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July 12, 1982

Betty J. Camin
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Dear Mrs. Camin -

I apologize for my delay in responding to your report of 25 June 1982. I have been away from home.

I think it will be best to take the \$25 refund and concentrate on developing additional leads toward some particular county and additional names associated with my ancestor Abraham Breeler/Breland, with the hope that sufficient justification can be found for additional professional research.

I appreciate your efforts and expertise. I can continue my search with confidence that available records in one geographical area have been covered reasonably well.

Sincerely,

CHARLES G. BRELAND

25 June 1982

Mr. Charles G. Breland
811 Brickell Road
Huntsville, Al., 35805

Dear Mr. Breland,

Have completed the lists you sent without finding anything you don't already have. You have done a fine job of trying to tie Abraham Breeler down.

Beaufort Co. Land Entries & Patents 1778-1795

1779 No. 210 John Bailey Breeff--/Breess--/Bru--/ or Brisson.

Beaufort Co. CRX Estates -0-

" " Guardianships -0-

" Estates -0-

Beaufort Co. C.R. 009.303.1 Appear. Ref. Docket for Co. Ct. June 1774-
Dec. 1745. -0-

Pitt Co. Land Entries, Vol 1&2, 1778-93 -0-

" " " Vol. 3, 1793-1795 -0-

Pitt Co. Deeds

The Ellison Abstracts are the only ones for Pitt Co. The staff thinks they are very well done.--Believe Mr. Tyson told you about ordering Beaufort Co. deeds. Pitt deeds have to come from the Reg. of Deeds of Pitt Co., Greenville, N.C., 27834.

The microfilm index shows the 1762 Nov. 22 deed for 80 acres as being on Tysons Creek. B-301 instead of 300. Wit. Smith & Allin. Feb. Ct. 1763.

Bertie County Court Minutes, Book I, 1724-1762 by W. Haun.

Bertie Precinct

114 - 1733. Jury to lay out road from Catharine Creek to Stony Creek
Ab. Brawler and Isaac Brawler.

150 - 12 Aug. 1735. Abm. Brawler to Jos. Thompson ack'd. 40/pd.

170 - 11 May, 1736. Abm. Brawler to Chr. Segar Prov'g. Jurat John Wynns. nnd pd. assumd.

258 - 13 Nov. 1739. A deed of Sale fm Abm. Brawler to Isaac Brawler ackd'. rd. 40/--?

65 - 9 Aug. 1732. A Deed of Sale fm. Capt. Geo. Wynns to Abraham Brawler was acknowd.

241 - 13 Feb. 1738. Dim.(?) NIX vers Annee (?) Brawler: Petty jurors: Stanley, Barfield, Williford, Carter, Saunders, Moor, Barefield, Moor, Ruffin, Hough, Outlaw & Carter.

129 Isaac Brawler to Cullmor Sessions ack'd. J. Winn Dr.

201 - Possibly 9 Nov. 1736.bjc Isaac Brawler to Cul. Sessums pd. Jurat Benjaa Wynns. rd. 40/ in-payment-&-e.

Bertie Co. Ct. Mts., Bk. II, 1740-1743 1758-1762 by W. Haun

285 Abm. Brawler to Chr. Segar proved. Jur. Jno. Wynne. rd. 40/ 13 May 1740

347 - (Poss. 11 Aug. 1741. Abm. Brawler to Isaac Brawler M C 320
acres Westerly side of ye Holly Swamp. 30th Decr. 1738. nt. pd.

282 Isaac Brawler to Chr. Segar proved. Jurat Thos. Dixon nt.

Bertie Co. Ct. Mts. Bk. III 1763-1771 and BkIV 1772-1780 by Haun -0-

Craven Co. Ct. Mts. 1730-1741 by Haun

& 1712-1715 -0-

14 & 15 Jacob Broler wit. to Pope-McCoy 1749 deed and 1757 Watson-Harper deed.

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Records of Craven Co., N.C. by Moore

- 15 Jacob Broler is wit. to McCoy-Briason 1749 deed
- 14 Jacob Browler wit. a 1747 Watson to Harper deed.

Early Edgecomb Records -0-

Edgecomb Co. Absts of Ct. Mts. 1744-1746 by Donnar (?) -0-

microfilm - Gen. Index to Deeds & Land Records - Craven Co. Box 117 - Grantee -0-

" "Grantor Box 103 1739-1912 A-G

175 - 1883 Brawley

187 - Rich'd Burley in 1747 to John Campbell . Deed Bk. 4 - 149.

I still have three hours credited to your name.

Suggest that part of your time be spent checking into Bertie Co. Estates Records, Wills . What do you think about Abraham Brown in Bertie?

Did you look into Land Grants for Browler ?

Am sending you copies of your letter in case you didn't keep a copy. A few notes of mine scratched here and there.

Think that you understand that some of the S.C. deeds were recorded in N.C. under the mistaken idea that the property was N.C. The only thing I did for Anson that you may not have done was Anson Estates which turned up -0-.

Look this over and make another list of what you want done. - According to their order of importance and I will check into them. ---Or if you would like to have \$25 refunded drop me a card and it will be done.

Found this to be interesting, if not terribly successful. Wish it were otherwise.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Camin

April 8, 1982

To White Linn
Box 1948
Salisbury, N.C. 28144

Dear Mrs. Linn:

My ancestor, Abraham Breeler, is on the 1755 tax list of Beaufort Co. N.C. He bought 80 acres in 1762 on Tyson's Creek in Pitt Co. (Deed Book B, p. 300); he was on the Pitt Co. tax lists for 1762, 1763, & 1764. He sold the 80 acres in 1768, witnessed by James (x) Breeler (Deed Book D, p. 23); the signature on the recorded instrument is "Abraham^(B) Breeler". In 1769 he obtained a Royal land grant in S.C., Beaufort District, where he is well documented and apparently died after 1800 with his apparent widow "Jami" appearing alone in 1810. Census records indicate that his apparent children were Abraham, Jr., Absolem, Samuel, Amos, and William, and daughters Lydia (born NC ca 1767) and Milly.

A Jacob Breland petitioned for land in S.C., also in 1755, on the Pee Dee River. He may have actually been in present N.C., but no other record has been found except for Jacob Breeler and Benjamin Breeler who served in the Revolution in Col. Marion's regiment, 2 SC 6 co. Elisha Breler witnessed a land transfer in Anson Co. in 1778 (Deed Book 4, p. 33) on south fork of Jones Creek, which is near the S.C. border. Elisha Breler witnessed a land transfer in Anson Co. in 1780 (Deed Book 4, p. 142) which appears to be part of the land he witnessed

the sale of in 1778 on south fork of Jones Creek. In 1786, Elisha Breler purchased land in Anson Co. (Book H, p. 248) on Jones Creek's south prong. In 1790, Elisha Brealer (indexed in Deed Book D+E, p. 408, as "Broler", and shown on state grant envelope as "Broster") received a state of N.C. grant in Anson Co. ~~apparently~~ on Jones Creek adjoining his other land. In 1796, Elisha Brealer sold part of his land on south prong of Jones Creek in Anson Co. (Deed Book E, p. 323), with signature recorded as "Elisha Brealer". Elisha Breler appears in the 1790 census for Anson Co. N.C., but appears in S.C. census for 1800 in Beaufort District as "Elisha Breeland" and William is also listed as "Breeland", but 5 other families are listed as "Breeler". In 1816, Elisha Breland, a resident of Beaufort District, S.C., sold the remainder of his land in Anson Co. N.C. (vol. 5, p. 273) and the instrument was recorded with the signature "Elisha Breland". Elisha Breland served as a messenger from the Pipe Creek Baptist Church in St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, S.C., in 1807, 1808, 1809, and 1811, as recorded in the minutes of the Savannah River Association. A possible son, James M. Breland, born in N.C. in ^{ca}1786, served as a messenger to a Mississippi Association for several years around 1850.

The names Breeler and Breland and their many variations are quite rare in N.C. and S.C., before the Revolution. Although they seem to be the same family, and in 1755 only Abraham Breler in Beaufort Co. N.C. and Jacob Breland on the Pee Dee have been found, I have not been able to get a clue to tie them

together or to get any suggestion as to European origins. The name Breeler is found later with German origins and the spelling "Breland" is found in Germany today, but the 1755 spellings appear to be corruptions of some other name. I cannot explain the two forms and the other variations that are occasionally found until 1860, such as Breelo, Brelow, Breyler, Brailer, and Breedeland, except that it is a name that is heard and spelled in different ways depending on the nationality and spelling capacity of the hearer.

There is a remote possibility of connection with the remnants of the 1709-10 German-Swiss Palatines in New Berne N.C. but I have checked the N.C. Archives with no suggestion of a tie-in. There is a possibility of a connection with early Baptists in N.C. - the Rev. Henry Ledbetter and Rev. James Smart and followers went from N.C. to S.C. and Rev. Smart was a founder of the Coosawhatchie Church which sponsored the Pipe Creek Church already mentioned - but I have found no information on where the early Baptists came from into N.C., except in a general way. I can trace other families that were in Pitt Co. N.C., at the same time, back to Virginia - such as Howell Wall and Darn Tison, who were Baptist ministers in S.C.'s Beaufort District, and Nathan Johnston - a Revolutionary War Captain who signed papers for Breeler-Brelands in Beaufort District, S.C. after the Revolution. Similar names are encountered such as Abraham Braloh in Va. around 1700; Abraham Brawler in N.C. before 1750, Abraham Broler (Broller) in Craven Co. N.C.

in 1749, and Abraham Barber in Edgecombe 1750's militia, and what appears to be "Edmond Pricale" in Edgecombe 1750's militia, but none of these seem to be related to my ancestor.

I think I need to exhaust any possible remaining source in Beaufort Co. NC just prior to 1755 until 1760, in Pitt Co. 1760-1768, and Anson Co. 1755-1796. For Beaufort Co. NC, I have looked at these items in the Raleigh Archives:

- 1) Index to R.E. Conveyances: Grantor A-B 1696-1917 microfilm
- 2) " " " " : Grantee A-B 1696-1917 "
- 3) Cross Index of Wills : 1720-1960 "
- 4) Col. Ct. of Pleas & Quarter Session Minutes 1756-1761. "
- 5) Estate Records: Partitions & Divisions 1736-1878. "
- 6) 1755 & 1764 list of taxables Search Room
- 7) List of Superannuated & Invalids of Beaufort Regiment "
- 8) Estates Records 1735-1933 "
- 9) Guardians records 1734-1926 "

For Beaufort Co. NC, I have not looked at these items in the Raleigh Archives:

- ✓ 1) Record of Deeds 1695-1903: 54 reels, microfilm [I looked at Vols 1 & 2 which appeared to be old deeds, but no index.]
- ✓ 2) Land Entries & Land Patents, 1778-1795, microfilm [no index found].
- ✓ 3) Record of wills, 1729-1960, microfilm [I presumed cross-index covered this]
- ✓ 4) Deeds [C.009.40001 & 2, Vols 1, 2 (1695-1748), Vols 3, 4 (1748-1778) [I presumed Index to R.E. Conveyances covered this] Microfilm. ~~Book~~]
- ✓ 5) Court Records: Appearance Dockets 1744-1745 [Unable to read]: Search Room
- ✓ 6) Record of Deeds 1695-1881: 42 vols [presumed this covered on microfilm]: "
- ✓ 7) Index to Deeds 1701-1800 [presumed Index to R.E. Conveyances on mf covered]: "

- 0- ✓ 8) Misc. Land Records 1750-1947. Search Room
- 0- ✓ 9) Misc. Records 1755-1942. ~~As Beaufort 1744-~~
- 0- ✓ 10) Docket, Ct. of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 1744-45, Search Room [preserved]

This is ~~the appearance~~ ^{indicated on my notes} Ref. Docket cited earlier -
 is possibly in error. I saw this on m.f., but this

On Beaufort Co. N.C. I have found no abstracts of deeds or wills with index that would indicate witnesses, adjoining land owners, and others. Such a publication would be valuable, if available.

For Pitt Co. I have looked at these items in the Raleigh Archives:

- 1) Ellison: Abstracts of Deeds of Record of Pitt Co. NC (1761-1785)
- 2) Index to R.E. Conveyances: Grantors, 1762-1952, Vol. A, B, C. Microfilm.
- 3) Record of Deeds, 1762-1771, Vols B, C, D. Vol. B, p. 300, 11-22-1762, Richard Allen to Abraham Breeler, 80 A. Microfilm
- 4) Deed Book D (1768-1771), pp. 23-24, 1-1-1768, Abraham Breeler to Joel Truss, 80 A, wit. James Breeler. Microfilm
- 5) List of Taxables, 1762, 1763, 1764 & 1775. Search Room
- 6) Misc. Deeds 1763-1892 Search Room
- 7) Misc. Records 1768-1820 Search Room

For Pitt Co. I have not looked at: Index to R.E. Conveyances: Grantees, 1762-1952, 6 reels, microfilm ✓

- ✓ 2) Land entries, 1778-1795 (no index), Search Room.
- ✓ 3) Land grant book 1779-1810, 2 vols, "

For Pitt Co. I have found no other published abstracts (than Ellison) with index that would indicate witnesses, etc.

For Anson Co. I have looked at these items in the Raleigh Archives:

- 1) Index to Deeds: Grantor, vols A, B (1748-1962) Microfilm
 2) " " " Grantee, vols ~~A, B~~ B "
~~3) Cross Index to Wills, vols 1, 2 (1751-1962)~~
 4) Record of Deeds, Vol. H (1787-1779?), p. 248, 6-5-1786, Emory Terman to Elisha Breler, 75 A. S. prong of Jones Creek. Microfilm
 5) Record of Deeds, Book E, p. 408, 1790, State of N.C. Grant No. 1024, 65 A. adj. Nathl Morgan. P. 323, 1798, Elisha Breler to Thomas Jones, 100 A. --- S. prong of Jones Creek. M.F.
 6) Record of Deeds, Vol. S (1816-1812?) p. 273. Elisha Breland, resident of Beaufort District, S.C., to John Cheering. Microfilm.

I have not looked at other items for Anson Co. in the Raleigh Archives. I have looked at McFee's abstracts for Anson Co., abstracts of wills 1750-1880 by Rera Nance Carpenter, Holcomb's abstracts for Anson Co.

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I have looked at land grant files in the Secretary of State's office & found #498 (16 Nov. 1790) to Elisha Breler (on envelope) but spelled Brealer in grant on Jones Creek in Anson Co.

I have published queries in Genealogical Helper, N.C. Gen. Society Journal, S.C. Magazine of Ancestral Research, Carolinas Gen. Society Bulletin with no response.

I would like to have your evaluation of whether additional information may be found in N.C. I enclose \$60⁰⁰ if you can take on the task.

Sincerely,
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April 16, 1982

Mrs. Betty J. Camin
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Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Mrs. Camin -

To write Linn recommends that I send the enclosed
to you to pursue research in Raleigh.

I enclose a check for 60⁰⁰ and hope that you
can do this work for me.

Sincerely,

CHARLES G. BRELAND
811 BRICKELL ROAD
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

June 20, 1982

Betty J. Camin
3123 Chidders St.
Raleigh, N.C. 27612

Dear Mrs. Camin -

I found your card on my return yesterday from a week in South Carolina. I am enclosing two checks, each for \$50, to cover costs of research you have already done or additional work that you may do.

The enclosed letter from Dr. Bruce C. Tyson, Jr., is background for a possible area of research on my Abraham Breeler. This has to do with John Hurley who was listed with Abraham Breeler in Pitt Co. tax list in 1762 and the possibility that he was the father-in-law. The Beaufort Co. Register of Deeds says there is no record of the land patented to John Hurley in 1742. A John Hurley witnessed a land transfer in 1778 in Anson Co. on fork of Jones Creek, (McBee's abstracts, p. 46 - Wm. May, Sr. to Gideon Browne); Elisha Breeler also witnessed land transfers in 1778 and 1780 in Anson Co. on south fork of Jones Creek; also, a John Hurley was in the 1790 census in Craven Co.

The abstract from Judith DeFree Ellison in 1768, Pitt Co. Book D, p. 23, Abraham Breeler to Joel Tross, indicating witness by Arthur Forbes, is in conflict with the deed which indicates witness by Arthur Stokes. This has no particular bearing on

my research, that I know of, but it may be of possible value
to know.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 1982

Mr. Charles G. Breland
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Dear Mr. Breland:

Thank you for your letter of May 15. Yes, the families which migrated from Pitt Co., NC to Beaufort District, SC are of interest to me - especially the Tysons and the Mays. You see, I'm a native of Pitt Co. and am co-chairman of the genealogy committee of the Tyson-May Reunion of Farmville, NC. That Pitt Co. reunion was organized in 1920. The enclosed article, written for a forthcoming county heritage book, will tell you more.

From reading Pitt Co. deed books, I knew of the migration to Beaufort District (Granville Co., Lincoln Co.) and I learned more from a book about those families, "Our Family Circle" by Annie Elizabeth Miller of Macon, GA. I've been in correspondence with a Lawton (a Stafford-May descendant) but I am quite pleased that you have helped me locate Mr. Coy Johnston, someone who has done research.

All I can offer regarding your Abraham Breeler are a few comments about the people with whom he was involved in Pitt Co. I haven't read the following deeds; the info below comes from Judith DePree Ellison's "Index and Abstract of Deeds of Record of Pitt County, North Carolina." On the slight chance that you haven't seen these, I'll include them.

Date	Book, page	Grantor	Grantee	Information
Nov. 22, 1762	B, 300	Richard Allen, yeoman	Abraham Breeler, yeoman	80 A, L 10, Former Owner, George Sugg
Jan 1, 1768	D, 23	Abraham Breeler yeoman	Joel Truss	80 A L 25, Adj.: Thomas Bonner. Wit.: Allen Sugg, Arthur Forbes, James Breeler

By the way, if you don't have copies of these, you can get typed transcripts (\$2/ legal page) by writing the Register of Deeds, Mrs. Elvira Tyson Allred, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC 27834. The lady who reads and types the deeds does a good job, reading from the original books. If you want copies of the originals, you'll have to deal with the microfilms via the Archives in Raleigh.

The land involved in the Breeler deeds appears to be part of a 470 A tract granted by Lord Granville's agents to George Sugg in 1756 and sold to Richard Allen that same year (Beaufort Deed Book 3, p 283). George Sugg (b ca 1717, d 1758) had come from Norfolk Co., VA ca 1735-45, probably up the Pamlico-Tar river.

The Bonner family is an old one in NC (prior to 1700) and that particular line probably also had come up the river from earlier residence in the now-Hyde Co. area, as had the Tysons.

→ I don't have a full abstract. Was Breeler's land on Tyson's creek?
of the Sugg deed.

Allen Sugg was the son of George Sugg and was a neighbor of the Allen and Truss families. His given name, as well as various transactions between George Sugg and the Allens, make me consider it possible that George Sugg's wife was an Allen. By tradition, though, George Sugg's wife was Judith Tyson. Their daughter Lucy Sugg (b ca 1740, d ca 1803) was the last wife of Abraham Tyson (b ca 1720, d ca 1775). Abraham and Lucy Sugg Tyson were the parents of Allen Tyson. Although I have many Tyson lines, this one is the most interesting to me because it is my surname line.

I don't know the origin of the Forbes family but they were allied with the Sugg and Tyson families.

From what I've enclosed you can see that I am of the opinion that the southern Tysons (NC and southward) are not descendants of the Tysons of Pennsylvania. I am convinced that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that the Mathias Tyson who died in NC in 1710 is the Mathias Tyson who is mentioned in a Northampton Co., Va deed in 1679 - before the Crefeld, Germany Tysons arrived in Pa. I feel that various claims that the NC Tysons descend from PA Tysons are the results of limited, faulty research ca 1910-1930. So far, I don't have the answer as to the European origin of the NC Tysons; there's a tradition of English origin, migration via Holland. Due to the occurrence of the given ~~xx~~ names Mathias and Cornelius in both NC and PA, though, there may be a common origin in Europe.

The vast majority of settlers in the Pitt Co. area came from northeastern NC and/or southeastern VA. Almost all were of English descent although some, via VA were French. Just a little farther south, though, around New Bern, NC, there was direct entry of Swiss-German settlers; but even there the VA-English lines predominate. If you suspect that Breeler was Germanic, you might check out Craven Co., NC. What is now Greene Co., just a few miles from where your Breeler lived in Pitt Co, was once part of Craven Co. In fact, some of the early Tyson land records (Beaufort Co. deed books) refer to land, now in Pitt Co., as having then been in Craven Co. There was migration up the Neuse River (mouth at New Bern) to that part of Craven Co., now in Pitt, near where your Breeler lived. When Craven and Beaufort Counties first formed, the drainage area of the Neuse River defined Craven Co. and the drainage area of the Tar-Pamlico River defined Beaufort.

Why this is of interest to you is that the area where the Tysons, Mays, Staffords, etc. lived was in a area where both drainage patterns, and both Craven and Beaufort Cos. were involved. In the map on p 189 of the Nov. issue of NCGenSocJ, the area is Census districts I and II, land between Little Contentnea Creek (flows to the Neuse) and the Tar River.

You might also want to check out Edgecombe Co. and its parent counties, Bertie, and Chowan. There was over-land settlement into Edgecombe, Greene, and Pitt Cos. both from earlier counties in NC to the north and direct settlement down that route from VA.

I'm assuming that you've tried to find Breeler in Beaufort Co., NC prior to 1755. I don't know of any existing ^{Beaufort} tax list before 1755. Enclosed is a copy of a list I recently located, a free-holders list for NC for 1723. The Tysons are listed as Tye and Tice. Couldn't find a Breeler.

In case you want to check for further info, 1763 and 1764 Pitt tax lists exist (Archives). The next list I know of is the 1775 census (Pitt only).

By the way, how do you know that Breeler received SC land in 1769[?] I was under the impression, apparently mistaken, that early land records for the Beaufort District were destroyed. If some are available, I'd like to search them for Tysons and Staffords, to see when they arrived there and which ones arrived. I'm not in complete agreement with "Our Family Circle" or with some of the info of Mr. Johnston you sent. From Pitt deeds it appears to me that the John Tyson Jr (grandson of John May and Mary Stafford May) was the son, not of a John Tyson, but of a Samuel Tyson and Elizabeth May Tyson. So I need to know which Tysons first appeared in SC and I'd appreciate your advice.

Here are a few comments about the possibility that your Abraham Breeler was an indentured servant of the Tysons. Yes, the Tysons did have extensive land holdings, probably because they and their relatives (Sugg, Hardee) were the court-house crowd of the time. I haven't seen, in deed books, any evidence of indenture, other than some apprentice bonds in the early Beaufort records. Nothing in the 1755, 1762 tax lists hints that Breeler was indentured - if he had been, I doubt the listing would have been under his name. Regarding John Hurley (listed with Breeler in 1762), I recall a Hurley's line mentioned in several Tyson deeds. If you don't know Breeler's wife, you might check out John Hurley, Beaufort Co., on the possibility that he was Breeler's father-in-law. Didn't some Laniers go to SC also? If so, Pitt Deed Book H, p 63 (1780) might be of interest - sale by James Lanier and wife Mary of land patented by John Hurley in 1742. The Hurley line^{of the Pitt Co. area} apparently died out with John Hurley.

If it is the use of the term "yeoman" which suggests indenture to you, I'm not of that opinion in this case. Richard Allen obviously owned land. Perhaps the term, rare in Pitt Co. records, was popular with Allen's lawyer because on the same week he sold to Breeler there was another deed (Book B, p 317) by Richard Allen, Yeoman to John Stocks, yeoman. Perhaps the term here means "a small farmer who cultivates his own land". By then slavery was becoming extensive.

Have you tried the 1704 Quit Rent Rolls of VA? Perhaps a Breeler is listed. The only Tyson on that list (Matt.) is listed there in error, by the way. Although the sheriff (the lister) didn't realize it, Tyson, listed as a non-resident landowner who had "Southered", had sold his land in 1702.

I hope I have been able to help some because I really appreciate your having helped me make contact with Mr. Coy Johnston.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Tyson, Jr.
Bruce C. Tyson, Jr.

If you need any Beaufort (NC) co deed records, you can get good copies (25¢/page) from the Register of Deeds, Washington, NC. The early deed records held there are photostats (negatives of originals^{books} in Archives) & you can get Xerox copies of the photostats (the books can be taken apart).