

Samuel Williams
of Surry County, NC,
Wilkes County, NC,
Washington County, TN
and Greene County, TN

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Explanation of Reporting Format

This report is divided into multiple sections:

- **Objective** - Your research objective
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Objective

Identify the origin of Capt. Samuel Williams (1733 - 1788) of Washington County, TN and Greene County, TN.

Information on Samuel Williams received from Bonnie Tanner:

- Samuel Williams was part of the Watauga Settlement in Washington County, TN.
- Samuel Williams married Hannah Isbell, daughter of Zachariah Isbell, a neighbor.
- Zachariah Isbell was one of the original founders of Watauga and the state of TN.
- Samuel Williams served in the Revolutionary War along with John Sevier and Zachariah Isbell, Jr. He was at the Battle of King's Mountain and part of the Chickamauga Expedition.
- Samuel Williams was killed by Indians in 1788 in Greene County, TN along the Nolichucky River.
- Hannah Isbell Williams, widow of Samuel Williams, married James Taylor in 1792 in Greene County, TN.
- Children of Samuel Williams:
 - George Williams m. Tempie Kyle
 - Mary Williams
 - Robert Williams
 - Samuel Williams m. Margaret Gwynne
- According to Terry Moore, CG, the neighbors and associates of Samuel Williams were:
 - John Allison
 - John Armstrong
 - Clevures Barksdell
 - James Bird
 - Charles Bond
 - Charles Bound
 - Jesse Bounds
 - Jacob Brown
 - Joseph England of VA
 - Joseph Greer
 - Zachariah Isbell
 - Isham Randolph
 - James Ray
 - Edward Seaborn
 - Col. John Sevier
 - James Taylor of Camden County, SC
 - William Trimble
 - Jesse Walton of GA
 - John Ward
 - Edmund Williams
 - Samuel Williams
 - John Woods
- Was Samuel Williams the son of George Williams of Edgecombe County, NC?

Project Extensions and Notes

Project extended on March 18, 2021 with the following notes:

- Check the 11 volumes of Early Records of NC by Bradley.
- Check Northampton, Bertie, Wake, Johnston, and Granville county abstracts in NC.
- Check SC abstracts for the western districts.
 - 96 District
 - Spartanburg, Union, Laurens, Newberry, Abbeville, Edgefield
 - Orangeburg District
 - Lexington, Orange, Winton
 - Camden District
 - York, Chester, Fairfield, Richland, Lancaster, Claremont, Clarendon
 - Cheraws District
 - Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington
- SC clues related to Samuel Williams neighbors in TN:
 - Cleavers Barksdale was from Abbeville, 96 District, SC. He was the son of John Barksdale whose will was date 1790. Note that Cleavers had a sister who married a Carter. Also, a witness to his father's will was James Allison. It's interesting that a John Allison was a witness to one of Samuel Williams 1785 deeds.
 - James Taylor is labeled in deeds as James Taylor of Camden, SC.
 - Surles Lewis was also from Camden district, SC (north east of 96 district).
 - Jesse Walton was from GA, no location given. But, note that Abbeville and the 96 District in SC border GA.
 - I found records of a James Ray (Wray/Rhea) in Abbeville, 96 District, SC. This is a common name, so may be a false lead.
 - I also found records of a Joseph Greer in Abbeville, 96 District, SC.
 - Note the 1785 Washington, TN deed from Samuel Williams to Jesse Walton of GA. Samuel was selling 384 acres of land, but an exception was made for Jacob Brown and his heirs. This typically implies a relationship. Or, perhaps Samuel Williams and Jacob Brown had somehow made the land entry as partners. Joseph Greer and John Allison witnessed.
- Check early GA deeds in Putnam and Hancock counties.
- A family biography dated December, 1845 by Mary Briscoe Hillyer (b. 1811) of Eatonton, Putnam County, GA detailed the following information:
 - Mary Briscoe Hillyer's mother was named Chloe Williams, born 10 April, 1792 in Wake County, NC to Mabel and George Williams. As a child, her parents moved to Hancock County, GA, then to Putnam County, GA.
 - Chloe Williams married Basil Biscoe in February, 1811.
 - George Williams served in the "old revolution" in the American Army and lost part of his leg. He married Mabel Perry after the war. They had 8 children.
 - George Williams and his brother William Williams moved to Hancock County, GA, then to Putnam County, GA.
 - George Williams was living with his oldest son William Williams when he died in 1820 about age 60.
 - Mabel Perry Williams was the daughter of Francis Perry of Wake County, NC.

- George and Mabel Williams were the parents of: Priscilla, Rhuhannah, William, Francis, John, Chloe, Wilson, and Wiley.

Project update July 11, 2021:

- **Samuel Williams was positively identified in Surry County, NC!** Zachariah Isbell, Jesse Bond, Charles Bond, and Jesse Walton were all confirmed as close Surry County, NC neighbors leaving no doubt that we have the correct Samuel Williams.
- As a result, most of the records in the “project extension” section have not been checked. These items were checked prior to finding the Surry County, NC confirmation:
 - Early Records of NC, Bradley (11 volumes)
 - Edenton District, NC Loose Estate Papers, Bradley (3 volumes)
 - Wilkes County, GA Deed Books A-VV, 1784-1806, Farmer
 - Wilkes County, GA Tax Records, 1785-1805, Hudson (2 volumes)
 - Early GA Wills and Settlements of Estates, Wilkes County, Smith
 - The Wilkes County Papers, 1773-1833, Davis
 - Early Records of GA, Volume 1, Wilkes County, Davidson
 - Greene County, GA Wills, 1786-1877, Turner
 - Early Records of Warren County, GA, Helmers
 - Elbert County, GA Superior Court Minutes, 1790-1800, Ports
 - Elbert County, GA Inferior Court Minutes, 1791-1800, Ports
 - Records of Elbert County, GA, Davidson
 - Some GA County Records, Lucas and Van Schaick (10 volumes)
 - Marriage and Death Notices from Raleigh, NC Newspapers, 1796-1826, Lucas
 - Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, NC Newspapers, 1799-1819, Neal
 - Wake County, NC County Court Minutes, 1771-1784, Book 1, Haun
 - Wake County, NC County Court Minutes, 1787-1792, Book 2, Haun
 - Wake County, NC County Court Minutes, 1793-1796, Book 3, Haun
 - Wake County, NC County Court Minutes, 1797-1800, Book 4, Haun
 - Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Wake County, NC, 1785-1802, Watson
 - Abstracts from the State Gazette of NC, 1787-1791, Volume 1, Fouts
 - Abstracts from the State Gazette of NC, 1792-1795, Volume 2, Fouts
 - Abstracts from the State Gazette of NC, 1796-1799, Volume 3, Fouts
 - Wake County Apprentice Bonds and Records, 1770-1860, 1872-1903, Wake County Genealogical Society
 - Abstract of Records of Wills, Inventories, Settlements of Estates, 1771-1802, Wake County, NC, Wynne
 - Abstract of Records of Wills, Inventories, Settlements of Estates, 1802-1812, Wake County, NC, Volume 2, Wynne

Final Conclusions

Capt. Samuel Williams was living in Surry County, NC in 1774 and absorbed into Wilkes County, NC in 1777. He moved to Washington County, TN by 1778.

Capt. Samuel Williams was not the son of George Williams of Edgecombe County, NC.

Zachariah Isbell, Charles Bond, and Jesse Bond were in Surry County, NC by 1771. Jesse Walton was there by 1772. Samuel Williams was there by 1774. All of these men were close neighbors in Surry/Wilkes County, NC and Washington County, TN.

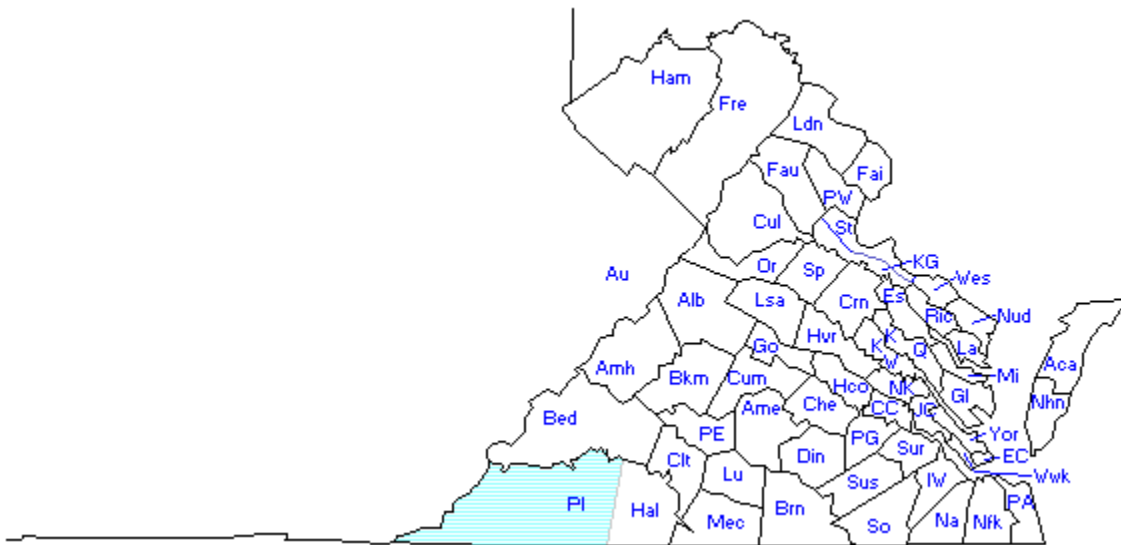
Samuel Williams was related to Jacob Brown and John Brown of Washington County, TN and Wilkes County, NC.

Charles Bond (Sr.) left a will in Surry County, NC in 1774 naming sons John Bond and Jesse Bond. Jesse Walton was an executor and witness and likely close kin to the family. It is proven that Charles Bond (Sr.) was from Albemarle County, VA.

Recommendations for Further Research

The following counties in Virginia should be checked for surnames Bond, Brown, England, Walton and Williams:

- Albemarle County, VA
 - Charles Bond (Sr.) was here prior to moving to Surry County, NC in 1771.
- Bedford County, VA
 - Zachariah Isbell was here in 1754 according to research by Ray Isbell.
- Halifax County, VA
 - Zachariah Isbell was here from 1756-1758 according to research by Ray Isbell.
- Pittsylvania County, VA
 - Formed from Halifax County, VA in 1767.
- Lunenburg County, VA
 - Bedford County, VA was formed from Lunenburg and Albemarle in 1753.
- Amherst County, VA
 - Formed from Albemarle County, VA in 1761.



VA county map 1766

<https://mapgeeks.org/virginia/>

An early Baltimore County, MD deed hints at a possible origin prior to VA for these families:

- 25 August, 1732
James Bond, cooper, of Kent County, MD sold 350 acres on Broad Creek to Thomas Renshaw, cooper, of Cecil County, MD. Joseph England and George Williams witnessed.

Summary of Findings

Samuel Williams of Edgecombe County, NC and Halifax County, NC:

In July, 1758, George Williams of Edgecombe County named his son Samuel Williams in his will. He gave him "land on Deep Creek which I purchased from William Whitehead".

In May, 1758, George Williams purchased 100 acres on the south side of Deep Creek from William Whitehead.

In November, 1774, Samuel Williams of Halifax County, NC sold 100 acres on the south side of Deep Creek to Lewis Brantely. The metes and bounds given in the deed were exactly the same as George Williams 1758 deed.

This proves that Samuel Williams, son of George Williams was still in Halifax County, NC in November, 1774.

Samuel Williams of Surry County, NC and Wilkes County, NC:

In 1774, Samuel Williams was taxable with John Nail in Benjamin Cleveland's District in Surry County, NC. Being taxable in the same household typically indicates some type of kinship. The following were also taxable in the same district:

- Zacariah Isbell and Patrick Hockshau
- Jesse Bond and Mick Miller
- Charles Bond and John Bond
- Jesse Walton and Whitfield Wilson

Clearly, this was the same Samuel Williams who later entered land in Washington County, TN in 1778. Zachariah Isbell, Charles Bond, and Jesse Walton were all neighbors there.

Given that Samuel Williams was taxable in 1774 in Surry County, NC, he cannot be the same Samuel Williams who was still in Halifax County, NC in November, 1774.

In 1775, Samuel Williams was taxable in Benjamin Cleveland's District in Surry County, NC.

In 1777, Wilkes County, NC was created from Surry County, NC.

In April, 1778, a Wilkes County, NC land entry by John Brown mentioned adjoining landowners Humphrey Gibson and Samuel Williams. It is notable that Humphrey Gibson was also a neighbor of Samuel Williams on the 1774 Surry County, NC tax list.

The John Brown land entry was on Buffalo Creek in the NW corner of Wilkes County, NC near the border of TN. These families were living between the North Fork and the South Fork of the New River.

Given that Humphrey Gibson was a neighbor in 1774 and 1778, we can infer that Samuel Williams and his associates made their initial settlements between the forks of New River and were there as early as 1771.

In September, 1778, the Wilkes County, NC court ordered that Charles Roberson and James Stewart in Washington County, NC take depositions from Humphrey Gibson and Samuel Williams. They were being asked about John Brown's land entry as it was also being claimed by Ruth Batton/Barton/Boman.

The deposition order proves that Samuel Williams had moved to Washington County, NC.

Samuel Williams of Washington County, NC:

In August, 1778, Samuel Williams entered 400 acres on the south side of Nolichucky River bordering Brown's Ford.

A January, 1779 land entry to Hosea Rose noted that he had obtained it from Capt. Samuel Williams.

In October, 1782, Samuel Williams was granted land on the south side of Nolichucky River bordering Charles Bond and Jesse Walton.

An October, 1782 grant to Jesse Walton mentioned neighbors Samuel Williams and John Woods.

In October, 1783, Samuel Williams made an entry in Greene County, TN on the south side of French Broad River. John Ward also claimed the land and Samuel Williams eventually transferred it to him. Was this John Wood?

In October, 1783, Zachariah Isbell entered land in Greene County, TN on the north side of Big Pigeon River.

In May, 1785, Jesse Walton of GA sold land on the south side of Nolichucky River to Joseph England of VA. The land bordered Charles Bond and Isham Randolph and had been patented by Samuel Williams. Jesse Bond was a witness.

The reference to Joseph England is an important clue because he was in VA in 1785 and a likely friend or relative of Jesse Walton. As shown in the next section of this report, Charles Bond was from Albemarle County, VA and Jesse Walton was his executor.

In May, 1785, Samuel Williams sold land on the south side of Nolichucky River to Jesse Walton of GA. This was one of Samuel Williams 1782 grants. An exception was made for Jacob Brown and his heirs. Samuel Williams signed his name.

The 1785 record implies that Samuel Williams was somehow related to Jacob Brown. Note that he had also been a neighbor of John Brown in Wilkes County, NC.

The presence of Charles Bond, Jesse Walton, Zachariah Isbell, and Jesse Bond confirm that these men moved from Wilkes County, NC to the Watauga Settlement in Washington County, NC.

Charles Bond of Surry County, NC:

In March, 1774, Charles Bond of Surry County, NC wrote his will. He named sons John Bond and Jesse Bond. Jesse Walton was an executor and witness to his will. The will also named grandsons and left them land on Hardaway River in Albemarle County, VA.

The will of Charles Bond proves that the Bond family moved to Surry County, NC from Albemarle County, VA. It appears that Jesse Walton was kin to them.

Samuel Williams (Sr.) of Rowan County, NC:

In 1761, Samuel Williams was taxable along with Joseph Williams, James Williams and Philip Williams. The name of his neighbors, including Aquilla Felps/Phelps, confirm that he was the same Samuel Williams taxable in 1768 in John Ford's district. He is designated in this report as Samuel Williams (Sr.) and he was born prior to 1739.

In November, 1785, Samuel Williams purchased land on Hunting Creek from Daniel Welson Easley. The land bordered Philip Williams, Charles Jolly, and the widow Roberts. James Williams signed as a witness.

The December, 1785, Charles Jolly sold land on Hunting Creek to John Felps. James Williams and Samuel Williams both signed as witnesses.

In February, 1786, Philip Williams sold land on the west side of Yadkin River adjacent "Aquilla Felps' Horse Ford Branch". Samuel Williams signed as a witness.

The records confirm that Samuel Williams (Sr.) could sign his name and was still living in Rowan County, NC in 1786.

Samuel Williams, Jr. of Rowan County, NC:

In July, 1765, Vinson Williams sold land on the north side of Yadkin River to Samuel Williams. It was noted that the land formerly belonged to Edward Williams who had left it by will to his son, Vinson Williams. Jane Williams, widow of Edward Williams, was given rights to the land during her lifetime.

In June, 1772, Samuel Williams, Jr. sold the same land to John Garret. Samuel Williams, Jr. made his mark with an "S". Jane Williams had agreed to sell the land.

Samuel Williams, Jr. was probably the son of Vinson Williams.

Factual Citations

Facts on Capt. Samuel Williams of Washington County, TN and Greene County, TN:

25 August, 1778

Samuel Williams entered 400 acres in Washington County on the south side of Nolachucky River bordering Brown's Ford. A warrant was issued 30 November, 1778. The land was surveyed 24 June, 1779.

[TN Land Entries, Washington County, 1778-1796, Pruitt]

7 January, 1779

Hosea Rose entered 320 acres in Washington County including "the plantation where Surles Lewis formerly lived". The entry had been made by Lewis who transferred to Jonathan Tipton who transferred to **Capt. Samuel Williams** who transferred to H. Rose.

[TN Land Entries, Washington County, 1778-1796, Pruitt]

25 January, 1779

James Ray (also spelled Wray and Rhea) entered 250 acres in Washington County on the south fork of Cherokee Creek joining **Samuel Williams'** entry and including the cabins called Custard's cabins on both of the creeks.

[TN Land Entries, Washington County, 1778-1796, Pruitt]

16 September, 1779

Clevures Barksdell, for Col. John Sevier, entered 640 acres in Washington County "on a cover joining **Samuel Williams'** entry on the lower side".

[TN Land Entries, Washington County, 1778-1796, Pruitt]

16 September, 1779

Samuel Williams, for Col. John Sevier, entered 640 acres in Washington County on the first cove below Camp Creek and near the head of Cove Creek. A warrant was issued 20 April, 1780, but the land was eventually surveyed for George Gordon in 1795.

[TN Land Entries, Washington County, 1778-1796, Pruitt]

24 October, 1782

Samuel Williams was granted 384 acres on the south side of Nolachucky River by the state of NC (Washington County, TN Deed Book 1, page 287-288). The land was adjacent Charles Bound and Jesse Walton.

[Washington County, TN Deeds 1775-1800, Rae]

24 October, 1782

Jesse Walton was granted 432 acres on the south side of Nolachucky River by the state of NC (Washington County, TN Deed Book 1, page 410-411). The land was adjacent **Samuel Williams** and John Woods. *[Washington County, TN Deeds 1775-1800, Rae]*

22 October, 1783

Samuel Williams entered 400 acres in Greene County “on the south side of French Broad River about ¼ mile above the upper ford of the river”. On 23 December, 1783, John Ward caveated the land. The court decided in favor of John Ward during the November term, 1784. **Samuel Williams** transferred the land to John Ward on 15 February, 1784. [*Land Warrants and Grants in Greene County, TN, 1783-1803, Pruitt*]

4 May, 1784

Zachariah Isbell entered 100 acres in Greene County on the north side of Big Pigeon River joining 300 acres belonging to **Samuel Williams**. On 27 February, 1787, Zachariah Isbell sold the warrant to David Stuart.

[*Land Warrants and Grants in Greene County, TN, 1783-1803, Pruitt*]

7 June, 1784

Samuel Williams was issued a warrant for 300 acres in Greene County “beginning on the north side of Big Pigeon River below the war ford at the upper end of an island...running down the north side of Pigeon River”. The land entry was made 29 October, 1783. 200 acres of the warrant went to Edward Seaborn and was granted 13 February, 1791.

[*Land Warrants and Grants in Greene County, TN, 1783-1803, Pruitt*]

November, 1784

Benjamin Tipton and Alex Rogers proved a bill of sale from **Samuel Williams** to John Ward.

[*Greene County, TN Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, 1783-1795, Burgner*]

2 May, 1785

Jesse Walton of GA sold 172 acres on the south side of the Nolachucky to Joseph England of VA (Washington County, TN Deed Book 2, Page 51). The land was adjacent Charles Bond and Isham Randolph. It had been patented by **Samuel Williams** 24 October, 1782. Jesse Walton signed his name. Jesse Bounds and Fran Bird witnessed.

[*Washington County, TN Deeds 1775-1800, Rae*]

2 May, 1785

Jesse Walton of GA sold 432 acres on the south side of the Nolachucky River to James Taylor of Camden District, SC (Washington County, TN Deed Book 3, Page 185). The land was adjacent **Samuel Williams** and John Woods. William Trimble witnessed.

[*Washington County, TN Deeds 1775-1800, Rae*]

2 May, 1785

Samuel Williams sold 384 acres on the south side of Nolachucky River to Jesse Walton of GA (Washington County, TN Deed Book 3, Page 194). An exception was made for “Jacob Brown and his heirs claiming from or under his heirs and assigns”. **Samuel Williams** signed his name. Joseph Greer and John Alleson witnessed.

[*Washington County, TN Deeds 1775-1800, Rae*]

A photograph of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text reads: "Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of Joseph Greer & John Ellison Samuel Williams". The signature "Samuel Williams" is written on a separate line to the right of the main text.

2 May, 1785

Jesse Walton of GA sold 200 acres on the south side of Nolachucky River to James Taylor of Camden District, SC (Washington County, TN Deed Book 3, Page 196). The land was adjacent **Samuel Williams**. It was formerly a grant made to **Samuel Williams** on 24 October, 1782 and had been sold by Williams to Walton. Vol. Sevier (*Valentine Sevier?*) and Nicholas Hale witnessed.

Facts on Samuel Williams of Surry County, NC and Wilkes County, NC:

1771

“The petition of the inhabitants dwelling on the three Creeks of the Catawba River...Rowan County”:

- “That your petitioners are living in the remotest part of this great and very extensive county, are so far distant from Salisbury, the seat of justice, the majority of us 100 miles or upwards....”
- “We therefore your petitioners being greatly increased in number sufficient as we conceive to support a county...grant that we may have a new county appointed us, on the upper part of the Catawba waters...”

Those who signed the petition included:

- Joseph Dobson
- George Cathey
- John McDowell
- William Moore
- **Zachariah Isbell**
- Joseph McDowell
- John McDowell, Jr.
- Elisha Baldwin
- William Baldwin
- Charles McDowell
- James McKleney
- Abraham Collet
- Veazey Husband
- Henry Twitty
- Abraham Littel

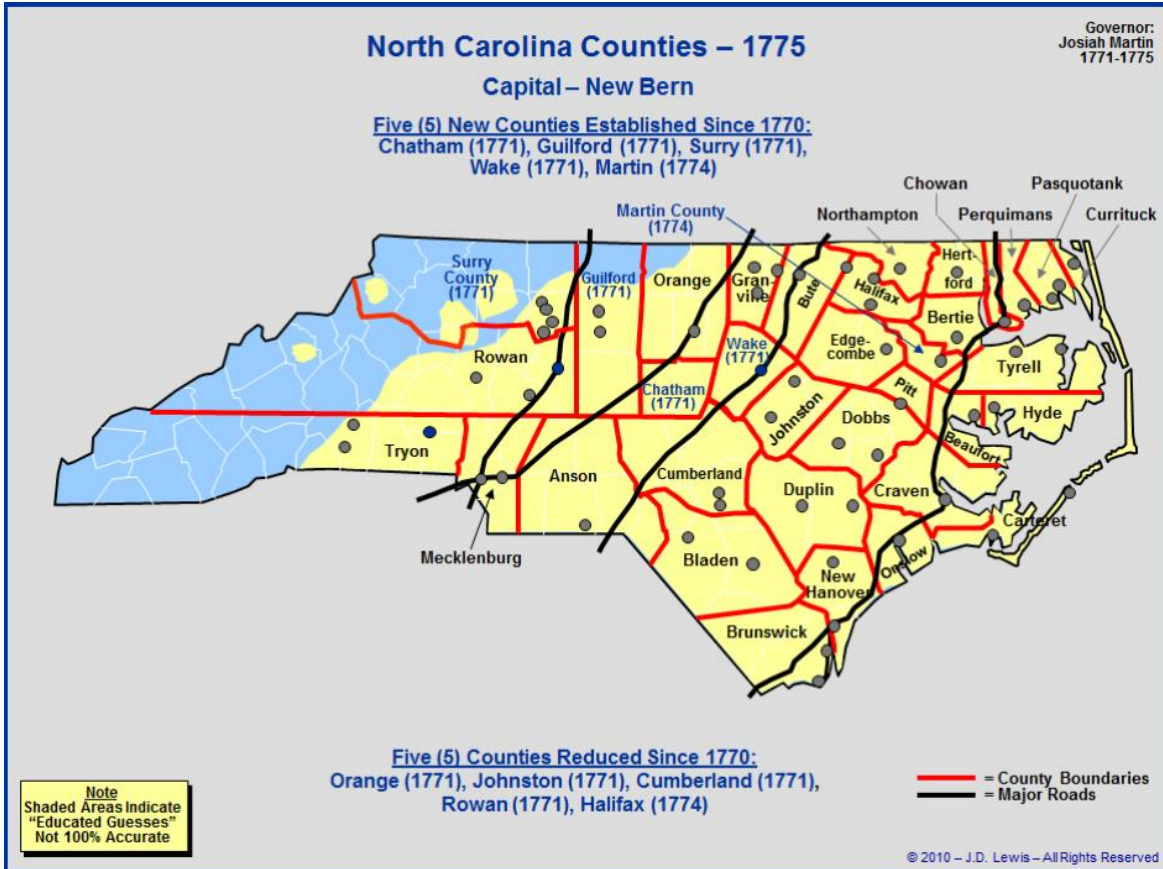
These were the men listed closest to Zachariah Isbell. There were over 100 names on the petition.

The following important note was made by William D. Bennett when abstracting this material:

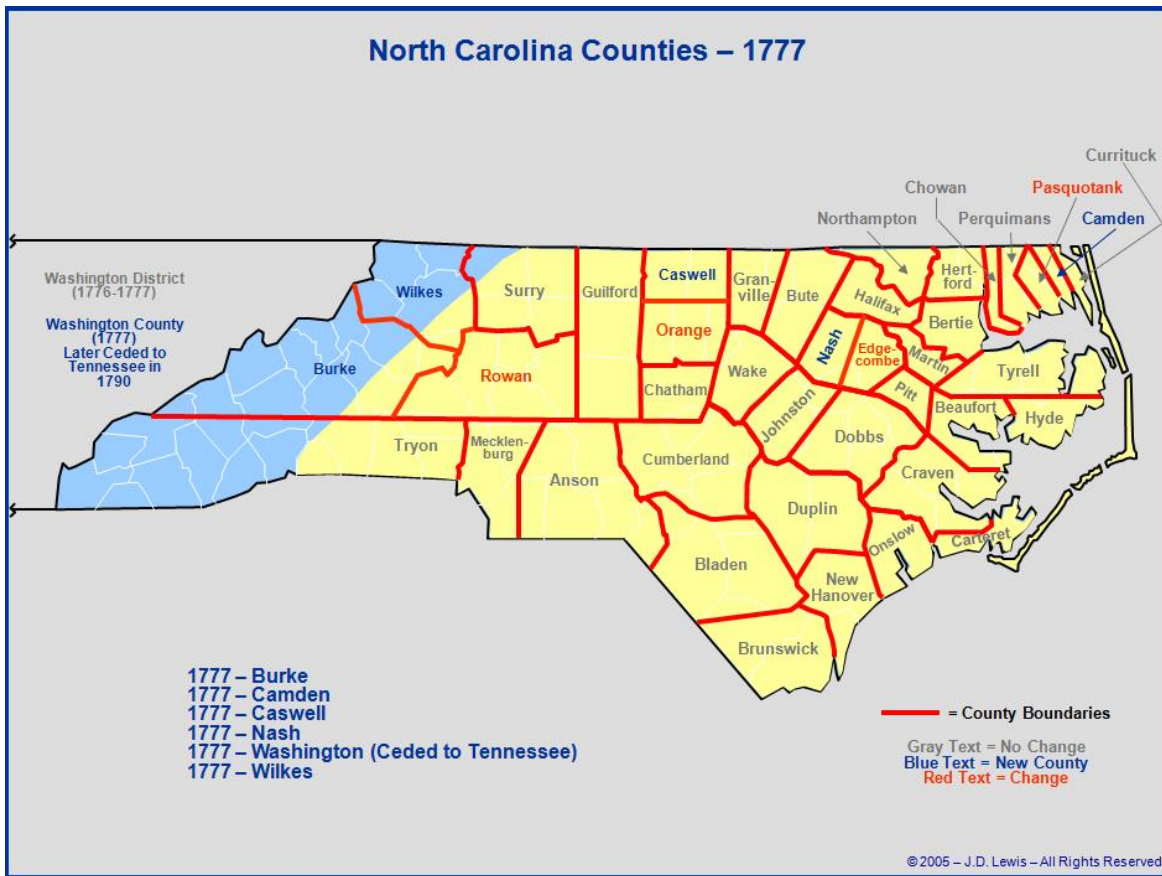
“Researchers in the past have felt the reference in the petitions to the “Three Creeks” were to First Creek, Second Creek, and Third (John’s River) Creek which flow into the Catawba, which would indicate the area around present-day Boone. The three creeks that form the South Fork of the New River were known as the Three Creeks by the early 1760s. My research on the New River has shown that by 1778 there was a well established road up the John’s River to the Boone area. There are names on the 1771 petition that I have never been able to associate with any point on the Catawba River, only with the New River.”

[1771 Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Upper Settlement of the Catawba River, Yatkin River, and Three Cricks, General Assembly Papers, Nov-Dec 1771 Session, Box 5, NC State Archives, abstracted by William D. Bennett; published in Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

Note: William D. Bennet confirms in his abstract that these men were in fact living on the New River in the northwest corner of NC. They were not living on the Catawba River.



https://www.carolana.com/NC/Royal_Colony/nc_royal_colony_counties_1775.html



https://www.carolana.com/NC/Early_Statehood/nc_statehood_1800_counties_1777.html

1771

The following were taxable in Surry County, NC. The list was alphabetical and the names of neighbors cannot be determined.

- **Zacheriah Isbell**
 - 3 polls
- **Jesse Bond**
 - 2 polls

[Surry and Wilkes Counties, NC Taxables, 1771-1800, Johnson]

1772

The following were taxable in Surry County, NC. The list was alphabetical and the names of neighbors cannot be determined.

- **Charles Bond**
 - 3 polls
- **Jesse Bond**
 - 1 poll
- **Zachariah Isbell**
 - 4 polls

[Surry and Wilkes Counties, NC Taxables, 1771-1800, Johnson]

20 August, 1772

Jesse Walton was asked to answer and indictment against him for trespass.

[Surry County, NC Court Minutes, Volumes 1 and 2, 1768-1789, Absher]

1774

Samuel Williams and John Nail were taxable together (2 polls) in Benjamin Cleavland's District in Surry County, NC. Others taxable in this district included:

- **Zacariah Isbell**, Patrick Hockshau, and Negro Moll
 - 3 polls
- **Jesse Bond** and Mick Miller
 - 2 polls
- **Charles Bond**, John Bond, and negroes Peter and Caite
 - 4 polls
- **Jesse Walton**, Whitfield Wilson, and negroes Jo, Cloa, Tom, and Jane
 - 6 polls

[Surry and Wilkes Counties, NC Taxables, 1771-1800, Johnson]

1774

Benjamin Cleavland's District included 350+ taxable polls. The entries closest to **Samuel Williams**, his probable neighbors, included:

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| • Joab Wilder | • Olden Hightower and Austin Locus |
| • Thomas Lindvil | • John Allen |
| • Humphrey Gibson | • Thomas Ellige, Thomas Ellige, and John Ellige |
| • Abraham Venderpool and William Venderpool | • William Beams |
| • Peter Gwin | • Richard Churchwell |
| • John Venderpool | • Henry Donahoo |
| • Arza Doate | • Samuel Tucker |
| • Jonathan Allen | • Thomas Fargusson |
| • Garrit Hendricks and Joshua Hendricks | • Edward Boon and Jesse Boon |
| • John Higgin | • Isaac Thresher |

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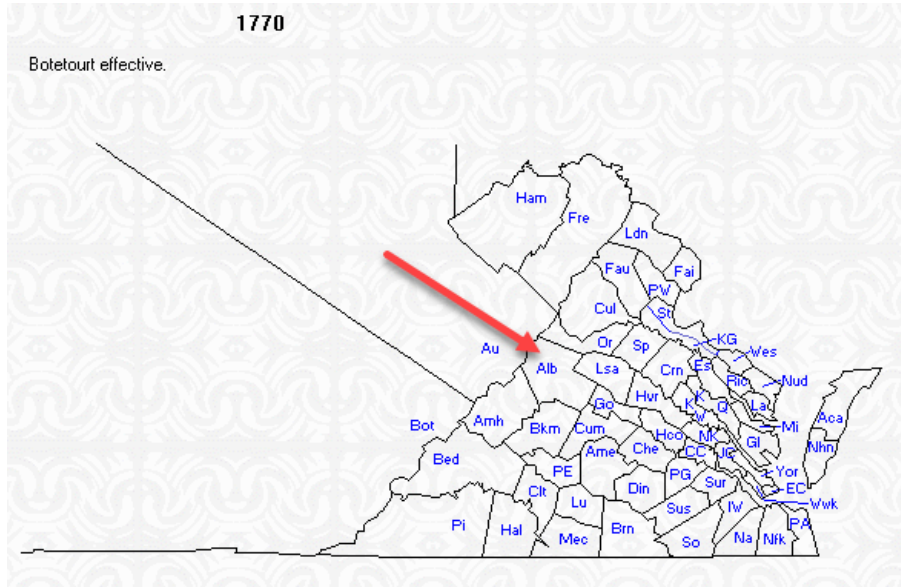
16 March, 1774

Charles Bond of Surry County, NC wrote his will. He named the following heirs and property:

- Wife: Mary Bond
- Son: John Bond (minor)
- Son: **Jesse Bond**
- Grandsons: Allen Woodend Bond and Robert Nicholas Bond
 - 200 acres on Hardaway River in Albemarle County, VA where my son Billy Bond formerly lived.
- Executors:
 - Wife, Mary Bond
 - **Jesse Walton**
- Witnesses:
 - **Jesse Walton**

- William Johnston
- Benjamin Johnston

Jesse Walton and William Johnston proved the will during the May term of court, 1775.
[Surry County, NC Wills, 1771-1827, Linn]



Location of Albemarle County, VA in 1770

Charles Bond moved from here to Surry County, NC by 1771

<https://homepages.rootsweb.com/~george/countyformations/virginiaformationmaps.html>

1775

Samuel Williams was taxable with 1 poll in Benjamin Cleavland's District in Surry County, NC. Others taxable in this district included:

- Charles Bond
 - 1 poll
- Jesse Walton, William Spery, and negroes Jo, Cloe, Jean, and Ton
 - 6 polls

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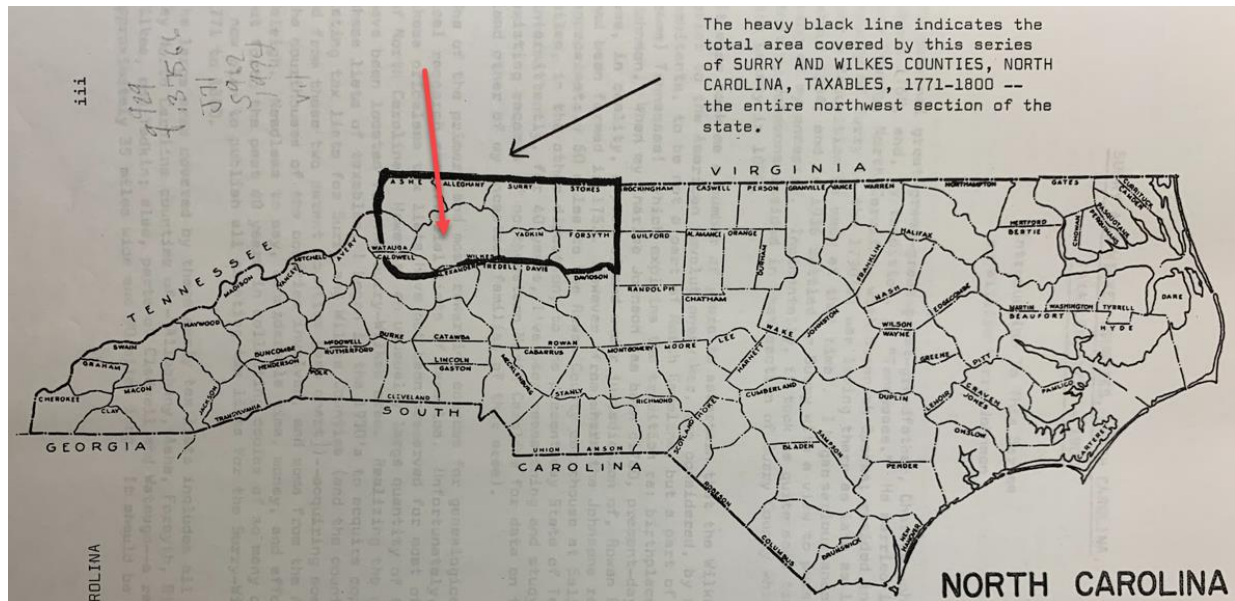
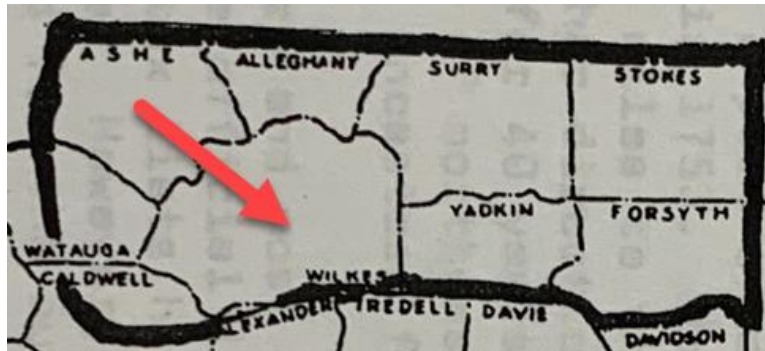
1775

Benjamin Cleavland's District included 350+ taxable polls. The entries closest to **Samuel Williams**, his probable neighbors, included:

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| ● Moses Geess/Gess/Guess and Joseph Geess | ● Abraham Vanderpool |
| ● Elijah Isacks | ● John Fargusson |
| ● John Barton | ● Matthew Lindsay |
| ● Williams Adams | ● Joseph Warrin |
| ● Perrin Cardwell | ● William Bunton |
| ● Robert Walters and John Robertson | ● William Gess and Benjamin Gess |
| | ● William Fargesson |

- Ezeriah Doata
- James Bartlet
- Lawrence Raws
- Elias Wood and Nathaniel Wood
- John Crawford
- Isaac Thresher

[*Surry and Wilkes Counties, NC Taxables, 1771-1800, Johnson*]



Benjamin Cleavland's District was in the area that would become Wilkes County, NC in 1777
 Samuel Williams was taxable here in 1774 and 1775
Surry and Wilkes Counties, NC Taxables, 1771-1800, Johnson

18 April, 1778

John Brown entered 200 acres (entry number 56) on the west side of Yadkin River at the mouth of Buffalow. The land bordered Humphrey Gibson and **Samuel Williams, Jr.** and included improvements made by Cornelius Boman. The land was caveated by Ruth Barton.

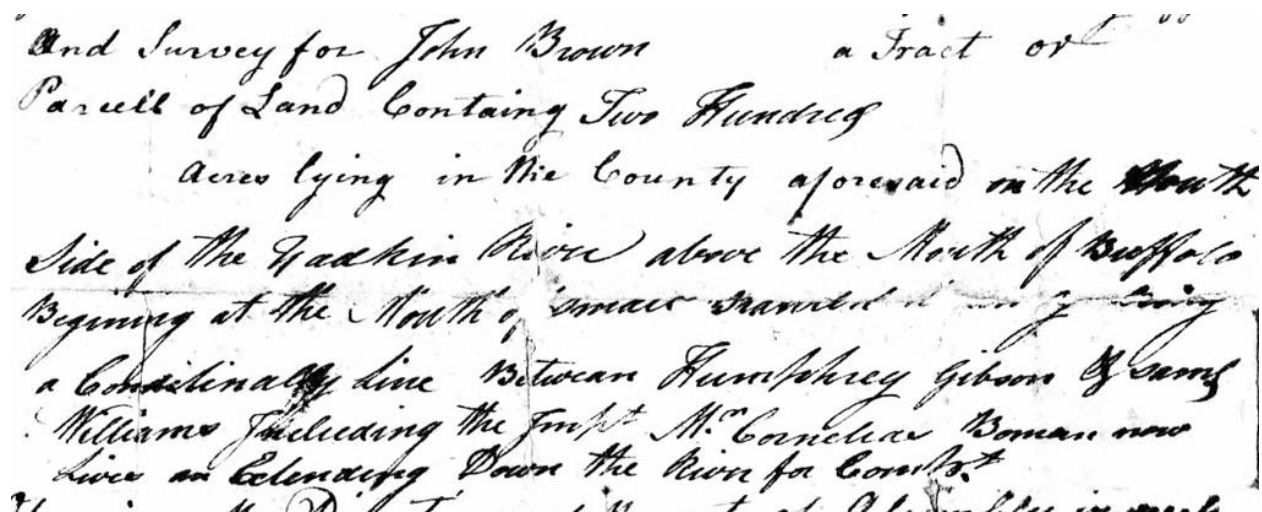
[*Land Entry Book, Wilkes County, NC, 1778-1781, Absher*]

The original copy of land entry 56 was consulted. It reads as follows: "...200 acres lying in the county aforesaid on the north side of the Yakin River above the mouth of Buffalo beginning at the mouth of... conditionally line between Humphrey Gibson and **Samuel Williams** including the improvement Ms. Cornelia Boman now lives...."

[[NC, US, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Wilkes, NC, certificates 1-292, ancestry.com](#)]

Note: The abstract book gave the name Samuel Williams, Jr. while the original entry gives the name Samuel Williams. Notice that the entry uses an "l" that looks like a "j" for the word including and the abbreviation for improvement.

Note: Humphrey Gibson was a neighbor of Samuel Williams according the 1774 Surry County, NC tax list.



"And Survey for John Brown a Tract or Parcel of Land Containing Two Hundred Acres lying in the County aforesaid on the North Side of the Yadkin River above the Mouth of Buffalo Beginning at the Mouth of a small branch of the River being a Conditionally line between Humphrey Gibson & Samuel Williams including the Imp^t M^o Cornelia Boman now lives an Colony of Down the River for Corn^t

30 December, 1778

The survey for John Brown's 1778 land entry (number 56) stated the land was on the north side of the Yadkin River beginning at the mouth of a dividing branch between him and James Deer and bordering the widow Barton's line. One of the corners was a "walnut tree on the side of the River near the mouth of Buffalow". Henry Hutson was Elias Wellborn were chain carries for the survey.

[[NC, US, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Wilkes, NC, certificates 1-292, ancestry.com](#)]

8 September, 1778

It was ordered that Charles Roberson and James Stewart in Washington County take depositions of Humphrey Gibson and **Samuel Williams** on behalf of John Brown's caveat of entry of land by Ruth Batton.

[[Some Pioneers from Wilkes County, NC, Absher](#)]

North Carolina Major Waterbodies

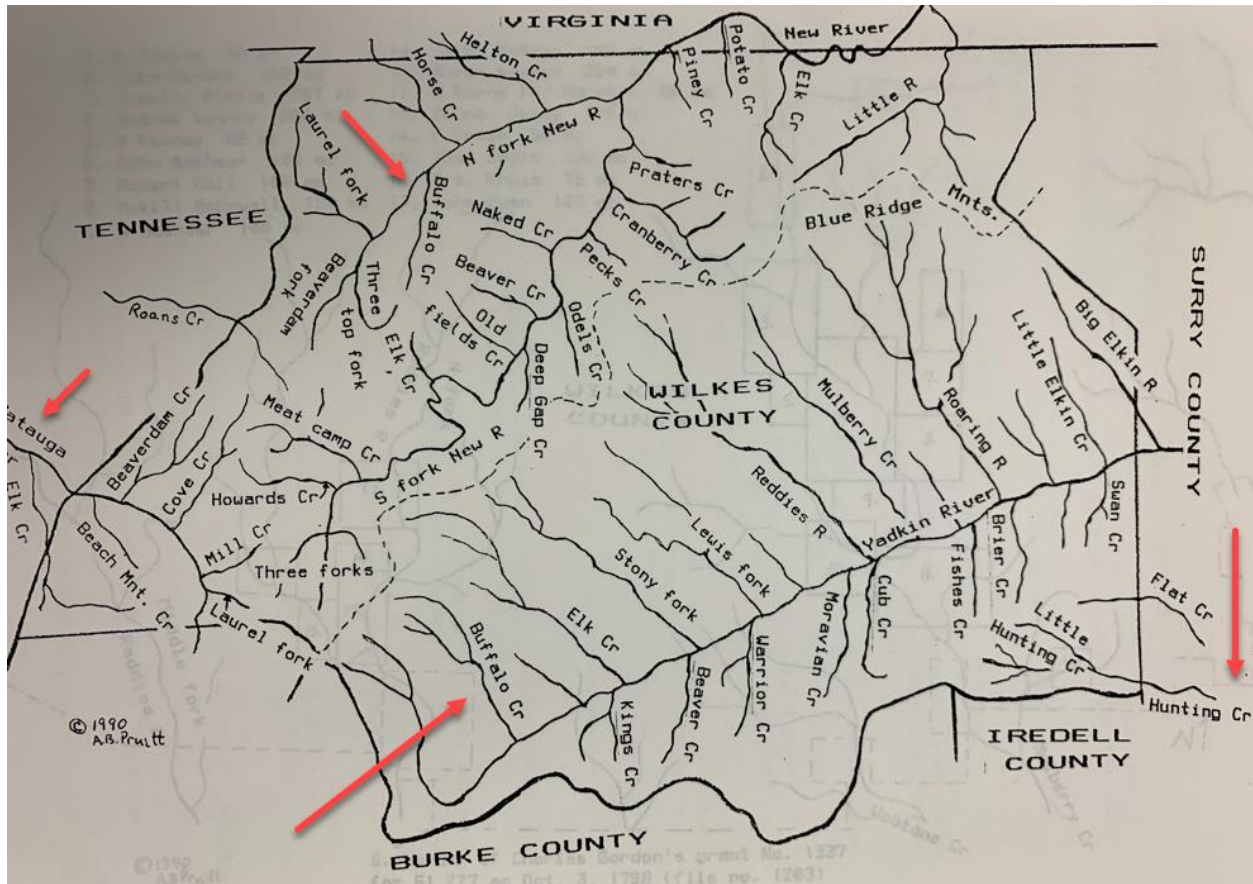
Red arrow designates the North Fork and South Fork of the New River.
Samuel Williams and his associates were living between these Fork's 1771-1774.
Zachariah Isbell, Charles Bond and Jesse Bond were here by 1771.
Jesse Walton was here by 1772.
Samuel Williams here by 1774.



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Map showing where Samuel Williams and his associates were between 1771 and 1774

https://www.carolana.com/Carolina/Settlement/nc_rivers.html



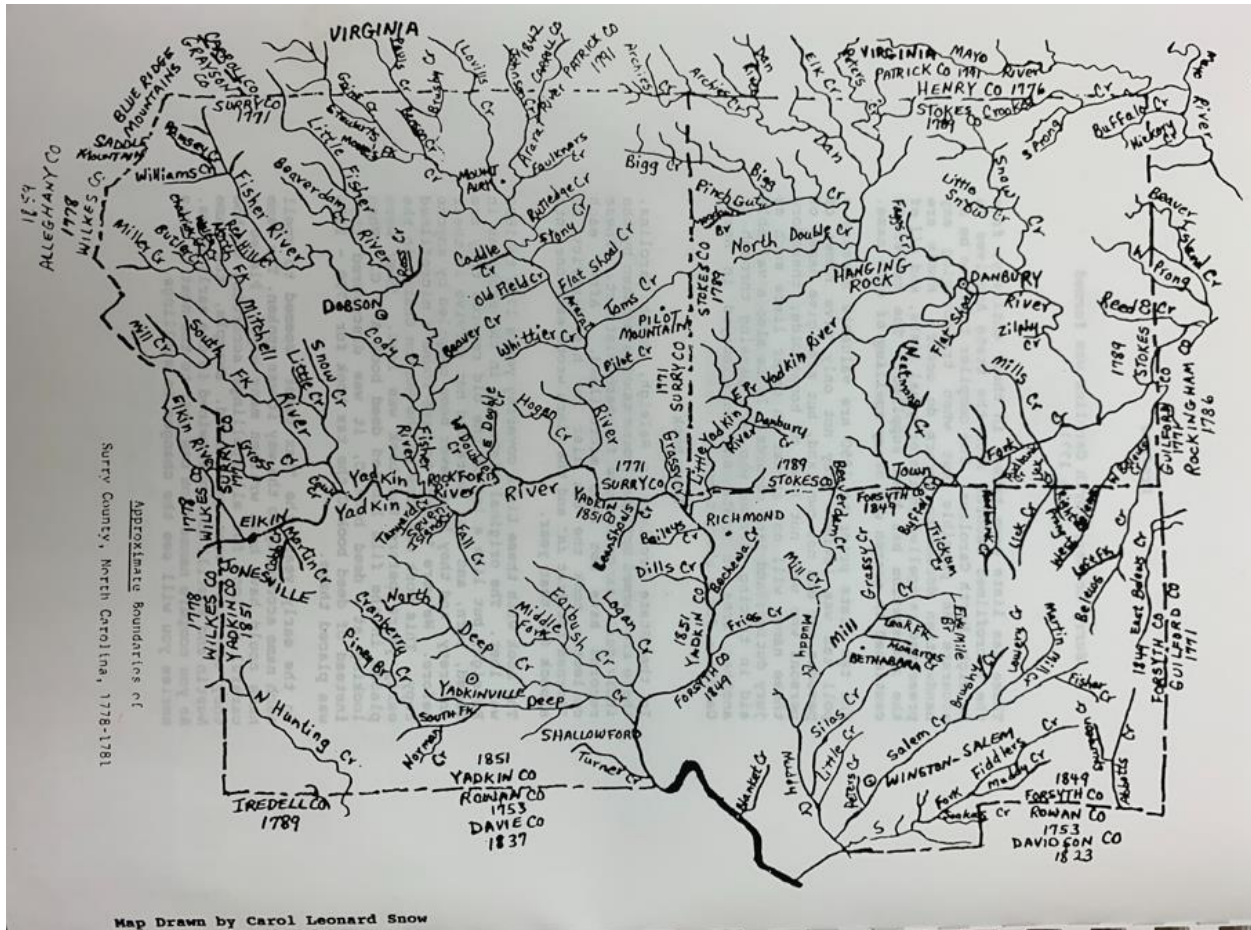
Early map of Wilkes County showing two different streams named Buffalo Creek.

Note that Samuel Williams was living on Buffalo Creek in the NW corner of Wilkes near TN.

Note the Watauga settlement on the extreme west side of the map where Samuel Williams settled in 1778.

The Edward Williams family of Rowan County, NC lived near Hunting Creek (SE corner of map) and in central Rowan near present day Salisbury.

Abstracts of Land Entries, Wilkes County, NC, 1783-1795, Pruitt



Surry County, NC 1778-1781, after Wilkes County was split off
Surry County, NC Lost Tax Lists, 1790-1800, Harvey

Records of men named Samuel Williams in Rowan County, NC:

1759

The following men with surname Williams were taxed in Rowan County, NC. Note that the list was alphabetical and neighbors cannot be determined.

- **Howard Williams**
- **James Williams**
- **Jonathan Williams**
- **Philip Williams**
- **Samuel Williams**
- **Vincen Williams**
- **William Williams**

[Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

1761

Joseph Williams was taxed for 5 polls in Caleb Osborn's District in Rowan County, NC. The following were taxable with him:

- **James Williams**
- **Samull Williams**
- **Philip Williams**

The entries closest to **Joseph Williams**, his probable neighbors, included:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| • Aquiller Phelps | • Adam Brinegar |
| • William Hicks | • Solomamon Sparks |
| • Philip Williamson | • William Lacewell |
| • Richard Bartleson and Richard Bartleson | • Richard Neely |
| • Edward Roberts | • Roger Turner Sr. and Elias Turner |
| • Ephrim Pennington, Sr. and Ephrim Pennington | • Joseph Welch |
| • George Trute/Trout | • Nemiah Haley |
| • Rudolph March | • James Andrews |
| • Jacob Hunter | • James Sparks |
| • Volentine Van Hooser | • Samuel Osborn |
| • John Bridge | • Levey Jones |
| | • George Tepolt and Henry Wagner |

[Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

10 July, 1765

Vinson Williams sold 80 acres on the north side of Yadkin River to **Samuel Williams** for 60 pounds (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 6, Page 269). The land was part of Henry Dowland's tract and had been sold to **Edward Williams**, deceased, who left it by will to his son **Vinson Williams**. **Vinson Williams** signed his name. John Dunn and James Smith witnessed.

[Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, NC, 1753-1785, Volume 1-10, Linn]

The clerk copy of the deed shows an exception was made "that **Jane Williams**, wife of the above said **Edward Williams**, deceased, shall have power and authority of the above said tract of land to live and improve thereon during her life time".

[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]

10 July, 1766

Vinson Williams sold 126 acres on the south side of Yadkin River to Anderson Smith for 46 pounds (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 6, Page 266). **Edward Williams** had purchased the land from Isaac Holeman on 16 February, 1754. John Dunn and James Smith witnessed.

[Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, NC, 1753-1785, Volume 1-10, Linn]

1768

Samuel Williams was taxable with 1 poll in John Ford's District in Rowan County, NC. Others taxable in this district included:

- James Williams, Sr., 2 polls
- John Woods, 1 poll
- John Forgison, 1 poll
- Phillip Williams, 1 poll
- Michael Miller, 3 polls
- Aquala Felps, 1 poll
- Vencant William, 1 poll

[Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

Note: Many of these names match the neighbors on the 1761 tax list. This confirms that the Samuel Williams of 1761 and 1768 are the same.

1768

The entries closest to **Samuel Williams**, his probable neighbors, in John Ford's District in Rowan County, NC included:

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| • Michel Miller, Jr. | • Hannah Tucker | • Richard Smith |
| • Barney Weaver | • Thomas Willis | • Edward Turner |
| • Robert Moor | • Stifel Loeman | • Phillip Williams |
| • Pattrick Coyle | • Joseph Lawing | • Thomas Donahoe |
| • Joseph Cunningham | • Daniel Hunt | • John Hunt Prater |
| • Martin Wallin | • Jacob Lop | • Edward Hughes |
| • John Forgison | • Richard Beary | • Hance Lycans |
| • John Woods | • James Simeson | • Michel Miller |
| • Samuel Nicholson | • Jacob Cross | • Barnhard Miller |
| • James Erwin | • George Crosley | • Linard Miller |
| • Joseph Erwin | • John Simons | • William Sparks |
| • Gosham Hunt | • Richard Barons | |
| • Joseph Bockkast | • Edward Parnel | |

[Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

1768

The following signed a petition for tax relief. They were protesting corrupt officials who were using paper money with no gold or silver to back it up. The petition was sent to the NC General Assembly.

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • Elisha Owins | • James Arrowood | • Francis Taylor |
| • Richard Bartleson | • George Admire | • Samuel Busy |
| • Thomas Stockstill | • Michael Leel | • Benjamin Taylor |
| • George Troat | • William Morgan, Sr. | • William Hattocks |
| • Jacob Felker | • William Morgan, Jr. | • Benjamin Barns |

- William Lewis
- Mathias Prok
- **James Williams**
- Aquilla Felps
- Anderson Smith
- Sibeyley (Sylvester) Baker
- Obediah Baker
- **James Williams, Sr.**
- **Samuel Williams**
- **Philip Williams**
- **Edward Williams**
- **Samuel Williams**
- John Felps
- Abner Baker
- **Edward Williams**

[Rowan County, NC Tax Lists, 1757-1800, Linn]

Note: Samuel Williams and Edward Williams are both listed twice. These were likely different men with the same name.

13 June, 1772

Samuel Williams, Jr. sold 80 acres on the north side of Yadkin River to John Garret for 50 pounds (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 8, Page 16). The tract had been formerly conveyed from Henry Dowland, deceased, to **Edward Williams**, deceased. It had been left to **Vinson Williams**, eldest son of **Edward Williams**. **Samuel Williams, Jr.** made his mark with "S". **Jane Williams** made her mark. William Giles and **Vinson Williams** witnessed.

[Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, NC, 1753-1785, Volume 1-10, Linn]

The clerk copy of the deeds shows that **Jane Williams**, widow of **Edward Williams**, relinquished her dower rights to the land.

[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]

3 December, 1775

Charles Jolly sold 200 acres on Brush Creek of Hunting Creek to John Felps (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 10, Page 391). The land was adjacent the mountains and Daniel Weldon Easley's line and had been granted 10 October, 1783. **James Williams** and **Samuel Williams** both signed as witnesses. **James Williams** proved the deed during the February term of court 1786.

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[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]

Note: This Samuel Williams signed his name. He was not the same man as Samuel Williams, Jr. who made his mark with "S".

23 November, 1785

Daniel Weldon Easley sold 120 acres on a branch of Brush Creek of Hunting Creek to **Samuel Williams** (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 10, Page 412). The land was adjacent **Philip Williams**, Charles Jolly, and the widow Roberts. It had been granted to Easley 14 January, 1783. Charles Jolly, **James Williams**, and Benjamin Martin all signed as witnesses. Charles Jolly proved the deed during the February term of court 1786.

[Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, NC, 1753-1785, Volume 1-10, Linn]

[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]

24 February, 1786

Philip Williams and **Kiturah Williams**, his wife, sold 250 acres on the west side of Yadkin River to Daniel Sherwood (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 10, Page 434). The land was part of a 500 acre grant dated 18 November, 1784. **Philip Williams** and **Kiturah Williams** both made their mark. **Samuel Williams** and Jesse Caton both signed as witnesses. Jesse Caton proved the deed during the May term of court, 1786.

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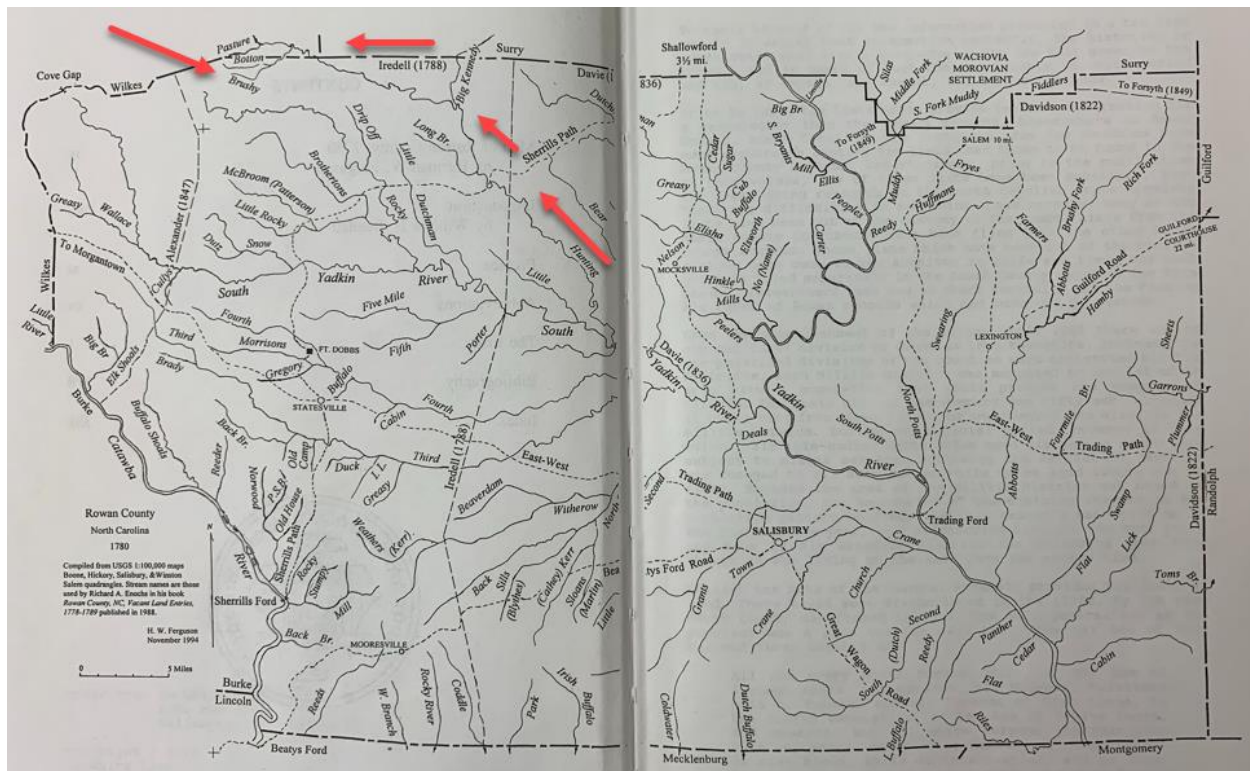
[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]

27 February, 1786

Philip Williams and Kiturah Williams, his wife, sold 250 acres on the west side of Yadkin River adjacent Aquilla Felps Horse Ford Branch to Charles Caton (Rowan County, NC Deed Book 10, Page 433). The land was part of a 500 acre grant dated 18 November, 1784. Philip Williams and Kiturah Williams both made their mark. Samuel Williams and Jesse Caton both signed as witnesses. Jesse Caton proved the deed during the May term of court, 1786.

[Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, NC, 1753-1785, Volume 1-10, Linn]

[Rowan County, NC, Deeds, 1753-1962, familysearch.org]



Location of Brushy Creek, a branch of Hunting Creek
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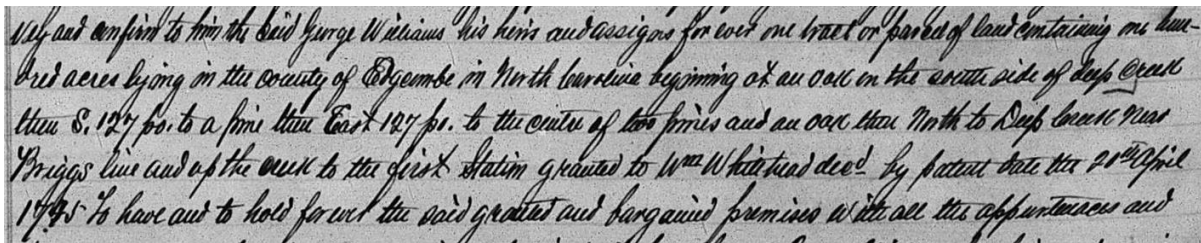
Early Williams marriages in Rowan County, NC:

- 26 March, 1765
 - Benjamin Williams and Sarah Gillispie
 - Bondsman: John Oliphant
 - Witness: Thomas Frohock
- 23 January, 1767
 - Edward Williams and Liddy Wood, daughter of John and Mary Wood
 - Bondsmen:
 - Edward Turner
 - Anderson Smith
 - Witness: Thomas Frohock
- 4 March, 1768
 - William Williams and Liddy Howard
 - Witness: Thomas Frohock
- 27 September, 1769
 - Samuel Williams and Mary Williams
 - Bondsmen:
 - Daniel Little
 - Benjamin Filner
 - Witness: Thomas Frohock
- 20 August, 1772
 - Edward Williams and Ann Dimmett, daughter of James Dimmett
 - Bondsmen:
 - Anderson Smith
 - Edward Williams, Jr.
 - Phillip Williams
 - William Butler
 - Witness: Thomas Frohock
- 17 September, 1779
 - Phillip Williams, Jr. and Gerner Taylor
 - Bondsman: Phillip Williams, Sr.
 - Witness: Ad. Osborn

Facts on Samuel Williams, son of George Williams of Edgecombe County, NC:

1 May, 1758

William Whitehead of Edgecombe County, NC sold 100 acres on the south side of Deep Creek to **George Williams** of Edgecombe County, NC for 11 pounds VA money (Halifax County, NC Deed Book 6, Page 308). **The metes and bounds of the deed were given as: "beginning at an oak on the south side of Deep Creek then south 127 poles to a pine then east 127 poles to the center of two pines and an oak then north to Deep Creek near Brigg's line and up the creek to the first station"**. The land had been granted to William Whitehead, deceased, by patent date 20 April, 1745. George Crudup and John Norwood witnessed. The deed was proven in open court in June, 1758 by the oath of George Crudup. [Halifax County, NC Deeds, 1732-1934, familysearch.org]



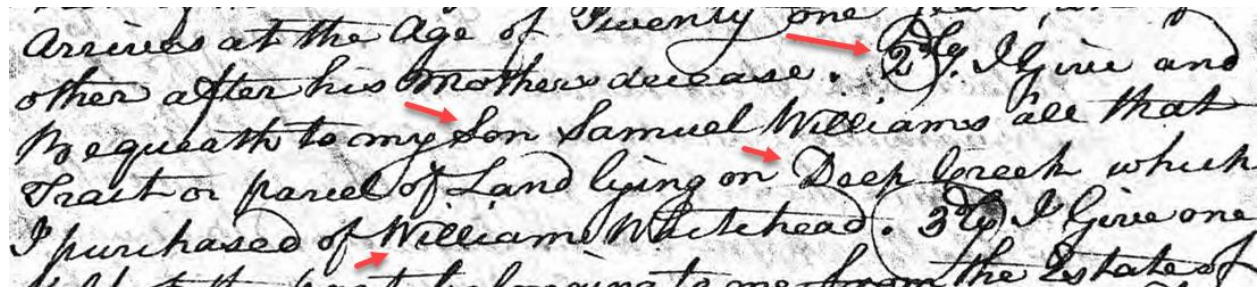
Excerpt from clerk copy of Halifax County, NC Deed Book 6, Page 308
showing the metes and bounds of the property transferred
from William Whitehead to George Williams

19 July, 1758

George Williams of Edgecombe County, NC wrote his will. He named the following heirs and property:

- Wife, **Priscilla Williams**
 - Plantation where I now live
 - Slave named Jack
- Son, **George Williams**
 - The said plantation and 100 acres at his mother's decease
 - The lower woodland ground at age 21
 - ¼ of my sister Lucretia Williams estate
- Son, **Samuel Williams**
 - Land on Deep Creek which I purchased from William Whitehead
 - ¼ of my sister Lucretia Williams estate
- Daughter, **Cloe Williams**
 - ½ of my sister **Lucretia Williams** estate
- Executors:
 - Brother, **William Williams**
 - Wife, **Priscilla Williams**
- Witnesses:
 - George Crudup
 - Moses Baker
 - John Norwood

The will was probated in Halifax County, NC during the June term of court, 1759.
[Early Records of NC, Volume 8, Wills, 1756-1794, Bradley]



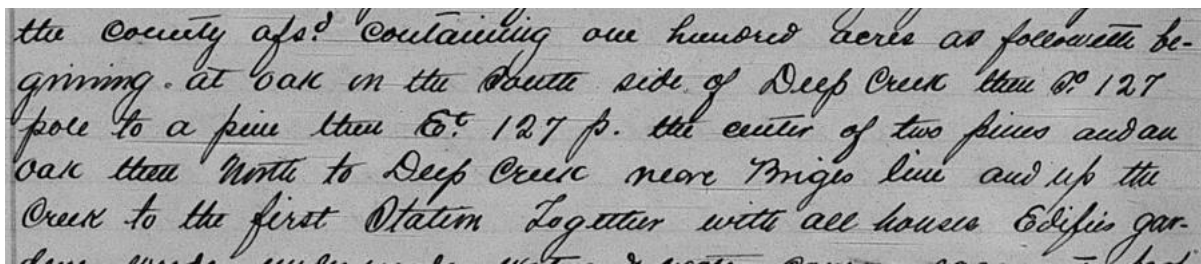
Arrives at the Age of Twenty one
other after his Mothers decease. 2^d I Give and
bequeath to my son Samuel Williams all that
Tract or parcel of Land lying on Deep Creek which
I purchased of William Whitehead. 3^d I Give one

Excerpt from clerk copy of George Williams will:
"I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Williams all that tract or parcel of land
lying on Deep Creek which I purchased of William Whitehead."

4 November, 1774

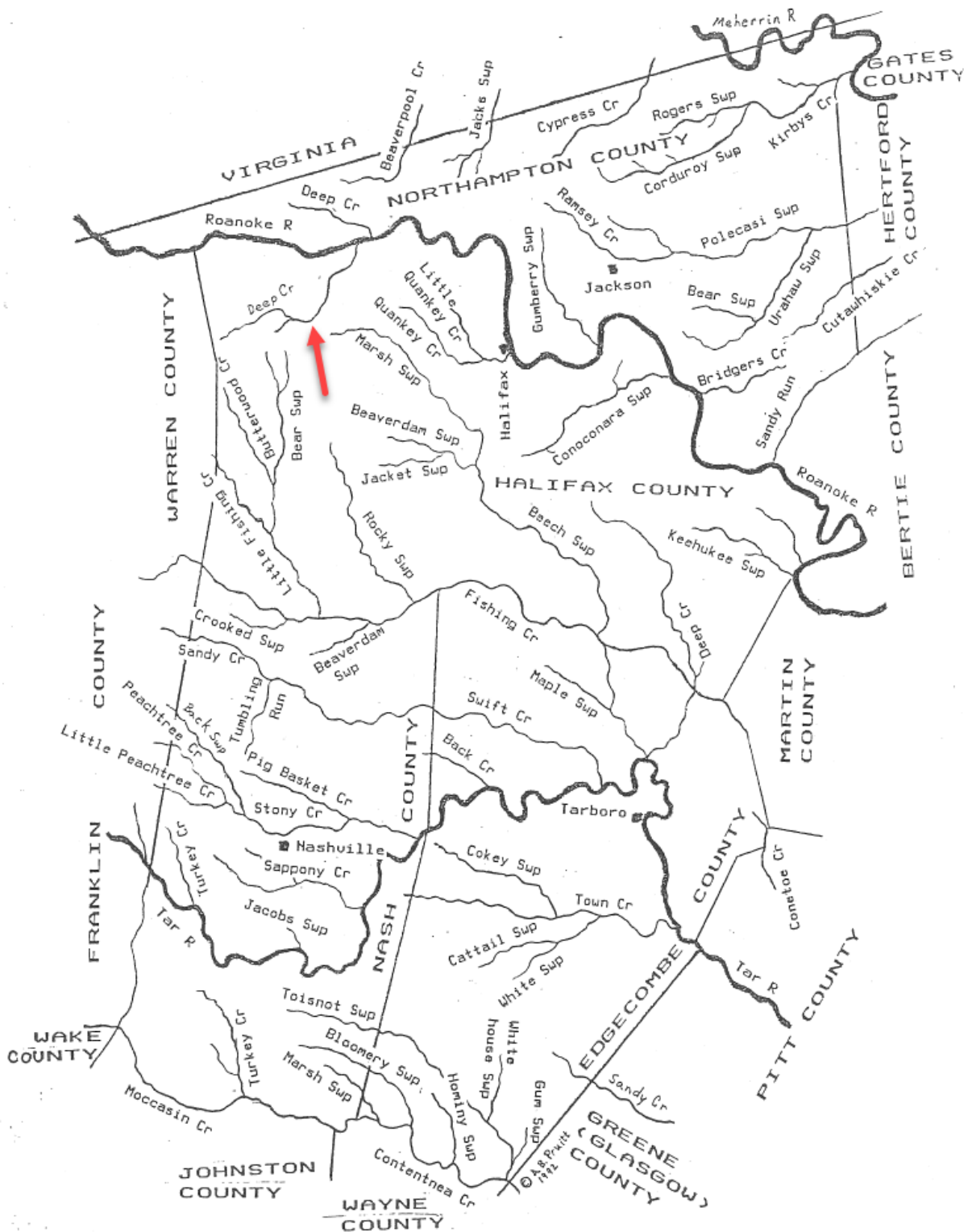
Samuel Williams of Halifax County, NC sold 100 acres on the south side of Deep Creek to Lewis Brantley of Halifax County, NC for 25 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence (Halifax County, NC Deed Book 13, Page 282).
The metes and bounds of the deed were given as: "beginning at oak in the south side of Deep Creek then south 127 pole to a pine then east 127 poles the center of two pines and an oak then north to Deep Creek near Brig's line and up the creek to the first station". Samuel Williams signed his name. William Brantley and Jeremiah Bron witnessed. The deed was proven by William Brantley during the February term of court, 1775.

[Halifax County, NC Deeds, 1732-1934, familysearch.org]



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pole to a pine then e^o 127 p. the center of two pines and an
oak then north to Deep Creek near Brig's line and up the
Creek to the first Station Together with all houses Edifices gar-

Excerpt from clerk copy of Halifax County, NC Deed Book 13, Page 282
showing the metes and bounds of the property transferred
from Samuel Williams to Lewis Brantley



Location of Deep Creek in Halifax County, NC
 George Williams purchased 100 acres south of Deep Creek in 1758
 He willed it to his son Samuel Williams who sold it in 1774