

Alligood Research
Beaufort, Craven, Pitt & Jones County, NC

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Proving Samuel Alligood of Laurens County, GA and Leon County, FL the son of Hillery Alligood, Sr. of Beaufort, Pitt, Craven, and Jones County, NC:

Introduction:

The objective of this research is to prove that Samuel Alligood of Laurens County, GA and Leon County, FL was the son of Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) of Beaufort, Pitt, Craven, and Jones County, NC.

The obituary of Rebecca Alligood Emanuel Smith recorded that she was born in Laurens County, GA on 15th June, 1821 to Samuel Alligood and Mary Antwine Alligood. The obituary was published in [The Bainbridge Searchlight](#) (Decatur County, GA) on 23rd September, 1904. A transcription was provided by the client for this research.

Research done by the client has firmly established Samuel Alligood and Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*) in early Laurens County, GA. Laruen's County was formed in 1807. Samuel Alligood drew lot #103 in Mulkey's Militia District in that year.

Samuel Alligood had moved to Leon County, FL by the time of the 1830 census. He was between 50 and 59 years of age in 1830, or born between 1771 and 1780.

Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*) was still living when the 1850 census was recorded in Laurens County, GA. He was 82 years of age and was born about 1768 in NC. In 1840, he was between 60 and 69 years of age, or born between 1771 and 1780. The 1830 census also records that he was born between 1771 and 1780.

The children of Samuel Alligood as provided by the client were:

- Charles Alligood, m. Gatsey Holt
- Daniel Alligood
- Lewis Alligood, m. Jane Cook
- Mary Ann Alligood, m. Howell Wooten
- Elisha/Silas Alligood, m. Eliza Wallace
- Rebecca Alligood, m. (1) Hilliard John Emanuel, (2) Otis Smith
- Thomas J. Alligood, m. Elizabeth Hobbs

It is important to note that none of the original records found reference the terms *Sr.* or *Jr.* as related to Hillery Alligood. This is because the elder Hillery Alligood died when the younger Hillery Alligood was still a minor. The terms are used in this report solely to distinguish the 2 men.

North Carolina facts on Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*), Dorcas Alligood, Henry Alligood, Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*), and Samuel Alligood:

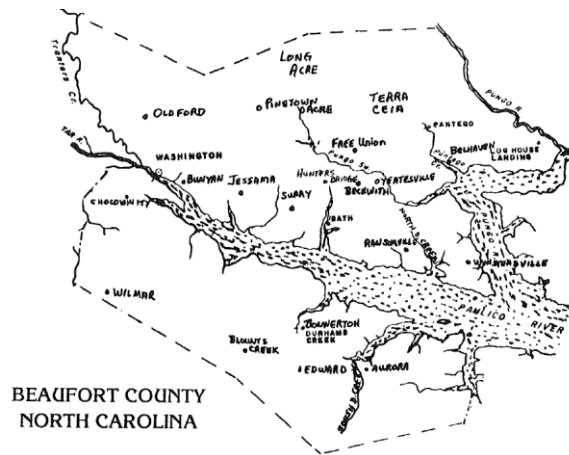
On 6 March 1729/30, William Fleetwood sold 630 acres of land on the north side of Pamlico River to John Hawkins, Richard Alligood, and Benjamin Alligood, planters, for 120 pounds (Beaufort County, NC deed book 2, page 32). The deed stated that William Fleetwood's father, Henry Fleetwood, had lived on this land. The land was patented in 1707. Witnesses were Robert West and Simon Alderson. William Fleetwood signed his name.

The will of Richard Alligood was filed in Beaufort County, NC on 22 January, 1751. He named son Helerry (*sic*) Alligood and left him 162 acres that had been purchased from William Brown and Judy

Hawkins lying on the north side of Pamlico River joining Lytia (*sic*) Alligood's land. Richard gave sons William and Hillry (*sic*) Alligood full power to sell his plantation. William and Hillery were also named executors. George Jenkins, John Alligood, and Martha Jenkins witnessed. The will was executed and proven on 19 September, 1752.

On 16 June, 1753, William and Hilary Aligood (*sic*) of Beaufort County, NC, executors of Richard Aligood (*sic*), sold 213 acres on the north side of the Pamlico River to Michael Coutanch for a sum of 26 pounds, 13 shillings, and 4 pence (Beaufort County deed book 3, page 126). The land was one third of 640 acres patented by W. Fleetwood on 9 October, 1707, sold to John Hawkins on 6 March, 1729, and inherited by Hawkins' 3 daughters. Mary Hawkins, wife of William Brown sold her portion to Richard Alligood in 1742 and Juda Hawkins sold her portion to Richard Alligood in 1750. William and Hilary Aligood signed their name. Witnesses were George Dunean and Mathew Richardson. The deed was proven during the June term of court, 1753.

Hillary Ellegood (*sic*) was listed on the 1755 tax list of Beaufort County, NC.

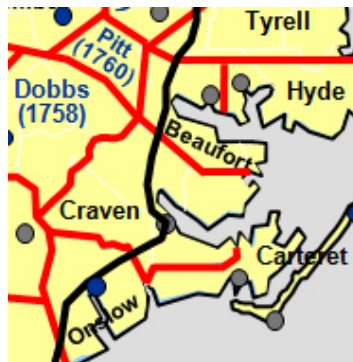


Map of present day Beaufort County.

Richard Alligood's land was on the north side of Pamlico River.

Tranter's Creek is a branch of the River and forms the present eastern border of Pitt County.

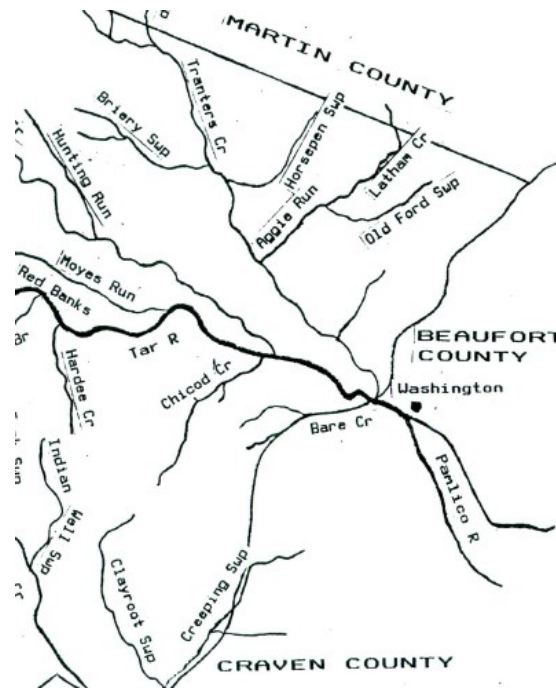
Craven County borders on the south side of Beaufort.



Beaufort County, NC in 1760.

Pitt County was newly formed in 1760 from Beaufort.

On 13 December, 1757, John Grist of Beaufort County, NC sold 150 acres to Hilary Aligood (*sic*) for 31 pounds (Beaufort County, NC deed book 3, page 392). The land was described as being in Beaufort County on the horse pen branch in Maul's Creek, beginning at a red oak on a branch, on a point of the pocoson. It was one half of 300 acres patented by Richard Grist on 20 April, 1745. John Grist signed his name. Witnesses were Alexander Stewart and Richard Grist. The deed was proven during the September term of court, 1758.



NE Pitt County, NC early creeks.
Pitt later ceded the land east of Tranter's Creek back to Beaufort in 1785.

In June, 1758, Hilary Alligood of Beaufort County, NC sold a plantation containing 162 acres on the north side of the Pamlico River to William Martin for 30 pounds "proclamation money" (Beaufort County, NC deed book 3, page 377). The land was part of 640 acres purchased by Richard Alygood (*sic*), Benjamin Alygood (*sic*), and John Hawkins from Robert West. John Hawkin's daughter received the 162 acres by inheritance and sold to Richard Aligood (*sic*). Likewise, Hilary Alligood received the 162 acres by inheritance from his father. Hilary Aligood signed his name. Walter Jones and Thomas Ponner witnessed. The deed was proven during the June term of court, 1758.

Hillary Alligood was listed on the 1762, 1763, and 1764 tax list of Pitt County, NC.

In 1763, Hillery Elligood (*sic*) and Thomas Williams witnessed a deed from William Willis of Pitt County, NC to Moses Dean of the same (Pitt County, NC deed book B, page 416). Willis sold Dean 100 acres in Pitt County on Tranter's Creek.

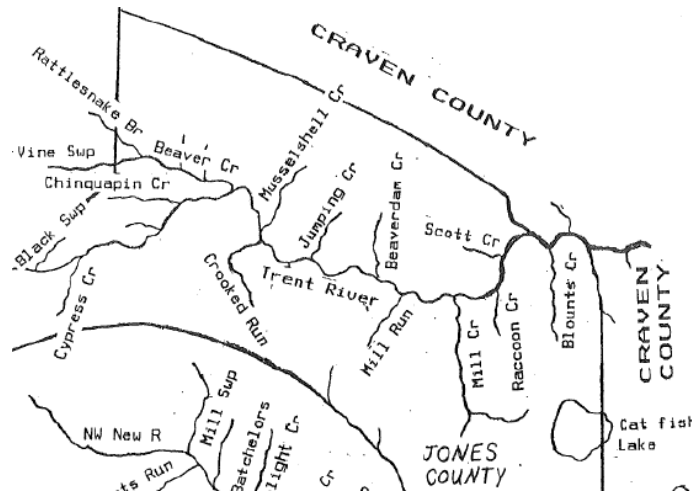
On 10 March, 1768, Hillery Ellegood (*sic*) of Pitt County, NC sold 150 acres to Thomas Williams of the same for 50 pounds proclamation money (Pitt County, NC deed book D, page 51). The land was on the upper horse pen branch in Maul's Neck. It was described as one half of 300 acres of land granted to Richard Grist in April, 1745 and conveyed to his son John Grist. John Grist sold the land to Hillery

Alligood on 13 December, 1757. Hillery Alligood signed his name. Alexander Stewart and James Cranford witnessed.

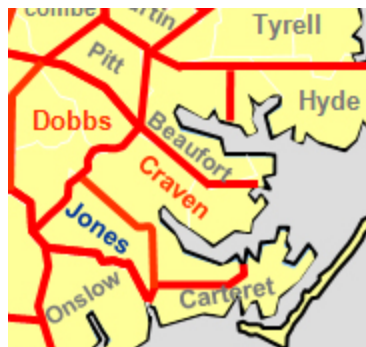
Hillary Alligood was listed on the 1769 tax list of Craven County, NC.

On 29 December, 1770, Hillery Alligood and Daniel Miller witnessed a deed from William Wright, planter of Craven County, NC to Frederick Harget, Jr. of the same (Craven County, NC deed book 19, page 193). Wright sold Harget 195 acres on the south side of Trent River. The land began at Matthew Stevenson's lower corner red oak on the river and joined a division line between William Wright and Daniel Miller. It was further described as part of "New Germany" and was land that Martin Francks gave his daughter Elizabeth Francks who married James Stevenson. Stevenson sold to Joseph Martin who sold to William Wright. Daniel Miller proved the deed by oath in March, 1772.

On 20 October, 1777, Hillery Alligood (*sic*) and John Bryan witnessed a deed from Tobias Miller, planter of Craven County, NC to Frederick Harget of the same (Craven County, NC deed book 23, page 61). Miller sold Harget 80 acres on the south side of Trent River. The land began at Daniel Miller's corner and joined the lower corner of a patent. The land was part of a grant to Martin Franck, deceased.



Map of Jones County, NC early creeks (formerly Craven).
Jones was formed from Craven in 1779.



Jones County in 1780.

Hillery Alligood was listed on the 1779 tax list of Jones County, NC in district 2. He was listed as a married man with 2 cows and 1 horse.

On 2 November, 1779, Hillery Alligood and Joseph Dean witnessed a deed from Elisha Blackshear to Edward Brown, both farmers of Jones County (Jones County, NC deed book B, page 51). Blackshear sold Brown 280 acres on the north side of Trent River at the mouth of Beargrass branch along Edward Brown's line and along the River swamp being part of land patented by Humphrey Wilks on 26 September, 1766.

The previous deed was the last record found for Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*). The remaining facts pertain to Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*).

Military land warrant number 1350 was issued on 23 February, 1783. On 5 November, 1784, it was ordered that a survey be done for the heir of Henry Allegood (*sic*), private. The warrant was for 640 acres and was ordered to be "in the line of this State" and "within the limits of the land reserved by law for the office and soldiers of the Continental line of this State". In other words, the territory that became Tennessee.

On 10 December, 1784, in Jones County, NC, Darkis Alligood (*sic*), mother of Henry Alligood, deceased, made oath that her son Hillery Alligood was the heir at law to her son Henry. Darkis Alligood made her mark. Hillery Alligood was obviously a minor at this time, and his mother was helping to represent his interest in the property.

Hillery Alligood made his mark and endorsed the warrant to Frederick Harget in the presence of William Tippit. Colonel Martin Armstrong, or his deputy, was requested to make the survey in the name of Harget.

On 22 December, 1787, Frederick Harget endorsed the warrant to James Roberson (*sic*), esquire. On 27 September, 1788, James Robertson took up the grant on the waters of Little Harpeth in Davidson County, NC. This later became Tennessee.

Dorcas Alligood was enumerated on the 1786 NC state census in Jones County, NC. Dorcas had 2 males (either under 21 or over 60), and 6 females in her household. Likely the 2 males were sons under 21 years of age. Her household was number 163 and she was found on page 8 of the original census. Frederick Harget was on page 6. John Bryan, Matthew Stevenson, Gabriel Pickrun, and Tobias Miller were enumerated on page 7. Daniel Koonce was enumerated 6 households down from Dorcas Alligood.

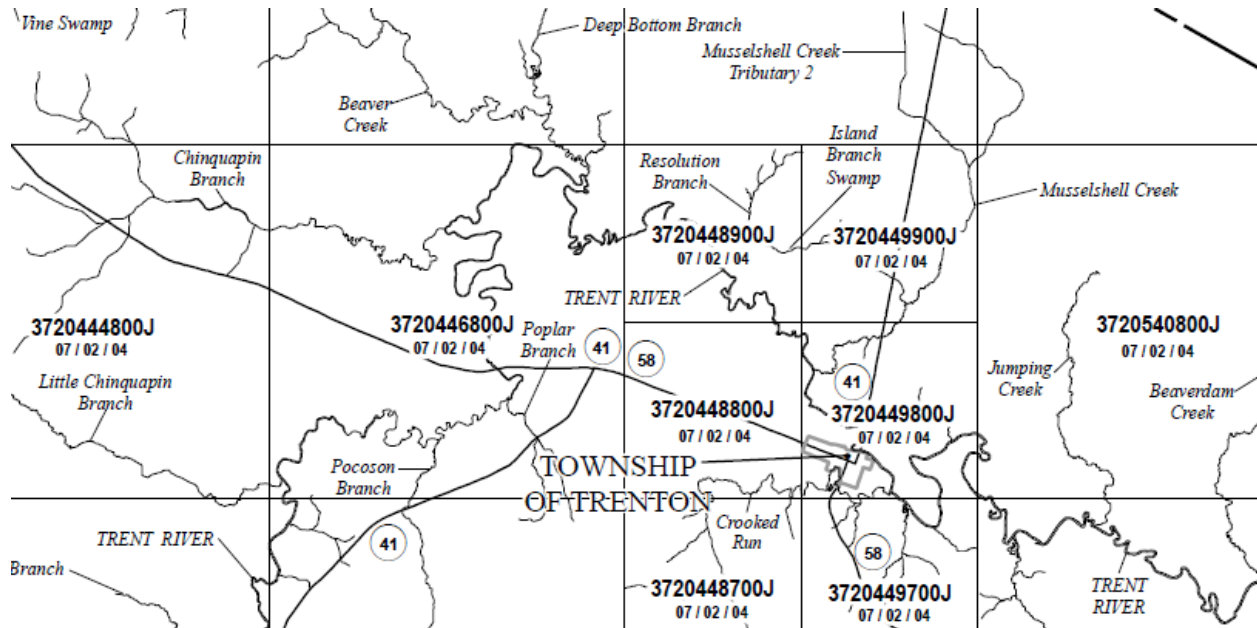
In 1790, Darcal Allgood (*sic*) was enumerated on the Jones County, NC census with one male over 16, one male under 16, and 4 females. She was listed between Joseph Waring and Daniel Koonce. Matthew Stephenson was listed 6 households down. Mary Miller and John Bryan were listed after Matthew Stephenson. William Tippet was also on the same page in the same column. Several Blackshear's were also enumerated on this page in the same column.

On 3 August, 1796, Samuel and Easter Alligood witnessed a deed from Elam Thornton of the city of Sunbury, Georgia to Daniel Koonce of Jones County, NC (Jones County, NC deed book H, page 443). Thornton sold Koonce 63 acres of land in Jones County on the west side of Pecason Swamp (*Pocason Swamp*). The land was described as beginning at Garbiel Pickren's corner, now Koonce's corner. It was part of a survey conveyed from Thomas Thornton to Isaac Thornton. Elam Thornton signed his name.

Samuel Alligood proved the deed in open court during the August term, 1796 in Jones County, NC. This is the only record found to prove that Samuel Alligood was in Jones County, NC.

Dorcas Alligood was not found on the 1800 Jones County, NC census.

In 1800, Hillery Alligood was enumerated on the Jones County, NC census with one male under 10, one male 26-45 (born 1755-1774), 2 females under 10, and a female 16-25 (born 1775-1784). Daniel Koonce was enumerated on the same page.



Present day floodplain map of central Jones County, NC.
Pocason Branch which forms Pocason Swamp is shown on lower left.

Summary:

Hillery Alligood (Sr.) sold 213 acres of his father's, Richard Alligood's, estate in 1753 and 162 acres in 1758. The Richard Alligood plantation was always described as being on the north side of the Pamlico River in Beaufort County, NC, but no specific locations were given.

Given the date 1753, Hillery Alligood (Sr.) was born prior to 1732.

In late 1757, Hillery Alligood (Sr.) purchased 150 acres from John Grist on the Horse Pen Branch in Maul's Creek. In 1763, Hillery witnessed a deed on Tranter's Creek. These locations place Hillery in the NE corner of Pitt County, NC after it was formed in 1760. This corner, including land east of Tranter's Creek, was later ceded back to Beaufort County, NC in 1785.

Horse Pen Branch is a tributary of Tranter's Creek and Tranter's Creek is a tributary that feeds into the Tar River at the Beaufort County line. The Tar River feeds into what becomes the Pamlico River and it widens significantly once it enters present day Beaufort County, NC. Early Pitt County, NC deeds indicate that the River was referred to as the Tar River and not the Pamlico River.

We can therefore see that Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) sold his portion of his father's estate and moved several miles west to settle in what became the NE portion of Pitt County, NC on Horse Pen Branch/Swamp. He likely made the move in 1758.

In 1768, Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) sold his 150 acres in Pitt County, NC on Horse Pen Branch to Thomas Williams. He was later listed on the 1769 tax list of Craven County, NC. Hillery had moved again, but a deed showing what land he purchased in Craven has not been found. His location in Craven County must be determined using deeds that he was a witness to.

In 1770, in Craven County, NC, Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) and Daniel Miller witnessed a deed from William Wright to Frederick Harget, Jr. for land on the south side of Trent River. In 1777, in Craven County, NC, Hillery Alligood and John Bryan witnessed a deed from Tobias Miller to Frederick Harget for land on the south side of Trent River. In 1779, in Jones County, NC, Hillery Alligood and Joseph Dean witnessed a deed from Elisha Blackshear to Edward Brown on the north side of Trent River at the mouth of Beargrass Branch.

These locations were in what became Jones County, NC in 1779. Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) was listed on that county tax list in 1779 as a married man.

Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) was not found in records after 1779.

The records of Jones County, NC suffered extensive loss in 1862 when the courthouse burned during a Civil War battle. Many of the wills, estates, and guardians records survived, but none were found for surname Alligood/Elligood or other variants. Deed book A containing the earliest deeds is missing.

In early 1783, a military land warrant was issued for the heir of Henry Alligood, deceased. In late 1784, in Jones County, NC, Dorcas Alligood, mother of Henry, represented her son Hillery and named him as the heir of Henry Alligood. Hillery was still a minor and too young to represent himself. The warrant was sold to Frederick Harget in the presence of William Tippet. Harget sold the warrant to James Robertson in 1787 and Robertson took up the grant in 1788 in Davidson County, TN.

This land warrant proves that Dorcas Alligood was the mother of Henry and Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*). Further, the warrant was sold to Frederick Harget, a good friend of Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*). Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) had witnessed 2 deeds for Harget and obviously knew him well. This gives strong circumstantial evidence that Dorcas Alligood was the widow of Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*). More evidence can be found in Dorcas Alligood's census data.

No other Alligood's were found in Craven or Jones County, NC during this time period. The records found are exclusive to the family of Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*).

Dorcas Alligood's 1786 Jones County, NC census record showed that she had 2 males in her household. They were listed in an age category that showed them as having to be under 21 or over age 60. They were likely 2 young sons; otherwise an older male would probably be head of household. Her census slot for males between the age of 21 and 60 was empty. Many of Hillery Alligood's (*Sr.*) associations were listed near Dorcas Alligood. These included John Bryan, Matthew Stevenson, and Tobias Miller. Daniel Koonce was also listed very near Dorcas Alligood's household. Gabriel Pickrun was also nearby. The importance of these names will be shown in the next few paragraphs.

Dorcas Alligood's 1790 Jones County, NC census recorded one male over 16 and one male under 16. Again, it appears that she had 2 young sons. Daniel Koonce was enumerated immediately after Dorcas Alligood. Matthew Stevenson, John Bryan, and William Tippet were all nearby.

In 1796, Samuel and Easter Alligood witnessed a deed from Elam Thornton of GA to Daniel Koonce of Jones County, NC for 63 acres of land on the west side of Pocason Swamp in Jones County. The land began at what was formerly Gabriel Pickren's corner. The clerk copy of the deed indicates that Samuel Alligood witnessed the deed in open court during the August term of court in 1796 in Jones County, NC.

This was the only record found for Samuel Alligood in NC and it proves that he was a resident of Jones County, NC in 1796. It also directly associates him with known neighbors of Dorcas Alligood.

Jones County, NC deed abstracts for Daniel Koonce and Elam Thornton are included in this report starting on page 59. They place these 2 men in the same locations as the family of Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*). Elam Thornton left Jones County, NC prior to 1789.

In 1800, Hillery Alligood (*Jr.*) was enumerated as head of household in Jones County, NC. His age was 26-45, born between 1755 and 1774. He appears to be newly married with one male and 2 females all less than 10. He also has a female between 16 and 25 years of age. There are no males old enough to be Samuel Alligood and there are no females old enough to be Dorcas Alligood.

The dates fit. Hillery (*Jr.*) could have been both under 21 in 1786 and over 16 in 1790. If 26 or slightly older in 1800, he was born in the early 1770's. This is why Dorcas represented her son Hillery in 1784 concerning the military land warrant for his brother Henry. Hillery was underage at the time.

Samuel Alligood would possibly be the younger son of Dorcas Alligood, probably born after 1774 (under 16 in 1790).

Georgia and Florida census records show that both Hillery (*Jr.*) and Samuel Alligood were born between 1771 and 1780.

In conclusion, there is sufficient circumstantial evidence to show that Hillery Alligood (*Sr.*) was the husband of Dorcas Alligood and the father of Henry, Hillery (*Jr.*), and Samuel Alligood.

Other early Alligood families in NC:

The names Samuel and Hillery are not found in the few other Alligood families in NC during this time period. Records of these families are shown in this document for reference. Please reference the table of contents.

Jacob Ellegood, mariner, of Chowan/Pasquotank County had land interest in Pitt County in 1763 and 1764, but he never actually lived there.

Matthias Ellegood, merchant, filed a will in Pasquotank County in 1773. He did not leave any children.

John, Jacob, and Francis Alligood were all head of household in Beaufort County, NC in 1790.

Francis Alligood's will was filed in Beaufort County in 1810 and named sons Joseph, Francis, Edmund, and Benjamin.

Mary Alligood and B. Harrison witnessed the will of John Standland in 1804 in Jones County, NC. No further records were found for Mary Alligood.

Lewis Alligood was active in Jones County, NC records beginning in the 1840's. According to the 1850 census, he was born about 1810.

Rebecca Alligood "being in advanced years" filed a will in 1819 in Beaufort County, NC. Her sons were named as John, Absalem, Jacob, and William.