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Dear Dr. Byrd:

I was delighted to speak with you this morning by phone. I hope the enclosed will excite your curiosity and re-whet your enthusiasm in the Byrd-Pruitt connection.

I note in my records that Pruit(t) spelling seemed to prevail until the Monroe Co., Miss records - then it was mixed with Prewitt/Prewett. John Brantley used Prewett all the way through - and it has prevailed among his descendants.

I am an only child and only grand-child, so I have quite an unbroken collection of pictures and mementoes from both sides of my family. Included in these are pictures of John Brantley Prewett in a 20"x24" ornate shadow-box frame - full white beard & moustache and very aristocratic looking. Also, an equal size of wife Caroline Amanda Royston, with dark eyes & hair parted in the middle, the usual broche and collar - prim & pretty. Her namesakes include the C.A. Oliphant of this correspondence, my mother and myself - so I am the 4th Caroline on this side - and Carolina appears regularly in my Erickson Swedes. My home office is a literal 'rogue's gallery' of kin, with the earliest birthdate of 1821 in the Ervin line.

I know the first rule of genealogy is to go to the oldest members of the family -- and at 58 I can see I'm heading into that category. Our only daughter was born in 1950, now married with one young son, living in Dallas where we visit with regularity! In the intervening years I've done all the civic, church, parental things young matrons do, worked with Pi Beta Phi national women's fraternity as "mother superior" of chapters in Ark., Tex., Okla. & New Mexico for several years. Since 1967 I have been heavily involved on an area vocational-technical school board through initial start up to present; State Advisory Council on Voc. Ed. since 1969 and a member of the National Advisory Council, just concluding the third three year term. All demanding and interesting, and followed a five year term on the local school board before the days of women's lib. I'm looking forward to taking on some new endeavors while tapering off so many other responsibilities.

You have had a wealth of experience and enjoy a fine reputation. I will sincerely appreciate your advice.

Sincerely,
Caroline Hughes

February 2, 1980 - Caroline E. Hughes - 1000 S. Howerton - Cushing, OK74023

The initial correspondence from Joseph Royston Gathings (J.R.) to you is dated January 15, 1952, in which he indicates "inclosing an outline of our family and what I want to know". These included the parentage of Lemuel Pruitt & the possible marriage of a Byrd woman and a Pruitt man in Virginia records.

Your exhaustive work continues through Feb. 15, 1954 - the last date of correspondence I have in these materials. It included marriage, deed and will records & reports from:

Virginia Census - 1782-1785 & N. C. Census - 1790 - Stokes Co. 1850 Stokes Co., N. C.; Wilkes Co., N.C. & N.C. Land Grants - Stokes, Surry & Wilkes Co. N.C.

Virginia Magazine query, July, 1949, from Mrs. C. S. Goodnight Pittsylvania Co., Va. (Note: you commented Deed Book 5, pg. 314 was missing when you were there. I later got a photostate of it -

22 October 1779 - Byrd Pruitt of the County of Pittsylvania sells to Joseph Jennings & Christopher Robinson & their heirs - 2 tracts of land in Pitts. Co. - which Byrd Pruitt purchased in 1773 from Francis Luck - containing 400 acres - for 7,000 pounds current money. Deed acknowledged & recorded 16 Nov. 1779)

Bedford Co. Va.; Campbell Co.; Halifax Co.; Lunenburg Co.; Brunswick Co., Mecklenburg Co. - all Virginia, of course.

Some Census notes - Conway, Ark. 1850-1860 - not really pertinent, but something you just ran across.

This work, coupled with other short professional genealogical surveys by several other people engaged by Royston, is rather complete coverage of existing public records.

In going back over all this after nearly 25 years, I am nagged by the fact we might not have pursued the "family lore" to the nth degree. Granted, it always has to be taken with reservation - but can be sometimes significant.

In 1937 Royston wrote 'Aunt Carrie' - sending her a summary of his then known family information, and asked her to think carefully over this and fill in all the blanks she could. Her lengthy response was largely about the John Brantley Prewett family (her father), etc. all of which we have pretty well identified at this time. Her following reference was to Lemuel's sons and daughters who moved to Monroe, Co., Miss about 1820: "All of the older Prewetts died in Monroe County, Miss, to best of my knowledge. Great grand-father Lemuel Prewett was buried in the old Prewett cemetery near Athens, Miss". (I visited this family cemetery, sometimes called the Bolivar, with my mother in 1956. It is 2 acres set aside in the deed as a cemetery, on land owned by Kirk & John Brantley Prewett. It has been out of the family for years now - & teen age sons of the then owner literally hacked through the dense thickets & trees for us to see the 20'x30' plot enclosed with a wrought-iron fence. Kirk & wife Elizabeth graves were marked with what I remember as something like metal markers, and the entire J.B. Pruit family with concrete, granite & similar. Lemuel & wife's graves were not marked - which was inconsistent with the family's position and solidarity. We were told they had probably been removed by subsequent land owners and used as well stones or porch stoops! My mother was dead set on moving them all into the well kept Old Aberdeen Cemetery - but we talked her out of it

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The owner of the land referred to it as a "nigger" cemetery - in the vernacular of the time & place. Mother's hackles really went up, saying, "I'll have you know my people are buried there!" There were several slave graves across the fence, marked only with first names & initial P. All of this is an aside incident, but I thought you might be interested in Lemuel Pruitt at the end of life since you pursued his earlier tracks with such gusto.

Aunt Carrie was Caroline Amanda Prewett Oliphant, b. 15 Aug. 1862, d. Nov. 14, 1956, daughter of John Brantley Prewitt and Caroline Amanda Royston, his third wife. I met her in July before her death at age 94. She did not hear well and I had difficulty communicating with her, but she was mentally alert - and characteristic of her years, her daughter in law said she might not remember yesterday but 50 years ago was crystal clear. I have every confidence she was in full mental control at the age of 75 in 1937.

In Royston's collection is a HISTORY OF PREWETTS AS I REMEMBER IT by Mrs. Carrie Prewett Oliphant. "Lemuel Prewett with his sons and daughters and their families moved from Maury County, Tennessee, to Monroe County, Mississippi, soon after Mississippi was open to white settlers. Lemuel Prewett, my great-grandfather, married a Brantley. His sons were: Abner, Larkin, Dyer, Kirk, and Mark. Kirk Prewett, my grandfather, was born in 1798 and died in 1879. He married Elizabeth Harris of Columbia, Tennessee, in 1818. My father, John Brantley Prewett, was born in 1819 and died in 1905. My father had several brothers, but I remember the names of only two of them: Kirk and Clovis Leroy. **Grandfather Kirk Prewett once said that he had met the first Prewett of our line that came to America. I do not know his name. When my grandfather, Kirk Prewett, was about seventeen years old, this first Prewett visited my great-grandfather, Lemuel Prewett, in Tennessee. Grandfather stated that the first Prewett was a very old man at the time of his visit. This Prewett was the father or grandfather of Lemuel Prewett."

THIS ONE PARAGRAPH HISTORY is what is nudging me now. Item 1, J.B. Prewett had two brothers: Lemuel Kirk, who died at age 9, buried Prewett cemetery; Clovis Leroy, whom I have documented. **Item 2 has to do with the visit...and sets off all sorts of 'ifs', could be's and conjectures. Kirk Prewett was 17 in 1815 - date of visit. "A very old man" in 1815 would have been born 1735 to 1740. Considering the vicissitudes of travel in that era, I'm inclined to think in terms of age 75 in 1815, or an approximate birth date of 1740. Thinking in terms of immigration at around age 20, arrival in America approx. 1760. I fixed Lemuel's approximate birth year as 1764, based on his probated will in 1844 and Monroe Co., Miss. genealogists placing his age as 80 or 'a very old man'. Given the latitude of these dates, and allowing several years after arrival in a new country to settle, buy land, marry and have a family, these dates are fairly consistent. If all this be true, the visitor was Lemuel's father. (The pattern of life longevity among Prewett men is well established. Tho Lemuel's sons Mark d. at 51 & Larkin at 39, Kirk d. at 81; Elisher Dyer at 81 & Abner at 82. Kirk's John B. d. at 86....so they seemed hearty- hardy souls).

My question is, given the number of Pruitts in early Virginia records, have we assumed this line to be in America longer than we

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it really was? Have we overlooked any possible immigrant records, ships logs, arrival lists, etc. -- either here or in the United Kingdom? (That's another keg of worms -- some 'guess' Wales, others English - one even thinks Scotch Jews, if there is such a thing. My only comment on this is that Pruitt/Prewett or derivation is not one of 20 Welsh surnames). We have not been too successful working back from 1787 in Georgia. Is there any future to looking at arrivals from about 1735?

This has been garrulous, but I've attempted to give you enough to go back into your files and records, and perhaps another point of approach for the future.

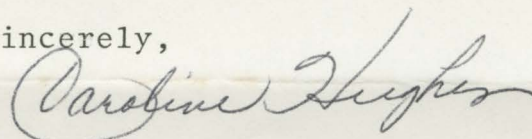
My basic premise is: Is there validity to this reasoning, and if so, where do I go with it?

Though I've been interested in genealogy for a number of years and one way or another have accumulated quite a mass of information on a number of my lines and my husband's, it has all been on a sort of scatter-gun approach. My files are an absolute mess, reference library practically nil, and the nearest genealogical library in Oklahoma City, with a minimum of three hours on the road to and fro. However, in the foreseeable future, time & commitments seem to be freeing up and I'm more affluent financially than when I began all this. I have traveled all over the country in the last ten years, including at least 75 trips to Washington, D. C. -- and knew the day would come when I'dirue not take an extra day here and there. But you can't do much with genealogy if it is not reasonably fresh in mind.

In 1957 I felt compelled to put together what Royston had spent so many years working on. I did a Lemuel Pruitt & Descendants 41 page typescript with what we had then. I recently had a request for it by a lady who wanted a copy for her Lemuel Pruitt direct descant Dr. of Internal Medicine. When I looked at it all these years later, I wanted to incorporate the new information which had filtered in, add where possible, and do a bit more sophisticated piece of work. I'm beginning to think she did me no favor by the inquiry....

I look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,



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I have been in N.C. several times and have some very good friends among educators - mostly in Occupational Ed. circles -

Elon College, N. C.
February 5, 1980

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

I was much interested to receive your letter today, just as I was interested some days ago to receive your telephone call concerning the Pruiett, Prewitt (etc) lineages.

As soon as I got your letter I went down into my files in my storage house and workshop and got my data on the Prewitt family that I compiled from 26 to 28 years ago. And, believe it or not, I was greatly interested in my correspondence with and reports to Mrs. Gathings.

After all these years, I believe that I did one of the better reports of my quarter century and more of family research. It covered such a widespread area of county courthouses and both national and state libraries and archives in Washington, Richmond and Raleigh. It grieves me today to realize that I can no longer cover areas like that. I had a stroke two years ago at Thanksgiving, and I have been unable to drive those long trips. They had to lift me in and out of bed for two weeks, and I could not hold a pen to even X-mark a check. However, I was able to make a comeback and within three months I was playing nine holes of golf in the 40's and was doing some of the most elaborate drawing and painting of family coats of arms that I have ever done.

Just as has been the case with genealogy, I have been doing heraldry and coats of arms for twenty-five or more years. I even do family layouts of coats of arms, showing the family tree diagrams of both husband and wife back for four generations and showing paintings of no less than 16 coats of arms on the same #0"x40# cardboard. I have even been able to go back five generations of the coats of arms and family diagrams for my wife and me, but I have never done over sixteen of the coats of arms for other families. On those layouts I do the four parents of a husband and wife showing the coats of arms five inches high and four inches wide in full color. Those are centered on the layout, and the other twelve designs back to the great grand-parents are in smaller coat of arms three inches high by two inches wide. (all in full color and all of different artistic design and from authentic sources back nearly a thousand years. It gives me a tremendous therapy to realize that I am able to such work after having been disabled so completely by the stroke. I have access in various books to coats of arms for perhaps 200,000 families.

I have also been able to organize fully fifty years of material on both my own and my wife's families. As I told you in those reports twenty and more years ago, my Byrd records in upper and eastern Virginia were destroyed when the Yankees burned so many court houses during the Civil War, and that fact kept me from determining the connection of your Prewitt lines with the Byrd lineage. However, I have been truly fortunate on my wife's families, for have a lineage for both her father and mother for forty generations back to Emperor Charlemagne and to Egbert of Wessex, who was the first king of United England.

If anyone doubts the authenticity of the data, I would like to tell you that she is a certified member of the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America, a member of the worldwide Society of Magna Charta Dames as a descendant of one of the English barons who forced King John to sign the Magna Charta in 1215, a member of the Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century; a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists; a member of the Order of the First Families of Virginia back to Captain Thomas Graves who came to Jamestown on the ship Mary and Margret in 1607 and also with membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution through five different Revolutionary ancestors. As I said, I have been truly fortunate. All those lineages except the DAR lines go back to William Stone, who became the third governor of colonial Maryland in 1648 as a successor to first and second Lord Baltimores.

If you are not familiar with it, there is a series of booklets entitled Fleet, Beverly: Fleet's Abstracts, which is a compilation of the still existent records from the various counties in northeastern Va., such as Essex, Lancaster, King and Queen and others. Some of them just might uncover something.

Also you might find something in Torrence, Clayton: Virginia Wills and Administrations.

Try Nugent, Nell Marion: Cavaliers and Pioneers which lists the date of arrival of literally thousands of English migrants to Virginia. I checked one book just today entitled Hotten, J. C. Lists of Immigrants to Virginia America, 1600 to 1700, and I failed to find any Prewitts (etc) listed in that book. Also have you ever check Ray, Worth S. Lost Tribes of N. C.

The DAR has one large book and three supplements known as the DAR Patriot Index (it is probably in some of your libraries out in that area. It lists the names of no less than eighteen Prewitt, Pruitt (etc) men who have been used as DAR ancestors, and of course their lines of descent to DAR members almost everywhere might fit into some of your lines. Among those listed in that DAR Index were Prewitt (Pruitt) men by the given names of Byrd (1752-1833), David (1760-1815), Elisha (1749-1808), Isham Sr., 1730-1806), Jacob (1761-1845), James (1745-1811), John (? -1837), Joseph (1760-1815), Joseph (? -1808), Joshua (1754-1840), Joshua (1765-1843), Martin Jr. (1752-1841), Micajah (1760-1782), Michael Sr. (1722-1798), Obediah (1752-1801), Robert (1752-1819), Samuel ~~(1705-1801)~~ (1705-1801), and William Sr. (1725-1817). If you find any of those men whom you might need data on them, you might try writing to the Registrar-General, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 "D" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006. The NS-DAR will send you copies of a complete lineage for \$2 each in case you should request one as a supposed effort to assemble a DRA line for yourself ~~some~~ as a prospective member. Do not just write to request the line as a research project. At least pretend that you are seeking a DAR lineage for yourself or some friend.

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I trust that I have ~~not~~ bored you with all this stuff (some of it truly a sort of bragging). Really nothing unless it is some of this second sheet of the letter will ~~even~~ possibly benefit you. Incidentally I will tell you that both my wife and I are now retired from school work. I am sorry that I am now not able to get out and go do new research, but maybe you will be able to find some of the sources I mentioned above. I do not charge anything for this renewed check on old material, but if you should find any of your friends who might be interested in any of the coat of arms work, ~~you~~ they might contact me. I do a ~~single~~ single coat of arms for \$10 with accompanying write-up, and I do one of those 16-arms layouts ~~on~~ on 30x40 board for \$150 each. Plus of course expenses for mailing by insured mail.

I truly hope some of this data above may help you.

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Dear Sir:

I am getting down to your report at last, having written you that I would wind up the research this week and begin the report this weekend.

The first thing I shall do is to give you the North Carolina land grant records from Raleigh and also the results of my check on the Wilkes County Tax Lists, which I told you last summer I would check when I was in Raleigh without any further charge, along with the Stokes County estates records that are on file in the N.C. Archives at Raleigh.

STOKES COUNTY ESTATES PAPERS, N.C. ARCHIVES, RALEIGH, N.C.

There are no records of administration or execution on any Pruitt or Prewitt estates in the Stokes County papers in Raleigh.

WILKES COUNTY, N.C., TAX LISTS FOR 1782 AND 1784 (Raleigh, N.C.)

The Wilkes County Tax Lists for 1782 and 1784 show no Pruitt or ~~Prawizzz~~ Prewitt listings.

N.C. LAND GRANTS, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, RALEIGH, N.C.

I found records of quite a number of Pruitt land grants in Surry, Stokes and Wilkes Counties, all recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C. The following citations are from N.C. LAND GRANT BOOKS:

IN STOKES COUNTY, N.C. --

Book 79, Page 207 -- Richard Pruitt, grant for 100 acres on Dan River. Claim entered 12 Nov. 1791. Grant issued 20 Dec. 1791.

Book 72, Page 113 -- William Pruitt, grant for 25 acres on Snow Creek. Claim entered 4 Dec. 1800. Grant issued 19 Dec. 1803.
~~Book~~

IN SURRY COUNTY, N.C.

No Book (Grant #1077 in files) -- Micajah Pruitt, grant for 100 acres on Snow Creek (in what later became Stokes County). Claim entered 19 March 1789. Grant issued 18 May, 1789.

IN WILKES COUNTY, N. C. --

Book 156, Page 351 -- Abednego Prewitt, 20 acres Mulberry Creek. Entered 17 May 1850. Issued 23 Dec. 1852.

Book 163, Page 301 -- Hardin Prewitt, 63 acres Roaring River. Entered 3 Jan. 1859. Issued 19 Dec. 1860.

Book 64, Page 132 -- Joseph Prewitt, 100 acres Camp Branch. Entered 1 May 1785. Issued 9 August 1787.

Book 135, Page 228 -- Joel Pruett, 50 acres Sparkes Creek. Entered 8 May 1819. Issued 30 Nov. 1821.

Book 190, Page 316 -- William Prewitt, 37½ acres Roaring River. Entered 30 April 1898. Issued 20 Dec. 1900.

CENSUS OF 1850 FOR STOKES COUNTY, N.C. (Micro-film in N.C. Archives at Raleigh.)

James Pruitt	48
Nancy C. Pruitt	41
Sally	18 (md. Asa Nunn in Stokes County in 1854)
Hardin	16 (Md. Perlina Taylor, Surry County, 1863.)
Morgan	13
William	11
James	10
Mildred	5
Rebecca J.	5

You will find most of these names ~~in~~ that I have given in the above grants and census listing in the data that I sent to you last summer from Surry, Stokes and Wilkes Counties. There is actually very little of value to you in the material I found in Raleigh, but I promised to send what I found there. You may be able to connect it in some way.

VIRGINIA DATA ON PRUITTS, PREWITTS, ETC.

The first thing I shall give you on the Virginia data is some added material that I found in late issues of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. I gave you some items last summer, but all were from issues prior to 1930, for I checked for them at that time in Swem's Index, which indexed all references in Virginia historical publications up to 1930. There is no index for the various magazines since 1930, but I was checking through some of the later issues and found some interesting information, and in making my checks in the four Virginia counties I double-checked the information in the magazine articles.

The first item I found was a query or item from Mrs. C.S. Goodnight, Apt. 509, 99 South Raymond Ave., Pasadena, 1, Calif. You will remember that she was writing queries to the Virginia quarterlies as early as 1923, at which time she was living in Hawaii, so she has been working on Pruitt family data for thirty years. The first item is below:

Virginia Magazine, Vol. 57, No. 3, Page 329 (July 1949). She says:

"Thomas Watkins, of Bedford County, Va., will probated July 1773 names his mother Elizabeth; brothers George and Reuben; sister Elizabeth; Robert, Benjamin and William Hall, sons of the testator's wife (evidently by former marriage); and he left the bulk of his estate to ~~Judith Prewitt, daughter of Michael Prewitt~~ ~~of Michael Prewitt~~ ~~xxxxxx Judith, daughter of~~ Judith Pruett, daughter of Michael Pruett. What was the relationship between this Thomas Watkins and Judith, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Simpkins) Prewitt (or Pruet) of Lunenburg and Campbell Counties? Judith Prewitt married Daniel Mitchell, and with other members of the Prewitt family moved to Kentucky. Who were the parents of Michael Prewitt (Pruet, Pruett, etc), of Lunenburg County, 1745-52, later of Bedford and still later of Campbell County until his removal to Kentucky; and what was the relationship between Michael Prewitt (above) and Henry Pruet, of Lunenburg County 1749-50, Byrd Prewett of Halifax County (1761) who married Annie, daughter of John Dyer, and Henry Fruit who had land on Chapman's Branch of Sandy Creek or Bannister River in Pittsylvania County, Oct. 8, 1753. Would like to have marriage record of Michael Prewitt (Pruet, etc.) and Elizabeth, daughter of John Simpkins (who died 1754 in Lunenburg County); also marriage record of John Simpkins, who in a Goochland County deed, Aug. 15, 1734 as "John Simpkins of the Parish of Phirino (Varino) and county of Henrico," with his wife Elizabeth. Was she Elizabeth Adams? "John Simpkin" patented 300 acres on North Side of Appomattox River in Goochland County in 1731; and in 1732 Robert Adams patented land in Goochland County; and in 1730, Peter Jefferson, said to have been a relation of the Prewitt family, patented land in Goochland County. Thomas Roberts, of Bedford County, will probated March 1781, names wife Christiana. sons Richard, James, John Daniel and Thomas; daughters Rhoady, Milly, Maryanna and Fanny; and daughter, Elizabeth Prewitt?"

(NOTE: Such was the item or query from Mrs. Goodnight. The questions in the item are hers, as written in 1949. I found the above wills of Thomas Watkins and Thomas Roberts in Bedford County, which I give you later. I now give you a later query or item, which Mrs. Goodnight sent in to the Virginia Magazine in 1950, six months after the first one above, and in this later item she answers some of the queries she filed in the first one, but she adds extra questions, which you would also like to have answered. This second item follows:)

Virginia Magazine , Vol. 58, No. 1, Pages 137-141 (January 1950).

Mrs. Goodnight, still giving the address as 99 South Raymond Ave., Pasadena, 1, Calif., states that the records may be of help to interested readers. The article follows, or at least all that pertains to the Prewitt or Pruitt family.

"Henry Preut (note spelling), born about 1654, is listed with the heads of families tithed to support an army of defense against the savages in the same group of forty neighbors with Col. William Byrd in Henrico County, Va., in 1679-1687. (She refers here to the William and Mary Quarterly, Oct. 1915.) The age of this Henry Preut is given as about 37 years on Sept. 2, 1691, and he is mentioned at that time as Mr. Henry Prewett, grand juror, on April 17, 1693. (She refers here to Crozier's Virginia County Records, Page 229, Vol. 7). In 1687 Henry Pruett and John Fields patented 440 acres in Henrico County, as shown in Book 6, Page 369 of Henrico County Records, which appears Page 128, Vol. 4 of Crozier's Virginia County Records).

Here Mrs. Goodnight asks the question -- "Whom did the above Henry Prewett marry; when and where and who were his children? Whom did John Fields marry, and who were his children? Did a daughter or grand-daughter marry a Prewitt?"

Crozier also gives among Henrico County Court and Land Records, those of John Pruett, juror, Oct. 1690 (pages 350 and 376); John Prewett, summoned as a witness in a suit by Hugh Jones, Aug. 1691 (Page 376); and John Pruett, paid a sum, Sept. 1691 (Page 384). (NOTE THE VARYING SPELLINGS OF THE NAME) And John Prewitt, evidently already well established in the colony, subscribed to a sum to aid "the poverty stricken settlement of French Huguenots at Mannikin Town" in 1700. (She refers here to page 65, Virginia Historical Collections, No. 5, which is entitled "The Huguenot Emigration To Virginia") Mrs. Goodnight also questions here -- "when and where and whom did John Prewett marry? Who were his children and grand-children?"

The Prewitt (Prewett, Pruit, Pruett), Adams, Jefferson, and Simpkins families of Henrico, Goochland, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Lunenburg, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Bedford and Campbell Counties, in Virginia, were closely related and neighbors as shown by family and county records.

Vol. 6, Pages 200-204 of Crozier's Virginia County Records shows an index to Virginia Land Grants, all in Goochland County, Va. the following grants that might be pertinent. (Evidently books referred to are Goochland County land grant books or deed books)
 Book 14, Page 366 -- 300 acres to John Simpkin, 1731.
 Book 14, Pages 396, 406, 431 -- 1200 acres to Robert Adams, 1732.
 Book 13, Page 495 -- 322 acres to Peter Jefferson, 1730.

Mrs. Goodnight cites a deed -- Goochland County, Va., Deed and Will Book No. 6, Page 110 -- Robert Adams ~~brother~~ of Albemarle County to Andrew Pruet, of Goochland County -- Sept. 29, 1850 -- 100 acres where said Andrew Pruet then lived. ~~Witnesses~~ ~~were Robert Adams Pruet~~ Agnes Pruet signed the deed with Adams, and it was witnessed by William Webberd Pruet. (THIS INDICATES relationship between the Pruett and Adams family someway.)

Mrs. Goodnight says that she wants the marriage record for John Simpkins and Elizabeth Adams, indicating that she thinks that was where the relationship between the Prewitt and Adams families came. She also says the following ----

"Among the old papers of ~~John~~ Joshua Prewitt, who first wife was his cousin, Sally Adams, and who was ~~the~~ himself the grandson of John and Elizabeth Adams Simpkins through their daughter, Elizabeth Simpkins, and her husband, Michale Prewitt Sr., was found the following ~~receipt~~ receipt --

"Then being received of John Adams of Fluvanna County the just sum of 15 pounds it being full satisfaction for a bond that he gave William Rountree of the County of Goochland. I say received by me. Signed Julius Chancello. Witness William Leak.

(Stating that she copied that receipt from the original at Winchester, Ky., Mrs. Goodnight seems to use it as proof of the connection of the Michael Prewitt family back to Goochland County, Va.) Mrs. Goodnight continues --

In old Lunenburg, Bedford, Campbell, Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, Va., are found many records of Prewitts, Pruitts, Simpkins, Adams, Jeffersons and Hurts.

Michael Pruet, 1748-52; Henry Pruet, 1749-50; Joseph Pruet, 1749; John Simpkins, 1752; and Joseph Simpkins, 1762; are all recorded in Old Lunenburg County records, as shown in Landon C. Bell's book entitled Sunlight on the Southside, pages 79, 89, 127, 185 and 215.

The Byrd Prewett, whose wife was Nancy or Anney Dyer, daughter of John Dyer (shown in Halifax Deed Book 5, Page 66, Halifax Deed Book 3, Page 110, and Book 1, Page 428) is recorded in a Halifax County patent or grant in 1755 and he seems to be a contemporary of Michael Pruett Sr., Henry Prewitt and Joseph Prewitt, of Lunenburg County, from which Halifax County was cut in 1752. (NOTE: It seems that she believes this first Byrd Prewett in Halifax County in 1752 was an older Byrd Prewitt than the Byrd Prewitt who was the son of Michael Prewitt Sr. She does not say so, but I gather that she believes that the older Byrd Prewitt may have been a brother to the others in Lunenburg County about that time. Certainly the Byrd Prewitt, son of Michael, seems to have been too young to have been obtaining a patent in Halifax County in 1755)

Mrs. Goodnight continues that --

"The Byrd Prewitt, who married Feb. 11, 1782, in Halifax County, Va., to Sarah Hurt, daughter of Moza Hurt, of Carolina and Halifax Counties, was the son of Michael Prewitt, Sr., and a son of Elizabeth Simpkins Prewitt. Byrd was a very popular name in the Prewitt family for generations and in many widely separated sections of the country. (She asks --"From whom was the baptismal name of Byrd in the Prewitt family derived?")

(NOTE: you also asked the question, and you will recall that I gave you some notes last summer about Pruitts in Caroline County, Va., and that at that time I told you of my own Byrd family originally coming from King and Queen, Essex and Caroline Counties, where many records were burned during the Civil War. I told you then that it seemed probable that the connection of Pruitts and Byrd stemmed back to Caroline, K. and Q. and Essex Counties, and here we find that Moza Hurt, who had two daughters marrying Prewitts or Pruitts, did come from Caroline County. That serves to bolster my idea that I gave you last summer.)

Mrs. Goodnight continues that --

"Michael Prewitt Sr., of Lunenburg and Campbell Counties, Va., and most of his family went to Kentucky, where his will, dated Feb. 1798 and proved in May 1798, is filed in Shelby County, Ky., Will Book I, Page 41. But his daughter, Rachel Prewitt, married Robert Shipley and remained in Virginia." ~~He~~ She asks who were the children of Robert and Rachel Prewitt ~~Shipley's~~ Shipley, and she brings in an interesting bit of data that might indicate kinship between the Prewitts and Abraham Lincoln.

She cites McKenzie, Colonial Families, Vol. 3, Page 297 for the following: "Captain Abraham Lincoln, born, 16 July 1739, in Pa., married first Mary Shipley, daughter of Robert and Rachel Shipley, of Lunenburg County, Va., ~~whose~~ and the daughter of Captain Abraham Lincoln and Mary Shipley (Nancy Shipley) married Joseph Hanks. The daughter of Joseph Hanks and Nancy Shipley Hanks (Nancy Hanks) was the mother of Abraham Lincoln."

(NOTE: There is so much question about the parentage of Abraham Lincoln that I cannot say whether the above item is authentic or not.)

Mrs. Goodnight continues ---

"Rachel, the daughter of Michael Sr. and Elizabeth Simpkins Prewitt, must have been born about 1743, so she may have married Robert Shipley about 1760-65. Nancy Hanks, the mother of President Lincoln, was born in 1783 and married Thomas Lincoln Jan. 12, 1806. Her mother Nancy Shipley must have been born about 1760-65.

(NOTE: Again I say I cannot say as to the ~~authenticity~~ authenticity of Mrs. Goodnight's data.)

Mrs. Goodnight continues by listing the children of Michael and Elizabeth Simpkins Prewitt as follows:

1. Rachel Prewitt, born about 1743, married Robert Shipley and remained in Virginia.
2. James Prewitt, who married first Elizabeth Street and married second Mrs. Matthews, ~~whose~~ His descendants moved from Kentucky north of the Ohio River. He died before Jan. 30, 1810 in Shelby County, Ky.
3. Judith Prewitt, who received a bequest by the will of Thomas Watkins, Bedford County, Va., in 1773. She married Daniel Mitchell, who was one of the executors of the will of Michael Prewitt Sr. in Shelby County, Ky., 1798-1808.
4. Elisha Prewitt, who is listed as a Revolutionary soldier on Page 353 of Eckenrode's Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia. He was one of the executors of his father's will, and he bought land in Shelby County, Ky., in 1806. He was a juryman in Fayette County, Ky. in Sept. 1795 as shown in Kentucky Register, Vol. 30, Page 229. He went on Bowman's Campaign to Kentucky in 1779, as shown in Draper Manuscript, 12CC66, and he bought land in Shelby County, Ky., in 1798. He married Tabitha Collins.
5. Michael Prewitt, Jr., married first Elizabeth Hurt, daughter of Moza Hurt, who died in Halifax County, Va., Jan. 1793, as shown in Halifax Chancery Order Book 3, Page 35. Michael Jr. married second Sarah Catherine ~~(Fuqua)~~ Terry, widow of Stephen Terry, and removed to a homestead on Duck River in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1805, as shown in Pittsylvania Deed Book 14, Page 317 under date of Feb. 18, 1805. He served in the War of 1812 and received a grant of land in Bedford County, Tenn., as shown by Grant # 15567, Page 353, Book R, War Records, War of 1812, in the Tenn. State Library, Nashville, Tenn.
6. Byrd Prewitt, served in Rev. War with the 5th Va. Regiment and Va. Militia as shown in Pension Claim 35576. This Byrd Prewitt was born in 1753 in Bedford, afterward Campbell, County, Va. He was married Feb. 11, 1782 to Sarah Hurt, sister of Elizabeth Hurt, who had married his brother, Michael Prewitt Jr., as shown in Halifax County, Va., marriage records, in the will of Moza Hurt, 1791, and Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. IV, page 59.
7. Joseph Prewitt served in Rev. War, married first Leah Moss, married second Polly Price August 12, 1803 in Jessamine County, Ky. He was private with detachment of Ky. Militia ordered to guard the Iron Works for one month, commencing May 24, 1793, as shown Page 222, Vol. 30 of Kentucky Register. His home was on Clear Creek, Jessamine County, Ky., west of Harrodsburg Road and near Troy in Woodford County, Ky. He died January 1808, will recorded in Jessamine Court House. Descendants mostly in Missouri.

8. Robert Prewitt, served as private under Col. Charles Scott and George Rogers Clark in 5th Battalion of Virginia Troops. He was born June 10, 1758 in Virginia, died April 14, 1819, Fayette County, Ky. He was married May 23, 1782 in Halifax County, Va., to Martha (Patsy) Chandler, born 1762 and died 1833. He removed to Kentucky in 1794 after settling his father's estate in in Va. He was a private in Edmundson's Company of Rifleman, War of 1812 in Fayette County, Ky. as shown on Page 422 of Robert Peter's History of Fayette County. He owned slaves and land in Campbell County, Va., as did his father and brothers. He went on expedition to Ky., as early in 1777, along with his brothers, Elisha and Joshua, and Stephen and Joseph Collins, Thomas Glass and Herman Bowmar, and he spent the winter of 1777-78 at the fort at Harrodsburg. With his wife, who was daughter of Robert Chandler (Chandker born 1729, died 1792) of Halifax County, Va., he settled in 1794 at Chilesburg in Fayette County, Ky.
9. Joshua Prewitt, born in Va. in 1763, served in Rev. War and was living in Trimble County, Ky., at age of 77 in July 1840, as proven by Lewis Collins' History of Kentucky, Vol. I, Page 9. He was just 16 when he went on trip to Kentucky with his brothers and others in 1779. He removed to Kentucky and settled at Bedford, Trimble County, Ky., where he died after 1840. His will is dated 1843. Berry Crutchfield Prewitt, a grandson of Byrd and Sarah Hurt Prewitt, wrote of his great-uncle Joshua that he was a Presbyterian and that Joshua married first his cousin Sarah "Sally" Adams, whose brother married Joshua's sister Elizabeth Prewitt. Joshua married second Maria Yeager, as proven by various wills and papers.
10. Elizabeth Prewitt, born about 1767, living and married when her father's will was written in Feb. 1798. She married Sept. 13, 1781 in Halifax County, Va., to her cousin, Richard Adams, brother of Joshua's first wife.

No! I found her mg. in Bedford County

(NOTE: I know that you wrote to me last year that the records of Michael Prewitt and family were well known, so you may already have all this, but I copied it as a sort of check against what I found in the four Virginia counties. There is one other item I want to cite, and then I will plunge into what I found in Virginia. This other item is from another person interested in the Prewitt line, so it may give you a new contact. It appeared in the Virginia Magazine for July of this year, and it was written in by Mrs. William Louis Ainsworth, "Green Haven," Route 2, Derby, Kansas. You might like to contact her or Mrs. Goodnight, whose address I have already given you.)

Virginia Magazine, Vol. 60, No. 2, Page 330-331. (July 1952).

Mrs. Ainsworth is interested in James Prewitt, son of Michael and Elizabeth Simpkins Prewitt. She describes James Prewitt as born about 1745, probably in Lunenburg County, Va., and states that he married first Elizabeth Street. She lists

five children of James and Elizabeth Street Prewitt and tells of their marriages:

1. Nathaniel Prewitt, married Charlotte Ford, May 11, 1804, in Shelby County, Ky. (Page 25, Shelby County Mg. Book I)
2. John L. Prewitt, married Mary Ford, Dec. 6, 1818 in Shelby County, Ky. (Page 140 Shelby County Mg. Book I)
3. Anne Prewitt, married William Lane, April 15, 1801, in Shelby County, Ky. (Page 8, Shelby County Mg. Book I)
4. Elizabeth Prewitt married John Long, July 29, 1802 in Shelby County, Ky. (Shelby County Mg. Book I, Page 24.)
5. Micky (Mecky) Prewitt, married Richard Neill, Jan. 7, 1811 in Shelby County, Ky. (Shelby County Mg. Book I, Page 66)

Mrs. Ainsworth states that Elizabeth Prewitt married second Sept. 18, 1845 to William Ditto in Meade County, Ky. She also lists the second marriage for James Prewitt (father of the above children) to Mrs. Sarah Matthews on Sept. 9, 1791, in Campbell County, Mg., stating that Joshua and Pruitt, his brother, signed the marriage bond, Robert Prewitt, another brother, and his wife Patsy (Martha Chandler) signed with Sally (Sarah) Matthews. James Prewitt died before 1810, for sales of his estate were held in Hardin County, Ky., Jan. 30, 1810, and in Shelby County, Ky., on Feb. 6, 7, 8, 1810.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., DATA

I shall give you first the data from Pittsylvania County, Va. Let us turn first to the wills. The following are from PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., WILL BOOKS:

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Deeds and Wills, Book 11, Page 240 --

Samuel Pruett (his will)

Written -- Nov. 13, 1801. Probated Dec. 21, 1801.

His will lists

Son -- Philip.

Son -- Zachariah. (NOTE: Md. Jane Burgess in Pittsylvania, 1784.)

Daughter -- Ruth Cook.

Son -- Samuel. (NOTE: Md. Levina Walters in Pittsylvania, 1787.)

Daughter -- Elizabeth Butt. (NOTE: md. Zachariah Butt, in Pittsylvania

Son -- Benjamin.

Daughter -- Sally Pruett -- single -- gets home place till she marries.

Son -- Japheth. (NOTE: Wife named Nancy, do not know maiden name)

Daughter -- Polly Hockker (

WITNESSES -- George Sprattin, William Stamps, Polly Stamps.

Will Book 1, Page 188.

William ~~Pruett~~ (his will) *Prewitt*

Written May 30, 1826. Probated June 21, 1830.

His will lists

Wife -- Jane.

Son -- Joseph.

(see next page)

(continuing William Pruitt will)

Son -- Allen.
Son -- Bowling
Son -- Perkins.
Son -- Major.
Son -- Smith.
Daughter -- Anny.
Daughter -- Susannah.
Daughter -- Mary Ann.
(All above children by second marriage)
Son -- John.
Son -- William.
(Last two sons by a first marriage)

EXECUTOR: George May.

WITNESSES: William Pritchett, William Edwards, Thomas Knighten.

Will Book 1, Page 266.

Perkins Prewitt (his will)

Sworn to ~~written~~ June 14, 1834. Probated June 18, 1834.

This was a non-cupative or unwritten will, which was sworn to by Willis A. Inman, who had heard Perkins Prewitt state his wishes on his death-bed. He left his interest in his father's estate to his brother, Boling Prewitt.

Will Book 1, Page 463.

Zacharias Prewitt (his will)

Written Jan. 15, 1840. Probated March 15, 1843.

This will lists

-- Sally Brown. (Sally Prewitt md. Obediah Brown, 1819.)
-- Wiley Prewitt. (md. Nancy Carter, 1826)
-- Polly Richardson.
-- Jincy Love.
-- Leahana Hall.
Grand-dau. -- Mary Ann Prewitt.
Grand-son -- Alexander Prewitt.
Dau. -- Rhoda Prewitt.
-- Thomas Prewitt. (md. Susan W. Epperson, 1836.)
-- William Prewitt. (md. Frances P. Epperson, 1834.)
-- Catherine Smith. (md. Thomas Smith, 1839.)

Deed and Will Book 11, Page 383 --

Edward Burgess (his will)

Written Jan. 23, 1799. Probated Jan. 17, 1814.

Among other heirs, he listed Daughter -- Jane Prewitt.

(NOTE: We find that Jane Burgess had married Zachariah Pruitt, son of Samuel Pruitt Sr., in 1784. The next will before this was his will, and Jane seems to have been dead before Zachariah made his will. Zachariah did not specify the kinship of those to whom he made bequests, but all seem to be sons and daughters except the one grand-daughter and grandson.)

Will Book 2, Page 303 -- ~~xxx~~

Agnes Ferguson (her will)

Written Aug. 24, 1858. Probated -- June 20, 1859.

Among others she mentions "the heirs of my daughter, Jane Prewitt." We check the marriages and find that Asa Pruitt had married Tabitha Ferguson in Pittsylvania on March 9, 1809. That seems a long time before Agnes Ferguson made her will, and it may not have been the same person. It is possible, however, that Tabitha's name was really Tabitha Jane and that she was the same mentioned in the above will. However, in view of the lapse of 50 years, I doubt this to be true. I found no other Ferguson-Prewitt marriage, however.

Now, I turn to the Pittsylvania County marriages. All the following are from the PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., MARRIAGE RECORD: Note that the marriages are in chronological order, and none are recorded during the first ten years after the county was formed. Undoubtedly there were some in that period, but the records are missing.

Levy Prewet to Elizabeth Taliaferro, Oct. 3, 1776. SURETY: John Akin.
Her father was John Taliaferro.

Zachariah Pruit to Jane Burgess, Oct. 17, 1784. SURETY: Benjamin Zarnak
Her father was Edward Burgess. /Thrasher.

Sam Prewitt, Jr., to Levina Walters. Dec. 26, 1787. SURETY: Robert
Walters.

Arch Prewett to Rebecca Blankenship, Feb. 22, 1790. SURETY: Ensign Kinz
/Charles Kendrick.

Joseph Prewett to Mary Elliott, Mar. 24, 1790. SURETY: Joseph Akin.
Her father Johnnithen Elliott.

John Prewet to Sarah Thomas, Sept. 9, 1793. SURETY: Henry Rowlins.
Her mother was Sarah Asten.

Abraham Prewett to Rebecca Bransen, Feb. 11, 1793. SURETY: Wm. Bransen.
(NOTE: Was this the same Abraham Pruett who had
md. Ann Davidson in Goochland County in 1783, as shown
on Page 12 of last summer's report. Also remember
that Burrell Pruett down in Surry County, N.C., listed
a son Abraham in his will, Page 3, last summer's report.)

Elijah Prewett to Nancy Johnson, Dec. 15, 1795.

Absolom Prewett to Betsy Elliott, Sept. 25, 1803. SURETY: Arthur Johnson.
Her father John Elliott.

Asa Pruitt to Tabitha Ferguson, Mar. 14, 1809. SURETY: Charles Seal.
Her father -- Robert Ferguson.

Joseph Prewett to Mary F. Booker, April 8, 1818. SURETY: John Bolling,
Her father, Richard E. Booker.

- Wiley Prewett to Nancy Carter, Aug. 18, 1826. SURETY: Ezra Walters.
- Joseph Pruitt to Sarah Thomas, Jan. 14, 1829. SURETY: John Merrick.
- John Prewett to Hannah Owen. June 17, 1829. SURETY: Joshua B. Swaim.
Prewit
- Bolling ~~Prutt~~ to Susannah Inman, April 18, 1831. SURETY: Curtis M.
(He son of ~~Prutt~~ William.) Inman and Henry Inman.
- William Prewitt to Frances P. Epperson, Nov. 8, 1834. SURETY: Fountain
Epperson.
- Jesse Prewett to Eliza Walker, Jan. 19, 1835. SURETY: Richard Gregory.
- John A. ~~Prutt~~ Pruit to Jane T. Wier. ~~Prutt~~ Jan. 18, 1836. SURETY:
George H. Gwin.
- Thomas Prewet to Susan W. Epperson, Jan. 8, 1836. SURETY: Fountain
Epperson.
- Elias Prewet to Marinda Madding, Sept. 14, 1836. SURETY: James Myers.
- William Prewitt to Susannah Owen, Nov. 15, 1845. SURETY: Hezekiah Pigg.
- Thomas S. Pruet to Ezia B. Ford, Aug. 19, 1858. ~~Prutt~~
No surety, but following parents signed:
Zacirer Pruet and Tabitha Pruet, father and mother of groom.
Sally Ford, mother of bride.
- Robert J. Pruet to Emily R. Griffin, August 1860.

FEMALES OF PRUETT (PREWETT, ETC.) FAMILY

- Frances Pruitt to Edward Covington, Oct. 3, 1777. SURETY: James Austen.
- Wealthy Prewet to Joseph Austin, Nov. 28, 1777. SURETY: William Coggin.
- Rachel Pruet to Julius Nickerson, June 20, 1782.
(Note name Rachel. Remember oldest daughter of
Michael Prewitt Sr. was named Rachel.)
- Aggy Prewett to Daniel Hammock, _____ 1788.
- Elizabeth Prewett to Zachary Butt, April 26, 1793. SURETY: Bezel Hawker.
Her Father -- Samuel Prewett.
- Polly Prewett to Bazdel Hawker, Mar. 22, 1794.
(She listed as Polly Hockker in will of Samuel Sr.)
- Rossey (Rosy) Prewet to Abediah Johnson, Dec. 30, 1800. SURETY: Elijah
Prewett.
- Sally Pruet to Charles Seal, Mar. 3, 1807. SURETY: Solomon Seal.
- Sally Prewit to Obediah Brown, May 22, 1819. SURETY: Austin Harris.
(She was daughter of Zachariah)

Ann Pruet to Sampson Davis, May 1, 1819. SURETY: Joseph Pruitt.
Susanna Prewitt to George Worsham, Dec.14, 1824. SURETY: Hygh Darby.
Jane Prewett to Isham High, Oct. 20, 1827. SURETY: John Prewett.
Judith Prewit to Russell Blackwell, Jan.31,1828.SURETY: John Jackson.
Her father -- Absolom Prewitt.
Sarah Prewitt to John Hamore, Feb.13,1832. SURETY: James Elliott.
Rosa Prewitt to Henry Warren, Oct. 4, 1832. SURETY: Sanders Warren.
Catherine Prewitt to Thomas Smith, Mar. 2, 1839. SURETY:John A.Prewitt.
She listed in Zachariah Prewitt's will.
Mary A. Prewitt to David N.Colly, Aug.22,1846. SURETY: Lovell Walters.
Elizabeth Prewett to Edward I.Franklin,Dec.29,1847.SURETY:Russell Bizek
(She must have been sister of Judith and Blackwell.
Daughter of Absolom. Judith above married
Russell Blackwell.)
Louisa Prewett to William Mann, Jan. 25, 1853.
Lucy Prewit to Algernon F. Cole, Nov.26,1857. Mez
No surety, but following parents signed.
Mahaley Cole, mother of groom.
Wiley and Lucy Prewitt, father and mother of bride.

(NOTE: You will see the many variations of the spelling of the Prewitt name. I tried to copy it each time as it appeared in the record.)

I now turn to the Pittsylvania deed records. All the following are from PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., DEED BOOKS:

Book 1, Page 79 -- Samuel Prewet, of Cambden Parish, Pittsylvania County to William Owen. -- Aug. 10, 1767 -- 100 acres on Sandy Creek, part of 335 acres granted to said Prewett by patent. Witnesses -- Daniel Ayres, James S. Owen.

Book 1, Page 153 -- Samuel Prewett to Champness Terry. Aug. 26, 1768 -- 350 acres both sides Bitcher's Creek. No witnesses, acknowledged in county court. (NOTE: If no witnesses are listed on other wills, you can know it was acknowledged by maker of deed before the county court.)

Book 1, Page 177 -- Richard Prewet from Thomas Watkins, of Bedford County -- Sept. 23, 1768. 150 acres on Strawberry Creek. (NOTE: You will notice that this Thomas Watkins, of Bedford County, is the same ~~name~~ person who later left bulk of his estate to Judith Prewitt, daughter of Michael Prewitt Sr. This would indicate close relationship between these Prewitts fo Halifax and Pittsylvania with the Michael Prewitt family.)

Book 1, Page 437 -- Henry Prewet and wife, Rebecca, to Allen Adams. March 22, 1770 -- 100 acres on Bannister River. (NOTE: Hence the Henry name that was first found back in Henrico County in the late 1600's.)

Book 3, Page 167 -- Byrd Prewet from Francis Luck. March 26, 1773. Deed for two tracts of land, 400 acres and 337 acres on Oak Creek. (NOTE: Question is whether this was Byrd Prewitt, son of Michael Sr., or was it that older Byrd Prewett, who married daughter of John Dyer and was in Halifax County by 1755. Remember Byrd Prewitt, son of Michael, was not born until 1753, but this deed in 1770 could have been either of the two men. I am inclined to think it was the older Byrd Prewitt, however, since the younger was probably with his father up in Bedford or Campbell county at this time. He did not marry until after 1780.)

Book 3, Page 171 -- Byrd Prewet to Michael Gilbert, March 23, 1773. 250 acres both sides of Straitstone Creek. Witnesses -- Thomas East, John East, Elizabeth Cockerham. (NOTE: The name "Byrd" was spelled "Bird" in the top of the deed, but he signed the named with the "y" spelling.)

Book 3, Page 172 -- Byrd Prewet to Joseph East -- Feb. 1, 1773. 215 acres both sides of Straitstone Creek. Witnesses -- Thomas East, John East, Elizabeth Cockerham. (NOTE: These two deeds convince me that this was the older Byrd Prewitt, for here we find him selling two fairly large tracts of land even before he bought the two tracts from Francis Luck. The son of Michael at age 20 years would hardly have been dealing in such large tracts. I am inclined to believe that the older Byrd Prewitt must have been a brother of Michael, with Michael naming his son after the uncle.)

Book 4, Page 36 -- Henry Pruet to Allen Addams -- July 27, 1764. 100 acres south side of Bannister River. (NOTE: Again we find Henry Pruet -- named spelled Prewet in previous deed -- selling land to Allen Adams. Remember the Prewitt-Adams family connection.)

Book 4, Page 90 -- Henry Pruet and wife, Rebecca, to Crispin Shelton. Nov. 14, 1774 -- 254 acres Bannister River, "where Pruet now lives."

Book 5, Page 314 -- Byrd Pruet to Joseph Jennings. (NOTE: I was never able to locate Book 5 while there. I asked the clerk, and he said he guessed the book was being repaired. I don't know whether this deed was important or not. It was probably another deed for this elder Byrd Prewitt, and it is possible it could have shown where he went to from Pittsylvania County. As it is, I do not know where he went. I just wonder if he was not the father of Levy Prewitt, who married the Taliaferro, which would explain the appearance of the Byrd name later in the Georgia family.)

Book 7, Page 76 -- John Prewett from Charles Burton -- June 17, 1783. 100 acres on Sandy Creek. Witnesses -- Lemuel Smith, Benjamin White, William Drum.

Book 8, Page 368 -- John Pruett from John Wier. --Aug.4, 1789. 15 acres on Rocky River. Witnesses -- Daniel Price, William Price, Marady Price. (NOTE: Remember that one of the Michael Prewitt family married into the Price family for a second marriage.)

Book 9, Page 446 -- Richard Prewett and wife, Elizabeth, to Robert Devin -- Oct. 19, 1793 -- 150 acres on Little Strawberry Creek. Witnesses -- John Tompkins, William Devin, William Devin, Jr., Joseph Devin. (NOTE: This was the land that Richard Prewett had bought from Thomas Watkins, of Bedford County, back in 1768, full twenty-five years earlier.)

Book 10, Page 241 -- Samuel Pruitt to James Woody -- May 4, 1793. 235 acres Little Sandy Creek. Witnesses -- William Dix, Thomas Dix and Adanson Trigg. (NOTE: This name Adanson Trigg is interesting, for if you will check back to last summer's report you will find the name Adenson Pruitt in Stokes County, N.C.)

Book 10, Page 341 -- Samuel Pruitt Sr. to Samuel Pruitt Jr. -- April 15, 1796 -- 100 acres on Sandy Creek. (NOTE: Deed father to son.)

Book 10, Page 342 -- Samuel Pruitt Sr. to Zachariah Pruitt -- April 15, 1796 -- 100 acres on Sandy Creek. (NOTE: Another deed ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ from father to son.)

Book 11, Page 352 -- Joseph Prewet from Littleberry Gwin. March 14, 1798 -- 128 acres, location not given. (NOTE: Who was this Joseph. Joseph, son of Michael, was already in Kentucky long before this.)

Book 11, Page 395 -- ~~Emz~~ Joseph Pruett from Samuel Pruett, Jr. Nov. 6, 1798 -- 100 acres on Sandy Creek. Witnesses -- Zachariah Butt, Zachariah Pruett, Edmund Holloway, George Spratlin. (NOTE: This must have been Joseph, son of William, who died in Pittsylvania in 1830.)

Book 13, Page 415 -- John Prewit, of Messor County, Ky., and Leroy Shelton, of Pittsylvania County, Va., to Samuel Thompson. Aug. 22, 1803 -- 115 acres on Sandy Creek. Witnesses -- Thomas Harperm Christopher Shelton, Ben Harris, Washington Thompson, Edward Robertson, Cutbird Brice, Miles Hall. (NOTE: This places one Pruett in Kentucky.)

Book 13, Page 483 -- Japheth Prewitt and wife, Nancy, to William Stamps -- Dec. 8, 1803 -- 252 acres Sandy Creek. Witnesses -- Zachariah Pruitt, George Soratlin, Timothy Stamps, Thomas Stamps. (NOTE: Japheth Pruitt son of Samuel Sr.)

Book 14, Page 64 -- Elijah Prewett from Aden Gray. April 16, 1804 -- 56 acres Oak Creek. (NOTE: Elijah must have been connected with the older Byrd Prewett, for Byrd was only one we have found with land on Oak Creek.)

Book 14, Page 317 -- Michael Prewitt and wife, Sarah, formerly Sarah Terry, wife of Stephen Terry, deceased, TO Nathaniel Terry. Feb. 19, 1805 -- Michael Jr. and wife sell her dower right in Stephen Terry's estate, "where the Prewitts now live." Witness -- William Terry. (NOTE: This is one of the deeds cited by Mrs. Goodnight, proves second marriage of Michael Jr.)

Book 15, Page 196 -- Elijah Pruet to Shadrach Corder -- Oct. 20, 1806 -- 56 acres north fork White Oak Creek. Witnesses Welcome Allen, Jacob ~~Harper~~ Harper, John Elliott.

Book 16, Page 397 -- Michael Prewitt and wife, Sarah, now of Bedford County, Tenn., to Joshua Stone -- May 20, 1809 -- Power of Attorney to sell tract of land on Bannister River, where Matthew Terry resided. Witnesses -- Nat Terry, Francis Chumbley, John B. Dawson. (NOTE: This proves that Michael Prewitt and wife removed between 1805 and 1809 to Bedford County, Tenn.)

Book 19, Page 391 -- Mary Prewitt to Jennings Thompson. Nov. 20, 1814 -- 50 acres of land. Witnesses -- Edward Robertson, John Hall, Thomas Chattin, James Walker.

Book 20, Page 38 -- Mary Prewett from Pyrant Thompson. Nov. 26, 1815 -- 120 acres Sweeten's Creek.

Book 31, Page 489 -- John Prewitt and wife, Martha, formerly Martha H. Hart, to Joseph Walker -- Nov. 26, 1829 -- Prewitt and wife, listed as of Walker County, Ala., -- give Power of Attorney to sell Martha Prewitt's share of the estate of her father, James Hart. (NOTE: This places John Prewitt and wife in Alabama.)

Book 33, Page 120 -- Bowling Prewitt, Joseph Prewitt, Major W. Prewitt, Perkins Prewitt, children of William Prewitt, and Jane Prewitt, widow of William Prewitt, all join in agreement with William Prewitt, Jr., in regard to land of deceased husband and father. Oct. 25, 1831.

Book 40, Page 393 -- Robert Prewitt and wife, Sally, of Rockingham County, N.C., William Prewitt and wife, Francis, and John Prewitt and Thomas Prewitt, all of Pittsylvania County, Va. --- the above join in deed to Thomas Worsham -- June 29, 1828 -- 50 acres on Fall Creek. Witnesses -- William Barnett, John Lawson.

(There were other deeds later on in Pittsylvania County, but all seem too late and not pertinent to your problem. We have been able to place certain Prewitts from Pittsylvania in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and in Rockingham County, N. C., but no record to place any of them in Georgia.)

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA., DATA

I was much disappointed at the small quantity of data found in Bedford County. You had written me that there was considerable Pruett material in Bedford, and Mrs. Goodnight had

had indicated the same, although she stated that there was much material relating to the Pruett, Simpkins, Adams and related families. Actually I found more material regarding the other families she mentioned than I found in regard to the Pruett or Prewitt family.

I spent considerable time in the Bedford County court house, which has one of the best-kept and best-indexed sets of records I have yet seen in Virginia. I had been to Bedford several times before, and after looking thoroughly myself I talked with an elderly lady who was there working, and she stated that she had never seen many references to Prewitts or Pruetts there, and she told me she had been working there in the court house on genealogical material for many years.

I did find the references, which were cited in Mrs. Goodnight's Prewitt data. I actually found Prewitts referred to in three wills, but no will made by a Prewitt. I found one marriage in the Pruitt name, and I found barely two deeds for Michael Prewitt. The county indexes in every county I have ever found usually devote a special section or page to any one family name that appears frequently and then groups less frequent names with others. The ~~2Prewitts~~ "Prewitt" listings in the Bedford County indexes were grouped with numerous other names under the general classification of "Pr," the first two letters of the name. Following are the Bedford items:

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA., WILLS ---

Will Book I, Page 188 --

Thomas Watkins (his will)

Written Nov. 25, 1769. Probated -- July 26, 1773.

Among other devisees he listed

"Judith Pruitt, daughter of Michael Pruett -- to have plantation where Thomas Watkins now lives -- also land on Falling River."

EXECUTOR: Michael Pruitt and Joshua Morris.

WITNESSES -- William Weatherford, John Raffety, Thomas Sturman.

(NOTE: You will remember that Mrs. Goodnight referred to this Thomas Watkins leaving bulk of his estate to Judith, daughter of Michael Prewitt.)

Will Book I, Page 237 --

Daniel Mitchell (his will)

Written Jan. 13, 1775. Probated Sept. 25, 1775.

There was no Pruitt or Prewitt mentioned among the heirs, but Michael Pruitt was one of executors, along with Robert Mitchell, a brother of the deceased.

(NOTE: You will remember perhaps that Judith Prewitt, daughter of Michael Prewitt, Sr., married a certain Daniel Mitchell. Her husband was later an executor of Michael Prewitt's will in Kentucky. It seems likely that this Daniel Mitchell in Bedford was the father of Judith's husband.)

Will Book I, Page 389 --

Thomas Roberts (his will)

Written -- Aug. 23, 1780. Probated March 26, 1781.

Among other heirs, he listed

"my grand-son -- Obe Pruitt, gets one horse."

"my daughter, Elizabeth Pruitt, and her son, Obe,
to get one-eighth of my estate."

EXECUTORS: Wife, Christian Roberts; Son, John Roberts; and
son, Richard Roberts.

WITNESSES -- Thomas Lumpkin, William Cardle, William Whitton.

(NOTE: I do not remember seeing any reference to this
will in Mrs. Goodnight's notes. I could not find
out which Pruitt or Prewitt this Elizabeth Roberts married.)

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA., MARRIAGE RECORDS --

Elizabeth Pruitt to Richard Adams, Sept. 12, 1781. SURETY: Robert Pruitt

(NOTE: This was positively the only Prewitt or Pruitt
marriage listed in Bedford, and the peculiar thing is
that I found the same marriage listed in Halifax County.
Mrs. Goodnight stated (Page 8 of this report) that
Elizabeth Prewitt, daughter of Michael, married her
cousin, Richard Adams, in Halifax County, bond bearing
date Sept. 13, 1781. I found it just as she said there,
and here I found the same bond, except for a different
surety in Bedford and on almost identically the same date.
I cannot explain it. Can you?)

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA., DEEDS ---

Deed Book 2, Page 265 -- Michael Prewitt, of Bedford, from Richard
Parker, of Cumberland County -- Dec. 9, 1762 -- 171 acres north
side of Stanton River, part of a ~~patent~~ tract patented to Parker
in 1747. Witnesses -- Thomas Watkins, Richard Parker, Jr.,
James Pruitt, Benajah Parker, Andrew Prewitt, Charles Talbot.

~~NOTE: This~~

Deed Book 2, Page 268 -- Michael Prewitt from Bartholomew Lawson.
Feb. 9, 1863 -- 100 acres on Falling River, land which was
bequeathed to Lawson by John Simkins. Witnesses -- Thomas
Watkins, James Prewitt, Patient Shipley.

(NOTE: Check back to Page 5 this report, and you will
see a reference to a certain Andrew Pruet in Goochland
County, in which he received deed from a certain Robert
Adams. The James Pruitt who witnessed the first deed
above might have been the eldest son of Michael, who
married Elizabeth Street and later the Widow Matthews.
Notice the reference to Bartholomew Lawson receiving
land by bequest from John Simkins -- Remember that
Mrs. Goodnight stated that Michael Prewitt married
Elizabeth Simpkins, daughter of John Simpkins. Mrs.

Goodnight says (Page 3 this report) that John Simpkins died 1754 in Lunenburg County, but she does not say whether he left a will or not. However, it would seem that he must have left a will if he made a "bequest" to this Bartholomew Lawson.)

It would seem that a search in Lunenburg County might be interesting, although one might also have to go back and search in Brunswick County, for ~~Brunswick~~ Lunenburg was cut from Brunswick in 1746. Brunswick was formed in 1720, but its records date back only to 1732. It is obvious that that marriage of Michael and Elizabeth Simpkins Prewitt could not have been in Lunenburg, for their oldest daughter was born about 1743, and the county was not formed until 1746.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA., RECORDS ---

I now turn to Campbell County, which was cut from Bedford in 1782. I ~~skzix~~ was also somewhat disappointed in the Campbell findings. It seems that Michael Prewitt was first in Lunenburg during his early marriage life, so his earliest deeds and grants must have come while he was in Lunenburg or earlier. Those two deeds by which he acquired land while in Bedford were for land in the section later cut off to form Campbell County, and the whole area that became Bedford and Campbell were at one time in Lunenburg, so he probably lived in about the same community through all the years, although successive county formations threw him into three different counties. His location was also not far from the Halifax and Pittsylvania County lines. Halifax County was cut from Lunenburg in 1752, just one year before Bedford was cut off. Pittsylvania was then cut from Halifax. Therefore, we see that the entire Pruitt area was in Lunenburg prior to 1752 and 1753. The records in Campbell County seemed to deal mainly with Michael Prewitt and his family and their moving to Kentucky. Remember that I remarked earlier in this report that I had a theory that Byrd Prewitt (the older one who married Annie Dyer) of Halifax and Pittsylvania might have been a brother of Michael and that that elder Byrd Prewitt might possibly have been the father of Levi Prewitt and I also believe he might have been the father of Lemuel and Elisha, who appeared in Warren County, Ga., in the 1780's.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA., WILLS --

There were no Prewitt or Pruitt will records in Campbell County. They went on west before dying and making wills.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA., MARRIAGE RECORDS --

James Prewitt to Sarah Matthews, Sept. 9, 1791.

(NOTE: This was the second marriage of James, son of Michael.)

Sally Pruitt to Joel ~~Wann~~ Womack, Nov. 22, 1800.

(NOTE: Cannot identify this girl.)

It seems that most of Michael's children had married earlier down in Halifax and Lunenburg Counties.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA., DEEDS --

Deed Book 1, Page 272 -- Michael Prewitt to David Hatchison. 29 Jan. 1784 -- 150 acres on Falling River. Witnesses -- John Marshall, Thomas McGown, Adam Mitchell, Daniel Mitchell. (NOTE: The Daniel Mitchell was probably his son-in-law, Daniel Jr. Older Daniel had died in Bedford.)

Deed Book 2, Page 199 -- Michael Prewitt to Edmund Baget. 28 March 1787 -- 100 acres on Falling River. Witnesses -- Robert Alexander, Edmund Tate, Richard Stith, John Hunter.

Deed Book 2, Page 299 -- Robert Prewitt from Gregory Matthews -- 3 Sept. 1788 -- 190 acres adj. Robert Prewitt's own line and Michael Prewitt line. Witnesses -- James Hart, Alexander Kelly, Thomas Bailey. (NOTE: see the name James Hart as witness above and then turn to Page 16 thid report and see where John Prewitt and wife, Martha, of Walker County, Ala., sold her share of estate of her father, James Hart.)

Deed Book 2, Page 347 -- Robert Prewitt and wife Martha to Phillip Major -- 12 March 1789 -- 5 acres and mill site on Falling River. Witnesses -- Michael Prewitt, Gregory Matthews and James Prewitt.

Deed Book 2, Page 344 -- Michael Prewitt and wife, Mary, (?) to Phillip Major -- 1 April 1789 -- 568 acres north side of Stanton River and South side of Falling River, whereon there is a mill formerly operated by Michael Prewitt. Witnesses -- Charles Talbot, Plummer Thurston, Ezekiel Talbott.

Deed Book 2, Page 390 -- Michael Prewitt and wife, Mary, to John Black -- 20 July 1789 -- 100 acres Bowman's Creek. No witnesses -- acknowledged in court.

(NOTE: Now the question is about that wife, Mary. Michael Prewitt's wife was Elizabeth Simpkins, and Michael Jr., married Elizabeth Hurt and later Sarah Catherine Terry. Question is did Michael Sr. marry a second time?)

(Sr.)

Deed Book 2, Page 392 -- Michael Prewitt Sr. to John Lane --
4 Sept. 1787 -- 300 acres Phelps Creek. Witnesses -- John Sain Sr.,
Daniel Driskell, Josiah Bass, Robert Prewitt.

Deed Book 2, Page 407 -- Michael Prewitt Sr. to Alexander Howard.
2 Sept. 1789 -- 300 acres Bowman's Creek. Witnesses -- Daniel
Driskell Sr., Daniel Driskell Jr., Robert Prewitt.

Deed Book 2, Page 409 -- Michael Prewitt Sr. to Daniel Driskell Jr.
2 Sept. 1789 -- 100 acres Phelps Creek. Witnesses -- Robert
Prewitt, Richard Womack, Luke Wade.

(NOTE: In this series of deeds above, Michael Prewitt Sr.
was apparently selling out in preparation for the move to
Kentucky. He was "of Campbell County, Va.," in each of them.)

Deed Book 2, Page 461 -- Michael Prewitt Sr., "of Campbell County,
Va.," to Robert Prewitt -- 27 Sept. 1789 -- Power of Attorney
to collect moneys due to Michael Prewitt in Virginia. Witnesses --
Williston Talbot, John Phelps, William Patrick, William Gunson.

(NOTE: It was by this "Power of Attorney" that Robert
Prewitt settled his father's affairs in Virginia. -- Note
that Michael still in Virginia Sept. 27, 1789.)

Deed Book 3, Page 216 -- Robert Prewitt, attorney for Michael
Prewitt of Kentucky, to Thomas Black; -- 5 July 1792 -- 170 acres
on Whipping Creek. Acknowledged in court. (NOTE: By this time
Michael already in Kentucky.)

Deed Book 3, Page 215 -- Robert Prewitt to Joseph Scott, of
Charlotte County, Va. -- 10 Dec. 1791 -- 200 acres east side of
Falling River. Acknowledged in court.

Deed Book 3, Page 395 -- Robert Prewitt, attorney for Michael
Prewitt Sr. of Kentucky, to Perrin Cardwell, of Amelia County, Va. --
5 Jan. 1794 -- 124 acres on Falling River.

Deed Book 2, Page 444 -- Michael Prewitt (Sr.) from Phillip Major,
31 Aug. 1789 -- Bill of sale for 5 negroes. Witnesses -- Gregory
Matthews, David Womack.

Deed Book 3, Page 447 -- Michael Prewitt Sr. from Price Butler
Pennell and wife, Elizabeth, -- 20 Feb. 1788 -- 177 acres on
Whipping Creek. Witnesses -- James Hurt, William Goulding,
Carter Talley.

Deed Book 3, Page 454 -- Robert Prewitt and wife Martha to John
Howell -- 3 Sept. 1794 -- 200 acres Falling River and Rockie Branch.
Acknowledged in Court. (NOTE: His wife was Martha Chandler)

Deed Book 3, Page 363 -- James Prewitt and wife, Sarah, of Fayette
County, Ky., to Philkp Majors -- 27 Feb. 1793 -- 100 acres Falling
River. Witnesses -- Absolom Watkins, Daniel Mitchell, Byrd Prewitt.
(NOTE: This was James, son of Michael Sr. -- already in Ky. by 1793.
He had married Sarah Matthews, widow, in 1791.)

Deed Book 4, Page 488 -- Michael Prewitt Sr., of Fayette County, Ky., to Michael Prewitt Jr., of Campbell County, Va. -- 9 April 1788 -- 179 acres Stanton River opposite the "Seven Islands." Witnesses -- Plummer Thurston, Ezekiel Thurston, Thomas Smith, George Hightower.

Deed Book 4, Page 524 -- Michael Prewitt (Jr.) and wife Betsy, of Campbell County, Va. to John Brooks -- 28 Dec. 1798 -- 479 acres Stanton River. Witnesses -- William Cooper, Joseph Seay, William Seay. (NOTE: This proves that Michael Jr.'s first wife, Betsy Hurt, was still living in 1798. He was married to Widdow Terry by 1805, and at the time of his second marriage he was in Pittsylvania.)

Deed Book 7, Page 32 -- Lydia Price, widow of Daniel Price, for herself and children, joins with James Booker and wife, the former Susanna Price in giving deed ~~xxxxxx~~ to Michael Prewitt (Jr.) ~~xxxxxx~~ of Pittsylvania County, Va. -- 7 Dec. 1784 -- 496 acres Stanton River and Falling River. Acknowledged in court.

Prewitt

Deed Book 7, Page 34 -- Michael ~~xxxx~~ and wife Sarah, of Pittsylvania County, Va., to ~~xxxx~~ Thomas Scott -- 18 Jan. 1805 -- ~~xxx~~ sells 479 acres on Stanton River and Falling River. Witnesses -- J. Scott, Joel Womack, Richard Womack.

(NOTE: These last two deeds are definitely Michael ~~xxxxxx~~ Prewitt Jr., and so is the one below.)

Deed Book 8, Page 406 -- Michael Prewitt of Tennessee, to Thomas Scott 21 Nov. 1808 -- 100 acres adjoining Calloway. Acknowledged in court.

Deed Book 8, Page 489 -- Bird Prewitt, of Jessamine County, Ky., to Charles Talbott ~~xxxxxx~~ Power of Attorney and wife, Patsy Prewitt, late of Campbell County, Va., heirs of Joseph Prewitt, deceased, late of ~~xxxxxx~~ Jessamine County, Ky., -- 16 Aug. 1809 -- Power of Attorney to collect interest in land which Joseph Prewitt had sold in Clark County, Ky. Witnesses -- Williston Talbot, Thomas Vaughan, Hilary Talbot. (NOTE: The nearest I can make this out is that all of these parties were sons, daughter and son-in-law of Joseph Prewitt, Joseph being the son of Michael Sr., Joseph died in Jessamine County, Ky., in 1808. It would seem that this Bird Prewitt was his son and that Patsy Prewitt, wife of Charles Talbott, was Joseph's daughter. Here we see the Byrd Prewitt name carried down in this line.)

(NOTE: These Campbell County records have not really proven a thing for you on your line, for they all deal with Michael Sr. and family. The land grant records in Richmond must show a lot of patents and grants for Michael, ~~xxxxxx~~ or else the Lunenburg County deeds must show him acquiring a lot of land, for we have seen him disposing of many tracts, which we can't see how he got, at least records we have found do not show it. ~~xx~~ I will go into Halifax County, Va., records on the following page.

HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., DATA

The first thing I shall check into is the Halifax County wills. The following are from --

HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., WILL BOOKS --

Will Book 0, Page 71 -- Daniel Pruitt (his will)
Written May 16, 1755. Probated Aug. 21, 1755.
The will lists

Son -- William.
Wife -- Sarah.
Son -- John.
Daughter -- Lucy.
Daughter -- Ann.
Daughter -- Welthy.

EXECUTORS -- Wife and sons John and William.

(NOTE: There was no other will in the Pruitt or Prewitt name until nearly 100 years later. This is by far the earliest Prewitt or Pruitt will we have found. In fact, it seems to be the earliest Pruitt will in all of Virginia, for I checked C.W. Torrence's "Index To Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800," and he does not list an earlier will. Of course, deed books in some county might show a division of land of an earlier date. We can figure that this Daniel must have been a man of least middle age, for he had sons John and William old enough to be joint executors of his will. I wonder, though, whether this Welthy Pruitt listed in his will was the same Wealthy Prewet who married Joseph Austen in Pittsylvania County in 1777, full twenty-two years later.)

Will Book 3, Page 7 -- Robert Chandler (his will)
Written Dec. 4, 1784. Probated July 23, 1792.

Among other heirs, he lists Martha ~~Chandler~~ Prewitt, whom we know to have been the wife of Robert Prewitt, son of Michael, Sr.

Will Book 3, Page 35 -- Moza Hurt (his will)
Written Dec. 15, 1791. Probated January 28, 1793.

Among other heirs he lists
Dau. -- Sarah Pruitt, wife of Byrd Prewitt.
Dau. -- Betty Brewitt, wife of Michael Prewitt (Jr.).

Will Book 13, Page 245 -- John Stone (his will)
Written Jan. 30, 1824. Probated -- July 26, 1824.

Among other heirs he lists
Dau. -- Sally Prewitt. (I checked marriages and found she married Moses Prewitt in 1813.)

Of course that last will was far too late to be of any real interest in your problem.

Now I shall turn to the Halifax County, Va., marriages. All the following are from HALIFAX COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS:

Book 1, Page 204 --

Elizabeth Prewett to Richard Adams, Sept. 13, 1781. Certificate signed by Mikel Pruitt.

(NOTE: This was that youngest daughter of Michael Prewitt Sr. I do not understand why she also had a marriage record in Bedford County.)

Book 1, Page 27 --

Mary Fruit to Peter Tribble, May 4, 1793.

Book 3, Page 6 --

Elizabeth Pruett to Almon Saunders, Jan. 9, 1856.

Book 3, Page 214 --

Ida Pruett to Powhatan Slagle, Sept. 2, 1869.

Book 3½, Page 36 --

Frances A. Pruett to Joseph Boothe, Mar. 29, 1895.

Book 1, Page 3 --

Michael Prewitt to Mary Thurston, Mar. 10, 1778. SURETY: Charles Simmons.

(NOTE: This must surely have been a "first" marriage for Michael Prewitt, Jr. -- However, we know that he did marry Elizabeth Hurt, daughter of Moza Hurt, for she was listed in her father's will in 1793, and again we know that he married Sarah Catherine (Fuqua) Terry between 1798 and 1805, she being widow of Stephen Terry. NOW, TURN BACK TO PAGE 20 OF THIS REPORT, and you will notice two deeds in Campbell County in 1789 made by Michael Prewitt and wife, Mary, and you will note that I questioned this at that time and made the query whether Michael Prewitt Sr. married a second time to ~~mar~~ a wife named Mary. He was first married to Elizabeth Simpkins. Considering all the evidence, it seems that this must have been Michael Sr. and a second marriage.)

~~Book 1, Page 6 --~~ ~~Byrd Pruitt to Sarah Hurt, Feb. 9, 1782.~~ ~~SURETY: Philemon Hurt.~~ ~~Signed by M. Hurt (father).~~

Book 1, Page 6 --

Byrd Pruitt to Sarah Hurt, Feb. 9, 1782. SURETY: Philemon Hurt. Signed by M. Hurt (father).

Book 1, Page 7 --

Anthony Pruitt to Susannah Gholson, Nov. 15, 1785. SURETY: Francis Signed by Mary Gholson, mother. Petty.

(NOTE: Cannot identify hfm.)

Book 1, Page 66 --

Thomas Prewitt to Susannah Drum, Jan. 22, 1807.

Book 1, Page 83 --

Moses F. Prewett to Sallie Stone, Oct. 11, 1813. SURETY: James Terry.
Signed by John Stone (Father).

Book 1, Page 160 --

John S. Prewett to Mary Ann Boyd, April 2, 1838. SURETY: John B. Wall.
Signed by Elizabeth B. Boyd (mother)

Book 3, Page 38 --

William T. Prewett to Mary A. P. Hopson, Jan. 29, 1866.

Book 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Page 18 --

W. T. Pruitt to Mary J. Clark, April 5, 1892.

Book 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Page 23 --

Peter E. Pruitt to Elnora Clark, Feb. 27, 1893.

Book 3 $\frac{3}{4}$, Page 40 --

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

James H. Pruitt to Semora Bane, Dec. 25, 1895.

(COMMENT: This brings the Halifax marriages up to 1900, many of them too late to do you any good. Note that we did not find the marriage of Michael Prewitt Jr. to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Elizabeth Hurt, and yet we know that he did marry her, for it was proven by her father's will. Neither did we find the marriage of the elder Byrd Prewitt to Nannie Dyer, which was proven by Halifax deed records. He must have married early enough that it was solemnized in Lunenburg County before Halifax County was cut off.)

Now, I shall turn to the Halifax County, Va., deeds.

HALIFAX COUNTY, VA., DEED BOOKS --

Book 1, Page 426 -- John Dyer to Nanney Pruett, wife of Byrd Prewitt -- March 16, 1758 -- 108 acres -- deed mentions her as daughter of John Dyer. Witnesses -- Joseph Collins, John Bates, Charles Bostick.

Book 2, Page 3 -- Abraham Pruett from Thomas Pruett, blacksmith. May 16, 1759 -- 150 acres Catawba Creek -- "gift deed to son." Witnesses -- Donnell Abney, Thomas Prewitt, William Prewitt.

Book 2, Page 100 -- Thomas Pruitt and wife, Sarah, to David Pruitt. Feb. 1760 -- 100 acres Turable Creek (Terrible Creek). Acknowledged in court.

Book 2, Page 2, Thomas Pruett to Renny Pruett. -- May 16, 1759. "gift deed to son," 150 acres Catawba Creek. Witnesses -- Donnell Abney, Thomas Pruett, William Pruett.

Book 2, Page 98 -- Thomas Pruit and wife, Sarah, to William Pruit -- Feb. 21, 1760 -- 100 acres Turable Creek. Acknowledged in court.

Book 1, Page 34 -- Thomas Pruett to John Royal -- July 16, 1753 -- 400 acres Catawba Creek. Witnesses -- John Cox, William Roy, Richard Sulings.

Book 1, Page 157 -- Thomas Pruett to Donnell Abney -- Sept. 25, 1755 -- 98 acres Catawba Creek. Witnesses -- Elijah Hunt, Nat Abney, John Dean.

Book 2, Page 1 -- Thomas Pruett to John Farmer -- May 16, 1759 -- "gift deed to son, John Farmer -- 150 acres. Witnesses -- Donnell Abney, Thomas Pruett, William Brewett Pruett.

~~Book 2, Page 7 -- Thomas Pruett to John Bates~~

Book 3, Page 110 -- Byrd Prewitt from Welcome Hodges. May 21, 1761 -- 200 acres Bradley Creek. Acknowledged in Court.

Book 5, Page 141 -- Byrd Prewitt from John Ballinger -- July 19, 1764 -- 365 acres Straitstone Creek. Witnesses -- Joseph Collins, Agnes Campbell, Robert Durham.

Book 5, Page 427 -- Michael Prewitt from William Prewitt -- June 20, 1765 -- 500 acres Terrible Creek. Witnesses -- Joseph Collins, John Camron, James Bates.

Book 5, Page 142 -- Abraham Prewitt to William Prewitt -- July 19, 1764 -- 50 acres Catawba Creek. Acknowledged in court.

Book 4, Page 157 -- Byrd Pruitt to Thomas Hodges -- (_____, 1763 -- 200 acres Bradley's Creek. (NOTE: This was same 200 acres that Byrd Prewitt had bought from Welcome Hodges in 1761 -- as shown by fourth deed above this one.)

Book 5, Page 66 -- Byrd Pruett and wife Nanney to John Gunson -- April 19, 1764 -- 108 acres. Witnesses -- Joseph Collins, Owen Murphy. (NOTE: This was the same 108 acres that Nanney's father had deeded them by gift back in 1758)

Book 6, Page 344 -- Thomas Prewit Jr. from William Prewit, David Prewit and Michael Prewit -- Feb. 18, 1767 -- ~~222z~~ 193 acres Turable Creek. (NOTE: Once more ~~we~~ we see that unusual way of spelling Terrible Creek -- This deed seems to indicate that all of these were brothers -- sons of Thomas Prewit Sr.)

Book 14, Page 453 -- Thomas Pruitt to Daniel Pruitt -- Feb. 18, 1789 -- "gift deed to son" -- 105 acres -- Witnesses: William Pride, Jeffrey Palmer, Elias Palmer, Alexander Pruitt.

Book 14, Page 693 -- Byrd Prewit, of Campbell County, Va., from James Prewitt, of Campbell County, Va. -- Sept. 21, 1789 -- 400 acres of land

Book 14, Page 452 -- Thomas Pruitt to Alexander Pruitt -- Feb. 18, 1789 -- "gift deed to son" -- 105 acres. Witnesses -- William Pride, Jeffrey Palmer, Elias Palmer, Daniel Pruitt.

Book 16, Page 498 -- Thomas Prewett, of Spartanburg County, S.C. to Samuel Prewett, of Spartanburg County, S.C. -- Nov. 27, 1795 -- "gift deed to son" -- 100 acres Terrible Creek. Witnesses -- Elias Palmer, Alexander Pruett, Newbell Puckett, Thomas Vaughan, James Brown.

Book 16, Page 535 -- Daniel Prewitt to Elias Palmer -- Dec. 3, 1795 -- 105 acres Terrible Creek. Witnesses -- John Roberts, Alexander Prewitt,

Book 17, Page 95 -- Samuel Pruitt and wife, Elizabeth, to Daniel Palmer Oct. 26, 1795 -- 100 acres on Terrible Creek. Acknowledged in court. (NOTE: This was the same 100 acres that Samuel's father had given him in 1795, at which time both he and his father were listed as "of Spartanburg County, S.C." (See deed just above this page.)

Book 17, Page 335 -- Alexander Pruitt and wife, Fanny, to Philemon Hurt -- Oct. 19, 1797 -- 105 acres on Terrible Creek. (NOTE: This seems to have been the same 105 acres given to Alexander by his father, Thomas Pruitt, as shown first deed on this page. It is interesting to note that Alexander Pruitt, son of Thomas, was selling his land to Philemon Hurt, who was a brother of Sarah and Elizabeth Hurt, the wives of two sons of Michael Prewitt Sr. This indicates that all these Prewitts had been of the same neighborhood or group originally.)

Book 15, Page 60 -- Thomas Prewitt, of Spartanburg County, S.C. to William Prewitt, of Spartanburg County, S. C., -- Sept. 1, 1790 -- "gift deed to son" -- 100 acres Terrible Creek. Witnesses -- John Palmer, Samuel Prewitt, Alexander Prewitt. (NOTE: Here's proof that Thomas was in S.C. by 1790, and ~~was~~ that other deed proves he was still there in 1795. They also prove that two of his sons, William and Samuel were in S.C. with him.)

NOW, I RAN INTO SOMETHING WHICH SIMPLY COULD NOT BE HELPED -- ~~TIMES~~ TIME RAN OUT ON ME -- I WORKED HALIFAX ~~LAST~~ IN THE AFTERNOON, AND I HAD NOTED SEVERAL OTHER DEEDS FROM THE INDEXES, WHICH I DID NOT GET TO COMPLETE. THE OFFICE CLOSED AT 5 O'CLOCK, AND THE CLERK RAN ME OUT. I COULD NOT STAY AND SPEND THE NIGHT, FOR I HAD TO BE BACK HERE THE NEXT MORNING. ~~NEVERTHELESS~~ HOWEVER, I GIVE YOU BELOW THE DATA I HAVE ON THOSE OTHER DEEDS -- I DO NOT HAVE DATES OR WITNESSES, IF ANY. I CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE A SPECIAL TRIP BACK UP THERE ON ACCOUNT OF DISTANCE, BUT I EXPECT TO HAVE ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT UP THERE BEFORE THE WINTER IS OVER, AND I WILL COMPLETE THESE DEEDS FOR YOU THEN. IN THE MEANTIME, HERE IS WHAT I GOT ON THEM --

Book 2, Page 371 -- Rennie Prewitt to William Lax --
150 acres Catawba Creek.

Aug 28 1766

(NOTE: I did not get the date, but it was about 1761.
This was the 150 acres which Thomas Prewitt had
"given" to his son, Rennie in 1759.)

*W. Samuel Lewis
James Bates*

Book 4, Page 194 -- William Prewitt to Thomas Skain.

Mar 9 1753

8 acres. *Bear Branch.*

(NOTE: not much dope here, and I doubt whether this
deed was really significant, even if completed.)

Ark.

Book 7, Page 324 -- Abraham Prewitt to James Hill.

Oct 13 1767

from city re.

150 acres on Cuttapa Creek.

(NOTE: Cutape Creek was really meant for Catawba Creek.
This seems to have been the same tract of land
that Thomas Pruett, blacksmith, had given to his
son Abraham in 1759. See Page 25 this report.)

Book 7, Page 365 -- William Prewitt Sr. to John Haynes Strait.

Apr 1 1767

50 acres on Catawba Creek.

(NOTE: This was the 50 acres which William Prewitt
had received from his brother, Abraham, in 1764.
See deed on Page 26 this report.)

*W. James Bates
Nathl Spragg
Daniel Abney
Ephraim White*

Book 10, Page 197 -- Michael Brewitt to William Wyatt.

Mar 20 1777

200 acres ~~Brush Creek~~ *Brush Creek.*

(NOTE: I do not know who this Michael Prewitt was.
I cannot tell whether it was Michael Sr. or Michael
Jr., of the Campbell and Bedford County family.
It is possible that he was still another Michael,
member of either the family of Thomas Prewitt or
the family of the elder Byrd Prewitt.)

*W. Joshua Stone
Judley glass*

Book 10, Page 390 -- Michael Prewitt to James Farris.

Feb 19 1778

200 acres ^{*of Bedford*} Brush Creek.

(NOTE: Same remarks as above.)

*W. J. Collins
Eliza Prewitt
Elizabeth*

Book 11, Page 275 -- Field Pruitt and wife, Mary, to William Burke.

May 10 1779

sells her interest in estate of Patrick Burke.

(NOTE: Here is another strange Prewitt.)

Book 12, Page 732 -- Byrd Prewitt from Daniel Palmer.

Aug 15 1782

100 acres on Difficult Creek.

(NOTE: This must have been the elder Byrd Prewitt.)

Book 14, Page 660 -- Byrd Prewitt and wife, ^{*Sarah, of Campbell Co.*} Nanny, to William Pride.

July 28 1790

100 acres on Difficult Creek.

(NOTE: This proves it was the elder Byrd Prewitt, for
it mentions "wife, Nanny," so they were selling here
the 100 acres they bought from Daniel Palmer. Remember
this William Pride witnessed deeds for the Thomas
Prewitt family, so Byrd Prewitt the elder must have
been somewhere in the same section with the others.)

Byrd Prewitt

Ark.

Book 21, Page 317 -- Byrd Prewitt to Haynes Morgan.

300 acres on Cow Creek.

(NOTE: This deed was certainly after 1800,
and I cannot figure who this Byrd Prewitt
was.)

FINAL ANALYSIS

It seems after a study of Mrs. Goodnight's material and a search of the records in Pittsylvania, Bedford, Campbell and Halifax Counties that all of the Pruitts, ~~Prutts~~ Prewitts (or other spellings of the name) that all of this southern Virginia group of Prewitts stemmed from Lunenburg County and probably prior to that from Cumberland, Goochland and Henrico Counties in Virginia.

I am disappointed in that I cannot point to any definite proof of anything you want, but I am convinced that there were several men in Lunenburg County (probably in the section that was cut off into Halifax County) ~~shxmz~~ a group of several Prewitts as follows --

1. Michael Prewitt, Sr.
2. Byrd Prewitt (the elder)
3. Thomas Prewitt
4. Perhaps a Henry Prewitt (I have little dope on him, but see deed on Page 14 this report)
5. Perhaps a Joseph Prewitt (I have little on him)

Now let us take each one just briefly in review.

1. Michael Prewitt, Sr. -- We have discussed his family in full. No use repeating that here.
2. Byrd Prewitt, the elder, who married Nannie Dyer, daughter of John Dyer, was certainly born by 1750 or earlier, for he was ~~receiving~~ patent for land in Halifax by 1755 and perhaps earlier. He was ~~thaxxmz~~ certainly not the son of Michael Prewitt Sr., for Byrd Prewitt, son of Michael Sr. is known to have been born in 1753. This older Byrd Prewitt in Halifax County was the same Byrd Prewitt who was in Pittsylvania County later. Look on Page 26 of this report and you find where he bought 365 acres of land on Straitstone Creek from John Ballinger. This was in Halifax County. Now turn to Page 14 of this report in the Pittsylvania Deeds, and you will see where Byrd Prewett sold that 365 acres in two different deeds. He sold 150 acres to Michael Gilbert in 1773, and that same year sold 215 acres to Joseph East, both tracts being on Straitstone Creek. Add 150 acres and 215 acres and you get 365 acres. Now, we also find in Pittsylvania Deeds (Page 14 this report) that Byrd Prewett had land on Oak Creek. Then on Page 15 this report, we find an Elijah Prewett also buying land on Oak Creek. Now, you were interested in a Byrd Prewett, an Elisha Prewett, and a Levi Prewett, who were in Warren County, Ga., by 1787. We know that

Levy Prewitt married Elizabeth Taliaferro in Pittsylvania in 1776. We know, furthermore, that the elder Byrd Prewett was selling out his land in Pittsylvania by the late 1770's. I have not been able to find proof of the ~~parents~~ children of Byrd Prewett the elder, but I feel absolutely sure that he was the same Byrd Prewett who was in Warren County, Ga., and that he was the father of Elisha, Levy and Lemuel Prewitt or Pruitt. Another circumstantial proof lies in the fact that your ancestor, Lemuel Prewitt, named one of his sons Elisha Dyer, and we know that this elder Byrd Prewett, of Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, ~~was~~ had married Nanney Dyer, daughter of John Dyer.

3. Thomas Prewitt, the other of those older Prewitts in Halifax County, had a large family of sons, for he made "deeds of gift" to no less than eight different sons between 1760 and 1795 -- Those sons were Abraham, ~~David~~ Alexander, Daniel, David, Renny, Samuel and Thomas Jr. -- He also deeded a gift to "my son, John Farmer," who was probably a son-in-law -- and it seems likely that he also had a son named Michael, for a certain Michael Prewitt joined with David and William Prewitt (known to be sons of Thomas Sr.) in making a deed to Thomas Jr. for land on Terrible Creek in 1767. I think very likely that Samuel and William Prewitt, the sons of this Thomas Prewitt of Halifax County, were the same Samuel and William Prewitt who later had large families in Pittsylvania County. Names of their children may be found in Pittsylvania wills on Pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Now, you have no doubt been disgusted with me for my tardiness in making this report, but I have already explained why I was so long. It is now almost a week since I started typing the report, and I have put in all the time I could spare from my regular job. I know I have not found actual proof, but I do feel that there is a pretty good circumstantial case for saying that Byrd Prewitt and wife Nanny Dyer were ~~parents~~ parents of that Warren County, Ga., group from which you descended.

It is possible that Lunenburg County, Va., records might show something of evidence to indicate the kinship of the elder Byrd Prewitt to Michael Prewitt Sr. and others of that period. I would appreciate hearing from you as to your opinion of these findings and theories. I certainly hope you are not too much disappointed, for I have really tried to get what I could and to figure the thing out for you.

Sincerely

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Elon College, N. C.

Elon College, N. C.
February 15, 1954

Mr. J. R. Gathings
Box 102
Luxora, Ark.

Dear Mr. Gathings:

It seems that every time I make a report on your Pruitt family material I am forced to open with an apology for delay, and I guess you'll think I am as filled with ~~excuses~~ excuses as anyone you have ever known.

However, I do have to do this genealogical work as sort of an avocation (over and above my regular work), and this time I have an added reason. Late in the summer I was feeling so sluggish and short of energy ~~to use a~~ (to use a slang expression, I was feeling "do-less," or unable to do anything), so I went to the doctor for a check-up and found that my blood pressure was quite low, and my blood count was down so much that I was victim of a sort of anemia. The result was that throughout the autumn months I scarcely felt like doing my regular work here at the college, and I did as little as possible outside of that work. In fact I have gotten to the point that I even telephone my mother over long-distance rather than to write a letter.

I went up into Lunenburg County, Va., in the latter part of the summer as I wrote you I would and ~~planned to~~ and Brunswick County, made the search there, but I was so disappointed in what I found that I was simply not satisfied with the results. Therefore, I kept delaying in making the report because I wanted to go back and try again. I could scarcely believe that there was not some sort of material that I had overlooked. Therefore, I went back up there again during Christmas holidays and looked again.

I had recommended the search in the two counties to you, and I always feel bad when such a recommendation turns out so poorly. Since ~~Halifax, Bedford, Campbell and Pittsylvania Counties~~ Halifax, Bedford, Campbell and Pittsylvania Counties (all of which had netted some Pruitt material) had one time been a part of Lunenburg County, I was reasonably sure that there would be some pertinent records in Lunenburg. And, too, I thought that in case Lunenburg County failed to produce the desired results, then surely there would be something in Brunswick County, ~~which~~ from which Lunenburg had been formed in 1746.

Let us recall just briefly the pertinent facts in Halifax that led us to Lunenburg. We had found that John Dyer, of Halifax, had deeded land ~~to~~ in 1758 to his daughter, Nanny, wife of Byrd Prewitt. We had found that this Byrd Prewitt was dealing in land in Pittsylvania County (Pittsylvania having been formed from Halifax in 1766) in the 1770's and 1780's. We were led to believe that this Byrd Prewitt was the same who later appeared in Warren County, Ga., by the fact that one of his

descendants was named Elisha Dyer Prewitt. Furthermore, I knew that there were Dyers and Prewitts in Lunenburg County, all of which led me to believe that Lunenburg County would show the key to the puzzle.

At any rate I went to Lunenburg, and I make the following report:

I checked first the Lunenburg Will Books, looking for both Prewitt and Dyer material. There were no wills made by a Prewitt, but I was not too much disappointed there, for I told you ~~that~~ in my report of November 30, 1952 that Clayton Torrence's Index of Virginia Wills and Administrations failed to list any very early Prewitt or Pruitt wills. You will remember a previous reference to a Simkins will in Lunenburg, in which John Simkins made a bequest to his daughter, Elizabeth Pruitt, whom we knew to have been the wife of Michael Prewitt Sr., of Campbell County, Va., and later of Kentucky. I found that will, just as Mrs. C. S. Goodnight's data had listed it.

LUNENBURG WILL BOOK 1, PAGE 119 -- John Simkins (his will)
Written Jan. 22, 1754. Probated April 1754.

The will lists

- Dau. -- Mary Wheeler.
- Dau. -- Rachel Stag.
- Dau. -- Elizabeth Pruitt. (note this spelling here and other spelling below.)
- Dau. -- Susannah Lawson.
- ~~Dau. -- Rachel Simkins~~
- Dau. -- Sarah Simkins.
- Dau. -- Welthy Simkins.
- Wife -- Elizabeth.

EXECUTOR: Wife Elizabeth and Son-in-Law Michael Prewitt.

(NOTE: That name "Welthy" intrigues me. Check back to Page 23 of my report for Nov. 1952, and you will find that Daniel Pruitt in making a will in Halifax County in 1755 listed a daughter Welthy and a wife Sarah. I wonder if there had not been a connection between this Daniel Pruitt, of Halifax, and John Simkins, of Lunenburg. It would seem possible that Daniel Pruitt might have possibly married a sister of Simkins, since we find the names John, Sarah and Welthy (Welthy spelled the same in each case and an unusual name).

That reference to the "Prewitt" name among the bequests in Simkins' will was the only Prewitt or Pruitt heir I found in Lunenburg, so I then turned to the Dyer name, trying to find a connection with John Dyer, of Halifax, and his daughter, Nanny or Annie Prewitt, wife of Byrd Prewitt. I did find some Dyer wills.

LUNENBURG WILL BOOK 1, PAGE 346 -- Robert Dyer (his will)
Written Mar. 18, 1761. Probated March 2, 1762.
His will listed

"My father and mother" -- not named.

Wife -- Elizabeth.

Daughter -- ~~Elizabeth~~ Martha.

"My late daughter" -- not named.

EXECUTOR -- My father, Robert Dyer.

Witnesses -- Philemon Payne, Charles Hamlin, Reps Jones.

LUNENBURG WILL BOOK 2, PAGE 246 -- Robert Henry Dyer (his will)
Written Nov. 22, 1764. Probated March 14, 1766.

His will lists

Grand-son -- Robert Phillips.

Grand-son -- John ~~Dyer~~ Phillips.

Grand-son -- Dyer Phillips.

Daughter -- Susannah Phillips.

Grand-Daughter -- Mary Phillips.

Grand-Daughter -- Mary Dyer, daughter of late son, Robert.

Grand-daughter -- Martha Dyer, daughter of late son, Robert.

EXECUTOR#- Reps Jones.

(NOTE: This Robert Henry Dyer had been in Lunenburg County when it was formed in 1746. I cited a reference to him found in Landon C. Bell's "Old Free State" when I wrote you last July. Bell shows on Page 100 of his ~~two~~ Volume I of that work that Robert Henry Dyer was granted land in the Lunenburg area as early as 1727, long before the county was formed. Then, on Page 328 of the same book we find that Robert Henry Dyer was one of the first justices of the Lunenburg County Court from 1746 to 1749 and again from 1754 to 1755.)

Considering these dates, it is certain that Robert Henry Dyer must have been born by or before 1700, very probably several years before 1700, for he must have been a man of considerable age by 1746 when he was named a justice of the Lunenburg Court. They usually chose men of advanced years for those positions. He could have been the father of John Dyer, of Halifax County, and of course he could have been a brother of that John. It seems very likely that Byrd ~~Prewitt~~ Byrd Prewitt and Nancy Dyer may have been married only a short while when John Dyer deeded her the land in Halifax in 1758 (see Page 25 of My report for Nov. 1952), for it was usually the custom for fathers to give their daughters land soon after their marriage. We figure that Byrd Prewitt and probably his wife Nanney were in Warren County, Ga., in 1790, which was more than 30 years later, and that make it entirely probable that they married around 1755 or later. If they married that late, then they could have had a son marrying by 1776, the date on which Levy Prewitt married Elizabeth Taliaferro in Pittsylvania County.

Also, if Byrd Prewitt and Nanny Dyer married as late as 1755, then Nanny Dyer could have been a grand-daughter of Robert Henry Dyer, of Lunenburg County, as far as age went. Say she married in 1755, she could have been and probably was born as late as 1738. That would mean that her father, John Dyer, could have been born as late as 1717 or 1718. That would also mean that John Dyer could have been a son of Robert Henry Dyer, who was very probably himself born by 1690. Notice that I merely say "could have been" in these instances, and I do not say such was true.

There were no other Dyer references in the Lunenburg will books that I could find. Therefore, I turned next to the Lunenburg deeds. The following references are from Lunenburg Deed Books.

DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 309 -- Richard Prewitt, of King and Queen County, Va., from George Walton. Dec. 31, 1750 -- 65 acres and a mill on Springfield Creek, ~~xxxxxx~~

DEED BOOK 5, PAGE 159 -- Richard Prewitt, of King and Queen County, Va., from Timothy Murrell, of Amelia County, Va. -- April 1, 1752 -- 400 acres on both sides of Halls Creek, a tract originally granted jointly to Prewitt and Murrell by the ~~state~~ king on June 11, 1751. Witnesses -- Thomas Taylor, Richard Ellis and ~~xxxxxx~~ Athenasa Thomas.

(NOTE: That "King and Queen County" origin for Richard Prewitt is interesting. Look back to Page 14 of my report made June 21, 1952 and also to Page 6 of my report made November 1952, and you will find that I ~~noted~~ noted then the possibility that the name "Byrd" Prewitt may have come from a relationship with the Byrd family of King and Queen, Caroline or Essex Counties. That was my branch of the Byrd family. Unfortunately the records of those counties were burned during the Civil War.)

DEED BOOK 12, Page 539 -- Joel Prewitt, of Lunenburg, from Thomas Blackwell and wife, Peggy. Dec. 30, 1771 -- 217 1/2 acres, part of tract granted to William Bivors and conveyed by Bivors to Robert Blackwell. Witnesses -- Robert Blackwell, William Meredith and Thomas Williams.

DEED BOOK 19, PAGE 183 -- Cornelius Pruett to Robert Brown -- Sept. 7, 1803 -- 29 1/4 acres. Witnesses -- Edward Garland, George ~~xxxxxx~~ Overby, Freeman Reese.

(NOTE: Those were the only Pruett or Prewitt deeds I could find. It seems that Michael Prewitt, Sr., who married Elizabeth Simkins had no deeds in Lunenburg. I could hardly believe that, and that is the reason I went back again for a second search. However, there were instances when persons received grants from the king or the state and then failed to record them in the county deed books. Probably the next step would be to check the Virginia Land Grant records in Richmond and try to locate Michael and Byrd Prewitt and others of the name who were contemporary with them.)

Let us now look at the only Dyer deed I could find in Lunenburg County.

DEED BOOK 9, PAGE 432 -- Robert Dyer from William Rhodes -- March 29, 1762 -- 200 acres on Crooked Run. Witnesses -- Richard Leake, Reps Jones, John Rhodes.

There were no other Dyer deeds that I could ~~simply~~ find until 1823, and that was too late to do us any good on our problem. Now, we already know that Robert Henry Dyer did receive his land in the Lunenburg area in 1727, which was while the land still lay in Brunswick County. Brunswick County was formed from Prince George County in 1720, but the Brunswick County records do not begin until 1752. Perhaps that explains why I did not find any Dyer deeds in Brunswick. It is possible they were recorded in Prince George. Of course Robert Henry Dyer disposed of his land by will, and perhaps that accounts for there being no Dyer grantee deeds in Lunenburg at any early date.

I even read the Lunenburg County Court Minutes, and that is quite a task, since they are not as well organized as are the deeds and wills. I found the following references to Prewitts and Dyers:

LUNENBURG COUNTY COURT ORDERS -- (Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions) The dates are for the term of court in which the order was recorded. The initials OB stand for ORDER BOOK, with number of ~~pages~~ volume, and the page.

OB 1, Page 7 -- Robert H. Dyer qualified as justice of Lunenburg County Court -- June 1746.

OB 1, Page 130 -- Robert Henry Dyer named surveyor of road from Forks of Nottoway to Meherrin River. March 1747.

OB 1 -- Page 366 -- Richard Prewitt summoned to show cause why he did not appear as a witness.

OB 6, Page 99 -- Henry Prewitt defendant in suit ~~against~~ by James Roberts. Ordered to pay 19 pounds 16 shillings 8 pence. May 1760.

OB 7, Page 16 -- Henry Prewitt defendant in debt suit by William Stokes for 1 pound 16 shillings 4 pence. May 1761.

OB 7, Page 58 -- Henry Prewitt defendant in debt suit by Andrew Buchanan for 2 pounds 6 pence. June 1761.

OB 7, Page 95 -- Isham Prewitt ~~defendant~~ plaintiff in lawsuit against Thomas Portwood for 90 pounds. August 1761.

OB 7, Page 123 -- Henry Prewitt plaintiff in lawsuit against John Ashworth for 14 pounds, 19 shillings 5 pence. Sept. 1761.

OB 7, Page 169 -- Henry Prewitt defendant in lawsuit by William Thompson for 14 pounds 5 shillings 3 pence. April 1763.

OB 9, Page 330 -- Robert Hyer--William Rhodes Deed recorded. April 1764. (This was the deed I gave you on previous page).

(NOTE: This Henry Prewitt seems to have been a contentious cuss, always "lawing" or being "lawed" by his neighbors. He was probably the same Henry who was later giving deeds in Pittsylvania County. See Page 14 of my report for Nov. 1952.)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VA.

After not finding too much stuff in Lunenburg County, Va., I felt sure I would really hit it rich in Brunswick County, the county from which Lunenburg County had been formed.

However, I drew/complete blank in Brunswick County. I found no Prewitt or Dyer data whatsoever, neither deeds, wills, ~~marriages~~ nor court orders. Brunswick marriages are on file in Richmond in the Virginia Archives.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VA.

Mecklenburg County was also cut from Lunenburg County, and it adjoins Lunenburg on the South and adjoins Halifax County on the eastern edge of Halifax. Therefore, I thought possibly it might yield something. You had said nothing of searching Mecklenburg County, and I had not planned to do so, for I felt sure that either Lunenburg or Brunswick were the key counties. However, I decided on my second trip up there to take a look in Mecklenburg County.

It was no use, however, for I drew another complete blank there in the Prewitt and Dyer material.

SOME CENSUS NOTES

I was in Washington for a couple of days last fall, and I always drop by the National Archives when I have a spare moment, where I look over Census records. I was looking for some stuff in certain Tennessee and Arkansas Counties and I ran across some Pruitt Census Records. They may be of no interest whatsoever to you, but I am sending them on anyway.

I found the following in Conway County, Ark., in Census of 1850. (See next page -- not room on this page)

~~CONWAY COUNTY, ARK., CENSUS OF 1850~~

~~The Prewitts~~

CONWAY COUNTY, ARK., CENSUS OF 1850

In Benton Township

John Pruitt, 39 Born Tenn.
 Rachel Pruitt, 33 Born Ala.
 Martha 13
 James 11
 Samuel 8 (All children
 Eliza 7 born Ark.)
 Nancy 5
 Mary 2
 John 1.

In Benton Township

Phillip Pruitt, 49 Born Ga.
 Elizabeth Pruitt, 35 Born Ky.
 Benjamin 11 Born Ky.
 Sarah 10 Born Ky.
 William 7 Born Ky.
 Mehala 5 Born Ky.
 James 3 Twins born Ark.
 Anna 5
 Mary 1, Born Ark.

Union Township

John Pruitt, 28 Born Ind.
 Nancy Pruitt, 35 Born Ky.
 Elizabeth 13 Born Ky.
 David 6 Born Ky.
 James 3 Born Ky.
 Nancy 1 Born Ark.
 David Pruitt 60 Born Ind.
 Frances Pruitt 60 Born Ind.

David and Frances, aged 60, were parents of John Pruitt, aged 28, and probably of the Phillip Pruitt listed above. They were evidently not of the same family as the other John listed upper left, who had been born in Tenn.

CONWAY COUNTY, ARK., CENSUS OF 1860/

Phillip Pruitt, 59
 Elizabeth Pruitt, 45
 Benjamin 19
 Sarah 17
 William 16
 Mehala 14
 Mary 1
 John C. 7
 Thomas P. 7 Twins

This was same family as was listed above for 1850. Note that ages of some of the children do not exactly fit as 10 years older, but one frequently finds such discrepancies. The twins who were three years old in 1850 seemed to have died before 1860, and one sees another set of twins by that time.

HENDERSON COUNTY, TENN., CENSUS OF 1860.

Levi Prewett, 25 Born Tenn.
 N.C. Prewett, 27 (wife) Born Tenn.
 N.S. ~~(wife)~~ 2 (a boy)
 F.R. 1 (a girl)

I was intrigued by this because of the name "Levi".

CONWAY COUNTY, ARK., CENSUS OF 1860

Thomas Prewitt,	51	Born Ala.
Mary Prewitt,	40	Born Ky.
Sinthy C.	23	
Alluzia A.	21	
Richard	19	
John W.	17	
Elizabeth J.	15	
Lewis	13	
Josiah	11	
Mary A.	5	

CONWAY COUNTY, ARK., CENSUS OF 1860

Abner Prewitt,	33	Born Ky.
Mary Prewitt	25	Born Ky.
Lewis	8	Born Tenn.
John T.	7	Born Tenn.
James Y.	5	Born Tenn.
Nancy C.	3	Born Tenn.

~~-----~~ I note that there is a Dyer County in Tenn., in some of the Census lists. Wonder if it is connected with the Dyer family of Va.

Well, that's it. It seems that we have each drawn a blank, or practically so, in this report. I am more sorry than I can say, for I felt so sure that we'd find some stuff in Lunenburg and Brunswick. I feel much worse if I fail to find material after I have recommended a search in a certain area than I would if I had received a direct request to search that section. It was for that reason that I went back up in Virginia on my own to look again, just to be sure that I not overlooked any possibilities.

Frankly, I am somewhat stumped. I would say that the next best possibility would be to search the Virginia land grant records in Richmond with a view to finding out exactly what counties had Prewitts or Dyers or both families getting early grants of land. Then, following up that possible clue, one would have a better idea just where to look for the families prior to the 1750's, when they were in Halifax County. ~~THE~~

There is just one thing we have gained by this search. We know now that we can cross out Lunenburg and Brunswick Counties as possible ~~sources~~ sources, so it narrows your quest down somewhat.

Sincerely yours

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J. R. GATHINGS

GINNER AND PLANTER

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LUXORA, ARKANSAS

May 12, 1953.

Mr. Luther N. Byrd,
Elon College, N. C.

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I wrote you in December of 1952 that I would like for you to search the records in Lunenburg and Brunswick counties, Virginia, with a view to determining more about Byrd Pruitt who appears in the records of Halifax Co. about 1750 to 1760. You reached the conclusion in your report of 1952 that this Byrd Pruitt was the father of my Lemuel who was in Warren County, Ga. in 1790. Lemuel had a son whom he named Elisha Dyer, and you will recall that Byrd Pruitt of Halifax Co., Va., married Nancy Dyer. You thought at that time that it might pay to search the two counties above mentioned.

I suppose that your school activities will be over soon, and I certainly hope you will make this search for me. I have been greatly pleased with what you have done for me, heretofore.

Please write me if you can do this work and what remuneration you will expect.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Gathings
J. R. Gathings.

Elon College, N. C.
July 14, 1953

Mr. J. R. Gathings
Luxora, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gathings:

I am the sorriest hand to get letters written in the world, but it seems that I am also one of the busiest much of the time. However, I am finally getting time to answer your letter of May 12th in regard to the searches in Lunenburg and Brunswick Counties in Virginia on your Pruitt-Prewitt line.

I finished my regular school year the first of June and had planned to take this entire summer off, but then I got tied up with some summer school work for the first summer term. I will complete that work here at the college this weekend, so I will be free after this week to make that trip up into Virginia for you.

I will search the two counties of Lunenburg and Brunswick for \$40. It will require about 270 miles driving and an overnight trip, so I will not get rich at that, but I have been interested in your Pruitt material and would like to see it through to a finish.

You remember that I told you that Halifax, Pittsylvania, Bedford, Campbell and all those counties were cut from Lunenburg, and Lunenburg itself was cut from Brunswick in 1746. I am absolutely sure that Lunenburg will show something on the Pruitt family (at least just as sure as one could be prior to the actual search), and most of the Lunenburg families stemmed back into Brunswick, which has records dating back to 1732. You will remember that we found evidence that the elder Byrd Pruitt (or Prewitt), who married Nancy Dyer, was certainly born by 1730 or before, for he was a landholder in Halifax by 1753, which was one year after Halifax County was cut from Lunenburg. Both Lunenburg and Brunswick have good records, although many of the Lunenburg wills and estate records are tangled up in their deed books, which makes them a little difficult to work. (I have just checked the index to "The Old Free State," a history of Lunenburg County, and I find some Dyer names there, which is added evidence that Byrd Prewitt may have been there. I note that a certain Robert Henry Dyer was a land-owner in Lunenburg by 1727, and he was a justice of the county court in 1746-49 and again in 1754-55.

While writing this I will also tell you that I was back up in Halifax County early this spring on another mission, and I checked those deeds that I failed to complete when I was there for you in November of last year. I am giving you the complete abstracts, including the dates and matter that I failed to get then.

HALIFAX COUNTY (VA.) DEED BOOKS
(Originally given in part Page 28 of last report)

Book 2, Page 271 -- Rennie Prewitt to William Lax --
Aug. 28, 1766 -- 150 acres on Catawba Creek. Witnesses --
Samuel Lewis, James Bates. (Rennie was a son of Thomas Prewitt,
who had given him this land in 1759.)

Book 4, Page 194 -- William Prewitt to Thomas Skain.
Mar. 9, 1753 -- 8 acres on Bear Branch. Acknowledged in court, so
no witnesses. (not much data here, just as I said before)

Book 7, Page 324 -- Abraham Prewitt, of Roan (meant for Rowan)
County, N. C., to James Hill --- Oct. 13, 1767 -- 150 acres on
Cuttapa (Catawba) Creek. ~~Witnesses~~ Witnesses -- Daniel Alney,
William Alney and William Hill. (Abraham was son of Thomas Prewitt)

Book 7, Page 365 -- William Prewitt, Sr., to John Haynes Strait.
April 1, 1767 -- 50 acres on Catawba Creeek. (William was
brother of Abraham above). Witnesses -- James Boles, Nathaniel
Spraggin, Daniel Alney, Ephraim White.

Book 10, Page 197. Michael Prewitt to William Wyatt.--Mar. 20, 1777
200 acres on Brush Creek. Witnesses -- Joshua Stone, Dudley Glass.
(This was either Michael Sr. or Michael Jr., for he was listed
as "of Bedford County") in the deed below.)

Book 10, Page 390 -- Michael Prewitt, of Bedford County, to
James Farris -- Feb. 29, 1778 -- 200 acres on Brush Creek.
Witnesses -- Joseph Collins, Elisha Pruett and Elijah Farris.
~~(NOTE: The Elisha was probably son of Michael, as listed in his
family in previous report.)~~
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family in previous report.)

Book 11, Page 275 -- Field Pruitt and wife, Mary, to William Burke.
May 10, 1779 -- she sells her interest in estate of Patrick Burke.
Witnesses -- Thomas Hughes, Charles Mullen, Ann Mullen.
(NOTE: Cannot place this Pruitt)

Book 12, Page 732 -- Byrd Prewitt from Daniel Palmer.
Aug. 15, 1782 -- 100 acres Difficult Creek. Not witnesses.

Book 14, Page 660 -- Byrd Prewitt and wife, Sarah, of Campbell
County, to William Pride -- Jan. 28, 1790 -- 100 acres on
Difficult Creek. Acknowledged in court, no witnesses. (NOTE: I
said in previous report that I thought this was the elder Byrd
Prewitt, since the indexes listed his wife as Nanny, but the deed
book itself showed the wife as Sarah, and the date as 1790, also
listing them "of Campbell County," so this was the younger Byrd
Prewitt, son of Michael.)

I am glad to get those final deeds off my hands, and I am sorry I did not report on them earlier. However, none of them offer anything pertinent to your Byrd Prewitt and his wife, Nancy Dyer. (You can check back to Page 28 of my last report for the partial data on them. About all that was lacking was the dates.)

I would like to make the trip up into Lunenburg and Brunswick as soon as I can get to it, so if you are still interested you may send me the check for the \$40 and I will go on up and get the data. I am sorry I have to ask for the money in advance, but money is tight with an old teacher in the summer and sometimes I cannot even finance a trip in advance without some degree of inconvenience. You know I am sort of slow, but I do get the goods, provided the date is there.

I am mailing this letter by air mail and will hope to hear from you at an early date.

Most sincerely

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Chapel Hill, N. C.
June 21, 1952

Mr. J. R. Gathings
Box 102
Luxora, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I finished your research some days ago with a trip up into Wilkes County. I did the Surry and Stokes ~~xxxxxxxx~~ work some weeks ago, but I had car trouble and did not get up into Wilkes until early this week, since the college commencement season caught me, and then my wife and I had to get moved down here for Summer School at the University of North Carolina.

I finally got me another car and made the trip into Wilkes County, and I am at long last getting your report started. It is a matter of several hours work to compile the report from the things that I found.

I shall take my findings in order of counties, giving you the material from Surry first, followed by Stokes and Wilkes Counties afterward.

~~PRUITT~~ PRUITT DATA IN SURRY COUNTY, N. C.

First I checked the Surry County tax lists to see if any Pruitts were listing taxes in that county in the early years. SURRY County was formed in 1770 from Rowan County and became active as a new county in 1771. The Tax List for 1771 shows no Pruitts at all in that first year of Surry history. Neither does the Surry Tax List of 1774 show any Pruitts. I did find a couple of Tollivers (Taliaferros) listed in 1774.

SURRY TAX LIST FOR 1774

In Captain Benjamin Cleaveland's District:
John Tolliver and Jesse Tolliver 2 polls. (Seemed to be living together, since listed taxes together)

SURRY TAX LIST FOR 1784

In Captain James Gaines' District (Now in Stokes County)

Richard Pruett	no land	1 poll
Shadrach Pruett	no land	1 poll
Pike Pruett	no land	1 poll
Charles Pruett	no land	1 poll
Micajah Pruett	no land	1 poll.

SURRY TAX LIST FOR 1785

In Captain James Gaines' District

Richard Pruett	no land	1 poll.
Peter Pruett	no land	1 poll

Charles Pruett no land 1 poll
 Shadrach Pruett no land 1 poll
 (No listing for Micajah this year)

SURRY TAX LIST FOR 1786

In Captain James Gaines' District
 Charles Pruett 150 acres 1 poll.
 Shadrach Pruett 100 acres 1 poll.
 Peter Pruett no land 1 poll.
 (No listing for Richard Pruett or Micajah Pruett)

SURRY TAX LIST FOR 1789

In Captain James Gaines' District
 Shadrach Pruit 100 acres 1 poll.
 Peter Pruit 50 acres 1 poll.
 (No listing for Richrd, Micajah or Charles Pruett this year.)

(NOTE: Wilkes County was cut off from Surry in 1777, so if there had been any Pruitts in that county (or section which was formerly in Surry) they would have been listed in the Wilkes County tax lists by 1784, when we find this first listings in Surry.)

We now turn to the Census of 1790 (which you probably have already seen, but I include it here to coordinate it with the other material).

N. C. CENSUS OF 1790

NAME	COUNTY	MALES OVER 16	MALES UNDER 16	FEMALES ALL AGES
Joshua Prewit	Rockingham	1	1	3
John Prewit	Wilkes	1	2	3
Thomas Pruitt	Wake	1	0	4
Henry Pruitt	Burke	1	0	1
Joseph Pruitt	Burke	1	2	5
Joseph Pryuitt	Burke	2	4	2
Lus Pruitt	Wilkes	0	1	2
Micajah Pruitt	Stokes	1	1	1
Peter Pruitt	Stokes	1	1	4

(NOTE: After the Surry Tax Listing of 1789, the eastern half of Surry County was cut off to form Stokes County, so we find Micajah Pruitt and Peter Pruitt living in Stokes County in 1790. We do not know what had become of Shadrach Pruitt within that year which elapsed. Note that there are two Pruitts in Wilkes County, with varying spelling--John Prewitt and Lus Pruitt, who was probably a widow and whose name was probably really Lucy Pruitt. Of course there is a possibility that this was a mistake in copying some old writing and that the name should have been Levi instead of Lus. I am more inclined to think that it was Lucy, however.)

I shall now turn to the Surry County deeds. Remember that in the Surry tax lists for 1786 and 1789 we found Charles, Shadrick and Peter Pruitt listing small tracts of land. However, the Surry deeds show no record of such. The tracts of land may have been state grants, which had been granted from Raleigh and never recorded in the Surry Deed Books. The following are the earliest Surry County deeds, reference being in each case to SURRY COUNTY DEED BOOKS.

BOOK M, PAGE 449 -- Burrell H. Pruett of Surry County from Jacob T. Rupe, -- June 1, 1811 -- 50 acres in forks of Deep Creek of Yadkin River. WITNESSES -- Benjamin Naylor and William Austin. (NOTE: This was in that section of Surry which was cut off to form Yadkin County in 1850. It was perhaps 50 miles from the holdings of those Pruitts listed in Stokes County in 1790)

BOOK 3, PAGE 435 -- Abraham Pruett from Hoppin Charles Steelman Oct. 18, 1843 -- 96 3/4 acres on Fishing Creek, part of a tract granted to John Hoppers. WITNESSES -- L. Speer and John Steelman. (NOTE: This was also in what later became Yadkin County, so Abraham was probably of same family as the Burrell listed above. In fact, Burrell's will listed a son, Abraham.)

BOOK 3, PAGE 441 -- Abraham Pruett from Hoppin Charles Steelman, 1838 -- 160 acres north side Deep Creek. WITNESSES-- John Steelman, Louisa Steelman.

BOOK 3, PAGE 442 -- Abraham Pruett from Joseph Steelman -- Dec. 24, 1840 -- 3 1/2 acres south side Deep Creek above Steelman's Bridge. WITNESSES -- Thomas Long and S. C. Davis.

BOOK 4, PAGE 70 -- Abraham Pruett from Joshua Steelman -- Jan. 27, 1845 -- 258 acres south side Deep Creek.

(NOTE: There were no more Pruitt grantee deeds until 1890, and we find no Pruitt grantor deeds in Surry until 1878, when a certain J. M. Pruitt gave a deed of trust on some tools to secure a debt.)

Now, let us turn to the Surry County wills and estates. We find one Pruitt will and a couple of other wills in which Pruitts were mentioned.

SURRY WILL BOOK 3, PAGE 110 -- Burrell H. Pruitt (his will) Written Feb. 3, 1814. Probated -- May, 1814.
His will lists

Wife -- Peggy.
Son -- John.
Son -- Abraham.
Son -- Anderson.

EXECUTREX -- Wife.

WITNESSES -- William Allgood and Anthony Bates.

SURRY WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 4 -- Sterling Taylor (his will).
Written March 11, 1869. Probated -- March 1869/
Among other devisees, we find Sterling Taylor
listing a daughter, Perlina Pruitt. We shall
later find her marriage to Harden Pruitt.

SURRY WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 207 -- W. R. Hollingsworth (his will)
Written -- Nov. 28, 1883. Probated: May 1884.
Among other devisees, we find him listing
a daughter, Elizabeth Pruitt, and we later
find her marriages to William Pruitt.

SURRY ESTATE RECORDS, FILE 1217 -- Burrell Pruitt's invoice
made by Peggy Pruitt on Aug. 7, 1814. Lists 2 horses and
usual household furniture.

SURRY ESTATE RECORDS, FILE 1254 -- Burrell Pruitt, report of
sale of property held Dec. 1, 1814, bringing a total of
58 pounds, 3 shillings, 1 pence. Purchasers included Samuel
Speer, Balas Hutchens, Tobias Tompson, James Pilcher, Joseph
Ryal, William Thompson, John B. Hutchens, Ryal Allgood, John
Dickson, Jonathon Willard, John White and Hezekiah Williams.

SURRY ESTATES RECORDS, FILE 1216 -- Patsy Pruett account, with
Jonathon Joyner reporting on her orphan's legacy. Does not
say whose orphan she was.

Now, let us turn to the Surry County marriage records.
The following are from old SURRY COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS:

Harden Pruitt to Perlina Taylor, Feb. 27, 1863.

Jacob Pruett to Sarah Cockerham, Sept. 19, 1864. SURETY: John M. Cloud.

James M. Pruitt to Lear F. McHone, May 31, 1866. (NOTE: He seems
to have been the J. M. Pruitt who gave deed of trust in
1878.)

Jesse Pruett to Tabitha C. Legins, July 26, 1828. SURETY: Joseph
NOTE: This the Yadkin county family of Steelman
Abraham Pruitt.

Samuel M. Pruett, aged 21, son of James and Nancy, to Lucy
F. Simmons, aged 21, daughter of Amer and Nancy, Sept. 28, 1872.

Thomas Pruett to Charlotte Wishon, June 15, 1821. SURETY: David ~~Baity~~
(NOTE: Also Abraham Pruitt group.) Baity.

Anderson Prewitt to Lucy Clanton, Feb. 4, 1833. SURETY: John G. Pettitt.
(NOTE: ~~Burrell~~ Burrell Pruitt listed a son Anderson, but
this is 20 years later and was probably a grandson of Burrell.)

Mahala Prewitt to James E. Jarvis, Aug. 11, 1838. SURETY: Israel Jarvis.
(NOTE: Probably Yadkin County group.)

Jane Pruette to William Love, May 17, 1828. SURETY: Archibald Taylor.
(NOTE: This was same group as Harden Pruitt, who married Perlina Taylor, and same as the William Pruitt, who married Elizabeth Hollingsworth. They lived some miles south of present town of Mount Airy in Surry County.)

~~Elizabeth Pruitt to~~
Milly Pruett to Lewis Clark. April 7, 1865. SURETY: Wm. Clark.

Nancy Pruett to Thomas Allen, Jan. 26, 1812. SURETY: Charles Johnson.

Rebecca J. Pruitt, daughter of James and Nancy, to Thomas L. Flinchum,
son of Thomas and Fanny, April 5, 1871.

Santel Pruitt to Martin Sawins, July 4, 1827. SURETY: Thornton Bowman.

Sarah Pruette to Abraham R. Gregory, Mar. 28, 1829. SURETY: James Clanto.
(NOTE: This was the Bursell Pruitt group.)

Sasannah Pruitt to John Graw, Jan. 12, 1793. SURETY: John Pruitt.

Tamsa Pruitt to William Clark, Sept. 29, 1860. (NOTE: Probably sister of Milly Pruett, who married Lewis Clark above. Possibly sisters marrying brothers. I think they were of the group that lived near Mount Airy.)

Tempe Pruitt to Jacob Speer, Dec. 26, 1803. SURETY: Abraham Pruitt.
(NOTE: Probably a daughter of Burrell and sister of Abraham.)

____ Pruitt to Balas Hutchens, Oct. 28, 1814. SURETY: John B. Hutchens
(NOTE: Also possibly a daughter of Burrell, altho he did not list daughters in his will.)

~~Elizabeth Pruitt to~~
~~William Pruitt to~~

Listed in the Surry marriage index records after 1853 were some other marriages. Some of the later ones above were found in both the old marriage bonds and in the later indexes.

William Pruitt to Elizabeth Hollingsworth, April 4, 1858.

James Pruitt, aged 70, to Elizabeth Fry, aged 44. June 7, 1880.
He was ~~listed~~ listed as of Stokes County.

Joshua Pruitt (of Patrick County, Va.) aged 18, to Adeline Coleman,
(also of Patrick County, Va., aged 18. ~~Married~~ Feb. 11, 1881
(NOTE: Patrick County adjoins Surry on the north. Also adjoins Stokes County.)

Peter Pruitt, aged 21, of Stokes County, to Flora Stephens, aged 20,
also of Stokes County. Dec. 8, 1885.

Sebron H. Pruitt, aged 23, to Ida Forkner, aged 18. Aug. 21, 1887.

(NOTE: He was son of Hardin and Perlina Taylor Pruitt.)

Jacob Pruitt, aged 40, to Elizabeth Thomas, aged 21. July 4, 1890.

William Pruitt, aged 30, of ~~Wilkes County, N.C.~~ Rockingham County, N.C., to Mary V. Jones, aged 26, of Surry County. July 12, 1890.

Gabe F. Pruitt, aged 22, of Surry, to Rosa L. Marshall, aged 19. May 12, 1896.

Charles C. Pruitt, aged 19, to Carolina Adams, aged 19, both of Wilkes County -- Sept. 20, 1896.

Thomas Pruitt, aged 21, to Ida Carter, aged 21, both of Wilkes County. Nov. 28, 1897.

(NOTE: Those were all the Pruitt marriages in Surry up to 1900. Marriages of women from 1853 to 1900 are not indexed.)

PRUITT DATA IN STOKES COUNTY, N. C.

I could find no Tax lists for Stokes County. I think they are filed in the N. C. Archives at Raleigh. I have already given you the Census of 1790 for Stokes County and have showed you that the early Pruitts who listed taxes in Surry before 1790 were in that section that became Stokes County.

I shall first take up the Stokes County deeds in the Pruitt name. The following are from STOKES COUNTY DEED BOOKS:

BOOK 4, PAGE 265 -- Willis Prewett from James Coffey, Jr. Sept. 1, 1803 -- land on Raccoon Creek, adjoining Riddle. WITNESSES -- George Cloud and Frances Steep.

BOOK 4, PAGE 391 -- William Prewitt from Electious Musick. Jan. 1, 1802 -- 140 acres on Snow Creek, adj. William Nelson. WITNESSES -- John Whitlock and William Whitlock.

BOOK 7, PAGE 335 -- Willis Prewitt from Anderson E. Matthews. Nov. 6, 1821 -- 58 3/4 acres Snow Creek.

WITNESSES-- William Matthews, Tandy Matthews. (NOTE: They were in the same section of Stokes where one found William R. Hollingsworth, who later removed to Surry and made will there. Hollingsworth settled some miles south of Mount Airy, in a section where we found Hardin Pruitt and other Pruitts after 1850. One would think that those Pruitts in Surry later were of this group found on Snow Creek in northern Stokes, which was also near the Patrick County, Va., line.)

BOOK 1, PAGE 103 -- Micajah Pruitt grant from State of N. C.
May 18, 1789 -- 100 acres on Snow Creek in Stokes County, which
was formerly Surry County.

BOOK 2, PAGE 68 -- Richard Pruett grant from State of N. C.
1792 -- 100 acres on Dan River.

BOOK 3, PAGE 311 -- Willis Pruitt from Charles Beazley --
June 2, 1800. 154 acres south fork of Crooked Creek.

WITNESSES: James Young and Thomas Neal. (NOTE: I happen to know
from previous research that the Beazley or Beasley family
of Stokes County came from Halifax County, Va. In fact
there were hundreds of people who migrated down across
the line from Halifax, Henry and Patrick Counties in Va.
It might be interesting here to note that Halifax was
formed in 1752, Pittsylvania was cut from Halifax in 1766,
Henry was cut from Pittsylvania in 1776, and Patrick was
cut from Henry in 1790. Therefore, it is possible that
those people in Halifax County might have resided in the
section that was later cut off to form those other counties.
I think there is no doubt that the Pruitts of Surry, Stokes
and Wilkes were of these Virginia families.)

BOOK 4, PAGE 500 -- William Fryett grant from State of N. C.
Dec. 19, 1803 -- 25 acres Snow Creek.

BOOK 5, PAGE 50 -- Willis Pruitt from Thomas Silvey. Sept. 3, 1804.
200 acres Mill Creek.

BOOK 5, PAGE 219 -- Willis Pruitt from Robert Crump.
Feb. 3, 1807 -- 144 acres Long Branch of Beaver Island Creek.
WITNESSES -- John Dalton, Adenston Pruitt.

BOOK 5, PAGE 219 -- Willis Pruitt from James Larimore.
May 21, 1808. 25 acres Beaver Island Creek. WITNESSES: L. David
and William Hutcheson.

BOOK 5, PAGE 483 -- Willis Pruitt from Martin Heath.
Nov. 10, 1810. -- 115 acres Beaver Island Creek. WITNESSES:
Nicholas Dalton and Russell Vawter. (NOTE: Beaver Island Creek
was also in northern Stokes County, slightly east from
the Snow Creek section.

BOOK 4, PAGE 323 -- Willis Pruitt to Robert Adams (Adams of Patrick
County, Va.) -- May 15, 1803 -- 154 acres on Crooked Creek.
WITNESSES -- Nathaniel Scales and Charles Beasley.

BOOK 5, PAGE 54 -- Willis Prewit to Thomas Silvey. -- Sept. 3, 1804. --
Tract of land on Raccoon Creek, adjoining Riddle.

BOOK 5, PAGE 82 -- Willis Prewit to Isaac Eades.
Aug. 25, 1806 -- 8 acres adj. Thomas Silvey. WITNESSES * Joseph
Coffey, John Silvey, Thomas Silvey.

BOOK 5, PAGE 711 -- Willis Prewitt to Joseph Hollingsworth.
 Nov. 4, 1816 -- 80 acres Raccoon Creek of Snow Creek.
 WITNESSES-- James Hollingsworth, Samuel Stewart.

BOOK 4, PAGE 241x-- Micajah Pruett and wife, Elizabeth, to Thomas Farmer, of Stokes, and Gabriel Penn, of Patrick County. -- Sept. 8, 1801 -- 100 acres on Snow Creek. WITNESSES-- Edmund Beasley and John Greenwood. (NOTE: This was the same 100 acres Micajah had gotten in a grant in 1789.)

Book 2, Page 165 -- Richard Pruitt to James Taylor, of Patrick County, V Feb. 25, 1795 -- 100 acres Dan River. WITNESSES -- Peter Hudson and Richard Beasley. (NOTE: Richard was selling the 100 acres he got by grant in 1791. Question is were Micajah and Richard selling out and moving on west or south.)

BOOK 5, PAGE 455 -- William Pruitt to Robert Flinchum.
 Dec. 3, 1808 -- 140 acres on Snow Creek.

BOOK 5, PAGE 462 -- William Pruitt to Robert Flinchum, Dec. 3, 1808. 25 acres on Snow Creek, adjoining Electious Musick. WITNESSES -- John Whitlock, Cely (Celia) Whitlock. (NOTE: Here we also find William Pruitt selling the 140 acres he had bought from Electious Musick in 1802 and also the 25 acres he got by grant in 1803. It would seem that he, too, was moving on out of Stokes. Perhaps, William Pruitt, Richard Pruitt and Micajah Pruitt were all of the same immediat family group.)

BOOK 5, PAGE 492 -- Willis Pruitt to Joseph Allen.-- Mar. 6, 1813 -- 225 acres on Beaver Island Creek. WITNESSES -- Bolling Fisher and William Manuel.

[These were the last Pruitt deeds in ~~Stokes~~ Stokes County until 1907. It would seem that the family of Willis Pruitt was the one that stayed in Stokes, and they were not selling or buying land from about 1813 until ~~1813~~ after 1900.]

Now, I shall pick up the Stokes County marriage records. The following are from STOKES COUNTY MARRIAGE BOND RECORDS.

Isham Prewett to Frances Fry, Aug. 6, 1860. SURETY: Wm. Dodd.

Morgan Prewett to Letitia J. Hutchings, April 14, 1849. SURETY: J.W. Bitting.

William Prewett to Nancy Willard, Nov. 10, 1853. SURETY: Daniel New.

Thomas Prewitt to Elizabeth Buller. Sept. 9, 1826. SURETY: Christian Wagoner.

Adenston Pruet to ~~Sassandra~~ Cassandra Brooks. May 22, 1803. SURETY: Willis Pruet.

Oliver Pruett to Nancy Epperson, April 18, 1853. SURETY: ~~HazzanzRuzatiz~~ John Fry.

Martin Pruette to Nancy Lawson. Oct. 1, 1855. SURETY: Harden ~~Prueette~~
 Pruette.
 (NOTE: This was probably same Harden ~~Prueette~~ Pruitt who
 later went up into Surry County and married Perlina Taylor.
 I know that Hardin Pruitt, of Surry, was said to have
 come from Stokes County.

Elizabeth ~~Prueette~~ Prewett to William Lawson. Feb. 7, 1832. SURETY:
 /Lewis Hicks.

Sally Pruett to Asa Nunn, Sept. 11, 1854. SURETY: Harden Pruett.

Lydia Pruett to John R. Salmons, Nov. 10, 1863. SURETY: Drury Wilkes.
 Newell

Matilde Pruitt to Jeremiah Beasley, Jan. 26, 1846. SURETY: ~~Prueette~~ MCHone

Nancy Pruitt to Morgan Going, Aug. 28, 1865. SURETY: Pressley George.

There were no Pruitt wills in Stokes, although there
 were two other wills (other names) in which Pruitt women were
 mentioned as legatees.

STOKES WILL BOOK 2, PAGE 153^{1/2} --- Charles Whitlock (his will)
 Written -- March 24, 1811. Probated -- June 1814.
 He mentioned land on Snow Creek and, among other legatees,
 listed a daughter, Mary Pruitt. She may have been wife
 of Willis Pruitt.

STOKES WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 229 -- John Fry (his will).
 Written -- May 20, 1889. Probated -- Feb. 22, 1890.
 Among other legatees, he listed a daughter, Sarah Pruitt.
 It is possible that she was the same who had married
 Isham Prewett in 1860 under the name of Frances Fry.
 Perhaps she was Sarah Frances Fry Prewett.

 PRUITT DATA IN WILKES COUNTY, N. C.

Just as was the case in Stokes County, the annual tax
 lists for the early years of Wilkes ~~County~~ County are stored in
 the N. C. Archives at Raleigh. Therefore, I shall turn first to
 the WILKES COUNTY DEED BOOKS:

BOOK G-H -- Page 376 -- John Pruett from Benjamin Ellis.
 Feb. 2, 1805 -- 120 acres on Roaring River.

BOOK I, PAGE 38 -- Joel Pruett from William Hampton from
 William Hampton, Sheriff. -- Mar. 20, 1815 -- 125 acres on Elk Spur.
 WITNESSES -- Joshua Witherspoon, Peter Noland.

BOOK P, PAGE 35 -- Ralph Pruett from State of N. C.
 Entered Jan. 22, 1830 -- 100 acres on Roaring River,

BOOK P, PAGE 374 -- John Prewitt to Talph Holbrooks
June 3, 1832 -- 85 acres on Roaring River. WITNESSES --
John S. Johnson and Caleb Holbrook.

Those were the only Pruitt deeds (of any spelling) found in the Wilkes County records prior to 1850, and very few since that time. We find Tolliver (originally Taliaferro) deeds in the names of Moses, Jesse, ~~Amuz~~ Joel, William, Charles and John, but your Taliaferro kinship seems to date back into Pittsylvania County, Va.

Neither does ~~the~~ one find any Pruitt wills of record in Wilkes County. I cannot figure what became of the John Prewitt or Lus Pruitt who were listed in the Wilkes County Census of 1790. I do not understand why there were no deeds or wills for either of them early. There are not even any Pruitts listed in the wills of other people in Wilkes.

I now give you the Pruitt marriages from Wilkes County, N. C. The following are from WILKES COUNTY MARRIAGE BOND RECORDS:

H. P. Prewitt to Mary Wagoner, May 31, 1862. SURETY: Owen Absher.
Isaac Prewitt to Charlotte Richerson, May 21, 1835. SURETY: Wm. Baugess.
Joel Prewitt to Elizabeth Durham, Nov. 9, 1835. SURETY: Ralph Prewitt.
Benjamin Pruet to Peggy Tyre, July 11, 1808. SURETY: Carlton Keeling.
Catherine Pruet to Henry Banks, Sept. 16, 1807. SURETY: Wm. Laws.
Nancy Pruit to John Blevins, Jan. 7, 1824. SURETY: Wm. Blevins.
Polly Pruet to Isaac Holloway, Mar. 17, 1828. SURETY: Daniel Brown.
Sarah Pruitt, daughter of John, to Colbea Sparks,
Dec. 28, 1822. SURETY: Claburne Wadle.

I HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT WHAT I HAVE FOUND FOR YOU IN THESE THREE COUNTIES, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOUR FOUR PRUITT MEN WHO WERE IN WILKES COUNTY, GA., WERE MORE OR LESS CONTEMPORARY OR EVEN EARLIER THAN THESE PRUITTS WHO APPEARED IN SURRY, STOKES AND WILKES COUNTIES.

There are a couple of things that I want to check for you the next time I am in Raleigh in regard to these counties:

- (1) I want to check the N. C. Land Grant Books in the office of the Secretary of State to see what they may yield.
- (2) I want to check the tax lists for the 1780's and 1790's from Stokes and Wilkes Counties, and also the Stokes Estates Files, showing settlement of estates. All are filed in the N. C. Archives.

It is quite interesting that the names of Hardin, Hoel and others seem to follow these North Carolina families and also your Pruitts in Georgia and the West. It appears all must have stemmed from the same source in Virginia.

You wrote me that you wanted me to check some of the Virginia counties for you, and I will be glad to make the search in the near future if you are still interested. You may not want me to do so since I have taken so long to get this material to you.

Looking to such a search in Virginia, I have checked some material here at the University of North Carolina Library. I checked E. G. Swem's Virginia Index, which lists material in the three Virginia historical quarterlies, that is the Virginia Magazine of History, Tylers Quarterly and the William and Mary Quarterly. In citing the material found I have worked out the following abbreviated citations, the same that Swem uses:

4T-350 would mean fourth volume of Tylers Quarterly, Page 350.

15V-350 would mean fifteenth volume, Virginia Magazine, Page 350.

5W(2)350 would mean fifth volume, second series of William and Mary Quarterly, Page 350.

See the following:

~~4T-59~~ -----

4T-59 --- A list of marriage bonds from Halifax County, Va.

4T-60 --- includes the following marriages:

Byrd Prewett to Sarah Hurt, 1782. (Month and day not given)
Michael Prewett to Mary Thurston, 1778.

23V-378 A list of Tithables in Pittsylvania County, Va.,
23V-304 in 1767 includes the following:

Byrd Prewett	(These men were all at least
Richard Prewett	16 years of age in 1767, or
Henry Prewett	they would not have been listed
Joseph Prewett	as "tithables.")

9W(2)48 A list of marriage bonds in Norfolk County, Va.,
included the following:

Hypolite Herpet to Christina Prewett, June 27, 1803.

3W(2)46 --- This shows a query from Mrs. Lillian Prewett Goodknight,
of Honolulu, Hawaii, query being sent in 1923.

She states that She states that Henry Prewitt listed as one

of the heads of families in Henrico County, Va. ~~is~~ in same district with Col. William Byrd, and she wants to know if this Henry was the father of General George Byrd Prewitt, who was the father of Michael ~~Prewitt~~ Prewitt of Virginia and Kentucky. She also wants to know ~~if~~ the father of Byrd Prewitt, who was born in Virginia in 1752 and then married in ~~Virginia~~ Campbell County, Va. to Ellen Hurt about 1779, later removing to Fayette County, Ky. (NOTE: She does not cite her source of information that ~~Henry~~ General George Byrd Prewitt was father of Michael. I think she was mistaken about Byrd Prewitt marrying Ellen Hurt in Campbell County, Va., since I have already cited marriage of Byrd Prewitt to Sarah Hurt in Halifax County in 1782. Of course there could have been two Byrd Prewitts who married Hurt women. Only a search of Campbell and Halifax County records would show that.)

5W(2)268 -- Another query from Mrs. Goodknight in 1925 asked whether Michael Prewett, of Virginia, had a Rev. ~~War~~ War record.

20W(1)144 -- A list of Pittsylvania County, Va., marriage bonds
6W(1)221 -- shows the following:

Levi Prewitt to Elizabeth Taliaferro, 20 Oct. 1778,
with consent of father, John Taliaferro.

Edward Covington to Frances Prewitt, 5 Oct. 1777.
Security: Joseph Austen.

Joseph Austen to Wealthy Prewett, 26 Nov. 1777.

7W(2)197 -- Index to Goochland County wills in Virginia lists following will.

John Prewitt, will, 18 Nov. 1788, found in
Goochland Deed Book 16, Page 346.

12V183 -- From records of Virginia Militia in Amer. Rev. lists Philip Prewitt for 35 days as pack-horse driver in Cherokee Expedition. Paid by P. Perkins. (NOTE: This would probably have been from Halifax County, since Peter Perkins was in Halifax and later he or his family came to Stokes County, N. C.)

36V-261-262 -- List of citizens furnishing supplies to Continental Army during Rev. War ~~included~~ included Robert Prewitt of Campbell County, Va. This from Campbell County Court Minutes of Oct. 3, 1782.

5V-94 -- Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents showed that Joanne Bennett, widow, received 450 acres on Charles River May 6, 1636 for transporting herself and 3 other persons to the colony. One of the persons she brought to Va. was Thomas Prewitt.

32V-152 -- Virginia Quitrent Rolls for 1704 lists

William Prewitt, 200 acres in King and Queen County. Listed by ~~xxxx~~ Robert Bird, sheriff.

(NOTE: My Byrd ancestors came from King and Queen County, so it is possible that this Prewitt in King and Queen County was ancestor of those Byrd ~~xxxxxx~~ Prewitts and Pruitts. I shall show you later some references to Prewitts in Caroline County, and Caroline County was cut off from King and Queen County in 1727. Many of those King and Queen and Caroline County people later were in Goochland and on down through west-central ~~Virginia~~. Only trouble with that part of Virginia is that so many of the records of King and Queen, Caroline, Essex, New Kent, Hanover and other counties above and east of Richmond were destroyed in Civil War.)

 23V-201 All of these references are to lists of marriage
 37V-322 bonds from Carolina County, Va. I give them below:
 37V-328
 29V-98 Richard Pruet to Elizabeth Mason, Feb. 5, 1823.
 37V-331 William Pruet to Mary Chenault, Jan. 11, 1836.
 22V-431 Henry Pruet to Catherine Farmer, May 4, 1837.
 37V-329 Elijah Pruet to Elizabeth Williams, Dec. 20, 1795.
 John Bastian to Martha Pruet, dau. of Charles, Dec. 19, 1836.
 Churchill Dallas to Nancy Pruett, Dec. 29, 1822.
 Joseph E. Payne to Peggy Pruett, Oct. 20, 1795.
 Thaddeus Pruett surety for mg. of Mordecai Grymes
 and Mary Jane Studdy, April 11, 1836.
~~Carlin~~ Elliott to Elizabeth Pruitt, Dec. 20, 1821
 Moses Pruitt to Amey Hall, May 3, 1797.

(NOTE: All of these are too late in date to be ancestors of your Pruitts, but it indicates continued presence of Pruitts or Prewitts in Carolina County, Va., which was once part of King and Queen County.)

 4V-295 -- Slave owners in Spotsylvania County, Va., 1783 included John Pruet, with one slave.

8W(1)95 -- Goochland County, Va., mg. bonds included

Abraham Pruett to Ann Davison, Nov. 5, 1783. SECURITY*-
 Obediah Pruitt to Frances Jarrett, Dec. 11, 1785 John Jouett.
 SECURITY: Abraham Pruitt.

17V-193 -- The Henry County, Va., militia orderd to assistance of General Greene on March 11, 1781 included

David Pruit in Captain Tully Choice's Company.

1V-386 -- The roll call of Captain Thomas Wagoner's Company from Caroline County, Va., in French and Indian War included

Thaddeus Pruit, aged 25, height 5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
He was a carpenter at Fort Holland and a native of Virginia.

9W(2)192 A sketch of Yager family of Virginia shows following
9W(2)280 marriages but does not give dates.

Aaron Wilhite to Fanny Pruitt.
James Pruitt to Mary Wilhoit.

From these few scattered notes on Virginia, it would appear to me that your ancestors must certainly have come from that section of Virginia which includes Bedford, Pittsylvania, Campbell and Halifax Counties. We note that there were Pruitts in Henry and Patrick Counties (Henry County being cut from Pittsylvania and Patrick County cut from Henry), but it would seem that those two counties were too late for your line in Georgia.

As I pointed out before so many of the people migrated from Goochland, Cumberland and other counties on the James River above Richmond to the Halifax, Pittsylvania, Campbell and Bedford areas, and we find indications in the foregoing historical notes that there were Pruitts in that upper part of Virginia before they were in the southside and west-central sections.

It is quite a jump from here up into Virginia, but I will search Halifax, Pittsylvania, Bedford and Campbell Counties for all available records there if you wish. I will do all four counties on one swing up through there for \$30. Of course I would have to have more to search them one at a time.

I find that I only have to do reading work this summer on my Ph.D. courses, so my wife and I are moving back to Elon College tomorrow. Since I do not have to catch regular classes, and I have just purchased another car, I could make the swing up through Virginia within the next week or ten days, and I promise you I will try to get the report to you much sooner than I have done this report. I simply had so much to do winding up my college year of teaching and then had car trouble too.

My wife and I are going to Washington a little later in the summer, and while there I might be able to do some work for you in the Federal Census if such proved advisable after doing the various Virginia Counties.

If you wish me to do those four counties up in Virginia, please send check for \$60, and I will make the trip within the next ten days. It would take more than one day to do those counties, so would have overnight expense.

Going to that Byrd Prewitt problem, I just recalled that some of those Byrds from King and Queen and Caroline Counties settled in Prince Edward County, Va., and were there before Revolutionary War days. Prince Edward ~~is~~ is in that same section just east of Campbell and ~~near~~ above Halifax Counties. It could be that the Pruitt-Byrd relationship came there.

But I must get this in the mail.

If and when you write me regarding the trip to Virginia, please send the letter to my Elon College address. I will be back there ~~tomorrow~~ after tomorrow.

Most sincerely

LUTHER N. BYRD
Box 576
Elon College, N. C.

P.S. I hope you are not too much disappointed with my findings in Surry, Stokes and Wilkes. I will pick up those Stokes-Wilkes tax lists for you in Raleigh a little later at no extra charge.

Box 102

J. R. GATHINGS
GINNER AND PLANTER
OPERATING ELECTRIC GIN CO. AND ACME GIN CO.
LUXORA, ARKANSAS

January 15, 1952.

Mr. Luther N. Byrd,
Elon College, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I was referred to you by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surrey County, N. C. as being available to do some research. Your name "Byrd" immediately got my attention. This name appears in our family a dozen times.

I am inclosing an outline of our family history to familiarize you with what I want to know. It is possible that while you were doing research work in North Carolina and Virginia, you may have encountered the family in which I am interested.

Please write me if you can do the work, when, and at what cost.

Sincerely yours,
J. R. Gathings
J. R. Gathings.

PRUITT---PRUIT---PREWITT---PREWETT

In Warren County, Ga. (Warren was carved from Wilkes County) in 1787, there were four Pruitts, Byrd, Elisha, Levi and Lemuel, who were charter members of the Williams Creek Baptist Church. They all owned land adjacent to each other on Rocky Comfort Creek. Later, the church minutes reveal that Elisha and Levi were brothers and were excluded from the church for joining the Masons. I do not know if they were all brothers, or if one was the father. They must have come to Georgia about the time they joined and organized this church.

Lemuel Pruitt, above, my great-great-grandfather, was married to Katey Brantley, daughter of Phillip Brantley of Warren County, Ga.. Phillip Brantley was also a member of the Williams Creek Baptist Church. He and his brothers, however, also owned land in Wilkes County, Ga.. Lemuel Pruitt's first son was born in 1789 in Warren County, Ga., his name was Abner. Thereafter, Mark, Larkin, Elisha Dyer and Kirk (my great-grandfather) were born in Georgia to him and Katey. I do not know where Lemuel Pruitt and Katey Brantley were married. In 1805, Lemuel sold his farm in Warren County and moved to Maury County, Tenn.. In 1819 Lemuel and his sons all moved to Monroe County, Mississippi, where he died in 1844.

Levi Pruitt married Elizabeth Taliaferro in Pittsylvania County, Va. on October 20, 1778. I quote from my records as follows:

"Levi Prewitt (spelled in other places Pruett, Pruitt), Pittsylvania Co., Va., married Elizabeth Taliaferro Oct. 20, 1778, and removed to Wilkes Co., N. C., thence to Surrey Co., N. C., later removed to Warren Co., Ga.. Elizabeth Taliaferro was the daughter of Dr. John Taliaferro of Virginia, a surgeon in the Revolutionary war. Levi had a son, Austin, who married Nancy Yarbrough. Ref. Upson Co., Ga. History, pp. 854-855."

Levi and Elizabeth had two sons, Austin and Byrd, who appear in my records. According to Mrs. S. Y. Pruitt, age 82, of Thomaston, Ga., they had a third son named Lemuel. Mrs. S. Y. Pruitt's husband was Levi's great-grandson. Levi's son, Byrd, administered Levi's estate in Warren Co., Ga., in 1805.

I do not have any further record on Byrd or Elisha of the original four in Warren Co., Ga.. I think these four Pruitts must have come out of Virginia down through North Carolina into Georgia. I reached that conclusion by the route Levi took when coming to Georgia.

In Bedford Co., Va., about 1750-75, there were a number of Pruitts, and Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, Va. (which were carved out of Bedford) had great numbers of Pruitts. The best known Pruitt from Bedford Co., Va., whose record all of the genealogists have, was Micheal Pruitt, Sr., whose children were:

James
Micheal
Elisha
Byrd
Col. Joseph
Robert
Joshua
Judith
Elizabeth
Rachael

Micheal Sr., with eight of his children, migrated to Kentucky shortly after the Revolutionary war. At the time he sold out, his land had been cut off in Halifax Co., Va.. But there were other Pruitts in Bedford Co., who were his contemporaries. For instance, Byrd Pruitt appears in the deed records of Bedford Co., Va., in 1763, as do many other Pruitts.

Some of my Pruitts think we were descended from Micheal Sr., but I am doubtful about that because the Pruitts in Warren Co., Ga., were contemporaries of Micheal Sr.'s children. Micheal Sr.'s son Byrd was married to Sarah Hurt in Halifax Co., Va., in 1782. You will recall that Levi, of Warren Co., Ga., married Elizabeth Taliaferro in Pittsylvania Co., Va., in 1778. Some of my Pruitts seem to think that Levi might have had a prior wife, by whom he had sons who were the other first Pruitts in Warren Co., Ga.. It has occurred to me that Micheal Sr. might have had a brother who fathered the first four Pruitts in Georgia. Two names, Elisha and Byrd, are common to Micheal Sr.'s children and the Pruitts of Warren Co., Ga..

I am chiefly interested in knowing, in this order of importance, the following:

1. Who was the father of the four Pruitts in Warren Co., Ga., and what were his Pruitt connections?

2. What was his war record, if any, also the war records of the original four Pruitts in Warren Co., Ga.?

3. Where were Lemuel Pruitt and Katey Brantley married?

4. Where do the "Byrds" come in?

April 8, 1952

J. R. Gathings
Luxora, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gathings:

I must indeed apologize to you for the long delay in answering your letter of January 15th in regard to information on the Pruitt (Prewitt) family, which seems to have passed through Surry County, N. C., enroute from Virginia to Georgia and later westward.

I am a faculty member and director of publicity here at Elon College, and my duties have been unusually heavy during the winter, so that I have been forced to neglect much of my personal correspondence and business. However, I am at long last finding time to catch up with my genealogical correspondence.

I was interested in your Pruitt (Prewitt) material, and I have run into the name many times in the fifteen years that I have been doing research for myself and others in Surry and adjoining counties.

I taught high school history and edited a weekly newspaper in Surry County for 19 years and then went back to the University of North Carolina to get my Masters Degree in History, and I am still working toward my Ph.D. degree in History. I have been a member of the faculty here for the past three years, but I still do a great deal of genealogical research in spare time.

The county officials in Surry do not do research, and most inquiries are referred to me, and I have been doing the bulk of the genealogical work in that county for fifteen years. I have worked in the original records of over fifty counties in N.C. and as many counties in Virginia. I remember running into the Pruitt (Prewitt) name in Pittsylvania, Halifax and Bedford and I believe in Henry County, Va.)

That name Byrd Pruitt intrigues me. My Byrd ancestors were from Wilkes County, N. C., by way of Virginia, so it seems possible that there may have been an intermarriage of the Pruitts and Byrds in Wilkes, or it could have been that they were merely close friends and neighbors.

I have a huge file of genealogical material right here at home, including the only complete card index of Surry County marriage records (which I compiled for my own use through three months of hard work). This marriage index includes the Surry records at Dobson, those in the Moravian church records and the ones at Raleigh.

I do not note any Pruitt marriages in the

first years of the county, but there are Pruitt marriage bonds (either for men or women) ranging from 1793 until about 1870. And, of course, there are Pruitt marriages in the new license records since that time.

I find marriage records for Hardin, Jacob, James M., Jesse, Samuel, Thomas, Jane, Milly, Nancy, Rebecca, Santel (girl), Sarah, Susannah, Tamsa and Tempe (Temperance) Pruitt and for Anderson and Mahala Prewitt.

In tax lists for Surry County (which include Stokes County until 1789) I find records of Shadrach, Charles, Peter, Richard and Micajah Pruitt, but the Census of 1790 for North Carolina fails to show any Pruitts in Surry County. It does show in 1790 Joseph Prewitt in Wilkes and Luc (Lucy, evidently a widow) in Wilkes and also Peter and Micajah Pruitt in Stokes. Perhaps you already know that Surry was formed in 1771 and that Wilkes was cut off from Surry in 1777 and that Stokes was cut from Surry in 1789. It would seem that a search of deed, will and estates records, along with marriages and tax lists might be fruitful in each of the three counties of Surry, Wilkes and Stokes. I do know that there are Pruitt records in each of the three. There were also Talifarro's in both Surry and Wilkes.

You asked in your letter whether I would do the work for you, when and at what cost. Well, my mother still lives in Surry, and I go up there occasionally to visit her and at the same time get in some genealogical work. Of course I have to do the work when I can get away from here. I have two bases upon which I work. I will take assignments on a rate of 5¢ per mile and \$1 per hour, or I will make a straight price to do a certain county. In figuring the per county price, I figure on doing the work when I am up there visiting my mother, so I can figure it somewhat less than if I made a special trip up there for the job. I will do either Surry, Wilkes or Stokes County for \$15 each, or I will do Wilkes County for \$20 flat price. (It is about 60 miles from my mother's to the Wilkes County seat). Or, if you wanted me to do more than one, I will do all three for \$45. Such a search would include the deed, will, marriages and any available tax lists and estates records.

If you wish me to do the work, please indicate which county or what counties you wanted searched and enclose check. I will then try to get up there within the next few weekends and do the work. Again I apologize for having waited so long to write.

Most sincerely

Luther N. Byrd
Box 576
Elon College, N. C.

Pruett

Thos 1186 Wake - 1-0-4 shares
Henry 322 Burke 1-0-1
John 322 Burke 1-2-5
Joseph 323 Burke 2-4-2 - 7
Luc^(Lucy) 1232 Wilkes 0-1-2
Micajah 1105 Stokes 1-1-1
Peter 1096 Stokes 1-1-4

Prewett

Joshua 989 Pharr 1-1-3
Jo Prewett 1231 Wilkes 1-2-3

Prutt
Shadrach
Charles 1785 doxlut -
Peter
Richard

Rubard
Pete
Charles
Shadrach
Mucjats -

Shadrach)
Peter) 1789
Mucjats)

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April 15, 1952.

Mr. Luther N. Byrd,
Elon College, N. C.

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I am in receipt of your very nice letter of April 8th, and am glad to know that you will be in position to do some work for me. I want to tell you that I envy you as an instructor of History. I majored in History under Dr. J. Reese Lynn, Ph.D., Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. Very much to my embarrassment, he frequently told the class that I was his ideal pupil. Frankly, I made as deep a study of my instructor as I did my subject.

I am inclosing an additional sheet showing the Pruitts in N.C. in 1790. I think you are right--an investigation of Wilkes, Stokes and possibly Surrey, would be in order. There were three families in Burke Co. in the 1790 Census, but the Clerk of the Superior Court of that county tells me there are no records prior to the year 1865. Of course, there is Rockingham Co., with Joshua Pruitt, but we can leave it until you have time to make an investigation in Virginia. I anticipate that I will want you later to search Bedford, Pittsylvania, Halifax and Campbell counties in Virginia. On the way up to Virginia, you could stop in Rockingham Co., N. C.. I am quite certain we will have to make this Virginia search. That state was the home of the Pruitts. They fanned out from there to North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama and Texas.

In your letter to me, you mentioned marriage records of Hardin and Jacob Pruitt in Surrey Co., N. C. You will note on the attached sheet that Jacob Pruitt was in Georgia near my Prewetts, in 1785. Of course, he could have returned to N.C. to be married just as Levi returned to Virginia. You will also note that Hardin Pruitt was security on the administrator's bond in settlement of Levi Pruitt's estate.

I am inclosing a check for \$45.00 as per your request to cover the cost of searching Wilkes, Stokes and Surrey Counties, N.C.

Keep in mind that I want you to search the counties mentioned in Virginia, and tell me your charge.

With kindest regards, and assurances of best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Gathings
J. R. Gathings.

Virginia Census of 1782 to 1785 gives:

Hannah Pruitt, four in family, Halifax Co.
John Pruitt, seven in family, Pittsylvania Co.
Samuel Pruitt, six in family, Pittsylvania Co.
Joseph Pruitt, five in family, Charlotte Co.
Alexander Pruitt, five in family, Halifax Co.
Byrd Pruitt, two in family, Halifax Co.
Michael Pruitt, six in family, Halifax Co.

Census North Carolina, 1790

Joshua Pruitt, five in family, Rockingham Co.
John Pruitt, six in family, Wilkes Co.
Henry Pruitt, two in family, Burke Co.
John Pruitt, eight in family, Burke Co.
Joseph Pruitt, eight in family, Burke Co.
Thomas Pruitt, five in family, Wake Co.
Lus Pruitt, three in family, Wilkes Co.
Micajah Pruitt, three in family, Stokes Co.

Pension Department of Revolutionary Soldier, Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH PRUITT, #8506, Wilkes Co., N. C., Aug. 1833. Makes application for pension from Ashe Co., age 79 born Pittsylvania Co., Va., July 16, 1754. Record taken from Bible now in his possession. He remained in the county of his birth until about 19 years of age, removed to Wilkes Co., N. C., about four years before the Revolutionary War. He enlisted as private in Capt. Cleveland Co. of Minute Men in the month of Aug. 1776, under Gen. Rutherford; afterwards joined Gen. Pickens. He was discharged at Wilkes Co. Courthouse. Moved to the County of Ashe about 1830. Test. Joel Pruitt, Jan. 1835, Wilkes Co., N. C.

SAMUEL S. PRUITT. Pension application #21432, Abbeville, S. C., Sept. 4, 1832. Age 82, entered Service under Capt. William Bethel & Col. Cooke's Regt. July 1, 1780. He resided in Rockingham Co., N. C. He joined Gen. Green near Dan River, in August 1781. He served under Gens. Butler and Rutherford. Had a brother Joshua Pruitt. Samuel Pruitt was born in James City Co., Va., near Williamsburg, 1751. Age in Church records at Williamsburg, Va. Made application for pension from Abbeville, S. C. May 16, 1833. His brother Joshua testified to his statement.

Jacob Prewett paid tax in Wilkes Co., Ga., in 1785. His lands were cut off in Elbert Co., Elbert-Co. records examined.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
WARREN COUNTY)

Administrators Bonds in Deed Book "A"

Page 72 Levi Pruitt, dec'd. Elizabeth Pruitt and Bird Pruitt appointed Admrs. Isaiah Tucker; Hardin Pruitt Security. Mar. 4, 1805.

Pittsylvania Mgs -

② Levy Prewett Elyth Talafeno
Oct 3 1776 - John Akin
was the son of Boyd F John Talafeno (F)

⑥ Zachariah Prewett Jane Burgers
Oct 17 1784 Benj Thacker
son Samuel son Edwd Burgers (F)

⑩ Sam Prewett Jr - Leona Walters
Dec 26 1787 Robt Walters
son Samuel son

⑬ arch Prewett - Rebecca Blankenship
Feb 22 1790 Chas Kendrick

⑬ Joseph Prewett Mary Elliott
Mar 24 1790 Joe Akin
Johnnetten Elliott (F)

⑰ John Prewett Sarah Moss
Sept 9 1793 Henry Rowles
~~with 1000 r...~~ Mary Asten (M)
died 1831

⑰ Abraham Prewett Rebecca Bransen
Feb 11 1793 am Bransen

was the name we found and in
Goochland 1783 - later son of Sumell

(21) Elyah Prewett - Nancy Johnson
Dec 15 1795

(35) Absolom Prewett - Betty Elliott
Sept 25 1803
Arthur Johnson
John Elliott (F)

(47) Asa Pruitt - Tabitha Ferguson
Mar 14 1809
Chas Seal
Robt Ferguson F

(66) Joseph Prewett - Mary F Booker
Apr 8 1818
John Bolling
Reub E Booker (F)
prob son was buried 1831

(86) Corley Prewett
Aug 18 1826.

Nancy Carter
Ezra Walters

non Zuckman

(94) Joseph Prewett -
Jan 14 1829

Sarah Thomas
John Merrick

*maybe same
above*

(94) John Prewett
June 17 1829

Hannah Owen
Joshua B Swann

(99) Bowling Prewitt
April 18 1831

Susannah Inman
Cyrus M Inman
Henry Inman

non um

(107) Lem Prewett
Nov 8 1834

Frances P Epperson
Jonathan Epperson

prob. non Zuckman

(110) Jennie Prewett -
Jan 19 1835

Eleya Walker
Richard Gregory

(113) John A Prewitt
Jan 18 1836

Jane T Wier
Geo H Gwin

113 Thos Prewett - Susan W Eyerson
Jun 8 1836 Fountain Eyerson
prob non Zacharias

113 Elias Prewett Maranda Medding
Sept 14 1836 James Myers

135 Wm Prewett Susannah Owen
Nov 15 1845 Hezekiah Pegg

(171) Thos S Prewett Ezra B Ford
Aug 19 1838 Zachariah Prewett (F)
Sally Ford (M)

(178) Robt J Prewett - Emily R Guffer
Aug 1860

Pittsylvania Mgs -
Females

- (2) Francis Prewitt Elnud Couryter
Oct 3 1777 James Duster
- (2) Wealthy Prewett Joseph Duster
Nov 26 1777 Wm Cogger
- (4) Rachel Prewitt Julius Nechern
June 20 1782
- (10) Aggy Prewett Daniel Hammock
1788
- (18) Elyth Prewett Zachariah Butt
April 26 1793 Bezel Hawker
Samuel Prewitt (F)
dan Samuel Jr
- (19) Polly Prewett Bazdel Hawker
Mar 22 1794
- (29) Rossey Prewett - Abediah Johnson
Dec 30 1800 Elyth Prewett

(44)

Sally Prewett
Mar 3 1807

Charles Seal
Solomon Seal

(68)

Sally ~~Prewett~~ Prewett Leah Brown
May 22 1819

Austin Harris

dan Zacharias

(68)

Ann Prewett - James Davis
May 1 1819

Joseph Prewett

(82)

Jessanna Prewett
Dec 14 1824

Geo Washam
Hugh Dabby

(88)

Jane Prewett
Oct 20 1827

Isaac High
John Prewett

(90) Judith Hewitt Russell Beckwell
Jan 31 1828 John Jackson
Abraham Hewitt (F)

101 Sarah Hewitt John Harnore
Feb 13 1832 James Elliott

102 Rosa Hewitt Henry Warren
Oct 4 1832 Sanders Warren

121 Catherine Hewitt Thos Smith
Mar 2 1839 John A Hewitt
Jan Zebana

(136) Mary A Hewitt David N Colly
Aug 22 1846 Lovell Walters
Jan Wm 1831 ~~Wm~~

(139) Elveth Hewitt Edward I Franklin
Dec 29 1847 Russell Beckwell

(153) Louisa Hewitt Wm Mann
Jan 25 1853

(165)

Lucy Prentiss

Algenon F Cole

Wahala, Colo (M)

Nov 26 1857

Wesley Prentiss (F)

Lucy " (M)

Pennsylvania Wills -

OXW 11 240 Samuel Pruitt -

Nov 13 1801 - Dec 21 1801

son Philip -

" " Zachariah md Jane Burgers 1784

son Ruth Cook -

son Samuel md Lucretia Walters 1787

WB 1-188

son Elyth Butt -

son Benj -

daughter Sally Pruitt - single -
home place till she marries

son Gepheth -

son Polly Hockher

Geo speaks um stamps
Polly stamps

WB 1-188 um Pruitt

May 30 1826 - 21 June 1830

wife Jane -

son Joseph

" " Uller

" " Bowling

" " Perkins

" " Mejo

" " Smith

daughter Ann

" " Sarah

" " Mary Ann -

son John first mg -

son um

Geo Geo May - (wit) um Pritchett um host

(WB1)

266 Perkins Prewitt -

14 June 1834 - 18 June 1834

left interest in father's estate to brother Boling -

Nonoccupational sworn Will
A Jama

(WB1)

463 Zacharias Prewitt -

Jan 15 1840 - Mar 15 1843

Sally Brown

Wiley Prewitt

Polly Richardson

Jenny Love

Beahara Hall

Mary Ann Prewitt gdn -

Alex " " son

Rhoda Prewitt - dau - life int to

Catherine Smith

Jos Prewitt

Furn Prewitt

up to 1850

bedeviled at death

Stamps
Charles Godson
James Smith

(W)

604
D & W 11

383 Edward Burgess will Jane Prewitt
Jan 23 1799 Jan 17 1814 -
son Jane Prewitt 5 shilling
previous gifts

(10) Gapheth Prewitt
Halcott Spores
Geo Sprafkin
Matthew Fitzgibbon
Am Doodif

~~15714~~
WB 21

~~Edward Burgess will~~ Jane Prewitt
303 Agnes Ferguson will heirs
Aug 24 1858 June 1859
mentions heirs of son Jane Prewitt -

58V140

Pittsylvania Deeds

Pittsylvania
DB 14-317

Michael Pruitt Jr still
in Pitts. in 1805

11-395 Joseph Pruitt F Samuel Pruitt Jr.

Jan 21 1798

Nov 6 1798 - 100 A Sandy Creek -

② Zachariah Pruitt - Zachariah Pruitt -
Edmund Holloway - Geo Spratter

10-391 Samuel Pruitt F Saml Pruitt Jr -

April 18 1796 - April 15 1796 - 100 A Sandy Creek
ack -

10-344 Zachariah Pruitt F S. Pruitt Jr -

April 15 1796 - 100 A Sandy Creek

April 18 1796

ack -

1-177

Richard Prewett F ^{Bedford} Thos Wathens
Sept 23 1768 - 15 DA Strawberry Creek -
ack -

note Thos Wathens - who left estate
to Judith Prewett -

② 167

Byrd Prewett F Francis Leach

Mar 26 1773 2 parts -

400 A - Oak Creek -

337 A - " "

ack - was this Byrd son of Michael or older one?

11-352

Joseph Prewett F Littleberry Swin

Mar 14 1798 - 128 A -

ack

Joseph son of Michael already in Ky

7-76

John Prewett F Charles Buxton
June 17 1783 - ^{100A}ady John Wilson
on Sandy Creek

① Samuel Smith - Bay White
Wm Dyer -

11739

Joseph Prewett F Samuel Prewett

14-64

Elijah Prewett F Eden Gray
April 16 1804 - 56A Oak Creek

ask - not Elisha - son of Michael
already in Ky by 1795

8-368

John Prewett F John Wier
April 4 1789 - 15A - Rocky Pt -
Samuel Price Wm Price Maraday Price -

20-387

Mary Prewett F Pyrant Thompson
Nov 26 1815 - ~~120~~ A - Sweetens Creek

ask -

Pattys Creek

1-79 Cambridge Pt Pitt Cty -
Samuel Hewitt to Wm Owen
Aug 10 1767 - 100 A Sandy Creek -
part of 335 granted to Hewitt by Patent -
Land Ayres James Owen

1-437 Henry Hewitt & wife Rebecca to Allen
March 22 1770 - 100 A Adams
Creek - Adams Township

3-171 ^{at top Boyd in signature -}
Boyd Hewitt to Michael Gilbert
March 25 1773 - 150 A Little
Straitstone Creek -
also same - was Michael G. related to Michael Hewitt -

3-172 Boyd to Joseph East
Same
Feb 1 - 1773 - 215 A - both
sides Straitstone Creek -

10 Joseph East John East Elyth Lockhart
no record where Boyd P. went

153 Samuel Hewitt to Chamness Terry
Aug 26 1768 - 350 A both sides
Butchers Creek -
Michael P. Jr. and Jerry

9-446 Richard Hewitt & wife Elyth to Robert
Julius Nucorn -
Oct 19 1793 - 150 A - Little Shawberry
Creek - think Terry bought part of speaker -

10 John Dymphis - Wm Owen
Wm Owen Jr. - Joseph Owen

formerly Sarah Terry wife of
Stephen Terry, dec -

14-317 Michael Hewitt & wife Sarah to
Feb 19 1805 - Nataniel Terry
sells Sarah's lower
lot where Hewitts "now live" -

(w) Wm Terry

16-397 Michael & wife Sarah to Joshua Stone
Prewitt
of Bedford
City
May 20 1809 Lot A
to sell tract of land
on Barnette River -
where Matthew Terry reside
Francis Chamberlayne
John B Dawson
no others till 1837 -

13-415 Messrs P. City, Ky also Jerry Shelton P. City
John Prewitt et al to Samuel Thompson
Aug 22 1803 - 115 Sandy Creek

(w) Thos Hager
Christopher Skellor
Ben Harris
Washington Thompson
Edward Johnston
Cutburd Price
Miles Holt

(13) 483 Gophth Prewitt wife Mary to
Dec 8 1803 - 100 Stamps
252 A Sandy Creek
W. Geo Dabon Zedanech Prewitt
Geo Spratlin - 200 Stamps
1000 Stamps

~~(10) 331 Ann Prewitt to 200 Boulder Tr.~~

(19) 391 Mary Prewitt to Jennings Thompson
Nov 1814 - 50 A -
Edw. Robertson John Hall
Thos Chatterin James Walker
Walker Cty Ala - formerly Martha H Hart -

(31) 489 John Prewitt wife Martha to Joseph
Nov 26 1829 Pot A to sell her
share of lands of
Father James Hart

(33) 120 Bowling Prewitt to Wm Prewitt
widow Jane " 25 Oct 1831
Joseph " agreement for
Major W " to get land
Pachens " on payment of
Revs of Wm Prewitt
Dec - Wm's debts -

40-393 - ~~John Pruitt Pitt-Cty Va -~~
~~Sally~~
~~Thos Pitt-Cty Va -~~
→ ~~Robt wife Sally Khan Cty NC~~
~~Am Pruitt & wife Frances Pitt-Cty Va -~~
June 29 1838 ~~50~~ A Fall Creek -
① ~~Am Barnett John Lawson -~~
up to 1837

15-196 ~~Elyah Pruitt to Gladrich Corder~~
~~Oct 28 1806 - 56 A N York~~
① ~~William Waller~~ white oak creek
~~Jacob Harper John Elliott -~~

4-36 ~~Henry Pruitt to Allen Addams -~~
~~July 27 1764 - 100 A South side~~
~~Barnister River -~~
cut -

(4) - 90

~~Henry Byrd & wife Rebecca to Crispian Shelton
Nov 14 1774 - 254 A - Banister
River (where Byrd now lives) -
A. S. R. -~~

(5) 314

~~Byrd Byrd to Joseph Jennings
A. S. R.~~

(10) 241

~~Samuel Byrd to James Woody
May 4 1793 - 235 A Little Early Creek -
James Dix - Jos Dix
Adamson Sugg
James Dix Jos Adamson~~

Bedford wills - (from 1754)

① 188

Thomas Wathens will -

Nov 25 1769 - July 26 1773

among other devisees

Judith Pruitt dau. of Michael
Pruitt -

gets plantation where
Thomas Wathens now
lives - also land
on Fallow River.

Ex. Michael Pruitt & Joshua
Morse

① 200 Wm Weatherford John Rafferty
Thos Sturman

① 237

Daniel Mitchell will -

June 13 1775 - Sept 25 1775

Ex. - Michael Pruitt & brother
Robt Mitchell

①

Chas Cobb
Daniel Mitchell Thos McCoun

① 389

Thomas Roberts will

Aug 23 1780 - Mar 26 1781

among heirs

gr son Obe Pruitt - one horse

dau Elyth Pruitt & her son

Obe ^{off} of my estate -

Exec. wife Christina, son John
son Richard

① Thos Humphreys, Wm Caple Wm Whetton

Bedford mgs -

Elyth Pruitt - Richard Adams
Sept 12 1781 Robert Pruitt

~~Dear Michael~~

Bedford deeds

grantee

Bedford -

Cumberland

② 265 Michael Hewitt from Richard Parker
Dec 9 1762 171 a N side Staunton R
Patented to Parker 1747 -

① Thomas Wathens - Richard Parker, James Smith,
Benajah Parker Andrew Prentiss, Charles Abbott.

② 268 Same F Bartholomew Lawson
Feb 9 - 1763 100 A Falling River
bequeathed to Lawson by John Smith

① Thomas Wathens James Hewitt Patent Shyler
All deeds

remember Andrew
Prentiss in Goodland

remember Joseph
at Sweetburg

Campbell County

2^d mg James Prewitt (who had rd Elyth Street in
Lunenburg) - to Mrs. Sarah Matthews
606V 330 Sept 9 1791 -

~~Campbell mg~~

~~①
129 James Prewitt Sarah Matthews -
Sept 9 1791~~

~~①
180 Sally Prewitt Joel Warrick
Nov 22 1800~~

Campbell deeds

~~① 547 Betty Pruitt to Joe Brook~~

③ 363 James Pruitt to Philip Majors
27 Feb 1793 - 100 A Falling River
search wife of Fayette City Ky

④ Absolom Watkins Daniel Mitchell
Byrd Pruitt -

⑦ 32 *all Halifax County* Lydia Price & *widow Daniel Price for self & children* Michael Pruitt
7 Dec 1784 *James Brooke & wife Susannah Price* Pennsylvania
496 - Stanton & Falling Rivers
Act.

⑦ 33 same to same
relinquishes right -

① 272 Michael Pruitt to David Hatcher
29 Jan 1784 150 ac. Falling River

④ John Marshall Mrs McCoun
Adam Mitchell Daniel Mitchell

③ 199 Michael Pruitt to Edmund Baget
28 month 1787 - 100 A Falling River
Robt Alexr
Edmund Tate Richard Skith John Harter

② 344 Michael & wife Mary - what Michael? ^{Spent 1000 in the mill}
1 April 1789 568A - N side
Stanton River - & South mill falling low
wherein grist mill formerly operated by M. Prout

(W) Charles Talbot Plummer Thurston Esq. chief salt

② 390 Same to Jno Black
20 July 1789 - 100 A Bawman's Creek -
Creek

② 392 Same to Jno Lane
4 Sept 1787 - 300 A Phelps Creek -

(W) John Samr Sr
Daniel Dushell Josiah Bass
Robt Brewitt

② 407 Same to Alexs Howard
2 Sept 1789 300 Bawman's Creek -

(W) Daniel Dushell Jr Robt Brewitt

Daniel " Sr

② 409 Same to Daniel Dushell Jr
2 Sept 1789 100 A Phelps Creek
Robt Brewitt
Richard Womack
Luke Wade

② 461 Same ^{still of C City} to son Robt Prewet
Pot A -
27 Sept 1789 - to collect money due

① Williston Albot John Phelps w^hm Patrick
w^hm Garrison

③ 216 Same to Thos Black
5 July 1792 Attorney for Michael Prewett of Ky -
170A - Whipping Creek
Ack

③ 395 Same to Penning Cardwell ^{Amherst Co Va}
5 Jan 1794 ^{att^y for m. P. Sr of Ky} -
124 Falling River -
Ack

④ 488 Same to Michael Prewett Jr -
Fayette City Ky - Campbell City Va -
9 April 1788 179A Stanton River
~~opposite the~~ the Seven Islands

① Phummer Thurston & Robert Thurston
Thos Smith Geo Highlow

④ 524 Michael ~~Scott~~ to Jno Brook -
28 Dec 1798 ^{Campbell City} 479A - Stanton River

① w^hm Cooper Joseph Seay w^hm Seay -

⑦ 34 Michael & wife Sarah of Pittsylvania Co Va
Same to Thos Scott
496A Stanton & Falling River

① w^hm J Scott - Joel Womack Richard Womack

⑧ 406 Michael Prewett of Tenn -
21 Nov 1808 - 100A - adj Calloway
Ack -

② 299 Robt Pruitt to Legoy Matthews
3 Sept 1788 - 190 A Lady Pt on bridge
DM Pruitt.

① James Hart Alex Bely Tho Bailey

② 347 Robt Pruitt ^{Martha} to Philip Major
12 March 1789 5A Mill Dam -
side of Valley R.

① Michael Pruitt
Legoy Matthews

James Pruitt

③ 215 Robt P to Joseph Scott ^{Charlotte}
10 Dec 1791 - 200 A E side of Valley River
Ack -

③ 454 Robt P ^{Martha} to Mrs Howell
3 Sept 1794 200 A Valley River &
Roche Br.
Ack.

of Jessamine city Ky -

② 489 Bird Prewatt to Chas Talbot
76 Aug 1809 - Pot A - and wife Prewatt

w/ William Talbot
Thos Vanhook
Helen Talbot
to collect (rent on) land Clark City Ky - late of Campbell
which John Smith had sold - late of Jessamine city Ky -

② 444 Michael P F Phelly Major
31 Aug 1789 Brals for 5 negroes

① Gregory Matthews
David Warrack

③ 447 Same F P B Pennell
20 Feb 1788 - 177A Whipping Arch -

① James Hunt - Wm Goulding Carter Talley

① 32 Michael P F Daniel Puckers

~~① 33 Same F Same~~

~~② 299 Robt P F Gregory Matthews
3 Sept 1788~~

(2) 316 Same F Richard Booker ^{Charlotte}
2 April 1788 - 174A Dalby River -
@ Byrd Prewitt Joshua Prewitt -

~~(2) 461 Post P F Michael P Jr
Post A -~~

~~(4) 531 Post F Phillip Payne~~

~~(5) 554 Same Same~~

Halifax wills

~~2-11~~

②- 11 Daniel Prewitt -

May 16 1755 - 21 Aug 1755 -

son Wm -

wife Sarah -

son John -

son Amy -

son Adam

son Welthy -

Spec. wife & sons John Prewitt -
(Nootkas till 1828) Wm " -

Prewitt in
will

③- 17. Robt Chandler

Dec 4 1784 - 23 July 1792 -

Wife

son Wm

James Stevens { son Ruth Compton -

son Diana

Bey Perkins { son Mary Glass -

son Willise

Bey Wahang { son Chittara (not 16) -

son Hartwell -

Elyth Yales -

Ex - brother Wm

son Martha Prewitt -

& son Wm Chandler

3-35 Moza Hart -

Dec 15 1791 - 28 Jan 1793 -

son Philemon -

Spec. son James

son James -

Philemon

son Patience -

Wm Mann

son Providence -

Robt Mann Polly Mann

son Sarah Prewitt wife of Byrd Prewitt -

son Jane (decd) wife of John Adams -

son Betty (wife of Michael Prewitt) -

Dec Moza Hart
m: Philemon
Jan 18 1793

Wm Mann
Sally Mann
Harrison

(13) 245 John Stone -
30 Jan 1824 - 26 July 1824

son James H -

daughter Nancy Earley -

daughter Sally C Collins ^{of New York}

" Pleyth Hubbard -

daughter Sally Grewitt -

son John H -

daughter Barbara Earley -

daughter Mary Page Fanny Stone -

others 1880 -

Wit - unsmooth show better

Brookage Halifax Ns -

①-204 Elyth Prueett to Richard Adams
(Aug 16/1781) sent 13 1781
cert. signed Michel Prueitt.

① 27 Mary Prueitt to Peter Dibble
May 4 1793
cert. signed Michel Prueitt

③ 6 Elyth Prueitt to Almon Saunders
Jan 9 1856

① 214 Ida Prueitt to Powhatan Slogle
sent 2 1889 -

③ 1/2 26 Frances A Prueitt to Joseph Boothe
Mar 29 1895 -
up to 1900

① 3 Michael Prueitt May Thurston
Mar 10 1778 - (Chas Simmons)

① 6 Byrd Prueitt to Sarah Hart
Feb 9 1782 Philemon Hart
M Hart (father)

1-7 Anthony Prewitt Susannah Gholson
Nov 15 1785 - James Kelly -
Mary Gholson (mother) -

~~1-66~~ Wm

1-66- This Prewitt to Susannah Dunn
Jan 22 1807 -

~~1-83~~

1-83

Sally Stone to Moses Prewitt
Oct 11 1813 - James Terns -
John Stone (father) -

① 160 Mary Ann Boyd to John S Hewitt
April 2 1838 — John B Wall —
Elizabeth B Boyd (F)

③ 38 Mary A Hopson. Wm T Hewitt
Jan 29 1866 —

3 1/2 - 18 Mary J Clark W T Pruitt
April 5 1892 —

3 1/2 23 Elvora Clark Peter E Pruitt
Feb 27 1893

3 1/2 40 Semora Bare James H Pruitt
Dec 23 1895

up to 1900

Halifax Deeds

(2) 3

Abraham Pruitt F Thos Pruitt

Blacksmith

May 16 1759 -

150 A Catawba Creek

(20)

Donnell Abney

grt T deed 100

Thos Pruitt
Wm Pruitt

(14)

454 Alex Pruitt F Thos Pruitt

Feb 18 1780 grt deed 185 A -

Wm Pude Jeffrey Palmer

Elias Palmer Daniel Pruitt

(3) 110

Byrd Pruitt F Welcome Hodges

May 21 1761

200 A Bradley Creek

Creek -

(5) 141

Samuel F John Ballyer

July 19 1764

365 Shattalons Creek

Joseph Callers Angus Campbell -

(12)

12732 ~~Wm Pruitt~~ ~~of Halifax~~ Daniel Palmer & wife Eliza

Aug 15 1782

100 Jeff Creek -

Creek

(14) 693

Same F James Pruitt Campbell

Sept 21 1789 -

400 A -

Obadiah Dwyer

Wm Dwyer

Hannah Ozbel

② 100 David Pruitt F Thos P. Karp ^{Frank}
Feb 1760 - 100 A Zuroble Creek
ack - (Zemble)

^{son of Thos.}
④ 453 Daniel Pruitt F Thos Pruitt
Feb 18 1789 - gift 105A -
Wm Prude, Jeffrey Palmer
Chas Palmer & Aly. Pruitt

⑤ 427 Michael Pruitt F Wm Pruitt
June 20 1765 500 Zemble
Jmst Collins John Connor
James Bates

① 426 Nonney Prewett F ^{wife of Byrd Prewett & daughter of Dyer} John Dyer
May 16 1758 - gift 108A

① W Joseph Collins John Bates
Charles Bristol

② 2 Renny Prewett F Thos Prewett
May 16 1759 - gift to son - 150 A Catawba Co
Samuel Alvey
Thos Prewett
um Prewett -

① 6 498 ^{son} Samuel Prewett F Thos Prewett ^{son by Jty &}
Nov 27 1795 - gift 100 A Double Creek
Sus Palmer Alex Prewett
Newbell Puckett Thos Vayner
James Brown

① 6 344 Thos Prewett Jr F um Prewett etc
Feb 18 1767 - 193A Turbelle Creek
David Prewett
& Michael Prewett

② 98 um Prewett F Thos P. & wife ^{son}
Feb 21 1760 - 100 A Turable -
Ash -

⑤ 142 um ~~F~~ Abraham Prentt
July 19 1764 - 50 A Calowbach
ack -

⑮ 60 um ~~Prentt F Prentt~~
~~sett 100 Assemblah~~

⑦ 324 Abraham ^{Roanoke City NC} ~~Prentt~~ to James Bell ^{King um}
Oct 13 1767 ^{75 A} 70 Cuttapa Creek
adj Dank Abneys -

⑭ ^W Dank Abney um abney um Hill -

④ 157 Byrd ^{Halgate} ~~Prentt~~ to Thos Hodges
Feb 18 1762 200 Bradley Creek

ack

Harvey

- (5) 66 Byrd wife to John Gunson
Apr 19/1769 100 A -
Joseph Collins
Small table
Given Murphy son of Campbell
- (14) 660 Byrd Pruitt wife to Wm Jude
June 28 1790 - 100 Deffcutt Creek
Csh

- (21) 317 Bannet to Hayes Morgan
Nov 20 1803 300 A Cow Creek -
W Joshua Stone Michael Pruitt John Stone
Ben Stone Thud Jones Cornelius Oyer
Coleman Stone

- (16) 535 Daniel Pruitt to Elias Palmer
Dec 3 1795 105 A Double Creek
Jno Hobbs Alex Pruitt
John Hobbs

- (17) 95 Eliza Pruitt (Bannet) to Palmer
26 Oct 1796 - 100 A Double Creek -
Daniel

- ~~(17) 330 Alexander route to Phelan Hart
105 A Double Creek~~

"who ~~was~~ with dau. of Elizabeth Keeling
who was wife of a select of Patrick
Bark"

(11) 275 Field Hunt ~~with~~ ^{is} Lem Bark of King ^{town}
May 10 1779 - ~~Patrick Bark~~ ^{Patrick Bark} ~~is~~ ^{is}

(12) Thos Hughes - Charles Mullen
Ann Mullen

(17) 335 Janny ~~Smith~~ ^{Elisabeth} ~~to~~ ^{to} Philemon Hart
Oct 19 1797 105 A Jerubb Creek

Ask

(14) 693 ~~Janny Smith~~ ~~to~~ ~~Philemon Hart~~
~~Oct 19 1797~~ ~~105 A Jerubb Creek~~

② 344 ~~Michael Pruitt etc to Mrs Pruitt~~
~~193 A Bush Creek -~~

✓
⑩ 197 Same to Mrs Pruitt
Mar 20 1777 200 A Bush Creek -

⑩ Joshua Stone Tom Lansdown
Dudley Jarvis Joseph Lankford

✓
⑩ 390 Same Bedford City James Jarvis Halifax
Feb 19 1778 200 A Bush Creek -

⑩ Joseph Collins
Eliza Pruitt
Elyah Jarvis. -

⑪ ~~May Pruitt etc to Mrs Pruitt~~
~~Int. Pat. Bush Creek~~

✓

② 371 ^{Halifax City} Rene Pruitt to Wm. Bates
Aug 28 1766 - 150 Catawba Creek

① Saml. Lewis David Pruitt -
James Bates -

~~② 98 Sarah & h. to Wm Pruitt -
100 A Durable Creek~~

~~② 100 Sarah & h. to David Pruitt
100 A Durable Creek~~

✓
① 7 ^{Halifax} John Pruitt to ^{Same City} John Bates
1752 75 Catawba Creek -

① Wm. Echols
John Fullington
John Echols -

① 34 ^{Muell} Thos to John Royal
July 16 1753 - 400 Catawbe Ch -
John Cox Wm Roy
Richard Sulings

① 157 ^{Sawley} Same to Abney ~~Bennett~~
Sept 25 1755 98 A Cat. Creek
Glyzer Hunt Nat Abney
John Dean

① 21 ["] Same to ["] John Jarner
Doonell Abney ["] ~~John~~ ["] ~~John~~
Thos Bennett ["] ~~John~~ ["] ~~John~~
Wm Bennett ["] ~~John~~ ["] ~~John~~
Sept 150 A
May 16 1759 -

② 2 ~~Same to Henry Russell~~
~~150 Cat. Creek~~

② 3 ~~Same to ~~Richard~~ Bennett~~
~~150 Cat Creek~~

④ 194 Wm

⑩ 498 ~~Thos to Samuel Prett~~
~~got 100 A Jumbb Cuck~~

⑮ 60 ^{synthlyd-} Thos to Wm Prett same place
sent 190 ~~got 100 A Jumbb Cuck~~
John Palmer Samuel Prett

⑭ 453 ~~Thos to Daniel~~
~~got 100 A~~

14/454 to Alex. Hunt
~~1854~~

✓
④ 194 Wm P. ^{Halifax} to Thos Shain
Mar 9 1753 - 8 A - Bear Br.
witnesses torn off

⑤ 477 Wm to Michael Hunt
June 20 1765
Joseph Collins
John Cameron James Balle

⑥ 344 ~~Wm Hunt~~
~~1739~~

✓
⑦ 365 Wm ^{Halifax} to John Haynes Hunt
April 17 1757 50 A Catawbe Creek
James Boles
Nathl Spragg
Daniel Abney
Ephraim White

58V139-41

Halifax records

DB 5-66 Byrd Pruitt & Manny his wife of Halifax
to John Gunson -
19 April 1764 180 A -
By Patent to BP. 1855 -

(W) Joseph Collins Shill Foable Owen Murphy
DB 3-110 Welcome Wm. Hodges - to Byrd Pruitt
21 May 1761 200 A - Bradley Creek -
ack -

(?)
Book 1-428

Halifax

Chancery order Book ¹⁷⁹³ 3-35 Michael Pruitt & md Elyth Hunt - dau
of Moza Hunt who died Halifax City Jan 1783

DB 14-593 Joseph Madley - James Kedd -
20 Nov 1789 - 104 A - Laurons or
Stokes Creek -
ack -

Mrs (probably Halifax)

Michael P. Jr. to Elyse Hunt

60V-330

Robt P. (brother Michael) to Martha Chandler -

Pruett.

Wolke's will

No Pruett - Pruett, Pruett et al
either deors - devisee

Pruett (Wolke)

Wolke My Pond

HP Prewett Mary Wagner

31 May 1862 Owen Abster

Isaac Prewett Charlott Prewett

21 May 1835 Wm Bayers

Joel Prewett Elyth Durham

9 Nov 1835 Ralph Prewett

Berg Prewett Peggy Dyer

11 July 1808 Carlton Kellogg

Edmund Tolliver Patsy Higgins

23 June 1827 Young W Brooks

no Tolliver Females

(12)

Catharine Prewett Henry Barks

16 Sept 1807 Wm Laws

(73)

Nancy Prewett John Blevins

7 Jan 1824 Wm Blevins

(122)

Polley Prewett Isaac Holloway

17 Mar 1828 Daniel Brown

229

Sarah Pruitt dau of John W
Colbee Sparks
28 Dec 1822 Claborn Waddle

Welch's Seeds

(G&H) 376 John Pruett from Perry Ellis
Feb 2 1805

120 A Roaring River -

(W) Am Lyons Jeremiah Cordell

I 38 Joel Pruett from Am Hampton & C
Mar 20 1815 125 A Elk Spur -

(W) Joshua Witherspoon Peter Woodland

P 35 Ralph Pruett from State
Entered Jan 22 1830 Dec 1 1841 -
100 A - Roaring River

only granted prior to 1850

P 374 John Pruett to Ralph Holbrook
June 3 1832 85 A ~~Roaring~~ River

(W) John S Johnson Caleb Holbrook

A1 254 Moses Soliver to Abraham Edins
Oct 2 1782 ~~1782~~

100 A mulberry creek

(W) Am Lenon Rowland Judd Sam Johnson

A1 255 Gene Soliver to Joseph Tanner
April 28 1783 ~~1783~~

60 A mulberry creek

(W) Richard Allen Am Johnson

Philemon Holcomb

(A-1) 376 Wm Dilliver to Edmund Denny
1784

42 1/2 South branch Roanoke River -

(W) Jene Alexander Baron Denny own Gibson

(A1) 377 Same to same

1784

42 A. Harms Creek -

(W) Same above -

(A1) 378 Same to same

1784

South Fork Roanoke River

(W) Same above

(A1) 382 Jene Dilliver to Thos Johnson

April 29 1783 ~~1784~~

241 A - Mulberry Creek - Round Top Mtn

(W) Wm Johnson John Shaxton Alex Johnson

(A1) 387 Same to Geo Barber

April 29 1783 ~~1784~~

59 A - Mulberry Creek

(W) Wm Johnson Thomas Johnson. Temperance Johnson
Wilby Va. Grayson Va.

(D) 392 John Dilliver to Wm Dilliver

July 17 1798

(W) More Dilliver
Wm Rivers
Jene Dilliver
118 A - Dog Creek of New River -

(D) 448 More Dilliver to Jene Dilliver

5 Nov 1798

(D) A Robertt
Nowland Judd
Poltrick 150 A - New River

(A1) 364 Wm T F Slate
165 1/4 A - South Fork Roanoke River
Dec. 1784 -

(B1) 343 Charles ^{wilkes} T F ^{Surry City} Stapley Cobb -
July 28 1791 Little River -
(No acres specified)

(W) Richard Wms John Toliver -

D 407 Charles T F Slate
100 A his line - 30 July 1785

D 408 Charles F Slate
100 A adj his own line
23 Feb 1795

(F1) 290 Joel Toliver F ^{with wilkes} Geo Barker Sr
Jan 2 1806 - 50 A mulberry
Creek -

(W) Jonathan Stampen Jane Stampen Hezbeht Pater

(F1) 301 Joel Toliver F Geo Barker Sr
Dec 31 1805 - 59 A mulberry Creek

(W) Same as above

G&H 502' um Tallen F Ben Jones
Oct 10 1812 100 A west side
Roanoke River

(16) John Martin Jeffrey Johnson

(17) John T F State
118 A Dog Creek of New River -
adj Moses Joliver -
no date - Rec. 1797

(18) Moses T F State -
300 A - Fishing Creek of New River
Rec 1797

Wilkes Mgs

Edmond Tallen to Patsy Higgins
23 June 1827 Young N Brooke

no Joliver women

no Hudspeths in Nugent
well in Nugent

Cavaliers & Pioneers
Abstract Land Patents -
1623 thru
Book V -

p 548 Wilt Talchro & Lawrence Smith
6300 acres, Rappa City -
26 Mar 1666 -

126 persons
Rapp from Lancaster 1656

~~General Census~~

John C 27V224

was man who died in
war for liberty - WWI

John C Pruitt pruitte Kin Act
40 S Clayton St Danville Va
son Mrs Rallie Pruitt -

~~Mary Pruitt 5W(1)58~~

~~Mary Pruitt 9W(2)197~~

~~Rallie 27V224~~

~~John 10V87~~

Pruett

~~Abraham 8 W(1) 95~~

Diana Farrer 10 V 87

she m'd Willm^r Pruett ~~the~~

she b^r May 19 1806 - all

descendants in Mass -

Fanny 9 W(2) 280

Yager Family

Aaron White m'd Fanny Pruett

Feb. 1820

~~James 5 W(1) 58~~

Yager Family
of Va

9 W(2) 192

May White m'd James Pruett

~~Martha 37 V 331
Caroline City My Bonds
John Barton Martha Pruett
Jan Charles
Dec 19 1836 See Mary Clark~~

~~Moses 29 V 98
Caroline City My Bonds
Moses Pruett Amey Hall
Mar 3 1797 See John Young~~

~~Nancy 22 V 431
Caroline City My Bonds
Coburn Elliot
Churchill Dolans Elyth Pruett
Dec 29 1822~~

~~Peggy 29 V 98
Peggy 29 V 98
Caroline City My Bonds
Joseph & Layre Peggy Pruett
Oct 20 1795 - See John Sewell~~

~~Abigail 8 W (1) 95~~

~~Abigail 22 V 431
Caroline City My Bonds
Richard Pruett Elyth Mason
Feb 13 1823~~

~~Thaddeus 27 V 1829
Caroline Cuying bonds
murdered by James - Mary Jane Studly
Apr 11 1826 Thaddeus Pruett~~

Pruett

~~David 17 V 1793
Henry Cty militia ordered to
assist Genl Greene Mar 11/1781
David Pruett Captully Chances Co -~~

~~Elyth 22 V 1831
Caroline Cty by Bonds
Collier Elliot Elyth Pruett
Dec 20 1821~~

~~Elyth Talafers 6 W 1 221
Pulley vance by bonds
Len Pruett to Elyth Talafers
Oct 22 1778 — Dan J. H.
Talafers~~

~~Fanne 6 W (1) 221
Pulley vance by bonds~~

~~Edward Cournton Fanne Pruett
Apr 3 1777 See Joe Curran~~

~~William 31V328~~

Pruett

~~Abraham 8W 1195~~

~~mg bonds goodland City~~

~~Abraham Pruett to Ann Dorman~~

~~Nov 5 1783 See~~

~~John Pruett~~

~~Amey Hall 29V98~~

~~Ann Dorman 8W(1) 95~~

~~Catherine Farmer 31V332~~

~~Cawbre City mg Bonds~~

~~Henry Pruett Catherine Farmer~~

~~May 4 1837 See Lewis~~

~~Farmer~~

Thomas 5 V 94

Abstracts Va Land Patents
Deborah Bennett widow 450
A Charles River for her own and
transp. 8 persons - incl Thomas Prewitt
May 6 1636

Wealthy 20 W(1) 144

Pittsylv. MB Joseph Auster to
Wealthy Prewitt 26 Nov 1777

William 32(V) 172

Va Quaker rolls 1704

Wm Prewitt 200 acres
King Queen City by
Nott Bond Sheriff

~~Family 5 W(2) 268~~

~~See Query Below~~

7 W(2) 229

Early, R.H. - Campbell Chronicles
& family sketches embracing
the hist of Campbell Co Va
1782-1926 - J.P. Bell Co
Symphony 1927. -

Pruett

~~Elyth Mason 23 V 201~~

~~Caroline Cty Mgs~~

~~Richard Pruett & Elyth Mason
2-5-1823~~

~~Henry 3 W(2) 46~~

~~John 4 V 295~~

~~Slave Guyes Spotsylvania Cty 1783~~

~~John Pruett 1 slave~~

~~Mary Cherault 37 V 328~~

~~Caroline Cty mg Books~~

~~Wm Pruett Mary Cherault~~

~~Jan 11 1836~~

~~Surety Jurren Cherault~~

~~Salvatore in Caroline Cty~~

~~Richard 23 V 201~~

✓ ~~Francis Prewitt 20 w(1) 144~~

~~Pittsylvania MP~~

~~Edw Courtoner to Francis Prewitt
3 Oct 1777 - Sec. Jos. Austin~~

~~Geo Byrd 3 w(2) 46~~

~~Inquiry Jan 123 Lillian Prewitt Goodknight
Howdyke Warren - states Henry Priest listed with
heads of families in Henrico Co Va in same debut with
Col Wm Byrd - was he father of general Geo Byrd
Prewitt, or was he father of Michael Prewitt of
Henry 7 H 223 } Va & Ky - who
was father of
Byrd Prewitt born
in Va 1752 and
Campbell Co Va abt 1779
to Ellen Hunt - removed
Jayette Co Ky -~~

~~23 v 304~~

✓ ~~Attable Pittsylvania Co 1767~~

~~John 7 w(2) 197~~

~~Index Goodland wills -~~

~~John Prewitt (10) DB 16 p 346
18 Nov 1788~~

~~Joseph 23 (11) 304~~

✓ ~~Attable Pittsylvania Co 1767~~

Levi 20 W (1) 144

✓ See before

Michael 3 W (2) 46

✓ See before

57 W (2) 268

✓ See before

Phillip 12 V 183

~~Waldmista in Rev~~
Phillip Hewitt for 35 days as
passage given Cherokee Exp.
(Pd P. Peckers)

Robert 36 V 261-262

Campbell County Court Oct 3 1782
Citizens furnishing arms teams
etc for Continental Army Robt Hewitt

8 W (2) 123

Campbell City notes

Robt Hewitt certificate for
supplying arms, muzzles, teams
etc to Continental Army —

~~Sween
Prewett~~

~~Prewett (Sween's)
Index~~

~~Byrd Prewett 4 T 59~~

~~Halifax NB - Byrd Prewett
to Sarah Hunt - 1782~~

~~23 V 378
Elizabeth Pithybona By Va
1767~~

~~Christina Prewett 9 W (2) 48~~

~~Norfolk City NB~~

~~Hypolite Herget to Christina Prewett
June 27 1803~~

~~May Shurton Prewett 4 T 60~~

~~Halifax NB Michael Prewett to
May Shurton - 1778~~

~~Michael Prewett 4 T 60~~

~~Same above~~

~~also are there any records of Prewett-Hunt
law suit about
1801-1802~~

~~Query did Michael Prewett of
Campbell City have New War Record.
ms ES Goodnight Box 2930
July 1925 Honolulu Hawaii~~

Richard Hewitt 230 304

✓ Jethro Pennsylvania City
17067 -

Sarah Hunt Hewitt 4759

✓ Same as before

Family - 150(2) 268

✓ See above query

Hewitt

Byrd Hewitt 300(2) 46

✓ see below

Elyth Zahafeno 20 0(1) 144

Pennsylvania 179 birds

Levi Hewitt to Elyth Zahafeno 20 Oct 1778
Consent father John Zahafeno -

Harriet Prutt ^{Fanny mgs} Pearlina Taylor
Feb 27 1863

Jacob Prutt Sarah Cocheton
Sept 19 1864
John M Cloud

James M Prutt Sean F McHone
May 31 1866

Jesse Prutt Jobytha C Legins
July 26 1828
Joseph Sleetman

Samuel M Prutt²¹ Lucy F Simmons²¹
James & Nancy Amer & Nancy
Sept 28 1872

Mrs Prutt Charlotte Wislon
June 15 1821 David Bailly

Anderson Hewitt Lucy Clanton
Feb 4 1833
John & Pettit

(Zury Pruitt mgs)

James E Jarvis Mahala Pruitt
Aug 11 1838

Israel Jarvis
Wm Love Jane Pruette

May 17 1828 Ach'd Taylor

Lewis Clark Mully Pruitt
April 7 1865 Wm Clark

Thos Allen Nancy Pruitt

Jan 26 1812 Chas Johnson

Thos L Hinchum / Rebecca J Pruitt
Dome. & Nancy

Thos & Fanny April 5 1831

Martin Sawers Sattel Pruitt

July 4 1827 Thornton Bowman

Abraham R Gregory Sarah Pruette
May 28 1829 James Clinton

John Graw Susannah Pruitt
Jan 14 1793 John Pruitt

Wm Clark Jamesa Pruitt
Sept 29 1860

Jacob Speer Zempfe Pruitt
Dec 26 1803 Abraham Pruitt

Baldie Hutchens
Oct 28 1814 John B Hutchens

Funeral Deaths

18 351 Scabron H. Pruitt son Harder
Pruitt & Pearlina Taylor
died 8-12-1931 -
b. April 28 1864

20 392 Charles C. Pruitt ^{son}
son Cicero & Mary ^{and} C. Adams
died 4-1-1934 -
b. Nov 23 1876 -
Wilkes Co. Edwards Twp -

20 402 Mary Elyth Pruitt Single -
died Feb 7 1934
age 73 - 11 - 7 day -
da. Morgan Pruitt) Stokes Co.
Betty Hunkins)

Sunny mg since 1853

Wm Pruett Elyth Hollenworth
4-8-1858

Harold Pruett ~~Pedera~~ Taylor
3-1-1863

Georg Pruett Sarah Cochrane
9-21-1864

James M Pruett Lear F McHone
3-21-1866

Samuel Pruett Lucy F Simmons
9-29-1872

James Pruett⁷⁰ - Elyth Fry⁴⁴
Sunny Stokes
6-7-1880-

Joshua Pruett¹⁸ Adeline Coleman¹⁸
both Palush City
2-11-1881

Peter Pruett²¹ Flora Stephens^{Stokes 20}
12-8-1885

Sebron H Pruett²³ Iida Zahner¹⁸
8-21-1887

Seaborn H. Pruitt²³ Ida M. Fabner¹⁴
11-1-1887

Jacob Pruitt⁴⁰ Elysh Hos²¹
7-4-1890

Wm. Pruitt³⁰ Mary V. Jones²⁶
Phan City Gentry
7-12-1890

Gabe F. Pruitt²² Rosa L. Marshall¹⁹
Gentry Phan City
5-12-1896-

Charles C. Pruitt¹⁷ Caroline Adams¹⁹
both Wilkes
9-20-1896

Thos. Pruitt²¹ Ida Carter²¹
both Wilkes
11-28-1897

Sunny Deeds

m 449 Bunell H Bunell F Jacob Byge
June 1 1811 50A fork of Deep
Creek of Yaden River -

(U) Benj Naylor up Austin

(3) 435 Abraham Bunett F Charles
Oct 18 1843 ¹¹⁰ 96 ^{3/4} ^{both of Sunny -} Steelman
part of 200 acres granted John Hoppers -

(U) L Speer - John Steelman

(3) 441 Same from same

1838 160A N side Deep Creek

(U) John Steelman Louisa Steelman

(3) 447 Same from John Steelman

Dec 24 1840 - 3 1/2 A South side Deep Creek
above Steelman's bridge -

(U) Thos Long - J. C. Owens

(4) 70 Abraham Bunett F John Steelman
Jan 27 1845 258A South side Deep Creek

(U) ¹⁰⁸ ~~35~~ John & Bunett F John Edmunds

(18) 100 J M Bunett to J C Welch

mortgage ~~at T.~~

June 6 1879 - Carpenter tools
to secure note

next Puett graftless seed 1878
grantee 1890-

Jury Estates

File 1217 ^{Pruett} Bunell ~~Bunell~~ Dr.
Aug 7 1814 Peggy Pruett exor -
2 hours - usual
household furniture

File 1254 Same Rept of sale
by Boles Hutchens
and Feb 1815 sale held Dec 1 1814
total amt \$58-3-1

purchasers - Samuel Spear - Boles
Hutchens Tobias Jumper James
Pulcher - Joseph Ryal - Wm Jumper
John B Hutchens Ryal Allgood John Dickson
Jonathon Willard John White Hezekiah
Wms

File 1216 Patsy Pruett acit
Jonathon Jover gdn
May 1813 report on her
legacy \$242

Feb 1820 - report \$200 on bond

Sunny wells

Pruett (Sunny)

③110 Burrell H Pruet

File 88 B

Feb 3 1814 May 1814

wife Peggy -

3 sons John

Abraham

Anderson -

2 daughters -

(W)

was all good

Anthony Bates -

⑥4 Sterling Taylor

Mar 11 1869 - Mar 11 1869 Perle Pruet -
Saw

⑥207 W R Hollingsworth

Nov 28 1883 -

Saw - Eliza Pruet -

Elon College, N. C.
May 9, 1952

Mr. J. R. Gathings
Box 102
Luxora, Ark.

Dear Mr. Gathings:

I am sorry that I have not written back to you earlier to acknowledge receipt of your check and to let you know something of your research, but several matters came up here at the college which have simply tied ~~xxx~~ me here on weekends, and I have been unable to get away to get a start on your Pruitt material.

However, I am going up home this weekend, and I will at least get a start on the material tomorrow. I do not know whether I made it clear that I have to do this work on weekends and spare time off from my regular job here at the college, but you would know of course that the family history is somewhat of an avocation with me and that I have to keep up my regular work here at the college.

I feel sure that I will find some interesting material for you, for I have always been intrigued by that Pruitt name, since I had run into it in connection with other families on which I worked.

I shall get started tomorrow, and there is only two more weeks of the college year, after which I will be free for sometime and can wind up the work for you.

Please accept my apology for not writing back earlier. I will try to write again next week.

Most sincerely

LUTHER N. BYRD
Box 576
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(Stokes) Pruitt

Stokes deeds

④ 265 Willis Prewett To James Coffey Jr -
Sept 1 1803 - Racoon Creek -

① Geo Cloud Frances Steep ^{adj} Middle -

④ 391 William Prewett F Elections Music
Jan 1 1802 - 140 acres Snow Creek
adj um Nelson -

① John Whitlock um Whitlock

⑦ 335 Willis Prewett F Anderson & Matthews
Nov 6 1821 58 3/4 a Snow Creek

① Wm Matthews Fandy Matthews James C Matthews
next grantee 1914

① 103 Micajah Pruitt grant Some
100 A Snow Creek - (Stokes ^{with} ^{"e" copy}
May 18 1789 _{late with in}
_{by survey})

② 68 Richard ② grant
100 A Dan River - - 1791

③ 311 Willis ② F Charles Beazley
June 2 1800 154 A S. Fork Crooked Creek

① James Young 200s Neal

④ 500 Wm Pruett grant
25 acres Snow Creek -
Dec 19 1803

⑤ 500 Wm Pruett F Mos Silvey
Sept 3 1804 - 200 acres Mill Creek

Arch

⑤ 219 Wm Pruett F Robt Crump
Feb 3 1807 - 144A Long Branch of
Beaver Island Creek -

④ John Dalton Adenston Pruitt -

⑤ 219 Same F James Larnmore
May 21 1808 - 25A Beaver
Island Creek -

④ L David - Wm Hutcherson

⑤ 483 Same from Martin Heath
Nov 10 1810 - 115 acres Beaver
Island Creek - ④ N Dalton
next 1907 \ Bunell Pawler

④ 323 Willis Prewitt to Robt Adams
May 15 1803 - 154 A Patrick City Va -
5 Fork Crooked Creek -

① Nathl Seales Charles Bearley

⑤ 54 Habbes Hewitt to Thos Selvey
Sept 3 1804 - Raccoon Creek
adj Middle -

⑤ 82 Willis " to Isaac Eddies
Aug 25 1806 - 8 A - adj Thos Selvey
① Joseph Coffey John Selvey Thos Selvey

⑤ 480 Willis Prewitt to Joseph Allen
Sept 8 1813 - 115 acres Beaver
Island Creek -

① W Dalton James Dunlap

⑤ 711 Willis Prewitt to Joseph Hollingsworth
Nov 4 1816 - 80 A Raccoon Creek at
Snow Creek

① James Hollingsworth
Samuel Stewart

② 165 Richard Prewitt to James Taylor
Feb 25 1795 - 100 A - Dan River -
Patrick City Va -

① Peter Hudson Nathl Bearley

④ 84 Micajah & wife ^(Elyph) to Thos Farmer ^{at Stokes} et al
Sept 8 1801 - 100 A - Snow Creek -
& Gabriel Penn ^{at Stokes} et al
Patrick City

① Edmund Bearley -
John Greenwood

~~④ 84 Micajah & wife to Gabriel Penn et al~~

⑤ 455 Wm Pruitt to Robt Henshaw
Dec 3 1808 - 140 A Snow Creek -
Ark -

⑤ 462 Same to Same
Dec 3 1808 - 25 A. Snow Creek
adj Electus Munk
④ John Whitlock
Caly Whitlock -

⑤ 492 Charles Pruitt to Joseph Allen
Mar 6 1813 - 225 A Beaver Island
④ Bolling Fisher
Wm Manual -
next 1907

Stokes Mrs

Isaac Brewett Frances Fry
6 Aug 1860 Wm Dodd

Morgan Brewett Letitia J Hutchings
14 April 1849 J W Bittering

Wm Brewett Nancy Willard
10 Nov 1853 Daniel New

Thos Brewitt Elysh Buller
9 Sept 1826 Christian Wagoner

Adenston Pruet Cassandra Brooks
22 May 1803 Willis Pruet

Oliver Pruet Nancy Epperson
18 April 1853 Jon Fry

Martin Pruet Nancy Lawson
1 Oct 1855 Hardin Pruet

180 Elysh Brewett Wm Lawson
7 Feb 1832 Lewis Hubs

226 Sally Pruitt. Asa Nunn
11 Sept 1854 Harden Pruitt

262 Lydia Pruitt John R Salmons
10 Nov 1863 Quincy Wilkes

15 Matilda Pruitt Jeremiah Beasley
26 Jan 1846 Neivel McHone

117 Nanny Pruitt. Morgan Gowen
28 Aug. 1865 Hobbles, George

Stokes wills
no print divisions -

(Z) 153 1/2 Charles Whitlock Mary Pruitt -
Mar 24 1811 June 1814
wife Esther -
son John - land Snow Creek -
son Wm
son James - (his heirs)
son Thomas - Exec (sons) & John
son Alex -
son Charles - (W) Charles Beasley
daughter Mary Pruitt - John Fair
Edmund Beasley
Sarah Pruitt -

(229) John Fry
May 20 1889 - Feb 22 1890 -
wife Sarah -
daughter Sarah Pruitt -

(C) Robt F Skelton
James M Holt -

Reverend Clayton or Wells & Adams
1632-1800

Brewitt
Accomack
Wm 1759 (W)

Boothland
John 1788 (1798) (W)

Halifax
Daniel 1755 (W)

Pruit
Benj (1772) (II)

Prutt
Accomack
Catherine 1737 (I)
Wm 1741 (I)

Dalhousie
Amherst Charles 1791 (W)
John B 1795 (W)
Zachariah 1797 (W)

King Geo
Richard 1727 n
John 1756 n
John 1798 n

Essex
Francis 1710 i
Elyth 1717 i
John 1720 w
Chas 1726 i
Chas 1726 i
Lawrence 1726 w
Robt 1726 w
Zachariah 1745 w

Fraser
Lawrence 1798 w
Wm 1798 w
Richmond
Richard 1715 n
Sarah 1718 w

Spotylvania
Robt 1728 w
John 1744 w
John 1751 w
Francis 1771 w
Mary 1771 w
John 1751 w

SA

Stobes Estates
No. 1000

Wilkes Jay Tent 1784 Archives

" " " 1782 Archives

No. 100

Pruitt grants in NC.

Sites

(79) 207 Richard Pruitt 100 Dan River
12 Nov 1781 20 Dec 1791

(72) 118 Wm Pruitt 25 a Snow Creek
4 Dec 1800 19 Dec 1803

Sums

Grant # Richard Pruitt 100 Snow Creek
1077 19 Mar 1789 18 May 1789

Wishes

(156) 351 Abednego Prewett 20 Mulberry Creek
17 May 1850 23 Dec 1852

(163) 301 Harder Prewett 1/3 Roaring River
3 Jan 1859 19 Dec 1860

(64) 132 Joseph Prewett 100 Camp Branch
1 May 1785 9 Aug 1787

(135) 228 Joel Pruitt 50 Sparks' Creek
8 May 1819 30 Nov 1821

(190) 316 Wm Prewett 57 1/2 Roaring River
30 April 1898 20 Dec 1900

Stobes Census 1850

James Pruitt 48

Mary C 41

Sally 8

Hooden 16

Morgan 13

Wm 11

James 10

Fanny 7

Mildred 5 (md Lewis Hurter)

Rebecca 5