

# John White Sr. (c1740–1821)

## Spouses:

### 1. Unidentified & 2. Frances “Frankey” Mills

#### Research Notes

#### John White Family Summary:<sup>1</sup>

Born: c1740  
Married: 1. c1760; wife unknown  
2. c19 Aug. 1792, **Frances “Frankey” Mills**; by Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek Baptist Church, Montgomery Co., VA<sup>2</sup>  
Wife 2: b. c1768; first appeared 1788 in Sinking Creek/Doe Creek area of Montgomery; died apparently between censuses of 1810 and 1820  
Occupation: Apparent ginseng hunter and farmer  
Died: Spring–Summer 1821<sup>3</sup>  
Residences: Montgomery Co., VA (intermittently, 1787–97; Big Spring, East Mountain: 1797–1806)  
Giles Co., VA (1806–c1818, Big Spring; cSept 1818–21, Brush Creek of East River)

<sup>1</sup> For my underlying research reports comprising some 600 pages, see the following papers archived online at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab:

- “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney Families,” report to file, 8 February 2020 (updated 8 July 2020).
- “Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Tax Roll Data, 1806–23 & (Partially) 1824–41; Including Selective Entries for Marcum, Preston & Toney,” report to file, 28 February 2020.
- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018 (updated 10 September 2020).
- “Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt,” report to file, 20 September 2020.
- “Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807,” report to file, 15 Feb. 2020.
- “Robert Wilson vs. John Toney; and Toney vs. Wilson, Staunton Chancery Court, combined Cause 1809-119,” report to file, 8 July 2019.
- “Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020.

NOTE: For all tax data extracted into this present summary for John and Frankey, see the two tax-list reports above. Those reports provide full neighborhood groupings, year by year, as well as analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, marriage bonds, 1789–1803, White-Mills bond 19 August 1792; Montgomery Co. microfilm 38, Library of Virginia (LoV), Richmond. Also, undated entry of marriages “Solemnized by Alex. Ross,” in untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co. microfilm 52, Item 2, labeled by archives “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

My interest in **Frankey Mills** and her husband stems from the possibility that she was the mother of **William Mills** (b. c1783–88 of unknown parentage), whose male line descendants carry a **Whitt/Witt Y**. William Mills-Witt emerged 1806 in the then-adjacent county of Franklin and made a cameo appearance in Giles in 1816–17, witnessing land leases for the White family associate John Toney. For all *proved* information on this William Mills, see “William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes,” a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the “Research” tab.

Montgomery and Giles Counties offer a second candidate for William’s mother: **Sarah Mills**. She arrived in the Walker’s Creek area about the same time as Frankey and, like Frankey, was a young unmarried mother. In 1791, she wed Elijah Sartain of Montgomery with Rev. Alexander Ross officiating, as he did for Frankey and John White. For Sarah’s parents and her Amherst Co. origin, see E. S. Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft 1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse, Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work in progress last updated 22 January 2020; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>3</sup> John is last taxed as “John White B.C.” (Brush Creek) with 3 tithes still in his household on the 1821 tax roll for which data was gathered in the spring. On 25 September 1821, his proposed son John Jr, as purchaser of land from Edmund Morgan, was newly referenced (twice) as “John White *Seigner*.” See 1821 Giles Co., VA, tax roll; Family History Library microfilm 2024549; and Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–29.

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**Disambiguation:** This John White should not be confused with the John White of Little Sugar Run of Walker’s Creek, c1787–1796, who “signed” his documents with an ‘S’ and wed Susannah Marcum, daughter of John Marcum in 1796 before dropping out of Montgomery County. In this summary of data for Frankey’s John, I will include key records that disambiguate the men. I will also include documents created by John Sr.’s proposed sons, in order to show the familial interactions between them.

**APPARENT CHILDREN OF JOHN BY UNKNOWN WIFE:**

1. **JOHN “JACK” WHITE JR.**, born c1760–65 according to the 1820–30 censuses, aka “John White H,” “John White (hunter),” “John H. White,” and “John Hunter White.” This John’s first known appearance on record is the 1787 Montgomery petition he signed as part of a cluster: “John White Sr, John White Jr., Beniman White.”<sup>4</sup> Their signatures appear amid residents of the Copley neighborhood of Montgomery County. The trio then left the county; their intermittent returns between 1791 and 1798 suggest they had livelihood elsewhere. By bond dated 8 June 1793, John Jr. married **Nancy Copley**,<sup>5</sup> whose brother “Thomas Copley Jr.” had served as bondsman for the August 1792 “John White Sr.” marriage to Frankey Mills.

Montgomery tax rolls from 1791 through 1806 show John Jr. submitting his tax lists within the John Sr.–Benjamin White cluster between Wolf Creek and East River or with his proposed brother James in the Salt Pond Mountain region across New River from Copley’s Ford. (See James, below.) Several of those rolls explicitly call him “John Jr.” About 1794–96, he and Robert White claimed land adjacent to Randall Lucas’s 1796 claim at Salt Pond.<sup>6</sup> (See Robert, below.) John appears to have left the land in the possession of Robert, who disposed of it while John was absent from the tax rolls between 1795 and 1798. John’s absence from home may be explained by subsequent tax-roll references to him as “John White (Hunter).”<sup>7</sup> In 1800, he signed a petition of settlers “north of Wolf Creek” in upper Giles, in a cluster of consecutive names that also suggests his birth family and

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<sup>4</sup> The “Research Notes” section of this paper present all surviving petitions that he signed.

<sup>5</sup> Montgomery County Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond. For the registration of the marriage, see Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, Item 2, labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803,” by the archives.

<sup>6</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019). John was named as adjacent landholder to the land of Randall Lucas when it was surveyed in 1796; see Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019). Also Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

<sup>7</sup> The reference apparently alludes to the hunting of *ginseng*, rather than animals. John Toney, the longtime associate of Benjamin White (aka Benjamin H. White), had ginseng camps on the Cole River before he settled New River in the mid-1780s—a relocation spurred by a Native American attack on their camps that occurred while the men were off hunting and the women and children were left vulnerable at the camp sites. Toney continued the trade, as a merchant rather than hunter, well into the 1800s. As an aside to pursue: prior to the massacre, both Toney and a John White purchased Cole River land from the speculator John Smith; see Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 19, 1788, p. 421; and vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73. Toney sold his 344 acres of Cole River land in 1799 (Montgomery Co. Deed Bk C, 1797–1803, p. 129). The fate of John White’s 500 acres has not been determined.

For the massacre, see Rev. Merle C. Rummel, “Four Mile Church—200th Anniversary: Presentation on the First 100 Years,” *Church of the Brethren: COB-NET* (<https://www.cob-net-org/docs/bl/four-mile-presentation.pdf> : accessed 21 October 2018), p. 5.

For Toney’s continuation of the ginseng trade in the 1800s, see Robert Wilson v. John Toney, Augusta County, VA, Chancery Causes file 1809-119; imaged, “Chancery Records Index,” Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* ([https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case\\_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119](https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119) : downloaded 16 May 2019). This case was heard in the Staunton District court seated in Augusta County, but most documents were created in Montgomery and Monroe Counties.

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siblings: “John White, John White Jr., Benjn. White, James White, Arthur White.” About 1804 he returned to the Southern Giles neighborhood of his inlaws, having land surveyed in Camping Hollow about a mile west of New River.<sup>8</sup> A plat of that land was indexed contemporaneously under the name “White, John (Hunter).”<sup>9</sup> In 1809, he expanded his holdings onto New River, buying land from the Snodgrass family<sup>10</sup> who, in 1810, would also sell land to John’s proposed brother James White.<sup>11</sup> In that same year (1810), John and wife Nancy executed a deed to 100 acres of their Camping Hollow land;<sup>12</sup> and in 1816 they disposed of 100 acres in the same locale, one mile from New River.<sup>13</sup> At that time, they relocated at nearby Bear Spring, below Walker Creek, buying Waddell and Morgan land that would trigger years of debt suits.<sup>14</sup>

It was there at Bear Spring, near Gap Mountain, that John Jr. and Nancy would remain until their deaths. John’s 1847 will (written 19 May and proved 11 September) named his wife Nancy and several children.<sup>15</sup> The tax rolls identify him in various ways that can be linked through his specific data, through the identity of the individuals who submitted their lists of taxables on the same day, and through the correlation of deeds, court records, and petitions. A deed of gift by John in 1822, when he tried to shelter family land from his creditor, specifically names a son **William**<sup>16</sup> (first cited as a tithable under his own name in 1818). The tax rolls suggest six other sons: **John Jr.** (first named in 1816), **Thomas** (first named in 1817), **Acles “Ake”** (first named in 1826), **David** (first named in 1828), **Oratio** (first named in 1831), and **Rhasa** (first named in 1835). John’s will names three younger children: **Robert, Sally, and Nancy**. The nature of tax rolls seldom allow for the identification of daughters. A proof argument presented in this paper, under 1810, concludes that John and Nancy were also the parents of **Editha White** who married William White in 1816.

2. **?HANNAH WHITE**, born c1763; apparently died after 14 September 1824.<sup>17</sup> As a female, her name would appear on the tax rolls only if she owned land, held slaves, or had young tithables in her household. Thus, she was cited only on the 1798 personal tax roll, charged with two young tithable males, unnamed. In 1799, she was dropped and two new male tithables came onto the roll: **Arter** and **John**. She appears to be the unmarried Hannah White to whom John White Jr. attempted to convey part of his land, to keep from losing it, when he was jailed for debt and forced to sell all property in 1822. The two males who appeared in 1799, the year she was dropped from the roll, are
  - **ARTHUR “ARTER” WHITE**, b. by 1782; who signed the 1800 petition of settlers North of Wolf Creek consecutively with John Sr., John Jr., Benjamin, and James. He was first taxed in his own name in 1799 and was 1807 bondsman for Samuel Mills, son of John White Sr.’s wife Frankey.<sup>18</sup> I have

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<sup>8</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en); accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>9</sup> Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845).

<sup>10</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59.

<sup>11</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

<sup>12</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

<sup>13</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 413.

<sup>14</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421–22.

<sup>15</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 353–54.

<sup>16</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

<sup>17</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389, John White to Hannah White, conveyance of land, 25 April 1822 (no kinship stated); and Deed Book C: 191, John H White, Nancy his wife, and Hannah White (no kinship stated) to Samuel Linsey, sale of land, 14 September 1824. If Hannah had been married, her husband would have been required to participate in the sale or otherwise authorize her action.

<sup>18</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged on Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

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not found him in Giles thereafter. He may be the Arthur White who emerged in Cabell after that county was created in 1809.

- **JOHN WHITE**, b. by 1782; taxed in his own name in Montgomery Co., 1799 (with Arter), 1801, 1802 (with Arter), 1803, 1804–5 (with Arter), and in Giles 1806 (with Arter) as “John White, hunter.” Not found after 1806. He appears to have moved to the area that became Cabell. I have not yet systematically researched that county.
3. **BENJAMIN WHITE SR.** (BENJAMIN H. WHITE, after 1806<sup>19</sup>) born c1765; married 10 July 1787, Ann Goodwin, Amherst County.<sup>20</sup> In November 1787, he signed (as “Beniman”) the Montgomery County petition with John Sr. and John Jr. in the Copley neighborhood. However the trio appear to have been transients passing through Montgomery at the time of the petition—possibly enroute to the ginseng camps of Cole River and the Kanawha; there is no evidence of their residence in Montgomery until 1792. The 1790–92 tax rolls of Amherst County assess Benjamin amid Ann’s family.<sup>21</sup> While John Sr. and John Jr. married in Montgomery in 1792 and 1793, and appear on Montgomery’s tax rolls intermittently throughout the 1790s, Benjamin has not been found in Montgomery’s local records until 1797. In that year, the year John Sr. and Frankey settled at Big Spring along the southwest foot of East River Mountain (just east of what would soon be Montgomery–Tazewell line), John Sr. and Benjamin submitted their tax rolls in that neighborhood on the same day.

Two years later, as a chain carrier for the surveyor and land speculator Gordon Cloyd, Benjamin staked his claim to a tract at Brush Creek of East River. According to a statement by Cloyd in 1813, Benjamin “wanted to possess himself of the survey and it was then agreed if the said Benjamin White Complied with the verbal bargain then ... Cloyd would convey such right.” However, White sold his interest to James Copley (whose sister had married John White Jr. in 1793).<sup>22</sup> and apparently stayed on with John Sr. at Big Spring. In 1800, consecutively with John White Sr. and Jr., James White, and Arthur White, Benjamin signed a petition by settlers “on New River below Wolf Creek Mountain.”<sup>23</sup> In 1804, he finally purchased land from Alexander Stuart on Little Wolf Creek of the Bluestone,<sup>24</sup> a few miles from John Sr. Both areas would be cut away into Giles in 1806.

Beginning in 1807, Benjamin White adopted the initial H and used that initial (*but never a middle name*) for almost all records he created across the next twenty-three years. On 5 May 1807, he witnessed the marriage permission that John White and wife Frankey gave to her son Samuel

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<sup>19</sup> Online trees rampantly identify this man as “Benjamin *Harrison* White” and “Cherokee Ben,” but cite no evidence for either identification. As shown by the series of records compiled here: prior to 1807, he consistently identified himself as only “Benjamin White.” That one-given-name usage was common among families of his social status in that era. Beginning in 1807, he adopted the use of the middle initial *H*—an initial that was also added in subsequent years to John White Jr. and James White. No known document identifies him as Benjamin *Harrison* White.

<sup>20</sup> William Montgomery Sweeney, *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (1937; reprint, Santa Maria, CA: Janaway Publishing, 2011), 81.

<sup>21</sup> E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, VA, Tax Rolls, 1782–1803,” report to file, 9 June 2019.

<sup>22</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 336. In 1813, when Gen. Cloyd finally issued a title to Joseph McKinney, Copley’s brother-in-law, who had purchased his right to the land from Joshua Copley to whom James Copley had sold White’s right, Cloyd expressed his belief that Benjamin had died. He erred. As several dozen documents in this paper illustrates, the Benjamin White who was an associate (and proposed in-law) of the Copleys remained very much alive until after the 1830 census.

<sup>23</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), no date [1800–1804], Record No. 000613439; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

<sup>24</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D, 1803–1810: 95–96.

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Mills.<sup>25</sup> On 16 April 1808, he did jury duty.<sup>26</sup> In the fall of 1808 he was sued by the controversial entrepreneur John Toney of East River, a man with whom he and his offspring would display a curious friend-and-foe relationship for years to come. Toney, after a deadly attack on his Cole River ginseng camp by Native Americans in the mid-1780s, had retired from the hunt, settled in Montgomery, and established a robust plantation enterprise with mills, a ferry, a store, and a tavern along New River, from East River to the north to Wolf Creek on the south. In the wake of the 1808 suit by Toney, Benjamin raised funds to settle the suit by selling his Wolf Creek land.<sup>27</sup> Just months later, on 1 June 1809, he and Toney appeared together at the house of the Toney neighbor Peter Dingess to witness Peter’s donation of land to sons John and Charles.<sup>28</sup> The following day, Benjamin and Toney witnessed Peter’s will.<sup>29</sup> After a June 1809 stint on the county’s petit jury,<sup>30</sup> Benjamin was again sued by Toney in the September term of court—this time jointly with Samuel Mills’s brother-in-law William Murphy, Nimrod Smith, and Thomas Little. (Toney’s suit was directed at Murphy, but White, Smith, and Little had served as Murphy’s special bail.)<sup>31</sup> In February 1810, Benjamin was called as a witness in the case of Commonwealth vs. Adam, Ezekiel, and Benjamin Smith who stood accused of grand larceny for the alleged theft of hemp from premises of Isaac French;<sup>32</sup> and in September 1810, Benjamin did another round of jury duty.<sup>33</sup>

During Benjamin’s landless years (1809–16), the tax rolls and census cluster him intermittently with John White Sr. (his proposed father) on East River and with two landowning Whites in southern Giles, his proposed brothers John White Jr. (aka Jack White, John Hunter White, “John White H”) and James (aka “James White H”). The 1810 census, begun in August of that year, enumerates “Benjamin H. White” as a head of household over the age of 45, with a female 26–44, two males 18–25, three females 10–15, and two males and two females aged 0–10.<sup>34</sup> In 1811, he and both John White Sr. and Jr. were jointly sued by Philip Miller, who had previously served as a special bail for James White.<sup>35</sup> (In this case, John Sr. was the principal debtor, while John Jr. and Benjamin H.—proposed sons of John Sr.—served as sureties for the debt.)

In 1814, Benjamin temporarily stalled off a suit for debt against him by John Peters but was ordered in the October term of court to pay Peters \$53.54 plus damages and costs.<sup>36</sup> By November 1816, he was on sound-enough footing financially to make the first of two land purchases from Benjamin Stuart’s estate on **Christians Fork of Brush Creek**.<sup>37</sup> This land, which he bought as “Benjamin White,” lay adjacent to John Toney. There, in early 1818, he was joined by the old John White Sr.; again, they

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<sup>25</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>26</sup> Giles Co., VA, Court Order Book 1: 196.

<sup>27</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 219. Also Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 198–99.

<sup>28</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 132–33.

<sup>29</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 24–25.

<sup>30</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 264–66.

<sup>31</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 7.

<sup>32</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 49–51. The Smiths appear to have seized French’s property as an official court action. A court order of 1810 appoints Ezekiel to serve as constable in the place of Adam Smith; and in June 1810 Benjamin was paid as an “officer of patrol”; see *ibid.*: 68, 71.

<sup>33</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 109.

<sup>34</sup> 1810 U.S. census, Giles Co., VA, p. 640, line 19.

<sup>35</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70, 234, 238.

<sup>36</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > images 104, 109.

<sup>37</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17, 28–29.

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turned in their tax lists on the same day.<sup>38</sup> In September of that year, he and John petitioned for an alteration of the road from “mouth of the Five mile fork of East River to the poney crossing of Brush Creek.”<sup>39</sup> In June 1819 (as “Benjamin H.”), he and wife Nancy sold the two tracts he had bought (under the name “Benjamin”) on Christian’s Fork of Brush Creek.<sup>40</sup>

At this point, Benjamin and Ann moved further westward, although Benjamin would intermittently appear in Giles records for the next several years. The 1820 enumerator found then on the Guyandotte of Cabell County, where the household was enumerated as “Benj<sup>n</sup> H. White,” aged 45+, with a female in the same age group, two females 16–26, one male 16–18, one male and one female 10–16, and four males and one female 0–10.<sup>41</sup> On 28 September 1824, as “Benjamin H. White,” he made a cameo appearance in Giles when a court minute ordered payment to him for “attendance and mileage as a witness for the Com’th vs. Allen Christian.”<sup>42</sup> In August 1827, when the land speculator James Hector and wife cleared the title to thirty-four tracts of land in Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties, the deed included “Benjamin White” among Brush Creek farmers James White (his proposed son), Thomas White and Isaac White (proposed sons of John Sr. by Frankey), and David Mills (Frankey’s eldest grandson, by her son Samuel).<sup>43</sup> Benjamin, however, was not concurrently taxed on the personal rolls of Giles, suggesting that he continued to live outside Giles while a relative (likely a son) occupied his land.

In 1824, Benjamin’s part of Cabell County was cut away for the new county of Logan. The last record found to date for him is that new county’s 1830 census. By that time, Ann apparently had died and the household had drastically dwindled in size. Now aged 60–70, Benjamin was enumerated with a female 30–40, two males and two females 20–30, a male 15–20, and a male child 10–15.<sup>44</sup>

Records found to date suggest identities for nine children born to Benjamin White Sr. and Ann Goodwin:

- **William White (William R. White** on 1828 and 1829 tax rolls), born c1793–94 according to the 1850 census (Giles, stamped p. 153 *verso*), was the first son to appear on the tax roll in his own name, 1815. He married **Editha White** by bond dated 2 December 1816.<sup>45</sup> William appears on the **Giles 1830** census (p. 238) as a male 30–40, with a female in the same age group, a male and female aged 10–15, 2 males and 1 female aged 5–10, and 3 females aged 0–10. The **1840 Mercer** Co. census (p. 11, line 6) enumerates him adjacent to his proposed brother Cornelius. I have not tracked him past the **1850 Mercer** census (p. 153v, fam. 343), at which time he was still with Editha.
- **Cornelius “Neely” White**, born 10 June 1793 according to undocumented online trees (the

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<sup>38</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Books A: 198–99, and B: 16–17. Also Giles Co. Order Book 4 (1817–1822), order of 19 September 1818; and Giles Co. Probate Book A: 24–25.

<sup>39</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

<sup>40</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89. Also Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1817–1822, unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 245.

<sup>41</sup> 1820 U.S. census, Cabell County, VA, p. 91, line 29.

<sup>42</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 464.

<sup>43</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C does not have its own index.

<sup>44</sup> 1830 U.S. census, 1830, Logan County, p. 287, line 18.

<sup>45</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007590220.

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1850–70 censuses suggest 1792–93),<sup>46</sup> appointed constable in Giles in 1815.<sup>47</sup> He wed **Mary “Polly” Garrison** by bond dated 25 May 1816<sup>48</sup> and settled amid her family on Harman’s Branch of East River. He appears on the **1840 Mercer** census (p. 11) adjacent to proposed brother William (lines 6 and 7) with putative son William G. at line 4 and Mickey White (widow of Cornelius’ proposed brother James) at line 19. Also **1850 Mercer** (p. 194, family 631), aged 57, adjacent to William G., aged 34; **1860 Mercer** (p. 71, family 459), aged 67; and **1870 Mercer** (p. 12, family 81), aged 77 with wife Mary, living one house from Thomas White, 66.

- **Sally White**, born c1795, married **William Cooper** by bond dated 6 November 1818, at which time she presented no parental permission, suggesting that she was already 21.<sup>49</sup>
- **JamesWwhite**, born c1796, who first came on the tax roll in his own name in 1817, but then reverted back to Benjamin’s tax list until his 1821 marriage (by bond dated 2 June 1821)<sup>50</sup> to **Micky McKinney**. James died late 1827 or early 1828 on his Brush Creek/Five Mile Creek farm,<sup>51</sup> leaving three small children, Eleanor, Priscilla, and James.<sup>52</sup>
- (Possibly) **Mary White**, b. c1797–1800, who is enumerated four households from Benjamin W. White in **Logan County 1840** (p. 3, line 7), aged 30–40 with a male 20–30 and a male 15–20. The **1860 Logan** census cites her age as 63, and places her in a household headed by Wesley White, aged 32. Wesley’s age is appropriate for him to be her son, named for her proposed brother Benjamin Wesley.
- **John White**, born c1798. He came onto the tax roll in his own name in 1819, the year that “John White Senr<sup>r</sup>, William White, **John White Jun’**, James White, and Samuel Mills” were among 34 small-scale landowners along East River Mountain, Giles County, whose land titles were cleared by Christian Peters.<sup>53</sup> In 1821, the tax roll clustered him with John Sr. and James of Brush Creek; in 1822, after the passing of John Sr., he was again clustered with James. He dropped out in 1823–25, reappeared with William (his proposed brother) and Thomas (proposed son of John Sr.) in 1826, and is last on record on 1827 tax roll of Giles, at which time he was still clustered with William and Thomas. He *might* be the “John White Jr.” aged 30–40, enumerated in **1830 Logan County** (p. 286). That semi-alphabetical census places him in proximity to one John White Sr., a man who previously resided in Cabell. Given that the use of “Sr.” and “Jr.” in that era also denoted “older” and “younger,” not just “father” and “son,” the identities of these two 1830 Johns are ambiguous.
- **Benjamin Wesley**, b. c1801–2, who first appears in Giles County in 1824 as “Westley White,” a

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<sup>46</sup> See, for example, KarenHernandez201, “Grotfeldt Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9603287/person/614444510/facts>), profile for “Corneleous Neal White,” alleged (without evidence) to be the son of “Benjamin Harrison White 1762–1850” and “Nancy Ann Goodwin 1764–1851.” Cornelius was occasionally called “Neely” White in legal documents, that being a nickname for Cornelius. He did not have a middle name “Neal.” This and similar problems are seen in most online trees for his descendants.

<sup>47</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 155.

<sup>48</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26.

<sup>49</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 27.

<sup>50</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1821, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 40 of 821.

<sup>51</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Boook A: 480–82.

<sup>52</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 689–91, James T. Watson and Gordan Cloyd to Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White, children and heirs of James White, deceased.

<sup>53</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

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**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

guard for two prisoners.<sup>54</sup> In August 1827, again as “Wesley White,” he was one of 34 men of Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties who received a title clearance for land bought from the speculator James Hector (others included Benjamin, James, Thomas, and Isaac White, and David Mills, son of Samuel).<sup>55</sup> He has not been found on the census of 1830 but surfaced in **1840 Logan** as “Benj. W. White,” aged 30–40 with a young family (p. 3, line 23). He is enumerated in **1850 Logan** as “Benjamin W. White,” 48, with a wife Sarah and sons *Benjamin H.*, 13, and *Cornelius*, 8. Also **1860 Logan**, as “Wesley White,” 58, again with wife Sarah and sons Benjamin H., 23, and Cornelius, 18. The naming patterns suggest a probability he was from the Benjamin branch of the family. *Thorough research needs to be done on Wesley and all the Whites who were cut away into Logan and Mercer.*

- **Micajah G.** (said to be Micajah Goodwin, the name of Ann Goodwin’s father), b. c1810–12, who appears on the **1840 Logan** census (p. 7, line 11). He is cited on the **1850 Boone Co., VA**, census as aged 40, wife **Matilda (Workman)**, allegedly with a son Benjamin, and appears on the **1860 Boone** census as aged 48, born in Giles, with children born in Logan and a wife born in Kanawha. The naming pattern is appropriate for him to be assigned to the Benjamin branch of this family.
- **Elizabeth**, mother of Evalina White by Charles A. Dingess.<sup>56</sup> See the Dingess discussion in “Research Notes,” under November 1835, when his will was probate and his property sold.

The 1810–30 censuses suggest the existence of other children, particularly unidentified daughters.

4. **ROBERT WHITE**, b. before 1773, first appeared on the personal tax roll in 1794. He married **Mary Webb** by bond dated 23 May 1795.<sup>57</sup> In 1796, he submitted his list on the same day and in same district as Thomas Copley Jr. who had served as bondsman for John White Sr. to marry Frankey Mills (and whose sister, Nancy Copley, had married John White Jr.). The 1797 and 1798 rolls of that district include him as a tithable. In 1797 he sold Randall Lucas his occupancy rights to land on the north side of Salt Pond Mountain but did not deliver a title and was sued in 1805 by an assignee of Lucas.<sup>58</sup> A 1796 survey for Lucas named **John White** [Jr.] as an adjacent landholder, rather than Robert;<sup>59</sup> and the 1812 tax roll places **James White** as adjacent landowner to Randall Lucas at Salt Pond Mountain. This location for the land attributed to Robert, John Jr., and James—correlated with their ages—suggests they were likely brothers. Robert has not been found in the subsequent records of Montgomery, Giles, or their offshoots, although the law suit launched against him in 1805 was continued until 1819, at which time it was abated by the *plaintiff’s* death. It would appear that Robert had left the region.
5. **JAMES WHITE** (“JAMES WHITE H” on 1817 tax roll), born before 1775 (according to 1820 census) was first named on the personal-tax roll in 1799 amid settlers of the Salt Pond Mountain and Doe Creek area. He signed the 1800 petition consecutively with John Sr. and Jr., Benjamin, and Arthur White. After a

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<sup>54</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 451.

<sup>55</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

<sup>56</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110 ff.

<sup>57</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254.

<sup>58</sup> William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

<sup>59</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

six-year hiatus from the tax rolls, he reappeared in 1806 and did jury service the same year.<sup>60</sup> He entered land 1808 and 1809 on Salt Pond Mountain and purchased a third tract there in 1810.<sup>61</sup> In 1807 he and “John White” [Jr.] were charged with fighting Caleb and William Stowers; and in 1809, he and John White Jr. were sued by Philip Miller, at which time John White Sr. acted as their “special bail.” In 1811, Miller sued not only John Jr. and Sr. but also Benjamin H. White.<sup>62</sup> Those actions suggest the likelihood that James, John Jr. (aka John H.), and Benjamin H. were brothers, all sons of the older John. (That “H” was also appended to this James’s name by the tax assessor in 1817.)

No marriage record has been found for James of Salt Pond/Doe Creek; no known record names a wife until 1843, when then-wife **Mary** joined him in selling land to two of his sons.<sup>63</sup> James’s first son reached tithable age in 1818 (i.e., born before 1802), suggesting a parental marriage in 1801 or earlier. Tax roll clusters, for the rolls that have been read up to this point, suggest that James’s sons were **Adam M.** and **Jacob** (first taxed under their own names in 1823), **Isaac and Reubin F.** (first named on 1831 roll), and **Levi** (first named on 1834 roll). An 1843 deed names younger sons **Preston C. White** and **James White Jr.** Tax-roll and census clusters also suggest James fathered **Susan White**, supposedly born 8 September 1804, who married Jeremiah Williams on 31 August 1826 and Jemima who married Tobias Williams in July 1835.<sup>64</sup>

LIKELY SONS OF JOHN WHITE SR. BY FRANCES “FRANKEY” MILLS:

6. **THOMAS WHITE**, born 1803–4, according to 1850–70 censuses. He appears to be one of the two young tithables in the household of John Sr. in 1821, the last tax roll that included John Sr. In 1822–25 the tax rolls cluster him with William White and James White of Brush Creek (both proposed sons of Benjamin). The 1827 roll clusters him again with William, James, and the newly taxed Reuben (Thomas’s proposed brother). In August 1827, he was one of thirty-nine men of Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties who received a title clearance for land they had purchased from the speculator James Hector. Others included Benjamin White, James and Wesley White (proposed sons of Benjamin), Reuben and Isaac White (proposed sons of John Sr.), and David Mills, son of Samuel.<sup>65</sup>

After James’ death in 1827–28, Thomas remained with William on the lists of 1828–30, with Reuben in 1831, and with both William and Reuben in 1833. He attended the June 1828 estate sale of James White’s property (Cornelius and William White, administrators), in company with his proposed brother Reuben White, their proposed half-brother Samuel Mills, and Samuel’s son David.<sup>66</sup> The **1830 Giles** census (p. 237) enumerates Thomas’s household adjacent to Reuben, citing him as a male 20–30, with a female in the same age group, 1 male 0–5 and 1 female 0–5, implying that he married about 1825. The **1850 Mercer** census (stamped p. 174, fam. 349) cites him as age 45, with an **apparent wife Polly** and children **Reuben, Milton, Benton, Lucinda**, and **Susan**, aged 19 down to 10, living next door to “Harman” (or Hamman), aged 24, and four houses from “Patten G.” White, 27—both likely to be his sons. He has not been found on the 1860 census but reappears on the **1870**

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<sup>60</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70.

<sup>61</sup> Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 30, 82. Giles Co. Deed Book A: 180.

<sup>62</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–70, 234, 238.

<sup>63</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book F: 310–11.

<sup>64</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 258. The Giles bonds and permissions files do not include a permission for Jemima, implying that she was of full age.

<sup>65</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

<sup>66</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Book A: 480–82.

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**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
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**Mercer** Co. census, aged 66, with Rebecca aged 32, John L. W. aged 1, and a P. S Blankenship aged 4; there, they are enumerated one household from Cornelius (p. 12, families 81 and 83).

7. **REUBEN WHITE**, b. about 1805, he appears to be one of the two young tithes still charged to John Sr. on the latter’s last tax roll (1821). He married **Mary Fannon** by bond dated 23 May 1827.<sup>67</sup> In 1828 he attended the estate sale of James White on Brush Creek with his proposed cousins Cornelius and William White (brothers of James), his proposed full-brother Thomas White, his proposed half-brother Samuel Mills, and the latter’s son David.<sup>68</sup> The **1830 Giles** census enumerates him next to Thomas White, with a female in the same age group, and a male and female aged 0–5. In 1836, with Thomas White and Samuel Mills, he attended the estate sale of Charles A. Dingess of Brush Creek, whose will left a bequest to a child Dingess apparently fathered by Elizabeth White (proposed daughter of Benjamin).<sup>69</sup> In **1840 Mercer** Co. (p. 11, line 20), he was enumerated adjacent to James White’s widow Mickey White and 13–14 houses from James’ proposed brothers Cornelius and William White. It is obvious that, even though county lines changed, these individuals remained in the same neighborhood across their adulthood.
8. **?WILLIAM WHITE**, b. about 1806, has been found only once in Giles County records. The 1827 tax roll cites a second William in the same cluster with the William White who married Editha in 1815, a man who had been in the Brush Creek neighborhood consistently since 1818. Given that all known information points to Editha’s husband William as a son of Benjamin, then a second William coming of age on Brush Creek by 1827 would have to be a son of John Sr. and Frankey. However, the fact that he appears only once on these rolls suggest the possibility of a copying error.
9. **ISAAC WHITE**, b. about 1807–10, has been found only once in Giles County records. In August 1827, he was one of 34 men receiving a title clearance for land obtained from the speculator James Hector; others included Benjamin, James, and Wesley White (apparent sons of Benjamin Sr.), Thomas White (his proposed brother), and David Mills (son of his proposed half-brother Samuel Mills).<sup>70</sup>

At least two other males appear to have been born to John Sr. and Frankey, given (a) the 1810 census data that credits them with seven young males; and (b) the number of underaged tithable males charged to John White Sr. in the 18-teens. No indication has been found for the identities of the two eldest of those tithables in the household of John Sr. and Frankey.

#### CHILDREN OF FRANCES “FRANKEY” MILLS:

- A. **RACHEL MILLS**, b. c1783–86.<sup>71</sup> On 7 September 1790, the Montgomery County Court ordered that she (“a daughter of Frankey Mills”) be bound out by John Preston, overseer of the poor.<sup>72</sup> On 3 August

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<sup>67</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 32. Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1827, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007490216 > image 513 of 821.

<sup>68</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 481–82; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

<sup>69</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110, 127, 130–32, 158, Charles A. Dingess will and estate proceedings.

<sup>70</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414.

<sup>71</sup> No record of Rachel’s birth has been found and later sources relating to her age are inconsistent. The age here is extrapolated from (a) the fact that, in Montgomery Co. in that era, poor children were typically taken from their mother at about three or four years of age; (b) the fact that Rachel was still under age in August 1803 when she had to have a guardian to consent to the marriage. The 1860 census cites her age as 76, implying a birth 1783–84. See 1860 U.S. census, Highland County, OH, population schedule, Lynchburg, Dodson Township. p. 118, dwelling 840, family 826 (John Bowen 44 b. OH, Jemima 40, William P. 18, Nancy 16, Joseph 11, Rachel 9, Mary 4, and Rachel Berryhill 76 b. VA.

<sup>72</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20. Also for Rachel: Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

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1803, she appeared before the county clerk to choose William Preston as her guardian,<sup>73</sup> a legality required because she was still a minor and, that day, **John Bowen** was requesting a license to marry her. After Preston was appointed her guardian and gave his consent, he then served as surety for the marriage bond.<sup>74</sup>

Before 1810 Rachel and John moved to Warren County, OH, where he died 8 February 1814, leaving children who are identified in Bible fragments<sup>75</sup> as **Hugh** (b. 19 March 1804), **Elizabeth** (b. 23 February 1806; possibly the Elizabeth who married **JAMES MONCE** 31 May 1828<sup>76</sup>), **James** (b. 18 January 1808; d. after witnessing Elizabeth’s marriage permission), **Nancy** (b. 20 December 1809; m. 31 July 1826, **JOHN BERRYHILL**, with permission of “William Berryhill, Stepfather of said Nancy”<sup>77</sup>), **William Harrison** (b. 28 July 1812), and **John** (b. 7 August 1814; m. JEMIMA SMITH 11 February 1840, Warren Co., OH;<sup>78</sup> d. \_\_ February 1874).

The widowed Rachel (Mills) Bowen then married **William Berryhill** by whom she is said to have borne **Rachael** (b. 2 December 1817?; d. 2 August 1837), **Ruanah** (born 24 January 181\_\_; d. 8 January 1824), **William** (b. 8 June 1820; possibly the William Berryhill who m. **ROSANNA COCHRAN**, 18 January 1844;<sup>79</sup> he or father d. 28 July 1842), **Joseph H (K?)** (b. 14 July 18\_\_), and **Mary** (b. 4 May \_\_; d. 28 August 1830). The William Berryhill household is enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Warren County, Ohio; the John Bowen household of 1810 and the Berryhill household in 1840 and 1850 have not been located. As Rachel Berryhill she is enumerated in the 1860 home of her son John Bowen, in Lynchburg, Highland County, OH, where he was a prosperous “distiller,” who had been enumerated there since 1850.<sup>80</sup>

- B. SAMUEL MILLS, born c1788, married **Rachel Prince**, daughter of John and Rachel Prince by bond dated 6 May 1787. The marriage bond and permission file includes the 23 April 1807 permission of Samuel’s parents, “**John & Franky White**,” who “both and each of us” gave permission for “our sun”

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<sup>73</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801–1803: 130.

<sup>74</sup> Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, LoV.

<sup>75</sup> *FamilySearch FamilyTree* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree> : accessed 28 December 2019), profile for “Rachel Mills (KLQH-YVS) and John Bowen Jr. (L61H-7QM). John’s profile includes images of two badly torn pages from the “John Bowen and Rachel Bowen Berryhill Family Bible” listing births of Rachel’s children by both marriages and the death of John Bowen. The details in this paragraph and the next, if not otherwise cited, are from this Bible record.

<sup>76</sup> Warren Co., OH, Miscellaneous “Loose” Marriage Permissions & Returns, permission from William Monce for his son James to marry Elizabeth Bowen, 31 May 1828; imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1803–1867,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18084-149228-58> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 519 of 1001. Also Warren Co., OH, Old Marriage Record 1: 340 (recorded marriage); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1942-22512-77488-57> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1854 > image 666 of 968; on same page is marriage of Mary “Sertin” [Sartin?] to Allen McLean.

<sup>77</sup> Warren Co. OH, Miscellaneous “Loose” Marriage Permissions & Returns; imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1803–1867,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18084-149533-64> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 462 of 1001. Also Warren Co., OH, Old Marriage Record 1: 281 (recorded marriage, R. Wilson JP); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-71405-10> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1854 > image 218 of 599.

<sup>78</sup> Warren Co., OH, “Old Marriage Record” No. 2, 1834–1854: 147 (recorded marriage; John Shawhan JP); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-70502-14?pid=2888371> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 409 of 599.

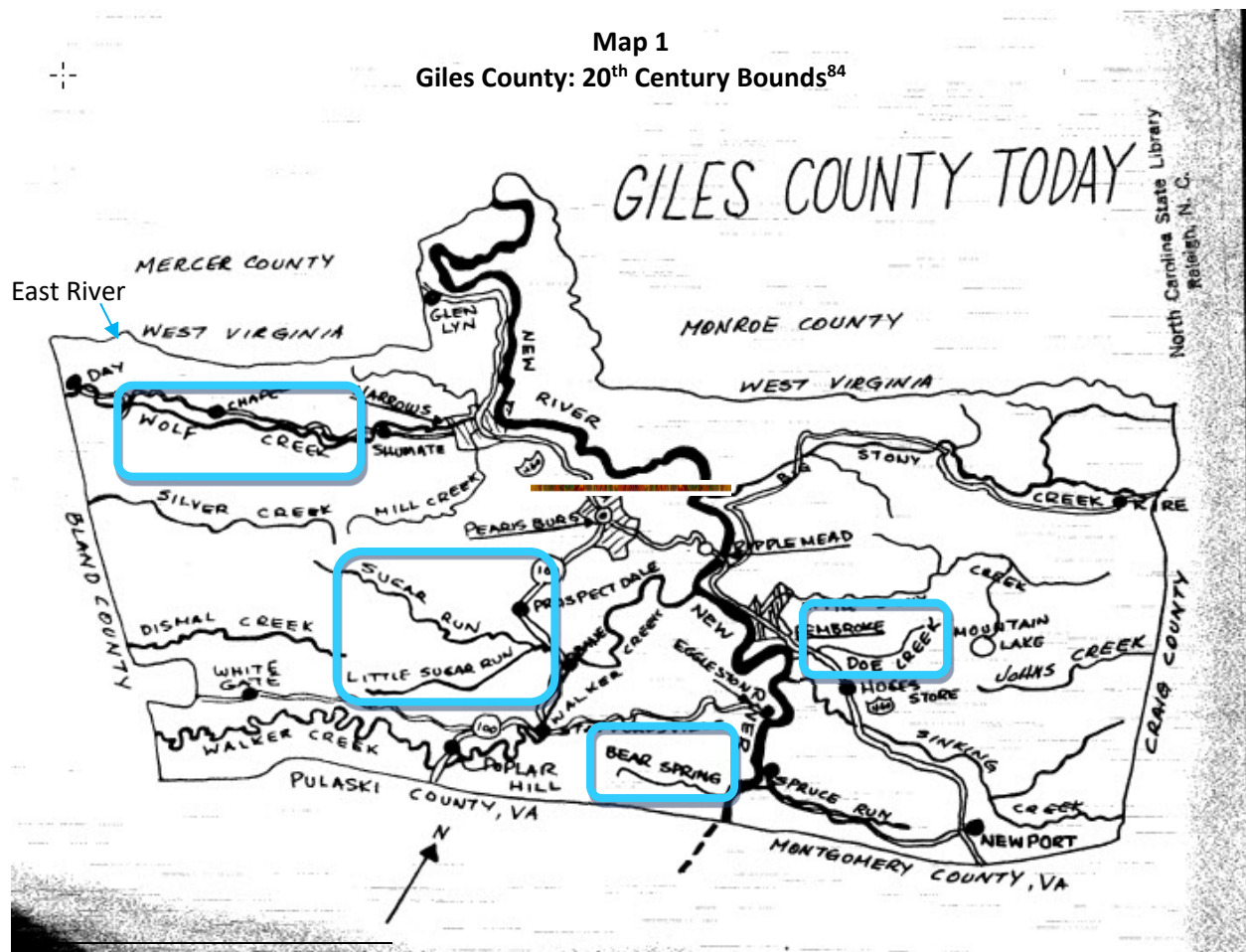
<sup>79</sup> Warren Co., OH, “Old Marriage Record” No. 2, 1834–1854: 147 (recorded marriage; F. G. Black, officiating); imaged as “Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18862-70052-51> : accessed 2 December 2020) > Warren > 1803–1910, image 455 of 599.

<sup>80</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Highland County, OH, population schedule, Lynchburg, Dodson Township. p. 118, dwelling 840, family 826 (John Bowen 44 b. OH, Jemima 40, William P. 18, Nancy 16, Joseph 11, Rachel 9, Mary 4, and Rachel Berryhill 76 b. VA. John Bowen’s naming of his oldest son as William P. further raises the question whether William Preston, who assumed guardianship of John’s mother to give permission for her marriage, might have been her father—i.e., John’s grandfather. Rachel has not been found on the 1850 census.

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to marry, the 29 April 1807 permission of Rachel’s parents, and the 6 May 1807 bond.<sup>81</sup> Arthur White (see Hannah, above) served as Samuel’s bondsman and a witness to the Prince permission. James White (see above) and Benjamin H. White (see above) witnessed the permission given by John and Frankey. Arthur White (see Hannah above) was a surety on the bond as well as a witness to the Prince permission. Rachel died after the 1830 census; and Samuel married (2) c20 September 1833, Giles, **Nancy Rinehart** (b. c1798; d. 13 October 1881, Mercer Co., WV).<sup>82</sup> Samuel died 17 February 1859 in Mercer (then Virginia).<sup>83</sup>

Prior researchers report no evidence identifying Samuel’s father. A Y-DNA test by one descendant matches him to male-line descendants of **Booker Mullins** of Franklin County and the **Atkins/Adkins** males of Montgomery and Giles Counties. This descendant has not published his DNA data; therefore, privacy requires that he not be identified. I am including this note as a clue for others to follow—and to encourage testing and verification by other Y-line descendants of Samuel Mills.



<sup>81</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>82</sup> Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston’s Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at “War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files,” database with images, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the marital information on Nancy and Samuel, see images 322481976 and 322481964.

<sup>83</sup> Nancy Mills, widow’s pension application file, image 322481913.

<sup>84</sup> Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List, 1806; and Giles County Land Tax List, 1806; Orodor Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: Privately Printed, 1980), unnumbered page.

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Map 2  
Giles County: 1806<sup>85</sup>

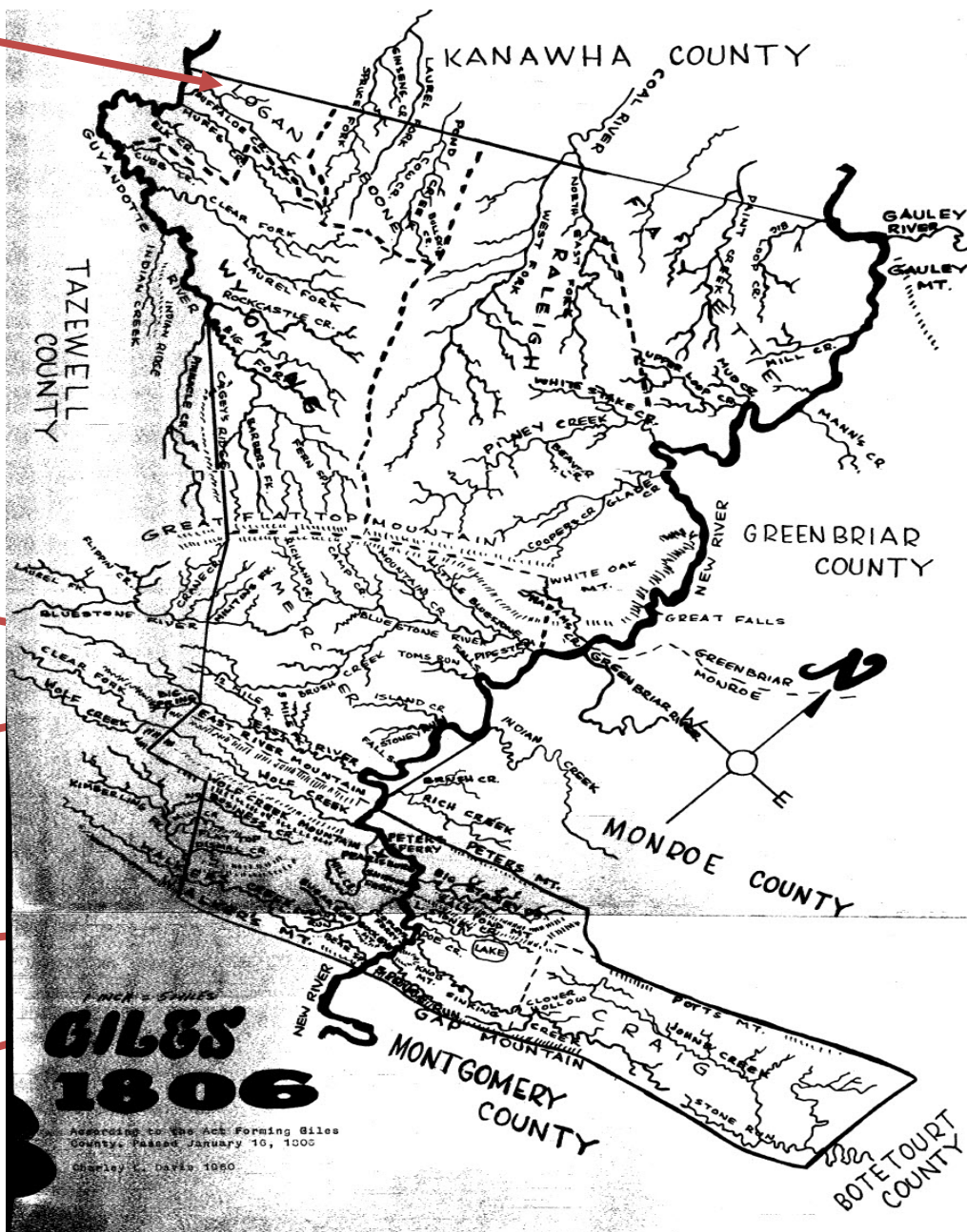
Later  
Logan County

Brush Creek

Big Spring

Walker Creek  
Sugar Run  
Bear Spring

Doe Creek  
Salt Pond Mtn.



<sup>85</sup> Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List, 1806; and Giles County Land Tax List, 1806; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: Privately Printed, 1980), unnumbered page before H-6. Annotations flag the key geographic regions mentioned in this set of research notes.

—RESEARCH NOTES—

***Technical Note:***

The tax notes that are included in this data summary adhere to two standard conventions:

- When a name is followed by a descriptor in *parentheses*, such as “White, John (Bear Spr)” those parentheses and its detail appear on the original roll, used by the tax commissioner to distinguish between same-name men.
- When a name is followed by a descriptor in *square editorial brackets*, such as “White, James [East River],” the notation within the brackets is locational or identifying detail *I have added*, based on prior entries for that cluster of names and land records reported in my previously cited Giles report.

**1780**

**MONTGOMERY (LATER GILES) COUNTY, VA**

Historical context

“**John Toney**, came in 1780, settled at the mouth of the East River and found the graves and the remains of a decayed log cabin. In that same year, **Benjamin White and John White** came from **Amherst County** and settled on **Sugar Run**, the waters of **Walker’s Creek**. John remained in that area his long life, and died in 1847 at 83 years of age. Benjamin moved to the area that became Logan County [Kanawha until 1809, Cabell until 1824] and died in 1848/9.”<sup>86</sup>

COMMENT:

The author does not cite his source(s) for the statements that Toney and the Whites came in 1780 and that the Whites came from Amherst. As detailed below, this brief blurb has serious problems.

- The author conflates three different John Whites, as well as the Benjamins associated with each of them. The John who died in 1847 was not the original John White who allegedly came in 1780 and he was not the John White whose land lay on Sugar Creek. We now have enough data to disambiguate the three Johns as follows:
  1. **John Sr., the subject of this paper**, was the family head who first appeared on the petition of 1787 as “John White Sr.,” signing with “John White Jr.,” “Beniman [Benjamin] White” and the Copleys who would become inlaws and associates. Tax rolls of Montgomery Co. do not include this trio again until 1792. John Sr. married **Frankey Mills** there in August, John Jr. married Nancy Copley in June 1793, and all were taxed on the 1793 roll. They would be taxed intermittently, in various combinations until 1797; and all were taxed most years thereafter. John Sr. and Benjamin would establish their families along **Wolf Creek** and **East River**.
  2. **John Jr.** (aka “John Jr.,” “John White H.,” “John White, hunter,” “John Hunter White,” “John H White,” and “Jack White”) was the John who died in 1847, as subsequently seen under 1847 below. His will named his wife Nancy—i.e., **Nancy Copley**, whom John married in

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<sup>86</sup> Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1806 and Giles County Land TAX List 1805; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: P.p., 1980), “History,” pp. H-2, H-3.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

January 1793, five months after John White “Sr.” married Frankey Mills with Thomas Copley Jr. as bondsman. As an adult, John first staked out land on **Doe Creek** (with Robert White and James White, his apparent brothers), then **Camping Hollow** (with the Copleys), before settling his family at **Bear Spring**.

3. **John ‘S’ White** was an early landowner along **Little Sugar Run of Walker’s Creek**. He and a second Benjamin (but not a John Jr.) signed the same 1787 petition signed by John Sr., John Jr., and “Beniman.” However, the Sugar Run man signed amid his Sugar Run/Walker’s Creek neighbors. He was taxed on the personal-property roll from 1787 through 1794, then once more in 1796. He dropped off the roll after his 1796 marriage to **Susannah Marcum**. He appears to be the same John White who surfaced on the first tax roll of Cabell County in 1809 with a Benjamin White who was not the Benjamin of Wolf Creek and East River. Modern Whites who claim descent from John White and Susannah Marcum place them in Cabell County—a county I have not yet studied in depth.
- **John Toney**, who was an associate of Benjamin White, first appears in Montgomery County records as a juryman in April 1790.<sup>87</sup> Over the next quarter century he developed an extensive enterprise in present Giles County—a plantation, mill, ferry, inn, and store—along New River between East River on the north and Wolf Creek on the South. Between 1804 and 1819 he bought land from, sued, owned land adjacent to, and co-witnessed documents with Benjamin White of Wolf Creek, East River, and Brush Creek—a man who, in 1807, adopted the middle initial “H.” Aside from Toney’s association with the Whites, he is of interest to this study because, on 15 April 1816 and again on 15 April 1817, he executed leases for two tracts of his land, with the witness to both documents being **William Mills of Franklin County** (b. c1783), a potential son of Frankey (Mills) White.
  - **Benjamin White**, who is said to have moved to Kanawha, does not appear on the 1792–1811 tax rolls of Kanawha County.
  - One **Samuel White** was taxed in Kanawha from 1793–1811 (possibly the Samuel found on earlier tax rolls of Fluvanna County). A **Joseph White** was also in Kanawha on the 1802 tax roll.
  - One **John White**, on 22 July 1788 received a patent to 500 acres on Cole River in Montgomery County, soon to be Kanawha, land obtained from one John Smith and previously surveyed on 1 August 1787.<sup>88</sup> This John White has not been identified, although the fact that John Toney’s ginseng camp was also on Cole River, and that John Toney also obtained his land there from John Smith,<sup>89</sup> suggests that the John White of Cole River *might* be the same John whose family were Toney associates in Giles.

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<sup>87</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 4, 1788–1790: 110–12.

<sup>88</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 17, 1788, p. 421; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image\\_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 5 October 2019).

<sup>89</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgibin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image\\_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgibin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 20 June 2019).

**1782 [1782–88?]**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

“The Enumerated Articles”<sup>90</sup> Personal tax items. An unalphabetized and undated list.

**John White** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 2 cattle [John of Sugar Run, m. Susanna Marcum 1796]

**William Marcum**

John French

John Runyan

Joseph Fletcher

William Muncy

[skip 5]

*Alexander Mairs*

Samuel Muncey

Skidmore Muncey

[skip 20]

*John Mairs*

John *Cloyd*

[Prominent settler of Walker’s Creek and Back Creek]

George Lowman

John Williamson

Ninian *Cloyd*

[skip 7]

Hugh *Mairs*

Mathias Crumb

Joseph *Cloyd*

[Prominent settler of Walkers Cr.; neighbor of John ‘S’ White of Little Sugar Run]

James Patton

**COMMENT:**

- The White-Marcum-Muncey-Cloyd-Marr (Mairs) and Patton neighborhood is the Walker Creek/Sugar Run neighborhood in which John ‘S’ White married Susannah Marcum in 1796.
- This Montgomery County tax list also included a William White and a James White who were a hundred or more miles from the two John Whites who signed the 1787 petition. No connection has been found between the Whites of Sugar Run and East River and those other two Whites.<sup>91</sup>

**1782–84**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Tax roll

None were kept. See 1788 court order extract, below.

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<sup>90</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, 1782 Land & Personal Tax Roll; Personal tax rolls microfilm 241, Library of Virginia, Richmond. The Library of Virginia has suggested a 1782 date; for the possibility that it represents a 1785 composite, see the court order under 4 April 1788, below. NOTE:

- All Montgomery and Giles land-tax records presented in this paper are from this Virginia Land Tax microfilm series at the Library of Virginia; available onsite.
- All Montgomery and Giles personal-tax records, unless otherwise stated, are from the images posted at *Binn’s Genealogy* (<https://www.binnsgenealogy.com/MembersOnlyArea> : 10 May 2018); accessible by subscription.

Both sets of records are arranged by county, then year, then by first letter of surname, for easy location of individual entries. However, I have read every page of every roll for the years cited, to ferret out relevant data in sections other than ‘W’

<sup>91</sup> For more on James and William White of Montgomery, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia, Preliminary Survey,” report to file 28 August 2018 (updated 24 June 2019); archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

1787

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Personal Tax Roll: Binn’s List A, District of Bird Smith

<b>While [White], John</b>	0 males 16–21	19 Apr
	0 blacks above 16	
	0 blacks under 16	
	2 horses & mares	
	2 head cattle	

COMMENT:

This John White of 1787 is clearly the landholding John ‘S’ White whose land grant and deeds state that the land adjoined Thomas Shannon, John Hammon, and the Farleys. All others who turned in their list on the same day, as the commissioner made his rounds of the county, were:

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| • William Buyers                           | • Patrick McIlyea       |
| • Thomas Sr., Henry, William <b>Farley</b> | • Moredock McKenzie     |
| • James Heaven “Wal’ Crk”                  | • Abraham Morgan        |
| • <b>John Hammon</b>                       | • Francis Munsey        |
| • William Laws                             | • Ralph Stafford        |
| • Henry Luster                             | • <b>Thomas Shannon</b> |
| [see next column]                          | • <b>John White</b>     |

By November of this year, there would be two John Whites in the county, each of whom signed a county petition amid a family cluster. See below.

ADDENDUM:

“A list of persons charged with tax in Montgomery County for the year 1787 **who have removed** before same could be collected. Bird Smith, Commr.: ...

**Abram Glymph** [removed to] ?  
**Thomas Mills** [removed to] **N.C.**”<sup>92</sup>

COMMENT:

Re “Thomas Mills”: This is the only reference I’ve found to this man in Montgomery County while reading the tax rolls and courthouse records page by page. He appears to be the Thomas Mills of the then-adjacent Stokes County, NC, an associate (and possible son-in-law) of the Huffs of Stokes and Montgomery County, VA.

**6 NOVEMBER 1787**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Petition to legislature

Petition of inhabitants asking that the upper parts of Botetourt, Washington, & Russell Counties be annexed to Montgomery.

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<sup>92</sup> Also see Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 78, for her tax-roll annotations.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

{image 3, col. 1} ... Wm. Robeson, Jh? Copley Junr., John Copley, John Homens, **Thos. Copley Senr.**, **Thomas Copley Junr.**, Henry Walker, **John White Senr.**, **John White, Junr.**, **Beniman Whit[e]**, Moleston Peregán, Matthew French ... [Copley Ford area]

{image 3, col. 3} [skip 16] Henry Bingaman Junr., Adam Bingaman, Peter Clyne, John Bingaman, John Pleek, **Richard Whitt**, Isaac M. McKenzie, Peter Blankenship, David McCormis Junr., **Joel Sarton**, **Abijah Whitte**, William Chapman, Matthew French. [Settlers East of New River, roughly from Meadow Creek of Little River (Richard Whitt) up to Stoney Creek (Joel Sarton)].

{image 4, col. 1} Patten Thompson, John Cloyd, John **Mairs**, Robert Lester, James Britt, Danl. Britt, William Dry, Joseph Williamson, Henry Brown, Isaac Petty, Peter Rife, Thomas Farley Senr., Henry Farley, Thomas Farley Junr., Farris Farley, William Farley, **Milliton Adkins**, James Montgomery, James Montgomery Senr?, Andrew Steel, John Patton, **Benjn White**, John Davis, John Kane?, Joseph Long, **John White**, Uriah Poller.<sup>93</sup>

COMMENT:

- Aside from the first page of the petition, none of the signatures appear to be original. All subsequent pages represent a neat transcription apparently made for legislative purposes.
- Milliton Adkins was bondsman for the November 1788 marriage bond of John Abram Glymph and “widow” Frankey Mills.
- Note that the **John Sr., John Jr., and “Benamin” White cluster on image 3 signed amid Copleys**. Given that Thomas Copley Jr. would be surety for the marriage bond of John White Sr. to Frankey Mills and that John Jr. subsequently married the daughter of Thomas Copley Sr., these three signatures should represent the men who would become Copley in-laws.
- The John White who signed with the Farleys would logically be the Farley neighbor on Sugar Run: herein called John ‘S’ White.

**19 JANUARY 1788**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Community context.

“**Abram Glimps**—100 acres on **Doe Creek** joining John Young and Michael Madden.”<sup>94</sup>

COMMENT:

- Doe Creek, the site of Franky’s first suitor (“Glimps” and “Glymph”), lay across New River from Walker Creek. It flowed just south of Little Stony Creek, the location of Elijah Sartain/Certain who in 1791 married **Sarah Mills** in Montgomery Co.<sup>95</sup> Both the White-Mills marriage and the Sartain-Mills marriage were performed by the Rev. Alexander Ross of Walker Creek Baptist Church.
- The James White who was cited as “James White H” on the 1817 tax list (proposed son of John Sr.) witnessed the marriage bond of Frankey’s son **Samuel Mills** about the time he (James) settled at Doe Creek.

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<sup>93</sup> “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248562; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 20.

<sup>94</sup> Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 47, n. 103. **Snidows** also owned land on Doe Creek.

<sup>95</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered pages, documents in rough chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond. Also Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; LoV Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- "John Abram Glimp" was in 1785 a resident of Fluvanna County, where he and one William Priddy were sued in the October term by Anthony Haden, Executor of the will of Joseph Hopkins, decd.<sup>96</sup> By August 1786 Glimp had left Fluvanna and the case was continued against Priddy alone.<sup>97</sup>
- The Napiers of Montgomery Co., from whom John 'S' White bought his Sugar Run property, were also rooted in Fluvanna, Amherst, and Albemarle. In Fluvanna, they were associates of Thomas Tilman Sr., whose daughter Lucy Tilman married **Jesse Mills** of Albemarle > Amherst in 1766. One of Jesse and Lucy's daughters was the **Sarah Mills** who arrived in Montgomery as a single mother about the same time as Frankey Mills.<sup>98</sup>

**4 APRIL 1788**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"It appearing to the Court that there was no list of Tithables delivered to the Sheriff for the year 1782, 83, & 84 as the law directs so the Levies were collected from some while others were clear, whereby an Executive County Levee was found necessary to discharge the existing Claims against the County for the year 1787 which were running on Interest. It is therefore ordered that the Clerk shall make of an account Specifying the amount off the Claims against the County for the several years before mentioned & the returns of the money Collected by the Sheriff & that the Capt. of each Company should make up a List of the receipts given by the sheriffs for the Different years & present the Same to the July Court when a further order may be made."<sup>99</sup>

COMMENT:

This court order seems to say that the list attributed to "1782" Montgomery County by the state archives may be a partial, composite list covering several years.

**22 JULY 1788**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land grant

"Edmund Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all To whom these presents Shall come Greeting[:] Know ye that by Virtue and in Consideration of part of a Land Office treasury Warrant" No. 17027 issued 12 June 1783 "There is granted by the Said Commonwealth unto **John White** assignee of **John Smith** a Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing" 500 acres by survey dated **1 August 1787** "lying and being in the County of Montgomery On **Cole River** and bounded as followeth, To wit:"

Beginning at a Cucumber and White Oak one mile below the fork at the foot of a hill about 20 poles above the third fording of Said River below the forks and running thence S 40° W 100 poles to two black oaks thence S 7° E 380 poles to a hickory orner to said **Smiths** Survey No. 20 and with a line of the same N 40° E 320 poles to a popar and leaving said line N 42° W 290 poles to the Beginning

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<sup>96</sup> Fluvanna Co., VA, Order Book 1783–1791: 205.

<sup>97</sup> Fluvanna Co., VA, Order Book 1783–1791: 318.

<sup>98</sup> See E. S. Mills, "Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft 1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse, Lucy Tilman: Research Notes," a work in progress last updated 22 January 2020; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

<sup>99</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 1, 1773–1788: 316.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

"With its Appurtenances to have and to hold the Said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said John White and his Heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Edmund Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto Set my hand and Caused the lesser Seal of the Said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on" 22 July 1788 "and of the Commonwealth the Thirteenth [year]."<sup>100</sup>

COMMENT:

- Cole River (now Coal River) is a tributary of the Kanawa River, now flowing northward through western Kanawha Co.
- Big Cole/Coal River rises in Raleigh Co. from Clear Fork and Marsh Fork near Whiteville.
- Little Cole/Coal rises from Spruce Fork in present Logan Co. and Pond Fork in present Boone.
- While maps seem ambiguous for this period, it appears that Little Cole might have later fallen into extreme eastern Cabell near the point at which it was contiguous to Giles.<sup>101</sup> *Additional maps need to be sought on my next trip to Library of Virginia.*

Both Big and Little Cole River lay in Montgomery prior to 1789 when Kanawha was created.

**John Toney**, a long-time associate of the John-Benjamin White cluster of East River, also received a grant on Cole River, as **assignee of Smith**, Treasury Warrant no. 18750 issued 14 August **1783**, being 344 acres **surveyed 7 March 1787**.<sup>102</sup>

**1788**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Binns' Tax List A; Schreiner-Yantis' List C

Begun in Spring 1788; certified 22 February 1789

"A" section

Person charged: <b>Atkins, Milleton</b>	0 taxable property	20 March
Persons over 21: Atkins, Milleton	6 horses &c	

"G" section

Person charged: <b>Glymph, John (A.)</b>	0 taxable property	13 March
Persons over 21: Glymph, John A.		

COMMENT:

This John (Abram) Glymph is the man who took out a bond in November of this year, to marry Frankey Mills, with Milleton Atkins as bondsman.

"W" section

Person charged: <b>White, Benj<sup>n</sup></b>	1 white male 16–21	19 March
Persons over 21:	0 blacks above 12, 1 horse, etc.	

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<sup>100</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 17, 1788, p. 421; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image\\_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO2/083/083&image_number=0439&offset=%2B18&name=Grants+No.17+++1788&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 5 October 2019).

<sup>101</sup> "Coal River (West Virginia)," *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal\\_River\\_\(West\\_Virginia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_River_(West_Virginia))) : 5 October 2019).

<sup>102</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image\\_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++17931799&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 20 June 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Person charged: **White, John** 1 white male 16–21 21 March  
Persons over 21: White, John 0 blacks above 12, 1 horse, etc.

COMMENT:

- The John White of this entry is John ‘S’ White of Sugar Run. The reconstructed list of all entries turned in for 21 March 1789 included his 1788 neighbors.<sup>103</sup>
- The **Benjamin White** taxed on this list *appears* to be in the Wolf Creek to East River neighborhood two days removed from John White of Sugar Run. The following identifies all others who submitted their lists the same day as Benjamin:

**All entries for 19 March: East River to Wolf River:**

[John Toney & Wm. Toney of East River are 18 March]

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| ○ Joseph Baker                          | • John Miller   |
| ○ Isam Blankenship                      | • John Peters   |
| ○ Mitchell Clay                         | • William Rice  |
| ○ Charles Hayes                         | • Ralph Stuart  |
| ○ Henry Luster                          | • Jacob Stokely |
| ○ Isaac McKenzie (Consta <sup>e</sup> ) | • Andrew Wilson |
- [see next column] • **Benjamin White**
- The dates and proved locations of the taxpayers suggest that on 17 March, the commissioner visited the Sugar Run area. The following day he was in the area of John Toney at the juncture of East River and Wolf Creek with New River. On 19 March he moved westward to pick up Benjamin White’s community.

**9 NOVEMBER 1788**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Marriage Bond

“Know all men by these presents that we **John A Glimph & Milliton Atkins** are held & firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor for the time being & his Successors in the just & full sum of £50 Current Money to the which pay<sup>t</sup> well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs &c Jointly & Severally & firmly by these presents as witness to our hands & seals this 9<sup>th</sup> day Nov<sup>r</sup> 1788. The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John A Glimph hath this day obtained license for his marriage with **Fawney [Farney?] Mills**, a widow of this County. Now if there should be no loegal cause to obstruct the s<sup>d</sup> marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force. [Signed] Militon Atkins for John [his mark] a Glimph, Milliton Atkins. Test: Abram Trigg.”<sup>104</sup>

COMMENT:

A published version of Montgomery County marriages renders the names differently: “Glimp, John A., and **Frankey Mills, widow**. Milliton Akers, surety—Nov. 9, 1788.”<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>103</sup> For all neighborhood lists, year by year, see the previously cited E. S. Mills, “Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807,” report to file, 15 Feb. 2020; archived online at *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>104</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

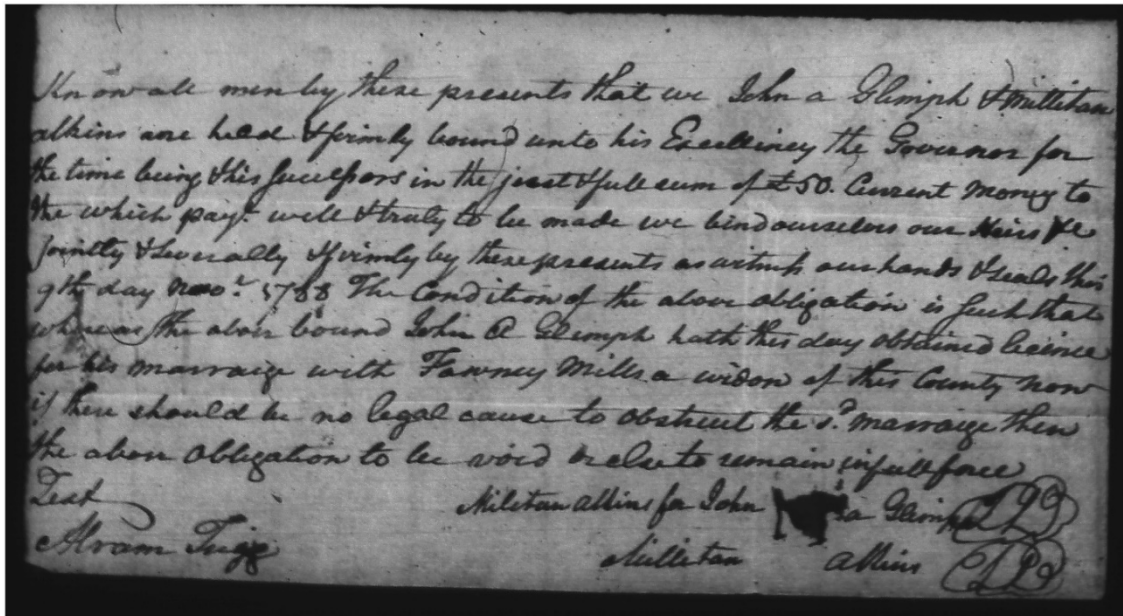
<sup>105</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 18.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

This published volume has no index. It arranges marriages by the surname of the groom and probate data by the name of the deceased. I have read every entry throughout the volume in search of relevant names that are embedded and unindexed.

The actual marriage bond (see below) identifies the surety as Milliton *Atkins*, rather than Akers. Atkins was a key figure of the Walker Creek Baptist Church. **Frankey ("Fawney" in the bond) Mills did not marry Glimp.** He removed to Newberry District, SC, and wed a different wife by whom he left many offspring.

Meanwhile, an 1807 marriage bond in Giles County, VA, for **Samuel Mills** to marry Rachel Prince, includes the permission of two sets of parents: "John & Franky White" and "John & Rachel Prince." Because Samuel was underage, his birth occurred no earlier than 1787.<sup>106</sup> The 1850 census and the age he gave for himself, when he applied for bounty land in 1853 as a War of 1812 militiaman, place his birth at 1788.<sup>107</sup>



Know all men by these presents that we John A Glimp & Milliton Atkins are held & firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor for the time being & his successors in the just & full sum of £50. Current Money to the which said well & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs & jointly & severally & firmly by these presents as witness our hands & seals this 9th day Nov<sup>r</sup> 1788 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whenever the above bound John A Glimp hath this day obtained licence for his marriage with Fawney Mills a widow of this County now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct the s<sup>d</sup> marriage then the above obligation to be void & else to remain in full force  
Test  
Aaron Tapp  
Milliton Atkins for John A Glimp  
Milliton Atkins

1789

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

Begun in Spring 1789; completed spring 1790

Binns Tax District A; Schreiner-Yantis Tax District C<sup>108</sup>

<sup>106</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 23. Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged on Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia (LoV), Richmond.

<sup>107</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer Co., VA, population schedule, p. 182 (stamped), verso, dwelling/family 464/464. A copy of his 1855 bounty-land application affidavit appears in the War of 1812 pension application file of his widow; see Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

<sup>108</sup> Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 28.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Person charged: <b>Glimp, John A.</b>	0 white males 16–21	19 May 1789
Persons over 21: Glimp, John A.	0 taxable property	
Person charged: <b>White, John</b> [Sugar Run]	2 white male 16–21	4 Mar 1790
Persons over 21: White, John	0 taxable property	

COMMENT:

- This would be the John 'S' White whose Little Sugar Run land was patented to him in 1790.
- The two young tithes in John's household would appear to be the "John Jr." and "Benjamin" who were taxed with him in 1791. The fact that "Benj" White signed the 1787 Montgomery County petition with him, but John Jr. didn't, suggests that Benjamin was the oldest. Note that the 1788 list charged John of Sugar Run with one male 16–21, while another male (ostensibly John Jr.) reached 16 before this 1789 list was compiled.
- The Whitts (Rev. Richard, son Archibald, and nephew Jesse) are also in this district.

***All entries dated 19 August 1789 (Glimp neighborhood on Doe Creek)***

- Samuel Hellow
- Thomas Hubberd
- **Booker Mullins**
- Richard Stegall
- Randal Smith

***All entries dated 4 March 1790 (John 'S' White neighborhood on Sugar Run & Walker Creek)***

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Ralph Bogle [3 March]             | • John Kirk                        |
| • <b>Low Brown</b> , William Brown  | • James, Robert, and John Kerr     |
| • John Crow                         | • Abram Morgan                     |
| • <b>Joseph Cloyd</b>               | • Skidmore & John Muncey [5 March] |
| • John Davis (W C) [Walker Creek]   | • Alexander Orr                    |
| • <b>John Hammons</b>               | • Samuel Scott                     |
| • John Hue [Hughes]                 | • Richard & William Wilburn        |
| <i>Continued in column at right</i> | • <b>John White</b>                |

Regarding **Booker Mullins**, a close neighbor of Glimp who had taken out the bond to marry Franky Mills in November 1788: In 1806, when William Mills (of the Whitt-Witt Y) first emerged as an adult on the 1806 tax roll of then-adjacent Franklin County, he was not inserted at the end of the roll, as commonplace for new additions. Instead, he was sandwiched between Samuel McCarroll (who also owned inherited land in Montgomery) and **Booker Mullins**.

John White Sr., who married Frankey in 1792, is not on this roll.

**1790**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Same tax categories as 1789

Begun in Spring 1790

Binns District A; Schreiner-Yantis, District C

Person charged: <b>White, John</b>	0 white males 16–21	7 March
Persons over 21: <b>White, John</b>	0 taxable property	

COMMENT:

- Again, all taxpayers who submitted 7 March 1790 were neighbors of Sugar Run’s John White.
- Glymph is not in any tax district. He has left for Newberry District, SC.

**7 SEPTEMBER 1790**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Court order

“Ordered that John Preston be appointed to bind out according to Law two poor children (to wit) David Lucus son of Prude Lucas and **a daughter of Frankey Mills’s** and make return thereof.”<sup>109</sup>

COMMENT:

I have found nothing further on Prude Lucas. The Lucas family clustered around Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain where John White Jr. and Robert White appeared in the mid-1790s and where James White would settle thereafter.

Regarding the identity of this unnamed daughter of Frankey, three female candidates have been found in Montgomery and Giles:

**Sarah Mills**

Sarah married on 7 April 1791, without permission from a parent, guardian, or master—implying that she was already of full age (i.e., 21).<sup>110</sup> If so, then she would have been nearly 21 at the time that the court ordered the binding out of Frankey’s “poor child.” At 20, if Sarah were incapable of supporting herself, she would have been bound out as a poor woman under her own name, not as a nameless “child” of Frankey.

**Elizabeth Mills.**

Elizabeth Mills married Archibald Chapman on 26 March 1811, at which time Sarah Mills’s husband Elijah Sartain gave permission.<sup>111</sup> Given that Elizabeth was under 21, her birth occurred after 26 March 1790. However,

- Frankey was not presented to the court for bearing a baseborn child that needed to be bound out.<sup>112</sup> Her “daughter” is presented as a “poor child.” The implication is that she was not a newborn.
- A comparison of the handling of this “poor child” against the 1785–88 handling of “Jane Busby’s bastard child” also suggests that Frankey’s daughter in 1790 was past the age to need a wet nurse.

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<sup>109</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20.

<sup>110</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond. See also the marriage return recorded in Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785–1803.”

<sup>111</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 158.

<sup>112</sup> As a corollary, see the 2 November 1790 grand jury presentments of Sarah Crockett and Catharine Lower, each for bearing a “baseborn” child. Both were sentenced to pay 20 shillings to the overseer of the poor, plus costs of court. Oother cases in this November 1790 term, charge women with adultery and fornication (Mary Caudry, Sarah Bell, Elizabeth Barnett, Judith Walker) but there has not been a charge for Frankey Mills in the wake of the birth of her son Samuel c1788. **This implies that she moved into the county after Samuel’s birth, under that guise of “widowhood” cited in the Glymph-Mills marriage bond.** For the charges against the other women, see Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 53–57.

As another corollary, on 2 October 1792 the court “Ordered that the Overseers of the poor bind out According to Law **Sally** a bastard Child of **Catharine Lower** aged Eight Years until she arrives to the age of Eighteen years unto Jacob Shell Senr.” (6: 88).

### **Rachel Mills**

On 3 August 1803, in Montgomery County, John Bowen posted a bond to marry Rachel Mills. She was under underaged. On the day of the bond, the prominent William Preston (brother of John Preston who was ordered to bind out Frankey’s child) had himself declared the guardian of “Rachel Mills, orphan of Francis Mills,” gave permission for her to marry, and co-signed the bond. No association has been found between Prestons and John Bowen either before or after this bond. Extensive study of Millses in all surrounding counties—including Botetourt where the Prestons were also rooted—has not yielded evidence that Frankey belonged to any of those Millses.

Preston’s role in Rachel’s 1803 marriage suggests that she was a young woman bound to him or his family, who had no parents to give permission for her to marry—a circumstance fitting those known for Frankey Mills. As comparable examples, see the situations of two apparent sisters of the Sarah Mills discussed above:

- Elizabeth Mills, who married William Burton in Bedford Co. in 1786, used for “permission” an affidavit by the prominent George Lambert who said the young woman had asked him to write it for her to attest that she was of age.
- Susannah Mills who married in Amherst in 1795, used an attestation of age by John Lancaster who swore that Susannah was a daughter of Jesse Mills who had lived in his household for some years.<sup>113</sup>

Subsequent court orders presented in this report demonstrate that children were bound out until they came of age. If the Rachel Mills who married in 1803 was the bound-out daughter of Frankey, then it is likely that she had turned eighteen—i.e., born c1785. This fits the birth pattern for the two (and possibly three) Mills-surnamed children Frankey bore:

- William Mills (with a Whitt/Witt Y), born c1783; a hypothetical son;
- Rachel Mills, born c1785; and
- Samuel Mills (with an Adkins/Booker Mullins Y), born c1787; a proved son.

This analysis and conclusion—insofar as Rachel is concerned—is supported by the court order of 3 August 1803 (see that date below) which notes that “Rachel Mills, orphan of Francis Mills,” came into court and chose William Preston as her guardian.

Also consider:

- This court order referencing Frankey’s daughter as a “poor child” rather than a “bastard” is consistent with her presenting herself as a widow at the time of the November 1788 marriage bond with John Abram Glymph.
- The fact that no Mills males has been found in the county who might be Frankey’s deceased husband suggests that she arrived in the county with young children, rather than having borne those children in Montgomery County itself where her pregnancy and lack of husband would have been observed and reported to the overseers of the poor.
- Unlike some of the other binding-out cases presented in the contemporary court orders extracted into this report, there was no subsequent order by which the court authorized binding out this daughter to any specific person. (Caveat: court minutes seem to be missing from June 1791 until June 1792.)

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<sup>113</sup> See Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740—*aft*1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 15 July 2019.

**John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**BEFORE 10 NOVEMBER 1790  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA [LATER GILES]**

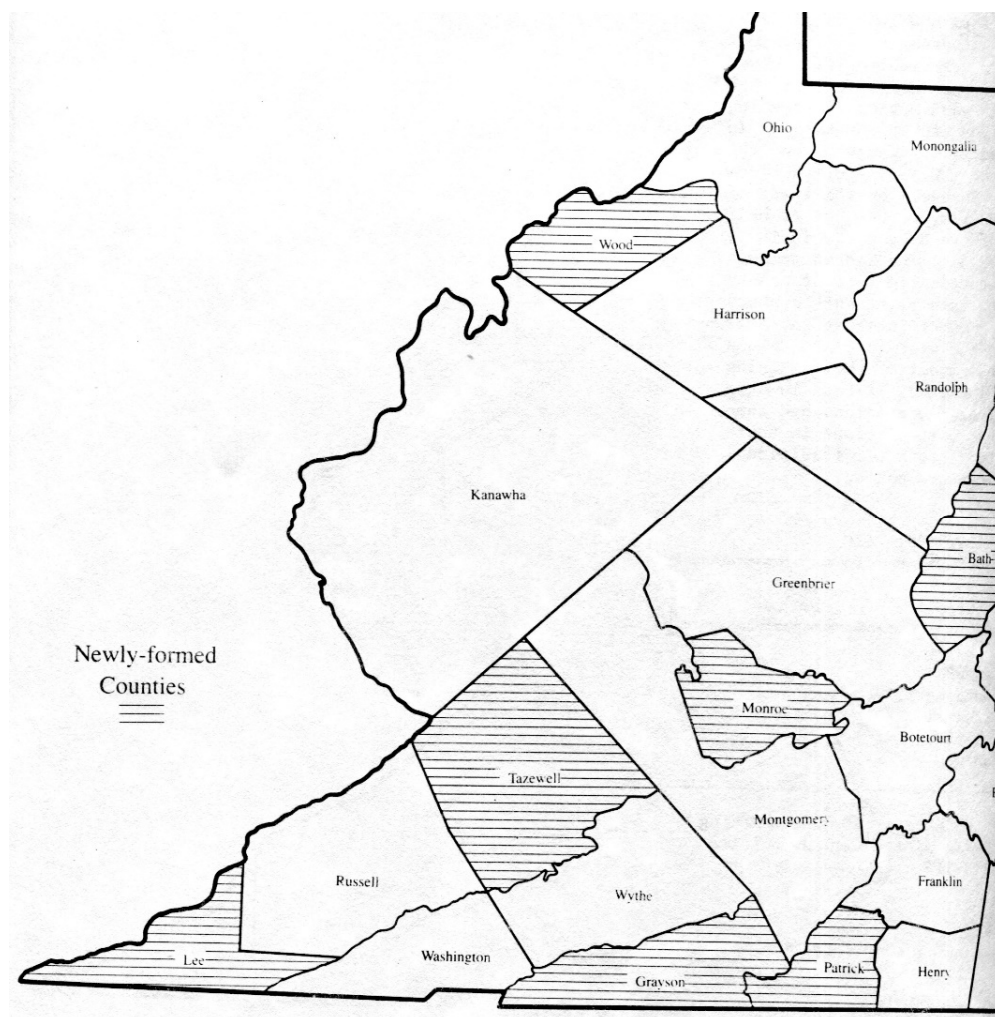
Disambiguation

**John White** had Walker Creek/ Little Sugar Run land surveyed *prior to* this date. A 10 November 1790 survey for Gordon Cloyd, for 540 acres “on the **North side of Walkers Creek** on the head of **Little Sugar Run**, [beginning] at a Chesnut and black oak Corner to **John White’s Survey**” was also said to adjoin the land of **Thomas Farler Senior**.<sup>114</sup>

COMMENT:

This is John ‘S’ White whose land adjoined the Napiers from Albemarle and Fluvanna Counties.

**Map 3  
Western Virginia Counties, 1791–1800<sup>115</sup>**



<sup>114</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 32, 1794–1795, pp. 328–29; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image\\_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl_pgs=no&round=): accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>115</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

**20 SEPTEMBER 1791**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

A survey of this date for Thomas Shannon, assignee of Henry Farley, for 60 acres on **Little Sugar Run, waters of Walkers Creek, Waters of New River** cited adjacent neighbors as **Joseph Cloyd and John White.**” Shannon’s survey twice mentions landmarks on John White’s property:

Beginning at a white oak Corner to **John Whites land, now the head of a spring**, N 49° E 6 poles to a white oak and poplar, S 20° E 24 poles to a white oak in a hollow, S 41° E 34 poles to two white oaks, S 20° W 80 Poles to a Chesnut and Black oak, S 62° W 50 Poles to a white oak on the SE side of a hill, N 78° W 36 Poles to a Black oak, N 17° E 72 Poles to a Chesnut on a ridge, N 10° E 20 Poles to a Black oak and Chesnut oak on the N side of a hill, N 30° E 54 Poles to a Black oak Corner to **Joseph Cloyd’s land** and with a line thereof N 18° W 14 Poles to two white oak saplings on said line, N 25° E 14 Poles to two white saplings on **Whites** line, S 38° W 30 Poles to the Beginning.”<sup>116</sup>

COMMENT:

Again, this is John ‘S’ White, not John White Sr.

**1791**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Binn’s List A

Begun in Spring 1791; certified 20 January 1792

Person charged:	<b>Markham, John</b>	5 horses	29 December
Persons over 21:	Markham, John		
Person charged:	<b>Toney, John</b>	5 horses	27 December
Persons over 21:	Toney, John		
Person charged:	<b>Toney, William</b>	5 horses	27 December
Persons over 21:	Toney, William	8 horses	
Person charged:	<b>White, John Senr.</b>	1 horse	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, John Senr.		
Person charged:	<b>White, John Junr.</b>	0 property	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, John Junr.		
Person charged:	<b>White, Benjamin</b>	0 property	29 December
Persons over 21:	White, Benjamin		

COMMENT:

Several factors argue that this is the John White family of Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek, from which “John White, his S mark” married the daughter of John Marcum (Markham) in 1796—**not**

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<sup>116</sup> Virginia Land Office Grants, vol. 44, 1799–1800: 278–79; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008476650205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008476650205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en)): accessed 20 June 2019.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

than the John White who married Frankey Mills as “John White Sr.” In brief:

- The Benjamin White who submitted his lists on the same day as John “Senr.” and “Junr.” would not be the Benjamin coupled in subsequent records with Frankey’s John Sr. and his apparent son John Jr. That Benjamin, who married Ann Goodwin in Albemarle in 1787, is **taxed in Albemarle in the Goodwin neighborhood of Albemarle in 1790, 1791, and 1792.**
- On the entries above, the dates place this “John Senr., John Junr., and Benjamin” cluster two days from the neighborhood of John and William Toney, the Wolf Creek/East River associates of the John Sr./Benjamin White family into which Frankey Mills married.
- The individuals whose tax lists were collected the same day as the three Whites of 1791 were residents of the Walker Creek/ Little Sugar Run community:
- Thomas Copley, whose son would serve as bondsman for the marriage of Frankey Mills to “John White Sr.” in August 1792 (and whose daughter Nancy would marry John White Jr. in January 1793) turned in his list on 23 December.

**19 AUGUST 1792**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

“Know all men by these presents that we **John White Senr.** And Thomas Copeley **Junr.** are held and firmly bound unto his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty pounds current money to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our Heirs executors & admors jointly & Severally & formily by these presents are witness our hands & Seals this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Augt. 1792. The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John White Senr. Hath this day obtained License for his marriage with **Frances Mills** of full age of this County now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct the the [sic] said marriage then the above obligation to be void. [Signed:] John White, Thomas Copley.”<sup>117</sup>

COMMENT:

As seen on the image below, the John White signature does not carry a mark—i.e., the distinguishing characteristic of John White of (a) the 1793 sales of land on Little Sugar Run; and (b) the 1796 bond to marry Susanna Marcum. The signature on this 1792 bond does not appear to be penned by either Copley or the scribe.

Worrell’s abstracted marriages for Montgomery errs significantly in reporting this marriage. White is said by her to be John “Jr.” and Copley is not identified as Thomas **Jr.**<sup>118</sup>

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<sup>117</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered page documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>118</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Know all men by these presents that, we John White Junr  
and Thomas Copley Junr. are held and firmly bound unto  
his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being  
and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty  
pounds current money to the which payment will  
and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs  
executors & assigns jointly & severally & firmly by these  
presents as witness our hands & seals this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
Aug: 1792. The Condition of the above obligation  
is such that whereas the above bound John White  
hath this day obtained license for his marriage with  
Frances Mills of full age of this County now if  
there should be no legal cause to obstruct the  
the said marriage then the above obligation to the  
said

John White  
Thomas Copley

1792-93  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA  
Marriage  
[consecutive entries; no month or year]

1793:

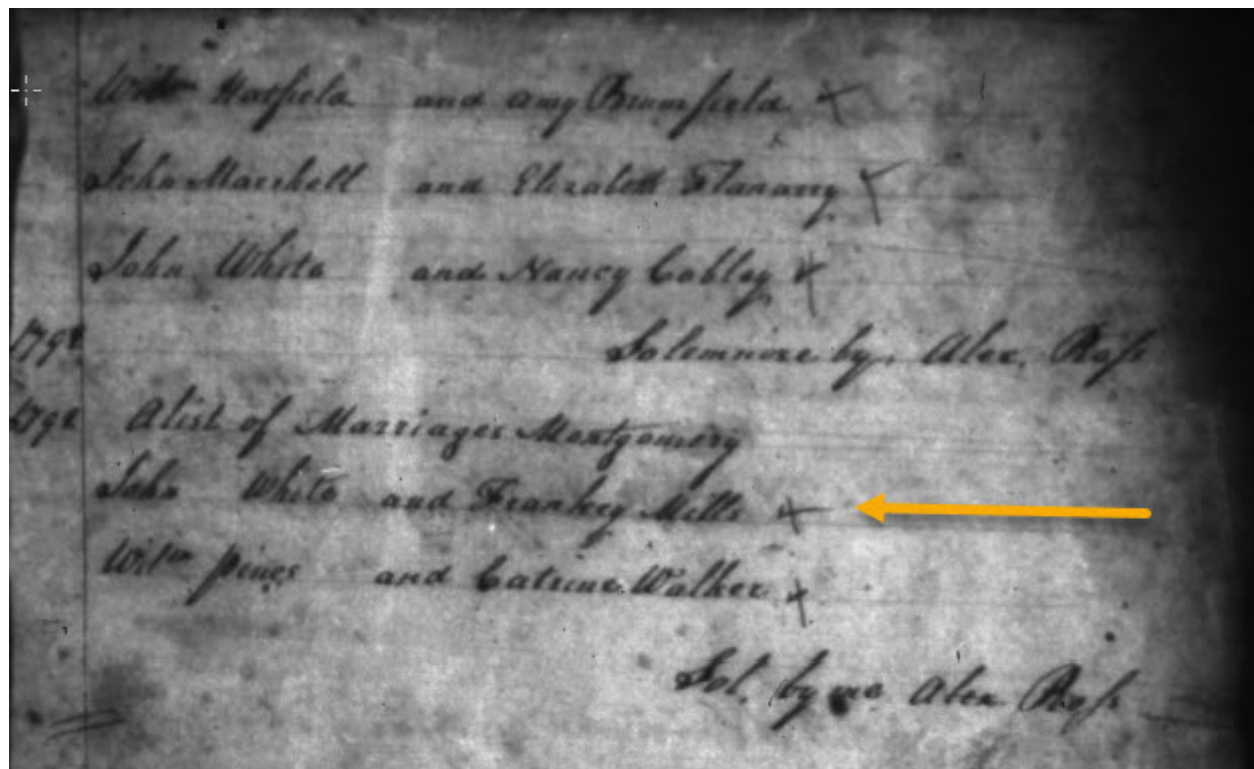
"A List of Marriages, Montgomery ... **John White** and Nancy Cobly [Copley]. Solemnized by Alex. Ross.

1792:

"A list of Marriages, Montgomery: **John White** and **Frankey Mills** ... Sol. by me Alex Ross.<sup>119</sup>

<sup>119</sup> Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."

John White Sr.  
 Wife 1: Unidentified  
 Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills



1792

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Personal property tax roll; begun Spring 1792; certified 6 November 1792

LIST B [Binns]<sup>120</sup>

LISTS N & O [Schreiner-Yantis]

*Adjacent entries:*

Person charged: Whitt, Robert 0 property \_1 August?

Persons over 21: Whitt, Robert

Person charged: **White, John** [John 'S'] 0 horses 21 August

Persons over 21: White, John

[skip 4]

Person charged: **White, Robert** 0 property 17 October

Persons over 21: White, Robert

Person charged: **White, John** [Sr.] 0 property 17 October

Persons over 21: White, John

COMMENT:

Two different White families appear to be represented on this tax roll:

<sup>120</sup> 1792 Montgomery Co., VA, tax roll; imaged at *Binn's Genealogy* (<https://www.binnsgenealogy.com/MembersOnlyArea> : 10 May 2018).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

*Cluster 1: John ‘S’ White and Robert Whitt:*

- **John White of Sugar Run**, identified by the cluster of neighbors who turned in lists the same day (21 August): James Boon, George & David Calwell. Thomas **Farley Sr. & Jr.**, William & Henry **Farley**,<sup>121</sup> Reuben Huse, James & Robert Karr.
- **Robert Whitt** married **Mary White**, daughter of “John White” 1? July 1793.<sup>122</sup> Whitt genealogies present him as the “consensus” *nephew* of Rev. Richard Whitt whose lands lay on Meadow Creek and Little River of New River.<sup>123</sup>
- No known record identifies which John White was the father of Mary. However, Robert Whitt drops from Montgomery County tax rolls simultaneously with the John White cluster of Sugar Run. When Robert Whitt applied for a pension from Logan County in 1833, Low Brown of the Walker Creek / Sugar Run community (then a resident of Tazewell County) filed an affidavit for Whitt.<sup>124</sup> No record found to date couples Robert and Mary (White) Whitt with the John White cluster into which Frankey Mills married.

*Cluster 2: John White Sr. and Robert White:*

- **Robert White & John White [Sr.]** of 17 October, whose lists were collected the same day as the **Toneys** and others in the Wolf Creek to East River area. (See list below.)
- No Robert White appears on any subsequent tax list in the area that became Giles.<sup>125</sup> In 1795, Montgomery, he posted bond to marry **Mary Webb**, daughter of William Webb.<sup>126</sup> About 1805 **Robert** was sued by William McClennihan stating that on 15 August 1797, Robert had contracted to sell to **Randal Lucas** for 150£ 150 acres on **north side of Salt Pond Mountain** adjoining Lucas and *Thomas Cassiday*, after which Lucas sold the land to Benjamin Thomas, who had sold the “obligation” to McClennihan. Meanwhile, Robert White had never made out to any of them a title to the land.<sup>127</sup> In 1806, a patent to Lucas stated that his land, at the head of Doe Creek, adjoined *Thomas Cassiday* and “**John White**” (later identified as **John White Jr.** and **John White H**, the man who married Nancy Copley in 1793).<sup>128</sup> In 1810, **James White** (who was first taxed in 1799, was married by 1802, and taxed in 1817 as **James White H**) bought land between Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain, adjacent to *Thomas Cassiday*.<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>121</sup> Numerous grants, surveys, and deeds identify the Farleys as adjacent landholder to John White of Sugar Run. For example, see Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 32, 1794–1795, pp. 328–29; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image\\_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbl_pgs=no&round=) : accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>122</sup> Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, item 2 labeled “Marriage Records, 1785-1803.”

<sup>123</sup> David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004). A beginning point would be the chart on p. 51.

<sup>124</sup> Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018). See my Montgomery-Fincastle report, previously cited, for details.

<sup>125</sup> Robert White would appear occasionally on Montgomery Co. tax rolls after Giles split away.

<sup>126</sup> Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018). See my Montgomery-Fincastle report, previously cited, for more details.

<sup>127</sup> William McClennihan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged *Library of Virginia*, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

<sup>128</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>129</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

- The geographic clustering suggests that these three Whites of Doe Creek / Salt Pond were part of the same family. The ages of these men suggest they were sons of John Sr.
- The fact that John Sr. married Frankey in August of this year (while John Jr. did not marry Nancy Copley until June 1793) suggests that John Sr. was likely the man taxed here in 1792.
- The identities and landholdings of the men who were taxed with Robert and John White in this year suggests that Robert and John were in the area between Wolf Creek and East River—the location in which John Sr. and Frankey settled by 1797.
- All the presently known facts suggest that Robert and John Jr. first staked their claim to the Doe Creek land between 1792 and 1795.

***Other entries for 17 October 1792:***

- John Burton
- Able Cok [*sic*] & John Cook
- John & James Conley
- Ellison Christian
- James Ellis
- John French Sr. & Jr., James & Matthew French
- Henry Kinnemon
- Jessy & William McKomes
- James Pine
- Isiah Perdue
- Reuben Smith
- **John Toney; Pendexter & William Toney**
- **Robert White**
- **John White**
- William Wilson
- James Wilson

**15 JANUARY 1793**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Associates

By virtue of Treasury Warrant no. 15040 issued 24 December 1782, there is granted to **Paul Harman [aka Herrman], assignee of Abraham Glimp**, 100 acres surveyed 19 January 1788 in Montgomery County on **Doe Creek**, adjoining the land of John Young and Michael Madden, bounded as follows ...”<sup>130</sup>

COMMENT:

This document enables us to place the land on which Glimp resided at the time he took out the unexecuted bond to marry Frankey.

**16 FEBRUARY 1793**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

“By virtue of part of a land office Treasury Warrant Number” 13276 issued 3 August 1782, there is granted to **John White**, assignee of **Patrick Napier 130 acres surveyed 3 March 1784** lying in Montgomery Co. on the **West side of Walkers Creek on Sugar Run** ... bounded as follows:

Beginning at three black oaks in **Taylor's** line and with the same S 40° W 260 poles crossing **Sugar run** to a large white oak, S 45° E 60 poles to three white oaks, N 45° E 280 poles crossing a **Spring branch** to three white oak saplings, N 32 poles crossing **Sugar run** at the **mouth of Big Sugar Run** to a dogood, ash, and double elm in **Taylor's** line and with same S 80° W 75 poles to

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<sup>130</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 28, 1792–93, pp. 107–8; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 17 January 2019).

John White Sr.  
 Wife 1: Unidentified  
 Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

the beginning."<sup>131</sup>

COMMENT:

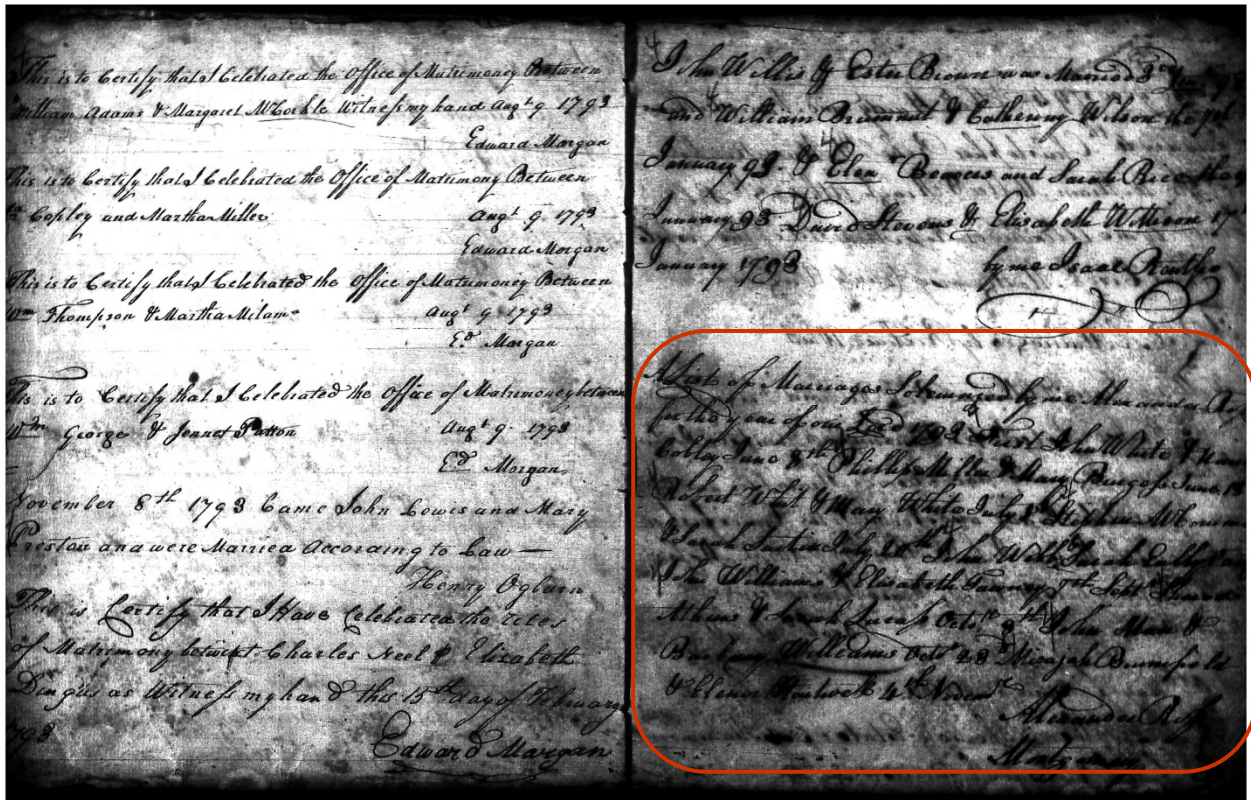
This Napier land is the land of John 'S' White of Little Sugar Run of Walker Creek.

8 JUNE 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

"A List of Marriages Solemnized by me Alexander Ross in the year of our Lord 1793. ...

"First **John White** & Nancy Cobley, June 8<sup>th</sup> ... **Robert Whit** & **Mary White** July 1<sup>st</sup>? ... Stephen McCommas? & Sarah Sartin July 20<sup>th</sup> ..."132



1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: begun Spring 1793

<b>White, John</b>	[Jr.; Doe Creek]	1 male 21+, 0 horses &c	30 Apr
<b>White, John</b>	[John 'S'] [L. Sugar Run]	1 male 21+, 1 horse	19 Aug
<b>White, John</b>	[Sr.; Wolf Creek to East R]	1 male 21+, 1 horse	3 Sep
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	[Wolf Creek to East R]	1 male, 21+ 2 horses	3 Sep

<sup>131</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 27, 1792–93, pp. 512–13; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008404170205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008404170205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 17 January 2019).

<sup>132</sup> Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."

***Entries for 30 April 1793 [New River area near Walker's Creek]:***

- Joseph Bangeor
- Ralph Bogle
- Thomas Kirk & Jn<sup>o</sup> Kirk
- Jacob Straley & Andrew *Straley*
- John Stafford
- **John White** [Jr.]

COMMENT:

On 24 April 1810, John Jr. and wife Nancy Copley sold their land in this area to James *Straley*.

***Entries for 19–20 August 1793 [Sugar Run & Walker Creek]:***

*(19<sup>th</sup> August:)*

- Low Brown (gave RW pension ap affidavit for Robert Whitt who m. Mary White, dtr of John)
- Jeremiah Coburn
- James Conley (inlaw to Obediah Bias)
- John Hammons (adjacent landowner to John 'S' White)
- Francis & Mathaniel Munsey
- Raney & Edmond Napper [Napier]
- **John White** [John 'S' White]

*(20<sup>th</sup> August:)*

- James Brumfield (in-law to Napiers and Obediah Bias)
- Patrick Napper Sr. (transferred 2 pieces of his land to John 'S' White)
- Patrick Napper, Jr., Thomas Huse Napper

***Entries for 3 September 1793: [Wolf Creek & East River]***

- John Copley (his brother Thomas Jr. was bondsman for John White Sr. & Frankey Mills in 1792.
- Sam<sup>l</sup> Langdon
- **John White** [Sr.]
- **Benjamin White**

**16 OCTOBER 1793**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

**John White** sells to Joseph Cloyd for 20£, a tract or parcel of Land containing 45 acres on **Little Sugar Creek**, waters of **Walkers Creek** in Montgomery Co., bounded as follows:

Beginning at a Double elm on the bank of the branch thence to the patent Land and with it S 2° E 56 poles to three White Oak saplins by a Path S 44° W 82 poles to three white oak Saplins thence Leaving the patent line N 45° W 92 poles crossing **sugar run** to two white oak Saplins on the top of a high ridge on the patent line and with it 130 poles to the beginning

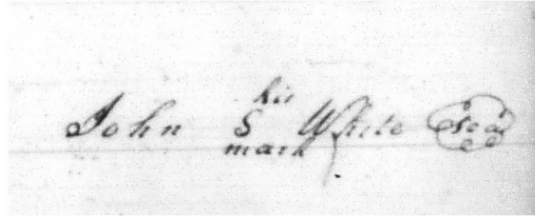
Witnesses: Gordon Cloyd, Noah Mollett, David Cloyd. Signed: John (his S mark) White [It's very clearly rendered as an S in the recorded copy.]

Proved February Court 1794 by oath of David Cloyd.<sup>133</sup>

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<sup>133</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deeds & Wills B, 1773–1797: 112.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The text reads "John S White" with "his" written above the "S" and "mark" written below it. To the right of the signature is a circular mark containing a stylized letter, possibly an "S".

**COMMENT:**

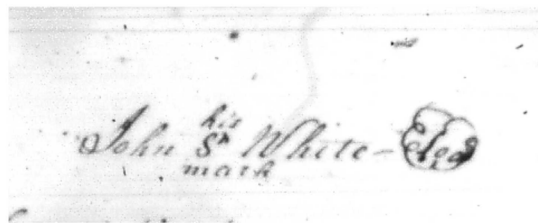
This is the first of three deeds by John 'S' White of Little Sugar Run. All three documents show him "signing" with an S mark—the same mark that would appear on the bond he took out to marry Susanna Marcum.

**24 DECEMBER 1793**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**  
Disambiguation

**John White** of Montgomery to Joseph Eaton of same, for 40£, sells 81 acres "**being part of a Tract of [130] acres** ... on Little Sugar Run, Waters of Walkers Creek, a branch of the Rivanna, bounded as followeth:"

Beginning at a Large White oak on the old line, thence N 38° W 30 poles, crossing the run to two white oaks at the Mouth of a small hollow, N 30° E 62 poles to two white oak Saplings on Joseph Cloyd's Deeded? Line and with a line thereof N 45° W 40 poles to a black oak and two white oak Saplings on a ridge thence along the old line S 40° W 208 poles crossing **Sugar Run** to the Large White Oaks on a bank S 45° E 60 poles to three white Oaks by a **Cabben** And Spring N 45° E 145 poles to the Beginning.

Witnesses: G. Cloyd, David Cloyd, Thomas Cloyd. Signed John (his S<sup>r</sup> mark) White  
Proved February Court 1794 by oaths of Gordon Cloyd and Thomas Cloyd.<sup>134</sup>

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, identical to the one above. The text reads "John S White" with "his" written above the "S" and "mark" written below it. To the right of the signature is a circular mark containing a stylized letter, possibly an "S".

**COMMENT:**

This sale of 81 acres from the 130 obtained from Patrick Napier, leaves John 'S' White with 49 acres of which he sells 14 below. That would leave him with 35 acres of the Napier tract.

**24 DECEMBER 1793**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
Disambiguation

**John White** of the County of Montgomery to **James Conally Senr.** of same, sale for 4£, 14 acres "**being**

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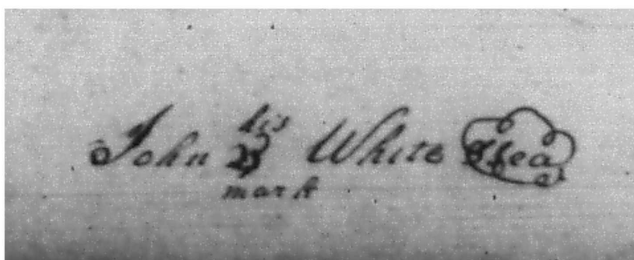
<sup>134</sup> Montgomery Co., Deeds & Wills B, 1773–1797: 112–13.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**part of a tract of" 130 acres** on Little Sugar Run, Waters of Walkers Creek, a branch of New River and Bounded as followeth:

Beginning at a Large White oak on the Old Line, a corner of **Joseph Eatons** deeded land and with the lines thereof N 38° W 30 poles crossing the run to two White oaks at the Mouth of a small hollow, N 30° E 62 poles to two White oak Saplings on **Joseph Cloyd's** Deeded line thence Leaving Eatons lines and with a line of Joseph Cloyd S 45° E 52 poles to three White oak Saplings on the old line and with the S 45° W 60 poles to the beginning.

Witnesses: G. Cloyd, David Cloyd, Thomas Cloyd. Signed: John (his mark) White.  
Proved February Court 1794 by oath of David Cloyd.<sup>135</sup>



**COMMENT:**

This time the county clerk's "replication" of John's mark is significantly different from the 'S' of the prior two documents and the 'S' of the White-Marcum marriage bond. However, the description of the land unambiguously identifies this as the John 'S' White of Sugar Run.

Despite these three land sales, John would continue to be charged with all 130 acres on the tax rolls through 1806. In that year, his taxable acreage was dropped from 130 to 35. After that 1806 correction, he would be removed from the rolls of Montgomery and Giles.

**10 MARCH 1794**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District; begun Spring 1794; certified 9 November 1794

<b>White, John</b> [Jr. ?]	1 white male 21+, 1 horse &c	10 Mar
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Binn's List C: Robert Currin Dist.

<b>Sartain, Elijah</b>	1 male 21+, 3 horses &c.	2 May
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<b>White, Robert</b> [skip 4]	[no data of any type] [In Copley & Sartain neighborhood]	1 May
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<b>White, Elexander</b>	1 white male 21+, 2 horses &c.	22 May
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**COMMENT:**

Only one John White appears this year. There has been a shuffling of district bounds since 1793.

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<sup>135</sup> Montgomery Co., Deeds & Wills B, 1773-1797: 113-14.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Robert White and the still-unidentified Elexander White appear in Currin's district, with Elijah Sartain of Stoney Creek (across New River from Walker Creek) who married Sarah Mills in 1791. This location for Robert is consistent with the documents placing the land claim of Robert and John Jr. on Doe Creek.

No other "March" entries exist on the "W" list. However, on the "S" list, a sequence that begins "\_\_\_ 10, Jacob & Andrew Straley," and runs through the 29th of some month on the next page appears to be March listings. In the prior year, the Straleys submitted their lists on the same day as John Jr.

**1795**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District

Begun in Spring 1795; certified 10 September 1795

<b>Whit, Robert</b>	1 male 21+, no taxable property	11 Mar
<b>Markum, John</b>	1 male 21+, 1 male 16–21, 4 horses &c [w/Napier & Cloyd Sugar R]	14 Mar
<b>Toney, William &amp; John</b>	[East River & Wolf Creek]	13 May
<b>White, John [Sr.]</b>	1 male 21+, 1 horse &c [East River & Wolf Creek]	13 May
<b>White, Alexandrew</b>	1 male 21+, 2 horses &c [n'hood not identified]	10 June

***All entries for 13 May 1795:***

- Burnside, James
- Davis, Zachariah
- Daubins, Daingerfield
- Davidson, William
- Lee, William
- Law, William
- McKinney, Lamkin
- **Toney, John & William**
- Walker, Henry
- **White, John**

***All entries for 14 March 1795:***

- Cloyd, Joseph & Gordan
- Crum, Matthew, John & Jacob
- Hix, Clayburn, John & Nath<sup>iel</sup>
- Lincey, Matthew
- **Marckum, John**
- Napper [Napier] Edmond, Thomas Huse, Raney, Patrick
- Stafford, Edward & James
- Wray, Joseph

*Note: This is the neighborhood in which John 'S' White should appear, but again he's not there.*

**1796**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: James Hoge's District

**WHITE, John**, 130a @ 4/, Value: 13; tax: 0.8.0

**COMMENT:**

This is the first land tax roll I've found for Montgomery. John White of Little Sugar Run is taxed here on all 130 acres, despite his sale of 105 of those acres via three 1793 deeds in 1793. (See those dates above.)

**1796**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge's District

Begun in Spring 1796; certified 19 September 1796

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**White, John [Sr.]** 1 male 16+, 0 horses &c 8 Jun

COMMENT:

This John’s neighbors, who submitted on 8 June, are the Christians, McKinneys, and Toney of East River.

**White, John [Little Sugar Run]** 1 male 16+, 0 horses etc., all columns lined through except tithe 22 Jun

COMMENT:

- This John’s neighbors, who submitted on 22 June, include the Napiers from whom John acquired his Little Sugar Run land. This John has clearly returned to his remaining 35 acres, where he married the daughter of his neighbor John Marcum.
- Missing: Benjamin White, John White Jr.

**22 DECEMBER 1796**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land holding

On this date, there was surveyed a tract of 125 acres “on the head of **Doe Creek**, a branch of New River” beginning “at two large chestnuts corner of **John White’s land**” then progressed to the line of **Thomas Cassidy**. On 23 April 1806 the land was patented to **Randall Lucas**.<sup>136</sup> (See that date below)

COMMENT:

The John White of this document is John White Jr. See Child 1, pages 2–3 above, for the discussion of the land he and Robert White claimed adjacent to Randall Lucas on Doe Creek.

**12 MARCH 1797**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land survey

On this date, there was surveyed **95 acres** “on the waters of New River on the South side of the **Big Spring Mountain**, adjacent to land of George Pearis. The land would be patented on 16 December 1801 in the name of “William Preston and **John White**.”<sup>137</sup>

COMMENT:

- This John White is “John White Sr.,” husband of Frankey Mills. As seen in the 22 December 1796 note above, John Jr. (aka John Hunter White, husband of Nancy Copley) had already obtained rights to land at Doe Creek, east of New River, roughly opposite the point that Walker Creek emptied into New River.
- William Preston, in 1803, assumed guardianship of Frankey’s “orphaned” daughter Rachel Mills for the purpose of providing legal permission for her marriage to John Bowen.<sup>138</sup> Rachel had been taken from Frankey in 1790 and bound out by John Preston on behalf of the overseers of the poor. That court order did not identify the family to whom Rachel was

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<sup>136</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 55, 1805–1806, p. 397; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image\\_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++18051806&dbl\\_pgs=yes&round=DOWN](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++18051806&dbl_pgs=yes&round=DOWN) : accessed 5 October 2019).

<sup>137</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48, 1801–1802, p. 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image\\_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) : accessed 5 October 2019).

<sup>138</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801–1803: 130.

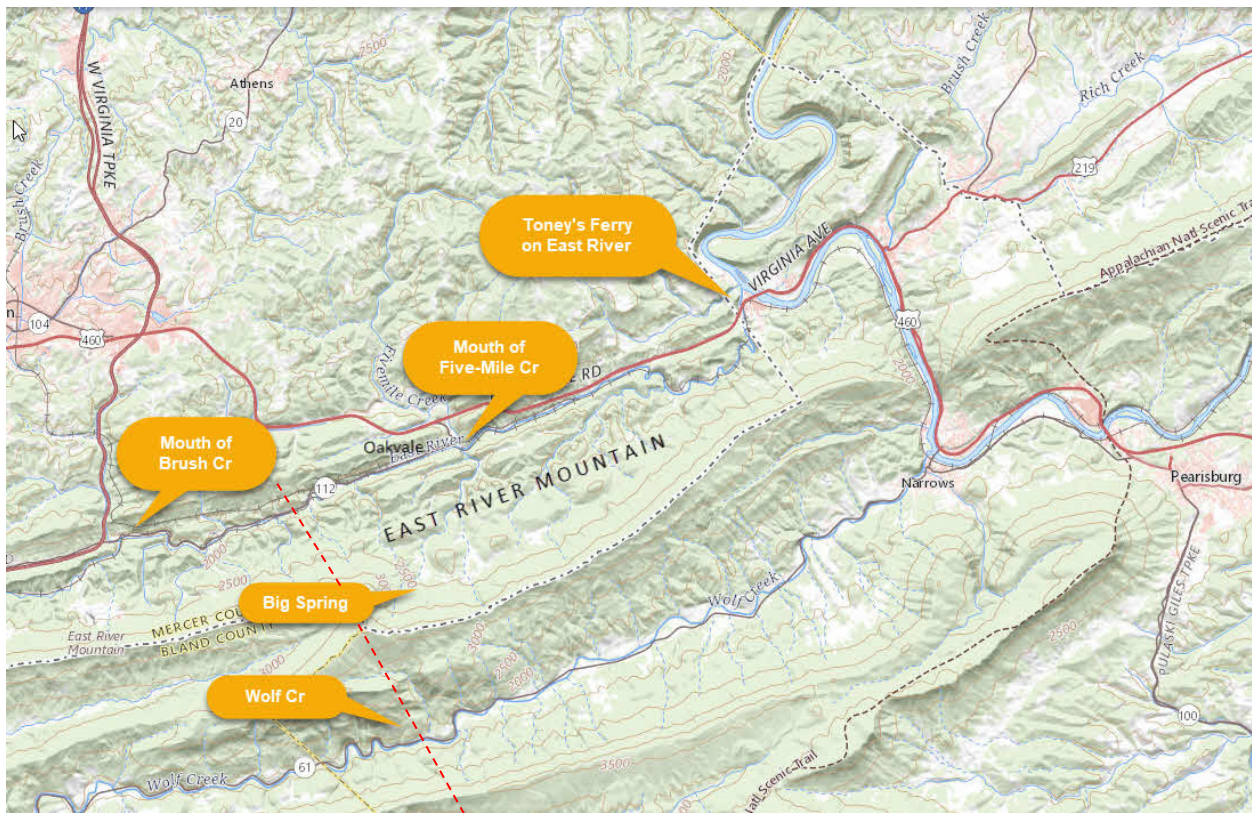
**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

bound.<sup>139</sup> Apparently it was John’s brother William Preston or their widowed mother Susannah who also took in other bound-out children in the 1790s.<sup>140</sup>

- Both *HomeTownLocator* and *GNIS*—as well as Map 2 above—place “Big Spring” on East River at East River Mountain, in present Mercer County.
- See Maps 4 and 5. Also see notes dated 16 December 1801 for the patent and survey calls. The 1800 petition, extracted below, places all this White family “below Wolf Creek Mountain,” including John Jr. In 1804, John Jr. left them and moved back to the Copley neighborhood.

**Map 4**

**Northern Giles (mostly in present Mercer): Big Spring, Brush Creek, Five-Mile Creek & Toney’s Ferry<sup>141</sup>**



**COMMENT:**

In 1800 when Tazewell was cut from Wythe & Russell, Big Spring lay just east of the Tazewell line, roughly along the dashed red line added to the map above. See the extract below, taken for the 1806 act creating Giles Co.

<sup>139</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 5, 1790–1791: 20.

<sup>140</sup> For example, see Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 10, 1797–1798, p. 130; in this pair of court orders, the overseers of the poor bound out three children of Elicia Grant to Susanna Preston (widowed mother of William and John) and a boy Peter, son of “Hannah Campbell, a mulatto” to Susanna’s daughter Elizabeth Madison.

<sup>141</sup> Snipped from “The National Map,” at U.S. Board of Geographic Names, *Geographic Names Information System* (<https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/board-on-geographic-names/domestic-names> : accessed 7 October 2019), with sites compared against *HomeTownLocator: Virginia* (<https://virginia.hometownlocator.com/maps/countymap,cfips,071,c,giles.cfm> : accessed 7 October 2019); the two sites choose varying landmarks for display.

**1797**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

**WHITE: John**, 130a @ 1/, Value: 13; tax: 0.80

COMMENT:

The full acreage of the Sugar Run land of John 'S' White is still being taxed to him, despite the fact that he sold most of it in the three above documents dated October and December 1793.

He does not appear on this year's personal-tax roll.

**1797**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Begun in Spring 1797; certified 7 October 1797

<b>White, John</b>	1 male 16+, 1 horse &c	15 Apr
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 male 16+, 1 horse &c	15 Apr

COMMENT:

Others who submitted on 15 April—Zachariah Purdue, Edward Hale, John Garrison, and the Toney: John, William, and Poindexter, etc.—place this John and Benjamin White at East River.

**1798**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

**WHITE: John, 130a, 49, 24, .17 tax**

COMMENT:

The Sugar Run John White continues to be taxed on all the land he owned prior to 1793. He does not appear on this year's personal tax roll.

**1798**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Binn's List B: James Hoge District; begun Spring 1798; certified 28 August 1798

"W" section, consecutive cluster:

<b>White, John [Sr.]</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.18	24 May
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$	24 May

COMMENT:

Others who submitted on 24 May (Matthew Peters, Nimrod Smith, Wm. Stowers, John Toney, etc.) place this John and Benjamin White on East River.

John Jr., below, appears to be back on the land that he and Robert White staked a claim to in the mid-1790s—roughly between Stoney Creek (the Sartains), Doe Creek (Thomas Cassidy) and the Snidow Ferry area:

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

“W” section, consecutive cluster:

<b>White, John [Jr.]</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 white male, 16–21, 2 horses &c, \$.18	16 May
Williams, Michael		17 May
Web, Michael		17 May
Walters, George		17 May
Williams, Jeremiah		17 May
<b>White, Hannah</b>	2 white males 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.09	17 May

**All entries for 16 May 1798:**

- John Adkins
- John Batral
- **John Bowen** [one JB married Rachel Mills, 1803]
- Christopher, George, John Champ
- Wm Comack
- David Clap
- John & Daniel Cannidy
- Wear Cassidy
- John Loblin
- Gaspar Link
- David Lucas
- John Librook
- Jonathan & Thomas Marton
- Wm Marr
- Boston Nosler
- **John White**

**All entries for 17 May 1798:**

- Wm. Bradley
- James & Humphree Brumfield
- John, Thomas & Wm. Buerck
- Richard Briand
- David & Isaac Boyrs
- John Crue
- **Thomas Cassidy**
- Isaac Chapman
- Wm., Anthony, Joseph, Thomas Kirk
- Michael Maddan
- Thomas McGrif
- John Philips
- Joseph Ritenaur
- John, Joel [Sr.], Thomas & Joel [Jr.] Sartain
- **Elijah Sartain** [m. Sarah Mills, 1791]
- Christon & Jacob Snidow
- John & Christon Smith
- **Hannah White**

COMMENT:

Hannah White has not been identified with any degree of certainty. Evidence suggests she was likely a sister of John White Jr. and, therefore, a daughter of John White Sr. Several pieces of indirect evidence are relevant to this hypothesis:

- Jeremiah Williams, who turned in his list the same day as Hannah, is later clustered with other Whites, as follows:
  - 1797, he turned in his list on the same day as **Robert White**, whose 1797 land was said to be adjacent to Randall Lucas at Salt Pond Mountain.<sup>142</sup> In 1806, a survey of Randall Lucas’s land said that it adjoined **John White [Jr.]**. In 1812, Giles’ land entry book stated that Randall Lucas’s land adjoined **James White**.<sup>143</sup> Name-coupling on both tax rolls and petitions suggests that John Jr. and James (like Benjamin) were sons of John Sr.
  - 1806, Jeremiah Williams turned in his list on the same day as **Benjamin, John Sr., and John Jr. White**.
- On the next year’s tax roll (1799), Hannah is dropped and two new males appear on the

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<sup>142</sup> William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

<sup>143</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1812 Land Book, unnumbered pages, semi-alphabetical entries; imaged on Library of Virginia Land Tax Books, roll 115.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Montgomery tax roll: **John White** and **Arthur White**. Arthur (aka Arter) would in 1807 serve as a bondsman for the marriage of Samuel Mills, son of Frankey Mills and stepson of John Sr.

- The presence of two males 16–21 in Hannah’s household in 1798 suggests that she was a widow or unmarried mother, at least in her mid-30s. If she were married to a brother of Benjamin, John Jr., Robert, and James, then that brother has not been identified. If she were their unmarried sister with two teenagers, then age-wise she should be older than Benjamin who married in 1787.
- The name Hannah White has been found in only one other instance—twenty-four years later. In April 1822, John White Jr. transferred 80 acres at Bear Spring to “Hannah White” for \$21.50½.<sup>144</sup> He was at that time jailed for debt. In an effort to save his property from creditors, he—on the same day that he transferred the 80 acres to Hannah—conveyed 65 acres on waters of Bear Spring and Buckeye Mountain to William White “for the good will and affection he bears toward **his son**.”<sup>145</sup> Unlike the deed to William, the deed to Hannah does not state a relationship or include the “good will and affection” clause. The 1810 census does not attribute a female child to John’s household, who might be this Hannah. The likeliest reading of this body of evidence is that she was an unmarried sister living near and being provided for by John Jr.

**1798**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**Benjamin White (said here to have died before 1 September 1813)** was a chain carrier for a survey of 105 acres that **Gordon Cloyd** made in 1798 for Thomas Cloyd “on the ridge dividing the waters of **East river** from those waters falling into **Brush Creek**. According to Cloyd, **White** “wished to possess himself of the said Survey and it was then agreed if the said **Benjamin White** Complied with the verbal bargain then made the said Cloyd would convey such right as might be required under the Survey then made but no responsibility of title other than a special warrantee from the said Gordon as whoever obtained the grant was to be given and whereas the said **Benjamin White** sold to **James Copley** who paid said Gordon the the [sic] Sum contracted by the said **Benjamin White** his claim and interest in & to the said Survey and the said James Copley informed the said Gordon that he had Sold his claim & Right therein to his brother **Joshua Copley**, who also informed the said Gordon that he had sold his right interest and claim in the survey aforesaid to **Joseph McKenney** ...” therefore, on 1 September 1813, Gordon Cloyd conveyed to McKinney the land that had been patented 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1802,” adjoining Joseph Cloyd’s inclusive survey of 680 acres [m & b not copied for want of time]. No witnesses shown. No proof in court.<sup>146</sup>

**COMMENT:**

- In short: this Benjamin White conveyed his claim to the land to James Copley, whose sister married John White Jr. (aka John H White). Thereafter, the claim went from James Copley to his brother Joshua, who passed it to their brother-in-law Joseph McKenney (husband of Elizabeth Copley).<sup>147</sup>

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<sup>144</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389.

<sup>145</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

<sup>146</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 330–31.

<sup>147</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 158.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

- The alleged death of a Benjamin White before 1813 contradicts all other evidence I have found. Only one Benjamin White appears on the Montgomery and Giles tax rolls between 1792 and 1820—the Benjamin White who married Ann Goodwin, 10 July 1787, Amherst.<sup>148</sup> Given that General Cloyd’s social and economic status would not suggest a close familiarity with the White family, it is possible that he erred—either speaking from rumor or as a dismissal to avoid a need to track Benjamin down to clear the title.
- James Copley was “special bail” for Benjamin H. White in 1809 when he was sued by John Toney, shortly before White’s sale of his East River land to Toney. I did not find a deed from Benjamin to James Copley, quit-claiming his rights to the land.

**1799**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, James Hoge District

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

- Again there is the taxation of 130 acres (the Sugar Run land) to John White, who no longer appears on the county’s personal roll.
- Although land has been surveyed for John White [Sr.] and William Preston at Big Spring of East River Mountain, that land is not taxed because they do not yet have full title to it. (Even then, they would not be taxed on the land for another four years. The prevailing pattern seems to be no land tax until a new grantee has had time to clear the land and make it productive.)

**1799**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List B: James Hoge District; begun Spring 1799; certified 19 August 1799

<b>White, John [Jr.]</b>	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	12 Apr
<b>White, James</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	13 Apr

**All entries for 12 April 1799:**

- Michael Brown
- Marshal Burton
- James and Thomas Copley Sr.
- George Fry Sr. & Jr.
- John Hunter
- Henry, Palser
- Parker, David, Charles, Thomas, Wm. **Lucous**
- John & Wm. Marr
- Isaac McKinsey
- Jacob Miller
- Frances Mason
- Chiston Price

**All entries for 13 April**

- **James White**
- James & Jumphy Brumfield
- John Burton
- Joseph Benge
- Isaac, David, Edward Boyers
- John, Thomas & Wm. Burck
- Wm. Bradly
- Richard Briande
- John, Thomas, John & Elias Benton
- Alexandrew Bevers
- Peter Harmin
- John, An<sup>w</sup>, W<sup>m</sup>, Th<sup>s</sup>, Adam, Joner, An<sup>w</sup> Sr. Hatfield

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<sup>148</sup> William Montgomery Sweeny, *Marriage Bonds and other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (1937; reprint, Santa Maria, CA: Janaway Publishing, 2011), 81.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- John, Jacob, Christon Smith
- Jacob Sailor
- Joseph Snodgrass
- Christon & Jacob Snidow
- John, Elijah, Thomas, Joel Sr., Joel **Sarton**
- John, George Sr., and Henry Williams
- John Wishon
- **John White** [John Jr., later called John H]
- Daniel James
- James, David & Andrew Jonston
- John Librook
- Ayer & **Randle Lucous**
- George Williams
- George Walter
- Silas Wooten

<b>White, John</b> [son of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	13 May
<b>White, Arter</b> [son of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	13 May
Walker, Wm		14 May
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	14 May
Walker, John		15 May
<b>White, John Senr.</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	15 May

COMMENT:

Note the explicit use of the identifier "Senr." for this John White of the Toney neighborhood.

**All entries for 13 May 1799:**

[Walker's Creek & Sugar Run]

- Forest, Thos, John, Clay Farley
- David Huse
- John **Hamman**
- John Hicks
- Henry, Plesent & Henry Luster Sr.
- Wm Law
- Wm Lee & **Robert Lee**
- **John Marcum**
- Frances Muncy
- Samuel Scott
- Jacob Shufflebarroger
- Edward, Isam, James Stafford
- **John White** (0 horse)  
[son of Hannah?]
- **Arter White** (0 horse)  
[son of Hannah?]
- Wm. Wilburn

**All entries for 14 May 1799:**

[From Wolf Creek to East River]

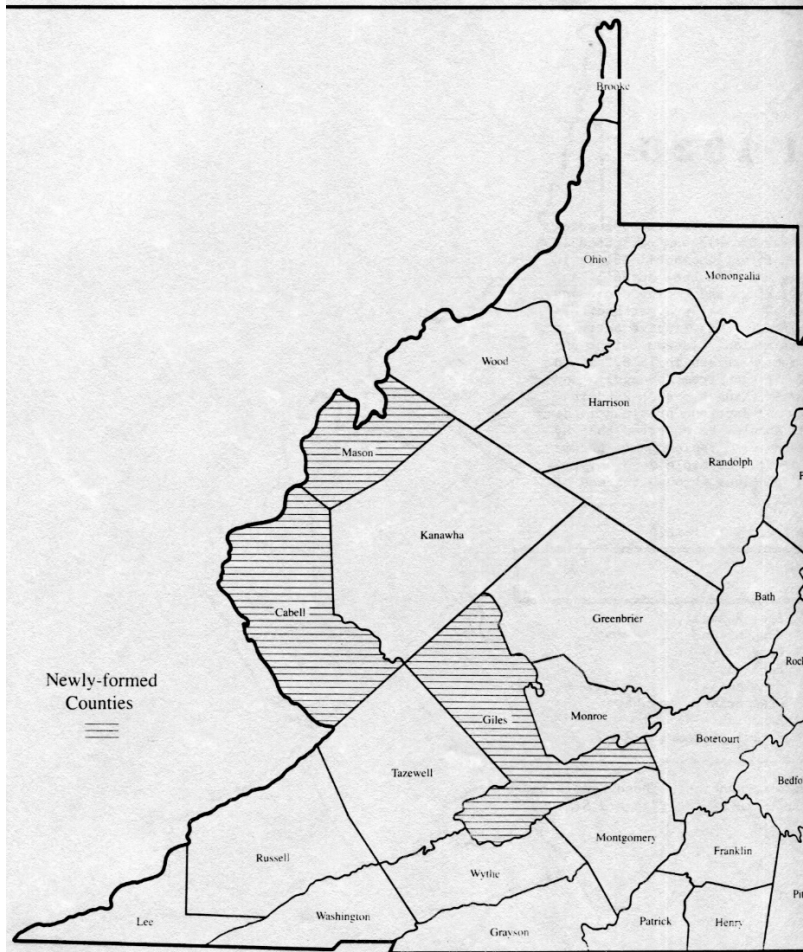
- James Aldridg
- John, E<sup>d</sup>, Garl., H<sup>y</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> Chapman
- Isaac Byes
- John Geo., Rich, W<sup>m</sup> Chapman
- John Carter
- Thomas Clyburn
- Joel Canterberry
- James [McClagherty]
- W<sup>m</sup>, Mitchell Clay Sr & Jr.
- Judy, W<sup>m</sup> & Jesse Farley
- David Hawl
- Isaac Hatfield
- Rb<sup>t</sup>. Edm<sup>d</sup> & Tho<sup>s</sup> Lilly
- Moredock McKinsey
- Elisha & Thomas McKomas
- Philip & Peter Miller
- Lampkin McKinny
- Pat<sup>k</sup>, Ed<sup>d</sup>, Mary, Tho<sup>s</sup> Napper
- Charles Neal
- George Pearis [at Pearisburg]
- Matt<sup>w</sup> & John Sr. & Jr. Peters
- Zachariah Perdue
- John & James Sr. & Jr. Stafford
- Richard Sharp
- Jacob Straly
- Isaac, W<sup>m</sup>, John, Robert Smith
- Travis & W<sup>m</sup> Stowers
- James Stuard [land on East River]
- Nimrod Smith [associate of John Toney]
- **Benjamin White**

**All entries for 15 May 1799**

[East River]

- Joseph Abet
- Isum, Pet', Shad<sup>k</sup> Blankenship
- Thomas Benges [Burges?]
- Thomas Brunty
- Tho<sup>s</sup>, Allen Sr. & Jr. Criston
- Thomas Coply [Jr.]
- John Cook
- Wm & Peter Sr & Jr. Dingess
- John Garrison
- Hery Holdaway
- John Holly
- Robert Lilly Senr.
- Joshua Lawson
- Wm. McNely
- Josiah Medo [Meador]
- Charles Markin
- Wm. Tiller
- Wm. Trasy
- John & Griffie Thomas
- Richard Tull
- John, W<sup>m</sup> & Poindexter **Toney**  
[East R at New R down to Wolf]
- **John White Senr.**
- John, B<sup>n</sup>, Charles Sr. & Jr Walker
- Wm & Andrew Wilson

Map 5  
Western Virginia Counties, 1801–1810<sup>149</sup>



1800— [N.D.]

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Petition to legislature

Request for part of Montgomery County to be annexed to Monroe County.

“The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Montgomery County Resident on **New River below Wolf Creek Mountain** Humbly Represents That your Petitioners Occupy a Strip of the Said County, from the aforesaid Mountain To the Kanawa line about 70 Miles and Generally from 12 to 15 Miles in Width, Situated Between the Countys of Munroe and Tazewell ...” , and as your Petitioners are generally Seated on the Banks of the New River, with Dispersed Settlements on its branches and the most Convenient of us to our Present Seat of Justice has to Travel thirty eight miles and Still the River to Pass—We therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass a law at your present Session to Incorporate us with the County of Munroe, by a Line to begin on New River at the end of Peters Mountain thence up the River so as to Include the Settlers on Wolf Creek, to Wolf Creek Mountain, thence with the Said Mountain, to

<sup>149</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

the Tazewell County line, thence with Tazewell line, to Kanawa, line, thence with Kanawa line to New River, thence up the Same to Kerney’s Knobbs, at the line of Munroe County.”

[image 1, col. 4} **John White, John White Jr., Benjn White, James White, Arthur White,** David Somers, Berry Adkinson, Lewis Adkinson, Randolph Adkinson, Charles Walker Jr., Francis Farley, John Mitchmand, Fedrick Rose, Robert Smith, Peter Miller, Robert Clendenning, **Peter Dingues ...**<sup>150</sup>

COMMENT:

This petition is not the original copy with actual signatures and marks.

Francis and Forrest Farley have migrated from the parental lands around Walkers Creek to the Richland Creek area of what would be upper Giles. Peter Dingess held land on East River.

**1800**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, *John Hoge* District

**WHITE: John,** 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

Again, the Little Sugar Run tract is taxed for the number of acres prior to the 1793 sale. As seen below, the owner of the remaining portion of that land makes a cameo appearance this year on the personal tax roll, clustered with his Benjamin, a younger John, and Arter White.

Again, the 95 acres surveyed for John Sr. and William Preston in 1797 at Big Spring on East River are not taxed, but this John continues to appear on the personal tax roll.

**1800**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List A: *John Hoge* District

“**W**” section, consecutive cluster

<b>White, John Senr.</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse, \$.12	24 May
<b>White, John</b>	1 white male, 0 horse &c	24 May
<b>White, Arter</b>	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	24 May
<b>White, Bengamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	24 May

COMMENT:

The roll of taxpayers who turned in their lists of taxable items on 24 May were the neighbors of the John White of Sugar Run / Walker Creek—suggesting that this “John Senr.” is the Sugar Run man who was taxed as “John Senr.” in 1791 with Benjamin and a younger John, but has been missing from Montgomery since his 1796 marriage to Susannah Marcum.

The appearance of Arter in this cluster is ambiguous. As previously discussed; he seems to have been one of the two underaged tithables charged to Hannah White in 1798, who was then taxed in his own name (together with a new John) in 1799, when Hannah was dropped. However, his

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<sup>150</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), no date [1800–1804] Record No. 000613439; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

above coupling with the John of Sugar Run—considered together with the fact that he removed to the Cabell area where this Sugar Run family ended up—suggests that he belongs to the Sugar Run cluster. If so, then

- Arter’s service as bondsman to Samuel Mills, son of Frankey, suggests that the two same-named clusters of Whites are part of the same extended family.
- Arter’s parentage is badly muddled. If Sugar Run John were his father, then Hannah of 1798 should not be his mother, given that the Sugar Run John married Susanna Marcum in 1796.

**All entries for 24 May 1800:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Aldredge</li> <li>• Joseph A lot</li> <li>• Berry &amp; Randle Adkins</li> <li>• Obediah Byas</li> <li>• Elias, John &amp; Thomas Burton</li> <li>• John &amp; James Conly</li> <li>• Charles Clay &amp; J Haw</li> <li>• John Carter</li> <li>• Mitchel Clay Senr &amp; Mitchel Clay</li> <li>• Joseph &amp; Joel Canterberry</li> <li>• Forest &amp; Thomas Farley</li> <li>• Philip? Harlees?</li> <li>• Henry Luster Senr &amp; Jur.<br/>[continued in next colum]</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frances Muncy</li> <li>• John Marcum</li> <li>• Major Marcum</li> <li>• Archabel Marcum</li> <li>• Zachariah &amp; Samuel Scott</li> <li>• Edward Stafford</li> <li>• Wm. Smith</li> <li>• Wm. Tilles</li> <li>• Wm. Wilburn</li> <li>• Charles, Benjamin Walker</li> <li>• Whitt [White?], Robert</li> <li>• <b>White, John Senr.</b></li> <li>• <b>White, Arter</b></li> <li>• <b>White, Benjamin</b></li> </ul> |
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<b>White, John</b> [Sr. of East River] [skip 9 W entries]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse	26 May
<b>White, James</b> [of Doe Creek]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	12 June

**All entries for 26 May 1800:**

- Wm, John, Edward, & Henry Burgess
- Richard & Wm. Chapman
- Thomas Cook
- Robert Lilly
- Abram Nettels
- Micajah Poarter
- Matthew Peters
- Thomas Prunty
- Zachariah Perdew
- George Pearice [of Pearisburg]
- Nimrod & Robert Smith
- James & Absolum Stuard
- **John & Wm. Toney**
- Wm. Tracy
- **John White**
- Wm. & **Robert Wilson**
- Charles Walker
- **James Wily**
- Silus Wootter
- Robert Waddle

**All entries for 12 June**

- Thomas & Wm. Bradley
- Isaac Bayers
- Joel, Susanna & Humphry Brumfield
- Samuel & Daniel Collins
- Daniel & Jon Cannidy
- John Cofman
- Isaac Chapman
- James Currin
- Joseph Cloyd
- Tardonnan, Michael & Philip Harlus
- Peter Harmin
- **James White**
- Jacob Wilson
- George Walters

*Note:* Tax rolls show that James Wiley from 1801–6 turned in his tax list on the same day as John White Sr. An 1830 deed shows James Wiley & Wm. Wiley owning adjacent tracts patented to **Robert Wiley Sr.**, their apparent father. (Giles DB C:680) William Mills-Witt gave the name **Robert Wiley** to a son b. 1824.

**1801**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

1801 land tax roll: List 2, *James Hoge*

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .17

COMMENT:

Again this represents the 130 acres owned by John 'S' White on Sugar Run before he sold most of the acreage.

Again, John White Sr. of Big Spring on East River has not yet received title to (and is not taxed on) the land jointly surveyed for him and William Preston.

**1801**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List A: Hoge District; begun Spring 1801; certified 8 August 1801

"W" section:

<b>White, Arter</b> [skip 14, Webbs, Wilburns, &c]	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c.	31 Mar
<b>White, James</b> Web, Wm. [skip 4]	1 white male 16+, 3 horses &c, \$.36 [Robt. White m. Mary Webb 1795]	22 May
<b>White, John [Jr.]</b> Walker, Wm & John	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	2 Jun
<b>White, Benj<sup>n</sup></b> [skip 4]	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	7 Jun
<b>White, John Sen.</b>	2 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	7 Jun

***All entries dated 7 June 1801:***

- John Dancy
- Ja<sup>s</sup>, Isaac, Matt<sup>ws</sup>, Dav<sup>d</sup>, John French
- Francis Farley
- George Fry
- John Grant
- John Garrison
- Joseph Goare
- Travis Stower  
[see next column]
- Nimrod Smith
- James Stuard
- Henry Stobeck
- Wm & John Walker
- **Benjamin White**
- John Williams
- James **Wiley**
- Benjamin & Charles Walker
- **John White Sr.**

COMMENT:

I will no longer continue to provide date lists that represent neighborhoods, except for John Sr. and Benjamin. At this point, tax rolls tell us the following:<sup>151</sup>

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<sup>151</sup> For full details and community groupings from these tax lists, see the following research reports posted at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab:

- "Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Tax Roll Data, 1806–23 & (Partially) 1824–41; Including Selective Entries for Marcum, Preston & Toney," report to file, 28 February 2020.

- "Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807," report to file, 15 February 2020.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

- John Sr. has settled on that Big Spring at East Mountain land, coowned with Preston, where he will remain until 1818.
- Benjamin is in the neighborhood of the Wolf Creek land (the next water course below East Mountain) which he would lose in 1808 amid a suit by John Toney.
- James has settled permanently in the Doe Creek & Salt Pond Mountain area east of New River, roughly across from the mouth of Walker Creek.
- John Jr. (husband of Nancy Copley) is still claiming the Doe Creek land at this point. Shortly, (and apparently as a result of Robert’s disposal of their interest), he would buy land across the river in the Camping Hollow neighborhood of his Copley inlaws before eventually settling at Bear Spring and Gap Mountain, where he stayed until his death in 1847.
- John (apparent sibling of Arter) is missing this year but returned in 1802 at which time he was again coupled with Arter. The pair are missing in 1803 but appear 1804–1806, coupled each year. The 1806 roll would call this John “hunter,” a descriptor also used periodically for John White Jr. After Giles split away in 1806, neither would appear on the Giles tax roll, although Arter made a cameo appearance in 1807 in the marriage records of Frankey’s son Samuel Mills.

**11 AUGUST 1801**

**BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

“**John White**. License to retail goods. At a Court held for the County of **Botetourt** the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1801 On Motion of **John White**, a License is granted him under the Act of Assembly Concerning Hawkers and Pedlars to Carry on the business of a Pedlar for one year from this day he having paid the sum of Twenty dollars the Tax imposed by the said Act as appears by the receipt of Francis Blunt, a Deputy Sheriff of this County.

“A Copy. Teste H. W? Boyers, C.C.

“Montgomery September Court 1801

“On the application of **John White** A License granted him under the act of Assembly Concerning Hawkers and Pedlars by the Court of Botetourt County is Ordered to be Recorded in this court. Teste: Charles Taylor, Clerk.”<sup>152</sup>

COMMENT:

This John White, who first obtained a peddler’s license in Botetourt and then presented it in Montgomery for recording when he arrived there to peddle, should be a Botetourt resident.

**15 DECEMBER 1801**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Petition to legislature

Request to move the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs in Botetourt County to Union in Monroe County.

{image 2} **Peter Dingess, Sr.**, John Dingess, John Guttery, **John White Sen.**, **Jas. White**, James **Coply**, William Chapman, John Burgess, Henry Burgess, William Burgess, Garland Burgess, Edward Burgess Sr.,

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<sup>152</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Will Book 1, 1796–1809: 120.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Edward Burgess Jr., John Coleman, James Stewart, Absalom \_\_\_\_\_, **John White Jr.**, Joel Brumfld, John Copley<sup>153</sup>

COMMENT:

As seen in the Cloyd-to-McKinney document discussed under 1799 and 1813, James Copley left the Copley Ford (later Copley Ferry) area around Camping Hollow and relocated in the Brush Creek/ East River area.

As seen in various documents below, the Dingess family of East River were close to the Benjamin branch of this White family. "Benjamin H. White" witnessed the will of Peter Dingess Sr. in 1809. Subsequently, his apparent daughter Elizabeth bore a child to Peter's son Charles Dingess, a wealthy bachelor who left part of his estate to Elizabeth's daughter.

**16 DECEMBER 1801**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land patent

"James Monroe, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all To whom these presents shall come Greeting [:] Know ye that by Virtue of a land Office Treasury Warrant number" 15,112 issued 6 March 1783, "There is Granted by the said Commonwealth unto **William Preston** and **John White** a certain tract or parcel of land containing" **95 acres** "by survey bearing date" 12 March 1797, "lying and being in the County of Montgomery On the waters of New River on the **South side of the Big Spring Mountain** and bounded as followeth, to wit,"

Beginning at four chesnuts on the S side of a Spur, S 38° E94 poles to two Spanish Oaks and a poplar by a branch, Corner of **George Paris's** land and with a line of the same S 65° E 60 poles to two white oaks, thence leaving said line S 40° W 170 poles to two white oaks in a hollow, N 45° W48 poles to three white oaks, thence N 10° E 200 poles, crossing some small branches to the beginning.

"with the Appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its Appurtenances to the said William Preston & **John White** and their heirs forever, in witness whereof the sd James Monroe Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on" 16 December 1801 "and of the Commonwealth the Twenty Sixth [year]."<sup>154</sup>

COMMENT:

This John is the John Sr. who married Frankey Mills.

**1802**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .17

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<sup>153</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 52.

<sup>154</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 48, 1801–1802, p. 320; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image\\_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl\\_pgs=no&round=:](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-3/114/114&image_number=0341&offset=%2B21&name=Grants+No.48+++1801-1802&dbl_pgs=no&round=:) accessed 5 October 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

COMMENT:

Again, these 130 acres represent John 'S' White's full Sugar Run tract. The error would continue until 1806, when Giles was cut away and Montgomery and Giles reconciled their land tax books.

As noted under December 1801, John White [Sr.] and William Preston have received full title to their land, but they will not be taxed on it until 1805.

**1802**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List B: John Hoge District; begun Spring 1802; certified 1 October 1802

"W" section, consecutive clusters:

Web, Stephen		26 Mar
<b>White, John</b> [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 1 horses &c, \$.12	26 Mar
<b>White, James</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.25	26 Mar
[skip 16]		
Wilburn, Wm.		7 Jun
<b>White, John</b> [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	7 Jun
<b>White, Arter</b> [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 0 horse &c	7 Jun
Walker, Charles Senr.		9 Jun
Walker, Wm		
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.]	1 white male 16+, 3 horses &c	9 Jun
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	9 Jun
Wilson, Robert		9 Jun

**All entries dated 9 June 1802:**

- **John White [Sr.]**
- **Benjamin White**
- Charles Walker Senr.
- James **Wiley**
- Charles & Wm. Walker
- Robert Wilson

COMMENT:

Robert Wilson, who is listed consecutively with John Sr. and Benjamin on the same day, resided on the land of (and operated a store for) John Toney,<sup>155</sup> whose operation on the west side of New River stretched from East River on the north to Wolf Creek on the south.

The community reconstruction of all individuals who turned in their lists the same day as Arter and John (Travis, William, and Caleb Stowers; James and Ralph Stuart; William Smith) places them also in the Wolf Creek/East River area.

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<sup>155</sup> Robert Wilson v. John Toney, Augusta County, VA, Chancery Causes file 1809-119; imaged, "Chancery Records Index," Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* ([https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case\\_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119](https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=015-1809-119) : downloaded 16 May 2019). This case was heard in the Staunton District court seated in Augusta County, but most documents were created in Montgomery and Monroe Counties..

**1803**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Land tax roll: List 2, Hoge District

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .20

COMMENT:

Again these 130 acres represent the Sugar Run land formerly owned by John 'S' White.

**1803**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List B: Hoge District

<b>White, James</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	26 May
[skip 3]		
<b>White, John</b> [Jr.]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	4 Jun
[skip 7]		
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	<u>1?</u> [ 2?] white male 16+, 0 horses &c	6 Jun
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.]	1 white male 16+, 0 horses &c	6 Jun

COMMENT:

Arter and John, the apparent sons of Hannah, are not carried on this roll.

***All entries for 6 June 1803:***

- James Aldridg
- James Burnside
- Charles Walker Sen.
- **Benjamin White**
- **John White [Sr.]**

**3 AUGUST 1803**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"**Rachel Mills**, orphan of **Francis Mills**, deceased, came into Court and made choice of **William Preston** as her guardian, whereupon he entered into Bond According to Law."<sup>156</sup>

**3 AUGUST 1803**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Marriage bond.

"Know all men by these presents that we **John Bowen & Wm. Preston** are held and firmly bound unto John Pope, Esquire, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ... this 3d day of August 1803. The condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound John Bowen hath this day obtained a license for his Marriage with **Rachel Mills** now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, then this obligation, to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. [Signed:] John Bowen Wm Preston."

[Backside of bond:] "Wm. Preston, Apptd Guardn to the within Rachel Mills Augt. 3d 1803, C.T."<sup>157</sup>

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<sup>156</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 13, 1801-1803: 130.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

**K**NOW all men by these presents that we *John Bowen & Wm Preston*  
are held and firmly bound unto *John Bay* Esquire, Govern-  
nor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full  
sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made,  
to our said Governor and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth:  
We bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and sever-  
ally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this *3<sup>o</sup>*  
day of *August* *1809*

**T**HE condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound  
*John Bowen* hath this day obtained a  
license for his Marriage with *Rachel Mills* now if  
there should be no lawful cause to obstruct <sup>said</sup> Marriage then this obligation, to be  
void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Teffe,  
*John Bowen*  
*Wm Preston*

*Wm Preston, App. Guarant to the*  
*within Rachel Mills Aug: 3<sup>o</sup>*  
*1809. B. P.*

*John Bowen*  
*Mills*  
*Aug. 3<sup>o</sup> 1809*

<sup>157</sup> Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796–1803, unnumbered page, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**8 DECEMBER 1803**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Petition to legislature

Freeholders and Inhabitants of Montgomery Co. request a new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe. [Text is much the same as that transcribed below for December 1804.]

{image 3, col. 1} **Tom Copley**, Edward Burges, Jr., Edward Burges Sr., John Burges, Henry Burges, William Burges, Garland Burges, Phillip Miller. David Toller, **Benjamin White**, **Ritchard Whitt**, **John White**, **William White**, **James Copley**.<sup>158</sup>

COMMENT:

After Giles was cut away in 1806, all of these men (except Richard Whitt) fell into Giles.

**16 MAY 1804**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land grant

Survey of land for **John White**, 100 acres "by survey" dated **16 May 1804**, in the county of Montgomery in the **Camping Hollow**, on the West side & about a mile from **New River**, adjacent to **Thomas Burks**. The grant would be issued 14 July 1808. See that date, below.<sup>159</sup>

COMMENT:

This John was John Jr. (aka John H. White) husband of Nancy Copley whose father Thomas Copley lived in Camping Hollow. John and wife "Nancey" sold this land in 1810.

**1804**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

1804 land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .20

COMMENT:

Again these 130 acres represent the full acreage of the Sugar Run land formerly owned by John 'S' White.

**1804**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn's List A: Hoge District

<b>White, John</b>	[of Hannah?]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Apr
<b>White, Arter</b>	[of Hannah?]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Apr
Wilburn, Wm.			4 Apr
<b>White, John</b>	[Jr.]	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
<b>White, Benjamin</b>		1 white, 2 horse &c, \$.24	6 Apr

<sup>158</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), citing Record No. 000248592, Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 58.

<sup>159</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 56, 1797-1798, pp. 588-89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

<b>White, James</b>	1 white, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
<b>White, John Senr.</b>	1 white, 3 horses &c, \$.36	6 Apr
Walker, Charles Junr.		7 Apr
Wiley, James		7 Apr
Wilson, Wm. & Andrew		7 Apr
<b>White, Robert</b>	1 white, 0 horses &c	7 Apr

COMMENT:

Note that Arter and John this year are two days away from the East River cluster. The pattern of the commissioner is this:

- On 5 April he collected lists from John Toney of New River at East River and others who lived a bit up East River.
- By 6 April, he has moved further up East River, to the Big Spring area where John Senr. and Frankey then lived.
- The 7 April lists (the day he picked up Robert White) included several living between East River and Wolf Creek, including Peter Dingess and Gabriel Maupin—also James Wiley, a man couple with John Sr.’s cluster in years past, and **John Connor**.

Connor is particularly important to this study; he would surface again in 1816–17, with Zachariah Crawford, *leasing land from John Toney with William Mills as witness to both leases*. An 1827 title clearance (see that year below) shows John Conner and Zachariah Crawford sharing a roughly three-square-mile area north of the Bluestone with several of John White Sr.’s offspring, as well as Samuel Mills’s eldest son David.<sup>160</sup>

**7 DECEMBER 1804**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Petition to Legislature

“Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Montgomery ... request to create new county “from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.” “The said County comprehended a large tract of Territory near one Hundred and eighty miles by forty or fifty Broad. ... [Because] of the Ferocious Disposition of the savage Nation then at arms and ravaging the Westren or frontier parts, the Settlements were [earlier] confin<sup>d</sup> to a small part of the Eastern end of the County. ... The emigration to those uninhabited part of the said County has so rapidly progressed since the Treaty with the Indian Tribes ... that some of [the settlers are] situated seventy, eighty and ninety miles Distance from the present Judicial seat of Justice, Large Mountains and water courses Intervening: At some seasons of the year [these] are almost impassible by reason of which your Petetioners are almost Depriv<sup>d</sup> of the previledgeof Justice.”

Thus, they seek “a New County off the western end of the said County of Montgomery including a small part of the Counties of Monroe and Tazewell ... to be constructed and Established by a Line Beginning on New River at end of Gaulley Mountain, where the Counties of Greenbrier Kanhawa and Montgomery intersects. Thence up the River with the Greenbrier and Montgomery Line to the intersection fo Monroe Line. Thence with Monroe and Montgomery Line to the mouth of Indian Creek, thence a strait Line to the Top of Peter Mountain where the path crosses from Jacob Millers on Rich Creek to Hatfields Mill on Stoney Creek. Thence along the Top of said Montain [sic] and with the Montgomery and Monroe Line to the Intersection of Botetourt County Line: and with the Botetourt and Montgomery line to the Top of

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<sup>160</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C has no individual index at back or front.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

the **Gap Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to New River, crossing the same to the end of **Walkers Creek Mountain**. Thence along the Top of said Mountain to the intersection of Wythe County Line. Thence Northwestwardly with said line to the intersection of **Tazewell** Line: and with the Tazewell and Montgomery Line to the Top of **Wolf Creek Mountain**. Thence southwestwardly along the said Mountain to a point Two Miles below the mouth of the **Clare fork of Wolf Creek**, then a Strait Line to the **head of east River called and Know[n] by the name of the Big Spring**. Thence a Straight Line to the head of Crane Creek on the Top of the Flat Top Mountain. Thence a strait Line to the three forks of Guyandott River. Thence down said River until it intersects Kanhawa County line. Thence with the said Line to the Beginning, forming a County about one Hundred miles Long and about forty Broad, Leaving each of the Old Counties compact, without any reasonable cause for Removing the present Public Buildings."

{Signature sheet 1, col. 2} Loe Brown, Wm. Brown, James Mustard, Noah Mullet, Frank Scott, William Shannon, Joh. Shannon, John Connally, **John Marcum**

{Signature sheet 2, col. 1} John Brown, Thomas Copley ...

{Signature sheet 2, col. 2} John Tawney [not Toney], Price Lucas, Parker Lucas Jr., William **Lucas** ...

{Signature sheet 2, col. 4} Geo. Pearis ... Mitchell Cloyd, Elish McCommas, David McCommas ...

{Signature sheet 3, col. 3} **Arter Whit** ... John Ebling, James Boowen, William Poterfield, William **Lucas**

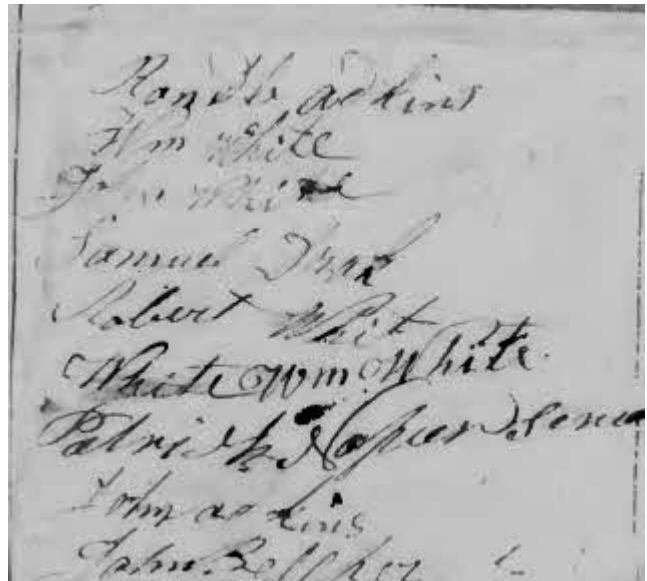
{Signature sheet 4, col. 1} Thomas **Sertain**, Isaac McKinnie?, Wm. Wilborn, William French, John **Certain**, **Elijah Certain**, James Hall, George Fry, John Lucas Jr., John \_\_\_\_\_, James McKinsey, David French, John Thomas, Joel **Sertain**

{Signature sheet 4, col. 2} James Stafford Jr., Reuben Ford, Joshua **Copley**, Joseph M. McKinney, [skip 14] **James Whit[e]** [skip 4 to end of column]

{Signature sheet 4, col. 3} Randle **Adkins**, **Wm. White**, **John White**, Samuel Drak, **Robert Whit**, **White Wm. White**, [sic] **Patrick Napier Senior**, John **Adkins**, John Belsher [Belcher].

{Signature sheet 5, col. 1} ...Edward Burgess Jr, Robt. Miller, Philip Miller, **Benjamin White**, Jn<sup>o</sup> **White Jr.**

{Signature sheet 5, col. 2" [sip 4] Wm. Garrison, Travis Stowers, **Patric Napier**, John McLaugherty<sup>161</sup>



**COMMENT:**

Some of the "signatures" on this petition appear to be that of the named person. Most appear to be the handwriting of the person collecting the signatures. In the White grouping, confusion is evidence. On the sixth line, apparently after stopping to refill his ink pen, the collector wrote "White" with no given name. Then, after Patrick Napier Senior took the pen and signed on an upward slant, the collector or another individual, smudged out the surname-only White entry

<sup>161</sup> Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248595; citing Accession No. 36121, Box 171, Folder 60.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

and he or someone else fitted in another William White signature—also on an upward slant that was uncharacteristic of the other signatures penned by the collector. Whether *two* William Whites appeared in that cluster remains questionable.

Notably, the tax rolls of Montgomery do not include *any* William White in 1804. ***It would, in fact, be 1815 before any William White appeared on the tax roll.*** This introduces the *possibility* that “William White” of this petition might be **William Mills**, proposed son of Frankey, using his stepfather’s name before he left the family and went on his own.

**1805**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

1804 land tax roll: List 2, John Hoge

**WHITE: John**, 130a, 41, 0, .20

WHITE: “Wm. Preston & **John White**,” 95a, 34, 0, \$.16

COMMENT:

- This is the first taxation of the land that was jointly patented to Wm. Preston and the John White who married Frankey Mills.
- Again the 130 acres represent the full acreage of Sugar Run land once owned by John ‘S’.

**1805**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

Binn’s List A: Hoge District; consecutive names

<b>White, James</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	6 Apr
Walker, Charles Junr.		6 Apr
Wiley, James		6 Apr
<b>White, John Senr.</b>	1 white male 16+, 4 horses &c, \$.48	6 Apr
<b>White, John</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	6 Apr
Waddal, Robert		4 Jun
<b>White, John</b> [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Jun
<b>White, Arter</b> [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	4 Jun

COMMENT:

Note that in the next year, 1806, John Sr. would have two additional tithes. One would be Frankey’s son Samuel, who had just arrived at the age of eighteen. The second is unidentified.

**3 SEPTEMBER 1805**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Court order

“Ordered that the following claims be allowed in the state of the next Levey to wit: ... To **Robert Whitt** the same [i.e., for killing one old wolf] \$2.50, To **John White Senr.** the same \$2.50 ...”<sup>162</sup>

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<sup>162</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 15, 1805–1807: 22.

1806

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Historical context

“Be it enacted by the general assembly, That all the part of the counties of **Montgomery, Monroe and Tazewell**, contained within the following boundaries, to wit:

Beginning at the end of **Gauly mountain** on **New river** where the counties of **Greenbriar** and **Kanawha** intersect; thence up the river with the **Greenbriar** and **Montgomery** line to the intersection of **Monroe** line; thence with the Monroe and Montgomery line to the upper end of **Pine’s plantation**; thence a straight line to the mouth of **Rich creek**, leaving the plantation of **Hugh Caperton** on the right; thence with the Montgomery and Monroe line to the intersection of **Botetourt** county line, and with the Botetourt and Montgomery line to the top of **Gap mountain**; thence along the top of said mountain to **New river**, crossing the same to the end of **Walker’s creek mountain**; thence along the top of said mountain to the intersection of **Wythe county** line; thence north-westwardly with said line to the intersection of **Tazewell** line, and with the Tazewell and Montgomery line to the top of **Wolf creek mountain**; thence along Wolf creek mountain to a path leading from the **Round Bottom** to **Harman’s mill**, about three miles below the mouth of **Clear Fork** of **Wolf creek** [current **Bland Co.** area]; thence a straight line to the **Big Spring** on **East river**; thence a straight line to the mouth of **Militin’s fork**; thence a direct line to the head of **Crane creek** on the top of the **Flat-top mountain**; thence down said river until it intersects with **Kanawha county** line; thence with the said line to the beginning

shall, from and after the first day of May next, form one distinct county, and be called and known by the name of Giles county. ...”

“A court for the said county of Giles shall be held by the justices thereof on the second Tuesday in every month ... and a quarterly session of the said court shall be held in each of the months of April, June, September and November of every year. ...”

“The said county of Giles shall remain in the same district with the county of **Monroe**, for which district courts are holden at the Sweet springs, and be of the same brigade district.”<sup>163</sup>

**4 FEBRUARY 1806**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation

Court order: “**John White** to David Summers Deed proven by the oath of **Gorden Cloyd** & James Hoge and Continued for further proof.”<sup>164</sup>

COMMENT:

This conveyance has not been found in the clerk’s record books for deeds. The fact that it was “continued for further proof” indicates all witnesses had not appeared in court to attest the validity of the document. When this situation occurred, if the missing witnesses did not eventually appear, the instrument would rarely be recorded.

Contradictory factors suggest that this John could be the (a) John Jr., husband of Nancy Copley, selling his land (or claim to land) adjacent to Randall Lucas on Doe Creek; or (b) John formerly of Sugar Run, selling off the remaining acreage that he retained after his three sales of 1793:

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<sup>163</sup> Charley L. Davis, *Giles County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax List 1806 and Giles County Land TAX List 1805; Order Book Minutes and Selected Marriages* (Oakton, VA: P.p., 1980), preface, pp. A-1 and A-2.

<sup>164</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 15, 1805–1807: 100.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

*Possibly John White Jr.:*

- The identity of the purchaser (Summers) suggests that this John White was from the family of John White Sr. in the Wolf Creek to East River area. Summers in 1804 had witnessed Benjamin White Sr.’s purchase on Wolf Creek.<sup>165</sup>
- The identity of the witness (Cloyd) adds nothing pro or con. He owned land all over the county, held land adjacent to John of Little Sugar Creek, but also used Benjamin White as his chain bearer for land surveys on East River.<sup>166</sup>

*Possibly John ‘S’ White of Sugar Run:*

- This year 1806 is the year that the Montgomery County land tax roll corrected its long-running error and reduced John White’s Sugar Run tract to 35 acres. That tax-roll correction could have been prompted by the above sale.
- The fact that witnesses were called to attest the validity of the document, rather than the seller himself appearing in court to acknowledge the deed as his own act, also suggests that the seller is no longer in the county.

**23 APRIL 1806**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Association

By virtue of two warrants (one for 65 acres by military warrant no. 330 issued 7 February 1780 under the royal proclamation of 1763; the other for 64 acres by Treasury Warrant no. 1022 issued 25 December 1794), there is granted to **Randall Lucas** a tract of 125 acres **surveyed 22 December 1796** in the county of Montgomery “on the head of **Doe Creek**, a branch of New River” bounded as follows:

Beginning at two large chestnuts corner of **John White’s** land, then with a line thereof N 74° E 140 poles to a large chesnut, N 80 poles crossing a small branch to a black oak, N 78° W 178 poles to a buckeye in a branch, S 38° W 57 poles to a sugar tree on a sharp spur, S 20° E 44 poles to three sugar trees on a line of **Thomas Cassidays** land, then with lines thereon N 55° E 42 poles to two sugar trees by a branch, a corner thereof, and then S 16° 98 poles down said branch and crossing the same to the beginning.<sup>167</sup>

COMMENT:

- Doe Creek was the previous location of the land of John Abram Glymph, the man Frankey almost married in November 1788.
- Note on Maps 1 and 2 that Doe Creek is east of New River, just below the mouth of Walker Creek the west of New River near Copley’s Ford. Most references to John ‘S’ White’s land place him several miles westward where Little Sugar Run approaches Walker’s Creek.
- **This John White is John White Jr.**, husband of Nancy Copley.
- The Lucas land also adjoined **Robert White** in 1797, according to a suit subsequently filed against Robert:

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<sup>165</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D, 1803–1810: 95–96.

<sup>166</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 330–31.

<sup>167</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 55, 1805–1806, p. 397; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image\\_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++1805-1806&dbl\\_pgs=yes&round=DOWN](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO-7/121/121&image_number=0228&offset=%2B30&name=Grants+No.55+++1805-1806&dbl_pgs=yes&round=DOWN) : accessed 5 October 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

"To the Worshippful Court of Montgomery County in Chancery sitting humbly complaining hewethe [herewith] unto your Worships your Orator Wm. McClenanachan [*sic*], That on or about the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1797 a certain **Robert White** entered into an obligation (which your Orator prays may be referred to & taken as part of this bill) under the penalty of one hundred and fifty pounds to a certain **Randal Lucas** conditioned that the said White should make a good & Lawful right to a certain tract of Land containing one hundred & fifty Acres of Land lying & being on the **north side of the Salt Pond Mountain**, adjoining the lands of **Thomas Cassiday** & the land of **Randal Lucas** & is now also the plantation on which he now lives, to the said Randal Lucas ... . Afterwards on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1797, the said Randal Lucas assigned the said obligation with all its force to Benjamin Thomas ..." <sup>168</sup>

1806

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

**WHITE:** Wm. Preston & **John White** [Sr.], 95a, 34, 0, \$.16

**John**, 35a \$34, \$.16 tax

DROPPED: **John**, 130a, \$41, \$.20 tax

1806

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal property tax roll

<b>White, James</b>	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	5 Apr
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	1 white male 16+, 0 horses	5 Apr
<b>White, Benjamin</b>	2 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	8 Apr
<b>White, John, Junr.</b>	1 white male 16+, 1 horse &c, \$.12	8 Apr
<b>White, John, Senr.</b>	3 white males 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	8 Apr
<b>White, John, hunter</b> [of Hannah?] Wilburn, Wm.	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	13 May 13 May
<b>White, Arter</b> [of Hannah?]	1 white male 16+, 2 horses &c, \$.24	13 May

COMMENT:

This marks the last appearance on the Montgomery and/or Giles tax roll of Arter White and the John who is repeatedly coupled with him. Arter would make one subsequent appearance in Giles, 1807, as a surety for Samuel Mills' marriage bond and a witness to the permissions. <sup>169</sup>

1806

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

List of John Hoge, 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia, Montgomery Co. Arranged semialphabetically by first letter of surname.

<sup>168</sup> William McClennahan vs. Robert White, Montgomery Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged at Library of Virginia, "Chancery Records Index," *VirginiaMemory* (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov> : downloaded 27 May 2019).

<sup>169</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered page, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

“W” section. Consecutive entries:

<b>James White</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ tax	5 Apr
Robert Wilburn			5 Apr
<b>Benjamin White</b>		1 tithe	5 Apr
[skip 5]			
<b>John White Jur.</b>		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ tax	8 Apr
<b>John White, Sr.</b>		3 tithes [self, stepson Samuel Mills & _____] 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ tax	8 Apr
[skip 21 other Ws]			
William Wilburn			23 Apr
<b>Arthur White</b>		1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ tax	23 Apr

COMMENT:

- John Sr. should be one of the tithes in his own household, despite his age. In reading court minutes, I did not find a request by him to be excused from taxes.
- One of the two younger tithes in John’s household should be his stepson, Samuel Mills
- The other young tithe would not be a son of John by Frankey. Any son by her would be four years shy of tithable age.
- One possibility for the extra tithe can be ruled out: John White Sr. was not in a financial position to employ a laborer.
- A second possibility: Frankey’s hypothetical son William Mills who emerged this year in Franklin County, as an apparent employee of young Samuel McCarrell who had inherited Montgomery > Giles land belonging to his grandfather John Ferguson.
- One other possibility is unlikely: none of John’s proposed sons had been married long enough to have a son of tithable age, with the possible exception of Benjamin. However, Benjamin’s tax lists did not include an extra tithe for another two years.
- Re Robert Wilburn adjacent to Benjamin White: A road order of 1818 places Wilburn as a neighbor of Toney’s Ferry, off East River.
- Arthur White’s appearance at the end of the “W” list W is a typical position for new males at their first appearance—or for previously taxed males who had dropped out of the county and now returned.
- Note that John Sr. and Jr. are grouped together and submitted their list on the same day. This suggests that John Jr. had not yet moved to the land that was surveyed for him in the Copley neighborhood of Camping Creek, 1804.

**NOVEMBER 1806**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
 Court orders

**James White** serves on jury in case of Justice vs. Helvey.<sup>170</sup>

**15 APRIL 1807**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
 Court orders

Grand jury returned a presentment against **James White** and Caleby [*sic*]Stowers for fighting on 14 April

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<sup>170</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 48.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

1807. Also against **John White** and William Stowers for fighting the same day. Also against Mordecai Stowers and Archibald Blankenship, same charge, same day.

**James White** is also a juror this session that heard a case against Larkin Stowers.<sup>171</sup>

COMMENT:

The John should be John Jr. See records below for John Sr. as special bail for John Jr. and James.

**1807**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

**John White** 35a, \$34, \$.16 tax

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

COMMENT:

This is the last year that the Sugar Run John's 35 acres would be taxed in Giles. I have not found a sale of the land in Montgomery or Giles. One possibility is that he paid his tax from Cabell County. (Absentee landowners typically paid from the county in which they lived.) I have not yet studied the Cabell County land tax rolls.

**1807**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

List of 86<sup>th</sup> Regiment Militia; semi-alphabetical by *first* letter of first name.

*B section:*

**Benjamin White** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ 13 Apr

*"J" section:*

**John White Jr.** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢ 27 Apr

[skip 8]

**James White** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢ 27 Apr

**John White Sr.** 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢ 27 Apr

COMMENT:

- Benjamin White at this time owned land on Wolf Creek of the Bluestone.
- John Sr. should be on the land he held jointly with William Preston, at Big Spring at East River Mountain.
- John Sr. should now be in his late sixties. His sons by Frankey would be pre-teens to toddlers, incapable of the work required to clear and till raw land.
- The second tithable in John Sr.'s household should be his stepson Samuel Mills who would marry about ten days later.
- John Sr. has lost a tithe since 1860—raising the question whether that tithe might have been Frankey's hypothetical son William Mills who in 1806 established himself in Franklin County, as an apparent employee of young Samuel McCarrell who had inherited Montgomery > Giles land belonging to his grandfather John Ferguson.
- James turned in his list on the same day as John Sr., implying that he was then living with John Sr. and working the Big Spring land with him.

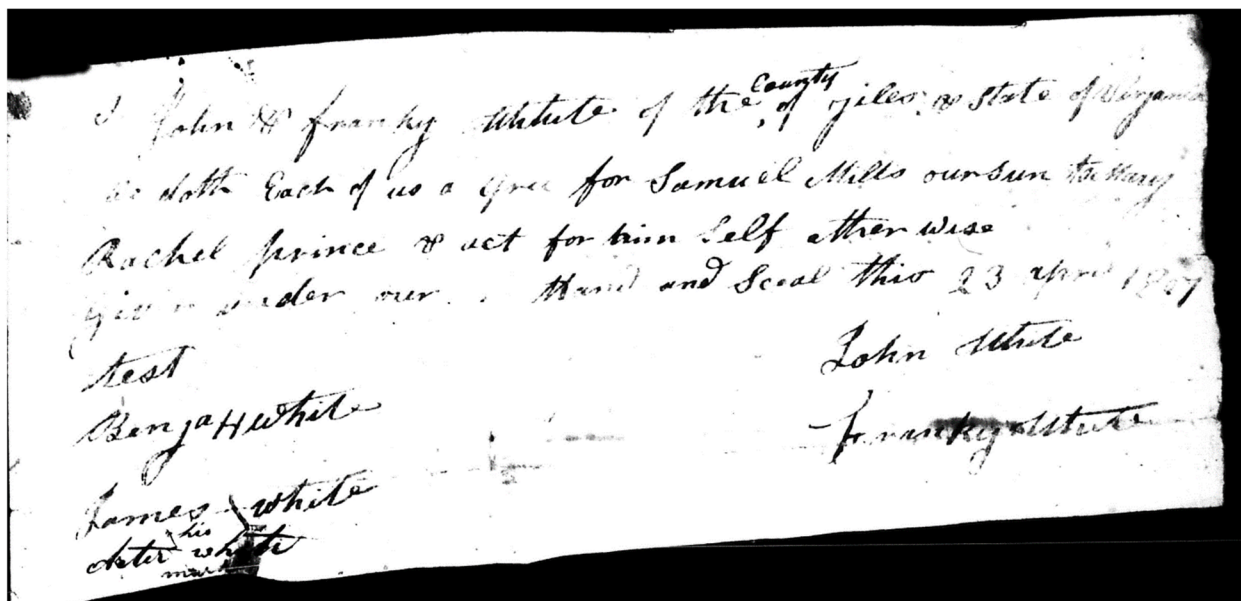
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<sup>171</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 69–708.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

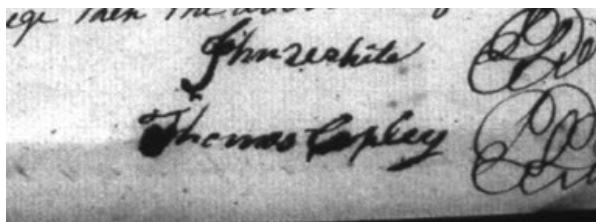
23 APRIL 1807  
GILES COUNTY, VA  
Marriage permission

I, John & franky Whhite [sic] of the County of Giles & State of Virginia do both & Each of us agree for Samuel Mills our sun [sic] to mary [marry] Rachel prince & act for him Self other wise. Given under our Hand and seal this 23 April 1807. [Signed] John White. Franky White. Test: Benj<sup>a</sup> H White, James White (X his mark), Arter White (X his mark).<sup>172</sup>



COMMENT:

There is reason to question whether John White wrote this himself and whether he was even able to read or write. Compare this "signature" to the one on John's bond to marry Frankey, below.<sup>173</sup>



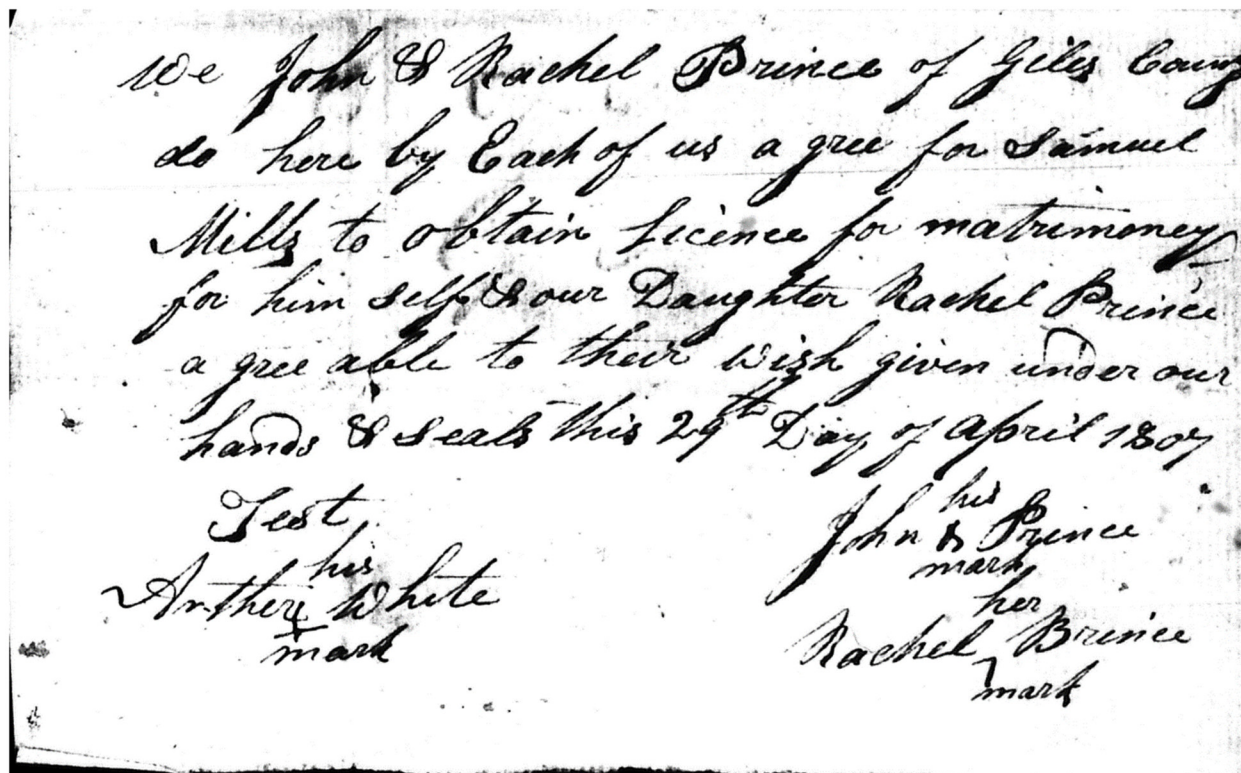
29 APRIL 1807  
GILES COUNTY, VA  
Marriage bond

<sup>172</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

<sup>173</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

We, John & Rachel Prince of Giles County do here by Each of us a gree for **Samuel Mills** to obtain License for matrimony for him self & our Daughter Rachel Prince a gree able to their wish given under our hands & Seals this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1807. [Signed] John Prince (his X mark). Rachel Prince (her 7 mark). Test: Arther White (his X mark).<sup>174</sup>



We John & Rachel Prince of Giles County  
do here by Each of us a gree for Samuel  
Mills to obtain Licience for matrimoney  
for him self & our Daughter Rachel Prince  
a gree able to their wish given under our  
hands & Seals this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1807  
Test:  
Arther <sup>his</sup> White  
mark  
John <sup>his</sup> Prince  
mark  
Rachel <sup>her</sup> Prince  
mark

6 MAY 1807  
GILES COUNTY, VA  
Marriage bond

"Know all men by these Presents that we **Samuel Mills**, William Murphy and **Arter White** are held and firmly bound unto William H. Cabell Esqr. Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the pennel Sum of one Hundred and fifty dollars to be Leveed of our Several goods and Chattels Lands and tenements for the use of the said commonwealth upon condition If there is no Lawful cause to obstruct a marrage between **Samuel Mills** and **Rachel Prince** for which a marriage License have been obtained then this obligation to be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force & virtue. Signed & Sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day May 1807 **Samuel Mills** {LS} Arter white {LS} & William Murphy {LS}. Test: David French [Clerk of court]."<sup>175</sup>

<sup>174</sup> Giles Co., VA, Marriage Bonds [and Permissions], 1806–1820, unindexed, unnumbered, rough chronological order; imaged Giles Co. microfilm 21, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

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John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Know all men by these Presents That we Samuel  
Mills William Murphy and arles white are held and  
firmly bound unto William H. Cabell Esq. Governor  
of the commonwealth of Virginia for the times being and  
his Successors in the pecune & Sum of one Thousand  
and fifty dollars to be Lived of our Several goods  
and Chattels Lands and Licensments for the use of the  
Said commonwealth upon conditions If there is  
no Louper cause to obstruct a marriage between  
Samuel Mills and Rachel Prince for which  
a marriage License have been obtained  
then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain  
in full force and effect Signed Sealed this  
17th day May 18th 1792  
at  
David French

Samuel Mills  
Arles White  
William Murphy

Seal  
Seal  
Seal

Also note:

- Frances "Frankey" Mills married "John White Sr." by bond of 19 August 1792, Montgomery County, with Thomas Copley Jr. as surety. Given that son Samuel is under 21, then he was born 1786–c1792. Social patterns suggest that the likeliest period of Samuel's birth was about the year that Abram Glymph took out the bond to marry "Widow" Frances Mills and then the planned marriage fell through for an unexplained reason (i.e., late 1787 to late 1788).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- Arthur ("Arter"), Benjamin H., and James White would not be sons of Frankey. A son of hers by John White Sr. would not be old enough to serve as official witnesses or bondsman.
- As previously noted, the only "Benjamin White" in Giles County, 1800–14, has been the Benjamin who married Ann Goodwin in 1787. This 1807 document marks the earliest usage of the middle initial 'H' that has been found for him, and the first time that he has signed a bond. He would use the middle initial H—almost without exception, but never a middle name—through the last document I've found for him (the 1830 census).
- As previously noted, Arther White is found on tax rolls and petitions amid neighbors of both John 'S' White and John White Sr.
- Samuel Mills made his first appearance on the 1811 Giles County tax roll, suggesting that he came of age in late 1809 or early 1810. However, he made one earlier appearance on the Cabell 1809 roll. This would place his birth in 1787 or 1788. When Samuel applied for bounty land in 1855, he cited his age as 67, placing his birth November 1787 to November 1788.<sup>176</sup>
- **William Murphy** on 14 October 1806 married **Nancy Prince** there in Giles.<sup>177</sup> On the 1810 census of Giles, he is 1 house from Samuel and Rachel.

The actual marriage entry, in the reconstructed Giles Co. register imaged below, names no parents for Samuel at all and only Rachel's father.<sup>178</sup>

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES.																
DATE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	FULL NAME OF THE PARTIES		AGE AND CONDITION BEFORE MARRIAGE						PLACE OF THEIR BIRTH		PLACE OF THEIR RESIDENCE		NAMES OF THEIR PARENTS		OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND
				HUSBAND		WIFE		SINGLE or WIDOWED		HUSBAND	WIFE	HUSBAND	WIFE	HUSBAND	WIFE	
				Yrs.	Mo.	Days.	Yrs.	Mo.	Days.							
August 12, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Sept 18, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.					
Sept 18, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.					
Sept 26, 1804	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.					
July 24, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Sept 24, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Jan 9, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
May 6, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
May 25, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
April 7, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Feb 16, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Jan 7, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
August 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Jan 2, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
March 20, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
August 22, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Jan 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
July 21, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
March 20, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Feb 6, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Nov 14, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Sept 4, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
Sept 11, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
July 24, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		
March 14, 1805	Salem Co. Va.	John White Sr.	Elizabeth White							Giles Co. Va.	Giles Co. Va.			James White		

<sup>176</sup> The bounty land affidavit is today part of his widow's pension application. See Nancy Mills, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

<sup>177</sup> "Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740–1850," database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : 13 October 2019); citing Jordan R. Dodd, *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850* (Bountiful, UT: Precision Index Publishing, n.d.), n.p.

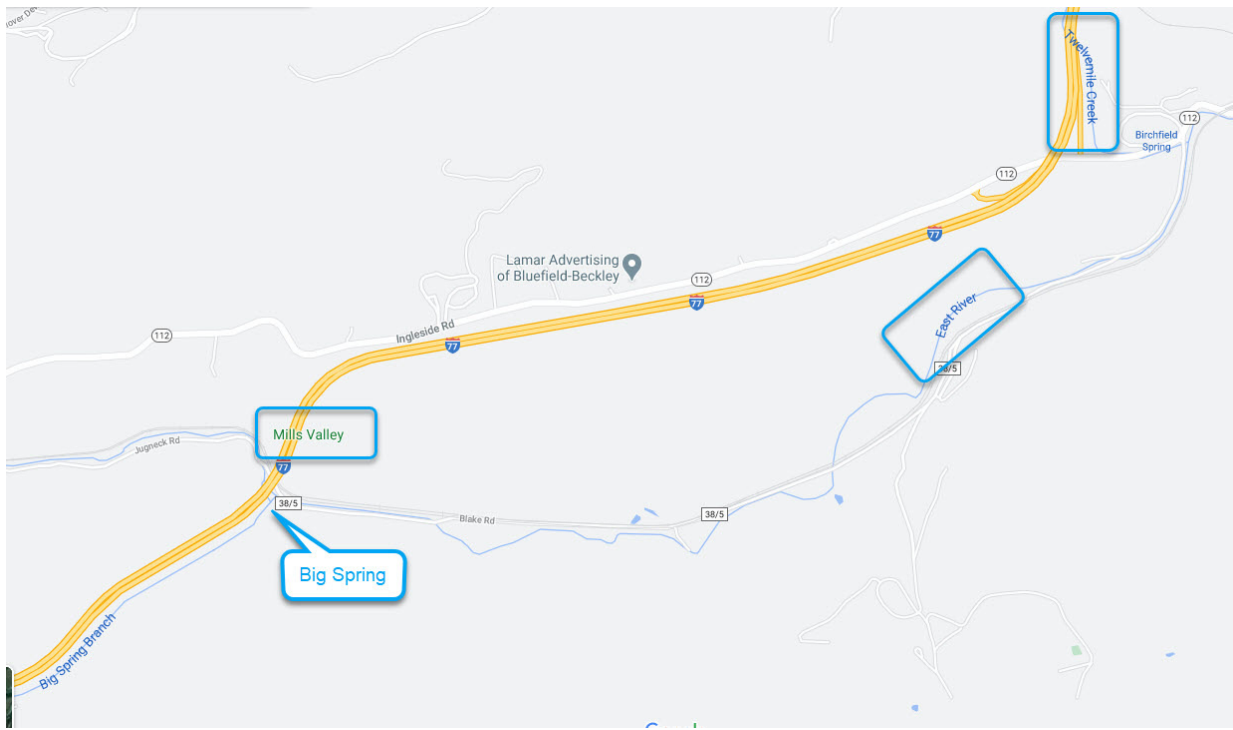
<sup>178</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 23.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

**Map 6**  
**Northern Giles: East River from Twelve-Mile Creek Eastward to New River**



**Map 7**  
**Northern Giles: East River from Twelve-Mile Creek Westward to Big Spring & Mills Valley**



**JUNE 1807**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"Commonwealth vs. **James White**. Grand jury requests that an en fer? motion be filed."

*Various other actions are chronicled, then ...*

"Commonwealth vs. **John White**. White failed to appear. "It is ordered by the court that the same be filed. [This "same" reference does not seem to refer back to the action in the James White case.]

"The same vs. William Stowers the same."

"The commonwealth vs. Mordecai Stowers, a new summons awarded on the presentment of the Grand Jury."<sup>179</sup>

COMMENT:

Again, this pair of actions should reference the proposed brothers James and John Jr. The Stowers family lived on East River between John White Sr. and John Toney's ferry/inn/mill/store.

**24 JUNE 1807–1825**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Estray notice

COMMENT:

I read this register through 1825. Nothing relevant found.<sup>180</sup>

**9 SEPTEMBER 1807**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"Commonwealth vs. **James White**. A writ of inquiry awarded and Set aside & not Guilty pled & a Jury sworn to inquire of Damages to wit: Archabold Marrs, William Clay, Micajah Brumfield, John French Henry Miller, Tanos Munces, Holton Munsey, George Roberts, James Bone, John Clybourn, William Simpkins, **Elijah Sartain**. ...

"The Jury impaneled in the Case of Commonwealth vs. **James White** returned Verdict [of] Guilty and assess the damage to \$5 & costs.

"The Commonwealth against **John White**, a writ of inquiry awarded and set aside, Plea filed and a Jury sworn to ... to wit Joshua Bartley, Philip Peters, Linsey Davis, Frances Scott, **Thos. Sartain**, Isaac French, Travas Stowers, **Man H White**, Jehu Burgess & Jesse Boling, who [found] the Defendant not guilty."<sup>181</sup>

COMMENT:

- Note that in every case, the John involved in the Stowers-White brawl of earlier in the year is simply called "John White," not Sr. or Jr.
- The phrase "Man H White" is underscored in the recorded orders, a practice usually used to signify a recognized misspelling. Almost certainly, this is Benjaman H. White.

**10 NOVEMBER 1807**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>179</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 81–82; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>180</sup> Giles Co., VA, Estray Book 1; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 1.

<sup>181</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 105; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Court order

"~~Elijah Sartain & Archibald Chapman~~ being summoned to appear hear to show cause why [a writ for] information should not be filed against him on the Presentments of the Grand Jury made at the September term appeared accordingly and the Court was of the opinion that the cause was sufficient & that he be further discharged from this Presentment.

"Archibald Chapman same.

[Next day] "**James White**, same." [i.e., ordered to show cause why a writ for information should not be filed against him.]<sup>182</sup>

COMMENT:

- Elijah Sartain in 1791 married Sarah Mills, before the same Walker Creek minister who officiated the marriage of Frankey Mills and John White Sr.
- In 1811, Archibald Chapman would marry Elizabeth "Betsy" Mills, almost certainly the daughter of Sarah Mills, with her stepfather Elijah as her guardian.

**17 MARCH 1808**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land entry

"**James White** assignee of Andrew Johnston who was assignee of Thomas Norvell by Virtue of a land office exchange treasury warrant for 1250 acres No. 1951 bearing date the 9<sup>th</sup> day February 1808 enters 40 acres of land Beginning at **Daniel Collins** land on the end of the **Salt Pond Mountain** and running an east course round for quantity."<sup>183</sup>

**14 APRIL 1808**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

Commonwealth against **James White**. Charge not stated. Writ of inquiry awarded and jury found him Guilty, assessing \$8 damages.<sup>184</sup>

**1808**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

COMMENT:

No such roll exists. The State of Virginia did not pass a tax act this year.

**14 JULY 1808**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA**

Land grant

"William H. Cabell Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, that by virtue of an Exchanged Treasury warrant number" 1232 issued 22 January 1802 "there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto **John White**, A certain Tract or Parcel of

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<sup>182</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 123–24; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>183</sup> Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 30. Also see Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845), p. \_\_\_\_; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 8190450. [I need to finish reading this volume and retrieve this page number when FamilySearch library facilities reopen for access to the images.]

<sup>184</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 146, 148–49.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Land, containing" 100 acres "by survey" dated **16 May 1804**, "lying and being in the county of Montgomery in the **Camping Hollow**, on the West side & about a mile from **New River**, and bounded as followeth, to wit:

Beginning at a white oak near the head of a spring on a line of **Thomas Burks** land, thence with a line of the same N 68° W 45 poles passing his corner to a white oak on the top of a ridge, S 10° E 156 poles to two white oaks by a road, N 51° E 80 poles to a large white oak on the top of a ridge, N 32° E 34 poles to a black oak, N 2° E 66 poles to a black oak and white oak, N 22° E 42 poles to a spanish oak, N 39° W 62 poles to two white oaks, then S 28° W 110 poles to beginning

"With its Appurtenances, To have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said **John ~~H~~ White** [*sic*]and his heirs for ever. In Witness Whereof, the said William H. Cabbell esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on" 14 July 1808" and of the Commonwealth the thirty-third [year]."

Marginal note: "Examined Octr 31<sup>st</sup> 1809 delivered to receipt."<sup>185</sup>

COMMENT:

This John of Camping Hollow is John Jr. He and wife Nancy sold these 100 acres to James Straley on 24 April 1810.

**13 SEPTEMBER 1808**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"**John Tony vs. Benjamin H. White**, James Copley Sp<sup>l</sup> bail office Judgement set aside payment Plead and Issue. Same vs **Jesse Farley** William Smith Special bail, office judgement Set aside payment Plead and Issue."<sup>186</sup>

**13 SEPTEMBER 1808**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**Benjamin White (x)** and **wife Ann** of Giles to **John Toney** and **John McClagherty** of same, sale for \$326.67 in hand paid, 98 acres on **Woolf Creek**, a branch of **Bluestone**. No witnesses. Proved December Court 1808 by witnesses John Brown, **John Burk**, and John Snidow.<sup>187</sup>

Proved 13 December 1808, by John Snidow & John Brown & **John Burks**. Ordered to be recorded.<sup>188</sup>

COMMENT:

- John Burks was adjacent landowner to land patented to *John White Sr.* and William Preston.
- The end of the deed, where witnesses are named and signatures appear, is illegible on screen. I can discern that Benjamin X'd. I can't tell for Ann and can't read names of witnesses there.
- Considering that Toney's suit against "**Benjamin H. White**" was set aside on the same date as this sale, it would appear that this sale was made for funds to settle the suit by Toney.

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<sup>185</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 56, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://va.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fuldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://va.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fuldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

<sup>186</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 183.

<sup>187</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 198–99.

<sup>188</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 219.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- The relationship between the Toney's and the Benjamin White family would continue, as shown by document abstracts or transcripts below.

**16 SEPTEMBER 1808**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

**Benjamin H. White** serves on jury."<sup>189</sup>

**1808**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Tax roll

COMMENT:

The Commonwealth of Virginia did not pass a tax act this year.

**12 APRIL 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

Philip Miller vs **John White** [Jr.] & **James White**. **John White** [Sr.] who was appearance bail for the Defendant John White [Jr.] comes into Court and offers to enter himself Spl bail to which the att<sup>o</sup> for the plff objected as the appearance bail was insufficient and filed an objection to that, whereupon the Court Desided that the appearance bail was Sufficient & admitted Special bail for the **Defendant John White**. [Jr.]"<sup>190</sup>

COMMENT:

It is obvious from this and subsequent court orders that there were two John Whites involved.

1. The defendant John who, with James White, participated in the White-Stowers brawl.
2. The John who served as special bail.

Typically, the brawler would be the younger John, with the same-name surety being the father of the two brawlers.

**1 JUNE 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**Peter Dingess Senr** to **John Dingess & Charles Dingess**, all of Giles. In consideration of 100 and the promise of John and Charles to "feed clothe and support the said Peter Dingess and Mary his wife their father and mother during their natural lives and to find them a quiet decent and comfortable support, grants 100 acres in the "vallies of **East River**." Witnessses: David French, Wm. Smith, **John Toney**, Peter *Blankenship* (x), **Benj H. White**." Proved June Court 1809 by witnesses French, Smith, and White.<sup>191</sup>

COMMENT:

Note below, under 15 September 1809, that Benjamin H. White, together with Nimrod *Smith* and Jesse *Blankenship* are "special bail" for William Murphy who was being sued by Toney.

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<sup>189</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 196; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>190</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 234; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>191</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 132-33.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

William Murphey married Nancy Prince<sup>192</sup> and was thereby a brother-in-law of Samuel Mills.

**2 JUNE 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Association

**Peter Dingess** makes his last will and testament. Wife Mary, sons Charles, John, daughters Elizabeth Smith and Nancy Henderson, and Peggy Dingess; son-in-law David French to be executor with son John, Negro woman Jude. Witnesses: **John Toney**, **Benj. H. White**, Peter *Blankenship* (x), Shaderick *Blankenship* (x). Proved November Court 1809, Giles, by oaths of John Toney and Peter Blankenship.<sup>193</sup>

**13 JUNE 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Philip Miller against **James White & John White**. In Debt. John White [Sr.] who was Spl bail for John White [Jr.] surrendered the said John White [Jr.] in Court In discharge of his recognizance and he is prayed In custody of the Sheriff."<sup>194</sup>

**1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

"P" Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

"W" section

WHITE: John                      No entry

COMMENT:

- Note that John White [Sr.] is no longer responsible for the tax on the 95 acres at Big Spring. While his name was on the patent and would remain on the land-tax entry until 1819, the tax from this point forward was charged to William Preston and the tax entry appears each year in the "P" section of the roll.
- Giles Co. deeds show that Benjamin White and wife Ann, in September 1808, had sold 98 acres on Wolf Creek, "a branch of Bluestone" to John Toney and John McClagherty.<sup>195</sup> Although they purchased the land in 1804, it was never taxed to them in Giles.

**1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

No militia district or assessor named; semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"W"

**White, John** "hunter" [John Jr.]                      1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

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<sup>192</sup> "Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740–1850," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : 13 October 2019); citing Jordan R. Dodd, *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850* (Bountiful, UT: Precision Index Publishing, n.d.), n.p.

<sup>193</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 24–25.

<sup>194</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 1: 258.

<sup>195</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Wilborn, Robert	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 60¢	22 Mar
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	22 Mar
[skip 11]		
<b>White Benjamin</b> [Big Spr/East River]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.; Big Spr/East River]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	8 Apr

COMMENT:

- Giles County tax rolls of this period do not consistently give a date on which each list was collected.
- John of Big Spring has lost one tithe and one horse. This is the year that Samuel Mills appears on the roll of Cabell County.
- The consecutive entries for John and Benjamin, on same-dated list, implies that after Benjamin lost his land in 1808, he moved to the land of John Sr.
- This is the first time that the "hunter" designation is attached to John White Jr. on the tax roll or elsewhere. The taxable property of this "John White, hunter" syncs with that of John White Jr. in 1807. In this year 1809, John "Jr." does not appear as such and records subsequently abstracted in this paper clearly show that John Jr.; John White, hunter; John H. White; and "John Hunter White are one and the same. In 1817 the personal tax roll attached "H" to James of Doe Creek/ Salt Pond Mountain also to distinguish him from a new James that came onto the roll at East River.

**15 SEPTEMBER 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**"John Toney** against William Murphy, Nimrod Smith, **Benj<sup>n</sup> H White**, Thomas Little & Jesse Blankinship who Justified Spl bail.

**"Toney & Co. vs Same, the same, the same Justifi<sup>d</sup> Spl bail."**<sup>196</sup>

COMMENT:

William Murphy, as noted above, was the brother-in-law of Samuel Mills. Nimrod Smith and various Blankenships appear frequently in the White records. The Blankenships were also in-laws to Sarah (Mills) Sartain.

**6 NOVEMBER 1809**

**GILES (MONTGOMERY) COUNTY, VA**

Land entry

**"James White** assee [assignee] of Andrew Johnston who was assee of Thomas Nowell by Virtue of a land office Exchange Treasury warrant for 1250 acres No. 1951 bearing date the 9<sup>th</sup> day February 1808 enters **15 acres** of land on the **north** side of **Salt Pon Mountain** Beginning at a corner of his own land and running to include land entered by himself March the 17 1808."<sup>197</sup>

**12 DECEMBER 1809**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

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<sup>196</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 7.

<sup>197</sup> Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1806 (1804)–1815: 82.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

John Snodgrass to **John White**, sale for \$100, 75 acres in Giles Co. on **New River** and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a buckeye and Cucumber on the river bank, S 58° W 10 poles to a buckeye, S 23° E 24 poles to a white oak, S 8\_ W 44 poles to a black oak on steep hill side, S 25° W 30 poles to two white oaks on a **rige** [*sic*], S 11° W 30 poles to a black oak and red oak, S 42 W 22 poles to a white oak on a hill side, S 20o E 3 ? poles to a chesnut on a point, S 77° E 32 poles to a hickory & chesnut, N 49° E 44 poles to an Ash in the head of a hollow, N 86° E 92 poles to a Lynn on the river bank and thence down the several Courses thereof and binding thereof 160 poles to the Beginning."

Deed acknowledged in Court by the said Snodgrass and ordered to be Recorded."<sup>198</sup>

COMMENT:

- At the question marks above, the calls were written into the crack of the book and were unreadable.
- This John is John White Jr., who sold the tract with wife Nancy [Copley] in February 1816.

**23 APRIL 1810**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land sale.

**Joseph Snodgrass** to **James White**, both of Giles Co., sell for \$80 in hand paid, 25 acres in Giles on N side of **Salt Pon** [*sic*] **Mountain**, being part of a tract of 92 acres granted to **Thomas Cassady** by patent dated 21 January 1791 ...

Beginning at Red oak Corner to his Survey also corner to **Maddens** lands, runing N 17 W 64 poles continuing with said Survey to a large chesnut on **Collins** line, thence with Collins' line W 68 poles to a locust by a fence, thence leaving Collins' line S 9 E 46 poles to a black oak stump NW? 25 poles to **Joseph Snodgrass's** line and with it N 68 E 14 poles to a pointer, N 83 E 60 poles to the beginning.

*Proved April Court 1810 by acknowledgement of Snodgrass.*<sup>199</sup>

COMMENT:

- The January 1788 survey of John Abram Glymph's land placed it adjacent to Michael Madden.<sup>200</sup>
- This 1810 document is recorded consecutively with Sartain to Marrs and **John White [Jr.]** to Straley.
- On 24 April 1806 Randall Lucas patented land at head of Doe Creek (Salt Pond area) *adjacent to John White and Thomas Cassady.*<sup>201</sup>

**24 APRIL 1810**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>198</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 158–59. Also Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 35; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>199</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

<sup>200</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 28, 1792–93, pp. 107–8, 1793 patent to Paul Harmon, assignee of Abraham Glimp, on Doe Creek, citing January 1788 survey; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 17 January 2019).

<sup>201</sup> Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, pp. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* ([https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA\\_INST:01LVA&search\\_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en](https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Land sale.

**John White** and **wife Nancey** to James **Straley**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$100, 100 acres in Giles County “in **Camping Hollow** about 1 mile from New River,” described as:

“Beginning at a white oak near the head of a Spring on a line of **Thomas Burks** lands thence with the line of the same N 68 W 45 poles passing his corner to a white oak on the top of a **ridge**, S 10 E 156 poles to two white oaks by a Road, N 51 E 80 poles to a large white oak on the top of a ridge, N 32 E 34 poles to a black oak, N 2 E 66 poles to a black and white Oaks, N 22 E 42 poles to a Spanish oak, N 39 W 62 poles to two white oaks thence S 28 W 110 poles to the beginning.

“In witness whereof the said John White and Nancy his wife have hereunto set ~~their~~ his hand an fixed his seal the day and year first above written. {seal} {seal}.” [sic] No witnesses. Proved April Court 1810 by acknowledgement of John White.<sup>202</sup>

COMMENT:

This John White with wife Nancey [nee Copley] is **John White Jr.** However, note subsequent documents in which he is called John H.

On 13 February 1815, James Straley and wife Betsey sold 7 acres of this land to Joseph Jackson, saying it was the land Straley lived on and that it was **part of 100 acres patented to “John White.”**<sup>203</sup>

**25 APRIL 1810**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

Grand jury returned a true bill against “**John White**” and others. Charges not shown.<sup>204</sup>

**1810**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

“P” Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

“W” section

**WHITE: John “hunter”** 75a, \$40, \$.19 [Added at start of “W” list]

COMMENT:

This John “hunter” who owned 75 acres is John White Jr., according to two deeds:

- At December Court 1809, John Snotgrass appeared in court to acknowledging having sold 75a to John White.<sup>205</sup> The location in that document was given only as New River.
- On 27 February, John White and wife Nancy (the former Nancy Copley who married John [Jr.] in 1792, Montgomery Co.) sold these 75 acres to John Henderson.<sup>206</sup> That deed mentioned that the land lay “at the head of a hollow.” That should be Camping Hollow where Copleys lived.

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<sup>202</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 181–82.

<sup>203</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 416.

<sup>204</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 63.

<sup>205</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 35.

<sup>206</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 419.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

[skip 18]

**WHITE: James** 25a, \$13, \$.06

COMMENT:

This 25-acre tract was surveyed for James on 9 September 1808, at which time it was said to be on the NW side of Salt Pond Mountain, adjacent to "Collins" and Michael Madden.<sup>207</sup> The 1812 land tax roll, below, identifies the Collins who held land adjacent to James White as "Daniel Collins."

**1810**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

<b>White, Benjamin</b> [East Riv.]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢	15 March
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.; East Riv.]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢	15 March
<b>White, John</b> [Jr.] [Camping H.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	27 March

COMMENT:

The county has no taxable coaches, stages, or gigs. Taxes were levied on 1666 horses and 708 slaves.

**25 JULY 1810**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**"John White"** serves on jury. No distinction as to which John White.<sup>208</sup>

**25 JULY 1810**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

Commonwealth vs. **"John White** [Jr.] On an indictment for a breach of the Peace. This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth and the Deft in his own Person who Pleaded not Guilty to the indictment and put himself upon the Country and the attorney for the Com'th likewise, whereupon came a Jury to wit: Frances Scott, Reuben Johnston, Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith, Joseph Jackson, William Burk, John Conley, John Dingess, James Perdue, Isaac Jackon, Linsey Davis, Ezekiel Smith & Hugh Johnston, who being Elected \_\_\_eed and Sworn the Truth to Speake upon the Issue Joined and having herd the Evidance upon their Oaths do say that the Deft. is Guilty in manner and form as the attorney for the Com'th hath alledged and they do assess his fine to one Dollar and Judgt. Is Given for the Same with cost and the Deft. May be taken &c."<sup>209</sup>

**AUGUST 1810**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Census

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname, as per tax roll

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<sup>207</sup> Giles Co., VA, Survey Book 1 (1807–1845): 18.

<sup>208</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 80, 84.

<sup>209</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 86, 88.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

(p. 640; begin line 11)

Williams, Jeremiah

<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr.]	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 26–44	7 in household
	3 white males 0–10	2 white females 0–10	

Williams, Hugh

Williams, Andrew

Williams, Joseph

Walker, Julas

Williams, George Jr.

Wilhite, Elias

<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	11 in household
	2 white males 18–25	3 white females 10–15	
	2 white males 0–10	2 white females 0–10	

**COMMENT:**

Benjamin, who was in the Wolf Creek/East River area for several years before this, is now listed among families of lower Giles. His loss of the land on East River amid suits by John Toney may have prompted him to farm with his brothers in the Doe Creek–Salt Pond Mountain area.

The household appears to lack one male in the 0–10 age group. See the children’s sketch for Benjamin’s offspring at the start of this paper, for the discussion of *Benjamin Wesley*, born about 1802.

(p. 641; begin line 1)

Walker, John

Walden, Thomas

Workman, Isaac

Westlick, Thomas

West, George

Woodram, Archibald

Webster, Jacob G

Wattes, William

Williams, Abram

Williams, George Sen.

Walker, Charles Sen.

Wilburn, William

Walker, Charles Jr.

Willes, John

Webb, John Jr.

<b>White, John H.</b> [Camping H]	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	9 in household
	3 white males 10–14	1 white female 16–24	
	3 white males 0–9		

**COMMENT:**

The 1820–30 censuses place John Jr.’s birth at about 1760–65. Hence, he has already turned 45.

Williams, Margrett

Williams, Frederick

Walters, John

(p. 642; start with line 1)

Williams, John

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Wilhite, Joel  
Waddle, Robert  
Woodlen, Robert

<b>White, John</b> [East River]	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 26–44	10 in household
	1 white male 16–25		
	3 white males 10–15		
	4 white males 0–9		

**COMMENT:**

The age of the head-of-household is not compatible with the John Sr. who married Frankey Mills in 1793, although consistent tax roll data makes it clear that the only John White in the county in 1810, aside from John Jr. (aka "John H." and "John White, hunter") was the older John Sr. who had married Frankey Mills. The ages for the rest of the household are compatible with a couple who married in 1792. Apparently, in recording data on the head of the household who likely was not present at the time, the census taker erred and put a tick mark in the wrong age column, making him the same age bracket as his younger wife.

**26 SEPTEMBER 1810**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**Benjamin H White** serves on jury.<sup>210</sup>

**28 APRIL 1811**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"**James White** and others are fined \$8 each for failure to appear when summoned for Grand Jury duty."<sup>211</sup>

**1811**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

"P" Section

Wm Preston & **John White**: 95a, \$34, \$.16

"W" section

"**John White (Hunter)**" 75a, \$40, \$.19 [added at start of "W" list]

[skip 18]

**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06  
02a, \$5, \$.24

**28 MAY 1811**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Giles, 86<sup>th</sup> Regt. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" Consecutive entries:

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<sup>210</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 109; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

<sup>211</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 165; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151678.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

McLaugherty, James Jr.	[on 1810 roll]	
Meadows, John	[on 1810 roll]	
Meadows, Edmond	[on 1810 roll]	
<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢	
Mullenix, Archabald	[on 1810 roll]	
Moser, Francis	[on 1810 roll]	
William Miller	[not on 1810 roll]	
[end of “M” section]		
“W” Consecutive entries:		
<b>White, John “(Hunter)”</b>	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢	[at Copley’s Ferry]
[skip 14]		
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Creek]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢	
Williams, George Jr.		
[skip 11]		
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.; East River]	2 tithes [self and ____?], 0 slaves, 2 horses, 24¢	
Walker, Anos [Chrispianos]		

COMMENT:

- Eighteen appears to be the tithable age at this point in Giles Co. If so, the second tithe in John Sr.’s household could be their eldest child, born, say, in early 1793. However, the timing is tight. More commonly, young males did not appear on a personal-tax roll until the year *after* they reached tithable age.
- Frankey’s hypothetical son **William Mills, of the Whitt-Witt Y, is missing this year from Franklin County’s personal tax roll.**<sup>212</sup>
- Samuel Mills in 1809 was on the Cabell roll, but was not taxed in Cabell in 1810. This is his first year charged under his own name in Giles. If he has just come of age, it would place his birth at c1789–90.
- Benjamin White is again missing. He is not likely to be the second tithe in John Sr.’s household in this year 1811, because the 1812 tax roll charges Benjamin White with three tithes. With two sons of tithable age in 1812, by 1811 he should have had at least one of tithable age.
- The Cabell rolls of this period show a Benjamin (not Benjamin H.), James, and John—representing, apparently, the Whites who had lived on Sugar Run.

**23 JULY 1811**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

“George Williams, Zachariah Munsey and **James White** who was Summoned to attend as Grand jurors at the April Court Last appears in court and Shewed Sufficient cause of their inability to attend [and] were discharged.”<sup>213</sup>

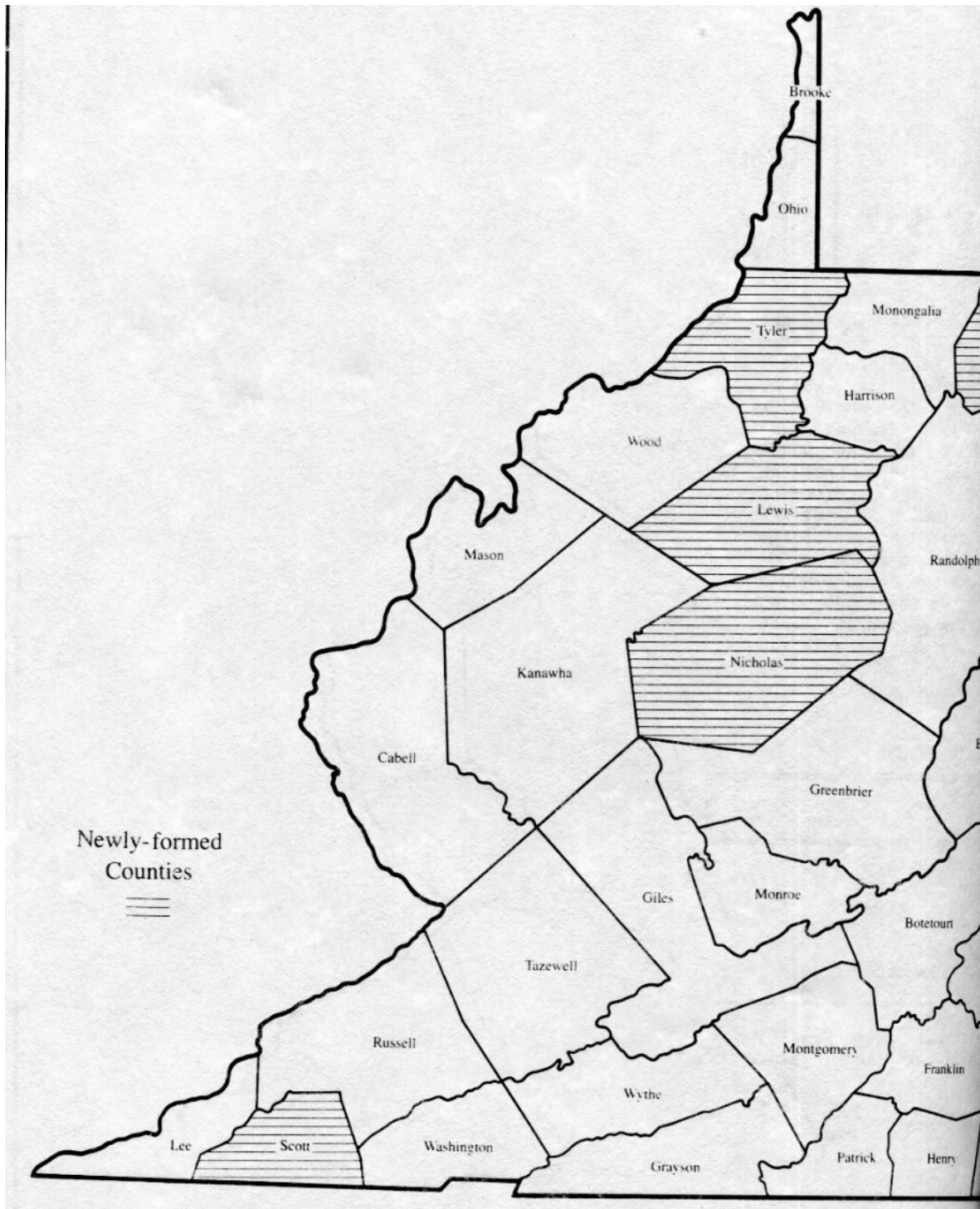
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<sup>212</sup> Franklin Co.’s personal-tax roll this year does carry the name “William Mills,” but that man was the William born to James Mills Sr. of Maggoty Creek—a William who was well established in the county from the time of his 1796 marriage to Elizabeth Abshire until his death in 1841. See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>213</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 193.

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Map 8  
Western Virginia Counties, 1811–1820<sup>214</sup>



<sup>214</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

**24 SEPTEMBER 1811**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**James White** served on jury.<sup>215</sup>

**22 OCTOBER 1811**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Philip Miller for the benefit of Robert Clendenen against **John White Sr., John White Jr., and Benjamin H. White**. On a fourthcoming bond. Notice Proven as to **John White Jr. and Benjamin H. White**, Judgt is therefore Granted the Plaintiff for one hundred and forty Eight dollars & Sixty Eight Cents to be discharged by the Payment of Seventy four Dollars thirty four Cents and the costs Subject to a credit of thirty three Dollars paid the tenth day of Decr. 1809, also twenty Seven Dollars paid the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1810 and thirteen Dollars paid on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Septr. 1810. [Marginal note:] Cost \$5.26."<sup>216</sup>

COMMENT:

The sequence of the names imply that John White Sr. was indebted to Philip Miller and that John White Jr. and Benjamin H. White had served as his sureties. The situation implies that they are close kin.

**1812**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

P" Section

William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.16

"W" section

**John White Hunter** 75a, \$40, \$.19 "on the East side of New River joining Joseph Copley"

[skip 15]

**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06, "lying on the End of the Salt Pon Mountain joining Micajor Bradley"

92a, \$50, \$.24 "also Joining the same."

COMMENT:

Joseph Snodgrass sold James White 92 acres on N side of Salt Pond Mountain on 23 April 1810, saying it was land granted in 1791 to Thomas Cassady, adjoining Madden and Collins.<sup>217</sup>

**1812**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Giles, 86<sup>th</sup> Regt. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

[start of "M" List]

Murphey, William

[Samuel Mills's brother-in-law]

McKinzey, James

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<sup>215</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 219.

<sup>216</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 2 (1809–1811): 238.

<sup>217</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 180.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢  
Maupins, Gabriel  
Meadows, Jesse  
[etc.]

“W” Consecutive entries  
Wellbourn, William

**White, John** [East R.] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢  
[skip 9]

**White, John “hunter”** [Bear Spr] 2 tithes [self & son John], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢  
[skip 8, Wilsons & Williamses]

**White, Benjamin** 3 tithes [self, William & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 72¢  
[skip 25, mostly Walkers, Williams, & Webbs]

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 1 covering horse @\$1 fee, \$2.36  
Watts William

COMMENT:

- The last prior reference to “Benjamin White” was 1810; no entry was found for 1811.
- Apparently, the landless Benjamin is now farming with or near John Jr. (John “hunter”), his proposed brother.

**30 JUNE 1812**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Court order

“Thomas Brown against John H. Rigby. On attachment. On motion of the Plaintiff by Henley Chapman Gen<sup>n</sup> his attorney and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that **Robert Hunter Jn<sup>r</sup>** and **James White** who was Summoned as garnishee and having failed to attend & State what is in their Hands of the Estate of the said Rigby, It is therefore Considered by the Court that an attachment Issue against the said **Hunter & White** Returnable hear at the next Court.”<sup>218</sup>

COMMENT:

Given the fact that “hunter” is appended multiple times to the names of John White and that James White was called “James White H” on the 1817 tax roll, I have studied all Hunter records I have encountered while reading the court, deed, and probate records of Montgomery and Giles—seeking some indication that “Hunter” might be an alias for the Giles. This is the only document in which I have found the Hunter family connected to one of the Whites.

**1813**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land tax roll

“P” Section  
William Preston & **John White** 95a, \$34, \$.22 [no description]  
“W” section

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<sup>218</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 21.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**John H White** [John Jr.] 75a, \$40, \$.25 "on the E side New River joining Joseph Copley's Land"

[skip 15]

**James White** 25a, \$13, \$.06, "on the Salt Pond Mountain joining Micajor Bradley"  
92a, \$50, \$.24 "also Joining the same."

COMMENT:

"John H White" is the man also called "John White H," "John White Hunter," & John White Jr. Note that he is not called "hunter" this year. Instead, the H is added as middle initial.

**25 MAY 1813** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

James McClagherty Company, 86<sup>th</sup> militia. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

[Start of "M" list, consecutive entries]

Mullinix, Archibald

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 16¢

"W" Consecutive entries:

**White, John** [Sr.; E. River] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 32¢

[skip 5]

Waddle, Robert<sup>219</sup>

**White, John Hunter** [Camping H] 2 tithes [self & son John?], 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 64¢

**White, Benjamin H.** [Camping H] 2 tithes [self & William?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 32¢

Waddell, James

[skip 17]

**White, James** [Doe Creek] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 64¢

Williams, John [Doe Creek]

COMMENT:

After Benjamin lost his land to John Toney in 1808, he appears to have farmed with the three family members who did own land: John Sr. on East River, John Jr. of Camping Hollow, and James of Doe Creek. By 1816, Benjamin had saved sufficiently to purchase land in the Brush Creek area where he had originally intended to settle, according to Gordon Cloyd's assertions in his September 1813 title clearance, below.

**1 SEPTEMBER 1813**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**Gordon Cloyd to Joseph McKinney**, both of Giles. "Whereas in the year **1798** the said Gordon Cloyd surveyed in the name of Thomas Cloyd" 105 acres "on the ridge dividing the waters of **East river** from those waters falling into **Brush Creek**. **Benjamin White now deceased** who was one of the chain bearers wished to possess himself of the said Survey and it was then agreed if the said **Benjamin White**

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<sup>219</sup> In February 1816, Robert Waddle sold 99 acres at Bear Spring to John White (husband of Nancy), at which point John and Nancy moved to Bear Spring and Benjamin moved to East River to buy Brush Creek land adjacent to John Toney. See Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421-22; B: 28-29.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Complied with the verbal bargain then made the said Cloyd would convey such right as might be required under the Survey then made but no responsibility of title other than a special warrantee from the said Gordon as whoever obtained the grant was to be given and whereas the said **Benjamin White** sold to **James Copley** who paid said Gordon the the [sic] Sum contracted by the said **Benjamin White** his claim and interest in & to the said Survey and the said James Copley informed the said Gordon that he had Sold his claim & Right therein to his brother **Joshua Copley**, who also informed the said Gordon that he had sold his right interest and claim in the survey aforesaid to **Joseph McKenney** and desired the said Gordon to convey to the said McKinney and for and in consideration of” \$100 “paid in property by the said James Copley to the said Gordon Cloyd he doth ... sell unto the said Joseph McKenney the said piece or parcel” of 105 acres as patented the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1802.” Adjoins Joseph Cloyd’s inclusive survey of 680 acres [m & b not copied for want of time]. No witnesses shown. No proof in court.<sup>220</sup>

COMMENT:

James Copley was “special bail” for “Benjamin H. White” amid the latter’s 1808–9 debts to John Toney, prior to Benjamin’s sale of his East River land to Toney. I did not find a deed from Benjamin (H) to James Copley.

General Cloyd, a man who owned land across several counties, almost certainly erred in stating that “Benjamin White” was “now deceased.” No other Benjamin White was taxed in Montgomery or Giles between 1792 and 1820.

**26 OCTOBER 1813**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order.

“**John White**” serves on a jury with **Elijah Sartain**.<sup>221</sup>

COMMENT:

This would appear to be John Jr., aka John Hunter White.

**26 OCTOBER 1813**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order.

“**John White**” and Elijah Sartain served on a grand jury.”<sup>222</sup>

COMMENT:

Again, because of age restrictions on jurors, this should be John Jr., aka John Hunter White. Property and tax requirements should also apply. Even though John Sr. is named on the patent to the Preston land at Big Spring, he was not the tax payer.

**29 MARCH 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

“**John White**” served on the grand jury of inquest for this court term.”<sup>223</sup>

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<sup>220</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 336.

<sup>221</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 73.

<sup>222</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 73.

<sup>223</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 80, 86, 87.

**30 MARCH 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Johnston and Chapman against James White and Benjamin Smith dismissed by Plaintiffs."<sup>224</sup>

**31 MARCH 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Commonwealth against Jeremiah Lucas and Elizabeth Walker for the murder of her husband Julius Walker, laborer. **Appearance bond is posted by 13 locals** who were summoned to be **witnesses**, all men except for one prominent wife: Wm Jurdan, Joseph Jackson, John Lucas, Frederich Atter? Randolph Collen **James White**, John Webb, McCager Bradley, George Williams, Reuben Johnston, Peggy [Mars] Lybrook, Daniel Frey, Philip Lybrook."<sup>225</sup>

**1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

"W" section

**John H White** [Camping H] 75a, \$40, \$.34 "on New River joining Joseph Coplea's Land abt. 10 m. SE"  
[skip 15]

**James White** [Salt Pond] 25a, \$13, \$.11 "Salt Pond Mountain joining Bradley's land abt. 12 m. E wd"  
[Doe Creek] 92a, \$50, \$.42 1/2, "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd"

**30 MAY 1814** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" Consecutive entries

McKinny, Joseph

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

Murphy, William

Maupin, Gabriel

"W" Consecutive entries:

Walker, John "of Rich Creek"

**White, Benjamin H.** [East R.] 3 tithes [self, William & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 63¢

**White, John** [Sr.; East R.] 2 tithes [self & \_\_\_\_\_?], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

*Wilburn, Robert*

**White, John H.** [Bear Sp.] 2 tithes [self & son John], 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 42¢

[skip 27 Walkers, Williams, Webbs, etc.]

**White, James** [Doe Creek] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, \$1.05

**1 SEPTEMBER 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>224</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 82.

<sup>225</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 87.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Court order

"John Peters against **Benjamin H White**. In covenant. On motion of the Deft by his Counsell, leave is Given him to withdraw his former plea in this Case and to plead anew to which opinion of the Court the Plaintiff by his counsel ... Excepts and to Leave the benefit thereof this his bill was Signed & sealed and ordered to be made a part of the record."<sup>226</sup>

**25 OCTOBER 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Neiman [Newman?] against **White** in debt." [No further details. See 24 December 1814, below]<sup>227</sup>

**26 OCTOBER 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"John Peters assee. [assignee] against **Benjamin H White**. In Coven<sup>t</sup>. This day came the Plaintiff by Lewis Ames Gentle. his attorney and there upon came a Jury ... [which] do say that the Plaintiff recover against the defendant for fifty three Dollars and thirty-four cents damages with intrest [sic] from the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1812 until \$53.34 cts damages with Intrest from 9<sup>th</sup> April 1814 till paid as afore said. Also this cost in the behalf Expended."<sup>228</sup>

**27 DECEMBER 1814**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"On motion of John Newman for an award of an Execution on a forth coming against **Benjamin H White** and **Cornelius White** notice being Proven Judgement is therefore granted the Plt against the said defendants according to bond interest & cost and the Defendants in mercy &c. Absent Isaac Chapman Gent. [one of the justices]"

"John Peters Senr against **Benjamin H. White & Cornelius White**. The same."<sup>229</sup>

COMMENT:

The suit seems to hinge upon a debt. In such cases, the first-named defendant was usually the debtor, with the second-named defendant being the surety for the debt.

This is the earliest document I've found for Cornelius White, whose descendants allege (without presenting evidence) a birth date of 10 June 1793.<sup>230</sup> If that birth date is correct, he is now twenty-one, legally able to serve as surety and to be sued. As seen below, he was appointed a constable in 1815 and makes his first named appearance on the tax roll in 1816 (born c1793–94).

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<sup>226</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 104.

<sup>227</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 107.

<sup>228</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 109.

<sup>229</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 112.

<sup>230</sup> See, for example, KarenHernandez201, "Grotfeldt Family Tree," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9603287/person/614444510/facts>), profile for "Corneleous Neal White," alleged (without evidence) to be the son of "Benjamin Harrison White 1762–1850" and "Nancy Ann Goodwin 1764–1851." Cornelius was occasionally cited as "Neely" White in legal documents, that being a nickname for Cornelius. He did not have a middle name "Neal." This and similar trees created by his descendants have other problems of this ilk.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Cornelius's birth period allows him to be considered a possible son of John White Sr. and Frankey Mills, who married in August 1792. His descendants assert that he was the son of Benjamin White and Ann Goodwin.

*Indirect evidence does suggest that Cornelius was indeed Benjamin and Ann's son.*

- When he makes his first appearance on the tax roll of 1816, a tithable is simultaneously subtracted from the Benjamin White household. No tithable is dropped that year from the household of John White Sr. and Frankey. To the contrary, they *gained* a tithable from 1814 to 1815 and another between 1816 and 1817.
- The records subsequently created by Cornelius in Mercer County suggest that he named a son Benjamin H.

Subsequently, in Mercer County, association would continue for decades between Cornelius White and Samuel Mills, son of Frankey and step-son of John Sr. In 1855, Cornelius would create an affidavit in support of Samuel Mills's application for War of 1812 bounty land.<sup>231</sup>

**25 APRIL 1815**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Association

**Cornelius White** posts bond as Constable of Giles County with James **Coplea**, Charles **Dingess**, and Joshua **Coplea** as sureties.<sup>232</sup>

**1815**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

Certified 27 June 1815

"P" Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
	673a, \$300, \$2.55 Residence: Wythe Co.
"Same with <b>John White</b> "	95a, \$34, \$.29, <b>Location "not known."</b> Residence: Wythe Co.

"W" section

<b>John H White</b>	[Camping H]	75a, \$53, \$.40 "on New River join'g Joseph Coplea's Land abt. 10 m. SE"
	[skip 15]	

<b>James White</b>	[Salt Pond]	25a, \$13, \$.11 "Salt Pond Mountain join'g Bradley's land abt. 12 m. E <sup>wd</sup> "
	[Doe Creek]	92a, \$50, \$.42½ "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E'wd"

**1815**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

District of James McClagherty, Commissioner of the Revenue. Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 2 cattle, 21¢

*"W" section; consecutive entries:*

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<sup>231</sup> Nancy Mills, applicant, service of Samuel Mills (Pvt., Johnston's Co., Va. Militia, War of 1812), application 31152, certificate 33868; imaged at "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/322481910> : 14 October 2019), 73 images; for the bounty land affidavit, see images 322481947, 322481950.

<sup>232</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 155.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Walker, James	[also Charles, Anos]
<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	2 tithes [self & Cornelius], 0 slaves, 5 horses/mules, 9 cattle, \$ <u>1.32</u> ?
Wilburn, Robert, Wm & Wm Jr.	
Woolhart [Wilheit], Joel	
<b>White, John H.</b> [Bear Cr.]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 2 cattle, 48¢
[skip 11]	
<b>White, John</b> [Sr.; East R]	3 tithes [self, ___? & ___?], 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33c
<b>White, William</b> [ditto]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 4 cattle, 33¢

COMMENT:

- James H. White of Doe Creek appears to be omitted.
- John White Sr. is no longer taxed adjacent to Benjamin. Instead, he is clustered with a newly added name: William. However, John Sr.’s household has not lost a tithe from prior rolls, suggesting that William was not John Sr.’s son.
- The identity of this William has never been proved. In 1816, he married one Editha White. Both were of age. Numerous online trees assert that Editha was the daughter of Benjamin and Ann White; however, the 1810 census assigns to that household no female old enough to be 21 by 1816. The only White household with a daughter in that age group in 1810 was that of John Jr.; and the county’s marriage records offer no other candidate for John Jr.’s daughter.
- After marrying Editha, William left the Big Spring area of John Sr. and is coupled on the 1816 tax roll with the newly added Cornelius White, putative son of Benjamin Sr. and Ann Goodwin.
- The apparent kinship between Editha and William suggests that William was also a son of Benjamin Sr. and Ann Goodwin. Consider the following propositions:
  1. If Editha were the daughter of Benjamin, and William were son of John Jr. and Nancy (as frequently asserted, without evidence), then Editha married her first cousin.
  2. If Editha were daughter of Benjamin, and William were son of John Sr. by either Frankey or his first wife, then Editha married her uncle or half-uncle.
  3. If Editha were daughter of John Jr., and William were son of John Sr. by either Frankey or his first wife, then again Editha would have married her uncle or half-uncle.
  4. If Editha is daughter of John Jr., and William is the son of Benjamin, then Editha married her first cousin.

It is far more likely that Editha married a first cousin rather than her father’s brother or half-brother—suggesting that Proposition 1 or 4 is the correct one.

Proposition 1 can also be ruled out by other known data:

- John Jr. and Nancy did have a son William, identified as such in John Jr.’s deed to him in 1822; but their William married in 1820 to their neighbor Lavina Munsey<sup>233</sup> and was continually taxed amid his family and hers from that point onward.

Proposition 4 is the only one remaining:

- Editha was daughter of John Jr., who did have a female her age in his 1810 household.
- William was son of Benjamin and Ann, who had sons of his age in their 1810 household.

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<sup>233</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 28.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**10 FEBRUARY 1816**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**Robert Waddell and wife Elizabeth to John White** for \$250 in hand paid, **99 acres** granted to RW on 1 July 1813 on **Bear Spring**, a branch of New River in Giles, no neighbors cited. No witnesses. Thomas Shannon and James Bane, justices of the peace, certified that Waddell acknowledged the document before them on 10 February 1816, that they examined Waddell's wife Elizabeth on 10 February. Proved Giles Court March 1816 by their certification.<sup>234</sup>

COMMENT:

The 1816 land-tax roll charges these 99 acres on Bear Spring to "John H White." This would be John White Jr. (aka John Hunter White, John White H, John White Hunter), who sold his 75 acres in Camping Holler this same month. Bear Spring flows into New River, on the western bank, below Walker Creek.

**27? FEBRUARY 1816**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**John White and Nancy** his wife to **John Henderson**, all of Giles, sale for \$150 in hand paid, **75 acres on New River** in Giles, no neighbors cited. No witnesses: Proved Giles Court February 1816 by John's acknowledgement.<sup>235</sup>

COMMENT:

This would be John White Jr., who married Nancy Copley, selling the land they bought in December 1809.

**15 MAY 1816**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Lease

Articles of agreement entered into by **John Toney** of Giles Co. and **John Conner** of same. "Witnesseth 1816 where as the above Named John Toney hath Leased to the above named John Conner a Certain parcel of Land containing of **Sixty acres** it Lying at the East end of a tract of Land containing [194] acres, it being a part of the Same Survey that is Near **Toneys Mill** for the term of Seven years Commencing [15 May 1816] which term Expiers on the [15 May 1823] at which time Said Conner is to leave all the Cleared Land in good order for farming. Or Should Conner Leave the place before the above mentioned term Expiers he is to return it back to the said Toney or his heirs as the case may be and I John Toney being the prier owner do preveledge the said Conner to Clear or improve where he may think proper on said Land in witness my hand and Seal this day and date as above written signed & delived in the presence of us. [Signed] John Toney. Test [witnesses]: Jonathan Toney, **Zachariah Crawford, William Mills.**

"At Giles **April Court 1819**. This lease from John Toney to John Conner was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be Recorded. Teste David French C.G.C."<sup>236</sup>

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<sup>234</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 421–22.

<sup>235</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 419.

<sup>236</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 85.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

COMMENT:

Note under 15 May 1817 another lease, same wording, same parties, made to Zachariah Crawford, with William Mills as witness also. Two such documents, exactly one year apart, with the same set of witnesses do call into question the accuracy of the year for one of them.

It is possible that Toney habitually executed rent contracts on 15 April. (I've done so for decades on 15 October with a renter's farm lease.) If this is the case, then William Mills would seem to have been employed by Toney from at least 15 April 1816 through 15 April 1817.

This John Toney appears repeatedly in association with Benjamin (H.) White from 1808 to 1819.

The 1816 tax roll places these 60 acres "at Toney's Ferry on N[ew] River abt. 11 [miles] NW" of courthouse.

**25 MAY 1816**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Marriage

**Cornelius White to Polly Garrason.** No parental or other data.<sup>237</sup>

COMMENT:

Polly was the adult daughter of William Garrison who would, shortly after this, sell to Cornelius part of his land. "Rev. William Garrison" would, in the early 1830s, conduct the marriage ceremonies for Samuel Mills (to his second wife) and for Samuel's son Robert.<sup>238</sup>

**1816**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land tax roll  
"P" Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.25 Residence: Wythe Co. 673a, \$300, \$2.25, " <b>Maple Meadow fork of Cole River</b> 70 m NW, Residence: Wythe Co.
"Same with <b>John White</b> "	95a, \$34, \$.29, <b>Location "not known,"</b> Residence: Wythe Co."

"W" section

<b>John H White</b> [John Jr.]	99a, \$20, ---, "head of the Bear Spring abt. 10 SE"
[ <i>skip 15</i> ]	
<b>James White</b> [Salt Pond]	25a, \$13, \$.09¾ "Salt Pond Mountain by Micajah Bradleys Ld. abt. 12 m. E wd"
[Doe Creek]	92a, \$13.50, \$.10¼ "Joining the 25 acres abt. 12 m. E wd"

**25 JUNE 1816** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Personal tax roll  
Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

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<sup>237</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26 .

<sup>238</sup> See my previously cited report, ""Samuel Mills (c1788–7 April 1859); Spouses: 1. Rachel Prince & 2. Nancy Rinehart: Research Notes," a work in progress last updated 8 June 2020," for this and more data for Rev. William Garrison that has been distilled from Giles and Mercer Counties' records.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

"M" section:

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ [cattle are not taxed his year]

"W" Consecutive entries:

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr.] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 26 Feb

**White, John Jr.** [s.of above] 1 tithe 26 Feb.

Weatherholt, John

Watts, William

Wilburn, William Jr.

**White, Cornelias** [East River] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 29 Feb

**White, William** [ditto] 1 tithe, 1 horse, 18c 29 Feb

Wilson, William Jr

Wilson, Jinny

Wilburn, Robert

**White, John** [Sr.; Big Spr/East R] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢

**White, Benjamin** [ditto] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 54¢

Walker, Anos

Walker, John

[skip 27]

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢

Watters, William

COMMENT:

- Benjamin (H) has lost a tithe in this year 1816, when Cornelius is added to the rolls. John Sr. has the same number of tithes as in previous years. This, alone, does not rule out the possibility that Cornelius might be a son of John and Frankey; it is possible that a son dropped from their household in the same year that another one came onto the roll. However, Cornelius was a name used in the Goodwin family of Benjamin's wife Ann.<sup>239</sup>
- Benjamin (H) at this point owns no land and appears to be farming with John Sr., while Cornelius and William have gone out on their own and likely begun the clearing of vacant land together.

**2 NOVEMBER 1816**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

Andrew Fulton and Archibald Stuart Junr., surviving executors of the last will & testament of **Benjamin Stuart** Decd., of the County of Augusta, to **Benjamin White** of Giles Co., for \$200 in hand paid, sale of land in Giles (formerly Montgomery) "on **Christians fork of Brush Creek** adjoining or near **Genl. [Gordon] Cloyds** (formerly Thomas Christians) land on the **East side,**" containing 248 acres by estimation:

Beginning at three white oak Saplings on the South side of the Creek by a ford & runing [*sic*] thence N 55° W 270 poles crossing a branch to three white oak Saplings on a hill, thence N 35° W 140 poles to two Spanish oak Saplings on a hill side, S 55° W 278 poles crossing the head of a Spring to a double white oak in the fork of a branch, & S 37° E 142 poles to the beginning

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<sup>239</sup> For example, see Amherst Co., VA, Probate Book 6:10, 631, estate of Micajah Goodwin (apparently the Micajah who fathered Ann), 1818–25, Cornelius Goodwin, administrator.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

"being the same land that was granted to the said Benjamin Stuart by **patent**" dated **11 July 1791**.

Acknowledged before Alex<sup>r</sup> MClails? & William Bays, magistrates, on 2 November 1816. Presented by them at March Court 1818. Ordered to be recorded.<sup>240</sup>

COMMENT:

This places Benjamin White adjacent to Toney land during the April 1816–April 1817 dates that William Mills appears to have worked for Toney.

**2 DECEMBER 1816**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**William White to Edithe White.** No parental or other data.<sup>241</sup>

COMMENT:

At this point, four White males in Giles were of age to have marriageable children: John Sr., John Jr. (aka John H.), Benjamin, and James of Doe Creek.

The only William to have come onto the tax rolls in his own name (i.e., 21 or over), was almost certainly the son of Benjamin. (Benjamin lost a male tithe in the year that William came onto the roll in 1815.)

If this William is Benjamin's son, then Editha's father should be John H. or James H. Any other possibility would make the couple closer than 1<sup>st</sup> cousin. See the discussion attached above to the 1810 census data.

Beginning in 1818 there were two Williams over 21:

- 1818: (1) "William," consecutive with Cornelius & John Sr.  
(2) "William Sr.," consecutive with "John son of Jack." This would be the son William to whom John H White subsequently deeded land amid debts.
- 1819: (1) "William" consecutive with John Sr. & Benjamin's son John (called "John Jr.").  
(2) "William" who is two listings before John H and his sons Thomas and John at Bear Spring.

**25 MARCH 1817**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"Johnston & Chapman asse. of **Joel Sartain vs. John White**, the Defendent comes into court and confesses the plaintiffs action for twenty pounds with interest from the first day of April 1811 and costs subject to a credit of twenty five dollars with stay of Execution until the further orders of the plaintiff."

"Chapman & Johnston against **Benjamin H White** dismisd."<sup>242</sup>

COMMENT:

The John White being sued by Sartain's assignees would be John White Jr. (aka John H) of south Giles. Joel Sartain, Johnston, and the Chapmans all resided in that area. Family connections were extensive:

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<sup>240</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 28–29.

<sup>241</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 26; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

<sup>242</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812-1817), unnumbered pages; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 175–76.

- Joel Sartain's brother Elijah, back in 1791, married **Sarah Mills**.
- Archibald Chapman, in 1811, married Sarah's pre-marital daughter **Elizabeth Mills**.
- David Johnston of this lawsuit was married to Sally Chapman, aunt of Archibald.<sup>243</sup>

**15 MAY 1817**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Lease

Articles of agreement entered into by **John Toney** of Giles Co. and **Zachariah Crafford** of same.  
"Witnesseth 1817

Whereas the above Named John Toney hath Leased to the above named Zachariah Crafford a Certain parcel of Land containing of Fifty acres by Survey in the **Bent of East River above Toney's Mill** for the term of Seven years Commencing this [15 May 1816] which term Expires on the [15 May 1824] at which time Said Crafford is to leave all the Cleared Land in good order for farming. Or Should Crafford Leave the place before the above mentioned term Expires he is to return it back to the said Toney or his heirs as the case may be and I John Toney being the prier owner do prevaledge the said Crafford to Clear or improve where he may think proper on Said Land in witness my hand and Seal this day and date as above written signed & delived in the presence of us. [Signed] John Toney. Test [witnesses]: **John Conner**, Jonathan Toney, **William Mills**.

"At Giles April Court 1819. This lease from John Toney to Zachariah Crawford was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be Recorded. Teste David French C.G.C."<sup>244</sup>

COMMENT:

Map 4 suggests that the "Bent of East River above Toney's Mills" was the dip (about 1 or 2 miles) west of East River's juncture with New River. Toney's Mills should be below the "Bent" (i.e., close to New River). This places the leased land between Toney's Mill and Five Mile Creek.

**1817**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land tax roll

***Elijah Peters' Land Book***

"P" Section

William Preston	500a, \$300, \$2.25 location "not known"
	673a, \$300, \$2.25 "on the Maple Meadows fork of Cole River 70 NW"
"With <b>John White</b> "	95a, \$34, \$.25, location "not known"
	Residence: Ohio [i.e., Preston's residence was in Ohio]

"W" section

<b>John H White</b>	79a "near Bare Spring SE 10"
[skip 15]	
<b>James White</b> [Doe Cr]	25a, \$13, \$.10 "Salt Pond E 12"
	<b>25a</b> , \$13.50, \$.21 "adjoining the same"

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<sup>243</sup> For Johnston as son-in-law of John Chapman and brother-in-law of Archibald's father George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., in 1816, see Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 6-7. For will of George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., as father of Archibald Chapman, see Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 161-62; imaged at *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

<sup>244</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 84-85.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll: Unidentified compiler**

“P” Section

William Preston                      673a, ---, ---, “on the Mash fork Cole River 70 m NW  
**Residence: “Ohio Kentucky.”**

“W” section

**John H White**                      79a “near Bare Spring SE 10”

[skip 15]

**James White** [Doe Cr]            25a “Salt Pond E 12”  
**25a** “Salt Pond E12”

COMMENT:

The data overlaps between these two tax books; but note the difference in residence assigned to William Preston between one and the other—as well as the absence of the 95 acres from the unidentified roll.

**24 JUNE 1817** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

“M” section:

**Mills, Samuel**            [East River]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢

“W” section; consecutive entries:

**White, Cornelius** [son of Benj]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢            10 Mar

**White, John**            [Sr., East River]            4 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 38¢            11 Mar

**White, William**            [son of Benj]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢            11 Mar

[skip 4]

**White, Benjamin** [Brush Cr of East R]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢            13 Mar

**White, James**            [s of Benj.?]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢            13 Mar

[skip 5]

**White, John “H”**            [Bear Spr]            2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢            25 Mar

**White, Thomas**            [s of John H]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢            25 Mar

[skip 9]

**White, James H**            [Doe Cr]            1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢            7 Apr  
Williams, Hugh

COMMENT:

- This is the first year that there have been two Jameses on the tax roll. Note the addition of the “H” to the name of the older James of Doe Creek.
- The position of the new James, coupled with Benjamin, suggests that he was a son of Benjamin. Benjamin’s household has not lost a tithe since the previous year; however, another male could have come of tithable age in the year that James moved out. This seems especially likely given that Benjamin’s horse/mule count has dropped from 3 to 1—one of those “losses” apparently representing the horse or mule that James took with him.
- This 1817 listing for James at Brush Creek would not be repeated in 1818 and 1819. Apparently he went back into the parental household until 1820, when he is again taxed in his own name.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- This new James is the James who married Meeky McKinney in 1821 and died in 1828, leaving property that was purchased at estate sale by Samuel Mills, his son David Mills, and four Whites: Cornelius, Ribin [Reuben], Thomas, and William.

**21 JULY 1817**

**GILES & AUGUSTA COUNTIES, VA**

Land sale

**Andrew Fulton & Archibald Stuart Jr.**, executors of the estate of **Benjamin Stuart**, decd. of Augusta Co., to **Benjamin White**, for \$200 Virginia money, sale of land [acreage not given] in Giles (formerly Montgomery) on **Christians Fork** of **Brush Creek**, **joining the lands of John Toney** and **Charles Neil**, decd. Land was granted 7 July 1791 to Benjamin Stuart. Described as:

Beginning at two white oaks & hickory Corner to **Toney's Land**, Running thence with the same N 13° 210 poles to two white oaks in a hollow, Corner to **Toney**, N 60° W 108 poles to two white oaks by the creek, S 79° W 140 poles to a double swamp white oak by the Creek, S 220 poles up a branch to a double poplar on the north Side of a ridge, thence S 87° E 278 poles to the Beginning.

Being the Same Land that was granted to the said Benjamin Stuart by patent dated 7 July 1791.

No witnesses. Proved in Augusta by certification of Claudius Buster and William Davis, magistrates saying Fulton and Stuart had acknowledged the deed before them on 26 July 1817. Proved in Giles Court, March 1818.<sup>245</sup>

COMMENT:

Benjamin has suddenly come into money. In the past eight months, he has made two payments of \$200 each for about 400 acres adjoining Toney. The estate of his father-in-law Micajah Goodwin appears not to have been opened in Amherst until 15 June 1818.<sup>246</sup>

**26 AUGUST 1817**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**"James White** serves on jury for this session."<sup>247</sup>

COMMENT:

This should be James H of Doe Creek. The younger James White of East River/Brush Creek is not yet old enough to serve on a jury.

**25 NOVEMBER 1817**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**Travis Stowers** and wife **Elizabeth** to **Cornelius White**, all of Giles sell for \$225 in hand paid, 127 acres in Giles County, on **East River**, surveyed for James Turner, beginning at mouth of **Harmons branch** on conditional line of **Wm Garrison**, running past Richard **Blankenship's** "conditional marked line." Proved in Giles Court December 1817 by Acknowledgement by Stowers after examination of Elizabeth.<sup>248</sup>

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<sup>245</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17.

<sup>246</sup> Amherst Co., VA, Probate Book 6: 10, 631.

<sup>247</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 195.

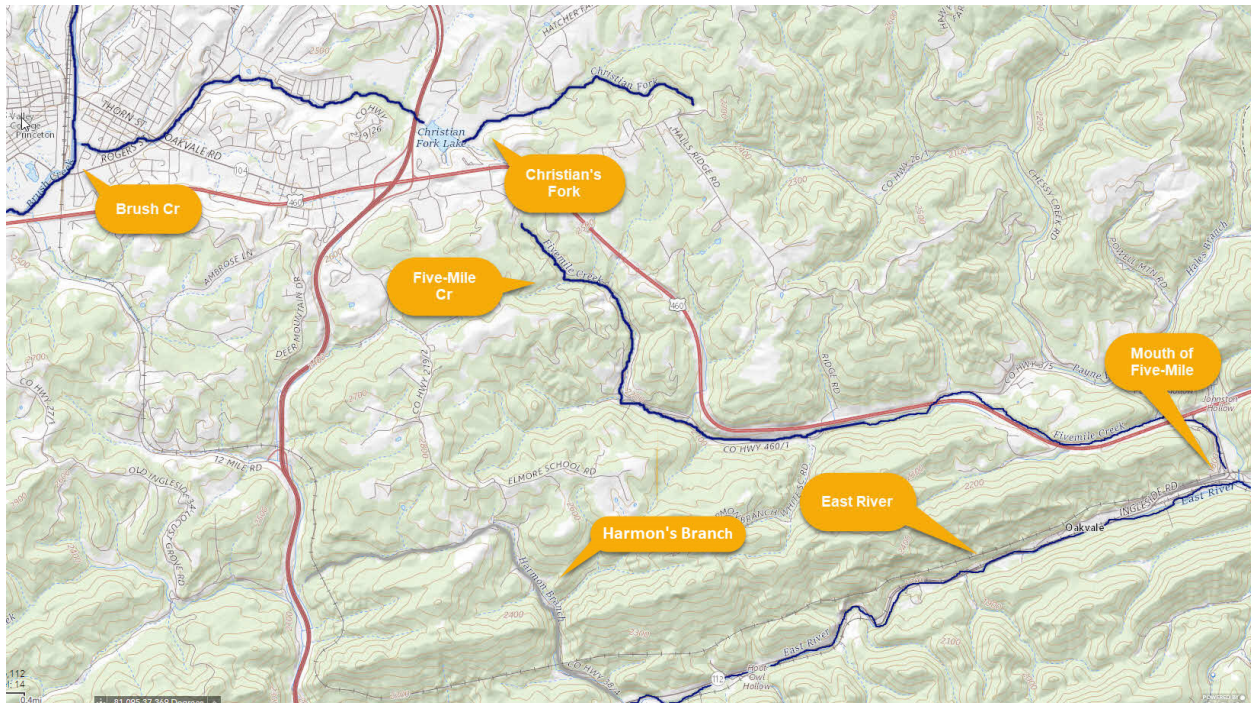
<sup>248</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book A: 515–16.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**COMMENT:**

- This East River location places Cornelius a few miles east of the site to which Benjamin moved.
- *The National Map* shows Harmon’s Branch of East River as the next major stream above Five Mile Creek.

**Map 9**  
**Harmon’s Branch of East River**



**30 JUNE 1818** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

William Preston:		Same data as 1817
Preston & <b>White</b> :		Same data as 1817
<b>John H White</b>	[Bear Spr]	His 99 acres is said to be 10 SE “near the head of Bare Spring”
<b>James White</b>	[Doe Cr]	His data is the same

Two new White entries:

<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[Harmon Br]	120a \$43, \$.33 “on E. River Joining Peashure [pasture] land 20 NW Deeded by Wm. _____ Monty & Co.”
<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	[Brush Cr]	388a \$200, \$1.50 “Christians fork of Brush Cr. By Toney’s L[and] 25 NW, deeded by Benja. Stuarts Exrs.” 248a, \$140, \$1.13 Sd fork near the same, deeded by same

**COMMENT:**

- On 25 November 1817, abstracted above, Cornelius purchased 127 acres “on East River at mouth of Harmon’s Branch,” from Travis Stowers, adjacent to Richard Blankenship and

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Cornelius's father-in-law William Garrison.

- On 2 November 1816 and 26 July 1817 (see those dates), "Benjamin White" bought two tracts on Christians Fork of Brush Creek, east side, from the estate of Benjamin Stuart, Dec'd.<sup>249</sup> He would sell that land in 1819, signing as "Benjamin H. White."<sup>250</sup>
- In September 1818, "Benjamin H. White" and "John White," apparently John Sr., petitioned the county court for an alteration of the road from "Five Mile Fork of East River to the poney Crossing on Brush Creek. Neighbors James and John McClaugherty and Robert Wilson were appointed to view the proposed alteration and submit an opinion to the court."<sup>251</sup>
- While Benjamin H. almost certainly had a son John, that John was too young in 1818 to sign such a petition. The John who joined with Benjamin in that petition appears to be Benjamin's father, John Sr., whose title to land in this region was confirmed in the 20 September 1819 mass-clearance deed (see that date below) executed by Christian Peters to John White Sen<sup>r</sup>, William White, John White Jun<sup>r</sup>, James White, Samuel Mills, and others.

**25 JUNE 1818** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Only some entries are dated.

*"M" section:*

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢

*"W" section; consecutive entries:*

Walker, Anos [Enos]

[skip 7]

**White, Cornelius** [Harmon's Br, E Riv] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 20 Mar

**White John Sr.** [ditto] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 72¢ 22 Mar

**White, William** [ditto] 1 tithe 23 Mar

[skip 4]

**White, Benjamin H.** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 24 Mar

**White, John H** [Bear Spr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢ 24 Apr

**White, Thomas** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 24 Apr

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**White, James** [Doe Creek] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 6 horses or mules, \$1.08 24 Apr

**White, William Sr.?** [son of John H] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢ 11 Feb

**White, John,** son of Jack W. [John H] 1 tithe

Wiley, Robert 1 tithe

COMMENT:

- This "Jack" is John H. White, aka the first "John Jr." of Montgomery and Giles.
- John White Sr. has lost a tithe since 1817. No new White male is added to the list. One of three explanations exist: (a) that tithable male has died; (b) that tithable male has gone to work for

<sup>249</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 16–17, 28–29.

<sup>250</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

<sup>251</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

someone else who included him as an unnamed employee on his other list; or (c) that tithable male has gone on his own and left the county.

- "Robert Wiley" is the name that William Mills gave to a son born c1824. However, there were also Robert Wileys in Botetourt (a merchant), Kanawha, and Monroe Counties. I have not yet done reasonably exhaustive research in those three counties.

**29 SEPTEMBER 1818**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

"On the application of **Benjamin H. White** and **John White** for an alteration of the road from the **mouth** of the **Five mile fork** of **East River** to the poney crossing of **Brush Creek**, it is ordered that **James McClagherty, John McClagherty, Robert Wilbern, and Philip Peters** or any three of them ... view the way perposed [*sic*] ... and report to this Court."<sup>252</sup>

COMMENT:

Requests for alterations in roads were made by landowners who lived on those roads. **This is a critical placement for John Sr.**, dating his move from Big Spring to Brush Creek. Given that (a) John's wife Frankey does not appear to be enumerated in 1820 and (b) John no longer co-owned land with William Preston (potential father of Frankey's daughter) after 1818, we might question whether her death might have occurred about 1818, prompting the old John to give up their home at Big Spring, perhaps with a buy-out from Preston, and move down East River to live with Benjamin.

**6 NOVEMBER 1818**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**William Cooper to Sally White.** No parental or other data.<sup>253</sup>

COMMENT:

William Cooper, as a child in 1798, had been bound out by the overseers of the poor to James McClagherty.<sup>254</sup> James McClagherty Sr. and Jr. were associates of John Toney and the two Benjamin Whites for a quarter-century or more.<sup>255</sup>

**This Sally could only be the daughter of Benjamin and Ann White—one of the five females aged 0–15 in their 1810 household.** The 1810 household of John Sr. and Frankey White did not have a daughter.

**TO DO:**

**Obtain this bond and any related papers when Library of Virginia reopens. The digitized collection at *FamilySearch* begins with 1821. Others participating in the bond and or permissions should help to solidify Sally's placement in a birth family.**

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<sup>252</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *FamilySearch* digital film 008151679 > image 234.

<sup>253</sup> Giles Co., Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 27.

<sup>254</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Order Book 10, 1797–1798: 270.

<sup>255</sup> For the numerous associations between James and John McClagherty, John Toney, and Benjamin White, see the previously cited report, "Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt)," 20 Jan. 2020.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**5 DECEMBER 1818**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Will

Last will and testament of **Thomas Copley of Giles**. **Wife: Rhoda**, the land "whereon I now live with all its tenements, early rents and profits, messuages dwelling house ad outhouses, orchards and Gardens with all my stock of every Kind and Kitchen furnetture ... during her natural life or so long as she shall continue my Widow ... at the death of my wife or if she should again Marry, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved children, namely, **Thomas Copley Jr., Betsey McKinney, Nancy White, James Copley, and Joshua Copley**, all my stock of any kind... farming utentials ... household kitchen furniture ... and the rest of my Children to Wit—**Rachel Johnston** Decd to have one dollar for her portion of my estate, Also **Abigail Walker** to have one dollar for her portion of my estate, Also **John Copley** my son to have one dollar for his portion of my estate, Also **Joseph Copley** to have one dollar for his portion of my estate, **Sally McKinney** to have one dollar for her portion of my estate. ... unto my son **Joshua Copley** and to his son **Johnston Copley after him**, \_\_\_ of land whereon I now live, beginning on the \_\_\_ at the lower end of the tract and to run up the River to a black Walnut ... provided that the said Joshua Copley or **Johnstone Copley** his son do pay unto **Freeman Copley** son of **Joseph Copley** fifty pounds within two years after they come in possession of the land if the said Freeman Copley came of age the Fifty pounds to be paid in Cattle or horses. ... [Signed] Thomas Copley. Witsesse: Joseph Smith, Stephen Rowe (x), and David Millirons (x).<sup>256</sup>

COMMENT:

- Rachel Copley "(d/o Thomas Copely Sr.)", married James Johnson by bond dated 28 January 1786, Montgomery County.
- Elizabeth "Betsy" Copley "(d/o Thomas Copely)", married Joseph McKinney 20 December 1791, also in Montgomery.<sup>257</sup>
- For Abigail Copley, I have not yet found a marriage record or any other record that reveals *which* Walker she wed.

**26 APRIL 1819**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
And sale.

**Benjamin White** and wife **Nancy** to **Daniel McKinzie**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$400 cash in hand paid, 388 acres in Giles County (formerly Montgomery) on the S side of **Christian's Fork of Brush Creek, Joining the land of John Toney**. [Metes and bounds not copied]. No witnesses. Signed Benj<sup>n</sup> H. White, Nancy White. Acknowledged before **David Johnston** and William Smith, magistrates, along with examination of Nancy, on 26 April 1819. Proved At Giles June Court 1819."<sup>258</sup>

COMMENT:

In 1816, David Johnston was married to the widowed Sally (Chapman) Miller, aunt of Archibald Chapman who in 1811 married Elizabeth Mills, daughter of Sarah (Mills) Sartain.<sup>259</sup>

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<sup>256</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 283–86.

<sup>257</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 123, 228.

<sup>258</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

<sup>259</sup> For Johnston as son-in-law of John Chapman and brother-in-law of Archibald's father George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., in 1816, see Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 6–7. For will of George Chapman of Floyd Co., Ky., as father of Archibald Chapman, see Giles Co., VA, Probate Book A: 161–62; imaged at *FamilySearch* digital film 007645086.

**26 APRIL 1819**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

And sale.

**Benjamin White** and wife **Nancy** to **Reuben French**, all of Giles Co., sale for \$220 cash in hand paid, acreage not stated, in Giles County on the S side of **Christian's Fork of Brush Creek**. Described as

Beginning at three white oak saplings on S side of the Creek by a ford and running thence N 55° W 140 poles to two Spanish oak saplings on a hill side, S 55° W 278 poles on the head of a Spring to a double white oak in the fork of a branch, S37° E 142 poles to the Beginning.

No witnesses. Signed Benj<sup>n</sup> H. White, Nancy White. Acknowledged before **David Johnston** and William Smith, magistrates, along with examination of Nancy, on 26 April 1819. Proved at Giles June Court 1819.<sup>260</sup>

**26 APRIL 1819**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

**Ritchard Blankinship** to **Cornelius White**, both of Giles Co., for \$150 paid by Cornelius, sale of land on **East River**, being part of the tract Sd. Blankinship now lives on, containing by Estimation 50 acres, land known as **Sink hole**, joining the **land Cornelius White now lives on** on the N side of sd. River" ...

Beginning at sd **C. White's** line on the top of ridge and Runing with a Conditional marked line along sd. Ridge to **East River**, thence with the old line of the original Survey to the line of him the sd. **Cornelius White**, thence with sd line a South Course to the Beginning.

[Signed] Richard Blankinship. Certified by David Johnston & William Smith, magistrates for Giles Co., 26 April 1819.<sup>261</sup>

COMMENT:

Cornelius bought his first land on 25 November 1817 (see above) from Travis Stowers, adjacent to his (Cornelius') father-in-law William Garrison and Richard Blankenship. That tract should be the land referenced above as "the land Cornelius White now lives on." Now, he is expanding onto two additional tracts—part of Blankinship's land and (below) part of his father-in-law's land.

Travis Stowers in 1799 had married Elizabeth Blankenship, daughter of Peter, by a Montgomery County bond.<sup>262</sup>

**29 JUNE 1819**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**Cornelius White** appointed to grand jury for this session"<sup>263</sup>

**30 JUNE (1 JULY?) 1819**

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<sup>260</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 103.

<sup>261</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 89–90.

<sup>262</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 228.

<sup>263</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 244.

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

Acknowledgments of deeds:

"Benjamin H White & wife to Reuben French ... Benjamin White & wife to Daniel McKenzie." <sup>264</sup>

COMMENT:

The "acknowledgement" in court tells us that Benjamin and Ann were still present in the county at the end of June or first of July, even though they had sold all their land in April.

**1 JUNE 1819** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

William Preston: Same data as 1818  
 Preston & White: Same data as 1818  
**John H White:** Same data as 1818  
**James White:** Same data as 1818  
**Cornelius White:** Same data as 1818  
**Benjamin White:** Same data as 1818

**1 JULY 1819** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢  
 McKenzie, Alexander  
 McKenzie, Sally  
 [etc.]

"W" section; consecutive entries:

Walker, George`			
Watts, William			25 Feb
<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 1 horses, 18¢	25 Feb
<b>White, Benjamin H.</b>	[Chr Fk, Br Cr]	2 tithes, 1 horses, 18¢	3 Mar
Walker, John			
Walker, Eauds			
<b>White, John</b>	[Sr.; Brush Cr]	4 tithes, 3 horses, 54¢	5 Mar
<b>White, John Jr.</b>	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Mar
<b>White, William</b>	[son of Benj?]	1 tithe, 2 horses, 36¢	5 Mar
[skip 26]			
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Creek]	2 tithes, 4 horses, 72¢	23 Mar
[skip 15]			
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe, 2 horses	5 Apr
[skip 2]			
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	2 tithes, 2 horses, 36¢	5 Apr
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[son of John H]	1 tithe, 1 horse, 18¢	5 Apr

<sup>264</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 245.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**White, John** [previously “s of Jack”]                      1 tite

5 Apr

COMMENT:

“Jr.” in this era meant “the younger,” not just “son of” as is common today. *Four* John Whites are now adult tithables:

- John Sr., who has left Big Spring (the land held jointly with Preston) and located on Brush Creek where his land title would be confirmed in September, below.
- John Jr. of Brush Creek, apparently Benjamin’s son. If he were John Sr.’s son, then “John Jr.” aka John Hunter) should not be John Sr.’s son. While it is possible that John Sr. gave his name to two sons, one from each marriage, the odds are against it.
- John Hunter aka “Jack” of Bear Spring, formerly John Jr. Note, below, that in 1821 after the last appearance of John Sr. of Brush Creek on the 1821 tax roll, the Bear Spring John calls himself “John Seigner.”
- John, who previously appeared on a tax roll as “son of Jack.”

Both the 1820 tax list and the 1820 census would show *three* John White households in Giles— John Sr., John Jr. [of Brush Creek], and John “Hunter” [of Bear Spring].

Two Williams are still present:

- William in the neighborhood of John Sr., Cornelius, Benjamin H. and the new John Jr.
- William in the neighborhood of John H. “Jack” and his sons Thomas and John.

**20 SEPTEMBER 1819**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**Christian Peters**, en masse title clearance to 1700 acres for \$34 in favor of John Thompson Sen<sup>r</sup>, John Thompson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Noah Blankenship, Ely? [Oty?] Blankenship, **Francis Prince**, Jeremiah Jones, William Tiller, **Travis Stowers**, Linsey Davis, Robert Stuart, David Payne, Lewis Ford, Samuel B. Blankenship, **Samuel Mills**, **John Copley**, Henry Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, George Bailey, **John White Sen<sup>r</sup>**, **William White**, **John White Jun<sup>r</sup>**, **James White**, William Miller, John Clendenon, Willim Swinney, John Gunoe S<sup>r</sup>, John Gunnoe J<sup>r</sup>, William Gunnoe, Jacob Gunnoe, Robert Gunnoe, John Smith, James Rowland, Isaac Cole, and Jacob Straly Jun<sup>r</sup>, all of Giles. Said land was part of a tract of 75,000 acres patented to Robert Pollard and sold for taxes, then conveyed by the Sheriff of Wythe County to John Headrick and others and by them to Joseph Fletcher and others and by them to Christian Peters and **James Mullins**. The 1700 acres being conveyed are in Giles Co. on **East River Mountain, Beginning at the Tazewell County line** ... up the N side of the **Mountain** to the top, thence **down the Mountain toward New River**. ... No neighbors named. No witnesses. Acknowledged by Peters and proved at April Court 1820.<sup>265</sup>

COMMENT:

Benjamin H. is not included neighborhood. He and wife Nancy have sold their land on Christian’s Fork of Brush Creek and the household is enumerated as “Benjamin H. White” in 1820 in contiguous Cabell County.

**28 JANUARY 1820**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>265</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 166–67.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Marriage

**William White to Lavina Munsey.** No parental or other data.<sup>266</sup>

COMMENT:

This William would be the William named as son in the 25 April 1822 deed, below, executed by John White of Bear Spring (husband of Nancy Copley). Tax rolls shows that William remained there amid his parents, siblings, and the Munseys.<sup>267</sup>

**29 MARCH 1820**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court order

**"Cornelius White** to John Dillion Deed acknowledged in the Clerk's Office and returned into Court and ordered to be recorded."<sup>268</sup>

COMMENT:

The absence of a reference to his very much alive wife goes unexplained. By law, she should have been questioned by the judge or justice, separate from Cornelius, to get her consent.

Occasionally a wife did not go into court to make the acknowledgment with her husband, if (for example) she was ill. The prevailing pattern for this time and place, in those cases, was for the document not ordered to be recorded until she was questioned and gave her consent.

**1 JULY 1820**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

William Preston:                      Now said to be in **Kentucky**. Taxed on

- 673 acres on Cole River
- 500 acres, no locale
- 95 acres, no locale [*reference to co-owner John White is now dropped*]

**John H White:**                      Same data as 1819

**James White:**                      Same data as 1819

**Cornelius White:**                  Same data as 1819

**Benjamin White:**                  Not taxed on land [Also dropped from personal-tax roll. He sold both Brush Creek tracts in 1819<sup>269</sup>]

**5 JUNE 1820 [CERTIFICATION DATE]**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

*"M" section:*

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	[East Riv Mtn]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	14 Mar
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*"W" section: consecutive entries:*

<b>White, William</b>	[Brush Cr, East R]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	4 Mar
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<sup>266</sup> Giles Co., Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 28.

<sup>267</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

<sup>268</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 268.

<sup>269</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 88–89.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

<b>White, John</b>	[Sr.; Brush Cr]	3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	4 Mar
<b>White, James B.C<sup>r</sup></b>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 36¢	4 Mar
<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[Harmons Br, East R]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 18¢	11 Mar
<b>White, James D. C<sup>r</sup></b>	[Doe Cr]	2 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 90¢	20 Mar
<b>White, John Hunt<sup>r</sup></b>	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe	4 Apr
<b>White, William</b>	[son of John H]	1 tithe	10 Apr
<b>White, John Junr.</b>	[s of John H]	1 tithe	10 Apr
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[son of John H]	1 tithe	10 Apr

COMMENT:

- While Benjamin has sold his land on Christian's Fork of Brush Creek and removed across the Cabell line, two of his proposed sons (William and James) have remained on land there that was titled to them in the joint deed executed by Christian Peters in 1819. (See above.)
- Note that those two proposed sons of Benjamin flank the old John of Brush Creek, their proposed grandfather.

**AUGUST 1820**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Census

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname, as per tax roll

(p. 119 verso, stamped; begin line 11)

Muncy, Samuel  
 McClaugherty, John  
 Muncy, Zachariah  
 Muncy, Holten  
 Mullens, James  
 Mares, Archabald  
 Marshal, James  
 Mare, Daniel  
 Mare, Amos  
 Miller, Sarah

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	1 male 26–44	1 female 26–44	8 in household
	1 male 10–15	1 female 0–10	2 in agriculture
	4 males 0–10		

COMMENT:

- Samuel Mills had the title to his land confirmed in that mass deed from Peters in September 1819.
- Samuel's wife Rachel, who died after 1830, apparently left him with considerably more children than the number attributed to their marriage by online trees.

Meadows, William  
 Meadows, William Jr.  
 [Mc] Graw, William  
 Mgloughlin, William  
 Mongolet, William  
 [end of M's]

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

(p. 123 stamped; begin line 1)

Wilson, David

Wilson, Antony

Workman, Joseph

Walker, Oliver

Watts, Polly

<b>White, Cornelious</b>	1 white male 26–44	1 white female 16–25	4 in household
	2 white males 0–10		1 in agriculture

Walker, Anos

<b>White, John [Sr.]</b>	1 white male 45+	1 white female 26–44	11 in household
	2 white males 16–25	1 white females 16–25	6 in agriculture
	1 white male 16–18	3 white females 0–10	
	2 white males 10–15		
	1 white male 0–10		

**COMMENT:**

- The male 16–18, which I’ve greyed out above, is duplicated in the 16–25 category, as per Census Bureau instructions for this year.
- The age of the oldest female in this John White household is too young to be Frankey. Several explanations could exist, including these: (a) The census taker put his tickmark in the wrong column; (b) Frankey is dead and John has found a new wife; (c) the 26–44 female is an unmarried daughter that was not enumerated in 1810; (d) the 26-44 female is the wife of one of the males 18–25.
- Explanation (d) is the most compatible with other known data.
- There remain a considerable number of offspring that need to be identified.
- The four children aged 0–10 should be too young to be children of Frankey. Her oldest proved child (Rachel Mills) is now about 34. The two boys 10–15 *do* correspond to the males attributed to John’s and Frankey’s household in 1810 and *would* be of age to be sons of Frankey.
- All things considered, it appears that this is a combined household, shared by John with a son 16–18, 2 sons 10–15, and a married son and his wife who are about 25–26 and have 4 children 0–10. The younger couple would not be the William and Editha who married in 1816; that couple was enumerated in their own home, below.
- Comparing this John White household with the 1810 household yields the following conclusions:
  - one male b. 1792–93 is missing
  - two males b. 1795–1800 are missing
  - one male b. 1795–1800 might be still in the household
  - two males b. 1800–10 appear to be still in the household
  - one male b. 1800–10 is missing

Wilson, William

Wray, Daniel

Webb, Thomas

Walters, William

Walters, John

Webb, Stephen

Wilson, James

Williams, Elenor

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Webb, William  
 Webb, Pleasant  
 Webb, Julius  
 Walker, William  
 Williams, Jeremiah  
 Williams, George  
 Williams, Henry  
**White, James** [Doe Cr]

1 white male	45+	1 white female	26-44	12 in household
3 white males	16-25	2 white females	10-15	5 in agriculture
2 white males	16-18	2 white female	0-10	
1 white male	10-15			
2 white males	0-10			

Williams, Andrew  
 Williams, Joseph  
 Williams, Jeremiah  
 Williams, Hugh

(p. 123 verso, line 1)

Williams, James  
 Williams, Abraham  
 Williams, John  
 Walker, Charles  
 Waddle, Abby  
 Waddle, Alexander  
 Waddle, James  
 Wilson, Robert

<b>White, William</b>	1 white male	26-44	1 white female	16-25	5 in household
	2 white males	0-10	1 white females	0-10	1 in agriculture

Wilbern, William  
 Wilbern, William, Jnr.  
 Wilburn, Stephen  
 Williams, Alexand<sup>r</sup>  
 Wilson, Andrew  
 Williams, Larkin  
 Williams Daniel  
 Walls, William

<b>White, William</b>	1 white male	16-25	1 white female	16-25	2 in household
					1 in agriculture

<b>White, John</b> [Bear Spring]	1 white male	45+	1 white female	45+	12 in household
	4 white males	16-25	1 white females	0-10	7 in agriculture
	1 white male	16-18			
	2 white males	10-15			
	3 white males	0-10			

<b>White, John</b> [son of above]	1 white male	16-25	1 white female	16-25	2 in household
					1 in agriculture

Williams, Eliza  
 Williams, George  
 Williams, Federick  
 Wilbern, John

[end of list]

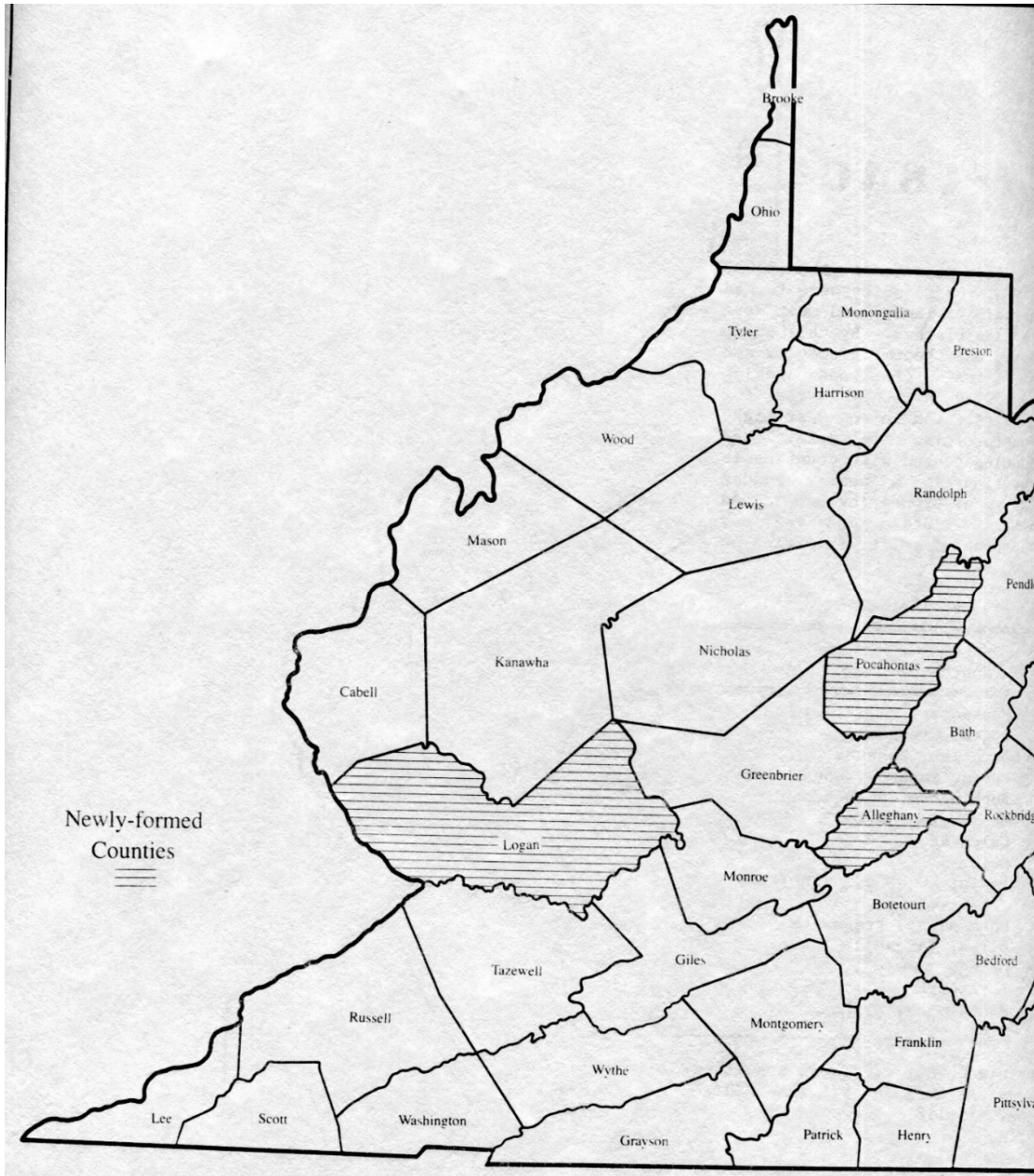




**John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

This William White, in the neighborhood of Cornelius White and Chrispyanos Walker, should be the William who married Editha—i.e., the son of Benjamin and Ann White, as Cornelius also seems to be. (See analysis under the 1810 census entry.) Meanwhile, John Sr. and Frankey White’s son Samuel Mills also married into the Prince family: Rachel Prince, daughter of John.

**Map 10  
Western Virginia: 1821–30<sup>273</sup>**



<sup>272</sup> Montgomery Co., VA, Deed Book D: 332–34.

<sup>273</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

27 MARCH 1821  
GILES COUNTY, VA

Court orders

James White and Cornelius White appointed to Grand Jury.

1821  
GILES COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

William Preston: Same data

John H White: Same data but name is now rendered as "John White H"

James White: Same data

Cornelius White: Same data

Benjamin White: Not listed

Samuel Mills: Still isn't listed.

COMMENT:

The pattern of Giles County tax rolls suggests that newly opened lands did not go onto the tax rolls until four or so years after they were titled.

TO DO: Check the law on this point.

31 JULY 1821 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname; no dates.

"M" section: *consecutive entries*:

McKinney, Joseph 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢

Mills, Samuel [East Riv Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

Mullins, James 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

COMMENT:

This James Mullins co-witnessed, with William Mills, the 1816–17 land leases between John Toney (landowner) and John Conner and Zachariah Crawford (renters).

"W" *Consecutive entries*:

Walker, George

Walker, John

Walker, Eanoss

White, William [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

White, Neeley [Cornelius, Harmans Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢

White, John B.C<sup>r</sup> [Sr. of Brush Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢  
[John Sr.]

White, James B.C<sup>r</sup> [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

White, John [son of Benj] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢

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White, James D. C<sup>r</sup> [Doe Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢

[skip 13]

Webb, Stephen

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**White, John H** [Bear Spr] 2 tithes, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 27¢  
**White, John** “J son” 1 tithes

COMMENT:

***Regarding locations:***

Note that the above list explicitly places the old John on “B.C” where Benjamin H. had previously lived and where Benjamin H.’s apparent brother James (John Sr.’s proposed grandson) is also said to be. This provides a location for the land his offspring acquired via the mass title clearance of 1819.

***Regarding names:***

Some of these tax rolls present the given name first, then surname. For consistency, this set of notes puts surname first. However, in the case of John (Hunter) White, the inversion does not clearly convey what is represented. On these tax rolls, *H* is rarely used for him as a middle initial. Instead it is an appendage following his surname, as with the “B. C<sup>r</sup>,” “D. C<sup>r</sup>,” and “J son” used for other Whites. An occasional *deed* did use “H” as his middle initial, alternating with the name John “Hunter” White.

**Note:** This is the last record found for John White Sr. I will continue to include here a variety of Giles County records that help to sort out his offspring.

**25 SEPTEMBER 1821**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**Edmund Morgan** of Montgomery Co. to **John White Seigner** of Giles Co., sale for \$20 of 65 acres being part of 365 acres patented to John Grant on 23 November 1798 lying in Giles County on the **Side of the Buckeye Mountain** and on the **Waters of the Bear Spring**, Waters of New River,

Beginning at two white oaks and a black oak on the Patent line and with the same N 60° E 68 poles to two black oaks in a **hollow on Alsups** line and with the same N 18° E 100 poles passing his corner to a black oak and two white oaks on the spur of the Mountain, N 8° W 40 poles with the patent line thence leaving the same S 84° W 72 poles to a chesnut oak and Locust On the mountain S 10° E 162 poles to the beginning

No witnesses named. Acknowledged by Morgan “before two Justices of the peace and returned into Court. September term 1821.”<sup>274</sup>

COMMENT:

The word “Seigner” is written very clearly. The index entry, made contemporaneously, is “White, John, Sen<sup>r</sup>.” Clearly, “Senior” is the designation intended.

This is *not* the “John White Sr” who married widow Frankey Mills. This John White who is buying land from Edmund Morgan—and later sold it with wife Nancy—is John White Jr. (husband of Nancy Copley), who is now “elevated” to “Sr.” From this use of Sr. for John Jr., we may hypothesize that **the older John who married Frankey has died**. Note that when the county split in 1824, the John “Sr.” who ended up in Logan County is the age of “John Jr.” aka John H., not that of John Sr. However, John H. remained in Giles; he is not the John Sr. of 1830 Logan.

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<sup>274</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 327–28.

**25 SEPTEMBER 1821**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**Edmond Morgan** of Montgomery County to **John White Seigner** of Giles Co., sale for 70£ in hand paid, 80 acres lying on **Bear Spring**, beginning at John Alsups white oak and hickory. No witnesses. Proved Giles Court September 1821 by certification of John Kirk and John Peck, justices of the peace who said Morgan acknowledged the same before them. Same certification as above.<sup>275</sup>

**26 MARCH 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

Edmund Morgan against **John White**, Joshua **Copley** Special Bail. Whereupon the special bail surrendered in court the body of the defendant and he is prayed in custody of the sheriff."

"Edmund Morgan against **John White**. The defendant comes here into court and confesses Judgment of Sixty dollars and fifty cents with Interest from the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1820 and the costs and Judgment is given by the court for the same whereupon he is prayed in Execution."<sup>276</sup>

**27 MARCH 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**John H. White** [*sic*] of Giles Co. to Christopher Champ, Sheriff of Giles. Whereas White is now confined in the Jail of the county aforesaid at the suit of **Edmund Morgan** and White "desires to give up all his property to satisfy the debt due the sd Edward Morgan and to take the oath prescribed by Law for insolvent Debtors ... White conveys

- 99 acres on N side of the "Cap [Gap?] Mountain or Walkers Mountain on waters of Bear Spring, joning or near the lands of Samuel Lindsey which land was conveyed to him the sd. John H. White by Alexander Waddle."
- 70 acres on Bear Spring "known by the name of the Mill Place on which the sd. John H. White now lives on, which he bought from the sd. Edward Morgan.
- About 70 acres which the said John H White gave to his son William White "some time ago" but has not yet conveyed the title.

Champ will sell the land at "some Court Day at the Giles Court House." "Acknowledged in court and ordered to be recorded." March Court 1822.<sup>277</sup>

**29 MARCH 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

The case of overseers of the poor vs. Champion Napier is still being "continued."

"Goodtitle Lessee vs. Dillion. In ejectment, cont'd."

"Same vs. **White** in ejectment, same.

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<sup>275</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 328–29.

<sup>276</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 338.

<sup>277</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 353–54.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

“Same vs. Blankenship in ejectment, same.

“Same vs. **Mills** in ejectment, same.”<sup>278</sup>

**25 APRIL 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**John White to Hannah White**, both of Giles, for \$21.50½ in hand paid, sells 80 acres by survey on Bear Spring in Giles County, described as

Beginning at John Alsups corner a white oak and Hickory on the N side of a hill N 56° W 96 poles crossing the creek along his line to two Poplars, N 56 poles to a black oak and white oak on his line, S 83° E 156 poles to three white oak saplings on a Hill, S10° E 66 poles to a white oak and Maple and then S 75° W 90 poles to the Beginning.

No witnesses. Acknowledged and proved in Giles June Court 1822.<sup>279</sup>

COMMENT:

This John White of Bear Spring was the husband of Nancy Copley. See 14 September 1824, below, for the sale of this land by “John H White, Nancy his wife, and Hannah White.” Given the 27 March document by which John, amid his debts, swore he had already given part of his land to “son William” without benefit of deed—a failure he remedied on this same day that he and Nancy deeded land to Hannah—it would appear that Hannah was a female relative for whom he was also trying to provide protection (or one he was using to shield another part of his land).

Notably, John did not state a relationship to Hannah as he did with “son William” and he did not use the phrase “for good will and affection,” as he did with William. Similarly in the 14 September 1824 deed below, by which John and Nancy sold this land together with Hannah, the deed states that Nancy is John’s wife but does not state a relationship to Hannah.

Hannah would appear to be an unmarried sister or widowed sister-in-law. If John H. (previously John Jr.) was a son of John Sr. who married Frankey Mills in 1792, then John H.’s mother should not still be living.

**25 APRIL 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale.

**John White to William White**, both of Giles, for the good will and affection he bears toward his son, deeds to him 65 acres, being part of a tract of 365 acres granted to John Grant by patent dated 23 November 1798, on the **S side of the Buckeye Mountain** and on the **waters of Bear Spring** in Giles County, described as

Beginning at two White oaks and a black oak on the patent line and with the line N 60° E 68 poles to two black oaks in a hollow on **Alsup’s** line and with the same N 18° E 100 poles passing his corner to a black oak and two white oaks on the Spur of the Mountain, N 8° W 40 poles with the patent line, Thence leaving the same S 84° W 73 poles to a chesnut, oak & Locust on the Mountain, S 10° E 162 poles to the Beginning,

No witnesses. Acknowledged and proved in Giles June Court 1822.<sup>280</sup>

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<sup>278</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 343.

<sup>279</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 389.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

COMMENT:

This John White would be John H. White, as per the 27 March 1822 assignment of his land to the sheriff, above.

**25 APRIL 1822**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land sale.

**Christopher Champ, Sheriff** of Giles Co., and **John White** and **Nancy his wife**, also of Giles, parties of the first part, to **Robert Young** of the same. Whereas John White was indebted to Edward Morgan of the county of Montgomery in the sum of \$480 and whereas Morgan initiated suit in the county court of Giles and obtained a judgment, "the said John White was confined in the Jail of the County of Giles aforesaid, and whereas the said John White in order to extricate and release himself from the jail ... signed and subscribed a Schedule of his whole estate ande [*sic*] conveyed his land to the said Christopher Champ Sheriff ... to be by him or one of his deputies Sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be appropriated toward Satisfying the Judgement of the said Edward Morgan ... and whereas the said John White has sold unto the said Robert Young of the second part 99 acres, a part of the land conveyed to the Sheriff as aforesaid, and the said Robert Young has paid Guy D. French, deputy for the said Christopher Champ fifty dollars, it being the balance of the said Judgment in full satisfaction Of the same ..." The land is described as

Beginning at a large White oak & Mapel by a Road on the side of a Hill, thence N 66° E 60 poles to a white oak, N 45° E 52 poles to a white oak & Hickory by a branch, S6 W 28 poles to a Double? Sowerwood and Hickory, S 3 ½ E 46 poles to a chestnut on the side of a Hill, S 24 E 18 poles to a poplar in a Hollow, S 24 W 41 poles to two chesnuts on the side of a Mountain, S 68 W 190 poles to a chestnut by a large Rock, N 12 W 40 poles to two chesnuts, N 57 E 97 poles to a Red oak, S 7 ½ E 28 poles to a hickory, N 65 E 16 poles to a black oak on a side, N 5 E 44 ;poles to a white oak and hickory on the top of a ridge, and thence N35 E 44 to the beginning.

"Witnesses to the assignment of White & Wife: Guy D. French, Samuel Lindsey, Joseph Hetherington."  
[Signed]: **John White, Nancy White**, her **Z** mark, Chris' H[igh] Sheriff for Giles.

Proved by oaths of Guy D. French and Samuel Lindsey in Giles August Court 1822.<sup>281</sup>

COMMENT:

This identification of the wife as Nancy (vis a vis the prior name Hannah) should mean that this is the John White who married Nancy Copley, daughter of Thomas Copley, on 8 January 1793 in Montgomery Co.

**25 APRIL 1822**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land sale

**John White** to **Hannah White** [William White], "for the goodwill and affection which he bears toward his son William White, conveys 65 acres, whose description matches that of the first tract bought in September 1821. Land is on **Bear Spring, both sides of Buckeye Mountain**. No witnesses. Proved Giles Court June 1822 by acknowledgement of JW.<sup>282</sup>

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<sup>280</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 391.

<sup>281</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B: 421–22.

<sup>282</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book B:389.

**1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

William Preston:

Same data as 1821

**John H White:**

90a "near the Bear Spring SE 10"

65a "On the Bear Spring, SE 10"

80a "On the same" SE 10, "Deeded by E. Morgan"

**James White:**

Same data as 1821

**Cornelius White:**

Same data as 1821

**Benjamin White:**

Not listed

**Samuel Mills:**

Still not listed.

**24 JUNE 1822** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname; no dates.

*"M" section; consecutive entries:*

McKinney, Joseph

**Mills, Samuel**

1 tithe, 0 slave, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

Medder, Jacob

*"W" section; consecutive entries:*

Walker, John

**White, William** "B. Spring" [Bear Spr]

1 tithe

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**White, James** D. Creek

[Doe Cr]

3 tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 54¢

Williams, George Jr.

[skip 14]

Webb, Stephen

**White, John (Hunter)**

[Bear Spr]

3 tithes, 0 slaves 1 horse or mule, 12.5¢

**White, John Junr.**

[s of John H]

1 tithe

**White, Thomas**

[s of John H]

1 tithe

Wray, Daniel

[skip 16]

Walker, Enos

**White, Cornellius**

[Harmon's Br]

1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

Wilson, Andrew

**White, John (B. Creek)**

[Brush Cr]

1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 13.5¢

[son of Ben Sr.]

**White, James** (same)

[Brush Cr]

1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

[son of Ben Sr.]

Williams, Larken

Wilbourn, Robert

Wilson, William

William, Wilson Junr.

**White, Major**

[Brush Cr?]

1 tithe

[son of John Sr.]

Willis, James

Williams, John (Cole C)

Wall, Frances (Guyan)

**White, James (same)**

1 tithe

[Guyandotte River]

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Walker, John

**White, William (B. Creek)** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 40.5¢

**White, Thomas (same)** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 27¢ [son of John Sr.?]

COMMENT:

- The old John White of Brush Creek is no longer on the list. The John who remains appears on the prior role adjacent to James, as here in 1822.
- A new Major White appears somewhat removed but apparently still in the Brush Creek area. Given that the 1796 marriage bond of John White to Susanna Marcum had "Major Marcum" as John's surety, Major White would superficially seem to be a son of that marriage. However, I've found no members of that family in the bounds of present Giles County since c1806.
- This Major White is not taxed in Giles after this point. One candidate for him appears on the **1830 Logan County** census, as a male 20–29, with an apparent wife and four children. Other offspring of John White Sr. (Benjamin H. and Isaac) also appear to be enumerated there. See those notes below.
- The only Whites who would remain in Giles in 1830 were the two clusters in Southern Giles (the families of James and John Jr.).

**25 JUNE 1822**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

Hoge & Kirk vs. **John White, Joshua Copley** special bail, the defendant surrendered in Court by special bail and is prayed in custody of the sheriff."

"Hoge & Kirk vs. **John White** the defendant in custody of the sheriff comes here into court and confesses Judgment for forty dollars eighty five & one fourth cents with Interest from 27 March 1822 until paid & Costs. Thereupon it is considered by the court that the plaintiffs recover against the deft. the sum of forty dollars eighty five Cents with Interest from 27 March 1822 & Cost & the deft in mercy &c."

Hoge & Kirk vs. **White**, the defendant came here into and signed and subscribed a schedule of all his whole estate and took the oathe prescribed by Law for Insolvent debtors and is discharged from the custody of the Sheriff.<sup>283</sup>

COMMENT:

This would be John Hunter White [John Jr.], husband of Nancy Copley.

**1823**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land tax roll

COMMENT:

Time constraints on my pre-Covid research trips to Library of Virginia, did not allow work in the land rolls from 1823 forward.

**30 SEPTEMBER 1823** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

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<sup>283</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1817–1822), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > images 351–352.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section:

**Mills, Samuel** [East R Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

"W" section; consecutive entries:

**White, James** 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 60¢

[skip 20, Williams, Walker, Wilbourn, etc.]

**White, John H.** [Bear Sp] 3 tithes

**White, John** [s of John H] 1 tithe

**White, Thomas** [s of John H] 1 tithe

**White, William** [s of John H] 1 tithe

[skip]

**White, Cornelius** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

**White, William (BC)** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, James** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

Walker, Eanos

Walker, John

**29 JULY 1823**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

On motion of **William White** who wishes to have some alteration made in the road leading from Charles Dingess to the her ford? of of [sic] **Reuben Frenchs** field and **Brush Creek**. It is ordered that **James McLaugherty**, Charles Hale, John Peters, and Charles Dingess or any three of them view the ground ... and report to this Court ....

Ordered that Ezekiel Smith be appointed overseer of the road from Charles Dingess to Reuben French's Field on Brush Creek in the room of James Coplea." <sup>284</sup>

COMMENT:

- This William of Brush Creek is the proposed son of Benjamin Sr. and grandson of John Sr.
- Reuben French in 1819 bought half the Christian's Fork of Brush Creek land of Benjamin White, proposed father of William.
- Charles Dingess' will left a significant bequest to Evalina White, daughter of "Elizabeth White." The context of the bequest suggests that he was the likely father of Elizabeth's child. Both Samuel Mills and the proposed sons of Benjamin White were active in his estate settlement.

**27 AUGUST 1823**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"A deed of Trust from **William White** to James Jenks trustee to secure a debt due Isaac & William Chapman which was acknowledged in Clerks office and returned into Court and ordered to be recorded." <sup>285</sup>

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<sup>284</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822-1829): 52.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

TO DO:

I have not located this deed yet. The Chapman association implies this William is the son of John H. White and wife Nancy Copley.

**27 JULY 1824**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Court orders

Order for payment of \$20.20 to **Westley White** as one of five guards for the prisoners Samuel Summerfield Sr. and Samuel Summerfield Jr, charged with "killing the property of Elizabeth Wallar."<sup>286</sup>

COMMENT:

This is Wesley's first appearance on record, suggesting that he has just come of age—i.e., born 1802–3.

The 1850 and 1860 censuses of Logan County, however, identify "Westley," age 48 and 58 respectively, as *Benjamin W.* (1850) and *Wesley* (1860). Both censuses attribute to him sons Benjamin H. and Cornelius, and a wife Sarah. The data from this pair of censuses suggest that he was more likely from the Benjamin branch of the family. Considerably more work needs to be done on Wesley and all the Whites who were cut away into Logan and Mercer.

**29 JUNE 1824** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

*"M" section; consecutive entries:*

**Mills, Samuel** 1 tithe, 0 slave, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

Mullins, James

*"W" section; consecutive entries:*

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 3 tithes

**White, John Junr.** [s. of above] 1 tithe

**White, William** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, Thomas** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

[skip 25]

**White, James (d. C')** 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

**White, Adam** [son of James] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, Jacob** [son of James] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

[skip 16]

**White, William** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 4 horses or mules, 48¢

**White, Cornelius** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

**White, James** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 2 horses or mules, 24¢

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 tithe

COMMENT:

William, Cornelius, and James are proposed sons of Benjamin. Thomas is the proposed son of

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<sup>285</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 421.

<sup>286</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 451.

their grandfather, John Sr., by Frankey.

**20 SEPTEMBER 1824**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

**James Coplea** and **Zillah, his wife** of Hawkins County, TN, to **James White**, of Giles, for \$300, 180 acres in Giles on **Five Mile Fork of East River** being part of 300 acres granted to George Pearis, including **Pains Camp**, and deeded by Pearis to Coplea. Repeated references to "conditional line" between Coplea and **Mordica McKinzie**. Witnesses: none. Acknowledged before John Kirk and Wm. Chapman, justices of the peace for Giles on 20 September 1824. Proved Giles September Court 1824.<sup>287</sup>

COMMENT:

This James of Five Mile Fork is James of Brush Creek, husband of Micky McKinney, and proposed son of Benjamin Sr. See 1828 and 1835 notes, below, for his probate settlement records citing his land at both waterways. Apparently, his land lay at the point that the two streams approached each other.

**28 SEPTEMBER 1824**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"**Benjamin H. White** returned into Court his Claim vs the Com'th for attendance and mileage as a witness for the Com'th vs. **Allen Christian** Charged with felony amounting to \$8.53 cts which was examined by the Court and allowed and ordered to be Certified to the auditor of Public accounts."<sup>288</sup>

**30 MARCH 1824**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"Joseph Evans admr of Matthew Erickson vs. Henry Clay, Josiah Ferguson & others. Debts in Chry. By consent of the parties the determination of this Cause is submitted to John **McClagherty, Cornelius White**, and William Maxwell whose award thereupon is to be made the Judgments of the court."<sup>289</sup>

**25 JANUARY 1825**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"Ordered that **James White** be appointed overseer of the road from the mouth of the **Five mile fork** to the top of the hill near **Joseph Fletchers** in the room of **Ezekiel Smith** and that he with the usual hands keep the same in repair".<sup>290</sup>

**26 APRIL 1825**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**Adam White** to **Polly Williams**. No parental or other data.<sup>291</sup>

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<sup>287</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 141.

<sup>288</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 464.

<sup>289</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 435.

<sup>290</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 477.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

COMMENT:

Adam's clusters on the tax rolls and censuses suggest that he was son of James H of Doe Creek, who was taxed among various members of the Williams family. In 1824, for example, Adam White and Jacob White were added to the tax rolls consecutively with James of Doe Creek, at the same time that two tithes were dropped from James' charge.

**28 JUNE 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"A Report of the road from Joseph Fletchers to William McDowell's on Bluestone returned into Court under the signatures of **Joseph Fletcher, William White** and **James White**. Therefore it is Considered by the Court the said road will be public utility and the same is accordingly established, and that Joseph Fletcher be appointed overseer of the same and that he with the hands to be allotted him by William Garrison, Abram Garrison, Thomas Little and **Cornelius White** open and keep the same in repair."<sup>292</sup>

COMMENT:

This William, James, and Cornelius should be siblings, son of Benjamin Sr.

**28 JUNE 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"The Grand Jury returned unto Court with the following bill of Indictments: With a bill of indictment vs. **James White** for failing to keep the public road in repair, a true bill. With a bill of Indictment vs. **William White** for a breach of the peace, a true bill."<sup>293</sup>

COMMENT:

There is insufficient context here to determine which William is being charged with this breach of peace.

**7 OCTOBER 1825** [CERTIFICATION DATE]  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.

"M" section; consecutive entries:

McKiney, Joseph

**Mills, Samuel** [East R Mtn] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢

"W" section; consecutive entries:

**White, Cornelius** [Harmon's Br] 1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢

Walker, Chrispianous

Williams, Lisha

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Williams, Eleanor

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 3 tithes, 0 slaves, 5 horses or mules, 50¢

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<sup>291</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 31.

<sup>292</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 494.

<sup>293</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 495.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Williams, Joseph  
Williams Hugh

[skip 12 Williams & Wilsons]

<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢
<b>White, John</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 tithe

William Wilson Jur.  
Wilbern, Stephen

[skip 6 Williams & Wilburns, etc.]

Wilson?, Richard

<b>White, John Jr. [H?]</b>	[Bear Spr]	3 tithes, 0 slaves, 1 horse or mule, 12¢
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<b>White, James</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe, 0 slaves, 3 horses or mules, 36¢
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Walker, Thomas  
Waddle, James

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Wilbern, Rheuben

<b>White, William</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 tithe
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[end of roll]

**30 AUGUST 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"**William White** was one of the grand jurors sworn in for this term."<sup>294</sup>

COMMENT:

There is insufficient context, above or below, to determine which William did this jury service and was simultaneous tried in the same term of court. The assignment of jury duty to men who were under indictment in that same term was commonplace. Those who came to court for their own trial served for the trials of others.

**1 SEPTEMBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Court orders

"Con'wth vs **William White**. Not guilty."<sup>295</sup>

**27 SEPTEMBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

**Court orders**

"On motion of **James White** who wishes a view of the ground proposed for a road from Joseph William's Mill by way of the last pond to Robert M Hutchison, It is ordered that Samuel Pack Jr, Guy D. French, Ralph Lucas, Philip Lybrook & Willliam H Snidow or any three of them ... view the ground ... & report to this court"<sup>296</sup>

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<sup>294</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 498.

<sup>295</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 507.

<sup>296</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 510.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

COMMENT:

This would be James White of Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain, whose name appears adjacent to Joseph Williams on this year’s tax roll.

**25 OCTOBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Court orders**

“William White and **James White** both serve on juries this term.

Commonwealth vs **James White**. On indictment for failing to keep the road in repair. The attorney for the commonwealth declared that he would not prosecute the case and White was discharged by the court.

Commonwealth vs **William White**. Breach of the peace. Defendant acknowledges a judgment of \$3 and the court orders that it be recovered from him.<sup>297</sup>

**2 NOVEMBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Marriage**

**Jacob White to Betsy Webb**. No parental or other data.<sup>298</sup>

COMMENT:

Census and tax roll clusters suggest this Jacob was a son of James of Doe Creek and Salt Pond Mountain. Jacob came on the tax roll, in his own name, in 1824, in this sequence: “James White (D.C’),” Adam White, Jacob White—at the same time that two tithes were dropped from James White’s household. In 1825, Adam and Jacob are both dropped from the roll and James’s tithable list has added back two tithes.

**29 NOVEMBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Court orders**

“On motion of **James White** who wishes a road from Joseph Williams Mill to Robbert M. Hutchisons on **John Creek** by the way of **Salt Pond**, It is ordered that Robertson Hutchison & John Williams & Guy D. French ... do view the ground ... and report to this court.”<sup>299</sup>

**10 DECEMBER 1825**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Land purchase**

**Pleasant Webb** and **wife Peggy** to **Jacob White** and **wife Elizabeth**, for \$450, sale of land on **Doe Creek**, adj. Webb’s own land, **Jeremiah Williams**, decd. Acknowledgment and dower relinquishment before Ralph Lucas and William H. Snidow, magistrates of Giles, 4 April 1826. Returned to court and ordered to be recorded, August term 1826. Marginal note: “Lifted by Jacob White, April 25, 1838.”<sup>300</sup>

COMMENT:

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<sup>297</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, images 514–15.

<sup>298</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 31.

<sup>299</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 518.

<sup>300</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 285.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- Note that Jacob, the proposed son of James White of Doe Creek is buying land adjacent to James.
- Regarding the Webbs, it will be recalled that Robert White married Mary Webb, in 1795 while claiming land on Doe Creek.

**31 JANUARY 1826**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

**Court orders**

"On the application of **John Clendenen** who wishes a Road from Charles Dingess by the way of **John Walker** to the **Flat Top Mountain** at the **Logan Line** at the **Blue Spring**, It is ordered that **James White, William White, Akles Fannon, Ezekiel Smith, Josiah Fargason & John Walker**, or any three of them ... view the ground ... and report to this Court."<sup>301</sup>

COMMENT:

This James and William would be the sons of Benjamin (H.) White.

**16 APRIL 1822? 6?**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

**Micajah Bradley** to **Thomas White**, conveyance for [consideration not stated] of land in Giles on waters of **Bear Spring** a branch of New River, 44 acres bounding on land of Bradley, described as

Beginning at a chesnut and chesnut oak and white oak at the point of a **ridge** on or nearly a line of said Bradlys, then S55 W58 poles crossing a **Brook** to a beach and Hickory on a Rocky Point, S 45 E 109 poles crossing a branch to a large White Oake and poplar on a Spur of the **Gap Mountain**, N 50 E 43 poles to a poplar and Hickory on the side of said Mountain, N 4 3 20 poles to a chesnut and Hickory, N 15 W 22 poles to a chesnut and Chesnut oak on a hill side, N 57 W 24 poles to a hickry Saplin on the top of a ridge on a line of Said Bradly land, then with the same N 54 W 56 to the beginning

No other neighbors named. No witnesses. Acknowledged in court April Term 1826 by Bradley. Marginal note: "Deed lifted by **David White (son of Thomas)**, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1845. Teste: Wm. A. Stewart, D.C."<sup>302</sup>

COMMENT:

This Thomas should be a son of John H of Bear Spring.

**25 APRIL 1826**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

**Thomas Mowls** [var. **Moles**] and **wife Elizabeth** to **John White**, all of Giles, for \$120, sale of 100 acres on **Spruce River**, a branch of **New River**, described as

beginning at a black oak and chesnut locust and hickory on the **Gab [Gap] mountain**, thence N 26 W 40 poles to two gums, S 40 E 60 poles to a black oak and Chestnut oak, N 64 E 96 poles to the beginning.

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<sup>301</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 524.

<sup>302</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 244.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Sold with "the priviledge of taking stone, timber and where parallel with the closing line to the top of the Gap Mountain. Said land was patented to Robert Mains on 15 March 1788 and "ordered to be sold by Daniel Call, Executor of Robert Mains decd. by a decree of the United States Court fifth Circit of Virginia district dated Decr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1815 and afterwards, to wit on 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1817, the said Daniel Call Executor as aforesaid did convey the said land to Ebenezer Melvin aforesaid by deeds of Bargain and Sale which is now of record in the County of Montgomery ...

Acknowledgement and dower relinquishment before **Ralph Lucas** and Wm. H. Snidow, J.P.s for Giles Co. 27 May 1826. Proved Giles Court 1826. Deed lifted by **Hugh D. Ferrell** per orders of **John H White**, April 11, 1846."<sup>303</sup>

COMMENT:

- On 21 January 1836, Accles White [son of John H and Nancy] took out a bond to marry Elisabeth Mowles, daughter of Thomas.
- Ralph Lucas lived in the southern Giles neighborhood of James H. White.

**30 MAY 1826**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Court orders**

"Josiah Lily vs Ephraim Meadows, Henry Clay, John Clendennen, Richard Blankenship and **Thomas White** on motion for an award of an execution on a Forth-coming bond this day came the Pltf by Henley Chapman, Gent. his Attorney who proved to the Court by the oath of Samuel Pack that the Dfts had legal notice of this motion. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plft have execution against the according to bond interest and Cost."<sup>304</sup>

COMMENT:

The Meadows, Clendennen and Blankenships were all neighbors of the Whites of East River and branches thereof. This Thomas is the Thomas of East River's Brush Creek, proposed son of John Sr. and Frankey.

**27 JUNE 1826**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
**Court orders**

"It is ordered that **Cornelius White** be appointed overseer of the road from where Richard Blankenship formerly lived on **East river** to the County line on the head of the same in the room of the said Blankenship and that he with the usual hands keep the Same in repair."<sup>305</sup>

**29–30 AUGUST 1826** [CERTIFICATION DATE]  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll  
Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

"M" section:

**Mills, Samuel** [East R Mtn]                      2 tithes, 3 horses, .36                      "

COMMENT:

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<sup>303</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 277.

<sup>304</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, images 530–31.

<sup>305</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 5 (1822–1829): unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679, image 536.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Samuel now has a tithable son, apparently. This should be David, who is added adjacent to him on the next year's tax roll.

*"W" section; consecutive entries*

Waddle, Alexander			17 Feb
<b>White, John</b>	[East R & Brsh Crk]	1 tithe	"
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[East R & Br Crk]	1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, William</b>	[East R & Br Crk]	1 tithe	"
<b>White, William</b>	[East R & Br Crk]	1 tithe, 3 horses, .36	"
Williams, Joseph			
<b>White, Cornelius</b>	[East R & Br Crk]	1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, James</b>	[East R & Br Crk]	1 tithe, 3 horses, .36	"
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<b>White, John</b>	[Bear Spr]	3 tithes, 1 horse, .12	6 Mar
<b>White, Ake</b>	[Accles]	1 tithe	"
[skip]			
Williams, Hugh			10 Mar
Williams, George Ju <sup>r</sup>			"
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 tithes, 3 horses, .36	"
<b>White, Adam</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 1 horse, .12	"
Williams, Jeremiah			"
[skip 6]			"
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 tithe, 2 horses, .24	"

COMMENT:

The second William on Brush Creek of East River has not been identified. The William with three horses should be the William who married Editha in 1815 and did not yet have a son of tithable age.

The presence of the second William in this family cluster speaks to kinship. The only way a second William seems to fit into the family would be as one of the yet-unidentified sons of John Sr. and Frankey. If so, this reduces the odds of Frankey being the mother of William Mills-Whitt. It is *possible* that she might name a son William White, even though she had a still living son William Mills—if, for example, her husband insisted upon using that given name—but the odds are against it in their society.

As an alternate hypothesis: **William Mills-Whitt is missing from the tax rolls of Franklin County during the 1820s**, suggesting that he left Franklin to work elsewhere. It is within the realm of *possibility* that, if he had sought work among White kinsman and turned in his list with them, the clerk may have absent-mindedly copied his name as "White" rather than Mills.

This "second William" of Brush Creek has not been found on subsequent tax rolls. However, **I have not yet finished my page-by-page reading of Giles' deeds, court minutes, and probate records for the 1820s.**

**12 MAY 1827**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
 Marriage

**Reuben White to Mary Fannon.** No parental or other data.<sup>306</sup>

COMMENT:

This Reuben is coupled with Cornelius White on the 1828 tax roll. He appears to be another son of the late John White Sr.

**11 JULY 1827 [CERTIFICATION DATE]**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname<sup>307</sup>

"M" section:

<b>Mills, Samuel</b> [E River Mtn]	2 whites, 3 horses, .36	25 March
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white	"
McDaniel, John		"

COMMENT:

David is Samuel's oldest son and the young tithable for whom Samuel was charged in 1826, presumably the first tax year after he turned 16. This suggests his birth about 1809–10.

The new tithable in Samuel's household should be his son William who is first taxed in his own name in 1828.

"W" section: consecutive entries

Wilbern, Stephen		
<b>White, James</b> [Doe Cr?]	2 whites, 2 horses, .24	17 Feb
Walker, Robert		"
Wilbern, Will Senr.		"
[skip 4]		
Williams, Charles		"
<b>White, Cornelius</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, William</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, Thomas</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, James B.C.</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .24	"
<b>White, Reuben</b> [Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
<b>White, Adam</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	[date?]
[skip 12, including Larkin Williams]		
Williams, Henry		24 May
<b>White, John</b> [son of John H?]	1 white	"
Wray, Daniel	"	
Workman, Joseph	2 whites, 2 horses, .24	"
[skip 9]		
Williams, Hugh	"	
<b>White, Jacob</b> [Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12	"
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<sup>306</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 32.

<sup>307</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1827 tax roll; imaged on *FamilySearch* as digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Webb, Stephen

**White, John**

[H of Bear Spr]

3 whites, 0 horses

19 May

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**2 AUGUST 1827**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**James Hector** and **wife Charlotte** to [39 men:] Thomas Walker, Cornelius Haldron, Hezekiah Melven, Israel Jones, Peter *Blankenship*, Green *Dillion*, William Moore Blankenship, Elijah Browning, **David Mills**, Joel Davis, **Benjamin White**, Jesse Davis, **James White**, John Shrewsbury, Samuel Thomas, William **Prince**, **Wesley White**, James **Prince**, Joseph **Workman**, William Bowling, Benjamin **Workman**, Jeremiah Shrewsbury, Jesse Thomas, Charles Spangler, Jacob Meadows Junior, George Spangler, Joseph Ball, John Maupins, John Purdue, Parkinson Shoewmate, Thomas Perdue, **Thomas White**, Archibald Clendenning, James Thompson, **Isaac White**, **John Conner**, **Zachariah Crawford**, Jeremiah Cockburn, Andrew Thompson (as undivided but joint purchasers) of **Giles, Tazewell, and Monroe Counties, VA**, on the other part and their heirs forever, a certain tract of Land lying on the N side of **Bluestone River**, Giles County, Virginia, containing" 1973.5 acres (be the same more or less) and bounded as follows ...<sup>308</sup>

Beginning at a Spanish Oak, poplar and White oak on a **south side of a ridge, near the forks of a branch & near Jas. White's** Corner, Thence S 58° W 592 poles to two Black oaks and a locust near a cave, Thence S 41° E 615 poles crossing Several branches and a high ridge to three White oaks near a **Swampy place**, Thence N 61° E 563 poles Crossing two branches to two white oaks & a red oak in a **brush Hill side**, Thence N 39 ½° W 637 poles to the Beginning

"being part of a Survey granted to W. C. Nicholas and legally Conveyed to the said James Hector by deed recorded in Tazewell County County [sic] books." Signed: James Hector, Charlotte Teresa Hector. Witnesses: Wm. Smith, Efraim Meadows, "on 27 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1727 at Dingess." Introduced Giles October court 1827 by oaths of William Smith and Ephraim Meadows and continued for further proof. ... And o the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1828 the same was acknowledged before me in my office by James Hector and ordered to be recorded." Signed: David French CGC.<sup>309</sup>

COMMENT:

- Note that **John Conner** and **Zachariah Crawford**, whose 1816/17 leases of John Toney's land were witnessed by **William Mills** are still together a decade later. By this time, both have acquired land in the Mills-White-Prince neighborhood.
- Note the Bowlings in the neighborhood of Mills, Conner, and Crawford. Zachariah Crafford married Jane Bowling, the daughter of Jesse Bowling, in 1811.<sup>310</sup>
- The Bluestone, today, flows into New River in Summers County. It peters out in Mercer County, near Brush Creek, a few miles NW of Mills Valley.

**14 JULY 1828** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>308</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 414. Deed Book C has no individual index at back or front.

<sup>309</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 414–15.

<sup>310</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 24.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname

*"M" section; consecutive entries, undated]*

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>	1 white, 3 horses, .36
<b>Mills, David</b>	1 white
<b>Mills, William</b>	1 white

*"W"*

*[Consecutive entries; undated, David White's name leads the "W" list]*

<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr; s of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
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<b>White, Acles</b>	[Accles of John H]	1 white
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Webb, Stephen

<b>White, Adam</b>	[s of James; Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
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<b>White, Jacob</b>	[s of James; Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
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Webb, George Jr.

<b>White, James D.</b>	[James of Doe Cr]	2 whites, 3 horses, .36
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Wade, Lewis

<b>White, Cornelious</b>	[of Benj., Harmon's Br]	1 white, 2 horses, .24
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<b>White, Reuben</b>	[of John Sr? Harmon's]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
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Wilson, John, B.C.

Walker ChristyEanos Jr.	1 white, 5 horses, .60
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With Benjamin Workman	1 white only
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Walker, ChristyEanos Sr.

<b>White, William</b>	[of Benj., Brush Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .24
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<b>White, Thomas</b>	[of John Sr., Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .12
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Wiley, Ranken

*[skip 8]*

Woods, William

<b>White, Thomas J<sup>o</sup> son</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white
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<b>White, John J<sup>o</sup> son</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white
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Waddle, Alexander

Warden, Thomas

Waddell, James

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COMMENT:

**Reuben** would appear to be a now-grown son of John Sr. and Frankey. He is landless. The grouping suggests that he is working the land of Cornelius.

**17 JUNE 1828**

**GILES COUNTY VA**

Probate sale

"A list of sales of **James White's** Decd property. ... **Thomas White** ... **Samuel Mills** (plow, ax), **Jonathan Toney, Cornelius White, ... Wm. Bowling ... Ribin [Reuben] White, Cornelius White, Wm. Bowling, Wm. White, David Mills, Jonathan Toney, Thomas White, David Mills, Cornelius White, Meeky White** [many items bought by the widow] ... Note on **Jonathan Toney** ... William Wilson, Reuben Garretson, **Samuel**

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

**Mills, William White.** Administrators: **Cornelius White & William White.** Proved 17 June 1828 term of court.<sup>311</sup>

COMMENT:

- Jonathan Toney was son and heir of land of John Toney that was leased to John Connors and Zachariah Crafford, with **William Mills**, as witness in 1816–17.
- This James is the James earlier proposed as son of Benjamin.
- Reuben Garretson was in-law of Cornelius White.

**18 APRIL 1829**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**Isaac White** to **Catherine Williams.** Joseph Williams, father. Nor other data.<sup>312</sup>

**30 JUNE 1829** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.

*"M" section; consecutive entries*

Mullins, John

**Mills, Samuel** 2 whites, 3 horses, .30

Meadows, Ephraim

McKenny, Joseph Sr & Jr. daughter Mickey m. James White]

Meadows, Adam

McPherson, Joseph

**Mills, David** 1 white

Morgan, John

*"W" section; consecutive entries*

[skip 13]

Webb, Alexander

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .20

**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .20

Williams, David

Williams, George S

Wingo, John

Willson, Lodwick

Williams, John (Duke's son)

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 1 horse, .10

**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, John** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10

Webb, William Jr.

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<sup>311</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Book A: 480–82.

<sup>312</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 33.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Wright, Thomas  
**White, William R.** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 3 horses, .30  
**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
Walker, Chrispianos  
Waddle, Alby J.  
Williams, Jacob  
Wooldford, Michel  
Waddle, Alexander  
Wicklin, John  
**White, Cornelius** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .20  
**White, Reuben** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .10  
Wilbourn, Rhueben  
Wray, Solomon  
Wilkinson, John  
Watts, Ruben F.  
Wiley, Rankin

[17 to end of list, including Wileys: William Jr., William, James, Edward, James Jr., Delaney]

COMMENT:

The William who married Editha in 1816 has added a middle initial to distinguish himself from the William White of Bear Spring (his apparent brother-in-law).

**26 SEPTEMBER 1829**

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

**Cornelius White** and **wife Polly** of Giles Co. to Archibald **Burdet** of same, sale for \$1000 in hand paid, two tracts of adjoining land in Giles on waters of **East River** in the **Rich Valley**.

- 200 acres granted 28 August 1800 to George Pearis and conveyed by him to John B. George and wife Rhoda (one of heirs of George Pearis): Beginning at 2 Elms and Hickory on the bank of the **Six or Twelve Mile Fork of said river**, then N 6 W 24 poles, N 13 W 38 poles to a sugar tree and black oak by the bank of the river, S 68 W 18 poles to a chesnut tree and hickory at the foot of a ridge, S 3 W 42 poles to two white oaks, S 48 W 16 poles to a hickory and Spanish oak, S 84 W 22 poles to two white oaks, S 34 W 48 poles to a hickory and poplar, W 52 poles to a white oak, S 72 W 240 poles to poplar locus and white oak on the side of a hill, N 86 W 44 to a sugar tree and maple on the side of a hill, S 12 E 80 poles to poplar dogwood and white walnut, N 75 E 330 poles to a Spanish oak by a Clift of rocks, N 55 E 40 poles to a sugar tree, locust, and white oak, N 65 E 50 poles to Three white oak saplings on a ridge, N 5 E 54 poles to the beginning.
- Other tract same origin, who conveyed it to said Cornelius White. Beginning at the mouth of the **Six Mile Fork** and a white oak, hickory, and locust, then S 40 poles by the bank of the river, S 16? [26?] W 40 poles to a buckeye and dogwood by the river, N 87 W 66 poles to three White oaks, a corner of **Henry Farley's** survey of 200 acres, and with the lines of the same N 5 E 54 poles to Two elms and hickory on the **Six mile fork**, N 6 W 24 poles, N 13 W 38 poles to a sugar tree and black oak on the bank of the River, S 68 W 18 poles to a chesnut tree and hickory at the foot of a ridge, S 5 W 42 poles to two white oaks, S 48, W 16 poles to a buckeye and poplar, W 52 poles to a white oak, S 72 W 240 poles to a poplar locust and white oak on the side of a hill, N 86 W 44 poles to a sugar tree and maple, N 12 W 36 poles to a stake, N 66 E 440 poles to Two poplars and white oaks, and S 48 E

130 poles to the beginning.

Proved Giles Court 26 September 1829. Etc.<sup>313</sup>

**27 APRIL 1830**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**David White to Rhoda Munsey.** No other data.<sup>314</sup>

COMMENT:

This David White is clustered on tax rolls with John Jr. (aka John Hunter White). He is almost certainly a son. The Munseys were neighbors.

**28 JUNE 1830** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.

"M" Consecutive entries

Mullins, John

**Mills, Samuel** 2 whites, 4 horses, .32 [Samuel & Wiliam]

**Mills, David** 1 white

Meadows, Ephraim

"W" Consecutive entries

Wray, Daniel

**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 4 horses, .32

**White, Adam** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .16

**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .16

Williams, David

Williams, George S.

Wingo, John

Williams, John (Duke's son)

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .16

**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, John** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 2 horses, .16

Webb, Joseph

[skip 30]

Wright, David

**White, William R** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 3 horses .24

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .08

[skip 6, including Waddle]

Wicklie, John

**White, Reuben** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse. 08

Wilbourn, Reuben

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<sup>313</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 624–25.

<sup>314</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 34.

Wray, Solomon  
Watts, Reuben F.  
Wiley, Rancan

[skip 17, including Wileys]  
Wilbourn, Robert

**White, Isaac**

1 white, 1 horse, .08

**12 AUGUST 1830**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land sale

James T. Watson of City and State of New York "of the two third parts" and **Gordan Cloyd** of the County of Montgomery & State of Virginia of the one Third part, together sell to **Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White**, Children and heirs of **James White** dec<sup>d</sup> of Giles Co. of the second part. Whereas Andrew Johnston, attorney in fact for Watson and Cloyd have sold to the said James White deceased, 31 acres of land and the said James White having departed this life before the title of the said land was conveyed to him, And it appearing that the said Eleanor White, Priscilla White and James White are the Only Children and legal heirs of the said James White deceased, in consideration of \$23.25 paid to their said attorney Andrew Johnston, Watson and Cloyd convey to the said Eleanor White, Priscilla White, and James White 31 acres being part of a survey of 80,000 granted to Samuel M Hopkins, assignee of John Leyburn and Thomas Cloyd by patent dated [blank] day of July 1796. Afterwards, on 18 February 1806 it was conveyed by the said Hopkins to Oliver Wolcott in trust. Afterwards on 22 June 1808, it was Conveyed by the said Hopkins, Wolcott, and Mary Watson to the said James T. Watson "as by reference to the records of the County Court of Giles." Afterward on 7 November 1827, the said James T. Watson conveyed on equal undivided third part to Gordon Cloyd, lying in Giles County. The land being conveyed is on the **Five Mike fork of East River** adjoining the **land on which the said James White deceased did live** and bounded as follows:

Beginning at two white Oaks On the S side of the Creek "his own Corner" and Thence S 14 E 2 poles to a large white oak, W 80 poles to a white oak and three lynns from one root, **on a hill side** N 16 E 26 poles, crossing the **five mile fork** to a double poplar on a **Steep Hill side** N 80 E 70 poles to a Stooping poplar Gum Sapling and White oak, **his own Corner**, N 35 E 70 poles to two beech trees by a branch, N 84 E 40 poles Crossing said branch to a walnut and white oak on a **hill side**, S 60° E 39 poles to pointers on a line of his own land and with the reversed line thereof S 82° W 60 poles, crossing a branch to three white oaks by the same, S 51° W 64 poles to a stooping poplar gum sappling and white oak, and thence S 12 E 46 poles crossing the Five Mile Fork to the Beginning.

Signed: James T. Watson, Gordan Cloyd By their Attorney And<sup>w</sup> Johnston. Proved at Giles August Court 1830 by acknowledgment of Andrew Johnston.<sup>315</sup>

COMMENT:

- The greyed text is added in the margin of the recorded document.
- The deceased James is the proposed son of Benjamin H.

**30 SEPTEMBER 1830**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

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<sup>315</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book C: 689-91.



**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Workman James  
 Workman, John  
 Workman, Joseph  
 Workman, James H.  
 Workman, Joseph Jr.  
 Wall, Francis  
 [end of page]

The following cluster appears to be offspring of the East River Whites  
 (p.287, line 1)

Workman, Moses  
 Workman, John M.  
**White, James** 30–40  
 Workman, Joseph Sr.  
 [skip 13: Walls, Wilsons, Wisemans, Wards, Williams, Walkers]  
**White, Benjamin H.** 50–60 [should be Benjamin H. of Giles]

**30 JUNE 1831** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated entries. The order of names under all letters is radically different from the year before.<sup>317</sup>

“M” consecutive entries

Martin, John Sen.

**Mills, Samuel** 2 whites, 3 horses, .18  
**Mills, William** 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**Mills, David** 1 white

COMMENT:

Samuel’s third son has reached 18. This should be Robert, born 1810–11.

“W” consecutive entries

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**White, Reubin** [Brush Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Wilbern, Robert  
 Wray, Daniel  
 Workman, Benjamin 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
 Workman, Robert 1 white

[skip 19, mostly Wrays, Wilburns, and Wilsons]

**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12  
**White, Aclis** [Bear Spr] 1 white

Williams, Henry

[skip 6]

Wingo, John

Wingo, \_\_\_ Francis

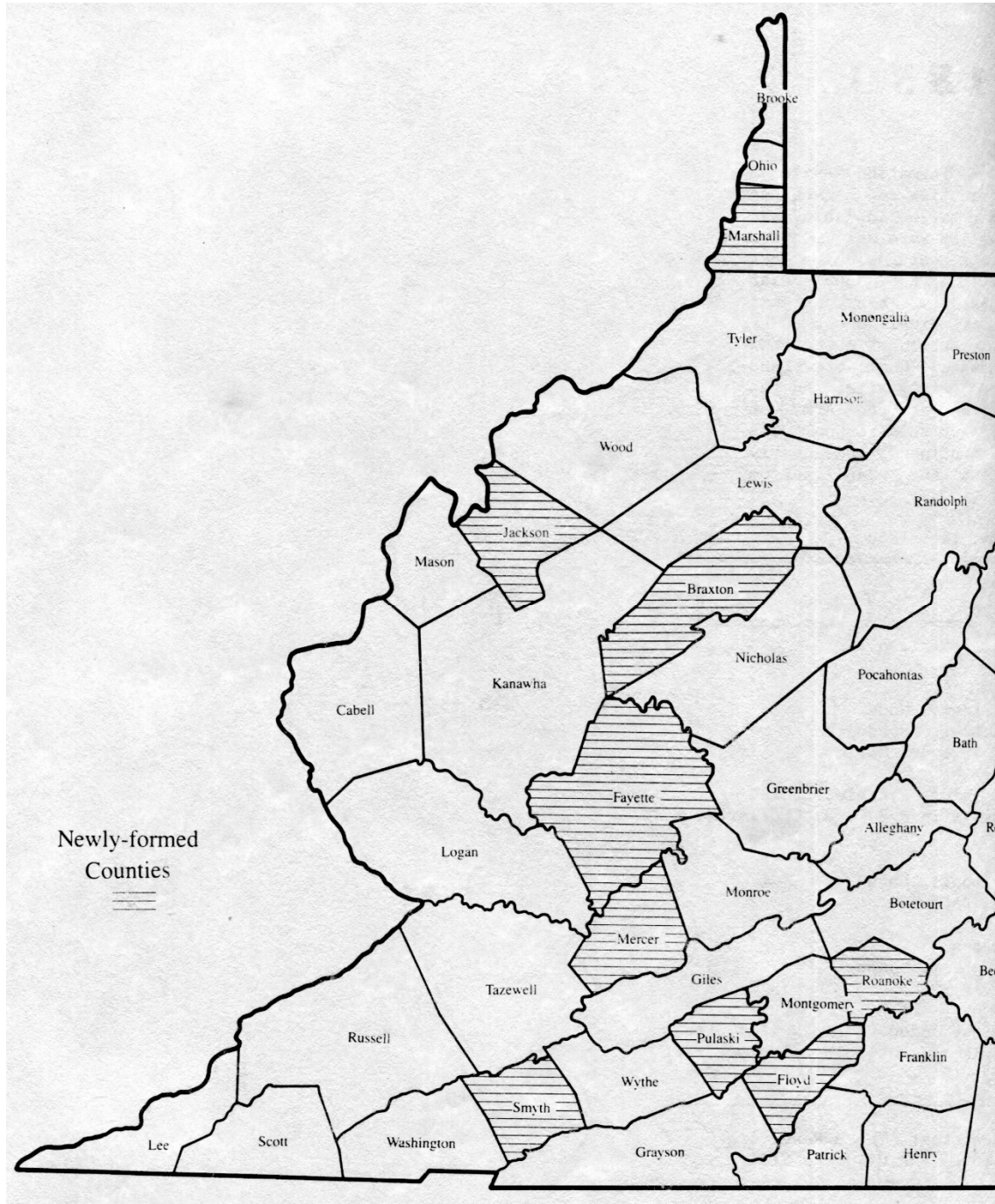
**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2? whites, 2 horses, .12

<sup>317</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1831 tax roll; imaged FamilySearch, digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

<b>White, Isaa</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>Watts, Reubin F.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Williams, John Capt.		
Webb, Pleasant		
<b>White, Adam</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wingo, Walker B.		
Williams, Nancy (G. Est.)		
[skip 18]		
Wilson, James		
<b>White, Oratio</b>	[son of John H]	1 white
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[son of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, David</b>	[son of John H]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Warden, Thomas		
Waddle, Alba J.		
[skip 23, including Wileys, Walkers, Woodrams]		
Workman, John		
Wrighte, John		
Wright, David		
Wright, Francis Senr.		
Wilbern, Reubin		
Wade, Joshua		
<b>White, William</b>	[Brush Cr, East River]	1 white, 2 horses, .12
Wilbern, Lewis		
[end of W's]		

Map 11  
Western Virginia Counties, 1831–1840<sup>318</sup>



<sup>318</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

28 JUNE 1832 [CERTIFICATION DATE]

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. Undated lists.<sup>319</sup>

*"M" consecutive entries*

Meadows, Ephrem

Melvin, Kiah

**Mills, Samuel** 3 whites, 2 horses, .12

**Mills, William** 1 white

**Mills, David** 1 white

COMMENT:

The newly married Robert appears to still be in Samuel's home.

*"W" consecutive entries*

**White, William** [Brush Cr, East River] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wilbern, Reubin

Wilman [Wilmore?], Thomas

Woods, Wiliam Jr.

Watts, Reuben F.

Workman, Benjamin

[skip 5]

Williams, James F.

**White, Jacob** [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

**White, James** [Doe Creek] 2 whites, 2 horses, .12

**White, Isaac** [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Williams, Joseph

**White, Adam** [Doe Creek] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

[skip 29: Williams, Wingos, Webs, Walkers &c]

Wilson, John

**White, John H.** [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 2 horses, .12

**White, Aclis** [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

**White, Oratio** [Bear Spring] 1 white male

**White, Thomas** [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

**White, David** [Bear Spring] 1 white male, 2 horses, .12

[skip 30: Wrays, Wrights, Wilberns, Wileys]

**White, Reubin** [Brush Cr; s. of John Sr.?] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Wilbern, Robert

Walker, Enos Jr.

Walker, John

Walker, Enos

Woodram, Arhibad [sic]

Wilson, Lewis

Woodram, John

**White, Thomas** [Brush Cr; s. of John Sr.?] 1 white male, 1 horse, .06

<sup>319</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1832 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

[end of W's]

**25 JUNE 1833** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname.<sup>320</sup>

*"M" consecutive entries; start of new list date]*

<b>Mills, Samuel</b>		2 whites, 2 horses, .12	4 Mar
<b>Mills, Robert</b>		1 white	4 Mar
<b>Mills, William</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06	4 Mar
<b>Mills, David</b>		1 white	4 Mar
Meadows, Adam			
[skip several dozen]			

*"W" consecutive entries*

*[skip 14, including Benjamin Workman, Solomon Wray, Stephen Wilbern, Alexander Waddell]*

<b>White, Reuben</b>	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	25 Feb
<b>White, William</b>	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	"
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Brush Cr, East R.]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"

*[skip 14]*

<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 whites, 3 horses, .18	14 Mar
Williams, Tobias			"
<b>White, Adam M.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	"
Williams, Jereiah		"	"
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>White, Isaac C.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"

*[skip 12]*

<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	19
March			
<b>White, Oratio</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horses, .06	"
<b>White, Thomas (Bar. Spring)</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
Webb, Pleasant			"
Williams, Jacob (Dismal)			"
Waddle, Alba J.			"

*[skip 14]*

<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 2 horses, .12	16 Apr
<b>White, Acles</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Williams, Henry			
Wisenger, Joseph			
Wingo, John			
[skip 22 to end of Ws]			

**11 JUNE 1834** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

<sup>320</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1833 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

GILES COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname..<sup>321</sup>

*"M" list, consecutive entries, new names added here at first of list]*

McLaugherty, John Jnr.	[John Sr. was stepfather of Sally Mills, 1824]	6 Feb
<b>Mills, Samuel Jnr.</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	6 Feb
[no others on list with this date]		
[skip 80]		
Meadows, Ephrain		22 Mar
<b>Mills, Samuel Snr.</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
<b>Mills, Robert</b>	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar

COMMENT:

- Samuel Mills Jr. would have been born c1816.
- William Mills, son of Samuel, is now missing.

*"W" consecutive entries:*

Wade, Joshua		
Workman, Benjamin		
Wilbern, Reuben		11 Feb
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Aclis</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
Williams, George H.		14 Feb
[skip 28]		
Waddle, Alexander		
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 4 horses, .24
<b>White, Levi</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white
[skip 7]		
Workman, John		
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Isaac C.</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 white
Williams, Joseph		"
Williams, George		"
<b>White, Adam M.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
[skip 5]		
Wingo, John		
Williams, Nancy, Geo., Wid.		
[skip 20]		
<b>White, Oratio</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06
<b>White, Thomas (Brush Cr.)</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06
Wilbern, Robert		18 Mar
Walker, Crispianos Snr.		21 March

<sup>321</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1834 tax roll; imaged FamilySearch, digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Waler, John (Bluestone)		"	
<b>White, Reuben</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Mar
Wray, Solomon			"
Wilbern Lewis (East R.)			"
<b>White, William</b> (Brush Cr.)		2 whites, 3 horses, .18	28 Mar
Wiley, James Jnr.			
[skip 9 to end of list]			
<b>10 JUNE 1835 [CERTIFICATION DATE]</b>			
<b>GILES COUNTY, VA</b>			
Personal tax roll			
<i>"M" section; consecutive entries</i>			
McKinney, Joseph			"
<b>Mills, Samuel Snr.</b>		2 white, 1 horses, .06	"
<b>Mills, Robert</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 42]			
McPherson Stephen			28 March
McPherson, Jesse			"
McPherson, Joseph			"
<b>Mills, Samuel Jnr.</b>		1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
[skip 36 to end of "M" section]			
<i>"W" section; consecutive entries</i>			
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	20 Feb
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horses, 06	"
Wilson, Edward W.			21
Feb			
<b>White, William (Br. Cr.)</b>		2 whites, 5 horses, .30	23 Feb
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Brush Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>Wiley, James Snr.</b>			"
Wiley, Delany			"
Walker, Crispianos Snr.			
[skip 4]			
<b>White, Reuben</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	26 Feb
Wray, Solomon			"
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 6 horses, .36	2 Mar
<b>White, Levi</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
Williams Jeremiah	[m. Susan White] <sup>322</sup>		"
<b>White, Adam M.</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>White, Isaac</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
[skip 15]			
Williams, David			9 Mar
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"

<sup>322</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 254, citing Giles Co. bonds.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

[skip 16]

Wilson, Uriah			17 Mar
<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	18 Mar
<b>White, Aclis</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
<b>White, Rhasa</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
Wilborn, Robert			21 Mar
Wilson, Lewis M			23 Mar
Wilson, Ann			"
<b>White, John Jr.</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Wolford, Samuel			"

[skip 22 to end of W list]

**25 AUGUST 1835**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Land purchase

James T. Watson of the City of New York, James R. Kent, David Cloyd, and **Joseph Cloyd, exrs.** of deceased **Gordon Cloyd** of Montgomery County to **William White** of Giles. Sale for \$275 paid to Andrew Johnston, attorney in fact for the Cloyds, 300 acres being part of a survey of 80,000 acres granted to [see prior documents for Watson and Cloyd to James McLaugherty and **Eleonore White** et al. for fuller description]. The land conveyed to William White is described as

Beginning at a double Chesnut and Chestnut oak on an east point at the edge of a Chesnut flat and thence N 6° E 46 poles to a chestnut oak, N 37° E 50 poles to two black oaks and a white oak on a hill side, N 32° W 40 poles to a poplar chesnut oak and white oak, S 51° W 68 poles to three Chestnut oaks and one chesnut, S 12° E 60 poles to a black oak chesnut and poplar, S 46° W 72 poles to two chesnuts and a poplar, N 84° W 88 poles crossing a hollow to three chesnut oaks and chesnut near the **top of a ridge on Pearis's line** and with the same S 30° W 78 poles to two white oaks and hickory in said line and leaving it S 36° E 70 poles to two white oaks from one root, S 55° E 120 poles crossing **Spruce fork of Laurel Creek** at 100 poles to two white oaks in the mouth of a hollow, N 66° E 122 poles crossing a branch to a white oak in a **hill side**, N 60° E 14 poles to two white oaks on a **hil side**, N 87° E 22 poles to a chesnut oak on a rock an iron wood and white oak, S 70° E 46 poles crossing a branch to three white oaks on a point, N 18° E 20 poles to three white oaks in the fork of a grassy branch, corner to a **survey made for Gordan, Thomas, & David Cloyd and now owned by said White**, S 54° E 28 poles to three white oaks on a flat point and thence N 46o W 249 poles to the Beginning.<sup>323</sup>

**12-13 NOVEMBER 1835**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Association.

"An Inventory of the Sales of the real and Personal Estate of Charles A. **Dingess** Decd." Purchasers in sequence: Adam Meadow, William Smith, James McLaugherty, William Boling, John Walker, French Smith, Jesse Thomas, Jeremiah Jones, Garland Fannon, Moses E. Kear, William Alvis, Thomas Solesbury, Jeremiah Solesbury, Hiram Burgess, James Floyd McLaugherty, William Furgason, Giles Burdit, **Thomas White**, James Searer?, Guy D. French, **William Prince**, Henry P. Davidson, Stephen Blankinship, John

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<sup>323</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 577-78.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

Garrison, **Samuel Mills** (“pr Hackle 1.00, one corner cupboard 5.43  $\frac{3}{4}$  = 6.43  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), William Tiller, Berry Blankinship, Alexander Frazier, John Thomas, Parkison Shumate, Nap<sup>o</sup> & U<sup>m</sup> H French, Augustus W. Cole, Peter Boulton, Samuel Pack, Capt. T. Boyd, S. Clair French, Jacob Meadows, James Thompson, John Ensor, Philip P. Bailey, Rufus A. French, Jordan Meadows, Augustus W. J. Caperton, Israel Jones, **Samuel Mills** (“pr 1/9 of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 200 acres of Land on **Harmans branch**, payable in 2 years), John McCaugherty, Joseph Alvis, John Garrison, Joseph McKinney, Arch<sup>d</sup> Burditt, Gordan French, Thomas Little, Abraham Garrison, John P. Bailey, John Jones, William Milam, Andrew Thompson, Lorinzo D. Little, Charles Spangler, Arch. S. Clendenen, John Bailey, Thomas Kirk, James Bailey, Hugh McCaugherty, Eizabeth Smith, Ben Dingiss, Hiram Tracy, David McCommas, Wm. Smith, Guy D. French, William Smith.<sup>324</sup>

COMMENT:

Samuel Mills’s purchase of a 1/9<sup>th</sup> part of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in a tract of land, roughly 11 acres, strongly suggests a kinship. The only kinship found thus far is the one discussed below.

Note that Samuel Mills and **John McCaugherty** are both present for the sale. This John McCaugherty married Sally Dingess, 12 August 1813.<sup>325</sup> Charles’s will named her as a deceased sister, saying that she had three children. Two are named in his estate settlement, the third is not. That third child appears to be the “Sally Mills” who, in 1824, chose Sally Dingess’s husband John McCaugherty, Esq., as the guardian of her inheritance from her mother. No document states the paternity of “Sally Mills,” but the only male resident in the county in the period of her birth was Samuel. (*Note:* One William Mills, apparently of Franklin County, has been placed in the neighborhood of Samuel Mills and John and Franky White in 1816–17, but he has not been placed in the county at the time calculated for Sally’s conception.

The 1/9 of 1/2 of 200 acres that Samuel purchased indicates that the deceased Charles A. Dingess (a) died in possession of one undivided half of a tract to which he was an heir or, less likely, one he bought in partnership with someone else; and (b) he had nine heirs who were to divide his property equally. That might be 9 children or 8 children and a widow who agreed to take a child’s part as her dower. No references to a widow or former wife have been found in the papers detailing the settlement of his estate.

In any event, a man rarely bought 1/9 share of a piece of land—much less 1/9 of  $\frac{1}{2}$  share—unless there was a family connection and he could foresee buying the rest. Otherwise, he was spending money on what would certainly become a passel of problems.

Online trees state, without evidence, that “Charles Anderson Dingess” married Sarah Farley and “Elizabeth White.” There is no evidence of a marriage to either woman and he was single at the time of his death. An Elizabeth White connection appears in Charles’ will in which he bequeathed property to “Eveline White, daughter of Elizabeth White.” Nothing in his will or estate settlement identifies Elizabeth’s family, but four facts are relevant.

- Elizabeth would not be a daughter of Frankey and John White, i.e., Samuel’s half-sister. The 1810 census does not attribute a daughter to Frankey & John’s household. It does attribute females of appropriate age to the Benjamin White household.

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<sup>324</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 110, 127, 130–32, 158.

<sup>325</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 85 155, 173, 215, citing Giles & Montgomery Co. bonds.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

- As seen above, Benjamin H. White (proposed brother of Elizabeth) witnessed both the will of Charles Dingess' father and the deed of gift that the elder Dingess gave to Charles in 1809.
- Given that Samuel Mills was only a step-child to the Whites, then a step-relationship to the mother of Dingess' child would not explain Samuel's willingness to take on the problems of a 1/18 share.
- If, however, Samuel Mills was the father of Sally Mills by Charles Dingess's sister Sarah, then Samuel's reason for purchasing the 1/9 of ½ interest would be to provide for his daughter a piece of her Dingess family's land.

Dingess marriage records are sparse. I've found none for any Dingess male, but

- Polly Dingess married David French, 8 June 1787 [named as sister in Charles' will]
- Elizabeth Dingus married Charles Neil, 14 January 1793 [ditto]
- Sally Dingess married John **McClagherty** on 12 August 1813 [ditto]
- Susan Dingus married Ezekial Smith, 2 February 1821 in Montgomery Co.<sup>326</sup> [ditto]

**14 APRIL 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Mortgage

Reuben Garrison and Naomi his wife to **James McClagherty** of the second part and **William White** of is the third part. Whereas Garrison is indebted to White for \$58.98 by a bond dated 14 April 1836, they convey land in trust to cover the debt. Land consists of 100 acres in Giles Co. on waters of **Brush Creek and East River**, adjoining John **Strailey** and Charles French, the land on which Garrison now lives. He is to remain in peaceable possession of the land unless he defaults on the debt and due interest. Signed by all parties. Acknowledgement and dower release before William Smith and John McClagherty 15 April 1836. Proved April court 1836.<sup>327</sup>

COMMENT:

This document is not indexed under White's name. I found it because it was filed immediately before a document executed by and indexed under White's name.

**29 MARCH 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Land entry

"**James McClagherty & William White** by virtue of two warrants the first a land office Exchange treasury warrant for 3950 acres No. 2651 and dated the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1834, 160 acres of which was assigned to them by Philip Lybrook assee. Of John S. Crockett, the other for 1100 acres No. 12319 and dated the 3d day of March 1835 and the whole of which was assigned to them by Tolison Shumate. In the whole Enters 260 acres of land 160 by the former & 100 acres by the latter warrant at the **Three Knobs** on the top of a ridge then extending south east and south west for quantity."<sup>328</sup>

**23 APRIL 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Mortgage

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<sup>326</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 85 155, 173, 215, citing Giles & Montgomery Co. bonds.

<sup>327</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 686–87.

<sup>328</sup> Giles Co., VA, Land Entry Book 1818–1853: 241.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**William White** (x), party of the first part, Alexander Mahood party of the second part, and Gordan L. Jordan of the third part. Whereas **White** owes Jordan \$50 to be paid on or before 1 October 1836 he places in trust his 365 acres granted to John Grant on 23 November 1798, which White purchased from Adam Johnston and wife on 30 April 1828 (recorded Giles Book C: 446). He also pledges the following personal property: 2 cows, 12 hogs, 1 black mare, 11 head of sheep. William X’d, Mahood and Jordan signed. Exhibited in court and ordered to be recorded 23 April 1836.<sup>329</sup>

COMMENT:

The Johnston-Grant reference implies that this William White was of southern Giles—i.e., the son of John H. and Nancy.

**27 JUNE 1836** [CERTIFICATION DATE]

**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. No list dates.<sup>330</sup>

*“M” section; consecutive entries*

*{skip about 50}*

McClagherty, James Sr. 3 whites, 4 slaves over 16, 9 horses, \$1.54

Melvin, Hezekiah

**Mills, Samuel Senr** 2 whites [self & Robert?], 2 horses, .12

Meadows, Ephraim

McPhearson, Stephen

McPhearson, Jesse

McPhearson, Joseph

**Mills, Samuel Jr.** 1 white, 1 horse, .06

Martin, David

Martin, John Reeds Bottom

*[skip 46 to end of list]*

COMMENT:

I did not find an entry for Samuel’s son William who would marry in Giles nine months later (13 March 1837). Son David is also missing.

*“W” section; consecutive entries*

*[skip a couple of dozen]*

Wright, Francis & David

Willis, Samuel

Willis, Ammol

**White, Thomas** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06

**White, David** [Bear Spr] 1 white

**White, William Senr.** [Bear Spr] 3 whites, 5 horses, .30

COMMENT;

The sequence matches that of the Bear Spring cluster in 1835 (Thomas White, David White, William White, Edward W. Wilson).

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<sup>329</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book D: 685–87.

<sup>330</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1836 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Wilson, Edward W.  
**White, William Jr.** [Brush Cr of East R?] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**Wiley, James Senr.**  
Wiley Delany  
Walker, Chrispianus Jr. &c [East River]  
Walker, Counsel  
Williams, Joseph  
Williams, William (Jno Son)  
**White, Reubin** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12  
Wray, Solomon  
**White, James** [Doe Cr] 2 whites, 4 horses, .24  
**White, Levi**  
Williams, Jeremiah  
**White, Adam M.** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 2 horses, .12  
**White, Isaac** [Doe Cr] 1 white  
Williams, George S.  
Williams, George H.  
Williams, Frederick  
Williams, Henry Senr.  
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**White, Jacob** [Doe Cr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
Williams, John M.  
Williams, Nancy (D. Cr.)  
[skip 13]  
Walker, Uriah  
**White, John H.** [Bear Spr] 2 whites, 1 horse, .06  
**White, Acles** [Bear Spr] 1 white, 1 horse, .06  
**White, Rosa [Rhesa]** [no property shown]  
Wilbourn, Robert  
Wilson, Lewis M.  
**White, John Jr.** [Bear Spr] 1 white  
Wolford, Samuel  
[skip 22: Wilbourn, Waddles, Wileys &c]  
Watts, Reuben F.  
[skip 2]  
Wingo, Ozben?  
Whitson, Abraham  
Workman, John  
[*end of W list*]

COMMENT:

From this point forward, the East River/Brush Creek Whites are no longer taxed in Giles.

**22 AUGUST 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Marriage

Levi Hearin to Arony? White. William White, father. No other data.<sup>331</sup>

COMMENT;

A published version of this marriage identifies the bride as "Aury White."<sup>332</sup>

**22 AUGUST 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Marriage

**Acles White to Elizabeth Mawles**, daughter of Thomas Mawles.<sup>333</sup>

**22 OCTOBER 1836**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Debt

"A List of accounts [*sic*] due the [estate] of Ch[a]rles A. **Dingess** Decd. ... **Samuel Mills** (\$2.21) ... **Reubin White** pd to McC (.62 ½), **Thomas White** D<sup>o</sup> (1.00) ..." <sup>334</sup>

**JANUARY 1837**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Day book entries

**John White** Dr January 1837

To putting Steel in axe	,42	
& putting steel in axe & find	.62 ½	
Cr 25 cs tto putting steel in little axe & finding	.37 ½	Total \$1.42 <sup>335</sup>

**16 JUNE 1837** [CERTIFICATION DATE]  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

Semi-alpha by first letter of surname. No list dates.<sup>336</sup>

"M" section:

<b>Mills, William</b>	[son of Samuel]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	27 Feb.
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"W" section; consecutive entries

Williams, Pleasant		14 Feb
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Williams, George H.

<b>White, John H.</b>	[Bear Spr]	2 whites, 1 horse, .06	"
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<b>White, Acles</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
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[skip 4]

Williams, George A.		17 Feb
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Williams, William		"
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<sup>331</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 38; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

<sup>332</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 107.

<sup>333</sup> Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 258. Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 38; imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 007490220.

<sup>334</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 134; accessed as FHL digital film 007645086, image 522.

<sup>335</sup> David French, Day Book 2, 1835–37, 128; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 3; citing original at "Virginia State Library."

<sup>336</sup> Giles Co., VA, 1837 tax roll; imaged *FamilySearch*, digital film 007849123.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

Williams, John Jr.			"
Williams, Frederick			18 Feb
Webb, John			"
<b>White, Isaac</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
Wingo, John			20 Feb
[skip 4]			
Williams, Nancy			"
Williams, John M			"
Williams, Hugh			"
<b>White, James</b>	[Doe Cr]	2 whites, 2 horses, .12	"
<b>White, Adam</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
<b>White, Levi</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white	"
<b>White, Jacob</b>	[Doe Cr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	"
Williams, Amos			"
<b>White, David</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	21 Feb
<b>White, Thomas</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white, 1 horse, .06	22 Feb
<b>White, William</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
Wilson, James			"
<b>White, John</b>	[Bear Spr]	1 white	"
[skip a couple of dozen to end of "W" list]			

COMMENT:

From this point forward, I read tax rolls for Mills & White, but did not capture the data for want of time on this research trip. Nothing was found that bears significantly on my identification of Frankey, Samuel, or William Mills.

**MAY 1838**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Day book entries

**David White** Dr To 1 new hare [harrow? Hoe?]      .38 ½      Total \$1.42<sup>337</sup>

**1 JULY 1839**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Association

Settlement of the estate of **Johnathan Toney** ... By Paid Note to [Long list] ... **Cornelius White \$5.50.**  
 "To cash recd of ... **William White (.60)** ... **Robert Mills (10.30), Samuel Mills (6.56)** ... **Ths White (.75)**<sup>338</sup>

COMMENT:

Jonathan Toney was the son of John Toney for whom William Mills witnessed the Toney-Conner and Toney-Crawford leases of 1816 and 1817. In 1814, Jonathan was already operating his father's ferry.<sup>339</sup> In 1819 Toney sold all his goods to his son Jonathan, who apparently did not buy land elsewhere. This trio of documents place William Mills of 1816–17 in the same small neighborhood as Robert and Samuel Mills and the Whites of 1839.

<sup>337</sup> David French, Day Book 2, 1835–37, 128; FHL microfilm 1928291, item 3; citing original at "Virginia State Library."

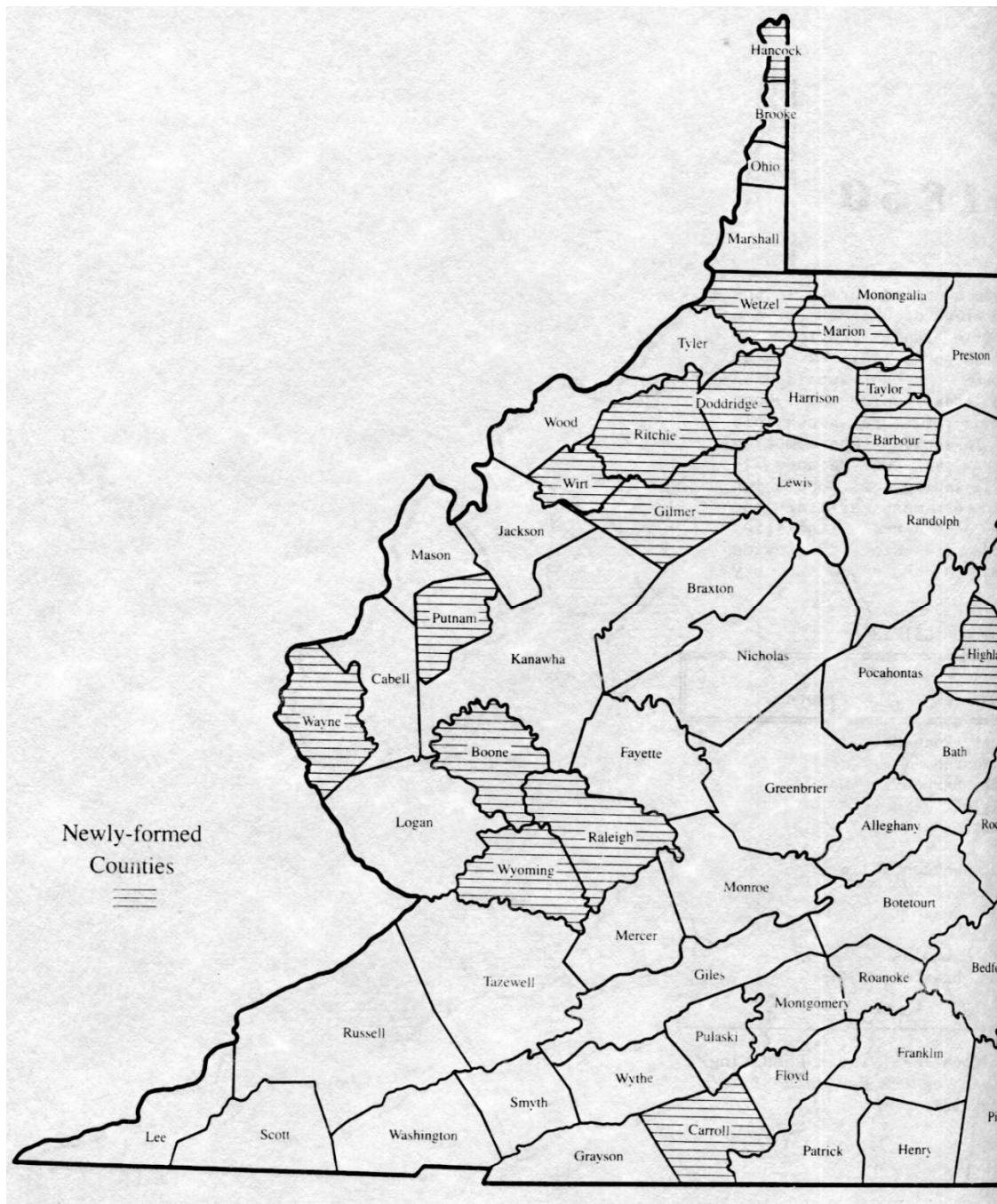
<sup>338</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 177–81; accessed as FHL digital film 007645086, image 544–546.

<sup>339</sup> Giles Co., VA, Order Book 3 (1812–1817), unnumbered page; imaged as *Family Search* digital film 008151679 > image 77.

**John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

In 1839, Robert and Samuel Mills were residents of the new county of Mercer. Apparently their land lay very near the Mercer-Giles line; hence, their appearance at the Toney sale in Giles.

**Map 12  
Western Virginia Counties, 1841–1850<sup>340</sup>**



<sup>340</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances “Frankey” Mills**

**MAY 1843**  
**GILES COUNTY**

Association

“A List of Notes, assc’s &c up solvent persons belonging to the firm of J. & W. **Chapman**. ... **John White** [due] 25<sup>th</sup> February 1829 (\$1.32).”<sup>341</sup>

COMMENT:

The notes on this list range from 1829 to January 1842. White’s is the oldest note. There’s a much longer list of insolvent debts going back to 1845.

**24 MAY 1845**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Marriage

**Andrew Whit? White? to Mary Wiley**. No other data.<sup>342</sup>

**11 SEPTEMBER 1847**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**

Deed

**Nancy White, widow of John H. White**, Decd., **Robert White, Sally White** [sic] and **Nancy White, children** and heirs of John H. White, decd. of Giles Co., to Hugh D. Ferral of same. Whereas the said John H. White by his will left 100 acres to “wife Nancy during her natural life and then to his son Robert & his two daughters Sally & Nancy, the parties have mutually agreed” to sell the land to Ferrel for \$60 ... land at **Gap Mountain**, described as

Beginning at a black oak and chesnut locust on a hickory on the **Gap Mountain**, then N 26 W 40 poles to two gums, S 6 W 96 poles to a white oak and red oak and two dogwoods, S 40 E 60 poles to a black oak and chesnut oak, N 64 E 96 poles to the beginning.

Property is sold “with a privilege of taking stone and timber any where with a parallel line to the top of the Gap Mountain.” Signed: Nancy White, Robert White, Nancy White, Sally White. Acknowledgment on 11 September 1847 by the four Whites before Isaac **Epling** and Robert Payne, magistrates of Giles Co. Presented [by the magistrates] at Giles Court 27 March 1848 by oath of the .<sup>343</sup>

COMMENT:

The 1840 census has only one John H. White in Giles, with the following data.<sup>344</sup>

1 male 70–79	1 female 50–59	4 can’t read or write
1 male 30–39	3 females 20–29	3 employed in agriculture
1 male 20–29	1 female 15–19	
3 males 0–5	2 females 0–5	

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<sup>341</sup> Giles Co., VA, Probate Book B: 318–23.

<sup>342</sup> Giles Co., VA, Register of Marriages, 1806–1870: 40.

<sup>343</sup> Giles Co., VA, Deed Book H: 152–53.

<sup>344</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Giles Co., VA, p. 257 verso, line 23, living in this sequence: Catharine Epling, Henry Hodgess, William Rutledge, Travis Rutledge, McHenry Rutledge, Mary Caldwell, Levi H. Vaught, Andrew Kissinger, John Caldwell (A), Francis Anderson, **WHITE**, Jacob Shell, John Millirons, Christina Crry?, Henry MCoY, Henry Caldwell, Henry Deamond, Christian Snidow, William H. Snidow.

**John White Sr.**  
**Wife 1: Unidentified**  
**Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills**

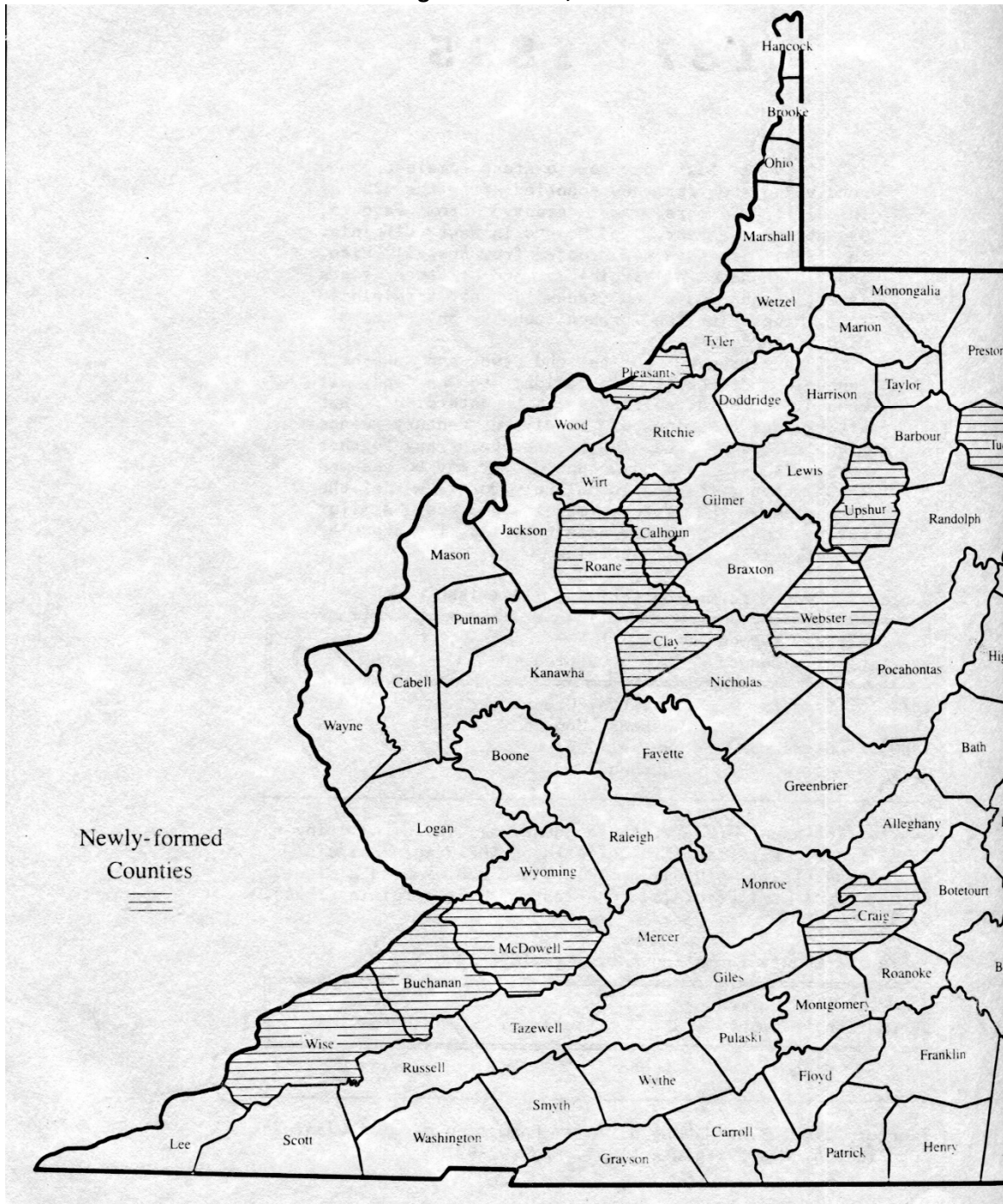
**19 MAY 1847**  
**GILES COUNTY, VA**  
Will

"I, **John H. White** do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: Do will to **Nancy White my wife** all my land and property [during] her lifetime for maintenance and after her death the said land and property shall return to Sally and Nancy White my two daughters and Robin White my sun [sic] also Sally and Nancy and Robin White must maintain Nancy White my wife [during] her lifetime, the said Sally and Nancy and Robin White must pay the rest of the airs [sic] one dollar each at the death of Nancy White my wife. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my friend **James H White** executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal May 19<sup>th</sup> 1847. John H. White (his X mark). Test. George Jordin, Washington Bish." Proved in court of Giles June 28<sup>th</sup> 1847 by oaths of George Gordan [sic], White & Washington Bish.<sup>345</sup>

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<sup>345</sup> Giles Co., VA, Will Book B:494.

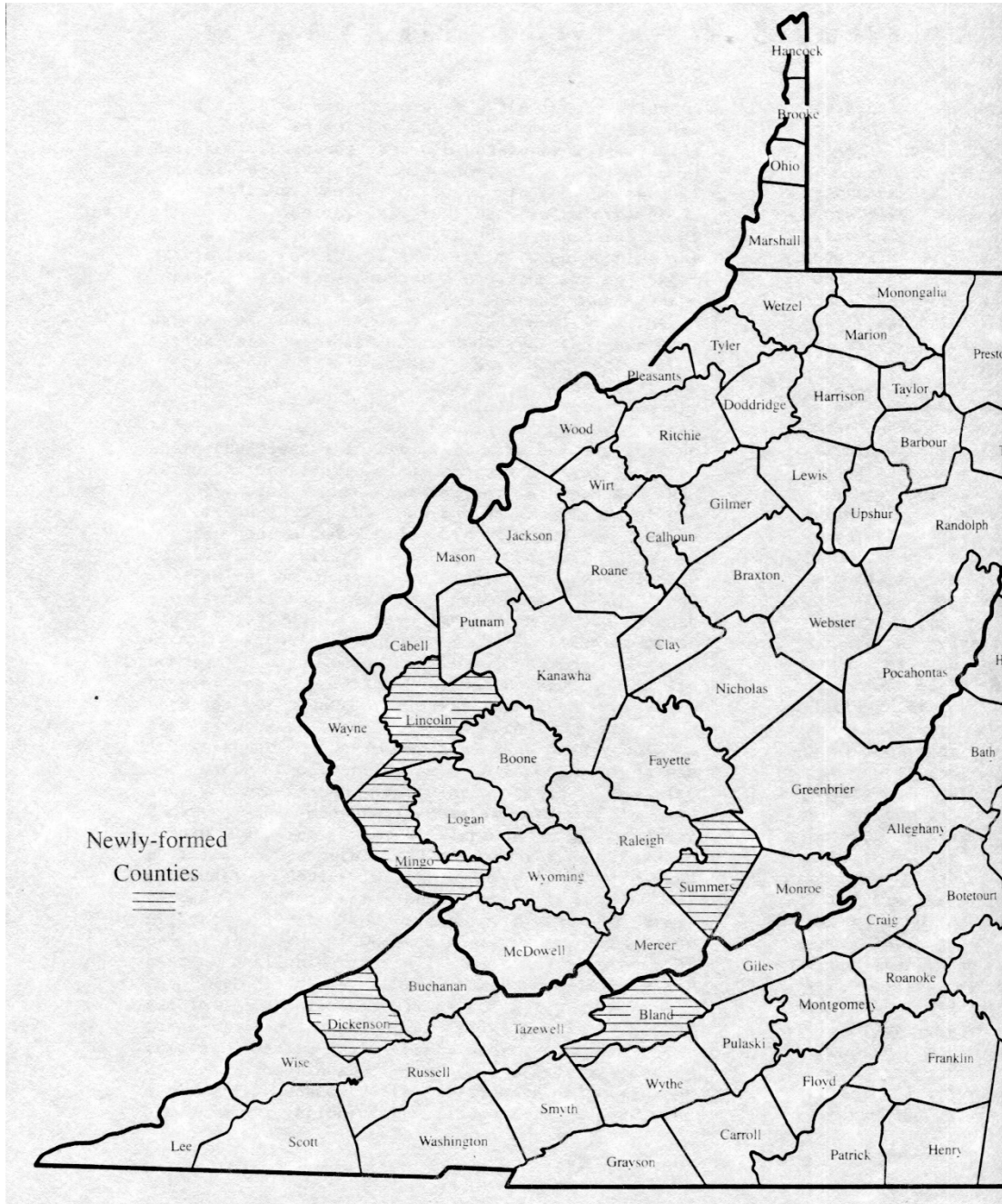
Map 13  
Western Virginia Counties, 1851–1860<sup>346</sup>



<sup>346</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

John White Sr.  
Wife 1: Unidentified  
Wife 2: Frances "Frankey" Mills

Map 14  
Western Virginia Counties, 1861–1895<sup>347</sup>



<sup>347</sup> Snipped from Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

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