

Nickolls

29 April 1983

Mr. Arnold R. Kegel
12125 - 29th Ave. S.E.
Everett, Washington
98204

Dear Arnie-

This turned out to be a huge job - collecting all of the grant numbers and then going to the files and pulling the covers, copying etc. The part that has caused me trouble is the fact that you have to climb a ladder in order to reach some of the drawers. Because I have had a stroke sometime in the past and slightly tipsy, my husband and Dr. have requested that I stop climbing. Anyway, I finished most of what you wanted.

On the top of the land grant stack you will find a copy of the Partin-Connelly marriage bond, William Partins will and the Rev. War pay vouchers available for the Connely-Conerly etc. families. From what I have seen, I would say that Connerly is definitely a different name! N.C.R. will explain the holes and the districts etc.

(There is no charge for the above time (Partin & Pay Vouchers))

There was no estate record for Partin.

You will find one or two grants you did not request. Also, there will be some missing - either the grant # was reassigned or incorrectly indexed.

Estates - Orange Co. C.R. 929.209

James Partin 1791, Adm. Mary P. and Wm. P. (Poss. parent of Wm. 1800 - or bro.?)

Leonard 1817 - wife, Anne with Wm. H. Merritt Adm. Nov. 1817 Lagely dec'd. Merely a quick look for you.

I think that I can get someone else to do the Lenoir Grants and the Wilson you requested -- hopefully at a lesser rate for you. - Or even better, why don't you ask her. She wants to start professionally and is perfectly capable of doing the grant work.

Harriette Riggs
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Raleigh, N.C. 27609

919-787-2770

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Kathie H. listing	6.00
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	<u>\$35.80</u>
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Pioneer Settlers of
Grayson Co. Va.

by Nuckolls

Comer, Coley,

Wills - Orange

13 April 1800

Partin, Wm. 1800 w/ Jane

John Partin, died. still living

son a law. Jesse Riggs

s/wm. P.

s/ General P-

son a law Henson Collier

s a law - Thomas Connally + Wm Harder

s/ Charles P.

s/ Bennett

s/ Lewis P

Execs: Char. P. + Wm Blewett
+ w/ Jane T.

{ W. Wallis. Hinson
Bennett Partin
Holly Riggs by

ESTS.

Partin
James 1791

Adm Mary P. 1791
Wm P.

Leonard 1817

w/ Anne P & Wm H. Smith

Nov. 1817 - died lately

Thos. Connallym.

Tempy Partin

Parten deed

1787

25 Sept 1792

Orange

c. chain carrier

LEN 595 a #1392

CONNELLY

HAMMON

HARDEN

MILLER

DAVID EDWARDS

RICHARD
RACER

WILLIAMS

JACOB WILLSON

MERED. BALLOU

PETER WIAN

CHAS. TOLLIVER

HIGGINS

Wilkes
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Wilkes Co. Ambrose #69

Hammons
Wilkes Co. 200 a.

Stat 69

24 Sept. 1779

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16 Dec. 1778

Bk. 39

pg 69
on middle fork of Roanoke
River

Orange Co.

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ERS 73.40203

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Guilford Co.

OR.

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Cond - Pg. 37

6-454

1798

25th Conley Et Al Eliy.

14-237

1820

Connerly, John - Nanny Cobb

Jonathan

600#

Pg 37 ELS

2-399

1783

Connally, Isaac

OR John Latham 100#

9-92

1805

"

John - Watson Wharton

10-272

1810

"

"

John Montgomery

1919 A. J. "

Pg. 9

2-136

Connally, Thos. - Hew Edwards 1776

4-407

Connally " - Matt. McCauley

4-438

Conely many Thos 1789 to John Swin 1789

4-676

" Thos 1793

4-683

" Thos 1786

5-7

many Thos 1793

5-24

Thos 1788

5-322 Conelly

Thos 1793

5-502

many Thos 1795

5-525

Thos. 1796

5-615

" 1796

9-305

John 1801

15-250

" 1812

Massy

Jess Nebill

Jennington

D. Stephens

John Connally

Geo. Johnston

at water

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Didn't Do

Orange Co Will X Index
Guilford Co. Index

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Ballou-~~AS46~~
Cox 1876
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Edward - Dave. Edward

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✓ 291

✓ 4298

✓ 3467 - ~~10~~

✓ 3329

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Wells 15-48

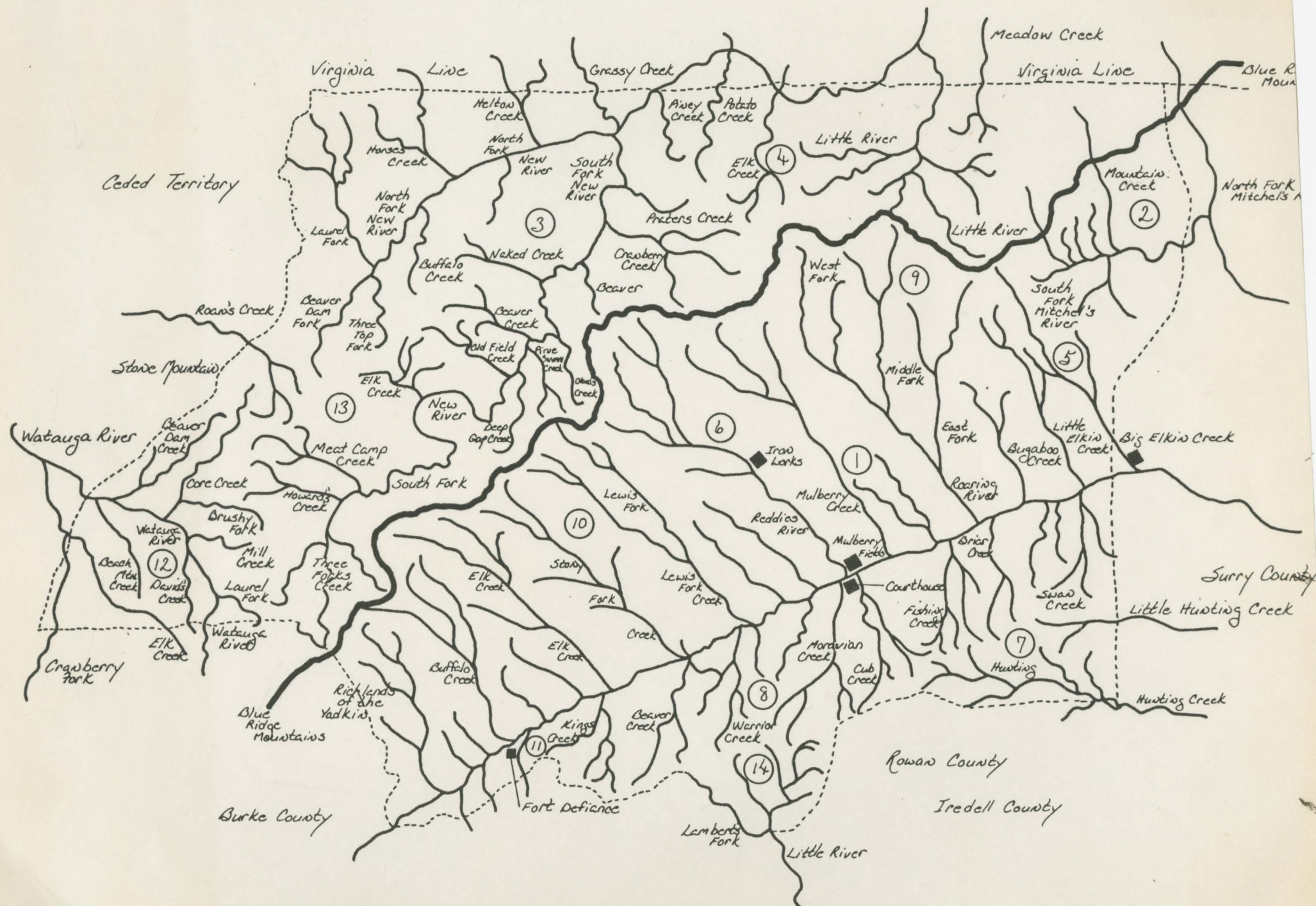
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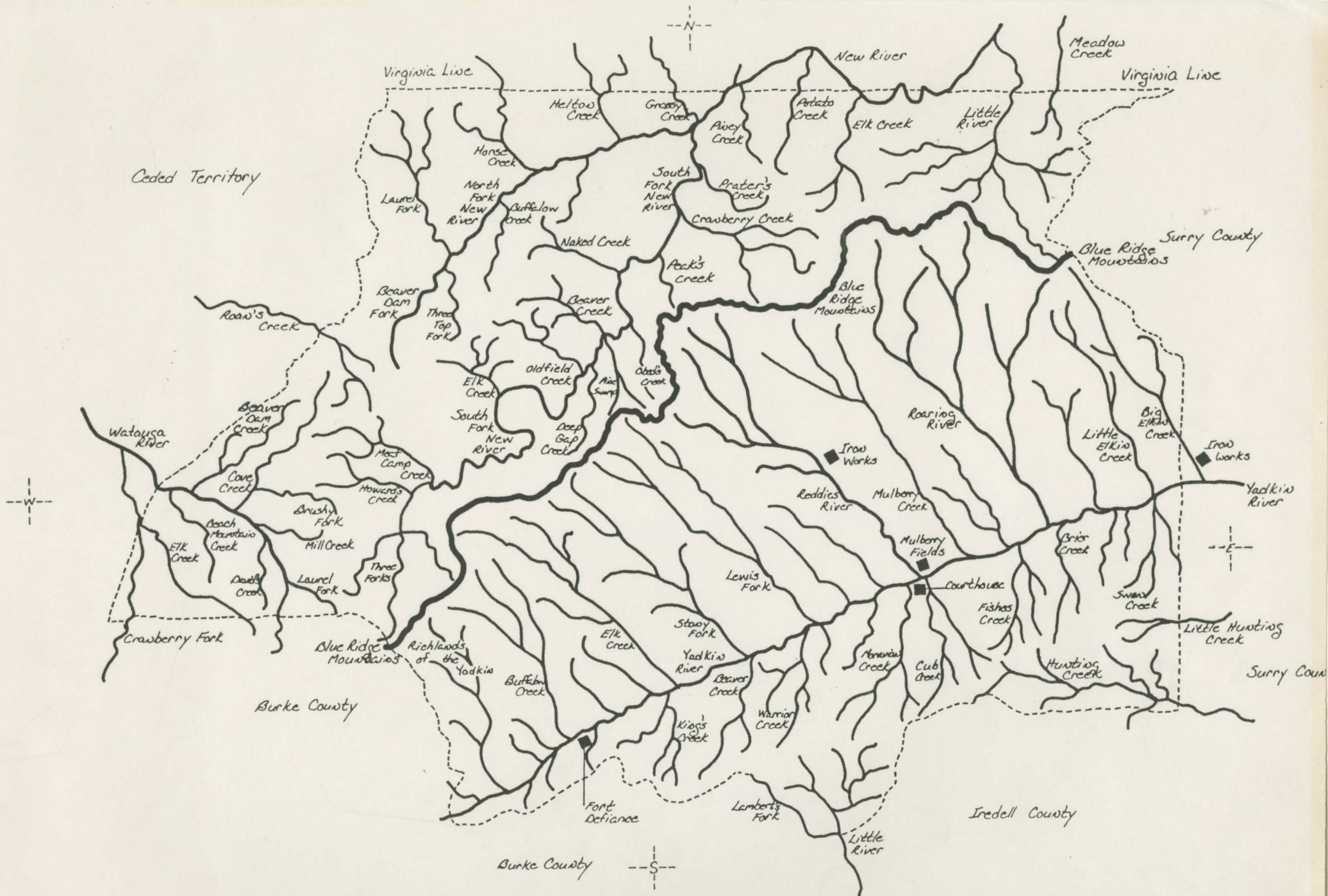
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WILKES COUNTY MILITIA DISTRICTS, 1786: District No. 1 — Capt. Nathaniel Gordon; No. 2 — Capt. Hardin (this was taken into Surry in 1792); No. 3 — Capt. Vannoy; No. 4 — Capt. Nall; No. 5 — Capt. Carrel; No. 6 — Capt. Judd; No. 7 — Capt. Alexander Gordon; No. 8 — Capt. Tribble; No. 9 — Capt. Johnson; No. 10 —

Capt. Brown (later Cleveland); No. 11 — Capt. Isbell; No. 12 — Capt. Ferguson; No. 13 was established in 1789 and was Capt. Bunyard's District; No. 14 was established 1790 and was Capt. Forester's District.



Done by a scale of 400 chains or 5 miles to the inch. The above is a combination of two plats, showing the boundaries of WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA in the year 1795. All that plat of land northwest of the BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS represents 472,737 acres of land, was surveyed 6 day July, 1795 by H. Rousseau,

C.S. with James and Randolph Williams serving as chain carriers. All that plat of land south of the BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS represents 264,680 acres of land, was surveyed 26 July, 1795 by H. Rousseau, C.S. with Daniel Vannoy & John Burke.

M. C. 89-B

S.P.I. 507

4/19 - 10:00

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13 April 83

Dear Betty,

Sounds like you have had a little
Vacation - I'm ready myself!

This family search business leaves
one always with a decision on what to
do next! With respect to the various
items I offer the following:

- 1) The maps on Ashe & Wilkes are good
modern documents. I do have the one
on Alleghany from this same series. I
Also have all of the Quadrangles for the
Area & am drafting a watershed map
for an upcoming history book on
Alleghany so I do have good modern
detail.

What I do not have is old maps of
the sort that would relate to local landmarks,
old trails, ownerships ect. I have learned of
an old map prepared by the local surveyor
in the late 1700's. This was sort of recopied
for the Wilkes History book. It includes Ashe
& Alleghany cos. I would like to get an
original copy from the Archives.

There must be a sort of base map
prepared from the original land grants or
an Area map from which lands were granted.

4256
289-578
975-682

This area is also along the VA-NC State line and must be detailed on a early boundary map and/or field book

- 2) Speaking of field books. I note there are several numbers on the land grant surveys. a) Register[#]@TOP b) Grant no. c) Warrant no d) Entry no. E) Book no f) Page no. Is there another book such as a survey field book? or is that where the survey map is located?
- 3) ~~The book you previously mentioned is the NC Research: Gen... & Local History @25th. I can order it from here. In that way you will have more for search/copy time.~~
- 4) ~~Re: the Little River Baptist Church Records - This was related to in a bulletin from Allegheny Co. Hist Soc. It might be best if you can just get me a roll of microfilm & I can sort it out at my "leisure". There are several others of the family that would get a kick out of it.~~
- 5) ~~Re: your efforts in Guilford & Orange this is a little confusing. I have an index grantor/ee for Orange & there are several Connelys/Conley's & I did get a couple of deed copies from the County. They refered me to the Archive for wills ect.~~

order
film!

On 25 Sept 1792 Thomas Connally married
Tempy Partin (maybe Dallis g.g. grandmother/aunt!)

Anyway there are several there, but I can't
turn any genealogical info. Don't know if
Orange has a history Book. Thomas said Cal from Wm. Partin Jr. ¹⁷⁸⁷

Capt Henry Connely (Conley) of Little River
said in his RW pension app. that his father
moved to Guilford (Orange?) before Rev. War.
Capt. Henry was in Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

There were a bunch of Connelys (O'Connell)
in Bunk Co. NC. I have a little info there & am
in touch w/ some descendants. There maybe a
link w/ mine but haven't found it yet.

Does the Archives have a surname list (Ref)
for any Connelys (Conleys et al?)

Guilford also has some Connelys (Isaac/John/Elizabeth
1793-1810 period. (Land Records)

There is also an Enoch Conley up the Dan River
in 1760-80 era.

All this are land records & I can't find any
stories to expand the raw data - who are they?
where did they come from? who are the families? et. et.?

Back to the main task -

- 6) The breakdown you have sent on Meredith
Ballow well illustrates my frustration
in that I have records which show him to
have land next to the Connelys in the 1790's when
the area is Wilkes, but you find no grants or
surveys. The Ashe records (?) show the period to
be 1817-34 & the land on Peek or Peach Creek

not the Little River or Crab Creek. This could be a son of an earlier Meridith who maybe had bought land directly from an earlier settler (grantee). Both Lenoir & Miller have far too many grants to be useful to me at this time. I am marking up the surveys that appear to be useful. I'm really only looking for lands on the Little River, Moccasin Creek, Crab, Brush or Little Pine Creeks. or Gladys Fork.

There has been indications the area was originally in Rowan, then Surry, then Wilkes, then Ashe & now Alleghany Cos.

7) Have you drawn any conclusions where the "earlier surveys" of the Connely (Conley) lands maybe registered. The ones you previously sent began in 1790's+. There were reference in those to earlier surveys.

8) Does the grant/survey index show any Connely's (Conley's) in Surry? If so please include copies.

Well I guess this about does it for now! Yes, North Carolina sure did well for themselves in Basketball this year!

I'm sure you will love the new IBM. we have several & they are great. The memory ones are so well liked that the girls borrow them from time to time.

Thanks for all your help - Annie Fegal

P.S. Please send for
The 800 NC County Book
You decided - Thanks again!

NC Sec of State Land Grant Index

Connelly / Conin

Totals

Ash

Sunny

Wilkes

7	Ballow (Meredith)	7	0	0
7	Cox (James, Samuel)	7	0	0 (James or Samuel)
12	Edwards (Dauid, Edward)	5	2 (Dauid)	5 (Dauid)
44	Fletcher (James)	8	0	36
5	Hammon (James, John)	John Hammon	John Hammon	John Hammon
13	Hardin (John / Wm)	1 (J.W.) 4 (John) 3 (Wm)	1 (Wm)	3 4 (Wm)
2	Indicott (Thos, Saml.)	0	0	Thos. Indicott 2
135+	Lenoir	60+	0 Christopher	~ 75+ Christopher
1	Manard / Maynard (Christopher)	1	0	0
163+	Miller	100+	13	~ 50+
1	Overton (John)	1	0	0
9	Parker (John)	John 0	2	7
30	Pennington* (Charles, James)	Charles, James 0	Charles, James 0	0
[*Note: there were Levy, Ephraim, & Edward grants]				
3	Possumore (Enoch, Augustine)	Enoch 1 Possumore	0	1 Augustine Possumore Eno S. Possumore
9	Tolliver (Charles)	8	0	1 Tolliver
3 (1)	Waller (Reuben)	1 Reuben Wallace 1 Reuben Wallis	0	0
[No Wallers in any of these Counties. Probably is Wallis / Wallace]				
10	Williams (Elias, Richard)	6	0	4

Ash County - Ballou/Ballew

- 1 Ballew, Meredith ^{500 acres} #1116 Grant #1004 Iss. 30 Nov 1819
Entry #3091 Entered 30 Aug 1817 Bk 134 page 71
Located: Waters of Peck Creek.
- 2 Ballew, Meredith #977 50 acres A-866 Iss. 7 Dec 1814
Entry 2622 Ent. 30 Oct. 1813 Bk 128 p 496
Loc.: Beg. at a double chestnut.
- 3 Ballew, Meredith #1057 50 acres A-945 Iss. 30 Nov 1818
E-3090 Ent. 18 Oct. 1817. Bk 133 p 25.
Loc.: Begin at a chestnut W. end of Iron Ore Knob.
- 4 Ballou, Meredith #1391 50 acres A-1280 Iss. 8 Jan. 1827
E-3388. Ent. 28 Nov 1820. Bk 137 p 56.
Loc. Begin at a white oak.
- 5 Ballou, Meredith #2020 50 acres A-1918 Iss. 8 June 1835
E-7358. Ent 24 Feb 1834 Bk 141 p 490
Loc. Waters of Peck Creek.
- 6 Ballou, Meredith #1237 50 acres A-1125 Iss. 21 Nov 1823
E-3327 Ent 28 Nov 1819 Bk 135 p 416
Loc. joining his own Hurley land
- 7 Ballou, Meredith #2033 100 acres A-1931 Iss. 25 Nov 1835
E-6706 Ent 16 Nov 1830 Bk 142 p 93 Loc. On the
Waters of Peck Creek.

Send 80025 OR
80026 LE

Orange 80008
X Index

19 April, 1983 ----- Brrrrrrrrrr in N.C. Snow yesterday and freezing tonight

Dear Arnie-

Please write to:

The Primitive Baptist Library
Route 2
Elon College, N.C. 27244

and ask them to send you a letter approving the copying of the microfilm at the N.C. Archives on the Little River Baptist Church.-----and/or asking if they have the film and if it can be copied there.

Also write to the authors of the Wilkes Co. History and ask them where the source of the maps used in the book are located. It is not in any collection the search room desk or I have been able to locate. The earliest map of Wilkes is one for school districts in 1868. No streams etc.

The Wilkes History is in the State Lib. being processed. They let me look at and copy the maps and then whisked it away again. It will show in the Gene. room in about a month or two.

I didn't finish my note about the church -- I have to have the letter from them to you in order to order the copy.

Ordered and paid for the county records book (\$index) and you should receive it within a week or so.....Soon I hope.

Went back over the Orange and Guilford Co. material this morning. Guess I have to have a humbling experience every year or so. I haven't figured out what I did before that I thought I was in the deeds. Probably the incorrect counties. Anyway, I did find the deeds listed and am so grateful you knew of them.

Also rechecked the microfilm for Connely (seven spellings this time) and called for original documents under Estates and Wills. At times I wish I dared to suggest that the desk staff be sent to school to learn about spelling of names. (That was totally unfair. They are all very intelligent young people and do try.)

As for a surname index...The closest we might come is the "Ancestor Index published by the Gene. Society. It shows the death of James Wesley Conley in 1892 (also birth there in 1824) and the death of Hugh in 1875. Hugh was apparently born in N.C. in 1792. The other Conley listed is Daniel b. 1771 N.C. and died 1854 in Tenn.

Dr. Mitchell has started compiling a statewide will index. I suspect that it will take a good five to ten years to complete. Hope I am in error on that!

The other records we tend to use for an index are the census indices. They are about the best helpers we have here. The records of this archives are so vast as to be overwhelming. Someone recently suggested that the archives hurry up and put the records on a computer. This type project would take a good many people several lifetimes. Someday they will get started, but, not during economic times such as we have been having the past several years. The state of N.C. believes in paying its way as it goes and no money means no increase in

19 April ----2

salaries or budgets for the department. The collection keeps growing and the staff and buildings remain the same. (Sounds a little like a household budget).

When you receive your "Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives, Section B:County Records" please note that the records on microfilm may have different dates and different collections from those listed under the "Original Documents". The film is from the county and the original documents are filed here in the archives.

The film and original documents for the "Wills" have to be both checked in doing a complete search as there are occasionally a few odd ones in the county which we don't have etc.

Tomorrow I expect to go to the Land Grant office and work on your requests. (Baring ice and snow, of course!!!!).

You ask about the Va.-N.C. boundry surveys etc. I have one call slip filled out for something on "county boundry lines" in 1841-1853 that I am going to look into when next I am at the archives. Not really that hopeful about that late document. The line between Va. and N.C. is interesting. The people didn't even know for a good many years exactly which state they lived in. I have found a good many Va. families who listed their birth place as N.C. in the 1850, and with further searching have found that they were in Va ...

Also, be aware that much property was granted by Va. that whould have been N.C. and vice versa...A real fun thing. We have the same situation on the Va. line in the eastern counties in earlier times. Also S.C. and N.C. have records in their materials showing that they didn't really know where the lines were. By 1830-40 the surveys started becoming much more accurate. **

We have some entry books here at the archives. Not all, but at least some. You will see them listed under "Land" in the "Section B-County" book.

The "Book #" refers to the book in the land grant office where the same wording will be found as you will find in the survey. The entry is given a reg. no. and is found on page --.

Oh yes, when there entries, they are not usually in books, but, appear in file folders, usually by year for a county and have to be gone through sheet by sheet. It can be done, but, again, takes time.

**There is one section of N.C.-S.C. line that has only in the past several years been finally decided...Rediculous, but, true.

Work to do and flowers to go out and cover--AGAIN.

Sincerely,

bjc

8 April, 1983

Dear Arnold-

I started this at Atlantic Beach last weekend, but, after looking over my handwriting decided that I had better wait to mail until I was home and able to type (more or less).

These maps are the ones in the map file at the Archives - So -- picked them up at the Transportation Dept. for you. (\$.25 ea.) Realize this isn't quite what you had in mind, but, it is what is available to me.

Kathy Heisley checked into the land grants for your list and the enclosed sheets give you some idea of the number that would have to be checked for the correct waterways --Look this over & let me know if you want me to go through them all reading for the waterways etc. It can certainly be done - but, will take a great deal of time. Will get back on this as soon as I hear from you. (I do not have copies of these two sheets).

Have checked the list below - without a single Connely showing up in the records!!!!

Guilford Archives Will Index
Orange " "
Grimes N.C. Will Absts.
N.C. State Library Gene. Room published material & vertical files
Guilford Co. Deed Grantee & Grantor Indexes
Orange Co. " " " "

There is a "Little River Bapt. Church" book - Sparta, Alleg. Co. 1809-1971 (Search Room Microfilm # R 004 01002) Register. The years are not the same as those you mentioned and it is a Register instead of being listed as a Minute Book. I am still worrying about this. Where did you find your information?

This material is difficult reading - do you want me to do it? You can get a copy of the film for about \$15. I will keep looking & in the meantime let me know if you want it read - or a film copy----etc. whatever.

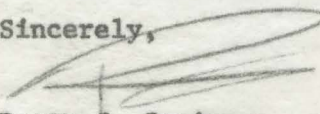
Alleghany Co. was formed from Ashe Co. (And I should have picked up a county map for that one also-sorry.)

My new Personal Typewriter (IBM) has arrived so that now when I go away we can carry that with us. Seems to me that it would be easier to simply say "IBM Portable". Guess that is an old fashioned phrase.

Was it "N.C. Research" I suggested or was it the N.C. County Records? The Co. Records I can get here for \$8. No problem. The other has to be ordered from Reprint Pub. - see NCGS flier enclosed.

And wasn't basketball wonderful for N.C. this year.....

Sincerely,


Betty J. Camin

These are all names mentioned as adjoining property owners in the stack of Surveys you sent. They were just great and have really helped very much. The addition of the adjoining should help me further to put together a rough map.

In this regard is there any ^{old} maps in the records which would show a composite of any of the original grants/surveys? or Any old maps or sketches which would show the general landmarks and/or watercourses being used as references in the records. There might include such names as Blanche's Ridge, Maiden's Knob, Nathan's Ridge, Panther Rock, Hammon's Mill, Snider's Branch etc.?? which also brings the question: "Is there any maps showing old mill sites in the Little River Area?".

I cannot understand why there are no Conley's records in Guilford Co. as several stories I have mention living in "Guilford." Could this be Orange Co? I noticed a reference to Orange which is next door? would you mind looking there in the index?

Ashe
Wilkes
Survey
D.T. Bell

382-2
247-19
522.19

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No

Is there also an overall index of wills for North Carolina where you could look up Connely (Conley) wills which might give name associations of heirs etc? If so, could you please look it over and make an abstract and/or a copy of those from early times into the 1800's?

Well as you have noted I am looking to you for a lot of stuff. You have what my yend to do research & I'm ready to keep going. Your time also cost money, I know, as does copies but I really appreciate your past efforts and would like you to keep going if you are willing.

Enclosed is my check in amt of \$100⁰⁰ on which to repay my past balance, for your recommended book and to proceed as you see fit.

Thank you very much for your help.

yours truly,
Annie Tegel

P.S. I've also learned that the minute Book of the Little River Baptist church is in the NC Archives and that the early pages 1790's to 1825 could be copied - is that Right?

Sony you & hubby were ill, but glad things are okay now - That folk is sure no fun!

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Tributaries of Little River

Crab Creek, Brush or Brushy Creek, Little Pine Creek. This area was in Wilkes Co. prior to 1799 and then Ashe up to 1856 (now all along)

I have read a story recently that implies that the Little River area was once in ^{check S. Co. for Connely.} Surry County before the Wilkes and Grayson Co., VA lines got straightened out. Perhaps you might give a quick check of their Land Grant records for Connely et. in the 1770-1790 era?

The names I need check & copies of surveys for in Little River area et are as follows:

- 1) Pennington (Charles/James)
- 2) Indicott (Thomas/Samuel)
- 3) Hammon (James/John)
- 4) Hardin (John/William)
- 5) Ballaw (Meridith et. al)
- 6) Cox (James/Samuel)
- 7) Edwards (David/Edward)
- 8) Williams (Elias/Richard)
- 9) Manard/Maynard (Christopher)
- 10) (John) Parker
- 11) Fletcher (James)
- 12) Waller (Reuben)
- 13) Tolliver (Charles)
- 14) Possomore (Enoch/Augustine)
- 15) Overton (John)
- 16) Lenoir
- 17) Miller

Betty J. Camin

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1 March 83

1 of 4

Dear Betty,

I have received your big pkg of Land Grants & surveys. They are really super. Now I have a big job ahead trying to figure it all out.

They arrived a week after your transmittal letter for your information. I discarded the wrapper last nite w/o saving the postage. I think it was \$1.75 plus \$6.80 copy charges but you must know so deduct the proper amt from the check enclosed.

* found it was 1.25 or whatever!

First off you had mentioned a book on Research in N.C. Records that you recommended. Would you be able to obtain a copy for me?

Then, the list of other names you sent re: grants i.e. Higgins/Hammon/Tolliver were for the Southern portion of Wilks Co. These are outside of the Area I am now searching. Therefore thank you for looking them up, but I do not need copies of those cited.

There are however several names listed as Adjainers (adjacent land owners) on the surveys you sent that are of special interest to me. I am however, only interested in those that are on tributaries of the Little River such as

K.H.

Co. records?

Connely - for Kegel
N.E.R. by S. + L.

Handwritten letter of
2 April 1983

Grants: Wilke Co. prior to 1799
Asher up to 1856
Dury Co. grants for Connelys - 1770-1790

Deed Index Will Index Blk - 0 -

George " " - 0 -

James " " - 0 -

Gene-Ren Connely - 0 -

Do Deed Index
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40201 - OR
- 0 -

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Deed Index (Wills)

Connely, Rachel M 117
apparently a bond child of Geo. Lindley

NC State GRANTS

<u>ENTRY NO</u>	<u>year</u>	<u>(Wilkes/Ashe Cos.)</u>	
# 178	1785	- 50ac	William Connelly
# 316	1779/1802	- 50ac	William Connelly
# 489	1799	- 200ac	Henry C.
# 595	1785	- 100	Thomas
# 596	1785	- 200	Thomas
# 597	1785	- 69	Thomas
# 598	1785	- 50	Edmonds
# 599	1785	- 55	John
# 600	1785	- 45	John
# 658	1802/09	- 400	William
# 663	1806/09	- 400	William
# 694	1801/09	- 150ac	John
# 1050	1820/28(18)	- 50	William
# 1596	1795/98	- 50	Edmond
# 1606	1795/98	- 250	Thomas
# 1717	1798	- 200	William
# 1800	1795	- 200	William
# 856	1779	- 50	^(orig) ~~John Hammon~~ William Connelly

The areas + time periods I am interested in include Guilford (Orange) Co. area in 1770-1800± period of which I have little info.

The other is Wilkes Co 1770-1820 a portion which became Ashe Co in 1800-1853±, I do have many land records from this area, a few of which include Grants (state) which were recorded in the two counties. This I believe is incomplete hence the need for a complete search in the original index + document source + storage area. I have no survey maps but know they were prepared + were filed somewhere. These I need!

on a separate page I have listed the grant file numbers I have been able to find in order to help you locate the period + place + maybe save a little time.

I expect the cost of copies will be quite a bit so am enclosing some extra to allow you to proceed immediately with searching + copying what you find. Please find my check in amt of \$50⁰⁰ enclosed.

Hopefully we can get some success in getting these grants + surveys. I have some other needs on family research from the archives later.

Respectfully yours,

Arnold R. Lege

THE CONNELLY FAMILIES OF ROARING RIVER

The Connely or Conley of the Roaring River basin of Wilkes County, North Carolina during 1795 to 1825 period were primarily descendents of Captain Henry and Ann (MacGregor) Connely or Little River.

Three of Captain Henry's sons had married daughters of Thomas and Mary (Caudill) JOINES of this area.

Edmund, born 2 June 1775, married Lydia JOYNES in the later 1790's and was enumerated on the 1800 census of Wilkes County. In 1801, he was on the work crew to establish the Elk Spur Road from Traphill. In 1802 he worked on the Roaring River road system.

Thomas, born 25 January 1777, married Susan JOYNES and was enumerated on the 1800 census of Ashe County, but by 1802 was known to have lands on Roaring River and where he worked on a road crew with his father, Captain Henry, to establish the South Roaring River Road.

John, born 8 August 1785, married Leah JOYNES in about 1806. He lived with his father, Captain Henry, in 1800 on the Little River (Ashe) and had left the area before the 1810 census was taken.

David H., born 24 June 1781, another of Captain Henry's sons, was with him when the Captain himself and Ann moved to the Tarkill branch of Roaring River adjoining

George Wheatly. David was a witness to several of his father's land purchases. He married a Jane (unknown) who may have been from one of the families in the area.

Around 1807, Captain Henry and son, Thomas, sold their Roaring River lands and moved north to the newly opened lands along the Big Sandy River in Floyd County, Kentucky. Brother Edmund acted under Thomas' power-of-attorney in the transactions. Both Captain Henry and son Thomas were enumerated in 1810 Kentucky census.

Edmund and David H. remained in Wilkes for a time, eventually joining Captain Henry. Enroute, David H. purchased land and resided for a time around 1812 in Russell County, Virginia before joining the family in Kentucky.

Elijah, son of John and Sarah Connely moved from Little River about 1811 to the Dehart's Branch of Cane Creek tributary to the North Fork of the Roaring River. He had married Jane (maiden name unknown) who could have been from this area. Elijah was enumerated on the 1820 census of Wilkes County, North Carolina. In about 1822 he moved north to join his widowed mother, Sarah, and brothers Josiah, John Jr., and Joel, who had left Little River to settle in Lawrence (Orange) County, Indiana about 1814. It is probable that Elijah traveled with his brother, William, a Little River landowner and judge in Ashe County, as they both relocated to Indiana about the same time.

A point of interest is that there was a William Conley who was enumerated on the 1810, 1820 and 1830 census of Wilkes County in the southwestern portion. It is thought that he was a member of the Connelly family of Burke County, North Carolina.

Sources: Wilkes & Ashe County Records, Pioneer Families of Eastern Kentucky,
U. S. Census Lists, Michael Nestor of Lexington, Kentucky.

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John and Sarah (Willson) CONNELLY

Not much is known about the John Connely (Conley) who came to the Little River area with Captain Henry Connely in the 1784 era. Records show that he and wife Sarah (Willson) with their children acquired considerable lands around Maid's Knob, Nathan's Ridge, Hammon's Mill Creek and along the Brushy and Crab Creek drainages. Their close neighbors included William Hardin, Joseph and Samuel and Thomas Indicott, Meridith Ballew, James and Elizabeth Hammon, Fletcher, Nathan Cole, John and George Adams, Adam and Peter Sebott, Jacob Willson (perhaps a relation of wife Sarah), William Remy, Richard Williams esq., Moses and Charles Tolliver, David Edwards, John Parker, Reuben Waller, James Cox, John and Elias Williams, Peter Wiant, Jesse Kirbey, James Flecher, Abraham Michell, along with the various Connely families, and others.

The 1787 census listed one (1) male 21 to 60 years, four (4) males under 21 or over 60 years, and six (6) females, all ages, in the household of John "Conley".

John was born 28 June 1744, Sarah on 16 April 1746. They were married about 1766 and had several known children, including:

William, born 22 July 1768 in North Carolina (perhaps Rowan or Orange County) married about 1798 Nancy Ann born 1778.

John Jr., born 30 August 1776 in North Carolina (perhaps Guilford or Orange) married first about 1800, Catherine Miller born 15 October 1782 and died 5 Aug 1845.

Elijah of which little is known, who died in 1831.

Josiah, born 21 August 1783 in Virginia (perhaps Montgomery or Washington County) married first 13 April 1803 Mary Elizabeth Miller, born 9 January 1789, died 12 January 1813, and second, 29 April 1813, Sarah Elizabeth Terrell.

Joel, born 10 March 1788 in North Carolina (Crab Creek in old Wilkes County) married on 20 March 1806 Effie Pennington.

There were several daughters of which little is known. It is possible that one was Sarah, others could include: Elizabeth Hardin, born about 1778; Effie, born 1775, wife of John Collins; and Nancy, born 1780, wife of Bennett Rector.

On 19 February 1796, John Conley was named co-executor along with David Edwards by Peter Wiant in his last will and testament, prepared by Jurit, Richard Williams. John's son, William, was a witness.

It was but a short time, in late 1798 or early 1799, that John died. The record in the family Bible of his son Josiah lists the date as 24 July 1798. No will has been recorded or found. However, the County Court of old Wilkes, at its General Meeting in February 1799, appointed John's widow, Sarah, and son, William, as co-administrators to inventory the estate. Richard Williams esq. and Moses Tolliver were bound in the sum of 250 pounds for security.

At the same meeting, the Court saw fit to appoint a board consisting of Richard Williams esq., David Edwards, Charles Tolliver and Meredith Balow to "lay off to widow Sarah Connely such provisions as may be thought necessary for twelve (12) month's support".

An Inventory of John Connely's estate was presented to the Court at the July 1799 session and filed in Book No. One (1) of Wills on page 521 and lists as follows:

"3 head of horses, 24 head of cattle, 57 head of sheep, 34 head of hogs, 4 beds, 19 pewter plates, 6 pewter basins, 4 pewter dishes, 45 vessels of earthenware of divers(e) sizes, 9 iron vessels, pots, ovens and kittle, 1 brass kittle, 1 frying pan, 2 chests, 2 flax wheels, 1 cotton wheel, 1 trunk, 2 shovels, 5 bottles, 2 pair of hames and traces of iron, 1 log chain, 1 iron potrack, 2 pair of pot hooks, 2 flat irons, 19 wooden vessels, 3 pair of bedsteads and cords, 4 plows, 2 axes, 2 sets of knives and forks, 15 spoons, 2 saddles, 3 pair of cords, 9 chairs, 1 hand saw, 1 broad ax, 3 augers, 3 chisels, 1 gouge, 2 drawing knives, 1 loomb,

6 slays (sleighs), 6 pair of harness, 8 books, 2 stirrup irons, 5 bells, 1 set of dog irons, 3 hammers, 1 howell (a Cooper's convex plane), 1 side of leather, 4 bushels of salt, 4 hoes, 1 mattock, 1 iron-tooth harrow, 1 cutting knife, 2 sythes, 500 nails, 6 tins, 2 clevises, 3 bridles, geese and ducks not known, 2 churns, 2 guns, 1 adze, 1 half bushel measure, 360 weight of bacon, 15 barrels of corn, 1 nursery of apple trees of about 50 with some other small ones, 1 hone, 3 barrels of rye, 50 dollars cash.

Debtors listed include John Parker, 41-2/4 (forty-one pounds, two shillings and four pence), Elizabeth Hardin, 36-2/4, Reuben Waller 1-1/4, and James Cox, 0-2/4.

On 5 November 1799, the "Appraisement of John Connely's Estate" was returned by William Connely amounting to three hundred and eighty pounds, eight shillings and three pence.

This was a sizable estate for the day and does not consider the land holdings.

Eventually the items passed on to family and friends and the land to son William who became a sizable landholder in the Crab Creek area. Much of the Connely lands were later acquired by the Possomore, Johnson and Higgins' families.

John's gravesite has not been located but is most likely at the Crab Creek home-place or perhaps the early Little River Baptist churchyard where Rev. Charles Pennington was pastor.

Sources: North Carolina Archives, Wilkes County Records Will Book No. 1, pages 521 and 534.

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THE CONNELLY FAMILIES OF LITTLE RIVER

John and Henry Connely were among the early settlers who pioneered homesteads in the northeastern corner of original Wilkes (Ashe in 1800, now Alleghany since 1859) County. The exact relationship of these men has not been established.

They first located in about 1784 upon the drainages of the Little River Branch of the New River, where they began to improve and acquire considerable lands on and about Maid's (Mades) Knob in the area presently known as Glade Creek. The primary settlement was along the Crab Creek tributaries with some of the land draining to the Brushy Creek Fork. The holdings eventually reached north across the Glady Fork of Crab Creek to the Virginia/North Carolina state line, east to Carico and west to Moccasin Creek.

John and Henry's families are shown in the 1787 North Carolina State Census as "CONLEY" on the lists of Jesse Franklin taken for Captain William Hardin's Little River Taxing District.

John was born 28 June 1744. Family tradition says the place was Ireland although it is quite possible it was in America, perhaps in Pennsylvania. He died at his Crab Creek home in northeastern Wilkes County prior to January 1799 when his wife, Sarah, was given an allowance by the Ashe County Court and she and son, William, were appointed executors of the estate.

John's wife, Sarah (Wilson) Connely, was born 16 April 1746 (place unknown) and died 12 July 1824 in Lawrence County, Indiana. She is buried in the Connely Cemetery at Spice Valley. It is probable that they came directly to the Little River from Virginia where their son, Josiah, was born in August 1783. While it is thought that the area was Montgomery County, it could have been Washington County where a John Conley was listed on the 1782 tax rolls.

John and Sarah had at least ten children including sons William (b. 22 July 1768 - d. 16 December 1842), Elijah (d. 1831), John (b. 30 August 1776 - d. 31 January 1853), Josiah (b. 21 August 1783 - d. 20 February 1870), Joel (b. 10 March 1788 - d. 8 June 1806) and possible daughters (unconfirmed): Sarah, Effie (1775 - ca 1829), Elizabeth (1778 - 1828) and Nancy (1780 - 1819).

Henry was born 2 May 1752 in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died 7 May 1840 in Johnson County, Kentucky. Henry's first wife, Ann MacGregor, was born 14 February 1756 and died 1830 in Floyd County, Kentucky. They came to this area from Montgomery County, Virginia, the home of his relatives, via Guilford/Orange County, North Carolina, the home of his parents, Thomas and Mary (Van Harlingen) Connely who had moved to that area from Pennsylvania prior to 1776.

Henry and Ann had ten children: Edmund (b. 2 June 1776 - d. 1865), Thomas (25 January 1777 - d. 1840), Peggy (b. 8 August 1779 - Unknown), David H. (b. 24 June 1781 - Unknown), Rachel (b. 8 April 1783 - d. 7 June 1855), John (b. 8 August 1785 - d. 1860), Henry (b. 1 December 1787 - d. 8 September 1859), Elizabeth (b. 8 April 1789 - d. 1851), William (b. 8 July 1791 - d. a 1820), Joseph (b. 8 July 1795 - d. 1860).

Following Ann's death, Captain Henry married second _____ in
Kentucky. No children were born to this union.

This Henry was Captain Henry Connely, the officer appointed by Governor Burke of North Carolina to lead a special Cavalry unit in the War of Independence. His Excellency had assigned Captain Henry and his dragoons the task of suppressing the covert activities of the notorious Colonel David Fanning, leader of the Tory uprisings in western North Carolina. He was in many skirmishes and participated in the main battles of Haw Fields, Colson Mills, and Guilford Court House. He was disabled by illness at the time his unit was engaged in the "Ninety-Six" campaign. Captain Henry's Pension Application was filed in 1831 from Floyd County, Kentucky and is very detailed and interesting. Henry mentions visiting his "relatives in Montgomery County, Virginia" and raising a militia unit at the same place.

David Connely joined John and Henry shortly after the 1787 census was taken. He was born before 1765. It is thought he came from Montgomery or Botetourt County. David paid land taxes until 1790 and left the area and rejoined Henry by 1810 in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Besides John, Henry and David, there was a Thomas Connely and a James Connely who paid taxes in 1782 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Thomas' estate was appraised in August 1793. The relationship of these men has not been fully determined, but it is probable they are brothers or close cousins. Judging by the name patterns, there should also be a related William in this age group.

In 1800, the Little River area was incorporated into the newly formed Ashe County. The census of that year listed the Conley families of Sarah (John's widow) and their sons, William and John Jr., together with Captain Henry and his son, Thomas.

By 1802 Captain Henry and his sons' families had moved to the Roaring River basin while John's widow and sons' families remained in Ashe County.

Sources: Ashe & Wilkes County Courthouse Records, North Carolina Land Grants, U.S. Census Lists, U.S. National Archives, Family Records.

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Dear Arnold,

I do hope that you havn't given up hope of ever hearing from me again. We had to do the usual Xmas and New Years holidays, I had to spend a couple of days at the hospital holding and admiring our first grandchild, the Archives was closed for three days for inventory, and EAC and I have had the flu twice during the month of January. Hopefully that is all behind us and we will not ever again be ill. We do not do it gracefully.

Have worked out the time I owed you - and havn't begun to get into the list that you had given me for grants.

Did call for ~~paper~~ ~~Winston~~ Estates in Guilford, Ashe, & Wilkes Cos. The only thing to show up is the paper you have. Also checked the cross index for these three counties for Connely and again nothing. From this I will suggest that whatever you do find will be in the deeds and or land grants.

So happy to have a client who can see important items such as you found in the grants. Most of our people refuse to find anything in them other than the fact that he acquired land. By "No Genie" material I was refering to the fact that there was nothing referring to "next to father" or "adjacent to brother" and that sort of thing that people would understand. Wish you were closed so that you could plot out the metes and bounds when we need it done. I guess I will never be terribly secure about doing it properly.

The C.C. you asked about is Chain Carrier. Also C.B. is Chain Bearer. These men are often teenagers living in the household or immediate neighborhood. If they are listed as Certified C.C. or C.B. we have been taught that they are definately mature men.

In copying the Grants, I did the backs of some. All that were of unusual interest and some of the ordinary ones. Depended upon the room I had on the sheets. You will find the backs on the same side of the pageth~~at~~ the front- or should I say end?

On the two sheets of grants are scribbled the ones available for Hammon-s, Higgins, & Charles Toliver. At that point she was trying to clear the room so that she could go home.

FEE: Deposit of Nov. 18 for one day - Worked one day.

Copies: 6.80 at 10¢ each. (You may count them if you wish - I don't care to -)

TOTAL DUE: \$6.80 plus any postage on pkg. of grants.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs Camin,

your letter of Nov 28th has been received with interest and a degree of excitement.

I have been waiting for something from the Sec. of State for a long time & have put off trying to force the issue. Searching & copying documents is surely timeconsuming and perhaps boring on a full time basis especially if one is not interested. Thank goodness you are willing to help me. It's nice to have a 'Spokane' gal like you. I have never been to N.C. but have grown to know it well by photos & maps & documents - history ect.

my grandparents & great grandparents homesteaded in Stevens County (NE of Colville) in the late 1800's. Both my parents were born there in log cabins. I have many relatives and friends in Spokane. My dad's brother was caretaker of the old Cataldo mission for many years & we all helped him celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer & we stayed in Spokane & our youngest daughter's boyfriend (he's at W.S.U.-Pullman) lives there too - It's great country!

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I got a "kick" out of your comment that "there is no gen. info in the grant survey". would you believe that small slip of paper & sketch is most likely the most interesting scrap I have received over a 2 yr. search? It surely looks like not much, but it puts' William Connely with Capt. Robert Hall who appauntly was the surveyor acting for "H or A" ^{??} Roussac C.S. (I imagine County Surveyor)??, Is this right?
Rousseau (count)
It also placed him with his brother Elijah Connely and introduced a new name James Pennington (of whom we have been searching) both of whom are bracketed as "C.C." Is that "County Chairman"? It is important to determine just why they were together on the same document. It would not seem that they are witnesses for the survey.

Then the note on the back of the survey states "Return in the name of Thomas Connely & paid for" - J. Craver? but for William Connely. I have been trying to link these two lines Thomas & Henry are sons of Capt Henry & my John respectfully. why are they on the same document?

And then the survey itself locates a landmark "Maid's Knob" that I have had trouble with for sometime. This appauntly was an old name not in current usage. many of the legal descriptions have been linked to it.

I have been trying to pin it down & have several knobs narrowed to. The survey description and the small map (plat) showing "the waters of Crab Creek" gave me something to work with. I scaled it down placed it over the various knobs and put it fit over a small perfect shaped knob - the Creek fits & I'm sure it is the one. This is exactly what I have hoped for so I'm anxiously awaiting copies of the other surveys.

Incidentally, I am a surveyor and am familiar with record search, descriptions & maps ect., so any of the technical data, plats or field notes you can turn up will be great. Is there an overall map showing the composite grants for the Little River, Crab Creek Area?

Then on the Surveyor Order - James Fletcher is the "officer of claims". He also shared a common boundary with some of William Connely's land. All of this on a small slip of paper - great!

The numbers I sent to you were Entry Nos. I see the Grant no. is different and the number you are using (a file no??) is still different.

The one you sent was EN 595 or #1392 which I had listed as "Thomas" maybe this was a result of the note on the back.

yes, I have all of the Connely deeds from both Ashe & Wilkes Co. There are many, but there are blanks where some were not recorded. In that day wives were not even mentioned. The witnesses & adjacent landowners provided the best info.

I have a copy (obtained from N.C. archives) of the Appraisement of the estate of my John Connely who died in 1798 or Jan 1799. That's all. I wish there was a will or probate - maybe you could re-check this? I was told there is a stack of loose papers that could contain such info.

1 Paper
EST.
WILL

I am also interested in any wills/estates of other Connelys in Wilkes/Ashe as well as Guilford/Orange cos from beginning day up to 1850.

The truth of the situation is I am (for two yrs) stuck at Wilkes/Ashe (now Alleghany) Co NC area on the Connelys. My John & a Capt Henry Connely came to the Little River area in 1783-84. Capt Henry is listed as having been born in PA 1752 to a Thomas & Mary Harlingen Connely & they moved to Guilford NC before the R.W. (1776)

I believe John & Henry are brothers as they were so closely associated - but I have not been able to prove it nor to find John's parents if not.

Besides the Connelys, there are a few other
 surveys (maps) I would like in Wilkes (Little River)

These include ^(William)Hammon, ^(James)Hardin, ^(John)Miller, ^(William)Miller, ^(Joseph)Miller,

David Edwards, Richard Williams, Jacob Willson, Meredith
 Ballew, Peter ~~Wiant~~ Wiant & Charles Tolliver & Higgins.

This all sounds like a plenty for now. I understand
 the early record book of the Little River Baptist Church is at
 the archives. Eventually maybe these records could be
 looked at. I have an short abstract of the 2nd church formed
 in 1810. It could be the earlier one was a little downstream
 across the state line in Virginia. Rev. Charles Pennington
 was its pastor in 1795-1806 period.

Will close for now - Thanks for your help.
 The way the wind blew yesterday 50-60 mph maybe
 a little bit of Spokane will reach you in a couple
 of days or with the rain (2 1/2 - 4 1/2") it will wash
 around the Horn!!

Please let me know if additional funds are
 needed.

yours. truly -

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Dear Ms. Camin:

I am writing in response to your ad offering document research in N.C..

I am in need for obtaining copies of land records and survey data from the Registrar or Secretary of State by an experienced researcher. This information has been previously requested by mail & after a wait of a year for a reply it is now apparent the data is there but a lack of staff makes a thorough search impossible.

Assuming you can supply this service, I specifically need:

Records regarding the CONNELY (Conley, Connelly, Conoly, ect) family of Western North Carolina. I have accumulated quite a bit of information but need copies of the Land Grants and copies of the actual SURVEYS or of the PLATS relating to these transfers. Copies of the actual applications and any other documents you may suggest that might give names of wives, witnesses, places of past & present residences are very desirable. If there is a question on its worth please copy it.