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REPORT TO: Personal Files

SUBJECT: **Cooksey & Allied Families:**

### **Tax Data—Montgomery and Tattnall Counties, Georgia, 1798—1820**

ASSOCIATES: Boyd, Abner Davis, Daugherty, Hall,<sup>1</sup> Hancock, Lott, McCall, Price, Watson, Watts, Wiggins

REPORT TO: File

REPOSITORY: Family History Library, Salt Lake City

LIMITATION: Full data was not collected on peripheral individuals, due to want of time at repository

KEY FINDINGS: The tax rolls of Montgomery have significant gaps, as follows:

- 1793–96 *Missing*
- 1797–98
- 1799–1804 *Missing*
- 1805–1806
- 1807–1810 *Missing*
- 1811–1812
- 1813–1827 *Missing*

A correlation of extant rolls for Montgomery and Tattnall enables us to define the timeframe each taxpayer lived in each county. See table on pages 2 and 3. As a summary:

- William Cooksey, the Lotts, and the Watts were all cut out of Montgomery and into Tattnall in 1801. The Price land remained on the Montgomery side of the new border.
- Cooksey, Lott, Price, and Watts were all in the same neighborhood. Specifically
  - 1802-3-4 Cooksey is registered consecutively with Arthur Lott
  - 1805-6-7 Cooksey is separated from John and Thomas Watts by only one neighbor
  - 1808 Cooksey and John Watts are separated by only 3 neighbors
  - 1809 Cooksey and John Watts are separated by only 2 of those same 3 n'bers
  - 1810 Cooksey and John Watts have both sold their grants to Jno. B. McFarland and left the county. (Cooksey is found 1810 in Laurens. Jno. Watts has not yet been accounted for between 1810–18, at which time he and William Cooksey both surface in Mississippi.)
- Neither John Cooksey nor William Cooksey Jr. are taxed in Montgomery or Tattnall.
- John Price was still in Montgomery on the roll of 1806. He does not appear on the next roll, 1811. In the interim, one John Price died in Laurens leaving Montgomery land.

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<sup>1</sup> Hall is included because (1) in 1806, Ignatius was said to have a wife *Zilphy*; and (2) his kinsman Lewis Hall and wife Nancy named a son *Alston* (William Cooksey named first son William Elston/Alston). Zilphy Hall was one of only two contemporary Zilphys identified for Montgomery and Tattnall Counties; and Ignatius Hall was appointed guardian of the second and younger Zilphy, minor daughter of John Staton in 1806 (she later married a Sellers). All lived in the same community with Cooksey, Lotts, and Watts.

Only one document mentions Ignatius Hall's wife; see Sabina J. Murray, *Tattnall County, Georgia, Loose Papers, 1801–1845*, vol. 1 (Homerville, Ga.: Huxford Genealogical Society, 2005), 27. However, genealogical accounts by offspring, online, assert that the wife of Ignatius was one *Elizabeth*, not Zilpha. The 1806 period was one in which Zilpha [Watts?] Price Cooksey was in-between known spouses.

Person	Montgomery	Tattnall	Subsequent Activity
<b>Cooksey</b>	John <b>William</b>	<b>1797-98</b>	[ <i>never taxed</i> ] <b>1802-09</b> both he & John Watts sold their land to McFarland; moved 1810 to Laurens
Boyd	William Jr Bani		[ <i>never taxed</i> ] 1812-17
	David	1798-1806	1812-17
Davis	Abner	1797-98	
Daugherty	Daniel		1808-15
	Dempsey		1810-12
	John	1805-6	1810-15
	Jacob		1805-7
Hall	<b>Alston</b>		1805-9
	Enoch	1798	
	<b>Ignatius</b>		1805-12
	Instance		1805-6
	Juniper	1797-1806	
	Lewis	1798	1802-11
	Lewis Jr.		1805-9
	Thomas		1808-9
	William	1797-98	
Hancock	Cader		1817
	Durham		1810
	James	1797-98	1805-17
	Jeston		1817
	William		1810
Lott	<b>Absalom</b>	<b>1797-98</b>	<b>1802-9</b>
	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>1797-98</b>	<b>1802-9</b>
	Jesse		1805-6
	John Jr.	1797-98	1802-4
	John Sr.	1797-98	
	Luke	1797	1798
	Mark		1806
	Nathan		1802-12
	Robert	1797-98	1802-4
	<b>Simon</b>		Moved to Mississippi 1809 <sup>3</sup>
	William		<b>1802-9</b> 1805-9
McCall	William	1797	1798
Price	Cader	1797	1798
	John "Jr."	1798	1806
<b>Watts</b>	<b>John Sr./Esq</b>	<b>1797-98</b>	<b>1805-9</b>
	lived		<b>1808 sold his land to McFarland, then lived on Bowen land<sup>5</sup></b>
	Thomas	1797-98	1805-7
Wiggins	Daniel	1797-1806	Moved to Wilkinson, 1807 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Tattnall Co., Ga., "Inferior Court Sitting for Ordinary Purposes, 1805–1839"; Family History Library microfilm 206,434, item 2. Unpaginated, unindexed, for 5 August 1811 binding out of Henry Cooksey, illegitimate child of Lettice Daugherty.

<sup>3</sup> Tattnall Co. "Deed Record A, B, C, D," pp. 128-29, 163-64.

<sup>4</sup> See Dorothy Potter Williams, *Passports of Southeastern Pioneers* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 1981), for Lott and Williams.

<sup>5</sup> Tattnall Co., "Deed Record A, B, C, D," pp. 233-34, 14 January 1808, citing Watts's residence on the land Bowen sold to Daniel Daugherty.

<sup>6</sup> "Journal and Minutes of the Fractional Sales in the Counties of Wilkinson and Baldwin, late ceded Territory," unpaginated, arranged by lot no.; see Lot 42, 61.0 acres, sold 24 December 1807 to Thomas Watts of Wilkinson for \$83; surety, Jesse Wiggins of Wilkinson; FHL microfilm 0,465,063



**COMMENT:**

William Hall's position indicates he was among the first "H" taxpayers in the county. Records already gleaned on him suggest that he was well placed in the county, yet he owns no land—suggesting that he more likely practiced a trade or profession and is likely living with Juniper, whose unusual first name should help to track this common-name William.

HANCOCK, James            No land, 1 poll, \$.31 ½ [like Cooksey, he is 1 name from end of his list]

Low, Aaron, Esqr.

LOTT, Arthur            200a 2d qual, 5 slaves, 1 poll, \$2.06 ¼

LOTT, Absolum           100a 2d qual, 4 slaves, 1 poll, \$1.62 ½

LOTT, John Senr.        400a 2d qual, 1 slave, 1 poll, \$.93 ¾

LOTT, John Junr.        600a 2d qual, 0 slaves, 1 poll, \$.75

LOTT, Robert            1 poll, \$.31 ¼

LOTT, Luke              1 poll, \$.31 ¼

Lefever, Isaac

[end of "L" section]

McCAULE, William      0 land, 1 poll, \$.31 ¼ [2d name on list of 14; in county early]

**COMMENT:**

When McCall died in Laurens County in 1811, William Cooksey was a bondsman for McCall's executor. (Laurens Co., Ga., "Book A, Administrators and Guardian Bonds [1809–1823]," pp. 23–24; FHL microfilm 0,414,388.)

Padget, Elisha

Padget, Elijah

**PRICE, Cader**            700a 2d qual, 1 slave, 1 poll, \$1.12 ½

Powel, Thomas

Powel, Thos. Junr.

Pugh, Francis

Phillips, Abraham

Peterson, John

Pane, Zachariah

Parker, Hubbard [end of "P" section]

**COMMENT**

The non-inclusion of John Price suggests that he is not yet 21 or else is living in a different county. The position of Cader suggests that he was one of the first taxpayers in this new county.

No PEARSON entries appear, suggesting that Cader's daughter, Elizabeth Pearson, lives in another county or else she's a widow with no land or slaves.

Williams, Rowlin

**Warren, Hinchy**            400a 2d qual., 1 slave, 1 poll, \$.93 ¾

Wilford, Lewis

Wilkinson, James



**1798 Montgomery (cont.)**

Cadwell, Micajah	
Cawley, William	
Chance, Vincent	
Cannon, Williby	
Calhoon, Joseph	
Carter, William B.	
Carpenter, Robt.	
Curl, Mathew	
Carter, Frederick	
Carter, Giles	
Cockram, James	
Collins, John	
Cavenah, William	
Cavenah, P. James	
Cawley, George	
<b>Cooksey, William</b>	175a swampland, 200a 2d qual., 1 poll, \$1.43 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cox, Josiah	
Clifton, Ezekiel	
Cooper, William	
Coleman, Moses	
Coleman, William	
Coleman, John	
DAVIS, Abner	1 poll; land in Montgomery, <b>Burke, Jefferson</b> ; [1797: he paid no land tax]
DAUGHERTY:	None
HALL:	William & Juniper, same data as 1797 [2 new Halls: <i>Enoch</i> , 0 land; <i>Lewis</i> , 100a 2d qual in Washington Co.]
HANCOCK, James	Same data as 1797
LOTT, Arthur	575a 2d qual, & 575a 2d qual., 5 slaves, 1 poll, \$6.75
LOTT, Absolum	100a 2d qual, 4 slaves, 1 poll, \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
LOTT, John Senr.	400a 2d qual, 1 slave, 1 poll, \$.93 $\frac{3}{4}$
LOTT, John Junr.	600a 2d qual, 0 slaves, 1 poll, \$.75
LOTT, Robert	300a 2d qual, 1 poll, \$.56 $\frac{1}{4}$
LOTT, Luke	200a 2d qual, 1 poll, \$.47
COMMENT	
The Lott data is exactly the same as in 1797.	
McCAULE, William:	[Same as in 1797]
<b>Price, Cader</b>	[Same as in 1797; he's still poll age or has a son younger than John]
<b>Price, John Junr.</b>	1 poll, \$.31 $\frac{1}{4}$ [Cader is paying the tax on the land he gave to John]
WARREN, Hinchey	[same as 1797]

**1798 Montgomery (cont.)**

<b>Watts, John, Esqr.</b>	260a 2d qual., 0 slave, 1 poll, \$.68 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> [has disposed of 200 acres]
<b>Watts, Thomas</b>	400a 2d qual., 1 slave, 1 poll, \$.93 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
WIGGINS, Jesse Senr.	200a 2d qual., 1 poill. \$.47
WIGGINS, Jesse Junr.	100a 2d qual., 1 poll, \$.40
WIGGINS, Richard	1 poll \$.31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
WIGGINS, Daniel	1 poll \$.31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

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**1799–1804**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

These years do not appear.

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**FHL Microfilm 159,160 (continued)**

**1805–1806**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

[Totally unalphabetized; read entire roll, including column for name of original patentee.  
Am taking abbreviated notes only due to time constraints.]

- Data categories:
- County in which land is located
  - Grantee
  - Swampland
  - 2d quality land
  - 3d quality land
  - Pine Land
  - Oak & Hickory Land
  - Negroes
  - Poll
  - Amount of Tax

COOKSEY: No reference; apparently is paying his land tax from Tattnall

LOTT: Almost all are gone [in Tattnall]; most of their Montgomery land has been sold

**District 50**

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HALL, Instance 116a pine land granted to Levi Glass, 2 slaves, 1 poll  
[new since 1798]

WARREN, Josiah  
Warren, Benajah

p. 2

Roach, John [taxed on 1200 granted to “Wm. Cookson & self,” 1 poll, no slaves]

**1805–6 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

**District 51**

p. 2

Alston, James [land in Washington County]

**District 53**

p. 1, *all entries, in sequence*

Herrington, Ephraim

WIGGINS, Jesse Junior 250a granted to self, 1 poll

Sollomon, Wilks

Neel, James

Neel, Elias

Whiddon, Eli

Moore, Lewis

Neel, Jonathan

Neel, Reuben

WIGGINS, Jesse Senr. 350a granted to "J. Wiggins, 1 poll

Dilliard, Sampson

Willis, Ephraim

Mann, David

Soloman, Lazarous

Moore, Arthur Senr.

Gregory, Samuel Senr. 450a granted to "A Lott & Hallen [Hatten?]," 1 poll

WIGGINS, Richard 1 poll

Moore, James

Neal, Harmon

Anderson, Uriah 900a granted to "Mark Lott & self," 2 slaves, 1 poll

Smith, Arcibald

Darby, Jacob

WIGGINS, Daniel 1 poll

Byrd, John

LOTT, Mark Senr. 1 poll

Clemmons, Joseph

Hays, Etheldred

Tapley, Aren

Tapley, Newchampton

Tapley, Ephraim

Culbraith, Archibald 713 ½ a granted to J. Watts & H. [A?] Gaston, 1 poll

Culbraith, Daniel

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LOTT, Ephraim 1 poll

**District 54**

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HALL: Enoch, John, Sion



**1805–6 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

*Consecutive entries:*

WOOTEN, Joel 400a 2d quality, granted to self, 1 poll  
 McCALL, William 450a 2d quality, granted to Isaac Daniel, 3 Negroes, 1 poll  
 WARREN, Benjh 200a 2d quality, granted to Jas. Warren, 1 poll

**District 55**

p. 1

Johnston, Hardy 475a 2d quality, granted to **William Price**, 1 poll  
 WARREN, Reuben 250a 2d quality, granted to John Padgett, 1 poll

**District 56**

p. 1

Sheffield, John C. 3436a 2d qual., granted to "**Wm. Price & others**," 2 slaves, 1 poll

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Wilkenson, James 200a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott**, 1 poll

**District 57**

WARREN, HINCHEY 243a 2d qual., granted to Tharp Spence, 4 slaves, 1 poll  
 HALL, Jeniper [but not William]

**District 58**

Rodgers, Joseph 800a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott**, 2 slaves, 1 poll  
 Sikes, Dier C. 200a 2d qual., granted to **David Boyd**, 1 poll

Mercer, Solomon

Collens, Joab

LOTT, Jesse 200a 2d qual., granted to Malica Mercer, 1 poll

Herrington, Harvy

Henderson, Zachariah

Williams, Joel

Collens, Henry

Collens, Josiah Senr.

Collens, Josiah Junr.

WARREN, James 240a 2d qual., granted to Wm. Williams Ju., 1 poll

**Williams, William Senr.**<sup>8</sup> 300a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott Junr.** [see 1805-6-7 roll for Williams]

Williams, Simon

Dickson, Robert

Rodgers, Frederick

[unreadable in crack of book]

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<sup>8</sup> In 1807, one William Williams migrated to Mississippi with John Lott Sr. : 9 November 1807 "Executive Department. Monday 9th November 1807. On recommendation ORDERED That a passport through the Creek nation be prepared for James Taylor, John Lott Senr., William Williams, and Samuel Newton, with their families which was presented and Signed.288 " The transcriber's note 288 cites "Ga. Executive Proceedings..." Sept., 1806 - Feb., 1808, p. 229; drawer 50, roll 46.] p. 268." See Dorothy Williams Potter, *Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1770-1823* (Baltimore: Gateway, 1982), 222 and 381, n. 288.

**1805–6 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

Newton, Joshua

**Boyd, David** 550a 2d qual., granted to David Boyd, 1 poll

Berryhill, John

Berryhill, Thomas

Kenedy, James

**Doherty, John** 0 land, 1 poll

Findley, John

Collens, Hardy

Jones, Matthew

[etc.]

**District 59**

Nothing

COMMENT:

The tax rate remains the same, but the total revenue has tripled since 1798. The county is obviously booming.

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**1806 TAX ROLL**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

[Same data & arrangement as 1805. Added notations about “pleasure carriages” and “riding carriages” suggest increasing prosperity.]

**District 52**

p. 1

*Consecutive entries*

**Price, John** 187 ½ a swampland [grantee column has only a placeholder]

2 slaves, 1 poll, \$2.06 ¼

CASON, Willis 200a swampland, 250a 2d qual., granted to T. Sherod, 2 slaves, 1 poll

Munroe, Peter [1810, he and John Munroe were charged with murder;

Wm. Cooksey was John Munroe’s surety)<sup>9</sup>

Byrne, Matthew

COMMENT:

Note that John Price is one name from Peter Munroe, one of the men charged with murder in the ca. 1810 case in which William Cooksey served as bondsman for one of the defendants.

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<sup>9</sup> “Montgomery Co., Clerk’ Inventory, Record of Office papers, abt. 1810,” pp. 5-6, available as FHL microfilm 0,159,033 “Court Records & Deeds, Miscellaneous Dates [Loose Papers], Montgomery County, Ga.”

**1806 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

**District 53**

[A very large district in comparison to others]

Herrington, Ephraim  
 WIGGINS, Jesse, Junr, [etc.]  
 Sollomon, Willis  
 Neel James  
 Neel, Elias  
 Whiddon, Eli  
 Moore, Lewis  
 Neel, Reuben  
 WIGGINS, Jesse, Senr. [etc.]  
 [skip 6]  
 WIGGINS, Richard 1 poll  
 [skip 7]  
 WIGGINS, Daniel 1 poll  
 Bird, John  
**LOTT**, Mark Senr. 1 poll  
 [skip 19]  
 McGriff, Patrick 1200a, 2d qual., granted to "**A. Lott & others**" 14 slaves, 1 poll  
 202.5a in Baldwin County, granted to Patrick McGriff

**District 54–55**

[Miscellaneous Warrens & Joel Wooten, but I'm not continuing to follow them]

**District 56**

Wilkenson, James 534a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott**, 1 poll  
 [skip several]  
 WARREN, Hinchey [etc.]

**District 58**

Rogers Joseph 800a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott**  
 [skip 4]  
 LOTT, Jesse 200a 2d qual., granted to Malici Messer  
 [skip 9]  
 WARREN, James 240a 2d qual., granted to *Wm. Williams Junr.*, 1 poll  
 WARREN, Amos 1 poll  
 Williams, William Senr. 300a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott Junr.**  
 Williams, Simon 100a 2d qual., granted to **John Lott Junr.**  
 [skip 3]  
 BOYD, David 550a 2d qual., granted to D. Boyd, 1 poll  
 Berryhill, Thomas  
 Baty, Samuel  
 Kenedy, James  
**Doherty, John** 1 poll [no property]  
 [Etc.]

**1806 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

COMMENT:

The entries above reveal several things about the neighborhood and Cooksey associates:

- The Warrens settled adjacent or very close to the Lotts.
- John Doherty, the later justice who married Letitia Cooksey, lived in close proximity to the Watts.
- John Doherty, who continues to pay only a poll but is taxed on no land, is almost certainly not a farmer; presumably he is practicing a trade or profession. He should be no older than say, sixty (or at least in good health) considering that he is paying a poll.

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**1807–10 TAX ROLLS  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
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**1811-12 TAX ROLL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**Quirks & parameters:**

- This is a consolidated list for these two years. Under each person's name, data is first presented for 1811, then for 1812.
- No pages are numbered. Names are not in alphabetical or even semi-alphabetical order.
- I am reading every page, and every column that carries names.
- Because of the complexity of the list, its poor readability, and drastic shortage of time, I'm extracting data only for Cooksey, Watts, and Price.
- Occasionally, I'm making observations that bear on issues involving Cooksey, Price, or Watts. Data categories:
  - Lots
  - S[tud] Horses
  - Negroes
  - Carriages
  - O. Land
  - S. Land
  - P. Land
  - No. [lottery lot no.]
  - District [lottery distr. No.]
  - County [where land is located]
  - Granted [to]
  - Adjoining
  - "Pole

**1811–12 Montgomery Co. (cont.)**

p. 3

[Robert Flournoy in 1811 was taxed on 23 tracts]

[William McCall’s 200 acres has been sold to Joseph Cooper]

COMMENT:

See Mills Report, “Zilpha & William Cooksey and Associates: Laurens County, Georgia ,” p.3, for the December 1810 opening of the estate of William McCall, with William Cooksey as surety for the administration James Shine.

**55<sup>th</sup> District**

[47 taxpayers]

Stansill, William	1811	150a (Montgomery Co.) granted to Bendner 500 a (Tattnall Co.) granted to <b>Wats</b> [sic] 202.5a (Wilkerson Co.) granted to Yates
	1812	Same data
[skip 13]		
Hardy Johnston	1811	325 a (Montgomery Co.), granted to <b>Price</b> , 1 poll
	1812	425 a (Montgomery Co.), granted to <b>Price</b> , 1 poll

COMMENT:

- John Price of Laurens, presumably the same man as John of Montgomery, died late in 1810.
- **Note the proximity between the Price and Watts land.**
- William Cooksey is not mentioned. He has sold his land to McFarland, on time, and is no longer being charged a poll.

This list closes with 2 items:

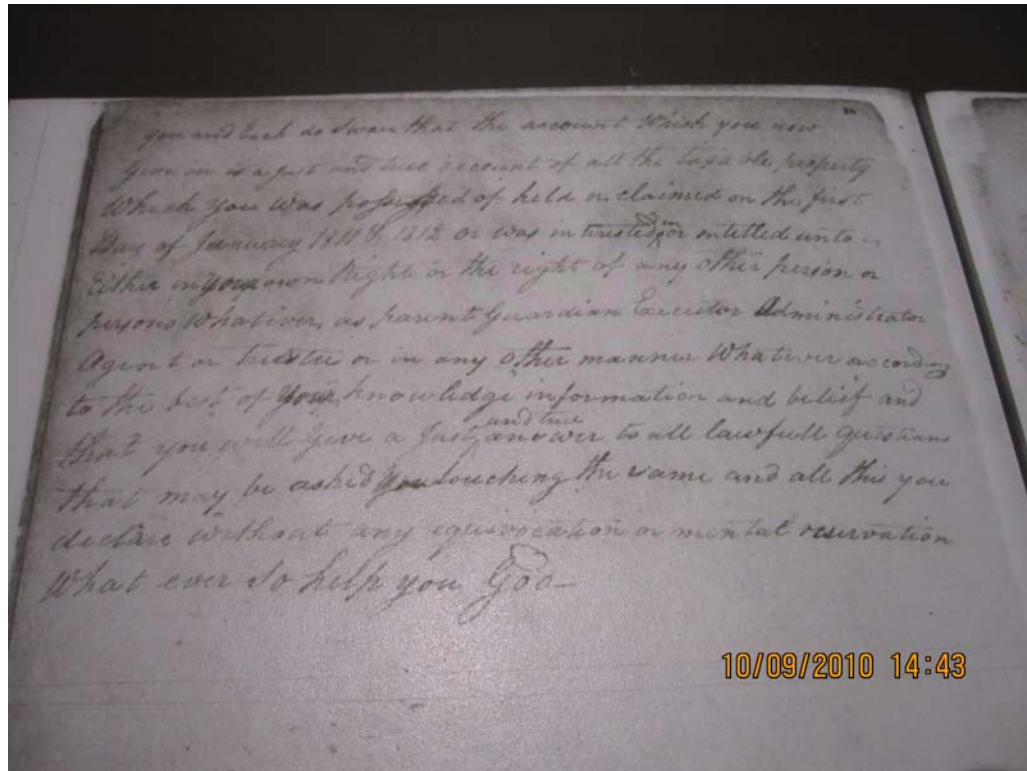
- A humorous poem by [assessor?] Hardy Smith:

Here is the name of every soul  
That does pay tax for land or pole  
Who is selected as Jury men  
To try causes now and then.

If their Judgement appears but narrow  
We will serve them with a sasaurane?  
That is, if the money we begrudge  
We will take it before the Superior Judge.

- The text of the oath each taxpayer had to make when submitting his her list. [See photo, next page.) The oath states that the list is true as of **1 January of the named year.**

1811–12 Montgomery Co. (cont.)



1813–1827 TAX LISTS

Missing.

**FHL Microfilm 0,206,455**

**Item 1:**

**Filmer's Target: "Tax Digest, 1802–1823"**

**Book Spine: "Tax Digest, 1802–1803"**

**Tattnall County, Georgia**

**Item 2**

Section tab: "1802-3-4"

- Note: This roll of film contains a mix of two kinds of tax lists:
- Some are digests that combine data for three-year spans.
  - Some are annual rolls.

**1802-3-4**

**TATTNALL COUNTY**

Tax Digest

Arrangement:

- Not alphabetical at all
- Unpaginated; no references to district
- Seems to consolidate data for three years under each name

Data categories *for first double-wide page*, with few entries; apparently this format was discontinued

- Names of persons liable to pay tax
- County in the land &c is situated
- "High river Swamp & from Cathead[?] on the Alatomha &c to the mouth of the Oconee River
- "High river Swamp & from the mouth of the Oconee to the confluence of the Oconee and Apalachie
- Grantee
- \_\_\_enter\_\_\_ [By whom entered?]  
[ Most of this column header is bound in crack, but entries are personal names]
- Waters
- [Land lottery lot] Nos.
- [Land lottery] Dist.
- Sect.
- Poll
- Stock in trade
- Stallions
- Carriages
- Town Lotts
- \$ Cts.

COMMENT:

The two "High river Swamp" lands are broken down by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, and 3d quality.

Data categories *for rest of the pages*:

- Names of persons liable to pay tax

**“1802-3-4” Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

- County in which land &c is situated
- “High river Swamp & from Cathead on the Alatomaha &c to the mouth of the Oconee River
- “High river Swamp & from the mouth of the Oconee to the confluence of the Oconee and Apalachie
- Surveyed for or Granted to [Part of each name in this column is bound into crack]
- “Pine land throughout this state” [Most of column is bound in crack; entire heading is visible on just one page of the roll.]
- Free male white person above 21 years of age
- Negroes &c under 60 years of age
- Total amt. of each person’s tax
- Dates in which the is due [*sic*]
- County tax

p. 3

LOTT, Absalom	1802	200a 2d qual., Oconee mouth to confl., gr. to <b>A. Lott</b> , 1 poll, 11 slaves
	1803	Ditto
	1804	Ditto

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LOTT, John Junr	1802	300a 2d qual., Cathead to mouth, gr. to Saml. M____ _50 pine land, gr. to Jones Biven _00 pine land, gr. to Jas. Biven 1 poll, 4 slaves
	1803	Ditto
	1804	Ditto, with 2 alterations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• addition of _00 acres pine land, patented to <b>Robt. Lott</b></li> <li>• he now has 10 slaves</li> </ul>

**pp. 5-6, names in sequence**

Moleley, John		
Embree, Jesse		[1806 witness to Arthur Lott’s sale of land to Jonathan Embree]
Martin, Hardin		[bought land from John Lott Jr. 1805]
Stafford Ezekiel		
Lott, Arthur	1802	50M____ 237 ½ a 3d qual. Cathead to mouth, gr. to Hi____ _87 ½ a pine land gr. to Ford _87 ½ a pine land gr. to Satawhite __0 a pine land gr. to <b>A. Lott</b> 1 poll
	1803-4	Ditto

<b>Cooksey, Wm.</b>	1802	175a (Mtg), 3d qual, Oconee mouth to conf., gr. to <b>Wm. Coo</b> ____ [2?]00 pine land, gr. to <b>Wm. Cooksey</b> 1 white male above 21, 0 slave, \$.87 ½ (state tax), \$.43 ¾ (county tax)
	1803-4	Ditto

Cooper, Richd.  
Longeno, Bartholomew

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**“1802-3-4” Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

Travis, Asa                    1802-4 Part of pine land was acquired from \_\_\_d Boyd [David?]  
[rest of p. 6 not copied]

COMMENTS:

Note that the column generally called ‘poll’ is here called “male white persons above the age of 21 years.” There is no maximum age stated, only a minimum.<sup>10</sup>

Three points are clear:

- William has no sons in his household who have reached the age of 21.
- William was a taxable resident of the county at the time Nancy (Cooksey) Parks was supposedly born in Savannah.
- **William, here in Tattnall as in Mississippi, is living in very close proximity to the LOTTs.**

Past this point, the pages seem to be bound out of order, so that left-hand and right-hand pages seem mismatched. From the arrangement, it would be guesswork to attempt to determine the area in which each landowner lived. The matches *could* (most likely) be made if all pages were printed out and resorted according to the spacing of lines and content of entries. However, there is not enough time left in this research trip to do this.

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LOTT, Robt.            1 poll

**pp. 11-12**

LOTT, Mark  
Daniel, Enoch  
Standly, Wm,  
HALL, Lewis for  
    HALL, Enoch  
Leary, Dempsey  
LOTT, Nathn.  
LOTT, Nathn. for Wm. Lott  
LOTT, Simon  
    Do. for Wm. Lott

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WATSON, John            [Mary Cooksey married Robert Watson, 1810]  
BOWEN, Levi            [Bani Boyd, who raised Letitia Cooksey’s child, married Nancy Bowen]  
WATSON, Jonathan  
Coleman, Moses  
BOWEN, Elijah  
**McKelvey, Wm.**        [His presence places this neighborhood in the “McElvy District” of the unknown-date tax roll]  
                                  [McKelvey owned 200 acres in **Burke**, patented to Eliza. McKelvey]

[rest of p. not copied; this marks end of roll]

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<sup>10</sup> *Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, Passed at Louisville in January and February 1799* [publication data missing from volume], p. 3; OCR edition online at University of Georgia, *Galileo: Georgia Legislative Documents* (<http://neptune3.galib.uga.edu/ssp/cgi-bin/legis-idx.pl>). This law remained unchanged until after William Cooksey’s removal to Mississippi.

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**1805-6-7**

**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Another 3-year digest

Data arrangement:

- Same categories as 1802-3-4
- No division by district, no alphabetization, and no pagination

**pp. 1-3 (double-wide)**

<b>HALL, Ignatius</b>	[This man, with “wife” named Zilpha <sup>11</sup> , is in same district with the Lotts]
LOTT, Simon	“High River Swamp on the Ocona River”
LOTT, Absalom	Montgomery Co. land
<b>LOTT, Arthur</b>	“High River Swamp on the Altamaha River”
LOTT, William	1 free white male over 21
Armstrong, Thos.	
Sharp, Parker	Land granted/surveyed to <b>Robt. Lott</b>
Sharp, John	
Berryhill, Samuel	

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Sharp, Joshua	
Sharp, Howel	
Sharp, Wm.	
HANCOCK, James	[Father of Cader Hancock, close associate of Cader Price]
HALL, Lewis	Tattnall Co. pine land granted to <b>John Watts</b>
Do. for Stanfil	
HALL, Thomas	
<b>HALL, Alston</b>	
HALL, Enoch	
Collins, Joseph	

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<b>Embree, Jesse</b>	
<b>Williams, Wm.</b>	[22 Nov. 1806, <b>Arthur Lott</b> sold his land to Jonathan <b>Embree</b> , before William Williams, J.P. <sup>12</sup>

Stradley, Nimrod	
Blackmon, John P.	[Apparently this is the region earlier called “Blackmon’s District”]

Buie, John	
Buile, Malcolm	
<b>Munroe, Archibald</b>	[See 1810 Montgomery case in which Munroes & Williamses were charged with Murder & William Cooksey (Sr. or Jr. not specified) served as bondsman for Malcolm Williams] <sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Hall’s 1806 “wife” is identified as “Zilphy” by Sabina J. Murray, abstractor, *Tattnall County, Georgia, Loose Papers, 1801–1845*, vol. 1 (Homerville, Ga.: Huxford Genealogical Society, 2005), 27. In 1807, Ignatius served as bondsman for James Hancock, an associate of Cader Price, who named a son *Cader* Hancock (Murray, p. 36) and a son *Watts* Hancock.

<sup>12</sup> Laurens Co., “Deed Record A, B, C, D,” pp. 128-29.

<sup>13</sup> State v. Munroe (several) and Williams (several), Montgomery Co., Ga., “Court Records & Deeds, Miscellaneous Dates” [Loose Papers], for “Montgomery Co., Clerk’s Inventory, Record of Office Papers, abt. 1810,” p. 5; FHL microfilm 0,159,033.

**“1805-6-7” Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

COMMENT:

This tax roll is clearly grouping taxpayers by neighborhood. Several details are coalescing in this neighborhood, which may or may not be coincidental:

- William Cooksey reputedly named his first son William **Elston** [**Alston?**]. No Elstons have been found anywhere in any region where he has been placed to date. One James Alston lived in this region, but no connection between him and the Cooksey-Lott-Watts cluster has been found in any local records. The name *Alston* Hall continues to hold promise.
- The name *Zilpha* is extremely rare, but there was a contemporaneous **Zilpha Hall** in Tattnall, wife of Ignatius. Check Sabina Murray’s abstracts.
- Evidence to date points to the **Watts** family as the birth family of Zilpha **Price** Cooksey, and the Lotts as her in-laws.
- The wife of John Watts Sr. is alleged to be a Ralls (var. Rawls, Rawl); however, DAR has not accepted this assertion. None have been found in this community.

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HALL, Lewis Jr.

LARD, Lodwick                      Land in Liberty, Washington & Tattnall, including land granted to **Jacob Watts**<sup>14</sup>

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Jones, John Sr.                      Tattnall pine land granted to **Arthur Lott**, acreage bound into crack of book

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**Watts, John**                              Tattnall pine land granted to McDowell

**Watts, Thomas**                      Tattnall pine land granted to “**John & Thos. Watts**”

Saucer, Howell<sup>15</sup>                      [part of Byrd family with whom Lotts-Watts associated]

**Cooksey, Wm.**                          1805-6-7 [2?]00 pine land granted to Wm. Cooksey,

**0 “free white males over 21”**

0 slaves, \$.61  $\frac{3}{4}$  tax; \$.36  $\frac{1}{2}$  tax to county

COMMENT:

Note the proximity of William Cooksey to Watts, the proposed father of Zilpha [--?--] Price. Here, as in Covington County, Mississippi, William Cooksey is just one taxpayer/household from Thomas Watts.

Two other important points may be drawn from the *lack* of a poll tax assessment:

- William has obtained an exemption from the poll tax on the basis of age or infirmity.<sup>16</sup>
- Neither of his sons, William Jr. or John, are yet 21.

Durrence, Wm. [supposedly married daughter of William Williams, below]<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Lards later settled in the Newton County, Mississippi, neighborhood of William Cooksey’s offspring.

<sup>15</sup> Howell Sasser, allegedly born in N.C., is said to have married Winniford Byrd, the apparent daughter of Jesse Byrd, by whom she had Jesse Byrd Sasser. See B. Bryan, *Bryans of NW Florida/South AL/SC and Related Families of Boyett, King, Norwood, Strickland, Hathaway, Weeks, Carnley, et al.* (<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bbryan84&id=108525> : accessed 2 January 2010).

<sup>16</sup> The previously cited 1799 legislative act covering poll tax, still in operation through at least 1820, provided: “In all cases of extreme indigence or infirmity, the Inferior Court of each county shall and they are hereby authorized to remit the poll tax on such indigent or infirm person claiming the same.”

<sup>17</sup> B. Bryan, *Pepper/Jenkins/Oliver/Carriker---Conner/Sikes/Lightfoot/Collins, Ancestors And Descendants* (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=AHN&db=bpepper5010&id=114601> : accessed 2 January 2010).

**“1805-6-7” Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

Gideon, Tilmon [Tilmon, Gideon]

Mcdonald, Jeremiah

Wilson, David

Smith, Jas.

Daniel, Aaron<sup>18</sup>

**Williams, Rowland** [alleged son of Samuel Williams & Delilah Neville; grandson of Wm. Williams]<sup>19</sup>

**Williams, Wm.**

COMMENT:

Rowland and William Williams were in close proximity to Cooksey, Watts, and Lotts on the Montgomery rolls of 1797–1805, as well as Tattnall, 1805–7.

Tilmon, Jas.

Laremoor, Robt.

Durrence, Francis

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LOTT, Mark 300 acres pine land in Montgomery granted to Mark Lott

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Daughtry, Jacob 1 white male 21+, 0 land

**Defaulters for 1805-6-7**

Hatten, William Land in Tattnall granted to Hatten, 1 male 21+

Embree, Jonathan Land in Tattnall granted to “Embree & **Abner Davis**”

COMMENT:

On 22 November 1806, Jonathan Embree bought 287.5 acres from Arthur Lott, before Wm. Williams, J.P.

**1808 TAX ROLL**

**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**p. 1**

Embree, Jesse

Embree, Jonathan

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<sup>18</sup> Aaron Daniel, 1808, was a member of Beard’s Creek Baptist Church in Tattnall; see Charles Westberry(gslat@uswest.net), *Tattnall Co. Ga - Beards Creek Baptist Church of Christ* (<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/tattnall/churches/beardsck.txt> : accessed 2 January 2010). Two of William Cooksey’s “neighbors” above had kinsmen who also belonged to this church: Wm. Durrence (in-law of John DeLoach, a member) and Gideon Tillman (John Tillman, member).

<sup>19</sup> Cheryl K. Hendricks, *Hendricks & Loys and Related Family* (<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/o/y/John-P-Loy/GENE16-0019.html> : accessed 2 January 2011), for “249. Delilah Neville.”



**1808 Tattall Co. (cont.)**

**Watts, John**, Agt. For

**Moses Hornsby**

1 lot Eadenton Courthouse worth \$50, 1 male 21+

[Moses Hornsby was Watts' son-in-law]

COMMENT:

Note the proximity of "Coxey," Hancock, and Watts, the potential father of Zilpha [--?--] Price.

Stueart, John

Hysmith, Jamesw

Young, John

Johnson, Randle

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Johnson, Archibald

Standley, Robert

Hysmith, Daniel

DAUGHERTY, Daniel

202.5 acres in Laurens, granted to Tilmon

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McNabb, Daniel

Sadler, James

**HALL, Ignatius**

Hardin, Patrick

Hysmith, Isaac

**pp. 13-18**

Nothing of significance

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**1809 TAX ROLL**

**TATTNALL COUNTY**

**Data Categories**

- "Sir Names"
- Given Names
- County in which land lies
- Swamp Land: Altamaha River
- Swamp Land: Oconee River
- Oak & Hickory land
- Surveyed for or Granted to
- Pine land
- Surveyed for or Granted to
- "White persons above 21 years of age"
- Mulattoes & free Negroes
- Slaves under 60 years old
- "Total amt. of each person's tax"
- "The year the tax became due"

- **1809 Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

**Data arrangement**

- No alphabetization
- No identification of districts
- No dates for submission of each return  
(This last point is not shown on any of these Tattnall-Montgomery rolls)

**p. 1**

EMBREE, Jesse  
EMBREE, Jonathan

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HALL, Alston  
HALL, Lewis, Junr.  
HALL, Thos.

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HALL, Lewis  
Do., agent for  
John Stancel  
Pattison, Neill  
Gifford, John  
WILLIAMS, William

500 acres pine land (Tattnall) granted to **Watts**

**p. 8**

LOTT, William  
HATTEN, Abl. L.

202.5 acres in Laurens, granted to Lilef\_\_\_

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LOTT, Arthur  
LOTT, Simon  
Gittens, Richard  
Span, John  
LOTT, Absalom  
LOTT, Mark  
Morris, John  
Wood, Hardy

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Hasones, John  
Nipper, John  
Sherraid, Joel  
Pain, Zachariah  
Conner William  
Witherington, William  
Ricketson, Joseph

**1809 Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

Bryan, John Hill

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Gainey, Redick

**Coxey, William**

400 acres pineland (Tattnall) granted to **W. Coxey**, 0 male 21+, \$.61 ¼

HANCOCK, James

[as in prior year]

Stripling, Benjamin

[1000 pineland (Tattnall) granted to EMBREE

**Watts, John**

300 acres pineland (Tattnall) granted to **McFarland** 1 male 21+

& Agent for

**Moses Hornsby**

[as before]

Steuart, John

Hysmith, James

Young, John

Johnson, Randle

Johnson, Archabald

Standley, Robert

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Hysmith, Daniel

DAUGHERTY, Daniel

[son or brother of John Daugherty who married Letitia Cooksey c1811]

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**p. 13**

Easter, William

Sadler, James

Hysmith, Isaac

**HALL, Ignatius**

0 land, 1 (taxable) white person

\$.31 ¼ tax due 1809

Harden, Patrick

BOWEN, William

Tire, Major

**pp. 14-21**

Nothing of apparent relevance

COMMENT:

In January 1809, John Cooksey applied for a marriage license to wed Zilphy (but no return was subsequently filed by a minister or court officer). He also was summoned to serve on a jury in this year 1809. Yet he is not charged a poll. It appears that either he just came of age at the time of the summons, but after the 1809 tax roll was compiled. (The compilation would have been done very late in 1808 or early January 1809.) By 1810, he had relocated in Laurens County where he bought land with William Cooksey as his witness.

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**1810 TAX ROLL**  
**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**Data Categories:**

- “Sir Names”
- Given Names
- County in which the land lies
- River Swamp on the Altamaha
- River Swamp on the Oconee
- Oak & Hickory land
- Surveyed for or Granted to
- Pine Land
- Surveyed for or Granted to
- “White persons”
- Slaves
- “Cor --- [*sic*] Horses
- P[leasure] Carriages
- Amt. of the Taxes
- County Tax

**Data Arrangement:**

- Semialphabetical by first letter of surname
- Unpaginated
- Arranged by district

**Capt. Whiddon’s Dist.**

Hancock, Durham

Hancock, Wm.

Johnson, John

[Pine land granted to Davis, EMBREE, and Johnson]

Johnson, Danl.

[DJ’s 200a grant adjoined William Lott when surveyed]

Johnson, Allen

Joyce, William

Joyce, John

Sharp, Parker

[200 a Pine land granted to LOTT]

**Blackmon’s Dist.**

[1<sup>st</sup> entry, totally out of sequence, is:]

HALL, Lewis

250a pine land (Tattnall) granted to HALL

70a pine land (Tattnall) granted to Thos. HALL

30 a on Altamaha & 257 ½ pine land (Tattnall) granted to HALL

70a on Altamaha & 217 ½ pine land (Tattnall) granted to Bowen?

300a pine land (Montgomery) granted to HALL

1 white person (taxable)

7 slaves

\$3.89 ½ / \$.65 tax

**Bell's Dist.**

Bryan, Clem	[several tracts, including <u>100</u> ?a pine land granted to LOTT]
<b>HALL, Ignatius</b>	1 white, 5 slaves, \$1.87 ½ / \$.31 ¼
LOTT, Mark	300 a (Montgomery), granted to LOTT
	1 white, 1 slave, \$.85 / \$.14 ¼
Ricketson, Joseph	
Sherard, Joel	
Witherington, William	

**Clifton's Dist.**

DAUGHERTY, Danl.	202 1/2a pine land (Wilkinson) granted to Tilmon
Gainey, Reddick	
HANCOCK, James	5 Lotts at Tattnall Court house, 287 1/2a on Altamaha (Tattnall)
	<u>43</u> ¾a, <u>00</u> a pine land (Tattnall) granted to EMBREE, Bird
	202 ½ a pine land (Pulaski) granted to Hancock
Hysmith, Jas.	
McEachen, John	217a Oak & Hickory (Telfair) granted to William LOTT
McFARLAND, Jno. B.	400a pine land (Tattnall) granted to <b>Cocksey</b> [sic]
	100a pine land (Tattnall) granted to <b>Watts</b>
	1 white, 7 blacks, \$2.87 ½ / \$.48

COMMENT:

McFarland has bought the land of both Cooksey *and* Cooksey's proposed father-in-law, Watts.

SELLARS, Saml., Agent for

Jno. Sellars	3 slaves
&	
<b>Zilphy Sellars</b>	1 slave
For the heirs of Jno. Staton	997 a pine land (Tattnall) granted to Staton

COMMENT:

This Zilphy Sellars should be Zilphy Staton, daughter of John.

**McElvy's Dist.**

BOYD, David	200a+ 100a pine land (Tattnall), gr. to BOYD	1 white, \$.53 ¾/.09
BOYD, Bani	250a pine land (Tattnall), gr. to D. BOYD	1 white, \$.50/.08 ¼
<b>DAUGHARTY, Jno.</b>	200a pine land (Tattnall), gr. to Sikes	1 white, \$.46 ¼ / \$.07 ¾
DAUGHARTY, Dempsey	200a pine land (Tattnall), gr. to <b>Lott</b> ;	1 white, 1 slave, \$.77 ½ / .12 ¾
McElvy, William	[land granted to WOOTEN and McElvy]	
McDonald, Bryan	[land granted to Daugharty	
Parker, Elisha		
Sikes, Dyre?	[land granted to Sikes & BOYD]	
Studstill, Thos.	[land granted to LOTT]	

COMMENT:

Jno. Daugharty, who married Letitia Cooksey ca. 1811, lived in the neighborhood of the Lotts--i.e., the inlaws of John Watts and proposed inlaw of Zilpha [--?--] Price.

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**1811 TAX ROLL**  
**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**Data Categories:**

Same as 1810, except “Whites” are more specifically labeled “White Poles”

**Data Arrangement:**

Same as 1810

**Capt. Johnson’s Dist.**

[Nothing of continued significance]

**Capt. Blackmon’s Dist.**

HALL, Lewis [Same data, but again it is out of sequence; this time at end of list]

**Capt. Bell’s Dist.**

HALL, Ignatius

LOTT, Mark [No plat found for a grant to Mark Lott]

Ricketson, Joseph

Sherard, Joel

Wetherington, William

**COMMENT:**

Essentially same data for all, as in 1810; I’m just noting continued presence.

**Capt. Clifton’s Dist.**

Clifton, Ezekiel

DAUGHARTY, Danl.

Gainey, Raddick

HANCOCK, James

McFARLAND, Jno. [Still charged with land of “Cuxey” (400a) and **Watts** (100a)]

Sellars, [Saml., Jno., Zilphy &c]

**COMMENT:**

Essentially same data for all, as in 1810; I’m just noting their continued presence.

**Capt. McDonald’s Dist.**

[Nothing of particular significance]

**1811 Tattall Co. (cont.)**

**Capt. Whiddon's Dist.**

COMMENT:

Many individuals key to this study are missing:

DAUGHERTY	John
LOTT	[all ]
WATTS	[all]

By this point, the Lotts, Watts, and Cookseys have relocated in Laurens County. John Daugherty's widow Lettice and their orphans would next surface on the 1819 Laurens County list of registrants for the upcoming land lottery.

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**FHL Microfilm 0,206,455 (cont.)**

**Item 1:**

Filmer's Target: "Tax Digest, 1802-1823"  
**Book Spine: "Tax Digest, 1802-1803" [sic]**  
**Tattall County, Georgia**

**Section 1 (of book)**

"Date Unknown"

Apparently this is the otherwise missing roll of **1813**. It clearly is not 1802-3. I make this judgment based on

- the tax data for the Cooksey property sold to McFarland,
- the district names, and
- the info on Bani Boyd

**1813**

**Tattall County, Georgia**

Arrangement:

- Semi –alphabetically arranged by 1<sup>st</sup> letter of surname
- The book has a series of tabular dividers separating years or time frames; apparently it is an assembly of folios that have been bound together
- This section carries no tabular label; the "Date Unknown" words are penned at the top of p. 1

Data categories:

- "Sir Names:
- Given Names
- [unreadable]

**1811 Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

- Acres
- “Surveyed for or granted to”
- W poles [white polls]
- Slaves
- Stallions
- R. Carriages
- Amt. of the Taxes
- County Tax

**Capt. Johnson’s Dist.**

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JOHNSON, John  
 JOHNSON, **Daniel**  
 JOHNSON, Allen

**Capt. Blackmon’s Dist.**

[No relevant entries]

**Bell’s Dist.**

Bryan, Clemant	[many tracts, including 1000acres granted to <b>A. Lott</b> ]
<b>HALL, Ignatius</b>	1 poll, 5 slaves, 0 land
LOTT, Mark	300a (Montgomery Co.) granted to LOTT

COMMENT:

Montgomery Co, tax rolls of 1806–7 had a taxpayer **Darling Sap.**  
 Tattnall Co. in this year, Bell’s Dist., has a **Short Long.**  
**(No relevance to this project; just a curious item to remember.)**

**Capt. Clifton’s Dist.**

Cameron, Allen	200a (Tattnall Co.) formerly <b>J. Watts</b> land 200a (Tattnall Co.) formerly Hatten land
DAUGHERTY, Danl.	200a (Tattnall Co.), formerly L. Bowen’s land; 202.5a (Wilkinson Co.) formerly Tilmon’s
HANCOCK, James	“5 lotts Tatnall Courthouse worth \$125”] 287.5 acres (Tatnall Co.) formerly Embree land 1000 acres (Tatnall Co.), formerly Byrd land 202.5 acres (Pulaski Co.) granted to/surveyed for Hancock
McEachin, Jno.	217a (Telfair) former land of <b>Wm. Lott</b> 400a (Tatnall) former land of N. McLeod

**1813 Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

**McFarland, John B.**      400a (Tattnall) formerly land of **Coxey** [Wm. Cooksey]  
                                 100a (Tattnall) formerly land of **Watts**  
                                 1 white poll, 8 slaves

COMMENT:

Note here the coupling of Wm. Cooksey with the Watts, suspected family of Zilpha. These two tracts are the only land credited to McFarland. As a general rule in this era, men who owned only two or three tracts (as opposed to speculators) usually purchased them in very close proximity, so the tracts could be efficiently worked by themselves or their hands.

This data also explains Cooksey's long-running suit against McFarland. Apparently, McFarland purchased the land on credit and did not pay it off according to contract.

**There is no tax entry for Cooksey, who should already be in Laurens County. (No tax data appears to exist for Laurens in this period.)**

**Capt. McElvy's Dist.**

BOYD, David              200a pine land (Tattnall) granted to Boyd  
                                 100a pine land (Tattnall) granted to Boyd  
BOYD, Bani                250a pine land (Tattnall) granted to D. Boyd

COMMENT:

Given that these are the only Boyds in the county, the likelihood is good that Bani Boyd, who was not on previous tax rolls of Montgomery with David, is a newly-adult son of David. Three perhaps coincidental issues converge here:

- David owned land in Jefferson County, where the only Boyds previously identified was the Jane-Andrew-John line that ended up in Newton County, Mississippi.
- Bani Boyd, above, is a likely father of Letitia Cooksey's son Henry.
- James Boyd, son of John, above, married Elmira Parks, putative granddaughter of William Cooksey (ergo, niece of Letitia) in Newton County.

**This list is definitely post-1810 because Bani Boyd is not on the 1803–04 lists and did not marry until ca. 1811.**

DAUGHARTY, Jno.              200a Pine land (Tattnall) formerly land of G. Sikes  
DAUGHARTY, Demp.          200a Pine land (Tattnall) formerly land of "**Lott**"  
McELVY, William              420a Pine land (Tattnall) formerly land of [Jesse] **Wooten**

COMMENT:

John Daugharty (various spellings), a county justice, married Letitia Cooksey about 1811 after she bore the child Henry. This tax data confirms that Boyd, Daugharty, and Lott are all in the same community. They are in a different district from Wm. Cooksey's former land, but it appears to be an adjoining district.

**1813 Tattall Co. (cont.)**

**Capt. McDonald's Dist.**

**Dampeer, John**

300a pine land (Tattall) formerly land of **Hancock**

350a pine land (**Effingham Co.**) granted to/surveyed for **Dampeer**

COMMENT:

Dampeers (and variant spellings) were neighbor of William Cooksey in Covington County, Miss.

**Capt. Whiddon's Dist.**

[no names of interest]

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**[1814] "1804" TAX ROLL**

**TATTNALL COUNTY**

COMMENT:

This roll cannot be for 1804, because it assigns Cooksey's land to McFarland and McFarland did not acquire it until late 1809. Almost certainly, this is the otherwise-missing 1814 roll.

Data Categories:

- Sir names
- Given names
- County in which the Land Lies
- Altahama Swamp Land
- Ocony Swamp Land
- Oak & Hickory Land
- Surveyed for or granted to
- Pine land
- Surveyed for or granted to
- Whites
- Slaves
- Carriages
- Stallions
- Amt of the Taxes

**Capt. Johnson's Dist.**

JOHNSON, Daniel & Allen

**Capt. Blackman's Dist.**

LARD, Lodrick [held land in six counties]

**Capt. Clifton's Dist.**

McFARLAND, John B. 400a (Tattall) surveyed/granted to **Cooksey**  
100a (Tattall) surveyed/granted to Thomas **[Watts]**





**[1815] Tattall Co. (cont.)**

BOWEN, Elijah

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McFARLAND, John B. [All his holdings & new acreage have been consolidated into 1650a said to have been granted to "McFALLAND."

**Capt. McElvy's Dist.**

BOYED, David

Sikes, Arthur

Collins, Hardy

DAUGARTY, John 200a pine land (Tattall) ngranted to Sikes

McDonald, Briant 300a pine land (Tattall) granted to DAUGARTY and McDonald

BOYED, Bani 250a pine land (Tattall) granted to BOYED

**Capt. Clifton's Dist.**

McFarling, John B.

[Still taxed on 400a of **Cooksey**, 300a of "**Woots**," plus 100a of Thomas & 300+100a granted to McFarling. All pine land.

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**1817 TAX ROLL**

**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**COMMENT:**

Last page states: "Deposited in the Clerks Office of the Inferior Court, the foregoing digest of Taxable property for the year 1817---This 17 January 1820."

**Capt. Keen's Dist.**

BOYD, David

COLLINS, Hardy

Sapp, Shadrick

STUDSTILL, THoms

TILMAN, Jeremiah

[skip 4]

PARKER, Elisha

[skip 5]

SIKES, Dyer

KEEN, David

**Capt. Joseph Durrance's Dist.**

BOYD, Bani

[Nothing]

[skip 17]

**1817 Tattnall Co. (cont.)**

DAMPIER, William

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DAMPIER, John

**Capt. Jesse Durrance's Dist.**

[*Nothing*]

**Capt. Overstreet's Dist.**

[*Nothing*]

**Capt. Sharp's Dist.**

BELL, Nathaniel

Douglass, Michael

Newman, Thomas

Smith, Joey

**Courson, John**

1 white poll, 0 land

JOHNSON, Daniel

Davis, John

Wright, Joseph

Harden, Martin

**Capt. Conyer's Dist.**

Staton, Bazzella

**SELLERS, Zilpha**

Berryhill, Saml.

COMMENT:

After the last page of the digest, there are other pages on browner paper. They begin with the right half of a double-wide page, for which taxpayer names would have appeared on the left half. The name of the district is also not shown on this page, but it appears to be Clifton's District.

**Clifton's] District**

[Taxpayer?] 5 tracts granted to Bowen, Robinson, S. Bowen, Newsom, and Self]

[Taxpayer?] 400a granted to **Watts**

[Taxpayer?] 700a granted to McLeod

[Taxpayer?] 240a granted to Cameron

[Taxpayer?] 1700a granted to Clifton

[Taxpayer?] 900a granted to Bowen

[Taxpayer?] 200a granted to Sellars

[etc.]

*Then:*

**Capt. Johnson's Dist.**

[One double-wide page with only 14 taxpayers]

*Then:*

[Left half of double-wide page whose data does not align with the above right half that mentions Watts]

Stanley, Robert

Stewart, Wm. M.

McArthur

Highsmith, Beedy

**McFarlin, John B.** [0 swamp land; pine land data would be on the missing page]

HANDCOCK, Cader

HANDCOCK, James

Harden, Winnifred

HANDCOCK, Jeston [Alleged by offspring to be the widow of James Hancock, tavernkeeper]

[8 others, then nothing more.]

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**1819-1820 TAX DIGEST (CONSOLIDATED)**

**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

“Assed by Nathan Clifton ... This 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1820”

**“Capt. Johnson’s Dist., 1819”**

Highsmith Daniel [1<sup>st</sup> name]

[skip 11]

McFARLAND, J. B., 400a pine land (Tattnall) granted to **Cooksey**  
100a pine land (Tattnall) granted to **Watts**  
215 pine land (Tattnall) granted to “Self”

**COMMENT:**

At this point, I’m discontinuing Tattnall tax roll work. The Cookseys, Watts, Lotts, etc., are all in Mississippi and Cooksey’s land has clearly been taken over by McFarland.