroll, Captain Frank Taylor's 2nd Virginia Battalion, Jacob Burrus, 6-2/3 dollars. (This Jacob Burrus is listed on the Descendancy Charts as being the son of Thomas and Sarah Burrus, married Susannah Martin, died Smith County, Tennessee, Oct 1832.)-(JWB)

9. 22 Oct 1778. John Burrus witness to the will of Joseph Woolfolk.

**Will of Edmund Burrus, Dated 12 Dec 1780.**

In the name of God Amen I Edmund Burrus of Orange County and Parish of St. Thomas Being in perfect health sense and memory (Thanks be to God) do make and constitute this my last will and Testament --

First I Bequeath my soul to Almighty God in Sure and Certain hope of the resurrection to Eternal life, and my Body to be interred at the discretion of my Executors; also that my just debts be paid. Secondly I lend unto my Beloved wife Mary Burrus my whole Estate during her life or widowhood, but if she should marry my Desire is that the Estate be taken out of her hands and put to the use of my Children at the Discretion of my Executors. Item, It is my desire that my Estate be Equally divided among my wife's children after her decease (with this exception) that's that my Executors do pay out of my estate to John Burruses two daughters Sarah Burrus and May Burrus, Six shillings Each, also as much to Mary Oaks. I constitute and appoint Mary Burrus my Wife Executrix and James Smith and John

Oaks to act as Executors. Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of December, 1780.

Test: James Coleman  
his

Edmund Burrus (LS)

Aaron (S) Quisenbury  
mark

My desire is that Lewis Perry shall have no part of my Estate ---  
Edmund Burrus.

At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday 28th of June 1781  
This last will and testament of Edmund Burrus deceased being  
presented into Court by Mrs. Mary Burrus Executrix and James Smith  
and John Oaks Executors and proved by the oaths of James Coleman and  
Aaron Quisenbury Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on  
the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to law  
Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due  
form they give Security where upon they with William Thomas and  
Benj. Cave their securities entered into Bond in the sum of Fifty  
Thousand pounds Current money.

Teste. James Taylor, C.O.C.

(Copy Teste, Josephine H. Neal, Dep. Clerk)

**COURT RECORDS:**

1. Burris, Nathaniel (son of Edmund and Mary Burrus); Jacob (son of Thomas and Sarah). (No other Burris listed.)
2. Sep 1781. Thomas Burrus for 250 lbs. beef. 2 Nov 1781, for 325 lbs. beef. (Thomas married Frances Tandy.)
3. 16 Aug 1781. Thomas Burrus for 400 lbs beef, (for Orange Militia, certified by George Morton Commissary Orange Militia.)
4. 3 Nov 1777. Thomas Burrus signed a petition.
5. 17 Nov 1785. Thomas Burrus signed a petition.

Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774, by Murtie June Clark,

Genealogical Publishing Co.

A roll of the officers and soldiers who engaged in the service of the Colony before the Battle of the Meadows (3 Jul 1754) as taken from the pay and muster rolls of those times.

1. 7 Apr 1754. Thomas Burras.

2. Thomas Burras, private.
3. 9 Jul 1754. Return of Captain George Mercer's Company, Thomas Burris, fit for duty.
4. 9 Jul 1754. According to the returns made at Wills Creek. Thomas Burris, Mercer's Company.
5. 29 Jul 1754. By the payrolls at Alexander, Virginia, Thomas Burris, Mercer's Company.
6. Captain George Mercer's Company; Thomas Burris, soldier, paid 2.0.8.
7. 29 Sep 1754. Pay bills of the Virginia Regiment. Thomas Burris, private, 2.0.8.
8. 29 Jul ending Sep 1754. Pay bill of the detachment sent to Augusta under the command of Captain Andrew Lewis, from, Thomas Burras, 2.0.8.
9. 1754. List of soldiers who have received the Country's Bounty Money, Thomas Burris.
10. 1754. Pay Bill of the Virginia Regiment made by George Washington to the officers and soldiers, Captain George Mercer's Company. Thomas Burris, private, 1.19.4.

**Journals of the House of Burgesses**, Friday, 27 May 1757, Page 478:  
"Resolved, That the sum of 10 Pounds to be paid by the treasurer of this Colony out of the Public Money in his hands to Thomas Burrus, as a recompence for the Loss of his arm in the service of his country."

(Apparently, he received 2,000 acres of land in Kentucky for his service. This was the number of acres mentioned in his will, dated 2 Oct 1788. The only land in Virginia mentioned in his will was given to his daughter Morning. Only other land mentioned was the 2,000 acres in Clark County, Kentucky. At the final settlement of his estate no land is mentioned. The Tandy-Burris family said that he had a large plantation in Virginia.

(He married Frances Tandy about 1750. According to **Foxworth, Bush, Payne, Bledsoe and Allied Lines**, by Sarah Payne Foxworth and Michal Martin Farmer, P. 112, Francis Tandy was born 30 Oct 1724 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She died between 26 Jan 1816 and Jan 1817 in Christian County, Kentucky.)

(The other Thomas Burris, Burras, Burrass, Burress, Burrow, Burrows, Burrus, Burruss, all of the 3, 4, 7 Continental Line, Virginia,

believed to be one and the same, but is it the Thomas Burrus above?.)-(JWB)

**The Chief of Records and Pension Office, Washington, D.C.:**

It appears from the records of this office that Thomas Burris enlisted February 23, 1776, as a private in Captain William Washington's Company, 3d Virginia Regiment of Foot. Revolutionary War, and his name appears on the muster rolls of that organization to July, 1777. He is reported with the rank of Corporal on the muster rolls, as follows: Captain John Francis Mercer's company of this regiment to and including May, 1778; Captain Robert Powell's company, 3d and 7th Virginia (consolidated) regiment from May, 1778, to September, 1778;

Captain Robert Powell's Company, 3d Virginia Regiment, for October 1778; Captain John F. Mercer's company, 3d Virginia regiment to April 1779; and Captain Valentine Payton's company, 3d Virginia regiment to November 1779.

Revolutionary War Veterans who never made a pension application: Thomas Burrus.

**LISTABLES:**

1759 Page 57 Thomas Burrus-4.

1759 Page 69 Edmund Burrus-1. Thomas Burrus-3.

1765 Page 69 Thomas Burrus-3.

1766 Page 84 Thomas Burrus-4.

1766 Page 86 John Burrus-2. Thomas Burrus-3. Edmund Burrus-1.

1767 Page 88 Thomas Burrus-3.

1768 Page 98 Thomas Burrus-4. Leonard Davis-1.

1782 Page 132 Mary Burrus. 1 slave Jude, 3 Horses, 8 Cattle.

1782 Page 132 Thomas Burrus-1 Free Male, 6 slaves, Duke, David, Betsy, Nan, Gilbert, Peter, James, Swany, Milley, and Ben, 8 Horses, 17 Cattle.

**1787 CENSUS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS:**

Burrus, Thomas 2-4-8-7-21

2 Males between ages of 16-21

4 Blacks above 16  
8 Blacks under 16  
7 Horses, Mares, Mules, or Colts  
21 Cattle

Burrus, Mary                    1-0-1-4-10, Not Tithable  
1 Male between ages of 16-21  
1 Black over 16  
4 Horses, Mares, Mules, or Colts  
10 Cattle

(Widow of Edmund Burrus. The Male 16-21 must be son William Burrus, born 1765-66, married Widow Littlepage. No other information.)

Burrus, Edmund, William M. Daniel paid tax. (Possibly Edmund, Jr.)

1780. Will of Edmund Burrus, left entire estate to wife Mary, unless she should remarry. Also six shillings to grandchildren Sarah and Mary Burrus, daughter of his son John. Children of Edmund and Mary: John, Nathaniel, Samuel, Edmund, William, Nancy Ann, Fanny Wisdom, Susan (Suckey), Rosanna, Elizabeth and Mary.

**Pamunkey Neighbors**, by Sam and Ruth Trickey Sparacio.

1. Nathaniel Burrus, born 1762, served in Virginia militia, has pension record. Will dated 15 Nov 1853, recorded in Harroldsborg, Kentucky. Married Mary (Molly) Therfeld.

2. Edmund Burrus, born 1764. Will dated 16 Oct 1860, Mercer County, Kentucky.

3. Page 88. Timothy Burrus and wife Martha to Reuben Daniel, 100 acres for 40 pds. (No record of any kind has been found about this Timothy Burrus. Probability: Tandy Burrus.)

4. 3 Nov 1777. Two identical petitions circulated. Signed by Thomas Burrus, Charles Smith, Leonard Davis, et al, requesting the House of Delegates to place taxes on all visable property, not just land, and that the land tax be in proportion to the value.

5. 1779. Samuel Brockman, adm. for the estate of John Burros, dec'd. Reported the inventory and sale to the court. Amount of estate, 203 pounds, 6 shillings, 7-3/4 pen. Expenses 116 pds., 15 shill., 4-1/4 pen. Twenty pds., 17 shill., 1 pen. to each legatee.

6. 1786. Thomas Burrus (Jr), Edmund Burrus, et al., signed a petition protesting the distribution of glebe surplus to the Episcopal Society as it was seen as public monies and a partial distinction had been made.



7. 23 Mar 1789. Thomas Burrus will probated this date, named wife Frances whole estate, then to be divided among children: Thomas, William Tandy, Roger, Morning, Fanny, Mildred, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, Frances Tandy, and grandchildren: Thomas son of Thomas, Dicey and Mary Perry and Elijah Perry. (Children of Mary and Lewis Perry.

**Will of Thomas Burrus:**

In the name of God, Amen -- I, Thomas Burrus, of the County of Orange and parish of St. Thomas, being sound in mind and memory -- I thank God for the same and do hereby certify this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

First, after I quit this mortal life I desire my body to be decently buried with ye solomnity at the discretion of my executors and after paying my just debts what then remains my will and desire is may be disposed of in the following manner.

I leave to my beloved wife Francis Burrus my estate, real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood and after her death to be divided amongst my children here after named --

I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Burrus five hundred acres of land in Kentucky (first choice) to him and his heirs, etc.

I also give and bequeath to my son Wm. Tandy Burrus five hundred acres of land in Kentucky (second choice) to him, his heirs, etc. as also one feather bed and furniture, etc.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Roger Burrus five hundred acres of land at Kentucky (thirld choice) to him and his heirs, etc. as also one feather bed, furniture, etc.

Also I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Burrus, son of Thomas Burrus, my negro boy Absalom to him and his heirs, etc.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Morning Burrus one negro woman named Nan and all her increase, but if this negro should die before my daughter shall be of age or marry, then there shall be a likely girl, not under the age of ten years old as replaced to her and her heirs, etc. and also one beast by the name of Jack and a saddle and one feather bed, furniture.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny Embrey one negro girl named Sukey and all her increase to her and her heirs, it being her part of the slaves. I intend also for her one feather bed and furniture, which said negro and bed is already delivered to her.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mildred Embry one negro boy named Ben to her and her heirs, this being already delivered. Also ten lbs. cash already delivered.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Brockman one negro boy named Duke, also one feather bed and furniture which said negro and bed is already delivered, also twenty lbs. cash to be raised out of my estate to be hers and her heirs, etc.



I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Tribble one negro girl named Agness and all her increase to her and her heirs already delivered, also one feather bed and furniture already delivered.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Quisenberry one negro girl named Dinah and all her increase, to her and her heirs, also one feather bed and furniture, also twenty lbs. cash which portion above mentioned is already delivered.

I give to my granddaughter Francis Quisenberry, the daughter Jane Quisenberry, one negro girl named Violet, to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Francis Tandy Bush one negro girl named Alice and all her increase, also one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs, which is already delivered to her.

I desire after my wife Francis Burrus death or widowhood that the negro boy Gilbert, now in possession of my son Thomas Burrus, may be returned to the balance of my estate and that there be nine of the choicest of my slaves then remaining be equally divided between my three sons, Thomas Burrus, William Tandy Burrus and Rog Burrus, to them and their heirs, etc. and if either of my sons should die under age or before they possess their part of my estate that their portion shall then be equally divided between those surviving. I also desire that the balance of my land at Kentucky, which is five hundred acres, be equally divided between my five daughters, Fanny Embry, Mildred Embry, Sally Tribble, Jane Quisenberry and Francis Tandy Bush to them and their heirs forever. To Morning Burrus the land where on I now live at the death of my wife Francis Burrus, to her and her heirs forever, also my will and desire is after the death or widowhood of my wife Francis Burrus that the balance of my negroes then remaining, with stock and household furniture of all kinds then remaining may be equally divided amongst my sons and daughters above named except one equal child's part of the last balance of negroes and household furniture and stock be equally divided amongst my two grand daughters and my grandson, Elijah Berry, Dicey Berry and Harry Berry to them and their heirs forever, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Francis Burrus executrix and Henry Tandy and Thomas Burrus executors of this my last will and testament as witness where of I have here to set my hand and seal this second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Thomas Burrus

Signed and sealed in the presence  
of us, Caleb Lindsay, Thomas Bell, James Daniel.

At a court held in Orange Co. on Monday the 23rd day of March, 1789, the last will and testament of Thomas Burrus being presented into court by Francis Burrus, Henry Tandy and Thomas Burrus, executors. There in named and proved by the oaths of Caleb Lindsay, Thomas Bell and James Daniel witnesses on motion of the

said executors who made oath according to said certificate is guaranteed them for obtaining probate thereof in due form where upon they with Joseph Duncan and William Tandy Burrus their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond for the same in the sum of ten thousand pounds current money.

Teste: James Taylor, C.O.C.

Pamunkey Neighbors, by Sam and Ruth Trickey Sparacio.

8. 23 Mar 1789, Page 496. John Alcock, Wm. Pollock, Isaac Graves and Caleb Lindsey ordered to appraise the estate of Thomas Burrus, decd. and make return to the next court. (Land in Virginia was given to daughter Morning who later married Thomas Graves, Jr., and 2,000 acres in Kentucky specified to individuals in the will.)

9. 23 Feb 1793, Clark County, Kentucky Deed Book 1, Page 2. William Burrus and wife Martha of Orange County, Virginia, to Joseph Duncan 500 acres in Clark County, Kentucky ... To Thomas Burrus, Jr., survey of 500 acres. Wit. Dillard Collis, Sally Collins, John Williams, Betsy Duncan.

10. 17 May 1800, Clark County, Kentucky, Book 4, Page 63. Whereas, Mr. Thomas Burrus decd, by his last will and testament of record in the County of Orange did lend to his wife Frances, his whole estate during her life or widowhood and the said Frances not having married again but being desirous to give up the different legatees their portion of the testator's estate, has consented to a division thereof upon terms consented to amongst them. Wit: Andrew Trimble, Obed Hancock, John Embree, Joseph Embree, Thomas Burrus.

11. 23 Jan 1801, Deed Book 22, Page 176. Louisa County, Virginia. Frances Burrus of the County of Louisa, wishing the legatees of the estate of my dec'd husband Thomas Burrus, to derive all possible benefit from the said estate, do hereby forever relinquish all claim or claims, right, title or interest or profit to or from the said estate ... Signed Frances Burrus. Wit: Thomas Bell, James Perry, Thomas Ellis.

12. 1800, Will Book 4, Page 122. Settlement of estate of Thomas Burrus, deceased, by Henry Tandy and Thomas Burrus. Distribution:  
To William Tandy Burrus 51 pounds, 12 sh, 11 p.

To Roger Burrus 51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.

To Roger Burrus for James Quisenberry 51 pounds, 12 sh., 11p.

To John Brockman 51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.

To Thomas Burrus 51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.

Thomas Burrus for Joseph Embry	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.
Thomas Burrus for John Embrey	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.
Thomas Burrus for ch of Molly Perry	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.
To William T. Bush for William Bush	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.
To Thomas Graves	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.
Due to Andrew Tribble; Legate	51 pounds, 12 sh., 11 p.

Returned November 24, 1800  
Recorded 28 January 1805.

### **Will of Frances Burrus**

In the name of God amen. I, Frances Burrus of the State of Kentucky and county of Christian, being in perfect senses, and not knowing when it shall please almighty God to call me hence -- do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First. I desire after my decease that my three sons, Thomas Burrus, William T. Burrus and Roger Burrus be paid by executors hereafter named, the sum of four hundred dollars to be equally divided between them if Frank (a Negro who is now run away) should not be got again before my decease.

Secondly. I desire the sum of twenty pounds current money be paid to my son-in-law Andrew Tribble, to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly. I desire that the balance of my money, which is sixty pounds, be equally divided between my two daughters Sally Tribble and Frances T. Bush to them and their heirs forever.

Fourthly. I give and bequest to my Grand daughter Sally Ellen Burrus, daughter of my son Roger Burrus, one feather bed & furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly. I give and bequest to Joseph Mills Burrus, the son of Nathaniel Burrus, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly. I appoint my friends William Tandy & Nathaniel Burrus my executors, of this my last will and testament, revoking all others.

In witness thereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen (1816),  
William Daniel

Anderson Preuitt  
Charles H. Mills

her  
Frances x Burrus  
mark

Christian County Court, January Term, 1817. The written will and testament of Frances Burrus, deceased, was produced in court and proven by the oaths of Charles Mills and William Daniel subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. In testimony whereof & the same together with this certificate are truly recorded in my office of said County Court, I have hereto set my hand.

Jno. Clark, Clk.

# **MARRIAGES**

	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>
	1. Sarah Ann Burrus (Daughter of Thomas and Frances)	ca 1768	Rev. Andrew Tribble
	2. Susannah Burrus (Daughter of Thomas and Sarah)	21 Jan 1776	Leonard Davis
	3. Mary Burrows (Daughter of Thomas & Frances; Son of Mary Burrus (Perry))	22 Feb 1776	Lewis Perry
ot	4. Jane Burrow (Daughter of Thomas and Frances; Son of Aaron and Joyce)	20 Feb 1777	James Quisenbury
s	5. Anne Burrus (Daughter of Edmund and Mary)	9 Feb 1778	John Atkins
ld	6. Frances Tandy Burrus (Daughter of Thomas and Frances)	9 Dec 1778	Capt. William Bush
be	7. Anne Burrus, widow (Widow of John Burrus, son of Edmund and Mary)	20 Nov 1780	William Linney
er.	8. Rosanna Burrus (Daughter of Edmund and Mary)	29 Sep 1787	Wisdon Rucker
ixty	9. Catey Rucker (Samuel Burrus, son of Edmund and Mary)	24 Oct 1788	Samuel Burrus
e	10. Suckey Burrus (Susan) (Daughter of Edmund and Mary)	8 Dec 1789	John Motherhead
len	11. Morning Burrus (Daughter of Thomas and Frances)	5 Feb 1791	Thomas Graves Jr
n of	12. Elizabeth Burrus (Daughter of Edmund and Mary)	1791 or 1797	Robert Pendleton
airs	13. Martha Slaughter (William Tandy Burrus, son of Thomas and Frances)	24 May 1792	William Tandy Burrus
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A deed from Haley Talley to Wm. Burris proven and ordered recorded.

March Court 1802, A deed from Geo Poor Jr. to Hugh Poor proven and ordered recorded.

April Court 1802, A deed from James Armstrong to Jacob McCraw proven and ordered recorded.

July Court 1802, A deed from Hugh Poor to Gabriel Penn Acknowledged and ordered recorded.

September Court 1802, Ordered that the overseer of the poor of this county take unto their care Abner Boundrant who was formerly bound unto Hugh Poore, he being about to remove out of this state and that they so bind out the said Abner Boundrant unto some other person that they may think proper according to law.

October court 1802, A deed of bargain and sale from Charles Burris to John Armstrong proven by one witness and ordered recorded. (Must be son of Martin Burris.

February Court 1803, A deed from Charles Burris to John Armstrong proven and ordered recorded.

February Court 1803, A deed from Gabriel Penn to George Poore Jr. acknowledged and ordered recorded.

March and April court 1803, A deed from George Poore (Jr.)? to William Burris proven by one witness and ordered recorded. (George Poore is the father of Martha Poore who married William Burris.

April Court 1803, A deed from Jacob McCraw to Wm McMillen proven by one witness.

June and July Court 1803, A deed George Poor (Jr.?) to Wm. Burris (fur\*) proven and ordered recorded.

(The word after Wm Burris is not clear appears to be an abbreviation.)-(CEW).

October Court 1803, Haynes vs William Burris Jr. by order of the plaintiff.

Haynes vs Jacob McCraw to William M. Million further proven and recorded.

February Court 1804, McCraw vs Boyd dismissed by the order of the plaintiff.

A deed from Wm Burris and George Poore to Noah Parr Acknowledged and ordered recorded. William Burris Sun-in-law of George Poore.

July Court 1804, William Burris is allowed two days attendance for Allen vs Johnson.

October 1804 Court, William Burris Jr. is allowed one day attend for Allen vs Johnson.

January Court 1805, \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson , Isaac Johnson and Lucy each appear to their recognizance and they together with Jabez Johnson and Jeremiah Jadwen their securities the principle in the sum of \$100.00 each and their securities each in the sum of \$50.00 and acknowledged themselves indebted to the Governor of this Commonwealth to be levied on their respective goods and chattels lands and tenements on condition that do not be of good behavior toward the citizens of this Commonwealth and especially toward William Burriss for twelve months and one day.

Jan Court 1805, William Burriss is bound to the peace for 12 months and 1 day in the sum of \$100.00. Abram Penn, Wm. Adams, and Thomas Ayres his securities \_\_\_\_\_ in the sum of \$50.00 to be complied with and Performed in every case according to law.

July 1805, Commonwealth vs Wm. Burress Jr. Judgement for \$0.83 (Costs)

July 1805 Burress Jn or Jr. vs Johnson Dismissed agreed each party paying an equal proportion of cost.

October 1805, Jacob McGraw vs Wm. Burress on an attachment ordered at the P\_\_ Court

December Court 1805, Stephen Poor is appointed surveyor of the road from Mary Hughes to below Samuel Corns.

January Court 1807, William McCraw vs William Bucknel on a \_\_\_\_ Judgement.

April Court 1807, William McCraw vs Thomas Ayres Jr. Judgement according to specialty and cost.

July 1807 Deed from Wm. Burress to Charles Stewart proven and ordered recorded.

October Court 1807, George Burriss (assee?) vs James Dearman and Robert Adams Judgement. (This George Burris is the son of Michael Burris from Culpepper County, VA.)-(JWB)



April court 1808, A deed from John Hughes to John and George Burriss, James Salmon, James Roberts, Abraham Frazer, and Benjamin Steward the same. (John and George Burris sons of Michael Burris.)

February Term 1825, \_\_ Joseph Boyd and James Boyd and James Mankin are each bound to keep the peace for and during the term of one year, commencing on this day toward all of the citizens of this commonwealth and especially toward Holland Johnson and they respectively here in Court acknowledged their \_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_ . The said Joseph Boyd the sum of \$50.00 and his security Samuel Hamby \_\_\_\_ the sum of \$50.00 and the said James Boyd and James Mankin each the sum of \$25.00 and Burris Ahart security for James Boyd the sum of \$25.00 and Joshua Robert s security for James Mankin the sum of \$25.00 to be levied of their \_\_\_\_ . document continues but unable to read.

Burris Ahart is allowed 2 days attendance as a witness for the Commonwealth vs Boyd and Mankin.

March Term 1825, George Burrus is allowed 2 days attendance and traveling 20 miles as a witness for Sprouse vs Fulkerson.

John Burrus is allowed 2 days attendance and traveling 20 miles as a witness for Fulkerson vs Sprouse.

June Term 1825, Ordered that the road leading from the Carolina line to the Grayson Line at the top of the mountain, commonly called the Volunteer gap be divided into two precincts, one from the Carolina line to the road leading from Moore's old store to Ward's Gap and the other from where that said road leaves the Gap road to the top of the mountain. William East be continued as Overseer of the first precinct and Josiah Hiatt be appointed Overseer of the second precinct and that Hardin H. Moore, Martin Cloud, Jacob Gregg, Josiah Smith and Adam Ahart them or any three of them do collect and divide the hands between the road leading from Moore's old store to Ward's Gap and the two precincts above mentioned so that each road may have sufficient and equal proportions of the hands.

August term 1825, Burris Aheart is allowed two days attendance as a witness for Johnson vs Berg. (May be Boyd)

May term 1826, A deed from John Bolt and Cali Bolt to Burris Aheart \_\_\_\_ the certificate \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ was exhibited in Court examined and ordered to be recorded.

June Term 1826, Burris Ahart is allowed one days attendance as a witness for Johnson against J. Mankin and Boyd.

Elisha Edwards is allowed one days attendance as a witness for Holland Johnson vs Boyd.



August Term 1826, Burris Aheart is allowed one days attendance as a witness for Hiatt vs Berg.

May term 1827, A deed from Burrus Ahart and wife to Adam Ahart proved by two witness and ordered to be certified.

August Term 1827, John Burris ia allowed one days attendance and \_\_\_\_\_ traveling twenty miles as a witness for Thomas Staples ads Commonwealth.

March term 1829, George Burrus Jury duty  
Hereford vs Burrus dismissed by order of the plaintiff

April Term 1830, C. Pearce, J. W. Hylton, George Burrus and Jacob Moreman or any of the three of them are hereby appointed Commissioners to appraise the estate of Samuel Corn decd.

End of tape June Term 1831-(CEW).

**LDS IGI FILE**

Michael Ahart, was born 1744 Culpeper County VA. wife Katherine

Michael Burriss married Violetta Uale about 1764 in Culpeper County VA. and had a son William born about 1765.(LDS Files)

Michael Burris married Violet Vale had son William Burris born about 1765.(LDS Files)

(LDS-IGI Files, are not considered documents. We have not found the original records to verify this data submitted to LDS-JWB).

Supplement to 1810 Virginia Census Patrick County  
Edwards, Elisha 1 White Tithable

No Burris or McCraw

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST

LDS Film 1870193 item # 2

Personal Property Tax List of Patrick county Virginia 1791-1823  
1791 TAKEN BY EDWARD TATUM

These taxpayers are grouped by surname  
(All A's in one group but not in alphabetical order,CEW).

Column # 1 Free Tithables over 16 years

Column # 2 Blacks over 16 years

Column # 3 Blacks 12-16 years

Column # 4 Horses, Colts and Mules

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Date							
April 2	George Poore Jun	1	1	0	5		
May 22	George Poore Sen	1	0	0	4		

1792

April 2	William Burriss	1	0	0	2		
April 12	Charles Burriss	1	0	0	0		
April 9	George Poore Jun	1	1	0	5		
June 28	George Poore Sen	2	0	0	4		

(This must be the William Burriss who married Martha Poore-(JWB).

1793

June 15	William Burriss	1	0	0	2		
July 2	Charles Burriss	1	0	0	1		
July 3	Johns Jones	3	0	0	1	(schoolmaster)	
June 8	George Poore Jun	1	1	0	7		
June 14	George Poore Sen	2	0	0	5		

(This must be the William Burriss who married Martha Poore.

1794

April ?	Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1		
May ?	Micharl Ahart	1	0	0	2		
May 22	William Burriss	1	0	0	2		
July 14	Charles Burriss	1	0	0	1		
July 14	John Burriss	1	0	0			
no date	George Poore Jun	1	1	0	7		
no date	George Poore Sen	2	0	0	5		

(This must be the William Burriss who married Martha Poore.

(This is the first time the name Ahart is found. Son. Burriss Ahart must have a mother whose name was Burriss. Ahart from Culpepper County Virginia, Michael Burriss from Culpepper County Virginia.

Michael Ahart, Bondsman for Charles Burrus and Susannah Ballard Marriage 23 Oct. 1786 in Albemarle County, VA. Susannah had a sister, Nancy who married Jacob Ahart 21 Dec. 1773 in Orange County, VA.)-(Shirley Hunt)

1795

April 23	Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1		
	Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1		
May 15	John Burress	1	0	0	1		
June 11	Charles Burress	1	0	0	1		
July 2	William Burress	1	0	0	3		
July 1	George Poore Sen	2	0	0	6		
July 3	George Poore Jun	1	1	0	6		

1796

June 21	Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1		
June 21	Wm Burress	1	0	0	3		

June 22	Charles Burress	1	0	0	2
May 30	George Poore	2	0	0	4

1797

July 14	Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1
Mar 16	Charles Burrus	1	0	0	2
no date	William Burrus	1	0	0	3
" "	Charles Burrus	1	0	0	1
" "	George Poore Sen	2	0	0	2

1798

Column # 5 Amount of taxes

May 19	Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1	.09
July 21	Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1	.09
May 25	Charles Burress	1	0	0	3	.27
July 21	William Burress	1	0	0	1	.09 (a)
July 21	Drury Bondurant	1	0	0	1	.09 (b)
June 21	George Poore Jun	2	1	1	6	.92
June 17	Hugh Poor	2	0	0	3	.27

(a) Following the name William Burress (Big Dan)  
(Using a note-Big Dan-was used to identify where he lived, Big Dan River.)-(JWB)

(b) (This appears to be the same Drury Bondurant who died in Jackson county Ohio.)-(CEW)

1799 Taken by John Dalton

no dates

Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
George Poor Jun	2	1	1	7	1.28
George Poor Sen	1	0	0	3	.36

no Burriss listed

1800 Taken by Granville Penn

Michael Ahart	1	0	0	2	.24
Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
Charles Burrus	1	0	0	2	.24
William Burress	1	0	0	0	0
George Poore Jun	2	1	1	5	1.16
Hugh Poor	2	0	0	4	.48

1801

Adam Ahart	1	0	2		.24
Michael Ahart	1	0	0	2	.24
William Burress	1	0	0	1	.12
Charles Burrus	1	0	0	2	.24
George Poore Jun	3	1	1	6	1.46
George Poore Sen	2	0	0	2	.24

Noah Parr	1	0	0	1	3.12
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1802

Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
Adam Ahart	1	0	0	2	.24
Lewis Burrass	1	0	0	1	.12
Charles Burrass	1	0	0	2	.24
George Poore Sen	1	0	0	3	.36
Noah Parr	1	0	0	1	3.12
George Poore Jun	3	1	1	5	1.46

(William Burris, Martha Poore may be living in Stokes County, North Carolina at this time. William Burris Jr. obituary states that he was born 15 Aug 1802 in Stokes County, N.C.)-(JWB)

1803 Taken by John Hughes

Michael Ayhart	1	0	0	2	.24
Adam Ayhart	1	0	0	2	.24
Lewis Burris	1	0	0	1	.12
John Burris	1	0	0	0	
William Burris m Burris?)	1	0	0	4	.48 (m after
Stots Burris	1	0	0	0	
William Burris Srh	1	0	0	1	.12 (Senior?)
William Burris Jrh	1	0	0	1	.12 (Junior?)
Charles Burris	1	0	0	1	.12
Lewis Burris	1	0	0	1	.12

(This William Burris m must be the one who married Martha Poore-(JWB).

1804

Michael Ahart	1	0	0	3
Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1
Lewis Burrus	1	0	0	1
William Burrus	1	0	0	1
Charles Burrus	1	0	0	1
Michael Burrus	1	0	0	1
John Burrus	1	0	0	0
George Burrus	1	0	0	1
George Poore	1	0	0	4

(William Burris bought land in Gallia County, Ohio in 1804. Not sure when he moved his family to Gallia County. This may be the William Burris who married Martha Poore.)-(JWB)

(This is the first time Michael Burrus is found in Patrick County. His pension application states that he was born in Richmond County but lived in Culpepper County, Virginia Son John gave information that he was born in Culpepper County. John married Delby Thomas, 8 Apr 1809 and moved to Howard County, Missouri about 1834. Son George married Elizabeth Taylor 3 Feb 1805 and moved to Jackson County, Missouri about 1834. Another son of Michael and Letty,

Thomas, born in Richmond County, lived in Madison County, Kentucky. He married Mary M. Mills and moved to Howard County Missouri about 1834. There may be a daughter who married Adan or Michael Ahart and had son Burris Ahart.)-(JWB)

1805

Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1
Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1
George Burriss	1	0	0	0
John Burriss	1	0	0	0
William Burriss	1	0	0	0
Stephen Poor	1	0	0	1

(William Burris and Martha Poore, owned land in Gallia County, Ohio by this time, Not sure when they moved.)-(JWB)

1806

Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1
Michael Ahart	1	0	0	3

1807 Taken by William Banks

Adam Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
Michael Ahart	1	0	0	1	.12
William Burras Sr.	1	0	0	1	.12
Stephen Poore	1	0	0	2	.24

No Records for 1808

1809

Adam Ahart	1	0	0	2	.24
Michael Ahart	1	0	0	2	.24
William Burruss	0	0	0	2	.24
Stephen Poore	1	0	0	3	.36

1810

Stephen Poore	1	0	0	4	.48
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1811

John Burruss	1	0	0	2	.24
Stephen Poore	1	0	0	3	.36

1812

John Burrass	1	0	0	1	.12
Stephen Poore	1	0	0	3	.36

1813

John Burrous	1	0	0	1	.16
Stephen Poore	1	0	0	2	.32

1814

John Burrress	1	0	0	1	.21
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ky. out t	Stephen Poore	2	0	0	3	.63
	1815					
	Stephen Poore	2 white males over 16 years				
		1 Horse 10 head of cattle				
		1 Chest of Drawers wit desk				.53
	1816					
	Column #1 White Tithables over 16					
	Colmun #2 Slaves					
	Colmun #3 Horses, Mules					
	Colmun #4 amount of tax					
io	Adam Ahart	3	0	3		.54
	Michael Ahart	0	0	1		.18
	Stephen Poore	1	0	1		.18
	1817					
	Adam Ahart	3	0	3		.54
	Michael Ahart	0	0	1		.18
	Stephen Poore	1	0	1		.18
	1818					
	Michael Ahart	0	0	1		.18
	Adam Ahart	3	0	3		.54
	Stephen Poore	1	0	1		.18
	1819					
	Burris Ahart	1	0	1		.18
	Jacob Ahart	1	0	1		.18
	Adam Ahart	2	0	3		.36
	Stephen Poore	1	0	1		.18
	(Burris Ahart would be born about 1798-JWB).					
	1820					
	Colmun #1 White tithables					
	Colmun #2 Blacks under 16 Years					
	Colmun #3 Blacks over 16 Years					
	Colmun #4 Horses Mules Catle					
	Colmun #5 amount of Tax					
	Jacob Ahart	1	0	1	2	1.06
	Adam Ahart	3	0	0	2	.36
	Burress Ahart	1	0	0	1	.18
	Stephen Poore	1	0	0	1	.18
	1821					
	Colmun #1 Blacks over 12					
	Colmun #2 Horses Mules Cattle					

Colmun #3 Amount of Tax

Adam Ahart	0	4	.54
Mikel Ahart	0	1	.13 1/2
Jacob Ahart	1	2	.80
Stephen Poore	0	1	.13 1/2

1822

Adam Ahart	0	4	.54
Jacob Ahart	1	1	.66 1/2
Burrass Ahart	0	1	.13 1/2
Stephen Poore	0	1	.13 1/2

1823

Adam Ahart	0	5	.66
Elizabeth Ahart	1	1	.59
Stephen Poore	0	1	.12

END OF TAPE-(CEW)

**COURT RECORDS**

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Conclusions

Court Record 1 & 2, If we assume that Samuel Corn lived at the same location from 1805 to 1830 this indicates that Stephen Poor and George Burrus probably live near each other.

Court record 3, Adam Ahart probably lived in the extreme southwest part of Patrick County.

Court Record 4, The name Burrus (sometime it is spelled Burris) Ahart suggests that his mother may have been a Burrus.

Court Record 5, Elisha Edwards is allowed one days attendance as a witness for Holland Johnson vs Berg or Boyd.

On the 1810 census of Grayson County four Edwards families are next to William Burrus. Elijha Edwards was listed as buying four items at the estate sale of William Burris in Grayson County. Is Elisha/Elijah Edwards a neighbor or relative? perhaps son-in-law.

#### **COURT MINUTES, LDS film 0033346**

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End of tape June Term 1831-CEW).

#### **PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Prince George County, Virginia, was formed 1702-3 from Charles City. The county seat is Prince George 23875.

5 Jan 1717. **Tylers Quarterly Magazine.** Thos. Burrows witnessed the will of John Lanier. Proved 4 April 1719.

15 Jul 1717. William Rives transported Isabell Burrows and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.



3. 15 Jul 1717. William Caleb transported Phillip Burrough and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

#### VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS

4. 9 Jul 1724. Book 12, Page 73. John Borough 200 acres, new land on south side of the Otterdam Branch or Swamp.

5. 16 Jun 1738, Book 18, Page 18. Thomas Burrow 350 acres for 35 shillings at the head of Pond's River Richardson's line.

6. 30 Aug 1743, Book 21, Page 463. John Burrough, 250 acres for 25 shillings, Head branches of Harry's Swamp, adjoining Thomas Wilkinsons and Joseph Tucker.

7. 1 Aug 1745, Book 23, Page 986. William Burrow paid 40 shillings for 375 acres, located on the south side of main Cattail Run.

5. 5 May 1738. **Virginia Historical Magazine**. At council held at the Capitol, John Burrow 800 acres, beginning Col. Robert Mundford, decd, to Harry's SW. To line dividing Surry and Prince George County, line of Thomas Hunt, Thomas Stroud, Joseph Tucker, Daniel Tucker, thence to said John Burrows Line.

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Prince William County, Virginia, was formed 1731 from Stafford and King George Counties. The county seat is Manassas 22192.

1. **Virginia Historical Magazine**, Volume 1, Page 45. George Nevill and his wife Ann Burroughs mentioned.

2. 5 Sep 1786. **County Court Records**. Bonds of Prince William County. Volume 1, Page 45. John Burroughs; Mary Burroughs, Exec., John Hammitt and Philip Spitter, Sec

Order Book Abstracts of Prince William Country, Virginia (1753 - 1757), edited & published by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1988.

3. 24 Sep 1754, Book 1754-1755/142. "John Barrow Plaintiff William Kesterson Defendant On Petition It is considered that said Plaintiff ought to recover against said Defendant ...". 46. - (WHBIII).

Prince William County, VA Bond Book, 1753 - 1782, abstracted by June Whitehurst Johnson, Fairfax, VA, 1982.

4. 4 Apr 1782, Book. "John Burrough dec.; Mary Burrough Adm; Moses Jeffries & John Hodges/Hedges. Nov. 4, 1782". p. 8.-(WHBIII).

## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Seventh Edition of the Handy Book for Genealogists states that Old Rappahannock was abolished in 1692. The county seat was Lancaster. The present Rappahannock County, Virginia, was formed in 1833 from Culpeper County and the county seat is Washington 22747.

1. 7 Mar 1658, Book 4, Page 374. Rappahannock County (Must be Old Rappahannock County. John Barrows granted 200 acres of land in the county of Rappahannock. Formerly patented to Richard Colman, now deserted, for the transportation of four persons, not named. (This land assigned to John Paine 11 Feb 1663).
2. 6 Oct 1658, Book 4, Page 374. John Barrow granted 450 acres, 347 acres formerly granted to Col. Henry. Transportation of 9 persons. (22 Jun 1664. Book 5, Page 375. The above land was sold to Wm. Mosse.)
3. 23 Mar 1659, Book 4, Page 290. 737 acres patented to John Barrow located on the freshes of Rappahannock River on South side of Occapason Creek. (10 Dec 1663. Book 5, Page 311. Sold the above land to Jno. Johnson.
4. 8 May 1674. Geo. Morrise transported Nich. Burras and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.
5. 21 Oct 1684. William Young transported Lewis Burrow and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

### **IDS Film 0029320**

13 Nov 1662, Book 4, Page 167, (108), (605). John Burros patented 943 acres. 643 acres on westside of a gutt and running on the northwest side of Colemans thickett, 300 acres being marsh land and lying before said tract. (First patented to Walter Dickenson 6 Sep 1654, and sold to Alexander Fleming, who assigned 600 acres to said Barrow. Due for the transportation of 6 persons, Edward Gooch, Mary Powell, Ann Williams, Tho. Carew, Jno. Martin, and Edward Fouch.)

7. 24 Mar 1665, Book 4, Page 392. John Barrow granted 737 acres on the freshes of Rappahannock River on the south side of Corotoman Creek, transportation of 15 persons.

### **IDS Film #0029508:**

8. 14 Mar 1662, Book 6, Page 326. John Barrow received 1,500 acres on the Freshes and on South side of Rappahannock River. Adj.

the land of Thos. Luceas and Clement Herbest. Granted to Henry Berry and assigned to said Barrow 14 Mar 1662, and confirmed to him by order 23 Mar 1665. (21 Oct 1687. Book 7, Page 599. The above 1,500 acres was sold first to George Jones and last to Ralph Wormelly.)

9. 25 Sep 1665, Book 5, Page 468 (407). 600 acres patented to John Burrow on the freshes of Rappahannock River on southwest side of Powmansend Creek. Transportation of 12 persons. Ann Burrow and others. (Is Ann Burrow a relative, wife, or ?).

#### **OLD RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Formed into Richmond and Essex counties in 1692.  
Records found in Essex County, LDS Film 0033447, 0033448, 0033439.

1. 6 Feb 1660, Book 2 Page 176. John Barrow from Alexander Fleming, land deed.
2. 26 Dec 1661, Book 2 Page 268. John Barrow from Alexander Fleming, land Deed.
3. 23 Jan 1661, Book 2 Page 228. John Burrow from John Johnson, Assign land transaction.
4. 3 Oct 1661, Book 2, Page 268. John Barrow from Alexander Fleming, Deed.
5. 26 Dec 1661, Book 2 Page 267. John Barrow to Alexander Fleming, release of land Deed.
6. 1 Jul 1662, Page 256. John Barrow to John Payne assign land transaction.
7. 3 Nov 1662, Book 2 Page 266. John Barrow from Alexander Fleming, Deed.
8. 14 Mar 1662, Book 4 Page 79. John Barrow, from Henry Berry, Deed.
9. 24 Jan 1662, Book 2 Page 309. John Barrow gave one acre for Church and burying ground.
10. 5 Jan 1663, Book 2 Page 323. Michael Barron, from Frances Wilton 400 acres of land.
11. 12 Dec 1668, Book 4 Page 78. John Barrow to Henry Berry, Deed.
12. 4 Feb 1669, Book 4 Page 318. John Barrow from Thos. Freshwater, Seems to be a gift deed.

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13. 8 Jan 1673, Book 5 Page 161. John Barrow with the consent of my wife Mary, for a valuable consideration sold land to John Parnell. Signed John B. Barrow and Mary W. Barrow.

14. 8 Jan 1673 Book 5 Page 161. Mary Barrow signed release of dower for sale to John Parnell.

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and  
15. 18 Oct 1679, Book 6 Page 98. John Barrow sold to Rodger Richardson tract of land.

39. 16. 6 Jan 1679, Book 6 Page 98. I Mary Barrow do confirm and appoint my loving friend. Richard Bray my lawful attorney and acknowledge my right of a parcel of land sold by my husband John Barrow to Rodger Richardson. Signed right of dower. Mary W. Barrow.

17. 3 Feb 1684, Book 6 Page 47. Will of John Barrow recorded. Wife Mary, Children named Daughters Cecily and Honer. Sons Alexander, Moses, Jonothan.

n,  
18. 6 May 1685, It appears that Mary Barrow, widow of John Barrow married Dr. Moses Hubbard-(JWB)

19. (These records from Old Rappahannock were found in Essex County Virginia. The land appears to be located in Richmond County. On 6 Dec 1692 Moses Burrus sold land that formerly belonged to John Barrow and where John Barrow lived. This was in Richmond County. See Richmond County Land Records.)-(JWB)

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20. 27 Apr 1677, Deed and Will Book Page 127. John Barrow in consideration of a marriage between Peter Foxson and Mary Barrow my eldest daughter. (No mention of what he gave in consideration)

21. 3 Feb 1684-85, Page 93. I John Barrow doe make this my last will and testament. I bequeath to my son, Jonathan. I bequeath to my son Alexander Barrow: I bequeath to my son Moses. I bequeath to my two daughters Honor and Cicely Barrow: My loving wife Mary Barrow (No mention of what he did bequeath)

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**RICHMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Richmond County, Virginia, was formed 1692 from Old Rappahannock. The county seat is Warsaw 22572.

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1635. (There is a record of arrival in America of a Matthew Burrows  
1635, Mathew Burrow 1639, Matthew Burrus 1642, and Matthew Burrowes  
1656. All indentured. This could be one and the same and possibly  
the Matthew Burrowes in Richmond County).

## COUNTY RECORDS

1. 1 June 1698, Matthews Burrowes, Admn. his estate with will annexed to Patience Burrowes his widow.

2. Apr 1716, Deed Book 6, Page 257. Benjamine Burras married Catherine Bragg, daughter of John Bragg. (Twelve documents were found concerning this Benjamine Burras. He died 1779\80).

3. 4 Nov 1718. **Court Records**, Mary Burress, wife of Mathen Burress, aged about 38 (dispoeth and saith) as foregoing ... disposition, sworn by Mary Burroes.

4. 3 Sep 1723. **Spotsylvania County, Virginia**. Ann Burrow, widow of Edward Burrow, late of the county of Richmond, Gentl., and Edward Barrow, son and heir of the said Edward, sold to Hon. Alexander Spotswood of Germanna, Spotsylvania County, 177 acres and 46 perches of land in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, at or near the mines.

5. 19 Oct 1732, **Will Book 5**. Edward Barrow's children were John, Margaret and Elizabeth. (Must be Edward, Jr.)

6. **LDS Film 0033677**, Richmond County, Virginia, 1767-1787, 19 Oct 1732, Page \_\_\_\_, Book # 5. Edw. Barrow, will, son, John Barrow, dau, Margaret Barrow, dau, Elizabeth Barrow.

7. Benjamine Burras married Catherine Bragg, daughter of John Bragg.

8. Apr 1716, Book 6, Page 257. Joseph Bragg, Jr., and Mary Suttle, License.

9. **Chancery Records**. Elizabeth Bruce, widow, vs John Bragg and others, instigated in 1765, which probably relates to the contracting parties. The suit papers say Joseph Bragg died testate in 1747 (Will Book 5, Page 525) leaving twelve children by two wives. His widow Elizabeth Bragg died in 1757. By his unnamed first wife he had issue: (1) Joseph; (2) Thomas; (3) Mary, married by 1758 Gaton Settle of Prince William County; (4) Catherine, married Benjamine Burras; and (5) Elizabeth, married Mr. Bruce and now (1765) a widow. She is the complainant in his cause.

By his second wife, Elizabeth, who survived her husband by about ten years, Joseph Bragg, Sr., had issue: (6) William; (7) John; (8) Benjamin; (9) Moore; (10) Newman; (11) Joseph, Jr.; and (12) Reuben Bragg. The following persons who state their approximate age made depositions in this cause on 25 Jul 1764: John Edison, age 47 and upwards; Henry Sisson, age 54 and upwards; John Redman, age 36 and upwards.

10. **Index to Wills, 1699-1950, 19 Jun 1779, LDS Film 0033737, 19 Jan 1799, Book 7, Page 375.** Benjamine Burrass to his wife and children. Parish of Lunenburg, County of Richmond, Virginia, son Josiah Burris, 5 shillings. Residue of estate to wife Elizabeth for smaller children. Youngest son Benjamin to be well educated. Four children, Josiah, Eliz. A., Anna and Benjamin. Exec: George Newman and James Davidson. Recorded 5 Feb 1781.

**ORDER BOOK NOS. 15 AND 16, 1761-1769**

1. Page 70. Benj. Burras vs Tarpley Bragg, continued for garnishee.
2. Page 137. George Burrass, Plaintiff, vs William Sutton, Defendant. Dismissed being agreed to by the parties.
3. Page 244. Benjamin Burrass, Plaintiff, vs Frances Yates, Defendant. Abaited by death of defendant.
4. On the motion of Benj. Burrass to wit: for Pierce Mosingo, defendant. It is ordered the said plaintiff pay him 175 pounds of (tobacco) for seven days attendance at this court, according to law.
5. 7 Jul 1766, Page 162. On the motion that Benj Burrass who made oath according to law a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration in the estate of George Burras, decd. Giving the security whereupon the said Benj together with ... his security enters into and acknowledges this bond for him the said Benjamin their just adm. of the said decd estate.
6. 7 Jul 1766, Page 163. Moore Bragg, Jesse Thonton, John Edison, and Samuel Eskingo or any three of them are appointed to appraise on oath in current money the slaves if any and personal estate of George Burrass decd. that shall be presented to their view of return on inventory therefor to the next court.

**ORDER BOOK NO. 17, 1769-1773**

7. 3 Jul 1766, Page 2. Griffin Jones his petition against Benjamin Burrass for one pound, ten shillings, and two pence by account is dismissed.
8. 7 Aug 1769, Page 24. On the motion of (Jofias) Burrass a Wit. for Benjamin Burrass defendant, at the suit of Griffin Jones Plaintiff. It is ordered that the said defendant pay him One Hundred pounds of tobacco for four days attendance at this court according to law.

9. Thomas Gett, Gent. vs Benjamin Burrass trespass on the case damage.

10. Page 206. John Redman vs Benjamin Burrass By consent of parties all matters in difference between them are referred to the determination of Jam. Gordon, Richard Barnes, and Jn. Erofan or any 2 of them to settle and their report thereupon is to be made the judgment of the court and the same is ordered.

11. Jun 1771, Page 286. John Redman Plaintiff vs Benjamine Burrass Defendant the parties having mutually submitted all matters in the difference between them to the determination of John Gordon and Richard Barnes Gent., agreed that their award thereupon should be made the judgment of this court, the said John Gordon and Richard Barnes Gent. having this day returned their words to wit: "On hearing the Parties within mentioned we are of the opinion that Benjamin Burrass is indebted to John Redman one pound, sixteen shillings and two pence."

12. 4 Jun 1771, Page 287. In consideration whereof it is ordered by the court that the plaintiff, John Redman, recover against the defendant, Benjamin Burrass, the aforesaid sum of one pound, sixteen shillings and two pence, together with his cost by him in his behalf expended ... the said defendant in Mercy ... . (Very hard to read.)-(JWB)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

1. Michael Burrows (Burrus) applied for Revolutionary War pension 6 Aug 1834 in Howard County. Missouri. Stated he was born in Richmond County, Virginia, in 1751 and that he was living in Culpeper County, Virginia, when he was called into service and after. His claim was refused as he did not serve six months. (Pension Records, National Archives Bldg., Washington, D. C., R #1504.)-(JWB)

2. Michael Burrus had a son Thomas Burrus, born 1774 in Richmond County, Virginia. He married Mary A. Mills and had four children: James Madison, Thomas Pendleton, Davenport, and Purlina. The family moved to Madison County, Kentucky, then about 1812-15, to Howard County, Missouri. A large family found in Howard County.

**Land Records,** LDS Film 0033689-0033690.

1. Dec 4 1692, Book 1 Page 42. Moses Burrus to Nicholas Smith, 200 acres, tree to tree survey. Owned in fee simeple by Moses Burrus. 500 pounds of Tobacco.



2. 6 Dec 1692, Book 1 Page 51. Moses Burrus and Wife, Land on North Rappahannock River, leased to Rich Jardise for one ear o corn paid annually for 99 years 5,000 pounds of Tobacco mentioned, formerly belonged to John Burros, and where John Burros lived. 100 acres to Rich Jarise of Essex County.

3. 5 Jan 1706, Book 4 Page 122-123. A, William Parraip, Parish of Lillonburne to Edward Burrow 300 Acres for 15,000 pounds of tobacco, Near Rappahannock River.

4. 11 Jun 1710, Book 5 Page 218. Edward Burrow, William Taylor and William Warnbridg, 1000 Pounds sterling, Payment to the Sovereign Lady Queen Anne. (Unable to read or understand this document.)-(JWB)

5. 8 Jun 1710, Book 5 Page 219. Edward Barrow, bond to Col. William Taylor. 2000 Pounds Sterling, settlement of an estate.

6. 4 Jul 1711, Book 5 Page 336. Edward Burrow, John Tarpley and Charles Bonham, 1000 Part Payment. The condition of this obligation is that Edward Burrow is Confirmation Sheriff of Said County.

7. 4 Jul 1711, Book 5 Page 335. Edward Burrow, John Tarpley, Charles Barder, Recorded as bond to Queen Ann. (Hard to read and not sure what this means.)-(JWB)

8. 4 Apr 1713, Book 6 Page 134. Edward Burrow Deed of gift to his children, Ann, Margaret, Edward. Two slaves each.

9. 5 Aug 1713, Book 6 Page 161. Edward Burros, Deed of gift to his children, Ann, Margaret, Edward, several slaves to each.

10. 6 May 1714, Book 6 Page 238. John Martin to Edward Burrow, Lillonburne Parish 248 Acres for 5 thousnds pounds sterling , Patented to John Martin Sr. 6 Jan 1663. John X Martin.

11. 11 May 1714, Book 6 Page 238. John Martin to Edward Burrow, Lillonburne Parish, 248 Acres for 15,000 pounds of tobacco.

12. 1730, Page 37 Account Book 1. LDS Film 0033679. Estate of William Bailey. Paid to Edward Burrow for attorney fees and advice, three Pounds.

13. 1 May 1732, Book 8 Page 592. Edward Williams and Edward Burrow, 5 Shillings paid by William Hutton 80 Acres, Signed by Williams and Edward Burrow.

14. 2 Mar 1733, Book 8 Page 683. John Burross, County of Richmond, Lillonburne Parish, to Thomas Balkfald for 500 pounds of tobacco,



land to erect a mill, called Burosen Run. Signed John (III) Burross,  
Wit. Matt B. Burross and Thos (X) Burross.

15. 5 Apr MDCCXXXIII (1733) Page 95-96. Richmond County Virginia,  
Account Book 1. LDS Film 0033679

The Estate of Edward Burrow

	(Pounds, Shillings, Pence)	
1. To Mr. Battorand, as per Account.	5.50	
2. To James Athins, as per Account.	57.6	3. To
Dort Boldfield as Per Account.	2.5	
3. To Dor Parker as per Account.	50.	
4. To Will Mortin as per D.	5.6	
5. To Baldwin Mathos as per D.	8.0.9	
6. To Mathow Holly	8.5	
7. To Elizabeth Dozier as per Amot.	8.9	
8. To John Kelley	3.0	
9. To Edward Bardall	2.5	
10 To Gullarns, Cash Amount	8.0.5 1/2	
11. To The woman who look't after you	.50	
12. To Cash for your coffin.	.50	

	(Tobacco)
13. To Mr. Jordon As per Account	55.38
14. To John Looard, Shoe maker	2.27
15. To Capt Mountioy, by Judgement	1.45
16. To Mr Borkwith, for Clerk Assn.	4.55
17. To Howton as per Arrot.	.05
18. To Luke Miller, Shor, Account	2.75
19. To Thom Tompleman, as Account	50.00
20. To Edw. Tomlinson, as Account	.50
21. To Mr Yantorly, by bill	6.11
22. To James Willson, bill	11.25
23. To In Minor, for Account	6.95
24. To John Kelley, Callanrs of bill	52.00
25. To Edward Anderson as Account	.50
26. To William Gower, as Account	.40
27. To Carol Sutton for J. Warner	5.26
28. To Thom Grimstond, for nails	1.77
29. To Cpt Dan McCarty, Account	9.50
30. To Funeral Expenses	5.00
31. To Balance Accnt N. Minor & Son	411.5
32. To Balance Do. To Nicholas Minor	4.32
33. To pay the secretary	.40
34. To George Blackmore 2 barrells Corn	2.
35. To Do. 4 Bushols of Wheat @ 2/6	.10
By The Amount of Inventory	<u>433.58.2</u>

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By Thomas Douglas	5.30
By Charles Taylor	16.
By James Morton	2.50
By John Dozier	.60
By James O Shares	4.6

Errors accepted by us this fifth day of April MDCCXXXVI

Nicholas Minor

Nicholas Minor, Jr.

At a Court hold for Richmond County the Fifth day of April MDCCXXXVI Mr Nicholas Minor and Nicholas Minor Jr. executors of the last Will and Testament of Mr. Edward Burrow, decd. This day in open court made a oath that this amount was just and true and moved that the balance due to them in Tob. Amounting to Six thousand Three hundred seventy five and one half pounds of tobacco might be valued in money Whereupon the Court doth value the said Tobacco at fifteen shillings per hundred, and at the motion of the said Executors, the said amount is ordered to be recorded.  
Tost M. Beckwith

**LAND RECORDS,** LDS Film 0033690

16. 3 Sep 1733, Book 8 Page 633. Mary Burrows and Michael Burrows of the county of Richmond posted a bond of of fifty Pounds Sterling for the Administration of the estate of Mathews Burrows.

(Mary Burrows name is mentioned several times in this bond contract with the court. Michael Burrows is mentiond only one time. Michael appears to be a son. signed Mary (I) Burrows and Michael (M) Burrows. Both made their mark.)-(JWB)

17. **ACCOUNT BOOK** 1 LDS Film 0033679, 4 Mar MDCCXXXIV (1734) Book 1 Page 68-69.

Estate of Matthew Burross  
Burross...Decd. is to Mary Burross\_\_\_\_De

By the crop of Tobacco	732
By the Recd of Jn Goodwin	<u>100</u>
By the estate Apprais	832

To William Jordan	872
To Rich Evans	70
To Mr. Beckwith	135
To H Barnes	190
To Lugar, for his funeral	56
To Lovys, His Quitrents	61
To Luke Miller	25
To Secretary Notes	40
To Appraisors	220
To Thomas Moxley	10

Errors Accepted  
Mary Burrows

To Griffin Jones

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At a Court holt for Richmond County on the Fourth day of March  
MDCCXXXIV (1734)

18. Mary Burross Adm. of the Estate of Mathew Burross, Deceased, this day in open Court made an oath that the Acct. was just and true, and moves that the ballance goes to her, discounting to Eight hundred and fifty seven pounds of Tobacco might brought in money. On consideration of which the court doth value this said tobacco at twelve shillings & six pence at hundred and at the motion of the said Mary Burross the account is ordered to be recorded.  
Fost M. Bockwith.

19. 12 Mar 1734, Book 9, Page 95. Matthew Burruss, sold to Thomas Wright Belfield 50 acres. ADJ Road that leads from said Belfield's Mill to Nylor's pole; Rapp. Creek. Wit. Eli Read, Jr. Appleton Jr Beauford Booland. Signed Matthew Burruss.

20. 29 Nov 1735 Book 9, Page 234. John Burrows sold to Marmuduke Beckwith, 100 acres lying or being in the Parish and County aforesaid (Richmond) is the said one hundred acres was by the Will of Mathew Burrows giv'n to his son Michael Burrows. Michael Burrows of the said Michael Burrows departing this Life without making his will the said land deeded into John Burrows as Heir at Law to his father Michael Burrows.

Wit. Phillip Nolting, Henry Ashbury, John Godwin.  
Signed John Burros

21. 5 Jan 1735, Book 8 Page 584. Edward Burrow to William Faultarny, Lillonburne Parish 682 Acres for 5 Pounds Sterling Silver. Land on Rappahannock River.

22. 26 Jan 1735, Book 8 Page 585. Edward Burrow to Wm. Houllaway 582 Acres South Side Rappahannock River 80 Pounds\_\_\_\_\_ and 11,000 pounds of tobacco.

23. 5 Jan 1735, Book 8 Page 587. Edward Burrow to William Hauttor bond to fill a Contract.

24. 1 Jan 1741, Book 10, Page 52. Thomas Burruss and Mary his wif sold to William Muse, 50 acres more or less part of John Henderson deceased land left to Mary Henderson by his last Will & Testment bearing date of the first day of February 1729. ADJ Branch known by the name of John Henderson spring Branch, Wm. Ralewgh, Henry



Fitzhugh, Thomas Turner. Wit. John Muse, Daniel Muse, Augustine Sanford.

Signed Thomas Burruss, Mary Burruss.

(This document does not say but it appears that Thomas Burruss married Mary Henderson.)-(JWB)

25. 12 Nov 1741, Page 175. Richmond County Account Book 1. Poll tax list, Thomas Burrus.

26. 1 Apr 1745, Page 212. Account Book 1, Richmond County, Virginia. Pursuant to an order of Court, dated the First day of April 1745 all whose names are under Written have Divided The Negros, Vig' 1

John Barrows Part	Elizabeth Barrows part.
Negro Will	Comprey
Munn	Hannah
George	Will
Lewrey	Moll
Tomp	Edenbrough
Danill	James
Bogg	Moll
Faka	Larcey
Ginney	Eave
Cate	Joyce

Recorded among the records of Richmond County this third day of June 1745., Frost M Bockwith, Given under our hands this 6th April 1745, Richard Barnes. (Ne explanation for this transaction-(JWB)).

27. Aug 1755, Page 397 Account Book 2 LDS Film 0033680.

A Memorandum of accounts against the estate of Benjamin Bruce, Decd, paid by Elizabeth Bruce, Administratrix Vig. Mrs. Sarah Burrows mentioned as receiving 6 Shillings 9 1/4 Pence. Recorded among the records of Richmond County.

Fost H. Tarpley

## **ROCKINGHAM County Virginia**

Rockingham County, Virginia, was formed in 1778 from Augusta County. The county seat is Harrisonburg 22801.

Marriage Records. 2 Mar 1781. Jane Burris married David Cutlip.



## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Spotsylvania County, Virginia, was formed in 1721 from Essex, King and Queen, and King William counties. The county seat is Spotsylvania 22553.

### LAND RECORDS:

1. Book L, Page 406. Clement Burroughs, witness a deed.
2. 7 Jun 1791, Book N, Page 443. Clement Burroughs mentioned.
3. Book O, Page 488. John Burruss, witness a deed.
4. 1 Nov 1793, Book P, Page 52. Mary Burruss died. Daughter of Jesse Bowlin, Berkley Parish.
5. 1 Sep 1796. Jacob Burrus, witness a deed.
6. 8 Jan 1806. John Burruss married Ann Meriwether. He was born 14 Dec 1774 in Virginia. She was born 7 July 1785 and was the daughter of David Wood Meriwether and Mary Lewis.
7. 3 Sep 1723. Ann Burrow, widow of Edward Burrow, late of the County of Richmond, Gentl. and Edward Barrow, son and heir of the said Edward, sold to Hon. Alexander Spotswood of Germanna, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, at or near the mines.

## STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Stafford County, Virginia, was formed in 1664 from Westmoreland County. The county seat is Stafford 22554.

At a Court held for Stafford County, 10 Feb 1747. Will by Mary Burrass.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Mary Burras being sick and weak of body but in perfect sense and memory, blessed by God for the same, do ordaine this to be my last Will and Testament. I bequeath to my Eldest Son, Matthew Burras, one Shilling Sterling and I bequeath to Thomas Burras one Shilling Sterling and I bequeath Elizabeth Anderson my daughter one Shilling Sterling and I bequeath to my son Charles Burras one Shilling Sterling and I give to my youngest son Henry Burras all the rest of my Estate both personal and real with paying first my debts and then my legacy's and I desire none of my

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Estate to be brought for appraisement and I do appoint my youngest son Henry Burras sole heir and Executor of my whole estate with paying my Legacy's and I do Ordain this my will to be my last will by me made and all other wills by me made to be of no effect and this my last will to stand in full force wherein I have interchangeably set my hand and fixt my Seal this 5th day of December 1746.

In presence of us, Mary (II) Burrass. Wit: Benj. Robinson, Joseph Bragg, Susannah (X) Bragg.

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The witness Joseph Bragg and Susannah Bragg seems to indicate a connection to the Bragg family found in Richmond County, Virginia. We have no information concerning this family from any descendants. In all the records found in Virginia there is no trace of what happened to this family, except Michael Burrus in Howard County, Missouri.)-(JWB)

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**STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Stokes County, North Carolina, was formed in 1789 from Surry County, North Carolina. The county seat is Danbury 27016.

**LAND RECORDS:**

1. 16 Jul 1796. From Abstracts of Land Entrys, # 165. William Burris bought from the State of North Carolina 200 acres of land, price based on 30 shillings for every hundred acres. Tree to tree survey. (Can't read stream of water mentioned.)-(JWB)

2. 29 Nov 1797. From Abstracts of Land Entrys, 268. William Burris bought from the State of North Carolina 50 acres at the stated price of 50 shillings for each hundred acres. Land on Turkey branch of Big Creek, beginning at a Red Oak tree, etc.

3. 5 Apr 1804. Book 4, Page 422, LDS Film 00466266. William Burris sold to Joseph Summer land situated on waters of Turkey branch of waters of Big Creek in Stokes County, North Carolina. The price, fifty pounds of current money, fifty acres. Survey was from tree to tree, etc. William (X) Burris. (This looks like sale of

ENTRY 2. Land is in the Quaker district located in the northwest



area of Stokes County, North Carolina. This William appears to be the son of John and Esther Burris.)-(JWB)

4. 5 Apr 1804. William Burris sold to Joseph Summner land on Beaver Dam Creek 200 acres for the sum of 120 pounds current money. Situated in Stokes County, North Carolina. Survey was from tree to tree. William (X) Burris. (This appears to be sale of land in **ENTRY #1**; land also in Quaker District. This William is believed to be the son of John and Esther Burris).

5. 25 Feb 1804. Peter Beller of Patrick County, Virginia, sold to Daniel Burris of Surry County, North Carolina, for \$225.00, 150 acres of land situated on Beaver Dam Creek in Stokes County, North Carolina. Survey was from tree to tree. Wit: William (X) Burris. May 1806, the execution of the above deed was duly proven in open Court by William Burris, ordered to be registered by Rob Williams. (Daniel Burris was a brother of William Burris).

6. 25 Feb 1806, Book 5, Page 267. Daniel Burris of Stokes County, North Carolina, sold to William Spires of Patrick County, Virginia, for \$359.00, 250 acres of land on Beaver Dam Creek in Stokes County, North Carolina. Survey was from tree to tree. The execution of this deed was proven in open court by Joseph Easley and ordered to be registered.

7. 12 Oct 1806, Book 5, Page 492. William Burris sold to Elizabeth Beasley, a widow, for \$150.00 in hand, 150 acres of land on the waters of Dan River. Survey from tree to tree. Land in Quaker area. The execution of this deed was proven in open court and ordered to be duly registered by James Lyon. (This William appears to be the son of John and Esther Terry Burris. He married Cellia Bellar and later moved to Clinton County, Ohio.)

8. **JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO.** William Burris, Jr., obituary read: William Burris was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, 15 Aug 1802, and died at his home in Jackson County, Ohio, Sep 18th 1881, aged 79 years, 1 month and 3 days. (No land record has been found where William Burris, Sr. owned land in Stokes County, North Carolina. We can find no definite record where the William Burris who moved to Gallia and Jackson Counties, Ohio, ever lived in North Carolina.)-(JWB)

9. **CONCLUSION:** William Burris who married Martha (Patsy) Poore is not the son of John and Esther Burris.

**TAX LIST OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>District &amp; Landowner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Poll</u>
1790	Captain Gains District		

de		William Burris	80	1
	1791	Captain Martin District William Burris	80	1
ey. to	1792	Captain Martin District William Burris	200	
ed	1793	Captain Martin District William Burris	200	
d to		Captain Cloud District William Burris	200	
h s. 1 s.	1794	Captain Martin District William Burris	250	
	1795	Captain Martin District William Burris	250	
nty, la, nty,	1796	Missing		
to	1797	Captain Cloud District William Burris	200	
	1797	Captain Martin District William Burris	400	
nd		Captain Marklands District William Burrow	210	2
ed	1798	Captain Cloud District William Burris (S.C.?-JWB)	150	1
		George Burris	200	1
L, nd		Captain Cloud District William Burris	250	1
is rth	1799	Captain Cloud District William Burris	150	1
e is		George Burris	200	1
		Captain Shipps District William Burris	250	1
	1800	Captain Shipps District John Burris	-0-	1

	Captain Cloud District			
	William Burris	200	1	
	George Burris	200	1	
	Captain Marklands District			
	William Burrow	210	1	2 Slave
1801	Captain Shipps District			
	John Burris	-0-	1	
	William Burris	150	1	
	Captain Cloud District			
	George Burris	200	1	
	William Burris	150	1	
1802	Captain Shipps District			
	William Burris	282	1	
	Captain Cloud District			
	William Burris	150	1	
1803	Captain Cloud District			
	William Burris	150	1	
	Captain Easley District			
	William Burris	280		
1804	Taxable Property in the Quaker Gap District			
	Daniel Burrus	250		
	William Burrus	480		
1806	Quaker Gap			
	William Burris	280	1	
	Daniel Burris	300	1	

## Surry County, North Carolina

Surry County, North Carolina, was formed in 1770 from Rowan County, North Carolina. The county seat is Dobson 27017.

### EARLY SETTLERS

(A number of Burris/Burrus families moved into Surry County, probably due to the cheap land, 50 shillings for 100 acres, or grants for less. It may be that they were related; we are not sure how.) - (JWB)

#### 1. JOHN BURRIS

Quaker. Parents not known.

Wife: Esther Terry

From: Botetourt County, Virginia; then Guilford County, North Carolina. (First record of land purchase 1784. May have settled in Surry County before that date. May be the John Burris listed in the census of 1771 in Surry County.

#### Children:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. Rebecca Burris	1760	Bowater Sumner
2. William Burris	1763	(Ceclia Beller)
3. Moses Burris	1765	Frances McKinnsie
4. John Burris, Jr.	1769	Frances Ballard
5. Daniel Burris	1771	Mary Horton
6. Rachel Burris		
7. Joseph Burris	1776	Christianna Hughey
8. Miles Burris	1779	Agnes White
9. Bowater Burris	1784	Tabitha Sumner

#### 2. WILLIAM BURRIS

Parents not known.

Wife: Elizabeth

From: Albemarle County, Virginia

Possible Children: (Ages taken from Tax Records)

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. Jacob Burris	1755	
2. John Burris	1768	
3. William Burris, Jr.	1770	
4. Patrick Burris	1771	

- |                                       |      |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------------|
| 5. Lewis Burris                       | 1772 | (Frances McCraw, |
| Patrick County, Virginia.             |      |                  |
| 6. Peter Burris                       | 1775 | (Mary Goings,    |
| Patrick County, Virginia.             |      |                  |
| 7. Elijah Burris                      | 1767 | (1850 Tennessee  |
| Census. Six                           |      |                  |
| 8. 6 Females shown on census records. |      |                  |

(Not sure of the accuracy of these dates. William Burris bought and sold land up the Tarrarat River and settled in Patrick County, Virginia. Possibly died in Grayson County, Virginia 1813. See **NAMES FOR WHICH WE CANNOT FIND A PARENT.**)

### 3. THOMAS BURRUS

Born: Date unknown. Died 1799 in Surry County, North Carolina.  
 Parents: Jacob and Mary Burrus of Caroline County, Virginia.  
 Wife: (1) Sarah; (2) Ann.

From: Louisa County; Orange County; and Albemarle County, Virginia

Possible Children by Sarah. (Sarah died 1759, Louisa County, Virginia:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. Martin Burrus	1754	Susannah Martin
2. Jacob Burrus	1755	Susannah Martin
3. Susannah Burrus	1759	Leonard Davis
4. John Burrus	1755	Anna Ferguson
5. Elizabeth Burrus	1755	William Douglas

(These children were assigned by other researchers. We do not believe this to be correct. John above appears to be the son of John Burris in Albemarle County. Martin Burrus pension record says he was born in Albemarle County 1754, but Thomas and Ann first moved to Albemarle County in 1780. There is a good possibility Thomas and Sarah had Jacob and Susannah, as they were both from Orange County, Virginia, where Thomas lived.)

Children by Ann:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. Justince Burrus	1765	Stanwix Hord
2. Thomas Burrus, Jr.	1771-72	Elizabeth Hale
3. William Burrus	1779	Nancy Ann Coe (Lovell)
4. Isaac Burrus	1780	(1) Frances Ferguson; (2) Nancy Martin

Three more females shown on census records.

#### 4. MARTIN BURRUS

Parents were possibly Thomas and Sarah, but doubtful.

Wife: Susannah Martin

From: Albemarle County, Virginia.

Children: (Martin Burrus of Illinois hired a professional researcher and this is his list of children.)

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. Thomas Burrus	1779	(Mary Bonham)
2. Mary Burrus	1778-84	Jacob Sexson
3. George Burrus	1780-84	Mira Pell (?)
4. (Female) Burrus	1780-84	
5. Charles Burrus		Frances Creed
6. Sarah Burrus	1784-90	Michael B. Gentry
7. (Female) Burrus	1790-1800	
8. Martin Burrus	1794	Elizabeth Davis

Martin Burrus lived in Surry County until 1814. He then moved to Tennessee and then to Illinois and died 15 Sep 1849, in Morgan County. Revolutionary War pension papers filed in Morgan County, Illinois.

#### 5. JOHN BURRUS

Parents were possibly John Burrus of Albemarle County, Virginia.

Some claim parents were Sarah and Thomas above.

Wife: Anna Ferguson.

Possible Children:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
1. David Burrus	1788	
2. Walter Burrus	1790	
3. Thomas Burrus	1791	Susannah Smith
4. Swaney Burrus	1792	Sarah
5. Hawkey Burrus	1794	Frances Martin
6. Jacob Burrus	1794	Charlotte Martin
7. Elizabeth Burrus	1798	Thomas Dale
8. Reuben Burrus	1801	Mary
9. Olive Burrus	1804	Thomas J. Lovell
10. Jistine Burrus	1808	Middleton Hickey

This appears to be the John Burrus who bought land on Bigg Creek in Surry County. However, in the Tax List of 1793 there are two adult males over 21 years old in his household in 1795. In 1800 there are three).

Guilford County, North Carolina, by Fred Hughes, Page 58. "In Surry County, five consecutive grants took seven Quaker farms, including one of Bowater Beals. Beals went to court attempting to retain his land. He lost and John Martin got the land."

(People settled on land without filing a claim. A complete stranger could and did file a claim on the land and take it away from the first settler. John Burris bought the land on Bigg Creek from John Martin).

It appears that eleven girls of the above settlers are not accounted for. They are mentioned in the census but there is no other trace.

From other county records we find these marriages believed to be from the Surry County settlers:

Patrick County, Virginia	Frances Burress & John Eaton
Grayson County, Virginia	Mary Burroughs & Dudley Hale
Grayson County, Virginia	Elizabeth Burroughs & Francis Hale
Augusta County, Virginia	Elizabeth Burris & John Daughtery

#### **LAND RECORDS AND LAND GRANTS:**

1. 3 Apr 1780, Book 1. Grant to William Burris, 500 acres on Tarrarat River. (William Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia.)-(JWB)
2. 4 May 1781, Book 1, Pages 109-10. Robert Lanier to William Burris, 5,000 pounds proc. money for 130 acres. Part of original tract formerly belonging to Martin Armstrong by deed 27 May 1771 on Tarrarat River. (No witness.) Signed William Burris (From Albemarle County, Virginia).
3. 15 May 1781, B:106, 107. William Burris to George Carter, 1,000 pounds Virginia money, 500 acres both sides Tarrarat River; place where Burris formerly lived. (No witness.) Signed: William Burris. (Apparently sold the land granted above.)-(JWB)
4. 11 Feb 1784, 686 Warrant issued. Martin Burrus enters 50 acres on waters of Stewarts Creek. Border John Fleming and James Bryson. (Martin Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia).
5. 14 Aug 1784, 738. John Burrus enters 50 acres on Bemers Camp Creek; includes the big fall thereof. (John Burris, Sr.)-(JWB)
6. 27 Sep 1784, Book C, Page 254. William Burrows of Surry County, North Carolina, to John McKinney, of Montgomery County, Virginia, 200 pounds Virginia money, 130 acres. Tract formerly Martin Armstrong by deed 27 May 1771, Tarrarat River. Signed

William W. Burrows. (Believed to be William from Albemarle County, Virginia).

7. 4 Oct 1784, Book C, Pages 292-3. Stephen Jayne to John Burris 150 acres for 20 pounds, 10 shillings, Branch of Toms Creek, waters of Yardin River on Bryants Branch. Includes John Bryant's improvements. Signed: Stephen Jayne. Wit. Joseph Hiatt and Bowater Sumner. (Bowater Sumner was son-in-law of John Burris, Sr.)

8. 9 Nov 1784, Book C, Page 102. Thomas McCorrell to Flynn and Burris, 400 pounds current money for 250 acres. Thomas Flynn and Martin Burrus. (Apoid Creek - can't read. Possibly brother-in-law or close relative of Sarah, wife of Martin Burrus.)

9. 13 Jun 1785, Book C, Pages 289-90. John Doak Hannah to Thomas Burris of Albemarle County, Virginia, 200 acres for 200 pounds. West fork Tarrarat River, adjacent to Bailey and Harrison. Part of tract belonging to John Hanna. Signed: John Doak Hannah and Martha Hannah.

10. 9 Aug 1785, 131 Warrant issued. John Burris enters 100 acres on waters of Toms Creek, known as Line Branch, and runs both sides. (John Burris, Sr., wife Esther.)-(JWB)

11. 1 Feb 1786, Book C, Pages 429-30. John Harril to Thomas Burris, 100 pounds for 100 acres, east side of Stewarts Creek. Signed: John (X) Herril, Elizabeth (X) Herril. (Thomas Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia.)

12. 1 Feb 1786, Book C, Pages 431-32. John Herril to Thomas Burris 100 pounds for 100 acres West Fork Tarrarat River. (Thomas Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia.) ,

13. 5 Feb 1787, Book D, Page 58. Hugh Armstrong to William Burris 150 pounds, specie in hand 150 acres. Both sides of Pauls Creek.

14. 1 Dec 1787, Book D, Page 450. Samuel to William Burris, 150 pounds species in hand for 200 acres. Both sides of Pauls Creek to Virginia border.

15. 17 Nov 1788, Book D, Page 414. William Saffon to Thomas Burrus 100 pounds Virginia currency for 150 acres on Stewarts Creek. (Thomas Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia.)

16. 12 May 1791, 509, Warrant issued. John Burris enters 50 acres on Toms Creek, includes the "High Knob." (John Burris, Sr., wife Esther.)



17. 9 Aug 1793, Book G, Page 241. Moses Burris from State of North Carolina, 30 shillings for 100 acres on Cain Creek. Next to Bo Sumner. (Son and son-in-law of John Burris, Sr.)

18. 9 Dec 1793, Book F, Page 90. William Burrus to Richard Laurence, Jr., 150 pounds for 150 acres on Pauls Creek. Waters Tarrarat River. Signed: William (W) Burrus.

19. 28 Dec 1793, Book F, Page 91. William Burrus to Francis McCraw, 100 pounds specie for 200 acres on Pauls Creek known as Jones old place. Adj. county line and Virginia. Signed: Will: (W) Burrus.

20. 20 Dec 1794, Book G, Page 242. John Burrus from State of North Carolina, 100 acres, 30 shillings per 100 acre, 100 acres on Big Creek. (John Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia).

21. 29 Jan 1796, Book F, Page 340. John Martin, Stokes County, North Carolina, to John Burris 40 pounds for 300 acres on Big Creek of Dan River. Adj. Adam Tate. Signed: John Martin. Jesse Knighton and Joseph Jackson, wit. (John Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia)

22. 15 Jun 1797. LDS Film 1022742, Page 31. Thomas Burrus to John Burrus, 150 acres on Stewarts Creek Wit. Robt. Hammock, Thomas Burrus, and John Cox. Proved Feb 1798 Court Term. Signed Thomas Burrus (seal), Ann Burrus (seal). (See **ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**, and **ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**).

23. 1 Mar 1801, Book I, Page 520. William Burris to Joseph Stewart, \$100.00 for 100 acres. On Little Fish River to Virginia line. William (W) Burris.

24. 8 Jun 1801, Book, Page 370. Daniel Burris to William Lockhart 60 pounds current money for 60 acres. Branch of Toms Creek. (Son of John Burris, Sr.)-(JWB)

25. 12 May 1802, Book L, Page 21. Jacob Hiatt to John Burris, sum of one dollar, \$1.00, for 100 acres on Big Creek of Dan River (Both Quakers, son of John Burris, Sr.)

26. 8 Nov 1802, Book K, Page 249. Hugh Armstrong to Charles Burris, five pounds 125 acres. West side (Bringforth) Creek. (Son of Martin Burrus)

27. 16 Jul 1803, Book L, Page 320. Daniel Burris to William Lockhart, 30 pounds for 50 acres, Branch of Toms Creek. (Son of John Burris, Sr.)

- North  
water
28. 16 May 1804, Book K, Page 227. John Burris to Curtis Jackson,  
25 pounds, for 100 acres east side of Toms Creek. (John Burris,  
Sr.)
29. 27 Feb 1805, Book L, Page 283. Bowater Sumner to Moses Burris,  
9 pounds for 41 acres. Both sides of Seed Cane Creek. (Son-in-law,  
and son of John Burris, Sr.)
30. 29 Mar 1805, Book I, Page 549. John Burris to Jonathan Harney,  
25 pounds for 187 acre. North side Toms Creek. First sold to John  
Burris 1784. (John Burris, Sr.)
31. 27 Aug 1805, Book N, Page 7. John Burris to Rachel Hawk  
\$100.00, 29 acres, Big Creek of Dan River. (John Burris from  
Albemarle County, Virginia.)
32. 9 Oct 1806, Book L, Page 283. Moses Burris to William Jackson,  
\$100.00, 2 tracts both sides of Seed Cone Creek, 47 acres in one,  
total 97 acres. Moses (X) Burris. (Son of John Burris, Sr.)
33. 9 Nov 1811, Book N, Page 48. Charles Burris to William  
Fleming, \$500.00, 400 acres, Stone Creek to Virginia line. (Son of  
Martin Burris.)
34. 20 Aug 1812, Book N, Page 9. John Burris to Thomas Dar,  
\$100.00 for 100 acres. John Burris of Highland County, Ohio. (John  
Burris, Sr.)
35. 1827, Book U, Page 68. Steven Burrus, Lewis and Isaac Burrus,  
of Madison County, Tennessee, sold land on Stewarts Creek, owned by  
them by inheritance to Henry Burrus, for \$350.00. (Sons of Thomas  
Burrus, Jr. Henry Burrus son of Jacob Burrus, grandson of William  
Burrus, Sr.)

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**COURT RECORDS**

1. Page 197. Deed from William Laffer to Thomas Burris.
2. 14 Feb 1783, William Burris, juror.
3. 13 May 1783, William Burris, grand juror.
4. 15 May 1783, Willim Burris, road overseer.
5. 12 May 1785, William Burris, juror.
6. 9 Aug 1785, Page 70. Deed from John Hanna to Thomas Burris.
7. 9 Aug 1785, Deed from Stephen Jayne to John Burris.

8. 18 Feb 1786, Robert Hammed vs William Burris.
9. 18 Feb 1786, Ordered Thomas Flynt and Martin Burris ... and others, about road ... Cross Creek Crossing and Evans Creek mentioned.
10. 9 May 1786, Ordered Martin Burris to oversee road.
11. 12 May 1786, John Doyle vs William Burris 16 miles 4 days.
12. 14 Aug 1786, Page 95. Deed from John Harold to Thomas Burr
13. 17 Aug 1786, Ordered Martin Burris and others to view road Townfork toward Salem.
14. 4 Feb 1787, Wm. Burris, juror.
15. 15 Feb 1787, Ordered William Burris road overseer.
16. 18 May 1787, Wm. Burris, juror.
17. 19 May 1787, William Burris, juror.
18. 18 Aug 1787, Page 122. John Doyle vs Wm. Burris, not tried. John Sutton wit. for Pltf. 480 miles 10 days.
19. 13 May 1788, William Burris vs Robert Harris, jury trial.
20. 15 May 1788, Ordered Nancy Burris to appear next court and show why her son Jessie Burris shall not be bound out by court agr to law. (No information on who this is. Not mentioned elsewhere. (JWB)
21. 16 May 1788 William Burris, juror.
22. 14 Aug 1788, John Doyle vs William Burris, not tried. Roger Giddins, Wit. for Deft. 8 miles 4 days.
23. 2 Nov 1788, Wm. Burris, juror.
24. 13 May 1789, William Burris, witness, 490 miles 14 days.
25. 14 May 1789, William Burris, juror, 2 trials.
26. 15 May 1789, Deed from John Roode to Jacob Burris.
27. 12 Aug 1789, William Burris vs William Ross, jury trial.

28. 11 Nov 1789, William Burris, juror.
29. 12 Nov 1789. William Burris, juror
30. Deed from Wm. Burris to George Carter.
31. Deed from Hugh Armstrong to Wm. Burris.

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# **Probate Court Records**

32. 12 Feb 1799, Letters of Administration granted to Hugh Armstrong, Esq., and Susannah Davis on the estate of Thomas Burris, decd., and entered into bond with Jacob McCraw, David Davis, and Thomas A. Hord (sur) in the sum of two thousand pounds for their faithful conduct. Ordered by the court that Jacob McCraw, Esq., Joseph Harvey, Saml McCraw and James Hanna be and they are hereby appointed a committee to allot to Ann Burris the widow and to the orphans of Thomas Burris, decd., a sufficiency of provisions for their support for the term of one year Hugh Armstrong to pay, fee paid.

On motion and representation it appears to the court that the perishable part of the estate of Thomas Burris decd. to be sold. Therefore, be it ordered by the adm. in the estate of the said decd. They having reference to the operation of an act of the General Assembly passed in intestate estates and that an account of the said sales be return to the next court of pleas & quarter sessional (...) this case heretofore made and recorded.

1 Mar 1799. Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Burrus, decd. Hugh Armstrong and Lenard Davis, Adms.:

1 Negro to Wit. Frank, (Frank is the slave registered in Grayson County, Virginia, on 22 Mar 1814 by Ann Burrus, widow of Thomas Burrus.)-(JWB) Dave Bobb, Billy Siller & Lewis

1 hed of Horses & 9 hed of Cattle

26 hed of Hoggs 8 hed of Geese

4 feather Beds & furniture

1 new waggon & (kind gre ?) & feding Troft

1 Old Waggon 1 Weving Frame & 4 Slays

1 puter Dishes & 1 Dozen puter plates

1 1/2 Dozen. Erthen plates

6 puter Basons & 8 puter Spoons

1 Case of Knives & Forks

1 Iron potts & 2 Dutch Ovens

1 set Flat Irons & 1 set Fire Dogs

1 Iron pot Rack 1 corner Cubberd

1 Chest 4 warter vessels & 2 Shot Guns

8 house Chord & 3 flax Spinning Wheles  
 1 Shuger Box 2 Erthan Boles  
 1 Earthan Mugg 1 Glass Tumbler  
 2 Tin Cupps 3 Stone Juggs  
 6 Books 1 washing Tubb & 1 Churn  
 1 Mete Barrel 1 Stone butter pott  
 1 Woodin butter pott  
 3 (Garr Shere ?) ploughs & 2 Shovel ploughs  
 6 (Wading ?) Howes 2 grubbing howes  
 2 (lithes ?) & (Drawing ?) Knife  
 1 X cut Saw 2 Iron wegges  
 4 axis 2 (augers ?) 2 rife Hooks  
 4 hors bell 1 white (Nedle ?)  
 1 (Clurie ?) 1 Candle stick & Snuffers  
 1 Looking Glass 1 case of Rasors  
 2 Mens Sadils & 1 womens Ditto  
 2 sets (money seals ?) & 1 pr (Stittards ?)  
 1 H. HD 3 Cowhides 2 Calf Skins  
 2 beegums 1 Lot Spooles  
 1 Spaid 1 Mute Spitt  
 2 Old barrels Fodder & OK trawgh  
 1 pr Scales 2 sets hinges  
 2 pr Sissers 1 Spindle  
 2 sets horses Chains & (?)  
 1 Thik Chane & 2 pieces of Chanes

Surry County, May 11th of 1799 - the amount of the sale 1602 pounds, 14 shillings and 1/2 pence. We have One bond in Our hands of Rubin Roberts for the sum of £100-0-0 Virginia Money which we Don't Consider Our in law bound to Settle for Accept we review the Value of. Signed: Hugh Armstrong & Lenard Davis Administrators. Laid of (off) for the wido & alkins (orphans ?) of Thomas Burrus Decd agreeable to a act of Assembly past in 1796 - by Jacob McCraw Esq James Hanna Samule McCraw & Joseph Hanna the following property  
 2 Cows & 2 Calves 1 Heffer  
 5 H Hd of hoggs  
 5 bushels of Oats  
 20 barrels of Corn  
 1 Stak of (Cobs ?) & 2 Blads Stacks of Fodder  
 Signed: Hugh Armstrong & Lenard Davis, adm.

15 May 1799. An inventory of the estate of Thomas Burris decd. was returned by the executors and ordered to be recorded. No fee paid.

A return of a committee appointed to allot off one year's support for the widow Burris, widow and relict of Thomas Burris, decd. and which ordered to be recorded.

11 Nov 1799, Court Records, Page 24. William Burris, orphan of (Blank), decd. came into court and chose Stanwix Hord his guardian who accepted as such and entered bond with John Hugh (Sur) in the sum of \$250.00 for his faithful performance in his guardianship.

12 Nov 1799. Isaac Burris, orphan of Thomas Burris, decd., came into court and chose John Burris his guardian who accepted as such and entered bond with Leonard Davis his (Sur) for the sum of \$250.00 for his faithful performance. (Also found in Court Records, Session dated 11 Nov 1799. - JWB)

**COURT RECORDS, LDS Film #0345886:**

33. 9 August 1802. Administration of the estate of Thomas Burris, decd., is granted to Elizabeth Burris, widow & relict of said decd, who entered into bond with Isaac Burris & Dudley Hail in the sum of 1,000 pounds, who qualified according to law, ordered that letters of administration issue accordingly.

An inventory of the estate of Thomas Burris, decd, was returned by Elizabeth Burris, administratrix, & ordered to be recorded.

Ordered by the court that John Cox, James Hannah & Robert Hammock, freeholders, together with James Bryson, Esq., be appointed a commission to (let off ?) and lay out to Elizabeth Burris, widow & relict of Thomas Burris, decd., one year's support agreeable to Act of Assembly & make report thereof to next court.

On motion ordered by the court that administratrix have leave to sell the perishable parts of the estate & make report to the next court.

8 Oct 1802 - Surry County NC. Thomas Burris Inventory returned by Eliz Burris Administratrix - Recorded & Examined.

Stewert Stewert	
Cow and calf	5-5-0
Elizabeth Burrus	
1 Cow & Calf	5-0-0
3 beds & furniture	30-0-0
1 Chest 1 plow & gear	2-2-0
1 oven and hook 1 skillet & pan	1-12-0
1 pott 1 Saddle	2-15-0
1 Axy 1 mattock	1-17-0
1 wheel	1-4-0
Sundry pewter tin of earther ware	6-3-0
5 Chairs 1 loom	1-14-0
1 Mare and Colt	55-5-0
1 Negro fellow	150-0-0

1 (?) sundry old barrels	9-0
	258-1-0
Charles Taliaferro	
1 steer	2-9-0
Isaac Burrus	
1 side of leather	1-11-0
1 big plow 1 pr saddlebags	1-16-0
	3-7-0
John Burrus	
1 Side of leather 1 (Cutting ?) knife	2-6-0
1 (as ?) 1 (bill ?)	1-0-0
1 heifer	2-10-0
	5-16-0
John Cox 1 plow and gear	2-0-0
1 horse	28-13-1
	30-13-1
Jeremiah Jadwin	
3 saddles 1 (bill?)	0-19-6
1 gun	3-10-0
	4-9-6
Charles Ross	
1 washing tub	0-10-0
Jacob McCraw	
1 horse	51-0-0
John Snow	
1 Mare	35-5-0
Samuel McCraw	
1 Colt	28-0-0
Branch (Lucken ?)	
1 horse	21-0-0

I Elizabeth Burrus Certify the above to be a true return.  
 Signed: Elizabeth Burrus, administratrix.  
 10 Nov 1802. An Acct of Sales of the estate of Thomas Burris,  
 decd., was returned by the adm. to be recorded.

A (seraf ?) of paper signed by the commissioners who were appointed  
 at last term to lay out & (lett off ?) to Elizabeth Burris, widow o  
 Thomas Burris, decd, one year's support on which they made the  
 following report: "Elizabeth Burris her allowance the 'crop we fin  
 on the land sufficient for her bread, her hogs & two cows & calves  
 three bushells of salt for her maintenance one year.'"
   
Signed John Cox, Robert Hammack, James Hanna & James Bryson.

(Thomas Burris, Jr., born ca 1772, married Elizabeth Hale. Son of Thomas and Ann Burrus-(JWB).

**TAX LIST 1790-1800:**

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Wh Poll</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1790-Capt Lovills Dist. John Burrows, Sr.	104	1	From Guilford Co. NC
Capt Edwards Dist. Martin Burris	-0-	1	From Albemarle Co.VA
1790-Capt Humphries Dist. Thomas Burris, Sr.	550	3	From Albemarle Co.VA
William Burris	350	2	From Albemarle Co.VA
John Burris	-0-	1	Son of William
Jacob Burris	-0-	2	Son of William
1791-Capt Ashleys Dist. Moses Burris	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
John Burris, Jr.	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
John Burris, Sr.	200	1	Wife Esther
Daniel Burrow	78	1	Son of John, Sr.
Capt Humphries Dist. Thomas Burris	550	3	Wife Ann
John Burris	100	1	Son of William
Martin Burris	-0-	1	Wife Susannah
Jacob Burris	-0-	2	Son of William
John W. Burris	-0-	1	Not sure
1791-Capt Speers Dist. Patrick Burris	225	1	Son of William
1792-Capt Stones Dist. John Burris	200	1	John, Sr.
Moses Burris	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
John Burris	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
1792-Capt Speers Dist. Patrick Burris	225	-0-	Son of William
1792-Capt Humphries Dist. William Burris	350	1	Wife Elizabeth
John Burris	-0-	1	Son of William
Lewis Burris	-0-	1	Son of William
Thomas Burris	400	4	Wife Ann



William Burris	200	2	William, Jr. ?
John Burris	200	2	From Albemarle Co.VA
Jacob Burris	-0-	1	Son of William
1793-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
Jacob Burris	150	2	Son of William
Thomas Burris, Jr.	-0-	1	Son of Thomas & Ann
1793-Capt Humphries Dist.			
William Burris	350		Wife Elizabeth
John Burris	100	1	From Albemarle Co.VA
2 Blacks			
Thomas Burris	400	4	Wife Ann, 1 Black
Martin Burris	-0-	1	Wife Susannah
Lewis Burris	-0-	1	Son of William, Sr.
John Burris	-0-	1	Son William, Sr.
1793-Capt Speers Dist.			
Patrick Burris	225	-0-	Son of William, Sr.
1794-Capt Humphries Dist.			
John Burris	-0-	3	From Albemarle Co.VA
Martin Burris	550	1	Wife Susannah
1794-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
John Burris	-0-	3	
Thomas Burris	400	4	Wife Ann
Thomas Burris, Sr. (Jr. ?)	-0-	1	Son of Thomas
Jacob Burris	150	2	Son of William, Sr.
1794-Capt Stones Dist.			
John Burris, Sr.	200	1	Wife Esther
John Burris, Jr.	112	1	Wife Frances
Moses Burris	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
1795-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
John Burrows	150	3	From Albemarle Co.,VA
Thomas Burrows	400	5	Wife Ann
Jacob Burrows	150	2	Son of William, Sr.
Thomas Burrows, Jr.	-0-	1	Wife Elizabeth Hale
1795-Capt Stones Dist.			
John Burris, Sr.	200	1	Wife Esther
Moses Burris	-0-	1	Son of John, Sr.
John Burris, Jr.	112		Wife Frances
1795-Capt Humphries Dist.			

William Burris	200	1	Wife Elizabeth
Daniel Burris	150	1	Son of John, Sr.
1796-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
John Burris	150	3	From Albemarle Co.VA
Jacob Burris	150	2	Son of William, Sr.
Thomas Burris, Sr.	400	5	Wife Ann
Thomas Burris, Jr.	-0-	1	Wife Elizabeth
1796-Capt Humphries Dist.			
Moses Burris	50	1	Son of John, Sr.
Daniel Burris	150	1	Son of John, Sr.
1796-Capt Stones Dist.			
John Burris, Jr.	112		Wife Frances
John Burris, Sr.	200		Wife Esther
Peter Burris	-0-		Son of William
1797-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
John Burris	150	3	From Albemarle Co.VA
Jacob Burris	150	2	Son of William, Sr.
Thomas Burris, Jr.	-0-	1	Wife Elizabeth
Thomas Burris, Sr.	400	5	Wife Ann
1797-Capt Armstrongs Dist.			
William Burris, Sr.	50	1	Wife Elizabeth
Moses Burris	50	1	Son of John, Sr.
Capt Stones Dist.			
John Burris, Sr.	400		Wife Esther
John Burris, Jr.	112	1	Wife Frances
Daniel Burris	110	1	Son of John, Sr.
1798-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
Jacob Burris	150	2	Son of William, Sr.
John Burros	150	3	From Albemarle Co.VA
Thos. Burros	-0-	1	Wife Elizabeth
Thos Burros, Sr.	400	6	Wife Ann
1798-Capt Earlys Dist.			
Daniel Burrous	100	1	Son of John, Sr.
John Burrous, Jr.	112	1	Wife Frances
John Burrous, Sr.	500	1	Wife Esther
1799-Capt Words Dist.			
William Burris	150	1	Wife Elizabeth
Martin Burris	-0-	1	Wife Susannah
1799-Capt Earlys Dist.			

Joseph Burris	100	-0-	Son of John, Sr.
Moses Burris	50	-0-	Son of John, Sr.
John Burris, Jr.	-0-	-0-	Wife Frances
1799-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
Jacob Burrus	150	3	Son of William, Sr.
Thomas Burrus	-0-	1	Son of Thomas, Sr.
John Burrus	150	3	Wife Anna, Albemarle Co., VA
Ann Burrus	-0-	1	Widow of Thomas, Sr.
1800-Capt Earlys Dist.			
John Burris, Jr.	112	1	Wife Frances
John Burris, Sr.	442		Wife Esther
Joseph Burris	100	1	Son of John, Sr.
Daniel Burris	110	1	Son of John, Jr.
1800-Capt Fashners Dist.			
Mosses Burrus	50	2	Son of John, Sr.
William Burrus	150		Wife Elizabeth
1800-Capt Taliaferros Dist.			
Thos. Burrus	-0-	1	Son of Martin Burris
Jacob Burrus	-0-	3	Son of William, Sr.
John Burrus	150	3	Wife Anna; Albemarle Co., VA.
Ann Burrus	200	1	Widow of Thomas, Sr.
John Burris for Isaac Burrus	200		John Burrus, wife
Anna, Isaac Burrus son of Thomas & Ann.			
Thomas Burrus	-0-	1	Thomas Burris, Jr.

#### 1790 CENSUS:

William Burris  
 5 Males over 16  
 4 Males under 16  
 7 Females  
 1 Slave

Jacob Burris  
 1 Male over 16  
 1 Male under 16  
 4 Females  
 1 Slave

Thomas Burris  
 2 Males over 16  
 2 Males under 16  
 4 Females  
 8 Slaves

John Burris  
 1 Male over 16  
 2 Males under 16  
 1 Female  
 1 Slave

#### 1800 CENSUS:

1. Ann Burris  
 1 Male 16-26  
 1 Female over 45

(Widow of Thomas Burrus)

2. Jacob Burris (Believed to be son of William)  
2 Males under 10  
1 Male 10-16  
1 Male over 45  
4 Females under 10  
2 Females 10-16  
1 Female 26-45
3. John Burris (Wife Anna Ferguson)  
3 Males under 10  
2 Males 10-16  
1 Male 26-45  
2 Females under 10  
1 Female 26-45
4. Joseph Burris (Son of John Burris, Sr.)

## **SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Surry County, Virginia, was formed from James City in 1652. The county seat is Surry 23883.

### **VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS LDS FILM 0029319**

1. 3 May 1653. Book 3, Page 249. Sold to John Burros 386 acres, Surry County, Virginia, on south westr side of Chip Oaks Creek south side of James River for the transportation of six persons, William Murrall, Toby West, Anthoe Barloy, Richard Branie, Anne Morrell, and Susan Hurrington. Payment to be made in seven years. (21 Apr 1695. Book 8, Page 412. The above land was deserted and granted to Adam Heath.)

2. 20 Apr 1692, Maj. Arthur Allen transported Jona. Burrows and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

3. 19 Dec 1711, Book 10, Page 57. Thomas Barrow granted 128 acres of new land in Surry County. Upper part of said County on the south side of the main Blackwater Swamp. Implant of three persons.

4. 11 Jul 1718, Book 10, Page 392. Edmund Burrows granted 100 acres, new land in Surry County. South side of the main Black-water Swamp on south side Snake Branch. 10 Shillings.

**LDS FILM 0029327**

5. 19 Dec 1711, Book 10, Page 57. Thomas Barrow granted 128 acres of new land in Surry County. Upper part of said County on the south side of the main Blackwater Swamp. Implant of three persons.

6. 11 Jul 1718. Book 10, Page 392. Edmund Burrows granted 100 acres, new land in Surry County. South side of the main Blackwater Swamp on south side Snake Branch. 10 shillings.

**ALBEMARLE PARISH BIRTHS OR CHRISTENINGS, LDS FILM 883627**

1. Burroughs, Bathia, b. 30 Nov 1749, dau of Thomas and Eliza.
2. Burrows, Anne, b. 2 Mar 1753, dau of Thomas and Eliza.
3. Burroughs, Balaam, b. 18 Oct 1755, son of Thos. and Eliza.
4. Burrows, Mary, b. 11 Aug 1758, dau of Thos. and Eliza.
5. Burroughs, Patty, b. 11 May 1760, dau of Henry and Lucy.
6. Burrow, Jemima, b. 20 Nov 1762, dau of Gerald and Eleanor.
7. Burroughs, Elizabeth, b. 30 Oct 1756, dau of Gerald and Helen.
8. Burroughs, Mary, b. 22 Mar 1768, dau of Gerald and Eleanor.
9. Burrow, Allen Jones, b 14 Feb 1769, son of William and Polly.
10. Burrow, Frances, b. 24 Mar 1772, dau of Jarrell and Eleanor.
11. Burroughs, Phillip, b. 20 Feb 1774, son of Gerald and Eleanor.

**LDS film 0034115**

1. 16 Oct 1745, Book 4 Page 429-430. Edmund Burrow from John Cooper 163 Acres for twenty pounds current money of Virginia. Land in Albemarle Parish.
2. Book 4 Page 476. Thomas Burrow from John Davis. Land in Albemarle Parish for fifteen pounds current money of Virginia. Tree to tree survey.
3. 15 Jan 1750, Book 6 Page 474-475-476. John Davis sold to William Burrow of Brunswick County for sixty pounds current money of Virginia, 315 Acres of land in Albemarle Parish. Recorded 21 Jul 1752. Wit. Philip Burrow, Henry Burrow and John Burrow.

**LDS Film 0034115**

20 Aug 1751, Book 6 Page 272. Gift from William Warren to his daughter Mary Barrow, wife of Edmund Barrow, one negro woman and all her increases, one feather bed and furniture.

**LDS Film 0034143**

Guardian records of Surry County VA. 1745 to 1775. No Burrow, Burrows, Burris listed.

**SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Sussex County, Virginia, was formed from Surry County in 1754. The county seat is Sussex 23884

**County Court**, 18 Jan 1759. John Burroughs married Esther Penbee.

**Virginia Historical Magazine**, 15 Aug 1760, Book A, Page 175. Abitha Burrow will.

**Court Record**, 19 Sep 1760, Book A, Page 177. Thomas Burrow will.

**William and Mary Quarterly**, 21 Sep 1773, Volume 12, Page 16. Mary Burrow, widow, married Richard Mason.

**Virginia Magazine of History**, 6 Mar 1800, Volume 19, Page 47. Allen Jones Burrow will.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Tazewell County, Virginia, was formed from Wythe and Russell Counties in 1800. The county seat is Tazewell 24651.

**COURT ORDER BOOK NUMBER 1**

14 Jun 1804, Page 142. A mortgage of land from Larkin Kidd to Oliver Wynne heretofore part proven by oath of John Wynne fully proven by William Burres.

2. Page 144. John Adair vs John Stobaugh, Petition and Summons, Thomas Burris and Mary Stobaugh each two days attendance at former court and one day at this for debt.
3. 11 Oct 1804, Page 155. Deed from Absalom Stafford and Nancy, his wife to William Burris.
4. 23 Apr 1806, Page 208. Commonwealth vs George Todd. Thomas Burris, juror.
5. 25 Jun 1806, Paged 217. Commonwealth vs Edward Carder. Thomas Burris, juror.
6. 25 Jun 1806, Page 218. Daniel Justice, Jr. vs William Burris, debt, John Stobaugh entered himself special bail.
7. 26 Aug 1806, Page 221. Thomas Burris, juror.
8. 27 Jun 1806, Page 224. Thomas Burris recommended to act as Ensign in the room of David Perry, promoted.
9. 26 Aug 1806, Page 226. Daniel Justice, Jr., assignee of John Justice vs William Burris, debt for reasons appearing to the Court, on motion of the defendant by his council this case is remanded to the rule docket until an issue is made up.
10. 26 Aug 1806, Page 226. Benjamin Corder vs Thomas Burriss. Petition and summons, judgment granted plaintiff.
11. 25 Sep 1806, Page 230. Moses Justice vs David Waggoner, William Burris and Daniel Day. Trespass. Appearance for defts, not guilty, separately pled and issue. Jury: Larkin Kidd, John Mitchell, Joshua Cecil, James Harrison, James Thompson, Wm. Jeffery, Jesse Harper, Thomas Bandy, Stephen Hencely, Wm. Clarm, Wm. Barnett and Daniel Young. Verdict: Find for the defendants. Plaintiff moved for a new trial, which was overruled. Olive Wynne, David Scrivener, Henry Pruett, witness for plaintiff. Rebecca Scrivener, John Pruett, Jr., Henry Harman, Gent., John Day, John Perry, Gent., John Power, and Wm. Day prove attendance as witness for the defendant.
12. 26 Sept 1806, Page 231. A deed, William Burriss to Henry Stump, acknowledged.
13. 26 Nov 1806, Page 237. Daniel Justice, Jr., vs William Burris, dismissed at defendant's cost.



24 Mar 1806, Page 242. William Burress vs Moses Justice and Daniel Justice, Jr. Forthcoming bond and judgment granted pltf for 71 to be discharged by the payment of one-half.

25 Jun 1807, Page 248. Commonwealth vs Samuel Harrison. William Burress, juror.

24 Nov 1807, Page 271. Stephen Deskin vs Mathias Harman. Thomas Burris, juror.

20 Jan 1808, Page 275. John J. Trigg & Co. vs William Burriss, attachment; served in the hands of Oliver Wynne, the sum of 6 pounds, 2 shillings, 5 pence, said Wynne summoned and came and said there is a balance of a note \$12.00 with interest of George Thompson in his hands due the said Burriss and on motion of the pltf. Judgment is granted him against the deft. for the sum above with interest from 26 Nov 1806 until paid.

28 Jun 1808, Page 293. Commonwealth vs William Oney. Thomas Burris, juror.

30 Sep 1808. James P. Thompson vs James Conley. Thomas Burris, witness for plaintiff.

25 Apr 1810, Patent Book 57, Page 131. Thomas Burris, 300 acres surveyed 20 Aug 1804. In Bucks Garden on waters of Wolf Creek. East end of Bucks Garden at Wilsons Corner.

12 May 1853. Death Record, Mary Burres, resident of Tazewell County, Virginia, age 60 years, 10 months, born in Wythe County, Virginia. Parents Nehemiah and Rachael Bonham, husband Thomas Burres gave information.

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST

William Burris is listed on the tax list from 1801-1807. There is no 1808 list. A William Burris is also listed on the 1807 Blawan Co. and the 1810 Cabell Co. tax lists.

Thomas Burris is listed on the tax list of 1803, 1804, 1806, 1807 and 1815-1819.

Column 1	White Males over 16
Column 2	Blacks under 12
Column 3	Blacks over 12
Column 4	Horses and Mules

1803	William Burris	1	0	0	1
1803	Thomas Burris	1	0	0	0
1806	Thomas Burris	1	0	0	1



25. 1803 Land Tax, William Burriss, 200 acres. 1814 Land Tax, William Burris, 300 acres located in Burks Garden, 16 miles south east of Courthouse.

## **WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Westmoreland County, Virginia, was formed in 1653 from Northumberland County. The county seat is Montross 22520.

3 Mar 1657. Col. Georg transported Kath. Burrowes and others. Cost was 10 to 12 pounds or four to seven years labor.

**Westmoreland County, Virginia Deed & Will Abstracts** (1747-1748), edited by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, The Antient Press, Mc Lean, VA, 1996.

1. Sep 1728, Book 1723-1738/132. Wm. Lord to Christopher Motthershead. " ... which one hundred & fifty acres is part of a Patent of Land granted to John Lord. Father to the sd. Wm Lord, on the Seventh day of September in ye year of our Lord one thousd six hundred & sisty six, which was on the (blank) day of September in ye year 1728 survey'd by Mr. Edward Barrow ...". p. 18.
2. 26 Nov 1729, Book 1723-1738/125. William & Rebecca Owens to John Buckley " ... Signed Sealed an Delivered in the presence of Edwd. Barrow, Vincent Redman". p.5.
3. 24 Nov 1730, Book 1723-1738/144. John Brewer to Thomas & Richard Dozer. " ... Sealed and delivered in the presence of Tho: Sturman, Edwd. Barrow, Tho. Templeman". p. 38.
4. 24 Nov 1730, Book 1723-1738/145. John Brewer to Thomas & Richard Dozer. " ... Sealed and delivered in the presence of Tho: Sturman, Edwd. Barrow, Tho. Templeman". p. 39.
5. 9 Jan 1746, Book 1744-1748/?. William Lightfoot to Nicholas Minor. "(On margin: LIGHTFOOTs Deed of Settlement for Negroes &c. to MINOR on behalf of BARROW)

THIS INDENTURE made the fifth day of March in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c., And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty six, Between WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT of the County of ORANGE, Gentleman, of one part and NICHOLAS MINOR of County of Westmorland, Gentleman, Uncle and Guardian of ELIZABETH BARROW, Spinster of the other part. Whereas a Marriage is intended to be shortly had and solemnized (by God's permission) between WILLLM

LIGHTFOOT and ELIZABETH BARROW and said ELIZABETH being possessed of or intituled to ten slaves, viz: Pompy, Black Moll, Mulato Moll, Hannah, Sarah, Joyce, Edenbrough, Billy, Eve and Jimmy, and WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT is willing and disposed in consideration of the intended marriage if the same shall take effect, to settle and make over the ten slaves upon and for the sole benefit and use of said ELIZABETH in case she shall survive him and have no issue by said WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT in consideration of the intended marriage (if the same shall take effect) and the fortune and portion of said ELIZABETH and also in consideration of the sum of ten shillings by NICHOLAS MINOR to said WILLIAM in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath and by these presents doth agree to and with NICHOLAS MINOR that if the intended marriage shall take effect and WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT shall happen to die before said ELIZABETH, without leaving any issue by her, then said ELIZABETH shall have possess and enjoy the use not only of the ten slaves together with their future increase but also hold possess and enjoy her Dower in all the Lands and Tenements of said WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT, But if it shall happen that WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT shall leave one or more Child or Children by her, the said ELIZABETH, then in such case the Negroes together with their increase shall go and descend and be disposed of to the Child or Children of said ELIZABETH in such distributions and proportions as the Laws of this Colony direct and appoint in case of persons dying intestate; And if it shall happen that WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT shall survive said ELIZABETH having issue by her, then said WILLIAM shall have and enjoy the Negroes during his natural life together with their increase and after his death the same shall go and descend and devolve upon issue distributively as aforesaid; But if he shall have no Child by ELIZABETH living at the time of her death, then the said Negroes with their increase shall be vested in and remain to JOHN BARROW and MARGARETT RANDELL and their heirs; In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year above written Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

WILLIAM BAYLY,

WM: LIGHTFOOT

JOSEPH PEIRCE, WILLIAM BRUCE NICH: MINOR

March 5th 1746/7. Receiv'd of NICHOLAS MINOR the sum of Ten shillings being the consideration within mentioned; Witness my hand the day and year as above

Witness WILLIAM BAYLY,

WM: LIGHTFOOT

JOSEPH PEIRCE, WILLIAM BRUCE

Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of May 1747 This Deed of Settlement of Negroes (together with the Receipt for consideration thereon endorsed) passed from WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT of the County of ORANGE, Gentleman, to NICHOLAS MINOR of the County of Westmorland, Gentleman, in behalf of ELIZABETH BARROW

&c., was presented into Court by the said NICHOLAS and proved by the Oaths of WILLIAM BAYLY, JOSEPH PEIRCE and WILLIAM BRUCE, witnesses thereto, And on motion of the said NICHOLAS is admitted to Record Test GEORGE LEE, C. C. W.

Recorded the 5th day of June 1747, p. G. L., C. C. W". p. 4 & 5. - (WHBIII).

## **NAMES FOR WHICH WE CANNOT FIND A PARENT**

The following are names for which we cannot find a definite parent. The name is spelled over twenty-one different ways, all within the same family. The following are all believed to be related, possibly descendants of the John Burrus from King William County, Virginia. Due to the lack of official records we have not been able to construct all these people into one definite family.

### **1. JOHN BURRIS**

Possibly born 1734-36. First record found 16 Aug 1756, Book 2, Pages 93-94, Albemarle County, where he bought 225 acres of land from Samuel Taliaferro. Acknowledged 8 Mar 1759 in Culpeper County, Virginia.

This John Burris lived on Buck Island Creek, in Albemarle County, Virginia, the rest of his life. No wife mentioned until 11 Mar 1799, Deed Book 13, Page 146, where John Burrus and wife Mary sold to Walter Burrus 220 acres, John and Mary to be taken care of in Victuling and Clothing for the rest of their lives. Sons found: Walter, Peter, Robert and Thomas. Possibly others. No organization of this family or record found for the parents of this John Burris. (wife Mary Dickenson).

### **2. JOHN BURRIS**

John Burris, born 22 May 1738. First mentioned in Botetourt County, Virginia, where he received 160 acres of land from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Land was given for service in the French and Indian War. He appeared to have served for 70 days. On 16 Feb 1761, John Burris received 160 acres on a small branch of Roanoke River. (Patent Book #39, Page 252.) John and Esther Burris sold this land in 1771 (Deed Book 1, Page 368, 5 Nov 1771.) Descendants of this family say they were married 11 May 1771. This appears to be a mistake as they had a daughter, Rebecca, born 1760. Wife Esther Terry was said to be a full-blooded Cherokee princess. No proof has been found. They were next found in Guilford County, North Carolina, where they were received by request in the Quaker faith. Children: Rebecca, who married Bowater Sumner, William, Moses, John Jr., Daniel, Rachael, Joseph, Miles, and Bowater. No land record or

record of any kind, except Quaker history, was found in Guilford County, North Carolina.

About 1784, John Burris bought land in Surry County, North Carolina on Toms Creek. The Quaker community was near Toms Creek Meeting House, now Westfield, North Carolina. Some descendants claim he was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. No definite record has been found. (Quakers did not generally bear arms.)

About 1804-08, this entire family moved to Highland County, Ohio, except William, who moved to Kentucky and then Clinton County, Ohio. Children: Rebecca, 1760; William, 1763; Moses, 1765; John, Jr., 1769; Daniel, 1771; Rachael and Joseph, 1776; Miles, 1779; Bowater, 1784. The descendants of this John and Esther Terry Burris run into the thousands. No information has been found as to the parents of this John Burris.

### 3. JOHN BURRIS\BURRUS\BURROS\BURROUGHS

John Burris, wife Sarah. There seems to be a great controversy over who married Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin and Susannah Chiles. (See **MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**)

### 4. JOHN BURRUSS\BURRUS

Born 1755-1762 in Virginia. Married Anna Ferguson 8 Mar 1787 in Albemarle County. John Burruss and William Ferguson posted a bond of fifty pounds for this marriage. Whether John Burrus posted the bond for his marriage, or another John Burrus, is not clear. It appears they later moved to Surry County, North Carolina, and bought land on Big Creek (Book F, Page 340), 300 acres for 40 pounds on 29 Jan 1796. He died before 1830 in Overton County, Tennessee. Children: David, Walter, Swanney, Thomas, Jacob and Hawkey (twins), Ruben, Jestina, Olive and Elizabeth. There are thousands of descendants.

### 5. MARTIN BURRUS

In his pension application, 19 Nov 1832 in Morgan County, Illinois, Martin stated that he was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on 11 Feb 1754, and that he resided in the county of Albemarle until after the Revolutionary War. He married Susannah Martin in 1778. They lived in Albemarle County and followed William Burrus to Surry County, North Carolina. We can find no proof of who his parents were. Everyone seems to take Brockman's word that his parents were Thomas and Sarah Martin, daughter of Joseph Martin. The records do not bear this out. Thomas Burrus did marry Sarah, last name unknown, who apparently died in 1759. He then married Ann and they first moved to Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1780.

This Martin Burrus has thousands of descendants. For more information, see The Family of Martin Burrus, by Martin Burrus, Route 1, Box 22, Arenzville, IL 62611.

6. **EDMUND BURRUS**

Born about 1726, married Mary Wisdom Perry, a widow, about 1754. William Brockman (Brockman Scrapbook) listed this Edmund as a brother to Thomas above and a son of Edmund Burrus from King William County. We can find no record to verify who his parents were. He lived in Orange County all his life and left a will. Children: John, 1760; Nathaniel, 1762; Samuel; Edmund, Jr., 1764; William, 1765; Nancy Ann; Fanny Wisdom; Susan; Rosanne; Elizabeth; and Mary. This family is found in Mercer County, Kentucky. There are large number of descendants. See **ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

7. **THOMAS BURRUS, BURRIS**

Other researchers say this Thomas was born 1720-22, and married Frances Tandy about 1750. William Brockman (Brockman Scrapbook) reasoned that he was a son of Edmund Burrus and grandson of John Burrus of King William County. We can find no definite record of who his parents were. He died 1 Mar 1789 and left a will. His descendants run into the thousands. The question is: Was he a veteran of the Revolutionary War, or was that another Thomas Burrus? See **ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

8. **WILLIAM BURRIS, BURRUS**

We have no definite record of the family of William and Mary Burrus. The following are the records of all the Williams we could find:

1. 1706, King William County. William Burrus (Burroughs) married Mary Higgason. Her father John gave the couple 90 acres of land. (Book 1, Page 343.) This William would be born about 1685-90, Father: John (B) Burrus (Burroughs); Brothers: Jacob, Thomas, Edmund, Charles, John. No other data on ages or mother. See **KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

2. 23 Dec 1714, Book 10, Page 226. King William County. Thomas West bought land. William Burrous and John Higgasons line mentioned. (William Burrus still living in King William County on this date. - JWB)

3. Albemarle, Jefferson's County, 1717-76, by John Hammond Moore. "During the years from 1744 to 1761, the days of 'Big' Albemarle, members of the Woods family, David Stockton, Dennis Doyle, Benjamin Brown (both Sr. and Jr.) arose to positions of local prominence. Others who patented lands in the region that would generally become known for its small farms, wheat fields, and an absence of blacks, at least compared to the tobacco growing estates to the east, including ... William Burrus."

#### VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS

24 Mar 1740, Book 19 Page 925 William Burrus, 400 acres for 40 shillings in hanover county. Both sides of the north fork of Moremans River, Major Henrys corner.

5. 11 Jul 1743, Louisa County, Virginia, Book A, Pages 90-92. William Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, to John Starke of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, for 25 pounds current money 400 acres in Fredericksville Parish on both sides Moreman's River, Maj. Henry's corner. Signed: W. Burrus.

Caroline County, St. Margaret's Parish, was formed from King William, King and Queen, and Essex counties in 1728. Moreman's River is located in the western part of Fredericksville Parish in what became Albemarle County in 1744.

6. St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, Virginia. Jacob Burrus will, dated 20 Mar 1742, named William Burrus and Jacob's wife, Mary, as exec. William was willed 25 pounds current money. Law suit in Louisa County 1755 shows William Burrus incurred gambling debts and skipped the country. He is supposed to have traveled to South Carolina about 1747. See **CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**.

7. **Entry Record Book, 1737, 1770, Land Entries in the Present Counties of Virginia, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick.** (Copied as listed in record.)-(JWB)

A. Page 14. "Beginning at the mouth up. Mem.d this should come after Wm. Burrus's last entry dated 7 Sept.r 1745."

B. Page 15, (Sep 7 Void. W. M. Burrus, 400 ac.rs on the n.th side Pig Riv.r begin at a Red Oak thence taking in the Place call'd Dying Pan.

C. Page 47, (date before this entry 15 Apr 1747. Void Pd. Walton 6/3.) Wm. Burras enters 300 acres of land on the So. side of Stanton Rr. above Smiths Mountain. Beg: at his Cabin running up & down.



D. Page 117. (Date before this entry 18 Jan 1752. - JWB)  
Will. York, 400 on the Nth. Fork of Burris Creek. Beginning at a  
White Oak Mark't W Y thence up the same.

#### **RECORDS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

8. William Burris (Burrus.) Possibly born 1730-38. Parents are  
unknown. Wife was Elizabeth.

9. 6 Jul 1768, Book 3, Page 39. William Burris bought land from  
David Howlin on Taylors Creek Lynches. It cost 30 pounds current  
money. (Acres too faded to read. - JWB)

10. 1769, Book 5, Page 115. William Burris sold land to Charlie  
Hudson, 195 acres for 60 pounds on branches of Taylors Creek, same  
land William Burrus bought from David Howlin. William (MB) Burris.

11. 4 May 1770, Book 5, Page 186. David Howlin and William Burris  
sold to John Tool 195 acres for 60 pounds current money of Virginia  
located in the Coves of Ragged Mountains at the head of Taylors  
Creek, with all the houses, orchards and with all the appurtenances.  
Signed David Howlin and William (M) Burris.

12. 2 Oct 1771, Book 6, Page 66. William Burris sold to John  
Henderson 457 acres for 12 pounds, south side of Camp Creek,  
according to survey 10 Sep 1767. William (M) Burris. (Not sure  
where he got the letter "M", possibly copied).

#### **RECORDS OF SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:**

13. In 1771, William Burrows is listed as settling on Tarrarat  
River in Surry County, North Carolina, and paying taxes in 1772  
Believed to be the William Burris from Albemarle County, Virginia.

14. 3 Apr 1780, Book B, Page 1. William Burris received a grant  
for 500 acres on Tarrarat River.

15. 15 May 1781, Book B, Pages 106-107. William Burris to George  
Carter 500 acres for 1,000 pounds Virginia money, land on both sides  
Tarrarat River. Signed: William Burris. No Witness. (Apparently  
the land above. Signature was same as writer of deed-(JWB).

16. 4 May 1781, Book B, Page 109. William Burris from Robert  
Lanier, 130 acres part of original to Martin Armstrong by deed 27  
May 1771 on Tarrarat River.

17. 27 Sep 1784, Book C, Page 254. William Burrows to John  
McKinney of Montgomery County, Virginia, 130 acres formerly property

of Austin Armstrong by deed 27 May 1771, on Tarrarat River, 200 pounds Virginia money. Signed: William (W) Burrus.

18. 6 Feb 1787, Book D, Page 58. William Burris bought from Hugh Armstrong of Surry County, North Carolina, 150 acres on both sides of Pauls Creek, for 150 pounds, specie in hand.

19. 1 Dec 1787, Book D, Page 450. William Burris bought from Samuel and Mary Wood 200 acres on both sides Pauls Creek to Virginia border, 150 pounds specie in hand.

20. 9 Dec 1793, Book F, Page 90. William Burris sold to Richard Lawrence, Jr., 150 acres on Pauls Creek, waters of Tarrarat River, 150 pounds. William (W) Burris.

21. 28 Dec 1793, Book F, Page 91. William Burris sold to Francis McGraw 200 acres on Pauls Creek, known as Lem Jones old place, adj. county line and Virginia border, 100 pounds specie. Signed: William (W) Burris.

22. 1 Mar 1801, Book I, Page 520. William Burris to Joseph Stewart, 100 acres on Little Fish River to Virginia line, \$100.00. William (W) Burris.

#### **RECORDS OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA:**

23. 20 Mar 1795, Book 1, Page 316. William Burris of Surry County, North Carolina sold 195 acres to John Burris of Patrick County, Virginia, 195 acres of land on both sides of Pauls Creek, survey by Joseph Preston, for 100 pounds. Signed: Wm. Burris. (Signature same as writer of deed. John Burris believed to be son of William.)-(JWB)

24. 1 Oct 1799, Book 1, Page 702. David May sold to William Burris, Sr., of Surry County, North Carolina, 40 acres for 10 pounds. Land on dividing ridge of Fish River and Stewarts Creek, Patrick County, Virginia. (These streams run into Surry County, North Carolina.)

25. 8 Oct 1801, Book 2, Page 111. William Burris, Jr., of North Carolina, bought from Haley Talley of Patrick County, Virginia, 83 acres for 200 pounds, land on Pauls Creek. (Son of the William Burris from Albemarle County)

26. 8 Oct 1801, Book 1, Page 104. William Burris, Jr., of North Carolina, sold to William, Sr., and Elizabeth Burris, of North Carolina, 83 acres on Pauls Creek, Patrick County, Virginia. For the love and good will he has for his worthy Father and Mother.



William (X) Burris, Jr. (This is the first time Elizabeth is mentioned-(JWB).

27. 19 May 1807, Book 3, Page 51. William Burris sold to Stewart for \$50.00 land on Little Fish River on county line of Patrick County, Virginia and North Carolina. William (W) Burris.

28. Believed to be the William who died 1813 in Grayson County, Virginia.

Possible Children:

Jacob Burris	born ca 1755
John Burris	1768
William Burris	1770
Patrick Burris	1771
Lewis Burris	1772
Peter Burris	1775
Elijah Burris	

(The 1800 census of Surry County shows Jacob Burris as over 45 years of age. The above dates were derived from the poll tax list or when they were first listed as paying a poll tax less 21 years. Not sure of the accuracy of these dates. There is no other Burris family in which to place these children. There could be other children.)-(JWB)

**1790 CENSUS OF SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:**

William Burris

5 Males 16 or more, including head of household  
4 Males under 15  
7 Females, including head of household.

29. 31 Mar 1803, Patrick County, Virginia, Deeds, Book 2, Page 239. George Poore sold to William Burris 208 acres for the consideration of \$200.00 "For the love and good will he has for his son-in-law." Land is located on South Mayo River. (This William Burris has over 5,000 descendants. Born 1763, died 23 Apr 1846 in Jackson County, Ohio. For information, contact John W. Burris, 37813 Road 197, Woodlake, CA 93286.

30. 1 Feb 1804. William Burris and George Poore, Sr., sold to Noah Parr 208 acres, land described above. (Noah Parr was also a son-in-law of George Poore, Sr.; however, his wife had died and he had remarried).

31. 28 May 1804. William Burris bought from the United States at the land sale at Chillicothe, Ohio, 155.58 acres described as SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 5, Range 16, Gallia County, Ohio. Price \$311.16 with \$77.97 down. Entry 683, LDS Film 182626. (We are not sure what happened to this William Burris as no record has been found where he paid taxes or made any further payments).

32. 22 Dec 1804. William Burris bought from the United States at the land sale at Chillicothe, Ohio, 160.02 acres described as NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 7, Range 16, Huntington Township, Gallia County, Ohio. Price \$320.00 with \$80.01 downpayment. (This is where he lived until 3 Oct 1816, when he and Martha sold this land and moved to Jackson County, Ohio. Martha signed her name as Patsy (X) Burris.)-(JWB)

9. **CHARLES BURRIS/BURRUSS**, of Bedford and Campbell Counties, VA, and Madison County, KY.

Born ca. 1755/1758 probably in Virginia, died before 7 May 1827 when his will was proven in Madison County, Kentucky (Will Book D, pg 290). In 1822, Charles Burris of Madison County, KY, applied for a land bounty based on service in the Revolutionary War. He stated in an affidavit, dated 7 Mar 1822 (Library of Virginia, Revolutionary War Rejected Claims, Reel 3), that he enlisted in the army in 1776 in Bedford Co., VA, and that he served for three years. On 2 Aug 1779, he married in Bedford Co. to Elizabeth Allegre, daughter of Matthew Allegre. Charles most likely lived along Seneca Creek, in the area of Bedford Co. that became Campbell Co., until 1788 when he removed to KY with the families of his in-laws Matthew Allegre, James Carver, James Alverson, Micah Gilbert and possibly others.

On 14 Oct 1796, in Madison Co., KY, Charles married for a second time to Elizabeth Kidwell, daughter of the Rev. Jonathan and Rebecca Kidwell. In his will Charles named 16 children including William, Jacob, Mary, Millie, John, James, Thomas, Rebecca, Vincent, Elizabeth, Sallie, Patsey, Greenup, Catherine, Ann, and the youngest son, Nathaniel. There may have been other children who predeceased their father, including a possible son named Charles who married 1801 in Garrard Co., KY, and died before 1818.

No parents or siblings have been proven for Charles. In 1802, an Edmund Burriss witnessed a deed for Charles in Madison Co., KY (Deed Book F, pp 993-994), and an Edmund Burris/Burruss appeared on Madison Co., KY tax lists from 1805-1809. It's thought that Charles may have been a brother of Edmund Burruss of Bedford Co., VA (see BEDFORD COUNTY) who is believed to have been the son of a Nathaniel Burras who died before March 1763, possibly in Cumberland Co., VA (see CUMBERLAND COUNTY).

It's hoped that by compiling a research book such as this that others may gain information on their families without having to duplicate the earlier research of others, and that perhaps someone will have the missing pieces of the puzzles for those of us who have been unable to prove a connection to other Burris/Burruss etc. families.

Marcia Bignall  
Wayzata, MN  
September, 1999

#### **EDMUND BURRUSS of BEDFORD COUNTY**

Three documents, his will, his obituary and his wife's obituary, have been the keys for opening most of Edmund's past. Unfortunately, these documents still leave others and me researching with unanswered questions. We feel that this Edmund came from Cumberland County, VA. His father being Nathaniel Burras. A record dated August 1763 says that Edmund is an orphan and bound out to John Riddle.<sup>1</sup> In August 1771 Edmund acquires land from Dudley Terrell<sup>2</sup> and in September 1773 this land has been resold to Wm. Forguson<sup>3</sup>. The American Revolution takes Edmund to the Battle of Guilford, according to his obituary. Edmund's obituary is the only document stating that he was there.<sup>4</sup> In 1782 Edmund shows up in Bedford County tax records with five white tithables. Since Edmund left a will with ten children, was he married twice? (See Bedford County) Hannah left an obituary and it states that she had five children. Did five children die between the time of Edmund and Hannah's deaths? We have not been able to resolve this. We know of one certain death and that was an eleventh child John. John died from complications from a bad cut.

Why do I feel that Edmund of Bedford is the same Edmund of Cumberland? Mainly because it appears there were only two Edmunds. The first Edmund, who is well documented, is Edmund of Orange. How could Edmund of Bedford relate to the other Burrusses? My first gut feeling is that Edmund's father Nathaniel relates to Edmund of Orange and Thomas of Orange. Both Thomas and Edmund of Orange have sons named Nathaniel. The name Nathaniel is a very rare name in the Burruss family.

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Because of the Internet, family letters, and research a great deal has been found on this line. The most interesting has to do with the profession of lumbering. Edmund's grandsons, Peter Francisco Burruss, Joseph G. Burruss, and James M. Burruss. All three of these boys prospered greatly after the Civil War. Peter as an entrepreneur and wholesaler of lumber in Nebraska. Joseph as the president of Burruss Lumber Company of Nebraska, and James as a logger that is credited by two of his sons as the starting force behind Burruss Land & Lumber Company of Virginia. This company became one of the largest privately held lumber companies in the state with two plants and 80 sawmills in the three states, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. -WHBIII

<sup>1</sup> Cumberland County, VA Order Book/Page: 5/279.

<sup>2</sup> Cumberland County, VA Deed Book/Page: 5/184.

<sup>3</sup> Cumberland County, VA Deed Book/Page: 5/196.

<sup>4</sup> Lynchburg Virginian October 21, 1830 page 3 col. 1.

## 1787 VIRGINIA TAX LIST

Burrass	Charles	Albemarle
Burras	Robert	Albemarle
Burras	Peter	Albemarle
Burras	John	Albemarle
Burrows	Charles	Amherst
Burrows	Joseph	Amherst
Burress	Edmund	Bedford
Burrass	William	Bedford
Burrow	Willie	Brunswick
Burruss	Samuel	Caroline
Burruss	Diana	Caroline
Burruss	John	Caroline
Burruss	Charles	Caroline
Burruss	William	Caroline
Burruss	Jennings	Caroline
Burruss	John	Caroline
Burrus	George	Charlotte
Burrow	Elizabeth	Charlotte
Burruss	John	Charlotte
Burras	Charles	Campbell
Burroughs	Richard	Culpeper
Burriss	Thomas	Culpeper
Burrus	Michael	Culpeper
Burrass	John	Culpeper
Burrow	John	Dinwiddie

Burrow	Lucey	Dinwiddie
Burrow	Martha	Dinwiddie
Burrow	Balam	Dinwiddie
Burris	Thos.	Fayette
Barras	Thomas	Fredericksburg
Burrass	John	Fauquier
Burrus	Thos. Jr.	Fauquier
Burrus	Thos.	Fauquier
Burress	Jacob	Henry
Burras	Betty	King William
Burris	John	Mercer (KY)
Burris	John	Mercer (KY)
Burrows	Wm. Jennings	Mecklenburg
Burress	Millie	Northumberland
Burrus	Thos.	Orange
Burrus	Mary	Orange
Burrus	Edmond	Ornge
Burroughs	Christopher	Princess Ann
Burrow	William	Prince George
Burrow	John	Prince George
Burrow	Thomas	Prince George
Burroughs	Clement	Prince William
Burroughs	Mary	Prince William
Burroughs	Benjamin	Prince William
Burrass	Elizabeth	Richmond
Burris	Thomas	Rockingham
Burrass	Clement	Spotsylvania
Burroughs	Bassell	Stafford
Burroughs	Joseph	Stafford
Burroughs	Samuel	Stafford
Burroughs	George	Stafford
Burrow	Dodson	Sussex

## NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS

(See Surry County, North Carolina, for 1800 Surry County Census).

1.	Burris, William	Surry	1772
2.	Burrise, Benjamin	Martin	1780
3.	Burriss, John	Surry	1782
4.	Burriss, Thomas	Surry 002 Humpries Dist.	1786
5.	Burrus, Martin	Surry 002 Bosticks Dist.	1786
6.	Burris, John	Currituck	1790

7.	Burris, John	Camden			1790
8.	Burris, Jonothan	Rowen			1790
9.	Burris, Thomas	Surry	186	02-02-04-00-00	1790
10.	Burris, William	Surry	186	05-04-07-00-00	1790
11.	Burris, William H.	Caswell		046	1790
12.	Burrus, Bennett	Caswell	042		1790
13.	Burrus, William	Stokes	178	01-01-02-00-0.	1790
14.	Burris, John Jr.	Currituck	168	01101-00211-02,	1800
15.	Burris, Jonothan	Rowen	324	00022-10201-07,	1800
16.	Burris, Reuben	Orange	548	10100-20100-02	1800
17.	Burris, Solomon	Mecklenburg	515	21110-20010-00,	1800
18.	Burriss, Daniel	Bertie	028	00-10-00-00-00	1800
19.	Burriss, John	Currituck	168	00-01-01-01-00	1800
20.	Burriss, Rubin	Currituck	168	02-01-11-00-10	1800
21.	Burriss, William	Currituck	168	00-00-00-01-00	1800
22.	Burris, John	Chatham	168	40100-10100-02	1800
23.	Burris, Thomas	Chatham	168	31100-10100-00	1800
24.	Burriss, James	Hertford	209		1810
25.	Burriss, Nathan	Hertford	206		1810
26.	Burrows, Zecharias	Orange	143		1810
27.	Burrus, Martin	Surry	162		1810

## SUMMARY

We never intended to do this research on the Burris/Burrus Research Book, in the beginning. It was like Topsy of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame who said, "I was not born, I just grew."

I am John W. Burris, looking for the parents of William Burris, born 1763 in Virginia. The name, with its many spellings, was found in several counties and a file was started on each county.

First, I made the acquaintance by mail of Edwin Wilkinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Later, we met and found we were both descendants of the William Burris in question.

Later, a vast correspondence with Betty Burrus Swaringen began. Betty is the most tireless dependable research person I ever encountered. A great amount of information in this book was contributed by her efforts.

Mary N. Racz had access to the large libraries around Fort Worth, Texas, and furnished a lot of material from there. She typed and indexed the entire manuscript.

William Henry Burruss III is from a fine old family in Virginia and has compiled a vast library of the family names. He has made a great contribution to this research. You will note his by-line WHB111.

Marcia Bignall, has been searching for her ancestor, Charles Burrus, for years and has collected a vast amount of data. She is exceptionally keen in finding material others have overlooked and mistakes we have made. Signature MKB.

Shirley Spain Smith has lived in Virginia all her life in the area where the first records of the family has been found. She has spent untold hours in research in Caroline and King William counties. She also has access to the Virginia State Library in Richmond and has made a great contribution. Signature SSS.

After compiling all the data we could find in Virginia and North Carolina, county by county, it became apparent it could all be bound in one volume.

Betty furnished the proof and style and, after several corrections, Mary retyped the entire manuscript on a new software and indexed the book.

Without the help of these people the entire project would never have been possible.

This material is not copyrighted, so anyone can use or copy for more research. We would welcome any corrections or additions as it is very possible some mistakes were made. Bear in mind that some of this material is a process of elimination, or there is some evidence to go on but no actual proof.

In all the data collected we could find no proof of the relationship between William, Martin, Thomas and John Burrus from Albemarle County, Virginia, nor of John Burrus from Botetourt County, Virginia. They all moved to Surry County, North Carolina, about the same time. It is believed they are related, but we are not sure how. Thomas, it appears, is the grandson of John Burrus found in King William County, Virginia. This is the first Burrus we could find who left a trace of a family.

The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastation of war has laid waste and destroyed many valuable documents of antiquity that would be invaluable as research material today. We can only use what is available with the constant thought that genealogy records without documentation are not records all.

After all these years of research and gathering every document available, we have not found the family of William Burrus, born 1763. We have found over 5,000 of his descendants.

Additional copies of this entire book can also be obtained for the cost of printing. The general purpose is to get more researchers interested in this family, exchange data and compile all genealogy information up to 1850.

John W. Burrus, Compiler

(This section is not indexed)

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF EARLY BURRUS SETTLERS IN KING WILLIAM AND CAROLINE COUNTIES, VIRGINIA**

1. John Burrus, Early Settler of King William County
2. Jacob Burrus, Sr., Pioneer, Caroline County
3. Jacob Burrus, Jr., the Baptist
4. John Burrus, the Preacher
5. William Burrus, the Elusive son of Jacob, Jr.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THIS SECTION**

The Burrus/us (and all the variant spellings) family is now widely scattered throughout the United States. Seeing oneself listed in one of the descendants charts provokes an element of pride



in each of us. However, it does not provide any sort of "feel" for what one's life was like in the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries in Virginia.

Yet, if we are to truly understand our ancestors and what their lives meant, it is necessary to know how they lived—the problems they faced, what their every day life was like, etc. It is my belief that everyone's life is framed by the time and place in which they live and that this helps to explain not only who they are but who we are.

These narratives are written from that perspective and I hope our readers will find them enjoyable. The story of the Burris/us family is really the story of America, and it was repeated over and over by other families as our country expanded from "sea to shining sea".

Shirley S. Smith

#### **JOHN BURRUS EARLY SETTLER OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

The first ancestor of the Burris/us line of Caroline and King William County Virginia appears to be **JOHN BURRUS**, an early settler of King William (then New Kent) county who lived along the banks of John's Creek.

On 17 March 1667 **JOHN BORRAS** along with his neighbor **WILLIAM WOODWARD** patented 179 acres in what was then New Kent County, on the "north side of the Yorke River. On Mr. Woodward's land beginning by Mr. John's Creek, &c. to Manskin Path &c." [Patent Book 6, page 115] This is the first definite reference to the John BURRUS whose land transactions are recorded in the surviving King William County Virginia records. This patent was apparently granted under the headrights system jointly to John Borras and William Woodward account transportation of eight people with a note: "Last four rights due to Mr. Clayborne."

Geographically King William County is that part of Virginia known in an earlier time as "Pamunkey Neck." In Virginia "neck" is a synonym for peninsula. Pamunkey Neck is the inland peninsula created by the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers as they converge at West Point to form the headwaters of the York River. The evolution of King William County is as follows: In 1634 when the four original shires were established in Virginia, this land lay in what was known as Charles City Shire. In 1642/43 Charles City Shire was renamed York County. As York County grew, it became necessary to subdivide it, and in 1654 New Kent County was created from part of York Co. In 1691 New Kent County was sub-divided, the land on the north side of the Pamunkey River along with Pamunkey Neck now became King and Queen County. In 1702 King and Queen was sub-divided and the land

on the south side of the Mattaponi River within Pamunkey Neck became known as King William County. In researching it is necessary to examine the records of all of these counties. John Burrus never moved from his land, but the county boundary lines changed.

Pamunkey Neck was late in being settled by the English because of the Indian problem. The Indian Massacre of 1622 was the bloodiest uprising in the history of the colony, and in an effort to find a solution the colonists signed an agreement that no white man was to settle on the north side of the Pamunkey River, i.e. Pamunkey Neck. The General Assembly passed an act that imposed the death penalty on any settler who violated this agreement. This was the law in Virginia until 1646 when it was repealed due to its violation by the Pamunkey Indians who attacked the settlers along the south bank of the Pamunkey River in 1644. The English retaliated; however, the Pamunkey Indians remained as strong as ever and continued to block the colonists' attempt to settle beyond the Pamunkey River.

In 1664 Mr. **WILLIAM WOODWARD** patented 2100 acres, New Kent Co. [P. B. 5, p. 430, (509)] on the North side of Yorke River, beginning at the mouth of Mr. Johns Creek and running up the river. He had purchased this land from "**COCKA COESKE, Queene of Pomunke**" 27 Sept 1664 as she desired him to be readily accessible to the tribe since he was an Indian interpreter. The patent was accordingly granted 24 November 1664. This land was apparently adjacent to the land Woodward patented in 1667 jointly with John Borrass referred to above.

Although the Woodward family, like the Burris/us family is documented very early in Virginia, I have been unable to locate any information on the parents of William Woodward. The first record I have found to a William Woodward is in 1642 when he is named as a headright by Justinian Cooper, Isle of Wight. In 1658 William Woodward and Katherine Burrowes are both listed as headrights by George Read, Esq. of York County. These entries only mean someone by that name entered Virginia prior to the date of the exercise of the warrant; the entries do not mean they knew the person who exercised the warrant or were ever in the location of the land patented. [See discussion of the headrights system at the end of this narrative]. Nor can I determine what the relationship between him and John Burrus was that they would patent land together.

Based on my currently documented information, I cannot draw any definite conclusions as to the origins of John Burrus, Early Settler of King William County; however; an assessment of the possible early Burris/us settlers who might qualify as parents is included at the end of this narrative along with possible settlers named John Burris/us who might qualify as John himself.

What kind of life did our John Burrus live along the frontier in King William Co. in 1667? We can only assume that he would have followed the trends of his times. The numerous rivers and creeks of Virginia were used by the colonists as "water highways". It was much easier to travel by small boats than overland through the forest. Since John's Creek (or Jack's Creek) is a tributary to the Pamunkey River, more than likely John would have used that river to reach his land. If we follow the twists and turns of the river as shown on the current Virginia Department of Transportation Map of King William Co. and use their distance scale, it is a approximately 32 miles to the mouth of Jack's Creek from West Point (the tip of the peninsula where the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers join to form the York River). There is no way to pinpoint the exact location of his land along Jack's Creek. The mouth of the creek is only about four miles "as the crow flies" from the present day Pamunkey Indian Reservation, which is the ancestral land of the tribe, so we can see that this was definitely frontier Indian land in John's day.

John appears to be among the class of small, independent farmers. Following the custom of his time, his frontier house would have been frame, probably of logs, joined without nails as nails were very scarce. Sometimes when "moving on" early settlers would burn their houses to retrieve the nails. Seventeenth century houses were usually small dwellings with a chimney on the side that was used for both heat and cooking. All of the family's activities took place in the central room. There may well have been a "loft room" reached by a ladder in which the children would have slept. Later, as his fortunes improved, he may have enlarged his house to include two rooms downstairs with a chimney at each end and a center hallway, and the kitchen might have become a separate building because of the heat in summer and the danger of fire caused by sparks from the large fireplace landing on the cedar shake roof. Although 17th century brick kilns have been excavated at Jamestown, and brick houses were built there by 1639, it is doubtful brick would have been used on the frontier. He would have had a barn in which to store his tobacco and a storeroom for corn and other crops. He may have owned a few cattle and hogs.

In winter ice would have been sawed from the creek and put in an underground pit covered with straw or pine tags and secured by a wooden door. Perishable foods would have been stored here in pottery jars. Other methods of preserving food were salting and smoking. He would have saved the ashes from the fire to mix with fat to make a homemade soap. Cloth, pottery, tools, woodenware, and furniture were often homemade in the wilderness.

Tobacco would have been his "money crop" as it was used as money within the colony and for trade with England. Raising tobacco

is extremely labor intense. There is no indication that John owned any slaves so the work would have been done by him and his sons. The tobacco crop is planted in the spring and cultivated throughout the growing season. Plants are "topped", i.e. the top blooms of all but one or two plants which are saved for next year's seed are removed. The small shoots or "suckers" are removed from the stalks. Often a large green worm appears and attacks the crop. Sand leaves, the lowest leaves, are removed. If hail and/or high winds have not destroyed the crop by harvest time, the plant is cut and allowed to wilt in the sun. The harvest was then hauled to the barn where wooden pegs were driven through stalks. Later it was hung on nails to dry slowly in the shade. The leaves then turn a light brown. Late that same year it was tied in bundles, packed in barrels [hogsheads] and shipped to England. There it was sold at auction and the planter's account credited for the amount of money the crop brought. Planters were allowed to buy goods on credit based on what their crop would bring in England, and their account would be debited when the crop was sold. John would have used the creek and the Pamunkey River to get his hogsheads to West Point where they would have been loaded on a ship for England.

In addition to his tobacco, John would have raised corn as a mainstay of the family's diet. Beans, squash, pumpkins, peas, sweet potatoes, turnips, and cabbage were also common food crops of the day. There were probably orchards for peaches and apples. The forest abounded with deer and small game, and the creek and river would have provided fish and shellfish.

John and his neighbor William Woodward probably enjoyed a friendly relationship with the near-by Pamunkey Indians although there may have been instances of individual conflict. However, you may be sure he kept his musket close at hand if for nothing more than marauding wolves.

Shortly after **GOVERNOR BERKELEY'S** arrival in Virginia in 1642, civil war broke out in England between King Charles I and the Parliament. Governor Berkeley saw to it that Virginia remained loyal to the Crown and during that period many royalist refugees emigrated to Virginia. Some of these were members of the powerful, wealthy families who dominated Virginia politics until the revolution; they built splendid plantation houses on thousands of acres tilled by many slaves. There was a sharp contrast between these wealthy planters and the small farmers such as John, Early Settler of King William Co.

Berkeley's policies favored the large planters over the small farmers, and his refusal to protect the frontier settlers from Indian attack brought **NATHANIEL BACON, JR.** to the forefront about 1673 as leader of the frontiersmen. This was only five years after

John had patented his land in 1667. With a band of volunteers Bacon defeated the Pamukeys somewhere near the site of West Point--not far from John's land. Bacon pursued the Indians as far west as present day Caroline County and almost totally annihilated them. When he received word that Governor Berkley was mobilizing a large army in Gloucester County to attack him, he left the Indians for later, and marched to meet the governor who now fled to the Eastern Shore. Bacon destroyed Berkley's army, but died in Gloucester before he could return to King William and Caroline Counties and totally destroy the Indians. This incident is known in Virginia history as "Bacon's Rebellion" and its repercussions were great.

What part John Burrus and his neighbor William Woodward played in this conflict is uncertain. Woodward had received his land with the Pamunkey Queen's blessing about nine years earlier. Additional patents record that both men added to their acreage, Woodward to a greater extent than John Burrus. Did they join Bacon or remain neutral? It seems doubtful they would have openly supported the Indians against their fellow Englishmen.

The Pamunkeys never recovered from the defeat by Nathaniel Bacon 1676. Although they were able to keep their land between the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers relatively free of white settlers, they were unable to restrain the Souian Manohocs who moved eastward in an effort to escape the raiding Iroquois. The English also soon ran into conflict with the Manohocs who butchered settlers and Indians alike. War makes strange bedfellows, and in 1684 the English and the Pamunkeys allied in a campaign to destroy the Manohocs and the raiding Iroquois. The campaign was a disaster and both the colonial commander and **TOTOPOTOMI**, chief of the Pamunkeys, were killed.

Totopotomi's wife immediately seized the tribal government in the name of her young son, and ruled for the next 35 years as **ANNE, Queen of the Pamunkeys**. She made the Pamunkeys a tributary tribe of the English, thus assuring them of English protection. The English agreed to let the Indians keep Pamunkey Neck (King William Co.) as hunting grounds. However, while most of the government officials upheld this treaty, individual settlers soon began to violate it and move into Pamunkey Neck setting up homesteads. Anne restrained her braves from going on the warpath, and asked the royal government to revoke the treaty of 1684, and in lieu thereof to issue patents for tracts of land to the tribe just as they did to the English settlers. This would allow the Indians to hold title to their land and to have recourse through the courts if their titles were violated. In the minutes of the Committee for Examining Claims to Land in Pamunkey Neck, and on the South Side of Blackwater Swamp, and to Consider of the Most Proper Meanes to Settle the Northern and

southern Bounds of Virginia dated June 1699, the patent of "John Burross 590 acres, been seated thirteene yeares" is reconfirmed.<sup>1</sup>

The royal government granted Anne's request in 1706. Thus Queen Anne assured the Pamunkey ancestral land for her people. To this day the Pamunkeys, along with their sub-tribes, the Mattaponys, and the Chickahominys, who were under their protection in 1706, bring to the Governor of Virginia the annual rent of deer and wild turkey each fall. Members of the tribes, who wish to, continue to live on their ancestral land.

The last patent I have found for John Burrows is dated 25 April 1701 for 439 acres in Pamunkey Neck, St. John's Parish, on the west side of Johns Creek for the importation of nine persons [Patent Book 9, page 40 and 41].

Most of the King William County early records were destroyed in several disastrous fires. However, it is our good fortune that a series of deeds made between members of the Burrus (Burras or Burroughs) family between 1702 and 1721 survived. These deeds have been meticulously transcribed by Ruth and Sam Sparacio in their book *Virginia County Court Records, King William Co, VA Record Books, 1705-1721*, published by The Antient Press, 1210 Mayflower Drive, McLean, VA 22101-3401, Copyright 1996. Earlier, Elizabeth Hawes Ryland abstracted the records in her *Abstracts of King William County Record Books 1, 2, and 3 (1702-1795)*. All of the deeds referred to beow will be found in these references.

These deeds indicate John had several sons. The oldest is probably **Thomas** who seems to be the heir. John had left a "devise" (will) by which he gave to his younger sons **Jacob** and **Edmund** 120 acres of land. Under the law of primogeniture in effect in Virginia at the time, the eldest son was the heir and received all property if no will was left. From the tone of the deed from Thomas to Jacob and Edmund it appears there was a problem in the way the lawyer drafted the original deed. As the heir, Thomas did not have to recognize the transaction. However, in 1705/06 Thomas chose to record a deed to his brothers Jacob and Edmund transferring to them the land their father desired them to have just to set the record straight.

A deed of gift "out of the love and affection that I bear to my **Loving Son JOHN BURROSS**" for 100 acres "being part of the land I now live on and bounded as follows: beginning at the upper end of my land on Mr. Gough's line to Mr. Woodward's line" was recorded in 1702, from John Burras, Sr. to his son John Burrus, Jr. Other deeds give us names of son **Charles** and of **William**, who was probably also a son since his land is adjacent to the other Burrus land although he is not named as "son" or "brother" in any of the deeds. Of the sons



of John, Early Settler of King William County, only Jacob by his land patent in 1725 and Charles by his deed to his son Samuel in 1745 have a traceable connection with Caroline Co.

After receiving their legacy from their father 23 Feb. 1705/06, **JACOB and EDMUND Burrus** sold the land to **ORLANDO JONES** on 20 Nov 1706. Orlando Jones was the husband of **Martha**, the granddaughter of "nextdoor neighbor" **WILLIAM WOODWARD**. William Woodward's daughter Martha married first **GIDEON MACON** and their daughter Martha married Orlando Jones. After the death of Gideon Macon, Martha Woodward Macon married next **NATHANIEL WEST**, and they deeded to Orlando Jones on 20 January 1706/07 "30 acres lying on the West Side of John's Creek dividing line between the land late of Mr. William Woodward, dec'd and the land late of John Burrus, dec'd and running thence along the said line to a Branch nine poles below the Landing commonly called Doctor's Landing." One of the witnesses to this deed was Mary Burrus who was able to sign her first name "Mary". Orlando Jones became a member of the House of Burgesses representing King William Co. He died in 1717 and left the King William land to his son Lane Jones. The land was later described as River Plantation lying on the Pamunkey River near Putney<sup>2</sup>. John's neighbor, William Woodward, seems to have been from a rather prestigious family judging by the marriages his daughter and granddaughter made.

From these deeds we know that John, the Early Settler of King William Co., was alive in 1702 when he recorded his deed to his son John, and was dead by February 1705/6. To date no research has discovered any daughters for John. Thomas Burrus signed his name "TB", John Burrus, his father, "B", Edmond Burrus "EB" and the others were apparently able to write their names since no (x) is indicated. During this time many more people were able to read than were able to write, but there ~~does~~ seem to be some degree of literacy in this branch of the Burris/us family despite living on the frontier. In these transactions the Burris/us name is variously spelled: Burras, Burrows, Barrow, Burroughs, Borrass and Burrus.

What happened to John's sons? We know Jacob moved to Caroline County, and he and his family will be covered in detail in the narrative entitled Jacob Burrus, Sr., Pioneer of Caroline County. Charles apparently stayed in King William County although records indicate he purchased additional land in both King William and other counties. He had at least one son, **Samuel**, to whom he deeded Caroline County land.

**William** married **MARY HIGGASON** and was deeded land on Long Branch by her father **JOHN HIGGASON** 26 September 1706. [This may have been the Mary Burrus who witnessed the deed between Martha and Nathaniel West to Orlando Jones.] On 20 January 1706/07 **William**

06, sold to **Thomas** 61 acres on Johns Creek; Charles Burras was a witness  
er on this deed. Land patent dated 25 December 1714 granting **THOMAS**  
tha **WEST** 1,615 acres in King William County, St. John's Parish,  
ide describes the land as adjacent **William BURRUSS** so apparently he is  
m still living in King William County as of that date. No other  
ng records have been found for William.

ng John bought from his brother **Charles** 61 acres on Johns Creek 20  
eed February 1706. There is a fragment of a deed between **Thomas Burrus**  
ndo and **John Burrus** for the reversion after the death of **Charles Burrus**,  
brother of **John Burrus**, of all the lands on Johns Creek now in the  
holding of **Charles Burruss** ... No other records have been found in  
connection with this John Burrus of St. John's Parish, King William  
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1 Thomas sold 100 acres to **Jacob** on 20 December 1703 (before the  
inheritance from his father) for the sum of 50 pounds. The  
description includes "all the plantation on which I now live  
together with all buildings, houses, edifices, orchards, gardens  
bounding on William Woodward and Jack's Creek." On 20 July 1703  
Thomas sold to **Nathaniel West** 2 acres on the main branch of John's  
Creek. Was Thomas preparing to "move on"? No other records can be  
definitely identified with this Thomas Burrus. The description in  
the deed to Jacob which refers to "all buildings, houses, etc." is  
standard in deeds of this period and does not necessarily mean all  
of these actually existed; however, the phrase "the plantation on  
which I now live" means there is a house and a workable farm on the  
property. Although Jacob sold the land left to him and his brother  
Edmund, it is significant that he did not sell the land purchased  
from his brother Thomas, and he more than likely continued to live  
there until his land patent in 1725 in what later became Caroline  
County. The land purchase from his brother Thomas also means Jacob  
was at least 21 years old in 1703, giving him a birth date no later  
than 1682.

1e As previously stated, Edmund, along with his brother Jacob,  
sold the land they inherited from their father to Orlando Jones.  
There is no record to identify this Edmund in other counties.

ier By 1783 when the first King William Co. tax records were kept,  
the only Burrus entry is an Elizabeth Burrus who owns 50 acres. She  
continues in the land tax records until 1800. She is shown in the  
first King William Co. Personal Property Tax Records which begin in  
1785, being charged with 2 white tithables (males over 21) and two  
black tithables (males over 16). Their names are listed as Robin,  
Aggy, Aaron, and Morning. By deed recorded 26 January 1801  
Elizabeth Burrus, Mills Burrus, and William Burrus, of St. John's  
Parish, King William Co. sell to William Cockron for \$250, fifty  
acres described as bounded by land of Wiliam C..., Samuel Meredith,



Betty Hynge, James Terry [Kg. Wm D.B. 4, page 31]. By following the entry for William Cockron in the King William County Land Tax Records until the distance and bearing from the Courthouse is recorded, you can get an approximate location. The land is near where John's Creek empties into the Pamunkey River using the distance scale on the Virginia highway map for King William Co.

After the Revolutionary War, those who had supplied the Continental Army with goods or services made claims for the value of these goods and services. In King William County there are two Burras/Burris claims: 1) Elizabeth Burras for Board of a sick soldier 50 days 10 pounds<sup>3</sup> 2) John Burris two gallons spirits 50 pounds<sup>4</sup>.

In the 1794 Personal Property Tax List a Reuben L. Burras appears and is charged with one black over 16 years of age, three blacks over 12 years of age, and three head of cattle. He continues on the personal property tax list through 1796. Alterations to the 1792 Land Tax rolls indicate he has 86 1/2 acres received from Ambrose Lipscomb. He is not shown on that list after 1797.

Beginning with the land tax records in 1793 William Burrus, who is the grandson of Jacob Burrus, Sr., and later William's son Jacob Burrus, III are shown in the King William Co. Land Tax records. This land was obtained from John Gatewood in 1793 and is along Herring Creek, an entirely different location from the John's Creek land. In 1801 Jacob III and his wife Mary deed to his brother Harris 100 acres of his King William land [Kg. Wm. D.B. 4, page 92]. Various other land purchases and sales are recorded in the King William Co. Land Tax Books and Deed Books for Jacob and Harris Burrus. Following Jacob III's death ca. 1826/7, two of his sons, Thomas and Josiah Burruss (who are great-great great grandsons of John, Early Settler, of King William Co.) continue to live in King William although both own property in Caroline Co. for a short time period. Jacob's other two sons, Overton and George Tyler Burruss, return to Caroline Co.

What a lot of changes John Burrus, Early Settler of King William Co., saw in his lifetime! The colony progressed from a small foothold in an alien land to a place where settlers really could carve for themselves a better life than they could expect in their native England. He saw the College of William and Mary established in 1693, and the capital moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg in 1699. The problem of hostile Indians had in large part been solved although areas on the frontier were still subject to attack by tribes other than the Pamunkeys. For the most part, settlers were able to grow food and tobacco peacefully. There were always problems to be faced, but by and large, he left to his sons a

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legacy of freedom and the opportunity to own and farm their own land. This was a real accomplishment!

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#### A DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE ANCESTRY OF JOHN, EARLY SETTLER OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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The Burris/us name appears with some regularity in seventeenth century Virginia records, and in the majority of cases there does not appear to be any family relationship. Dates and locations make it doubtful these records refer to the same person even though the given name may be the same. John, Thomas, William, etc. were common names of the period. **It is essential to bear in mind that even though an early record may refer to John Burris/us it cannot be assumed this is the John Burrus of King William County.**

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John, Early Settler of King William Co., first patented land in 1667 and apparently died around 1705; therefore, a reasonable time span for his birth date might be between 1625 and 1646 (assuming he was only 21 at the date of his first land patent).

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There are three possible origins for John of King William: 1) he was native born, the son of an earlier Burris/us settler 2) he was an indentured servant 3) he immigrated from England to Virginia prior to 1667 paying his own passage. Let us consider these three alternatives.

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First, he was native born, the son of an earlier Burris/us settler: If John, Early Settler of King William Co., was 21 years old when he first patented the land along John's Creek (Jack's Creek), he would have been born about 1646. Of course, if he were older than that, his birth date would be earlier. The Burris/us family is documented in Virginia as early as 1608 when John and Anne Burras arrived in the *Mary and Margaret* in the Second Supply at Jamestown. By 1623 a Mr. John Burrowes, Mrs. Burrowes and Anthony Burrows are named in the "List of the Living in Virginia February 16, 1623" These three very early settlers are discussed in another section of this book and do not seem to have left any children. Therefore, they are not candidates for parents of John of King William.

The following are members of the Burris/us family documented in early Virginia, some of whom can definitely be eliminated as a possible parent of John of King William County while others remain as possible parents, but without official documentation of such a relationship.

**CHRISTOPHER BURROUGHS OF LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY:**

The earliest reference I have found to Christopher BURROUGHS is a land patent dated 4 May 1634, Book 1, Page 341: "Christopher Burroughs, 200 acres Eliz. Cittie County, account transportation of four persons, i.e. himself, his brother William and sister Ann, and a servant John Phillips." I have not found any other reference to sister Ann. Brother William is referenced in the Lowere Norfolk County Virginia Court Records Book "A". He apparently returned to England as the court record for 4 Oct 1641 records "...Willm: Burroughs ... have entered their names to this Court to goe for England." [Walters, Book A, page 80]. Although his name does not appear in the court records again, there is a later entry whereby his brother Christopher sells to Cesar Puggett William's Virginia land, 2 Feb 1643/44 per letter of attorney 23 Jan 1641/2.

Christopher Burroughs is well documented in the early court records of Lower Norfolk County Virginia, the first such reference being 10 Jan 1637/8 in regard to an Indian who lived with him in violation of the Act of the Assembly.<sup>1</sup> He continues to be documented with the usual entries as a witness on various deeds and wills; suits, both as plaintiff and defendant, etc. We can glean the following genealogical facts from the excellent transcription of the Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Court Records Books A & B, by Alice Granbery Walter:

**Christopher Burroughs was born in 1612:** "4 Oct 1641, Mr. Christofer Burrowghs aged 29 yeares sworne & examined..." [Walter, Book A, page 84] Also, 15 Nov 1642, "Christopher Burroughs aged 30 years or thereabouts sworne and examined..." [Walter, Book A page 117] We can now determine he was 22 years old when he obtained his land patent of 1634--young to have paid his own passage as well as that of his brother and sister and also a servant. Probably it was his parents who actually put up the money for their three children's Virginia adventure, and Christopher was probably the oldest so the land was granted in his name.

**Christopher Burrough married Mary Somes [Soames] 28 May 1640:** "4 Jan 1640/1, Mr. Codd and John Stratton Churchwardens doe present CHRISTOPHER BURROUGH & MARY his wife for ffornicacion they beinge [married] the 28th May their child baptized the 25 Nov 1640." [Walter: page 49]

"12 Apr 1641, "Whereas CHRISTOFER BURROUGH and MARY SOMES are presented to this Court by the Church wardens of Linhaven Parish for commttinge of fornication, with absolute testimony of the same it is therefore [ordered] that the said CHRISTOFER and MARY shall

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n Church the next sabbath the minister preacheth at the said Church  
standinge in the middle ally of the said Church upon a stool in a  
white sheet, and a white wand in their hands all the time of divine  
service and shall say after the minister such words as he shall  
deliver unto them before the congregacon there present and also pay  
the charges of the court" [Walter: page 58]

is The record does not state whether the baby conceived before  
marriage is a boy or girl. Christopher's oldest son and heir as  
proved by later land patents<sup>2</sup> is Benoni (which means "son of my  
sorrow"). If this baby is Benoni, then his baptism date of 25 Nov  
of 1640 would give us his approximate birthdate. Benoni grew up to  
nd become a justice of the Court of Princess Anne County, Virginia.<sup>3</sup>  
o His will, which was written 4th 10bber 1700 and proved 6 Mar 1705,  
o is recorded in Princess Anne County Deed Book No. 1, 1691-1708, and  
names three sons: Christopher, the oldest and heir; Robert and Bena  
(Benjamin); and three daughters: Sarah, Barbary and Elizabeth. His  
wife is Mary.

Christopher and Mary Soames had another son named William which  
is proved by a deed dated Nov 1677 from Benony Burroughs, of Lower  
Norfolk, and his wife Mary, to his brother William Burrough.<sup>4</sup>  
William's will proved 9 Jan 1700 in Princess Anne County Court names  
his sons as John, the oldest and heir, and William; also daughters  
Amy (unmarried) and Mary M. Triggs (Ither T. Triggs is witness).  
ted This John Burroughs would, of course, be too young to be John of  
King William Co.

The inventory of Christopher Burroughs is recorded in the Order  
the Book for 21 August 1654 and indicates in addition to Benoni, there  
were six other children but there is no indication as to their names  
or sex. At present William is the only one who can be identified.  
However, the existence of the additional five children and the time  
frame make Christopher and Mary Burrowes prime candidates as parents  
of John of King William Co.

30 Mary Soames, wife of Christopher, was an indentured servant.  
s At the court held 19 July 1641 she sued Captain John Sibsey for  
keeping her in service seven weeks longer than her term of service  
is [Walter, Book A page 67]. Further testimony at this court reveals  
y's she was first indentured to Henry Cattline for four years, and after  
serving "one year or thereabouts" she was traded to Captain Sibsey  
for the remaining three years [Walter, Book A, pages 68-69]. Hotten  
lists a Mary Soanes, age 26, as a passenger on the *George* bound for  
it Virginia 21 Aug 1635.<sup>5</sup> If this is Christopher's Mary Soames, as  
seems likely, her birthdate would be 1609 making her three years  
older than he.

for is **Christopher died by January 1652/3** and Mary, his widow, was  
declared administrator of his estate [17 Jan 1652/3, p.33]. In the  
Court record for 18 April 1654 we find the following entry: "Lt.  
Col. John Sidney, Mr. Tho. Bridge, Lancaster Lovett and Robte Powes  
to divide the estate of Christopher Burroughs, dec'd between the

widow and orphans on 20 May next at the house of William Smith who married the widow."

In addition to the above genealogical information the records show several other patents as well as purchases and sales of land for Christopher. He is shown as a member of the Vestry for the Parish of Linhaven 3 Aug 1640 [Walter: Book A, page 33]. In 1744/45 Mr. X'opher Burroughs (Christopher Burroughs) is listed as member House of Burgesses, Lower Norfolk Co. [Hening's Statutes, Vol. 1, pp. 289, 299; Also Walter Book A, page 199]. He was appointed Commissioner for Lower Norfolk County 25 Oct. 1652 (page 22 of the record). Throughout the Court records, Christopher appears to stand up for his rights even against some of the most influential men in Lower Norfolk Co.

<sup>1</sup>Walter, Alice Granbery, *Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Court Records, Book "A" 1637 -1646 and Book "B" 1646-1651/2*, Baltimore: Reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994, Book A page 6.

<sup>2</sup>Nugent, Marion Nell, *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. 2 page 99

<sup>3</sup>Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 2, page 344.

<sup>4</sup>Burris, John W., *Burris/Burrus Research Book*, Woodlake, CA, 1993, page 85.

<sup>5</sup>Hotten, John Camden, *Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*, Genealogical Publishing Co, 1983, page 125.

#### **THOMAS BURROUS, BURROWS, BURROUGH(S), BOUROUGH OF LANCASTER COUNTY:**

There are two Thomas Burroughs documented in Lancaster Co. during the last half of the 17th Century:

**1. THOMAS BURROUGHS ON THE COROTOMAN RIVER.** The first reference to this Thomas is 24 Oct. **1653** [Lancaster Court page 91] where he is charged with two tithes. He either had a son old enough to be tithable or else he was rich enough to have an indentured servant or slave. If he had a son, then datewise, this Thomas could possibly be the father of John of King William.

This Thomas lived on the Corotoman River. He ceases to appear in the Lancaster records after 17 September 1654 when he assigned his land to Thomas Hopkins, reserving he right to the tract until 25 Dec 1654 [Lancaster Court 6 Feb 1654/5 p. 180]. However, a **John Barrow** is listed in Patent Book 4, p. 392, 24 Mar 1665, 737 acres on the freshes of Rappaannock River on the south side of Corotoman Creek. This may be the same land owned by Thomas.

**2. THOMAS BURROUGHS THE INDENTURED SERVANT OF THOMAS HAYNES:** This Thomas Burroughs is first mentioned in Lancaster Co. Court Order Book 9, May 1677, page 364: "Mr. Thomas Haynes doth in Cort: owne that Thomas Burroughs, his servt., brought this day to this Cort., is free at foure yeres end after the arrivall of the sde Servt in Virga." Thus we know he came from England in 1673, too late to be the father of John Burras, who patented land on John's Creek, King

William Co. in 1667. He continues in the Lancaster records until 1703.

#### **MATHEW BURROUGHS OF LANCASTER COUNTY**

Mathew Burroughs is shown a number of times in the Lancaster Court Records; however, none of the records show where his homesite was nor do they give us any idea of his occupation. The earliest reference I have found to Mathew Burroughs is 28 Jun 1639 when he is shown as a headright of Thomas Harwood, Wareesquioake Co., (Isle of Wight) Book 1, p. 208. He continues in the Lancaster records until 1691. He does not seem to be connected to John of King William.

#### **MAGNE BARROW OF LANCASTER COUNTY**

[Lancaster County Court 20 October 1662, page 199] "Mr. Math: Kempe to collect for 150 tiths p:sons at 32 p poll - 4800 Magne Barrow listed for two tithes." This is the only reference I found to Magne Barrow. Datewise, if one of the tithes were for his son, he could possibly be John of King William's father, but no record connects the two men and the name Magne does not appear in any of John of King William County's records.

#### **LEGACY TO A JOHN BURROUGHS, THE BROTHER IN LAW OF ROBERT BECKINGHAM OF LANCASTER CO.**

This John Burroughs has married Martha, the sister of Robert Beckingham. It appears from the terms of the will that this John Burroughs and his wife Martha are still in England.

Our second possible origin for John of King William Co. is he was an indentured servant. By his will dated 1 July 1658, probated 29 Sept 1658, Francys Cole, of Lancaster County, included "Item I give to my servt., John Burroughs, when he shall be free one heifer with calf" [Lancaster Co. Deed and Will Book, 1654-1661, pages 54-56]. The usual term of indenture was from four to seven years. The will does not tell us how much longer John Burroughs has to serve, but the time frame makes this person a possible candidate for John, Early Settler of King William.

There are a number of men named John Burris/Burrus recorded as headrights who may or may not have been indentured servants. Their names appear in patents as "transported by".

Our third possible origin is that he immigrated to Virginia prior to 1667 paying his own passage. Any of the headrights or patentees listed below might have paid their own passage; however, again there is no evidence to connect any of them to our John Burrus. I have not recorded here those John Burris/us appearing after 1667 when John patented his King William land.

#### **A. SURRY COUNTY**

**JOHN BARROW** purchased [3 May 1653, Book 3, 249] 386 acres, **Surry Co. VA**, SW side of Chipcoaks Creek, South side of James River. This land was deserted and granted to Adam Heath (21 Aug 1695, B. 8, p. 412. [Surry Co. is across the James River from Jamestown. S.]

**B. LANCASTER COUNTY/OLD RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY**

**1. JOHN BARROW**

Rich: Bennett (Governor) grants Nicholas Merywether 600 acres within freshes of Rappahannock River, Nanzemoun Towne, Pingin Swar Pictaquart (?) Point. Later this land is granted from Nicholas Merywether to **JOHN BARROW** 21 Nov 1655; recorded 14 Jan 1656 [Old Rappahannock County Court 18 Dec 1656, page 324; recorded in Lancaster Co. Record Book, p. 137]

**JOHN BARROW** is witness (his mark) on a deed from Nicholas Meriwether to Capt. Henry Fleet 8 Sep 1656. Note to Mr. Dale: "Pr do me ye favour as to acknowledge on my behalf one assignment of a Pattent of 2000 acres unto Capt. Henry Fleet & one assignment of a Pattent of 600 acres unto **JOHN BARROW**, let this be done ye first conveniency at Rappa. Court whereon you will engage. Sept ye 8th 1656 Recognit 5 Nov 1656 rec 7 d die Nov 1656" [Lancaster Co. Deed Will Book 1654-1661, page 119] (Edward Dale was Clerk of Court) [This may be the same transaction as above.]

**2. JOHN BARROW** [24 Mar 1665, Book 4, p. 392] 737 acres on the freshes of Rappahannock Riv. on the south side of Corotoman Creek. This John Barrow may be the son of Thomas Burroughs previously discussed.

**C. NO COUNTY GIVEN**

**JOHN BARROW** [6 Oct. 1658, Book 4, p. 374] 450 acres, 347 acre formerly granted to Col. Henry. This land was sold to Wm. Mosse 2 June 1664, Book 5, p. 375. [No county given.]

**D. ESSEX COOUNTY (OLD RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY RECORDS)**

**JOHN BARROW** [23 Mar 1659, Book 90] 737 acres freshes of Rappahannock River on south side of Occapson Creek. (Occupasion Creek) This land sold to Jno. Johnson 10 Dec 1663, Book 5, p. 311 [This land is in upper Essex, not too far from the present day Caroline Co. line. SSS]

**E. MIDDLESEX OR ESSEX COUNTY**

**JOHN BARROW** [14 May 1662, Book 6, p. 326] 1,500 acres on the freshes and on south side of Rappahannock River. Adj. the land of Thos. Luceas and Clement Herbest. Granted to Henry Berry and assigned to said Barrow 14 Mar 1662, and confirmed to him by order 23 Mar 1665. 21 Oct 1687, Book 7, page 599. This land sold first to George Jones and last to Ralph Wormelly.

**G. CAROLINE COUNTY**



**JOHN BURROW**, 25 Sep 1665, Bk. 5, p. 468] Freshes of Rappahannock Riv., SW side of (407) Powmansend Creek (Pneumansend Creek) [Old Rappahannock Co.; present day Caroline Co.SSS]

**WESTMORELAND CO./OLD RAPPAHANNOCK CO.**

There is a contemporary John Burros/Burrowes/Barrow who can definitely be eliminated: **JOHN BURROS** [13 Nov 1662, Book 4, p. 167] 943 acres, 643 acres on west side of a gutt and (108) (605) running on the north west side of Colemans thickett, 300 acres being marsh land and lying before said tract. First patented to Walter Dickenson 6 Sept 1654 and sold to Alexander Fleming, who assigned 600 acres to said Barrow. [No county given]

**John Burrowes** [Old Rappahannock Will Book 1682-1687, pages 63-64] the will dated 3 Feb 1684/85 of **John Barrow** names **sons Jonothan, Alexander, Moses, daughters Honor and Cicely, loving wife Mary.**

There are many other references in the Old Rappahannock records to this John Burrowes, his sons Jonothan and Alexander. A map showing the location of his property in Washington Parish, present day Westmoreland Co. is published by Eaton, David W., *Historical Atlas of Westmoreland Co. Va. Patents*, Richmond, Dietz Press, 1942 with the following reference on page 45: "John Barrow patented land first granted to Dickerson, and by him deserted, and adjoined what is now 'Liberty'" [Patentees--Sheet 5 No date.] Alexander Fleming is shown as a near neighbor on the same map.

John Camden Hotten, *Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*, page 136, lists a John BURROWES age 18 who sailed in the *Constance* bound for Virginia in 1735. This would make his birthdate 1617. I think this John is too old to be our John of King William Co. I suspect he may be this John Burrowes recorded in Westmoreland Co. [Old Rappahannock Co.].

The records for James City and York Counties from this early 17th century period have been destroyed and the only remaining evidence is found in the land records patented under the headrights system discussed below.

**THE HEADRIGHTS SYSTEM AND VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS**

The headrights system was enacted in 1634, and provided that any person paying the passage of someone who passed between the Virginia capes (Cape Henry on the mainland and Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore), received a warrant for 50 acres of land which entitled that person to begin the land patent process. These warrants could be sold (assigned). Headright warrants were issued to four different classes of people: 1) those visiting the colony who paid their own passage 2) colonists who had returned to England for personal or business reasons and were now returning to their residence in Virginia, paying their own passage 3) those who were arriving in Virginia as colonists for the first time who paid their own passage 4) indentured servants, i.e. those whose passage was



paid for by some other person in exchange for the warrant and the immigrant's labor for a set period of time, usually 4 to 7 years. Most of the people who came to Virginia came as indentured servants.

The word "headright" has two definitions: 1) the warrant for 50 acres 2) the indentured servant. The indentured servant did not "go with the warrant". In other words, the servant might remain with the person who actually paid his passage while the warrant acquired for the servant's passage might be sold. Therefore, just because a person's name appears on a land patent as being "transported" by the patentee does not mean that person is or ever was in that area or even knew the patentee.

Because warrants could be sold, it is impossible to tell whether the person named as being transported is indentured or free. There was considerable fraud and county clerks, especially the clerks in the Secretary's office, carried on a brisk under-the-counter business reselling certificates (warrants) that should have been destroyed. When the warrant was exchanged for a land patent, the patentee had three years within which to build a house, put livestock on the land, clear an acre of ground and plant it; otherwise his grant was forfeited. This process was known as "planting and seating." This was also abused, especially by the gentry who did a minimum and then held the tract for speculation or future use. About the best we can tell from the headrights named in the patent is that someone by that name was in Virginia prior to the date of the particular patent which used the headright.

The following list shows members of the Burris/us family not previously discussed listed as Headrights; the date of the patent, book and page number; and the name of the person receiving the patent and location for the period 1625-1667. The actual patent will read "for the transportation of ...":

**Matthew Burrows** 28 Jun 1639, Book 1, p.208 Patent by Thomas Harwood, Wareesquioake Co., (Isle of Wight Co.)

**Matthew Burras** 20 Aug 1642, Book 1, p.808 Patent by Thomas Say, Mobjack Bay [later Gloucester Co.]

**John Barrow and John Berry** 11 Nov. 1642, Book 1, p.858 Patent by John Sweete (no county)

**Roger Burrough** 6 Mar 1647, Book 1, p.112 Patent by Jonathan Gills, Northampton Co. (Eastern Shore of VA.)

**John Barrom** 28 Jul 1652; Bk.3 p 195 Patent by Thomas Glascock, 600 ac. Lancaster Co.

**Henry Burrage** 26 Oct 1652, Bk. 3, p. 122 Patent by Augustine Warner, 2,500 acres Southside Peanketank Riv. (Piankatank Riv., now Matthews Co. SSS]

**Elizabeth Burrowes** 4 Jul 1653; Bk. 3, p. 18 Patent by Samil Bonam,  
300 acres Northumberland Co.

**John Barrow** 7 Sept 1654, Bk 3, p. 283 Patent by John Wyre,  
4,000 ac. freshes of Rappahannock River [No county given.]

**Kath. Burris** 15 Dec. 1655, Bk. 4, p. 3 Patent by Dr. Giles  
Mode, 1,000 acres New Kent Co. east side of Mettopony River  
[Mattapony River]

**Mathew Burrowes** 15 Dec. 1656, Bk. 4, p. 55 Patent by John  
Bromfield, 1,2000 acres James City near head of Archers Hope Creek

**Kath Burrowes** 3 Mar 1657, Bk 4, p. 371 Patent by George Read,  
2,000 acres Westmoreland Co., south side Patomeck Riv. (Potomac  
River)

**John Barron** 25 Sep 1665, Bk. 5, p. 396 Patent by Nich. Copeland,  
1,589 acres north side of Rappahannock (Present day Lancaster Co. or  
Richmond Co. SSS)

**John Burrow** 19 July 1666, Bk. 5, p.531 Patent by Thomas Bulton,  
3650 ac. Rappahannock Co.

**Ann Burrow** 25 Sep 1665, Bk 5, p. 468 Patent by John Burrow, 600  
ac. freshes of Rappahannock Riv. S side of Powmansend Creek  
(Pneumansend Creek) (Old Rappahannock Co.; present day Caroline Co.  
SSS)

I have not included patents after 1667, the date John Burrus  
patented his land in King William County. From the above it is  
obvious no documented conclusions can be drawn as to the origins of  
John Burrus, Early Settler of King William County.

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#### **JACOB BURRUS, SR. EARLY PIONEER OF CAROLINE COUNTY VIRGINIA**

As the Tidewater section of Virginia became overcrowded by 17th  
and early 18th century standards, the colonists began to move in a  
generally westward direction and a number of new counties were  
formed as a result of this migration. The headrights system  
encouraged this. Later, land could be purchased directly from the  
Crown at a very reasonable price on the frontier. Thus an  
enterprising settler might sell his more valuable developed land in  
the more settled areas and strike out for the frontier where better

bargains were found. Among those availing themselves of this opportunity was **JACOB BURRUS**, the first settler to bring the Burris/us name to what would later become Caroline County Virginia.

On 24 March 1725 Jacob Burrus patented 400 acres of new land in King William Co. in St. John's Parish at a cost of 40 shillings per acre. This patent describes the land as bounded on the "east side of the Ranger's parth; on John Hawkins line" [P.B. 12, page 366]. Two years later, Caroline County was established from the western portions of King William, King and Queen, and Essex Counties, and Jacob's newly patented land now lay in St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County. From later land descriptions we know it was along Polecat Creek, near the present-day community of Golansville.

Jacob was probably born along the shores of John's Creek (Jack's Creek) in what was then New Kent County Virginia no later than 1682 assuming he was the minimum age (21) when he purchased 100 acres from his brother Thomas in 1703. [See narrative John Burrus, Early Settler]

The property contained Thomas' farmhouse, and he may have married about this time. It is probable those of his children born before 1725 were raised along John's Creek prior to moving to the land along Polecat Creek in Caroline County. However, the King William records are so badly burned, we do not have any other information about him until he appears in the Caroline County Order Book in 1733. Jacob's great-grandson, **HENRY BURRUS** (son of John Burrus, the Preacher) set down at the end of his journal his family history as he knew it. According to this record Jacob, Sr.'s son **JACOB, JR.**, who was Henry's grandfather, was born 14 October 1714. From Jacob's will it appears his son William was older than Jacob, Jr.

In 1724 **THOMAS CARR** of King William Co. received a land grant from **GOVERNOR DRYSDALE** for 4,260 acres of new land in what would become Caroline Co. The survey of this land dated 13 June 1728 names **Jacob Burrus** as an adjacent property holder. Other adjacent property holders are **Robert Chandler, (?) BUCKLEY, WILLIAM CARR, COL. MOORE, HAWKINS, J. M'GHIES, JOEL TERRELL, MARTIN, POLECAT CREEK, William TERRELL, and HACKETT**. Carr developed part of this as his personal estate, but sold the rest to small freeholders thus helping set the stage for the development of Caroline County by a number of small independent farmers rather than a few large landholders, and thus Carr incurred the wrath of the gentry.

From the references in the Caroline Order Books Jacob was apparently a respected citizen. At the outset there were no north/south roads as the existing trails led eastward to the courthouses of Essex, King and Queen, and King William, the counties

from which Caroline had been carved. Therefore, building roads was a priority with the Caroline Magistrates, and the first reference we find to Jacob Burrus is 8 Nov 1733 when the court ordered him to be overseer of "the old road from Pole Catt into the ridge road"<sup>1</sup>. The Ridge Road was a rolling road built to roll hogsheads of tobacco. **DAVID TERRILL**, was ordered to also undertake this responsibility "using Jacob Burris' gang" as well as the people belonging to his own precincts to assist in clearing the road.<sup>2</sup> Later Jacob was appointed surveyor of the road replacing **THOMAS DICKENSON**, deceased.<sup>3</sup>

On two occasions Jacob was appointed to serve on the Caroline jury, once in the March Court session of 1734/35 and as a member of the grand jury in May 1736<sup>4</sup>. It is interesting that in the grand jury case **JOHN TERRELL** and **ELIZABETH HARRISON** were found guilty of living in adultery. This was a notorious case in its day and ended with John Terrell deserting his lawful wife and moving to the frontier with Elizabeth Harrison. Jacob could not have known his two Caroline County grandsons would marry the nieces of John Terrell.

As was customary at that time, Jacob was a witness on many of his neighbor's wills, including the will of Thomas Carr.<sup>5</sup> The Caroline magistrates also appointed Jacob Burrus to appraise estates. When a person died, the will was brought to court and proved by the witnesses. Next, a panel would be appointed to appraise the estate and bring an inventory to court. After this step, the settlement could be made. Jacob served in this capacity a number of times from February 1735/36 to October 1743.

While no deeds of this period have survived, the deeds were brought to court to be recorded; therefore, we have brief descriptions of the transactions.<sup>6</sup> In 1739 Jacob Burrus bought additional land from **JOSEPH MARTIN** of Hanover County.<sup>6</sup> He further increased his land holdings by purchasing land from the Crown. On 15 Mar 1735 he patented two adjacent tracts of 400 acres each in Hanover County [P.B. 17 pages 28 & 29]. One tract is described as lying on both sides of Hickory Creek adjacent said Burrus and **George BROCK**, and the other as being on both sides of Hickory Creek adjacent **Col. Symes** and **GEORGE BROCK** and **MR. JOHN AYLETT**. Each tract cost forty shillings per 50 acres or two pounds sterling total, and Jacob was required to pay the Crown an annual fee of one shilling for every 50 acres and to cultivate and improve 3 acres of every 50 acres within three years of the date of the patent. Jacob later gave the Hanover land to two of his sons, **Henry** and **Thomas**.

By the time of Jacob's death in late 1754 or early 1755, this land lay in Louisa County, which had been formed from Hanover in 1742. Louisa County, Book B, page 43, records the sale of 267 acres from **HENRY BURRUS** to **BENJAMIN BIBB** for 80 pounds current money, 6

Feb 1755. The land is described as being on both sides of Hickory Creek, conveyed to said Burrus by Deed of Gift from Jacob Burrus, his father, 4 Nov 1741.

The other Hanover tract was willed to Jacob's son **Thomas**, and the sale of this land is recorded in Louisa County Book B, pages 306-307, 22 May 1759, from **THOMAS and SARAH BURRUS** of Louisa County Virginia to **ISAAC WINSTON** for 140 pounds current money, 273 acres Hickory Creek adjacent land which Winston purchased of **COMPRESS TERRY**. Sarah did not sign this deed, though a place was prepared for her signature, an indication she may have died prior to settlement.

Apparently Jacob did own slaves. There is an entry in the order book for 11 July 1740, page 620, wherein Sarah a Negro girl belonging to Jacob Burrus is adjudged 12 years old. The laws of the colony required all slaves above the age of 12 to be registered as tithables, and the slaveholder paid the amount of tax due on same. The tithable list for Caroline County has not survived, and I have been unable to find the total number of slaves Jacob owned. None are named in his will.

Since Jacob, Jr. would have become of age in 1735, it is difficult to distinguish whether the references in the Caroline Co. Order Book are to Jacob, Sr. or Jacob, Jr. In at least one of the entries, the clerk included "Jun" as part of the name so we assume the other references are to Jacob, Sr.

Because Jacob, Sr.'s will was included in a lawsuit, it has come down to us from the court. It is interesting that in the body of the will he is referred to as Jacob Burroughs, but he signs his name as Jacob Burras. The witnesses are recorded as Mary (x) Burrus, James Fr<sup>s</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Robins and Reubin Harris, and the will is proved in court by Reubin Harris. [C.C.O.B. 1755-1758, Part 1, page 26]

The will names "Mary" as his wife. Whether or not she is his first and only wife and the mother of all of his children is impossible to say as many women died quite young, and remarriage was common. She received one-third of all of the estate, both real and personal "with the Plantation whereon I now live in Caroline county during her lifetime. This was in accordance with the laws of the colony and represents her dower right. At her death, the plantation, which was the 18th century word for farm, was to go to Jacob's youngest son, **Charles**, who was not of age on 20 March 1742 when the will was written. According to Henry Burruss's Book Charles, who was the only one of his great uncles he ever knew, married **SALLY WOOLFOLK** and moved to Amherst County Virginia "where he lived until his death and had sons and daughters." **Charles' wil.**

is recorded in Amherst Co., Will Book 3, page 407-411, and names his wife Sarah, son Joseph, daughter Fanny Penns, deceased (her share is left to her children, unnamed), daughters Molley Anne Crawford, Elizabeth Pickett, Pamilia Burrus, grandson Charles Burrus Pickett, daughter Lucy Camden, son Carolus Burrus who receives the "land and premises whereon I now live", along with other land Charles owned. Sons Joseph and Carolus along with friend **PHILLIP JOHNSON** are appointed executors. The will is written 1 May 1795 and recorded 16 Jan 1797.

By Jacob's will his son Charles is also to receive after "my Wife's Decease, a Feather Bed & Furniture, a cow & yearling, and two Ewes, One Iron Pot Two puter (pewter) Dishes with six Pewter plates." The phrase "Bed with furniture" meant not just the mattress, but also the bedstead, coverlets, curtains, and everything that went with it.

Following the bequest to his wife Mary and son Charles, Jacob leaves to his son William 25 pounds current money to be raised out of his estate also one bed with furniture, a cow and yearling, and two ewes. It is because of William's debts that Jacob's will was filed in a suit styled Davis vs Burrus in the Louisa County Court in 1767. The Bill of Complaint states that William Burrus became indebted to **HENRY BAYLEY**, **JOHN BALLARD** and **ISAAC DAVIS** in 1747, and "after travl'd to South Carolina and has not been heard of for several years'. Isaac Davis prays that the court will decree that William Burrus died in the lifetime of his father, Jacob Burrus, and that the portion of the estate of Jacob Burrus which was bequeathed to his son William should be subject to the payment of the debts of the said William Burrus. There is no record of how the suit was resolved.

On 24 Mar 1740 **William Burrus**, the son of Jacob, patented 400 acres in Hanover County on both sides of the north fork of Moremans River, adjacent Major Henry P. B. 18, page 925]. On 11 March 1743 [Louisa County Deed Book A, pages 90-92] William Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, sold this land to **JOHN STARKE** of Fredricksville Parish, Louisa County, for 25 pounds current money. Moremans River is in the western part of Albermarle County; however, at the time of this transaction it was in Louisa County which was cut off from Hanover County in 1742.

There are two references to William in the Caroline Order Books: 1) as witness to the will of Thomas Carr<sup>7</sup> and 2) an acknowledgement by William of his deeds of lease and release and bond indented to **JAMES FOSTER**.<sup>8</sup> It may seem strange that Jacob did not leave his son William any land; however, it was customary for fathers to give their sons land when they became 21 years of age. This is because the voting laws of the colony required the voter to

be white, male, 21 years old, and to own at least 25 acres of land with a house, so it is probable Jacob had already given William at least 25 acres in Caroline. [Actually Jacob did not leave any of his older sons land, only Charles who is not of age, and Thomas who apparently had not reached 21 at the time the will was written.] William is appointed by Jacob as his administrator (along with his wife Mary); therefore, it is probable he is the oldest son. Since we know from Henry Burruss' writings that Jacob, Jr. was born in 1714, William's birth date would have been prior to that date.

The next heir named in Jacob, Sr.'s will is his son Jacob to whom he leaves one young mare. Again the assumption would be that he had already given Jacob land when he became 21 in 1735. Jacob, Jr. is the only one of Jacob's sons who remained in Caroline County and will be discussed in greater detail in the narrative Jacob, Jr. the Baptist.

The next son named is Henry who received one cow and yearling and two ewes. However, we know from Louisa County, Book B, page 43, Jacob had previously made a Deed of Gift to Henry of part of his Hanover land on 4 November 1741. That may have been close to the time Henry turned 21 which would make his birth date around 1720. Also it is possible Henry began to farm this land around the time he received the deed of gift.

Jacob gave to his son Thomas 273 acres of land, being part of his Hanover patent. Thomas bequest contains the following reservation: "to him and his heirs and in Case of his dying childless to be equally divided among his four brothers above mentioned, or the survivors of them ..." Since no such restriction occurs for the other sons, they may have already married. Thomas is also to receive one feather bed, a cow and yearling, and two ewes. Since the feather bed does not include "with furniture" it would be the mattress only.

Having provided for his sons, Jacob now makes his bequests to his daughters. Elizabeth is named first and receives "one Feather Bed with Furniture a Cow & yearling & two Ewes, Two Puter (pewter) Dishes & a Bason (basin)." Jacob then gives to his Daughters, Ann, Justiniana and Mary the remainder of his estate not already bequeathed to be equally divided among them.

Jacobs's will is interesting from several standpoints. It is dated more than ten years before his death. This is unusual as it was customary at that time to wait until you felt death was imminent before you made your will. Jacob may have had a serious illness in 1742 from which he unexpectedly managed to recover; however, there were surely many family changes that occurred in the next 13 years including the apparent death of his wife Mary and the disappearance



of his son William, and it is unusual that he did not remake the will unless his death was very sudden and unexpected. He is actively shown in the Caroline Court Order Book after 1642, including being appointed to administer the estate of Thomas Carr when "John Minor, Gentleman, appointed executor in the will relinquished his executorship and refused to take upon him the burden of the execution. [C.C.O.B. 12 Aug 1743, p. 210]"

Another interesting aspect of Jacob's will is its administration. The will appoints "my beloved wife Mary and my beloved son William Executors"; however, when it is brought to court 13 February 1755 [page 26 of the record], Mary has apparently predeceased Jacob and William has been gone for several years and his whereabouts are unknown. Therefore, the Court appoints Robert Fleming Bibb as administrator. Why was Jacob, Jr. not appointed? He was certainly of age and apparently his residence was in the county. An entry approximately a year later [12 Feb 1756, page 138] indicates the Court appointed Jacob, Jr. along with others to appraise the estate of Joseph Crew so the magistrates must have considered him competent. One possible explanation might be that Jacob was temporarily out of the county fighting the French and Indian War. However, careful examination of the original microfilm at the Virginia State Library as well as published sources does not reveal Jacob, Jr.'s name among those who received bounty warrants for service in this war although his son William later turns up with 500 acres of Kentucky land the source of which is unknown.

The Court record indicates the inventory of Jacob, Sr.'s estate was returned 10 April 1755 [page 45]. Although the inventory does not survive, from Jacob's will we know he not only raised tobacco and the usual food crops, but he also had cattle, horses and sheep. His household furnishings mark him as a man of considerable wealth and a member of the rising middle class.

Jacob, Sr. (as well as Jacob, Jr.) did at least part of their "shopping" in Hanover County. An entry in the Account book (1743-1745) of Francis Jerdone, merchant, of Hanover County, Virginia [Folio 9] shows the following:

"Mr. Jacob Burrus in Caroline (glass bottles, shoe thread, pewter chamber pot, gallon butter pot, fringe, rum, tools, ink powder, Buckles, silk lace, powder, Shott); 1743 Octr 3; Decr 10; 1744 May 14 to William Harris, To Jacob Burrus Senior; July 23; Septr 17; Octr 16; Contra 1743 Octr 5 By Cash; 1744 May 14 By 2 Hhgds tobacco at Ayletts; July 20 By a transfer note at Meriwethers."<sup>9</sup>

Since Jacob's home was on Polecat Creek, he was not far from the Pamunkey River which separates Caroline County from Hanover County and it may have been easier to shop in Hanover than in



Caroline. Also the reference to William Harris is interesting. Henry Burruss names Martha Harris as his grandmother and wife of Jacob Burrus, Jr. and states she was the daughter of Overton Harris however, in the article reprinting Henry's Diary, Virginia Lee Hutchinson Davis, advises that Martha Harris would have been the daughter of William Harris.<sup>10</sup>

There are two other entries for Jacob, Sr. in Mr. Jerdone's accounts for: "1744 Mr Jacob Burrus Senior in Caroline April 6 To Cash fo:3-----15/-/-; April 21 various materials, 1 boys hat, 2 fine do, 2 pr wos white gloves, nutmeg, Cinnamon, 2000 8d nails, Indigo, 2 broad hoes, 1 Do No 3, 2 prs womens Calamanco [felt] shoes, 1 Stick hair, 1 hk silk, buttons, 1 horn comb, powder Shott, 1 ps Superfine China Taffety, 2 pr Buckles; July 9 To 1000 10 nails, 500 4 nails; 1744 Contra April 6 By 4 hhgds Tobacco at Ayletts; July 21 By Jacob Burrus junr 120 lb Tobacco at 10/." [Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 35, No. 4, Fall 1997.]

From the above we can see that Jacob not only buys the practical things such as nails, powder and shot, but also some luxury items, i.e. a boy's hat (for Charles?), nutmeg and cinnamon, women's white gloves and felt shoes, silk, etc. He pays for it with 4 hogsheads of tobacco at Ayletts Warehouse on the Mattaponi River in King William Co. Apparently Jacob, Jr. also pays 120 lb Tobacco at 10 pounds sterling.

Later in 1744 we find another entry:

"Nov 10 To Balance from folio 78-----	1/4/8
Dec 18 3 ½ yds check, 7 ells ozembs, 500 8d nals	/6/6 1/2
1 cotton [--?--], 600 6d nails, 500 8d ---	/17/9
Feb 14 rum -----	/1/4
Octr 1 To Balance -----	<u>1/7/2 ½</u>
	3/17/6

**1744 Contra May By 1 ps White China [--?--]returned 3/17/6**

If Mary didn't like it, Jacob took it back! [Va. Mag. Of Va. Genealogy, Vol 37, No. 3, p. 201]

Jacob truly was a pioneer. Assuming he was at least 21 when he purchased the 100 acres on John's Creek, King William County, from his brother Thomas in 1703, he would have been about 72 years old when he died. He patented his land in Caroline in 1725 when he was about 43 years old, and he and his family probably began clearing the forest to make their home shortly thereafter.

He experienced all the "growing pains" of the new county. Roads were few and it was difficult to get the tobacco to market. Since Polecat Creek is a tributary to the Mattaponi River, it may

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have been possible for Jacob to use a water route to reach Ayletts Warehouse in King William County which is on the Mattaponi River and his purchases in Hanover refer to his hogsheads of tobacco stored at Ayletts Warehouse awaiting shipment to England. Indeed it is possible that he may have used that water route to reach his new home from his land on John Creek. This would have necessitated a trip down the Pamunkey River to West Point and then up the Mattaponi as it flows westward. It is also possible he used the Pamunkey River route which would have been shorter, but would have required some overland travel to reach the Polecat, a distance of about six miles from the upland Pamunkey River. Both of these rivers were apparently navigable in early colonial times, though I am not sure Polecat Creek was. Of course, he could also have made the journey by wagon over the forest trails that passed as frontier roads, but that would have been more difficult.

When Caroline County was first established in 1727, the county had a population of barely 5,000 people who were scattered over almost 350,000 acres. There were no towns and only three small trading centers, two in the vicinity of Roy's (later Port Royal) and Conway's tobacco warehouses, and the third at Chesterfield Church in upper St. Margaret's Parish. St. Margaret's Parish had been established in 1721 and comprised all of Caroline's Madison and Reedy Church Magisisterial Districts and the upper third of King William County. "A few families enjoyed the income from well established plantations with several hundred acres under cultivation but far more eked out a precarious existence by tilling small clearings in the wilderness still studded with stumps and belted trees while they kept a blunderbus close at hand to kill prowling wolves. Besides these two classes of property owners fully half the people were landless. They were headrighters, white indentured servants and negro slaves."<sup>11</sup>

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Virginia summers are often times of drought, and during the last year of his life (1754-55) the county suffered the worst drought in its history. It was so severe that many of Jacob's neighbors joined the Quaker wagon train and migrated to Bedford Co. (now Campbell Co.) trading the danger of Indian attack for the benefit of an ample water supply.

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But Jacob had lived through "hard times" before. Just three years after Jacob's patent, Caroline experienced what is known as "the plagues" in 1728. First, a multitude of caterpillars spread over the county and threatened to destroy all plant life--not a favorable turn of events for the Caroline planters. The initial reaction of the settlers was that the Lord sent these pests to punish them for their wickedness and they rushed (no doubt Jacob and his family were among them) to the existing churches to pray. Governor Gooch proclaimed May 17, 1728 "a day of fasting and

humiliation to deprecate the anger of the Almighty to save ye fruits of ye earth from destruction." The Lord answered this prayer by giving the House of Burgesses the wisdom and fortitude to adopt a law which forbade the exportation of "Indian corn, wheat, peas and other grains" to conserve the food supply and to prevent starvation in the coming winter months.

The first plague paved the way for the second. The destruction of plant life by the caterpillars caused a shortage of food in the forest, and the hungry deer descended on the crops of the planters. The planters in an effort to protect their crops, killed the deer, and before long the woods beside many of the households were littered with deer carcasses. This brought on the third plague: the wolves moved in to eat the deer. Unfortunately, after devouring the deer carcasses, the wolves stayed, preying on not only the settlers livestock, but occasionally the children and older members of the family. Jacob the Pioneer endured all of these perils and yet continued to increase his family's fortunes.

The first town established in Caroline was Port Royal in 1744. By 1745 things were booming. Lots in the new town were quickly sold and soon all sorts of people took up residence. They ranged from merchants and racetrack owners who established a track nearby since horse racing was the most popular sport of the day, to bootleggers and owners of houses of prostitution. The number of taverns quadrupled. It is not surprising that Caroline's first crime wave would follow. Crooks and speculators, as well as legitimate businessmen roamed the area looking for a way to get rich quick. Among them was one Alexander Sweeney who showed up in Port Royal selling gold bricks at a modest price. Many fell victim to this swindle before it was discovered the bricks were made of base metal. Sweeney was arrested and branded as a "common cheat" at his trial. The magistrates agreed to release him if he could post bond of 50 pounds sterling for his good behavior. A lot of money for those days! Jacob and Charles Burrus of St. Margaret's Parish paid the bond and the court released Sweeney "with the admonition that he go and sin no more."<sup>12</sup>

This incident intrigues me. Fifty pounds *sterling* in an economy where debts were generally paid in tobacco was a significant amount of money. The co-signer of the bond would have been Jacob's brother of King William County as his son Charles would have been too young. What was the impetus behind this? Surely not just an act of neighborly generosity! Was the Sweeney family related to the Burrus family by marriage? While the Sweeneys were neighbors of Jacob, they were not neighbors of Charles who still lived in King William County. Does the relationship go back to King William County? On June 14, 1746, the last will and testament of Thomas Swiney (Sweeney) was presented at Court by Jacob Burruss the

executor named therein.<sup>13</sup> Eight years later Jacob Burrus's deed indented to Samuel Redd was proved by Thomas Sweeney (apparently the son of the Thomas Sweeney whose will was presented). An entry for 10 April 1755 (p. 46) indicates Benjamn Sweney binds himself by indenture to Samuel Burrus, who is a son of Charles Burrus of King William County. There seems to be a "special" relationship between the Burruss family and the Sweeney family.

Jacob was probably in his seventies when he died. He had seen many changes in his life--from his boyhood approximately four miles from the Pamunkey Indian Reservation in King William County, to the newly established county of Caroline. He remained a farmer, without political ambition, but doing his part as a citizen of Caroline County. Except for Jacob, Jr. his sons moved on, seeking their fortunes in the new frontier developing to the west. But the legacy of Jacob, Sr. stayed with Jacob, Jr. as he took his place in the community in Caroline and the name of Burruss is today still well known in the county.

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<sup>1</sup>C.C.O.B. 1732-1740, Part 1, p. 107

<sup>2</sup>Ibid. page 107

<sup>3</sup>Ibid. page 167

<sup>4</sup>C.C.O.B. 1732-1740, Part 2, page 281 and page 341.

<sup>5</sup>C.C.O.B. 1740-1746, Pt. 2, p. 210

<sup>6</sup>C.C.O.B. 1732-1740, Part 3, page 563

<sup>7</sup>C.C.O.B. 1740-1746, Pt. 2, page 26 [12 Aug 1743]

<sup>8</sup>C.C.O.B. 1746-1754, Pt. 2, page 155 [9 Jun 1749]

<sup>9</sup>*Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, The Virginia Genealogical Society, Vol. 34, No. 3, 1996, page 201

<sup>10</sup>*Davis, Virginia Lee Hutchinson, Tidewater Virginia Families*, Vol. 3, No. 2, page 107

<sup>11</sup>Campbell, T. E., *Colonial Caroline*, Richmond: The Dietz Press, 1954, page 67.

<sup>12</sup>Ibid., pages 117-118

<sup>13</sup>C.C.O.B. 1740-1746, Pt. 3, page 607, 14 Jun 1746

#### JACOB BURRUS, JR. OF CAROLINE COUNTY, THE BAPTIST

**Jacob, Jr.** is named in his father's will of 20 March 1742. According to his grandson, **HENRY BURRUSS**, "My Grand father on my fathers side was **JACOB BURRUSS** and was born October 14 1714 of his Father or Mother I have no tradition."<sup>1</sup> Jacob, Jr. would have been born in King William County, and his early childhood more than likely would have been spent along the banks of Jack's Creek (John's Creek) and the Pamunkey River. He would not have known his grandfather, John Burrus/us Early Settler of King William County who died by 1706, but the Pamunkey Indian village would still have been

about four miles away so he probably knew members of the tribe. In fact, the Indian village is still there today and is known as the Pamunkey Indian Reservation and contains about 1,000 acres of land part of which still borders on the Pamunkey River.

We do not know anything of Jacob, Jr.'s early childhood though it appears from the King William deeds that his uncles Thomas, Charles, John, and William were close by. More than likely he was raised as any other child of a middle class family in the first quarter of the eighteenth century. He must have had some schooling as it appears from the records both he and his father were literate, and even his grandfather was able to form the letter B. In the very early colony more people were able to read than were able to write. Jacob, Jr. probably was taught at home by his parents unless he was fortunate enough to go to a neighbor's house for instruction with a tutor.

Although his father names "Mary" as his wife in 1742 when he wrote his will, we cannot be certain she was Jacob, Jr.'s mother as women often predeceased their husbands and remarriage was common. No doubt his mother would have been the daughter of a Jack's Creek neighbor as men did not travel far to find their brides in those days. In fact, travel was difficult and was used more for business than pleasure. If possible, settlers utilized the many waterways of Virginia as this was much faster than the forest trails. Children dressed like their parents so little Jacob would have worn knee breeches, stockings, buckled shoes that were used interchangeably on either foot, and a shirt and vest. He would have looked much like the pictures we see today of young George Washington. His dress for working on the farm would have been simpler than the clothes reserved for church or other more formal occasions.

His family lived in St. John's Parish, which was established in 1680, and since the Anglican Church was the established church of the colony, all were required to attend and support it. The church building nearest Jacob's home and the one he and his family would have attended was a simple frame building sometimes referred to as a "pole" church because its foundations were poles embedded in the ground. I am told it was located about two miles west of present day "Old St. John's" which is a brick church erected in 1734 to replace the two "pole churches" of the county. Old St. John's has been preserved by interdenominational contributions and is located about six miles below King William County courthouse. The building is maintained as an historic Episcopal church which means services are held there at least once a year. While some of Jacob's uncles may have attended this "new" church, by 1734 Jacob, Sr. and his family were definitely in Caroline County.

Jacob would have been about eleven years old when his father patented the land in what would soon become Caroline County, and it is probable the family moved in 1725 or soon after. More than likely he would have continued to help his father on the plantation until he reached majority age at which time he may have purchased land of his own or received land from his father or both. According to his grandson Henry Burruss's writings, "My Grandfather (Jacob Burrus) married **MARTHA HARRIS** about the year 1739 or 1740 she was the daughter of **OVERTON HARRIS** and her mother's maiden name was **BURNET** she had one brother by the name of **Overton** that I knew and a number of sisters. One married **WILLIAM CHILES** one **JOHN DAY** one **EDWARD NELSON** one **JAMES NELSON** one a **DAVIS** one a **BAKER** besides my Grandmother already mentioned."<sup>2</sup>

Jacob, Jr. and Martha had two sons, **John and William**. John was born 1745 and William 18 February 1747.<sup>3</sup> Both John and William will be discussed in separate narratives. It is not known when Martha died; however, entry in the Caroline County Order book for June 1763, page 423, grants Jacob Burrus and **Susanna** his wife a judgment against Wm. Howard for two pounds, three shillings and six pence so apparently Jacob, Jr. has been widowed and remarried by 1763. The last mention of Susannah, wife of Jacob, is in an entry for June 1776. He must have been widowed a second time and remarried because when his will is proved in court in 1778, his wife **Diana** comes forward and claims her dower right.

Jacob, Jr. lived all of his adult life in Caroline County and there are many references to him in the Caroline Order Books between 12 February 1756 and November 1778 when his will was presented at court. It is thought that the reference at the May 1755 Court, page 49, in which William Terrell's deed indented to Jacob Burrus was proved by Samuel Redd, John Quarles, and Rodger Quarles, refers to a property transaction of his father Jacob, Sr. However, this deed may have been to Jacob, Jr.

Like his father before him he was ordered to appraise property, appointed overseer of the road, administered estates, bought and sold property, sued to collect debts owed him, etc. He petitioned the magistrates for a road in 1761 that apparently led to his grist mill which he purchased from **COL. WILLIAM WALLER** [See Deed of Gift to son John in King papers]. Also throughout these same pages we find references to Jacob, Jr.'s younger brother **Charles** and his wife **SALLY [WOOLFOLK]** who sell their Caroline property to **WILLIAM TYLER** [May 1764, page 151]. This must be the plantation of Jacob, Sr. which Charles was left in his father's will and is probably about the time Charles and Sarah (Sally) moved to Amherst County.

I refer to Jacob, Jr. as "the Baptist" partly to distinguish him from his father and his grandson, and partly to highlight his

personal struggle for religious freedom. In the eighteenth century both Britain and America experienced the "Great Awakening" as it is usually called in religious circles. Coldness and corruption in the orthodox churches brought forth a desire by many Christians for greater spiritual warmth and reality. The movement began with Jonathan Edwards preaching in New England and spread up and down the Atlantic seaboard. It split almost every major Christian group between those who opposed the new religions and those who supported them. The Baptist and later the Methodist were the primary beneficiaries of this movement in Virginia.

The settlers at Jamestown brought with them the Church of England (Anglican Church) which became the established church in the colony. They inaugurated the parish system as the local unit of the church since this system had worked well in England. It is important for us to remember that in 1607 the Church of England was fairly new. King Henry VIII severed England's religious relationship with Rome; however, his daughter, Queen Mary, re-established it with great persecution of the English Protestants. When Queen Mary died, her half-sister Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558. Queen Elizabeth returned England to Protestantism so the English Church had really only been firmly incorporated for about 50 years when the colonists established a toe-hold in the New World at Jamestown.

Births, baptisms, marriages and deaths were recorded in the local parish register. These, along with records of the Court and General Assembly proceedings, were the official records of the colony. The vestry, i.e. the lay members charged with administering the parish, was required by the Court to procession the bounds of each person's land every fourth year. The processioning determined the record of land titles, and the law declared that processioning "at three several times" should be sufficient to fix boundaries unalterably. It was quite literally a procession--two lay people appointed by the vestry, the land owners, and at least two disinterested persons walked the boundary of each person's land.

The vestry set the parish levy which every person was required to pay, and they were responsible for the care of the indigent. Colonists were required to "frequent their parish", i.e. attend church on a regular basis. The civil government and the established church were intricately entwined in managing the lives of the settlers.

**GOVERNOR ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD** (1710-22) had persuaded the General Assembly to exempt the German Protestants he brought into the upper Rappahannock Valley from parish levies and compulsory church attendance, thus beginning the policy of some religious tolerance. **GOVERNOR WILLIAM GOOCH** (1747-49), himself a



presbyterian, had expanded this policy by allowing the Pennsylvania Quakers to migrate to Virginia in 1732, and he licensed Presbyterian ministers to preach and to hold divine services.

Other sects established themselves in Virginia without official sanction, especially the Baptists along the frontier. At first they were able to visit other regions without fear of persecution. However, when **JOHN BLAIR**, president of the Council, became acting governor of Virginia after **GOVERNOR FRANCIS FAUQUIER'S** death (1768), things changed. Blair was a religious bigot, and he used his position to oppress the dissenters in the colony, primarily the Baptist, who in Caroline County were called "new lights".

It is not known just when Jacob embraced the Baptist faith and allowed his neighbors of like persuasion to worship at his plantation with his son John Burrus as the preacher. The church he established there had three names: Burrus's from the surname; Pole Cat from the location on Polecat Creek; and Roundabout because the worshippers came in a roundabout way so as not to be detected. It was the first established Baptist church in Caroline County. The association met with it in 1788, 1793, and 1797. an indication of its high community standing. A new meeting house was dedicated in September 1838, at the White Oak Seats, and the name of the church was later changed to Carmel Church.

In 1768 the religious dissenters felt the full force of Virginia's religious persecution. At the March term of the Caroline Court for 1768, which was the first term under Blair's rule, a grand jury brought in presentments against **JOHN BURRUS** for illegally preaching at the home of Jacob Burrus in St. Margaret's Parish and at the home of **PHILLIP TINSLEY** in Drysdale Parish. Both Jacob Burrus and Philip Tinsley were charged with permitting the holding of unauthorized divine services in their homes. Those in attendance were charged with attending unauthorized religious services. The grand jury also brought presentments against **John Burrus** and several others (but not Jacob) for failure "to frequent their parish church for a period of two months."<sup>4</sup>

At the Court held June 10, 1768, page 183, it was ordered that information be filed against John Burrus for preaching unlawfully, and that the other offenders for assembling themselves and that the person at whose house the same was performed be discharged. The role of Jacob's son John will be more fully discussed in the narrative John Burrus, the Preacher.

In his *Colonial Caroline* T. E. Campbell discusses the issue of the Caroline dissenters at length [see pages 200 - 227]. In setting forth the role of Jacob Burrus, Campbell states, "Our Quaker Friends of Ye Olden Times records that Jacob Burruss was originally a



Quaker. The fact that he was not accused of "failure to frequent his parish church" gives supporting evidence to this fact. When he was converted to the Baptist faith is not known, but evidently it was some time before he allowed John Burruss to preach at his home in 1768. From records in the Caroline Order Books he was a man of considerable means and influence at the time of this arrest. His home was located in the area between Golansville and Carmel Church. There is no way to gauge how long Baptist services were held there before they were made a matter of record by the religious persecutions of 1768, because public officials made little, or no, attempt to stamp out dissenting religious groups prior to that date. But afterwards they were held with a fair degree of regularity in spite of persecutions, and the men and women who met at Jacob Burruss' home to worship became the nucleus of Carmel, Caroline's oldest Baptist church."

Although many of Jacob's neighbors, especially the Terrells, were prominent members of the Quaker community at Golansville, I have been unable to verify that Jacob was a member of this sect. There is no reference to Jacob Burrus in William Wade Henshaw's *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* which is the recognized source of many Quaker records.

Campbell is apparently unaware that Jacob Burrus is the father of John Burrus, the preacher. Many of the Baptist publications I have examined in regard to the Caroline persecutions describe John as from Spottsylvania County and a helper of **JOHN WALLER**, who was another Baptist minister of the day. A deed of gift from Jacob Burrus to his son John Burrus was acknowledged by Jacob at court 13 July 1775, page 603, and ordered to be recorded. A Xeroxed copy of this deed is found in George Harrison Sanford King's papers, Burruss folder, which is at the Virginia Historical Society, P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA. 23221-0311.

When **NORBORNE BERKLEY, BARON deBOTETOURT** arrived as the newly appointed governor of Virginia, the issue of religious dissension was pushed aside while Lord Botetourt concentrated his efforts on strengthening the aristocratic landlord's position in the colony. However, upon the death of Governor Botetourt in 1770, **WILLIAM NELSON**, president of the Council, became acting governor, and the religious persecution was revived. By 1771 a number of Caroline Baptist preachers, including John Burrus, were again imprisoned. The people of Caroline County were split on this issue with the freeholders generally in favor of religious freedom and the magistrates who represented the great landowners opposing it. Harassment of those attending Baptist services, the imprisonment of the preachers, and, in one instance, physical violence were the order of the day.

Campbell states, "While from the records of the Order Books, the Caroline Court rarely went further than to order violators of the laws governing worship to post bond to keep the peace after conviction, and to incarcerate them until they posted such bonds, the magistrates at an early date used other statutes, both civil and criminal to harass dissenters. When law enforcement agencies were unable to break up the holding of Baptist services at Jacob Burruss' plantation the court ordered Burruss to open an unused road to his gristmill, and when he was unable to comply with this order in a limited time, fined him ten pounds, sterling. Next the magistrates charged him with failing to keep his milldam in repair, and fined him an additional ten pounds although he produced evidence in court that it was in excellent condition. After these two attempts failed to break Burruss' will his enemies stirred up his creditors against him and the court forced him to settle all his accounts at once at a time when extended credit was the accepted practice."<sup>5</sup>

If you examine the court order books after 1768, Jacob is no longer asked to appraise estates. In fact, others are asked to complete those he has previously been assigned. Cases where others apparently owed him money are continued, and after he dies his case against **JOHN THILMAN** abated due to the death of the plaintiff. [C.C.O.B. June 1779, p. 168]

The struggle for the right to worship in the church of one's choice continued until Thomas Jefferson's Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom was enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 1786. This is one of the three accomplishments Jefferson enumerated in his epitaph carved on his tombstone at Monticello, the other two being the Author of the Declaration of Independence and the Father of the University of Virginia. He did not list being the third President of the United States among his accomplishments. Jefferson's statute guaranteed "that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry, whatsoever...but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain their opinions in matters of religion." William T. Thom states that the Virginia Statute was "the greatest contribution of America to the sum of Western civilization."<sup>6</sup>

Freedom of religion was, of course, incorporated into our United States Constitution. Today as we watch the religious wars in Ireland, Bosnia, the Middle East, etc. tear those nations apart, we can be thankful for the courage of men like Jacob and John Burruss whose struggle for religious freedom has made a lasting contribution to us all.

The struggle for religious freedom soon expanded to the struggle for total political freedom throughout the thirteen American colonies and in 1776 the American Revolution began.

Caroline County took an active role in this. The total number of companies in the militia was raised to 17. In addition according to figures from the Virginia State Library over 350 men served in the regular Continental Army and numerous others in the Navy and Marines, making a total of well over 1250 men from Caroline County in the armed forces. This was remarkable for a county with less than 9,000 total white inhabitants. We do not know where Caroline men fought as a unit during the Revolution; however, it may be assumed they were fighting in the main theaters of the war under the command of the ranking officers from the county, since at that time men from a county fought together under command of local officers. **GENERAL WILLIAM WOODFORD** and **COLONEL GEORGE BAYLOR** were the ranking officers from Caroline County. Woodford commanded the First Virginia Brigade composed of the Third, Seventh, Eleventh and Fifteenth Virginia Regiments. The Seventh Regiment was literally cut to pieces in the battle of Brandywine (September 1777). Although **GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON** made a tactical error and misjudged the British position, much of the blame for this rout rests with the Quaker community in the area of Brandywine. It appears they were well aware of the British movements; however, they did not pass this information on to the American Army as they were totally against war of any nature and remained strictly neutral.

Most Revolutionary War records were destroyed in a fire on November 8, 1800. In 1873 the War Department collected those records that they could find. These consisted mainly of pay roll accounts and claims by veterans and their families for land bounties. Although there are several men named John Burrus and William Burrus, and at least one named Jacob Burruss in the Revolutionary War records acquired by the Virginia State Library in 1995, I have been unable to find any definite proof that either Jacob the Baptist or his sons John and William served as soldiers. That does not necessarily mean they didn't serve; it just means I have not been able to find their records.

John Burrus' will was brought to court 14 May 1778. This will be examined and discussed in the narrative John Burrus the Preacher. Jacob's will was brought to court 12 November 1778 [page 133] and proved by the oaths of Benjamin Tompkins and John Hampton and ordered recorded. The Court record continues "John Hampton, Joseph Campbell, John Thomson and William Hewlett or any three of them being first sworn are appointed to appraise the Estate of Jacob Burrus, deceased according to Law." The justices then proceeded with various other matters and it is not until the next page (page 134) that we find, "Diana Burrus, widow of Jacob Burrus, deceased, in open Court agreed to renounce all Legacies made her by her said husband will duly claim her thirds of the decedants Estate." Thus we know Jacob had married for a third time sometime between June 1776 when his wife Susannah is mentioned in a property deed from

(Name faded) and Jane, his wife, to Jacob Burrus and Susannah, his wife, and November 1778 when his will is proved. Why the court did not handle everything having to do with Jacob, Jr.'s will in a consecutive manner, I have no idea unless some of the parties did not arrive until later in the session.

On the next page of the court record (page 135) we find, "By consent of the parties, Roger Quarles, Benjamin Tompkins, John Thompson & John Hampton or any three of them are appointed to lay off Mrs. Diana Burrus's Dower of her deceased Husband, Jacob Burrus, Estate.

Apparently Jacob left Diana a generous portion of his estate despite the short duration of the marriage, and in order to prevent a lawsuit by William and the other heirs, she renounced the legacy of the will and only claimed her dower right. Because Jacob, Jr.'s will was not involved in a lawsuit, it was not taken to the District Court and no copy has ever been found.

Diana Burrus is shown in the first Caroline County Land Tax Book of 1787 as owning 100 acres so apparently Jacob's estate in 1778 consisted of 300 acres. We know from his Deed of Gift he had previously conveyed to his son John 225 acres on the south side of the north fork of Polecat, including the mill with everything belonging to it that he (Jacob) had purchased of Col. William Waller's estate. It is probable he had also already conveyed land to son William though I do not find a record of that transaction in the order book.

The inventory and appraisal of the estate of Jacob Burrus, deceased was returned and admitted to record at the court session 12 July 1779, page 181.

The entry for Diana Burrus continues in the Caroline land Tax Book until 1800. Personal Property Tax Lists begin in 1783. Diana's listing shows one white male over 16; four black males over 16; three blacks over 12 but under 16; three horses and ten cattle. In 1799 she is charged with one black male over 16; three blacks 12 years old but under 16, four horses and cattle. Her name does not appear on the personal property tax rolls for 1800 so she apparently died between March of 1799 and March 1800 or moved to another locality. I am uncertain who the white male over 16 listed in 1783 is. It is not necessarily a relative as the property owners were responsible for the tithe (tax) for any male over 16 living in their household.

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<sup>1</sup>Davis, Virginia Lee Hutchinson, *Tidewater Virginia Families*, Vol. 3, No. 2, page 107

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., page 107. Ms. Davis included some additional information in her article. She states Martha Harris would have been the daughter of William Harris, not Overton Harris, and her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Burnet. She refers her readers to Dr. Malcolm H. Harris' article "Three William Harrises in Hanover County" as published in *Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 22, pages 3-15; 99-104, 187-93. [There is also an article by William R. Taylor as a response to Dr. Harris article on pages 261-270 in the *Virginia Genealogist*.]

Dr. Harris' article states William Harris, Jr. was the son of Capt. William Harris and Temperance Overton and resided in Hanover County at the Cedar Hill plantation. This plantation passed to his son and heir Overton Harris. William Harris, Jr. married Elizabeth Burnett. An inventory and appraisal of his estate was made 24 May 1749. Dr. Harris names the following children of William Harris which have been established from extant records since his will is lost: 1) Overton Harris (1726-1789); 2) William Harris; 3) Frederick Harris; 4) Benjamin Harris; 5) Robert Harris; 6) Mary Harris, born 1727, married in 1748 Edward Nelson of Hanover Co.; 7) Keziah Harris married in 1750 James Nelson (1723-1803); 8) Temperance Harris married Samuel Baker; 9) Ann Amelia Harris married William Day.

While Dr. Harris does not name Martha as a daughter, the names given by Henry Burruss as to Martha's sisters' marriages and her brother Overton (whom Henry said he knew) seem to agree with Dr. Harris' information. It should be noted Dr. Harris does not name a sister married to William Chiles, and apparently her references along with Martha's have not been found. Since the other brothers inherited land in what became Louisa Co., it is not surprising Henry Burruss did not know them.

The entry dated 1743 in the account book of Francis Jerdone, merchant, of Hanover County Virginia published in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, and quoted in the narrative "Jacob Burrus, Sr., Early Pioneer of Caroline County Virginia" indicates a connection between William Harris and Jacob, Sr. The same account book contains entries for Jacob Burrus, Jr. and his brothers Henry and William although specific purchases are not listed except for the following:

"[Folio 135] Mr. James [should be Jacob] Burrus junior in Caroline Dec 20 5 yds worsted ferrit[?]. Feby 15 1 ½ ells Princess linen /2/-; Janý 29 1 qt Rum & bottle, do, 750 8d nails /4/2; Oct 1 To Balance due JB -----/10/8 Total /16/10

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<sup>3</sup>Henry Burruss' letter to his brother John Burruss November 19, 1828.

<sup>4</sup>C.C.O.B. 1767-1770, Part 1 (1767-1768), page 142.

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### JOHN BURRUS, THE PREACHER

**JOHN BURRUS**, the son of **JACOB BURRUS, JR.** and **MARTHA HARRIS**, was born in 1745 in Caroline Co. Virginia.<sup>1</sup> His parents home was located along the banks of Polecat Creek between present day Golansville and Carmel Church.

In 1768 at age 23, John married **RACHAEL TERRELL**, daughter of **DAVID TFERRELL**, deceased, and **AGATHA CHILES**<sup>2</sup>. John and Rachael had four sons: **HENRY, THOMAS, JOHN** and **NELSON**.

The Terrell family were Quakers; however, there is no evidence that the Burrus family ever joined the Quaker sect. Rather, they became "new lights" and formed the first Baptist congregation in Caroline Co. John's first arrest for preaching the gospel without Episcopal ordination occurred in 1768 prior to his marriage, and Rachael Terrell, his wife to be, as well as **THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER, and HENRY TERRELL**, are listed among those who were present at his father's house for that occasion. [C.C.O.B. 1767-1770, Part 1, 1767-1768, page 143] Neither John's brother **WILLIAM** nor **SUSANNAH TERRELL**, Rachel's sister who married William, is listed as being present.

John's preaching activities took him to communities outside Caroline County including Middlesex County where he and John Waller baptized several people in 1770. After that, persecutions in the county began to rage.

Back in Caroline County in 1771, John Burrus was again charged with "preaching the Gospel without Episcopal Ordination and contrary to a license granted him by the General Court, & contrary to the Act of Toleration." [C.C.O.B. 1771-1772, page 242]. It was ordered "he be committed to the Goal (jail) of this county, and there remain til he give security himself in the sum of twenty pounds & two Securities in the sum of Ten pounds each for his good behaviour twelve months & a day."

A letter from John Waller from Urbanna Prison, Middlesex Co. dated August 12, 1771, states: "I also have to inform you that six of our brethren are confined in Caroline Jail, viz., brethren **LEWIS PAIG, JOHN BURRUS, JOHN YOUNG, EDWARD HERNDON, JAMES GOODRICH** and **ANTHOLOMEW CHEWNING**. The most dreadful threatenings are used in the neighboring counties against the Lord's faithful and humble

followers. Excuse haste. Adieu. John Waller" [Religious Herold, January 8, 1828]<sup>3</sup>.

In the Churchyard of Carmel Baptist Church (formerly Burruss' Church) a monument was erected in 1922 to honor these six Baptist ministers. The inscription reads:

"This tablet is placed here in the year  
1922 by the churches of  
THE HERMON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
To Commemorate the Heroism of  
BARTHOLOMEW CHEWNING  
JOHN YOUNG  
LEWIS CRAIG  
EDWARD HERNDON  
JOHN BURRUS  
JAMES GOODRICH

Who, By the Order of the Court 151 years ago Were imprisoned  
In The Caroline County Jail Near this spot on the Charge of  
Teaching and Preaching the Gospel Without Having  
Episcopal Ordination or a license from the General Court"

The *Caroline Progress* reported "[The six] gave notice that they would preach each Wednesday and Sunday from the jail windows. According to records, large crowds came to the jail 'despite the beating of a drum and the use of a whip if a person reached through the bars.' [It was] also reported that the prisoners were fed bread and water but that friends furnished them so plentifully with food that they bestowed their bounty upon the poor."

In the religious struggle John Waller was whipped in the spring of 1771 as he held worship in a home. **PATRICK HENRY** who became the voice of the colonies for liberty made the following defense for Waller in a trial at Spotsylvania County Court on August 10, 1771: "May it please your Worship, did my ears serve me correctly in hearing this man charged with a misdemeanor of preaching the Son of God?" The court acquitted Waller.

John, the preacher, definitely played an important role in the struggle for religious freedom just as his father Jacob did. His sons and grandsons took pride in the growth and development of the Burruss Church congregation (present day Carmel Church). In a letter to his sister **FRANCES C. HENLEY** dated 23 September 1837 **JOHN BURRUSS, son of THOMAS and ELINOR**, described a three day revival meeting at Burruss Church. He further advised, "The church at Burruss are about building a new meeting house one mile west of Chesterfield in the fork of the road where **COUSIN ROBERT TERRELL** had a blacksmith shop. One kiln of the brick are already burned and I expect they will commence erecting the walls in a few days. The size of the house are to be 40 by 50 ft. and 15 ft. pitch there



are about \$1000 subscribed the subscribers will add to their present subscriptions so as to insure a completion of the building."

The 1838 church constitution stated: "This church is called and shall be known by the name of Burruss' Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Carmel." This church burned in 1874. Sometime between 1838 and 1874 Burruss was dropped from the name and it was simply called Mt. Carmel. Later "Mt." was dropped. Today Carmel Church refers to the whole community in that area; there is an Exit from Instate 95, the main north/south highway, called "Carmel Church".

Originally the congregation was both black and white. Most colonial churches provided a gallery for the slaves who attended church with their masters. In 1809 there were 162 white members and 342 Negro members. Following the fire of 1874, the Negro members decided to build their own church as the plans for rebuilding Carmel Church around the walls of the 1838 church did not call for a gallery.

Today Carmel Baptist Church stands at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 207. It is a brick structure and one of the largest Baptist churches in the county, supporting a number of ministries including organizing the first day care center in Caroline County in 1985, establishing a school for grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>, stocking a food pantry and clothes closet, a ministry to street people to provide them with food and lodging, and the Christmas project which provides food, clothing and toys to as many as 65 families.

Jacob and John's legacy to the people of Caroline Co. is alive and well!

Proof of John's relationship to Jacob is found in the acknowledgement in open court of a deed of gift dated 13 July 1775 [C.C.O.B. 1771-1776 page 603]. A copy of this deed may be found in the Burruss folder of George Harrison Sanford King's papers which are included in the Virginia Historical Society's collection. By this deed Jacob, Jr. gives to his son John 225 acres described as "a certain tract or parcel of Land lying chiefly on the south side of the north fork of polecat including the mill with everything belonging to it that I purchased of **COL. WILLIAM WALLERS** estate."

John apparently combined his preaching with farming and operating the mill. His son Nelson nostalgically describes their boyhood home in his letter to his brother John dated September 12, 1835: "...I took my way back to our brothers by Burruss Mill, Quaker Meeting House, Burruss Meeting House, etc. This afforded me an opportunity of revisiting the principal scenes of our juvenile sports and produced a kind of pleasing melancholy. As I passed along I could see and well recognized the remaining part of the



orchard and site of the dwelling wherein we were born, that has been moved near the Quaker Meeting House and although it has been added to I knew it well."

According to his son Henry's notation of his family's history, John died on April 8, 1778 at age 43. His will was brought to the Caroline Court on May 14, 1778, and proved by the oaths of **JOSEPH CAMPBELL** and **JAMES GATEWOOD, JUNR.** two of the witnesses. Certificate of Probate was granted to **JOHN THOMSON**, one of the Executors. **ROBERT COBB, WILLIAM HEWLETT, JOHN HAMPTON** and **PHILIP ESTES** were appointed to appraise the estate [C.C.O.B. 1777-1780, p. 83]. Caroline County experienced a small pox epidemic in 1777, and whether or not John died of this disease is not known.

The October 14, 1779 Court added **JOHN GARLICK** and **JOHN CHILES** to the gentlemen formerly appointed to lay off Mrs. Rachael Burrus' Dower in the estate of John Burruss, deceased. [Order Book 1779-1780, p. 193]

It is not until November 11, 1779, about 18 months after John's death, that John's brother William Burrus came to Court and was granted a certificate for obtaining a probate of his will although William is named in the will as one of the Executors; William's bond was acknowledged and ordered to be recorded [C.C.O.B. 1777-1780, p. 199]. The same page in the order book contains the following entry: "A Deed Indented from John Thomson and William Burrus, Executors of John Burrus, dec'd, to **JAMES GATEWOOD** acknowledged and ordered to be recorded." A suit in regard to the bounds of this property was later filed in the District Court, and because of this the will of John Burrus and the accounting of his estate as well as the deed of gift to the mill property from his father, Jacob, Jr., survived. These papers are all on file in the Burruss folder of the George Harrison Sanford King papers in the Virginia Historical Society.

John's will was written 15 Sept 1777 and provided life rights for his widow Rachael including the house and his part of the wet mill provided she made provision to educate his children fit for county business. Otherwise, the Executors were to dispose of such property as necessary to accomplish this. After his wife's death or intermarriage, his whole estate was to be sold and equally divided between the surviving children and their representatives. Rachael was to receive the rest of the Estate being personal until her remarriage or until their first child arrived at age or married. Then a division was to be made at that time and equal parts were to be given that child after Rachael's dower was taken out and in a like manner to every child as they became of age. In case Rachael should intermarry, she should be allowed only her dower of all the Estate both real and personal during her life and after her death the property was to be sold and equally divided between their

children. John appointed his friends **SAMUEL TEMPLE JOHN THOMPSON and WILLIAM BURRUS Executors**. He also directed that in case he died before he acknowledged his rights to **PLEASANT TERRELL** of half of Burruss Mill that his Executors and his wife were to make a sure title of the same. The will was witnessed by **JOSEPH CAMPBELL, JAS. GATEWOOD, JR. and ROBERT TERRELL**.

Apparently Rachel Burrus, John's widow, remarried by December 9, 1779, because the following entry is posted in the C.C.O.B. for that date on page 203: "On hearing the bill filed by **THOMAS HACKETT and Rachel, his wife, Henry, Thomas & Nelson Burrus, Orphans of Jno. Burrus, dec'd**, it is decreed and ordered that Samuel Temple, John Garlick, John Fitzhugh and George Hampton or any three of them, sell the slaves Jack, Pompey, Violet and Daniel mentioned in the said Bill of Credit till the 20th day of October next and take Bonds with good security and that one-third of the money or Bonds be paid to the said Thomas Hackett on his giving Bond with good security to return the money so paid him to the said Orphans at the death of the said Rachel. No mention is made of Rachel and John's son John. According to family records Rachel and her second husband, Thomas Hackett, had six sons and one daughter. In his letter of November 19, 1828, to his brother John Burruss, Henry Burruss states that his mother Rachel was born December 1749 and died February 17, 1787.

The law at that time provided that upon the death of the father the children were assigned to guardians whose main concern was to "guard" the child's portion of the father's property. In some instances the child lived with the guardian and in other instances they did not. At age 14, the child was allowed to choose their own guardian.

Henry was about nine years old when his father died. A later entry in the C.C.O.B. for the November Court of 1785, page 158, reads: "Henry Burrus, orphan of John Burrus, deceased, makes choice of **HENRY CHILES** for his guardian, who acknowledges a bond for the same. Which ordered to be recorded." Henry would have been 16 at the time, two years older than the minimum age for choosing one's own guardian.

From Henry Burruss's letters to his brother John in Kentucky, it appears the children of John and Rachel more than likely lived with their mother and her new husband Thomas Hackett certainly until the time of her death. He refers to the Hackett children of this marriage by the title of "Brother". The whole family appears to be very close. When Henry's brother Thomas dies, the Hackett brothers offer to take some of Thomas' children to raise just the same as Thomas' full brothers do.

According to family records some vital statistics of the children of John and Rachel are:

Henry was born December 23, 1769; died Caroline Co. VA 6 Dec 1839.

Thomas was born September 2, 1772; died Caroline Co. 7 Mar 1824.

John was born December 14, 1774; died Carrolton, Green Co., IL 1846.

Nelson, the youngest, was born April 12, 1777; will probated 1855 Louisa Co. VA

Henry and Thomas lived all their lives in Caroline Co. John moved to the Kentucky frontier around 1800 and later to Illinois. Nelson moved to Louisa Co., VA. Despite the physical separation, or perhaps because of it, the brothers remained close. Their correspondence with John in both Kentucky and Illinois was preserved by John's family and has been carefully transcribed. In my opinion these letters are invaluable. They not only provide a family record of births, deaths, etc., but they also give us an insight into the political, economic and social happenings of the day.

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#### **WILLIAM BURRUS, THE ELUSIVE SON OF JACOB BURRUS, JR.**

**WILLIAM BURRUS**, my great-great-great-great-grandfather, was the son of **JACOB BURRUS, JR.** and **MARTHA HARRIS**. He was born 18 February 1747 in St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline Co. VA<sup>1</sup>. On 15 October 1770, he married **SUSANNAH TERRELL**, the daughter of **DAVID TERRELL I** and **AGATHA CHILES**. Susannah was the sister of **RACHEL TERRELL** who married his brother **JOHN BURRUS**<sup>2</sup>. William died 16 October 1831 in Caroline County<sup>3</sup>.

I refer to William as "my elusive ancestor" because until I received copies of Henry Burruss' letters wherein he refers to "Uncle William" and "Aunt Susannah" and names their children, there was only circumstantial documentation that William was the son of Jacob, Jr. Unlike his brother John whose deed of gift from his father Jacob, Jr. is recorded in the Caroline County Court records, no such transaction is on file for William. While he is named as an executor in John's will, John does not name him as a brother. The exact phrase from the will reads: "I appoint my friends Samuel



John Thompson and William Burrus Executors of this my Last and Testament." I suppose John saw no need to distinguish William as his brother as I am sure the relationship was well known in Caroline County.

Furthermore, when the will of his father, Jacob, Jr., was brought to the Caroline Court on 12 November 1778, the entry reads, "motion of William Tinsley and William ...us a certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof, they having taken the oath of Executor." There is a tear in the paper before the letters "us". Examination of the original order book at Caroline County Courthouse reveals that this tear is about the right size to accommodate the letters "Burr" to make the second executor be William Burrus [note they are still using the single "s" spelling at this time], and I believe this to be the case as it would be logical to assume he would be one of his father's executors, especially since John predeceased his father. However, it is Henry's letters that really document who this William Burrus is.

The records regarding William Burrus in the Caroline Order Books are somewhat complicated by the fact that there is another **WILLIAM BURRUS of the CHARLES/SAMUEL BURRUS line**. The two Williams are contemporaries until 1779 when the latter William's will is probated at the May 13th court.

From the order books we see William following in his father and grandfather Jacob's footsteps. He is appointed a Commissioner to view people's property. There are also references to William Burrus in the order books in regard to suits for debt. A deed granted to William from Armsby Crow and Lucy his wife is acknowledged by Armsby and Lucy Crow and ordered to be recorded [C.C.O.B. 1784-1785, page 122]. William also served as executor of his friend and neighbor **JOHN HAMPTON's** will [C.C.O.B. 1805, pages 445 and 457].

The Guardian Book of Caroline County 1806-1821 show William Burrus as guardian for the following orphans: **LUCY WILSON** daughter of **WILLIAM WILSON** and **LUCINDA COLLINS** [page 2]; **NANCY TERRELL** daughter of **JAMES TERRELL** [page 3]; **JOHN TERRELL** [page 6]; **CHARLES, ELIZABETH, and LAWRENCE BIBB**, children of **JOHN BIBB** [page 112]. The Caroline County Order Book shows William as guardian for his two grandsons David [10 Aug 1819] and George H. [15 Oct 1821, page 12]. These are the children of his son David, deceased. I am not sure of the reason for this guardianship and I could not locate it in the Guardian Book. Perhaps their mother **FRANCES HAMPTON** who married **WILLIAM R. GIBSON** 12 Jul 1803 died, and William wanted to be sure that his grandsons received their mother's dower and his legacy to them.



In an earlier letter of June 7, 1821, Henry described William as a man of wealth. "Old Uncle William and Aunt Susan were well some few days ago he is in his 75th year and as pushing for work as ever and has a most terrible thirst for money of which he possesses thousands."

The land tax records and personal property records shed some light on William's wealth. The first land tax records begin in 1787, and William Burrus is charged with 373 acres. The entries remain the same until 1798 when the Alterations for William Burrus show an increase of 93 acres from James Terrell. James Terrell's land was adjacent to William Burrus according to other land descriptions. This increased William's land holdings to 466 acres; however the same year at the Caroline Court held October 10, 1797, William acknowledged a deed of gift of 200 acres of land as well as certain household furnishing and slaves to his children **JACOB BURRUS, DAVID BURRUS, MARTHA RENNOLDS** (often spelled Reynolds in the tax records), **HARRIS BURRUS, WILLIAM BURRUS, PLEASANT BURRUS, and SUSANNA BURRUS**. This left him with 266 acres. Since sons and daughters are interspersed in this deed, he probably listed his children in the order of their birth. We know Susanna is his youngest daughter according to Henry Burrus' letter dated 27 May 1823, and the order is correct for sons Jacob, David and Harris according to later Personal Property Tax Records. The Personal Property Tax Records show a gap of several years between the birth of David and Harris and Martha probably was born during that time. This gift to his children was incorporated into a lawsuit due to the death of his son David and the necessity of providing for David's two sons, George H. and David. The June 1804 court ordered the division of the lands conveyed by William Burrus to Jacob Burrus and others by deed dated 15 Mar 1797 into seven equal parts. The parts were: one to Jacob Burrus, one to Harris Burrus, one to Martha Rennolds wife of Jacob Rennolds, one to Pleasant Burrus, one to George Burrus and David Burrus, infant children of David Burrus assigning in such lot the Dower of their mother, Fanny Gibson, late the widow of the said David Burrus and the remaining part to Susannah Burrus. I am not sure exactly what the final disposition of this land was as the tax records for the following year 1805 in the Alterations show the transfer of 200 acres from Jacob Burrus, et al back to William Burrus and William in 1806 is again charged with 466 acres. Presumably he purchased the land back from his children but the tax records never indicate whether the land transfer is due to a sale or gift. Unfortunately, William Hopkins in his book *Caroline County Court Records and Marriages, 1718-1810*, refers to this document as "William's will."<sup>4</sup> It was not; William Burrus lived thirty-four more years.

William continues to own 466 acres according to the Caroline tax records. However, in 1809 the Alterations indicate a William

Burrus received 176 acres from **ANTHONY THORNTON**; and for 1810 and 1811 two Williams are shown in the tax records, William Senior owning 466 acres and the other owning 176 acres. This second William is probably **WILLIAM C. BURRUS**, the son of **JEMIMA and WILLIAM (deceased by 1779) BURRUS of the CHARLES/SAMUEL line**. In 1812 a **WILLIAM JR.** shows up with 216 acres. This is William's son. This entry would indicate William, Jr. established a separate household in 1812. William married **ELIZABETH WOOD** 23 Dec 1813 [C.C.Marriage Register, p. 72]. The children of this marriage are later named in a lawsuit as Mary Jane, William H., Susan T., and Elizabeth Ellen Burrus.

Lyon G. Tyler in his *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. V. lists the issue of William Burruss and Susanna Terrell, and goes on to say that William Burrus married Nancy Redd and Jacob Burrus married Mary Redd (we know Jacob's wife's name was Mary). Dr. Tyler does not give a date for these marriages or any primary source. However, the Caroline Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1800 list William, Jr. separate from William, Sr. He only has himself and 1 horse (or cattle). Is it possible he married Nancy Redd then and she died shortly afterwards without issue? The entries for William and William, Jr. continue until 1802. That year an entry is shown for William, which is definitely William, Sr. because of the property enumerated, and another for a William (Reeds), ["Reeds would be a swampy area"] who apparently is William C. Burrus of the Charles/Samuel line. William, Jr. does not show.

In 1812 there is a transaction to Susannah Burrus from John Thompson and William Burrus, executors of John Burrus, dec'd. for half a mill which consisted of three acres. Susannah, of course, is William's wife and the daughter of David Terrell as was her sister Rachael, John's wife. Since any property a woman owned was transferred to her husband, immediately following this entry there is an entry wherein William receives 3 acres from Susanna Burrus for half a mill, bringing his total acreage to 469. Half of the fee for that transaction is paid by **T. W. CHILES**. Susannah and Rachael's mother was **AGATHA CHILES**. It is not clear whether or not this "half a mill" is from the Terrell family and T. W. Chiles was administering it or whether it was from Susannah's brother-in-law, John, as John Thompson and William Burrus were his executors. From John's will, Susannah's brother, Pleasant Terrell, apparently owned half the mill.

In 1813 there are still three William Burrus entries in the land tax records: 1) William owning 176 acres bounded by **THOMAS CONWAY** and others; 2) William, Jr. owning 216 acres bounded by **HAWES COLEMAN** and others; this land is later marked as on Polecat Creek; 3) William Senr. owning 469 acres bounded by **TARLETON W. CHILES** and others. In 1816 William C. Burrus is listed as owning 70 acres



bounded by **WILLIAM CONNERS**; this land was from the estate of **WILLIAM YATES**. There is no entry for William Burruss by Thomas Conway and I do not know what happened to this 176 acres. Entries for William Senior, William Jr. (whose land is identified by 1824 as on Polecat Creek) and William C. Burrus (who by 1824 has increased his holdings to 313 acres) continue. Fortunately William is marked as "Senior" and apparently his son as Junior (middle names were not used until after William and Susannah had named their children), and the third William is now identified with the middle initial "C." As you can see, it is necessary to be extremely careful in dealing with the name "William Burrus".

The tax records indicate a steady increase in William's land holdings. By 1823 his land holdings have increased to 897 acres and the land is identified as being along Pole Cat Creek, the site of the Jacob Burrus ancestral land. The buildings are assessed at \$2,500, a handsome sum for that time; no wonder Nelson Burruss refers to William's house as "the mansion".

The tax records for 1830 charge William with only 15 1/2 acres. Obviously this is a tremendous decrease in property and this acreage would do no more than support the landscaping for the house, a garden and slave quarters. Henry's letter of November 19, 1828, explains the situation: "...on the night of 8th instant our old Aunt Susanna Burruss [died] in the 77th year of her age. She was born March the 30th 1752...Uncle William Burruss was born 18th February 1747 ... He has since the death of his wife advertised all his property to see on the 2nd of next month, lands included. I think he was perfectly right as he would be incapable of keeping house and I expect but few would be willing to undertake for him."

However, even before William began to liquidate his land holdings, the land tax records of 1826 record Harris Burruss of King William Co. receiving 400 acres from William; this land is described as adjacent **WM. CAMPBELL** (the widower of William's daughter Susannah) 8 miles southwest of the courthouse and the buildings are worth \$3000, a handsome house indeed! According to the land tax records much of William's property went to his children. The 1828 land tax records show Jacob received 634 acres, adjacent Harris Burrus, which is flagged in the alterations as from William Burrus, Senr to Jacob Burrus and estate [according to entries in the King William Co. Land Tax Book Jacob died in either 1826 or 1827].

The 1830 tax list, which incorporates William's liquidation of his property, shows William, Senr. transferred 474 acres to his daughter Martha Rennolds (including the \$2500 house) and 146 acres to William Redd, who is reported to be the husband of Susan Burrus, a possible granddaughter of William, Sr. This is around the time Martha came to live with William according to Henry.

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In 1832 the year following William's death, Jacob Burruss Estate transfered 200 acres to Martha Reynolds and 265 acres to Harris Burrus. Martha now owns 1010 3/4 acres on Pole Cat Creek and Harris owns 665 acres on Pole Cat Creek. The Jacob, Est. entry retains 169 acres adjacent William Campbell as well as the 243 acres he owned prior to becoming involved with his father's property. It is interesting the tax entries for Pleasant and William, Jr. do not change on the death of their father or when he offered his property for sale. This might argue the land was purchased by Martha, Harris and Jacob, est. rather than being a gift. Of course, son David and daughter Susannah pre-deceased their father; however, it is not like William to leave out any of his grandchildren, and we know his estate was divided into 21 parts [see suit styled Sutton, Norborne E. et al va. Robert Wood, et al.].

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Despite his wealth, William had his share of sadness and grief. Shortly after his deed of gift to his children was recorded, his son David apparently died as he ceases to be carried on the tax roll in 1799, and David's wife Frances has definitely remarried by 12 July 1803 [C.C.Marriage Register]. Susanna Burrus (Campbell) died about 1822 or 1823 as Henry states "Uncle William Burruss' youngest and favorite daughter died in child bed some few months past. Her death has made very serious impression on the mind of her mother who has since been on the decline." [Letter May 27, 1823] And, of course, the death of his wife of more than 50 years in 1828 also grieved him. Furthermore, according to Henry's letter of December 20, 1831, William's children were a sorry lot: "Perhaps few man even left a set of children of less service to themselves and the community than he did. The only one that possesses any good qualities of all his children is Harris and he is, and has been, closely confined to his bed for several years. His son William a perfect sot. Pleasant is esteemed to be as mean a man as any in Caroline county. Jacob shot out his own brains and Patsey [Martha Rennolds] often afflicted with the croup. No two can agree except Harris and Patsey and they often not on very familiar terms."

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Henry kept his brother John informed in regard to their uncle and aunt. "Uncle William Burruss has abated somewhat in pursuits after wealth and begins to acknowledge himself old (if he lives till February he will be 78 years old). Aunt Susan is much complaining but is quite fleshy." [Letter September 30, 1824] And finally, "Our old uncle William Burruss' death you have no doubt heard of. He died the 16th of October in the 84th year of his age leaving as I am told about 39 thousand dollars. Many dollars of which is already scattered." [Letter December 20, 1831]

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**NELSON BURRUSS** describes Harris and Martha in his letter to his brother John dated September 12, 1835: "I paid a visit to Caroline

a little before last Christmas because of the bad health of our brother [Henry]. ... During my stay I visited several of our relations amongst who was our cousin Medley otherwise Harris. He is more helpless than our Brother but of a more healthful countenance. He was very chatty and although not intelligent was amusing. I also visited our Cousin Martha Reynolds. She resides at the old mansion of our Uncle William."

In addition to his land holdings in Caroline County, William also owned 500 acres of land in Jefferson County Kentucky. Kentucky land was often given as bounty land for service in the French and Indian War [1754]; however, I have been unable to document any of the Caroline branch of the Burruss family as serving in this conflict. A deed dated 18 June 1793 between William Burrus and Susannah his wife of Caroline County conveys 500 acres in Jefferson County, Ky. to **JOHN GATEWOOD** of Caroline County for 120 pounds.<sup>5</sup> The track is described as being part of a track of 2,000 acres on the waters of the Bolling Fork of Salt River. The other 1500 acres are owned by **CHARLES BURRUS**.

It is interesting that the year before William sold his Kentucky land to John Gatewood, he acquired 563 acres of land in King William County *from* John Gatewood<sup>6</sup>. This land was adjacent to the Caroline border near Herring Creek according to the later tax descriptions. The first King William Co. Land Tax Book of 1782 lists John Gatewood as the owner of 563 acres, and the entry continues until 1792. After that date the acreage is charged to William Burrus until 1798 when the entry changes to his son Jacob, III.

Did William serve in the Revolutionary War? Again he eludes us. He was certainly of the right age and certain pieces of evidence such as the fact that he did not come forward and qualify as his brother John's executor until more than a year after John's will was presented at court, would lead one to believe that he served and was out of the county at the time of John's death. I have not done as thorough a search of the Revolutionary War records available in the Library of Virginia as I would like to do. A very limited search turned up a number of soldiers named William Burrus, but none that seemed to be our elusive William. Also, no William Burrus is listed in T. E. Campbell's *Colonial Caroline* list of Caroline men who served in the Revolution.

At various times during the Revolution the General Assembly of Virginia, or the county governments acting as local procurement agencies, required the citizens individually to provide livestock, foodstuffs, arms, and other supplies for the use of the militia and for the Virginia and Continental armies. These supplies and services were furnished mainly during the years 1779-1781. Citizens later made claims to be reimbursed for these supplies. If

reimbursement is authorized, then the claim is considered valid. William was paid 192 shillings for furnishing 32 pounds of bacon.<sup>7</sup> I have been told by some that these claims may be used to obtain membership in the D.A.R. for those who have an interest in this. I have also been told by others that only descendants of actual soldiers or sailors are eligible. Since I have never made application, I don't know which information is correct. I understand membership is at the option of the individual chapter so the policy may vary from chapter to chapter.

In 1782 the General Assembly of Virginia passed legislation that provided for a tax on certain personal property as well as land. From time to time the General Assembly changed the age when white males became tithable so it is essential when dealing with these lists to check the headings listed on the first page. If the age of 16 was used for the tax base then the father was responsible for his son's tax until he reached 21. After the son reached 21 he is named separately. Sometimes a person was exempted because of old age, disability, or infirmity. Also ministers and constables were sometimes exempted.

Clyde H. Ratcliffe has written an excellent article dealing with the Virginia Personal Property and Land Tax laws which is published in The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. XXIV, No. 2, April 1998, pages 12 and 13. The address of the Virginia Genealogical Society is 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023.

In William's case these Personal Property Tax Lists provide us with a wealth of information including the approximate birth dates of his male children. The first Caroline Co. Personal Property Tax List dated 1783 charges William with only one white male above 21 and no white males over 16. He has four black males above 16 and 6 black males under 16. He owns four horses and 21 head of cattle. The entries continue each year showing only a change as his slaves and livestock increase. In 1787 the rolls list by name the person on whom the tax (tithe) is charged. For that year William is charged one tithe for himself as a white male above 21 and no tithe for any white males above 16. The next year, 1788, the column headings change and the tithe is now due on white males 16 and over. William is charged with **two** white males over 16: himself and Jacob Burrus. Thus we know that Jacob Burrus, his oldest son, became 16 sometime between April of 1787 and April of 1788, making his birthdate be 1771 or 1772. For 1789 William is charged for himself and Jacob. In 1790 his son David is also named so we know he became 16 between April of 1789 and March 31, 1790 making his birthdate 1773 or 1774.

The entry for 1791 includes three tithes due for William, Jacob and David; however, in 1792 William is only charged with two tithes, one for himself and the other for David. Jacob has more than likely left Caroline Co. and is now living on the land William bought from John Gatewood in King William County. The King William County Land Tax Book shows William Burrus responsible for the land tax on 563 acres of land valued at 194 pounds, 14 shillings, and 1 pence from 1792 until 1798. In the year 1798 the entry is listed under the name of Jacob Burrus as the taxpayer and the acreage has decreased to 546 acres having a value of 188 pounds 16 shillings and 6 pence. There are no Alterations to show how Jacob acquired this land and no deed has survived. Nor is there any other Burrus entry to account for the 17 missing acres. In the King William County Personal Tax List William is shown as responsible for one tithe from 1792 until 1798 when the entry changes to Jacob Burrus. Under normal circumstances Jacob should have paid his own tax when he became 21 in 1792 or 1793; however, there is a notation at the end of the tax list indicating that Jas. Fox, the new Commissioner for King William County accepted the tax records as recorded by his predecessor, William Smith, deceased. In other words, the death of the former tax collector, William Smith, may account for this irregularity.

In 1795 William ceases to be responsible for David and we find David responsible for his own tithe in 1796, an indication he is now 21. In 1797, Harris is listed as over 16 making his birthdate between April 1781 and April 1782. David is also listed in his own right in 1797; however for 1798 David is not charged with any tithe, and he may have died between 1797 and 1798. Unfortunately in 1798 the commissioner stopped listing the names of the individual tithables over 16. William is charged with two tithes for that year (probably himself and Harris). In 1799 he is charged with three tithes so it is probable that another son has now become 16 making that son's birthdate 1783 or 1784. This is probably William, Jr., his fourth son.

Harris is listed by himself in 1801 as he has now reached age 21 and is not listed in the Caroline records at all in 1802 as he has probably moved to the 200 acres in King William County that he purchased from his brother Jacob and Mary his wife on 28 September 1801 [King William Book 4, page 92]. William is still charged with three tithes, more than likely himself, his son William, and Pleasant who has now turned 16 making his birth date be 1785 or 1786.

In 1803 and 1804 William's tithes are reduced to two while males. In 1805 William is still charged with two tithes, a William, Jr. is listed separately being only charged for himself, and the William who was earlier marked "reeds" is still there. Pleasant is also listed separately in 1805, as he married Ann Cheadle, daughter

of Jacob Cheadle on January 10, 1805, thus establishing his own household. One of William's tithes would be himself; I do not know who the other would be.

William was a successful planter and businessman with a genuine affection and concern for his children and grandchildren. His will has not been found; however, according to a suit styled Sutton, Norborne E., et al vs. Robert Wood, et al "William Burrus the Elder, father of William Burrus, Jr., left in his will to 'the children of my son William ... four of the 21 parts of my estate.'"<sup>8</sup> This testimony was given in August 1833. Since William's will was made a part of the testimony in a law suit, it may yet surface in the Fredericksburg District Court as the boxes of loose papers there are restored and catalogued. Norborne E. Sutton was the husband of William's granddaughter Mary Jane Burrus, the daughter of William, Jr. Robert Wood was the father-in-law of William Burrus, Jr. William's will would certainly provide interesting reading if it ever surfaced!

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<sup>5</sup>Jefferson Co. KY Land Records, Book 4, page 97

<sup>6</sup>King William County Land Tax Records, 1793 list William Burruss as owner of 563 acres of land. Prior to this John Gatewood has been listed as owner of 563 acres of land. The Alterations made in the Land Tax Book for King William County for the Year 1792 were found by accident in the Personal Property Tax Lists for 1812. The Alterations show the land was acquired by William from John Gatewood.

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