



Finding Forgotten Stories

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MEADOR

ROBERT WILLIAM
MARCH 27, 1939
APRIL 27, 1996

A GOOD AND GENTLE MAN

MARRIED
MARCH 29, 1958
CHILDREN
DEBORAH
ROBERT

JANET CALDWELL
SEPTEMBER 28, 1938



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Monument to Thomas
“Stonewall” Jackson
at Chancellorsville --
Wounded May 2, 1863



Do You Really Know Your Ancestors?

Step Into Your Ancestor's Lives

Delila Parthenia Hopper Hamrick



She was married at the age of 13 or 14. James was about 18.

When James died in 1927, they had been married for 52 years.

She lived to be 68 years old. All but one of her 9 children died after her.

She had 36 grandchildren.

She was the 6th of 8 children.

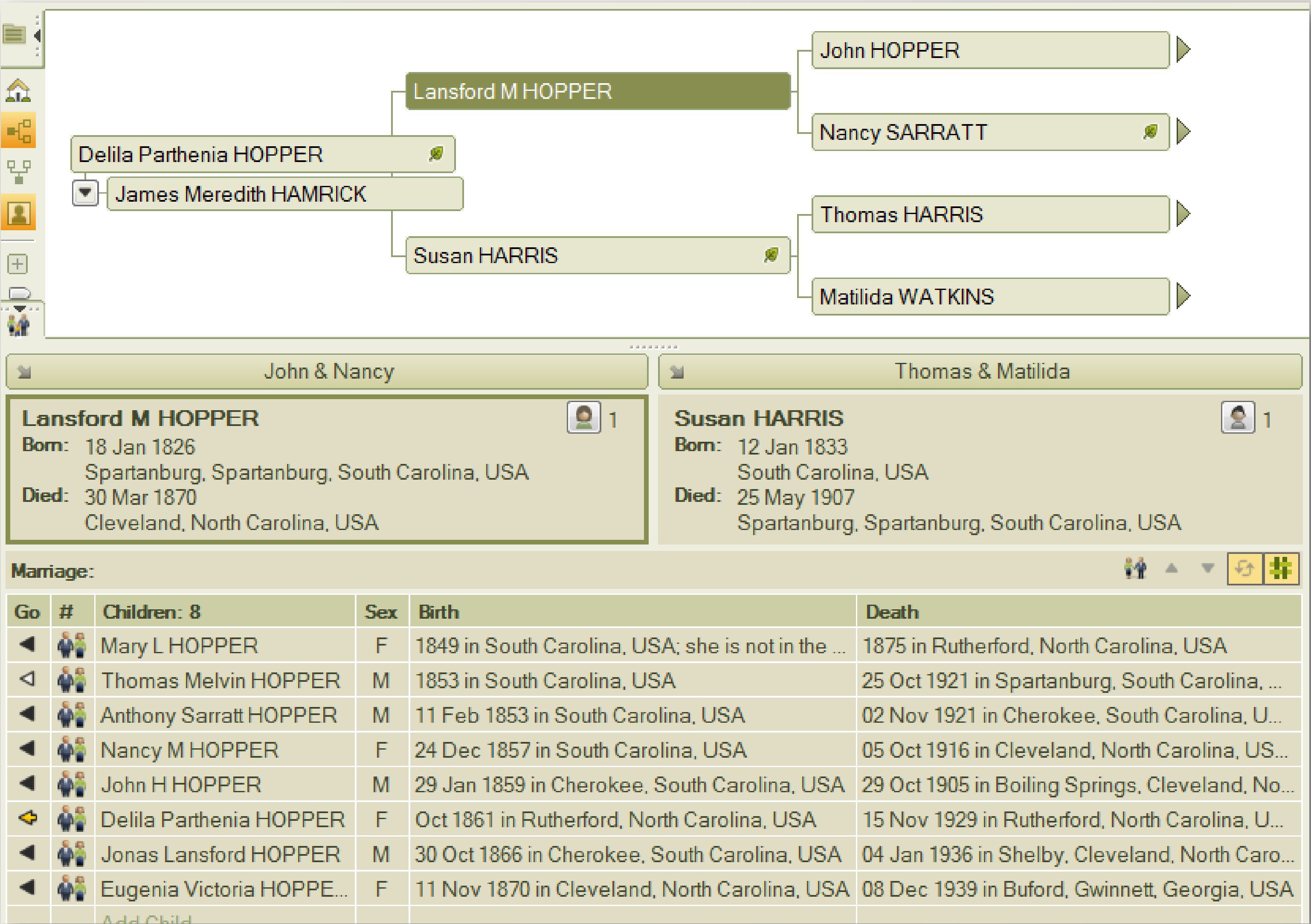
She was born the year the Civil War started

Her father served the entire war.
She was born while he was away.

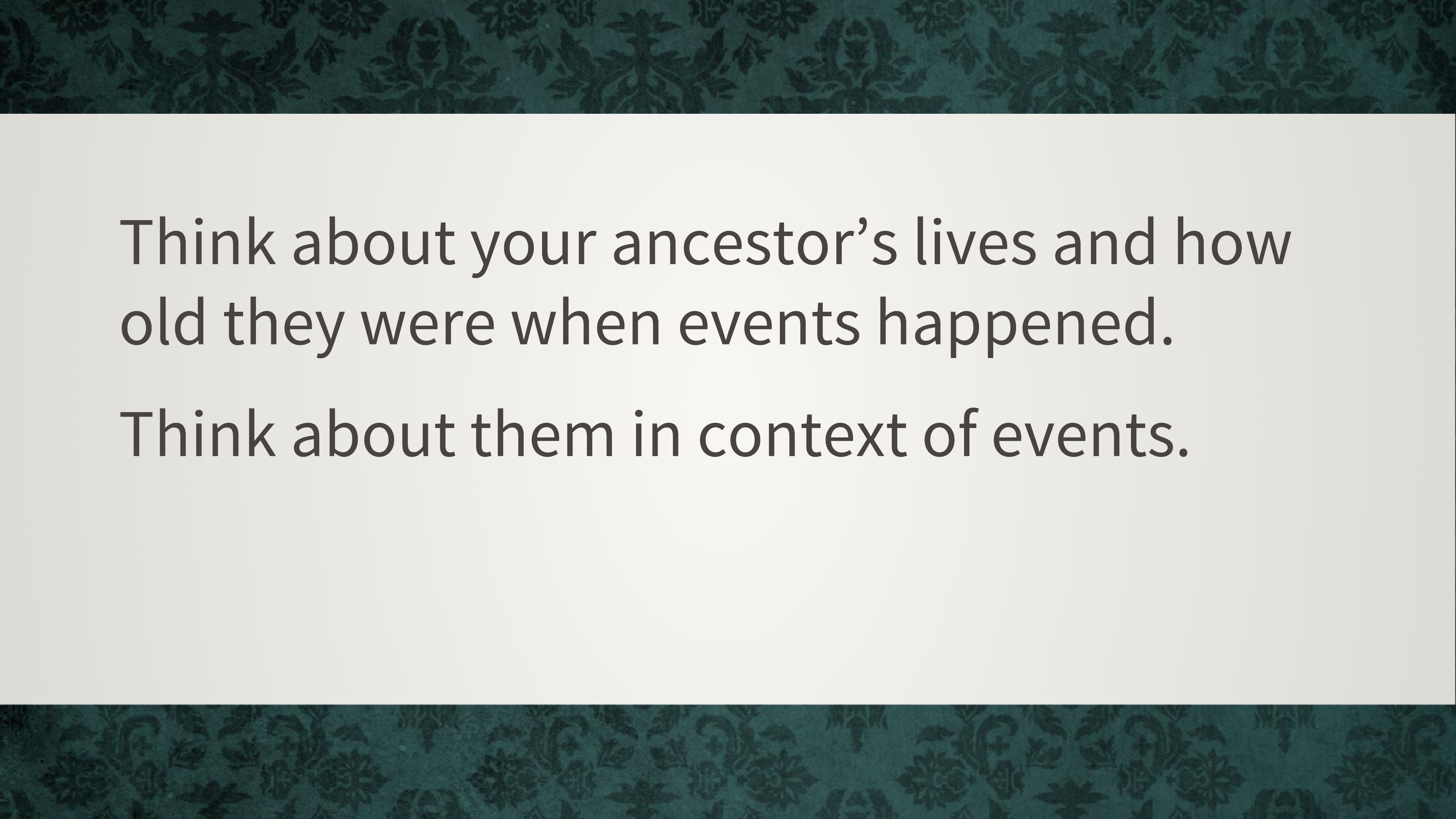
She was 4 when he came home.

She was 9 when he died.

He was murdered by one of her cousins.





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Think about your ancestor's lives and how old they were when events happened.

Think about them in context of events.

Chancery Courts and Other Law Suits

Justice is administered according to
fairness as contrasted with the strictly
formulated rules of common law

—*Black's Law Dictionary*

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Depositions
as directed by
the Court

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 of the 21st day of October 1874, between the homes of A. M. and S. M.
 of that day, to take the depositions of Aaron Moore and others
 at which were present R. E. Workman, said next friend, and
 Aaron Moore, depts. & J. S. Thomas, of counsel for said
 depts. and sundry witnesses and persons. But the counsel
 for respondents being necessarily absent, the taking of said
 depositions is adjourned and continued to Friday the
 23rd day of October, 1874, to be then resumed at the same
 place and between the same parties. Given under my
 hand this 21st day of October 1874.

David C. Davis W. D.

Office of C. J. Thomas
at Rural Retreat W. Va.
Friday October 23rd 1874

The taking of the depositions as stated in the foregoing
 caption and writ of continuance, having been com-
 menced to this day Friday the 23rd day of October 1874
 and the home of one Elizabeth P. M. having arrived the
 taking of the said depositions is now commenced the
 same place in presence of
 and continued

1882-2020

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October 15



CHANCERY RECORDS INDEX



Chancery Records Index

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Plaintiff(s)

ADAM HACKER
DAVID MCCLURE

Defendant(s)

ADAM HACKER
DAVID MCCLURE

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ALEXANDER PAXTON

Defendant(s)

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AMOS THOMAS ETC

Defendant(s)

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Plaintiff(s)

ADMX OF JOHN GLASGOW ETC

Defendant(s)

EXR OF ARTHUR GLASGOW ETC

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JOSEPH MCNUTT

Defendant(s)

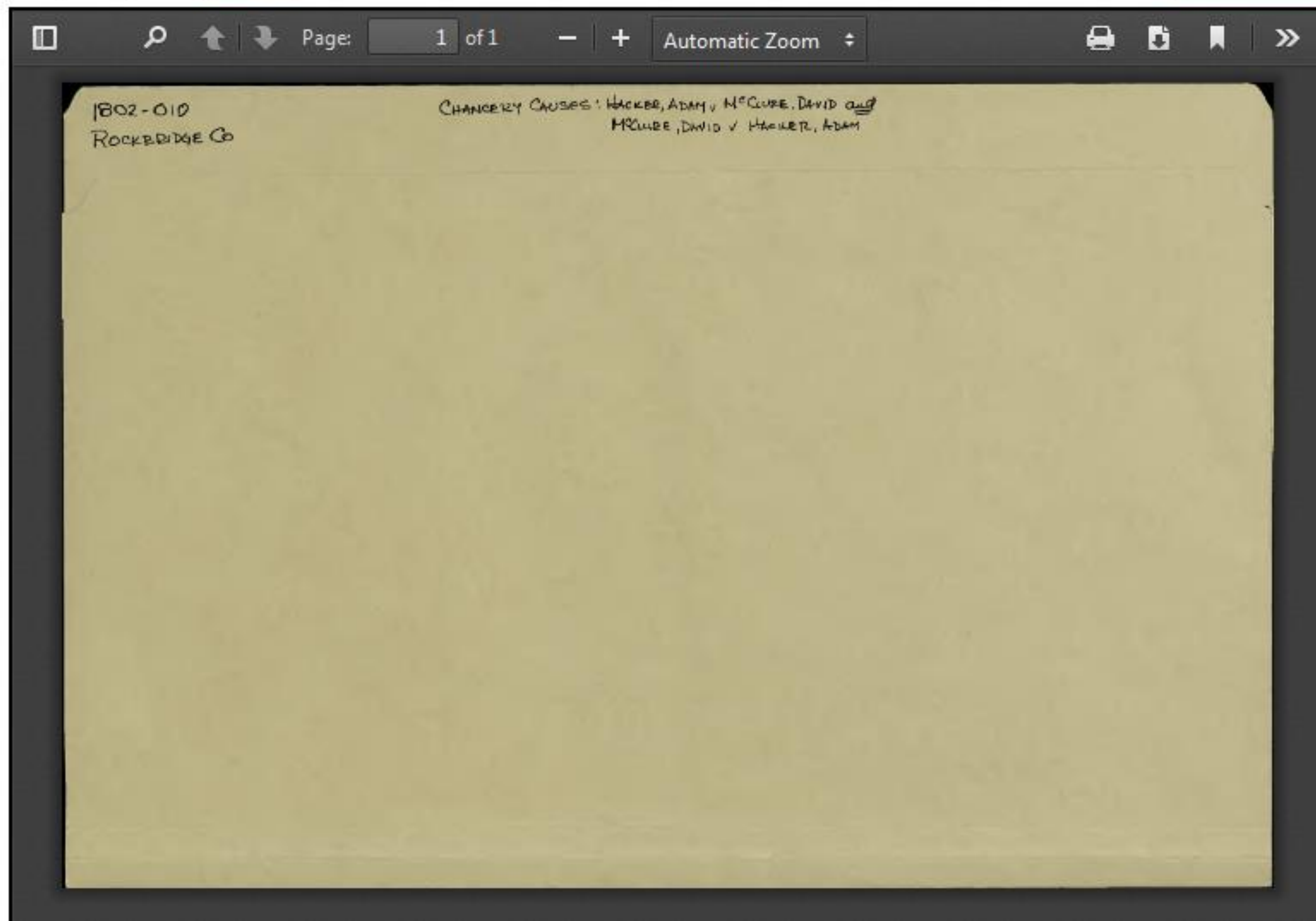
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1802 May - both sent.

June - do

Aug^t - do g.o.

1 ye travellers to paradise that happy happy state
whose ways & manners spirits the . . .
wicked world doth hate

* your highway lies before you & upward doth ascend
& leads you on to glory to see your dearest friend

2 O friend that's nearer to you than any brother dear
your lord & only saviour your great redeemer dear
who once a human body upon himself did take
your sinners lives of glory eternally to make

3 Who suffered groans & blood & died upon the cross

What Did They Fight About: Land

Elizabeth Hamilton b. 1813, Virginia married to Eli Cox, b. 1810, Virginia

Elizabeth is the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hamilton|

1858-016
ROCKBRIDGE Co/CC

CHANDLER COVERS. COL, ELI: wife & MCCORKLE, BENJAMIN P etc

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1 of 2

CAMPBELL

WITNESS

AGNOR

DONALD

ZOLMAN [ZOLMAN]

ADAIR

LACKEY

Cox & wife

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Benz F. McKenna & Co

Deer

April 1858

Enter

185

8

Entered April 19, 1858

1
To The Honorable Lucas P. Thompson
Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County

To the Honorable Lucas P Thompson, Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County

Humbly complaining showeth unto your Honor your Orator & Oratrix, Eli Cox and Elizabeth his wife of Rockbridge County, VA that in the year 1811 Samuel McCorkle, the grandfather of your Oratrix being seized and possessed in fee simple of certain lands in said County departed this life in the said County after having first made & published his last will dated on the 18th day of Aug 1810...

testament dated on the 18th day of Augt 1810, leaving his wife Margaret McCorkle & the following children him surviving, to wit, James, Elizabeth, Jane, William, Alexan

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Testator made devises or bequests. The Testator made a devise

What do we know?

1. Samuel (??-1811) and Margaret (unknown) McCorkle (??-after 1810)

- a. James McCorkle

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- b. Elizabeth McCorkle m. Samuel Hamilton

- i. Elizabeth Hamilton m. Eli Cox

- c. Jane McCorkle

- d. William McCorkle

- e. Alexander McCorkle

- f. Patrick McCorkle

- g. Polly (probably Mary) McCorkle

- h. John McCorkle

this last will & testament, which was admitted to record
in the County Court of said County on the 2nd day of Augt
1847, by which, he devised to his son, Benjamin J. McCorkle.

...this last will & testament, which was admitted to record in the County Court of said County on the 2nd day of Aug 1847, by which, he devised to his son, Benjamin J McCorkle, the land conveyed to him by the said John & James McCorkle by the said deed of the 15th of Sept 1825 and by the residuary clause of his said will he devised to his son, William H McCorkle, any other interest that he might have in the said lands under the will of the said Samuel McCorkle ~ The said Alexander McCorkle died in 1855 leaving the following children & heirs, him surviving, to wit, Angeline McCorkle

he might have in the said lands under the will
of the said Samuel McCorkle — The said Alexander
McCorkle died in 1855 leaving the following child-
ren & heirs, him surviving, to wit, Angeline McCorkle

who intermarried with one Adam Zollman & Samuel A
McCorkle. Patrick McCorkle died several years since in

who intermarried with one Adam Zollman & Samuel A McCorkle ~ Patrick McCorkle died several years since in the state of Ohio, & left several children & Heirs him surviving, but whose names are unknown ~ Polly McCorkle intermarried with on John Adair, & they are both dead leaving the following children & Heirs them surviving, to wit, Samuel Adair, James Adair, John Adair, Alexander Adair, Jane Adair, Margaret Adair, who intermarried with one James Lackey & died & left one child, Martha G Lackey, who is under twenty one years of age, and Mary Ann Adair who intermarried with the said Benjamin J McCorkle

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death, the one half of the said plantation passed, under
~~the said~~ The provisions of the said will, to the ^{other} right

...death, the one half of the said plantation passed, under the provisions of the said will, to the other right heirs of the said Testator the said Samuel McCorkle and his heirs were his said other children, the said, Elizabeth, Jane, William, Alexander, Patrick, Polly, The said Margaret, the widow of the Testator, died a number of years since. The said James McCorkle is still living & resides in the state of Ohio. The said Elizabeth intermarried with one Samuel Hamilton, and they conveyed their "right title, claim & interest" arising from &

State of Ohio. The said Elizabeth McCorkle intermarried
with one Samuel Hamilton, and they conveyed ~~conveyed~~
all their "right title, claim & interest" arising from &

...now appearing from an office copy of the said
deed herewith exhibited marked **C** and prayed to be
taken & read as a part of this Bill. The said Jane McCorkle
she intermarried with one James Donald & they are

The said Jane McCorkle intermarried with one James Donald & they are both dead, leaving the following children & heirs, to wit, Margaret Donald, who married William Campbell, who is now a widow, Jennetta Donald, who married George Withers, Polly Donald, who married one James L Agner, John Donald & James Donald ~ The said William McCorkle died in 1847, having first made & published his last will & Testament, which was admitted to record in the County Court of said County on the 2nd day of August 1847 & by which he devised to his son, Benjamin J McCorkle, the land conveyed to him by the said John & James

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 - a. James McCorkle (living in Ohio)
 - b. Elizabeth McCorkle m. Samuel Hamilton
 - i. Elizabeth Hamilton m. Eli Cox
 - c. Jane McCorkle m. James Donald (both died before 1858)
 - i. Margaret Donald m. William Campbell (Wm died before 1858)
 - ii. Jennetta Donald m. George Withers
 - iii. Polly Donald m. James L Agner
 - iv. John Donald
 - v. James Donald
 - d. William McCorkle (died around 1847)
 - i. Benjamin J McCorkle m. Mary Ann Adair (1st cousins)
 - e. Alexander McCorkle (??-1855)
 - i. Angeline McCorkle m. Adam Zollman
 - ii. Samuel A McCorkle
 - f. Patrick McCorkle (in Ohio)
 - i. children, names unknown
 - g. Polly (probably Mary) McCorkle m. John Adair (both died before 1858)
 - i. Samuel Adair
 - ii. James Adair
 - iii. John Adair
 - iv. Alexander Adair
 - v. Jane Adair
 - vi. Margaret Adair m. James Lackey (deceased)
 1. Martha G Lackey, who is under twenty one years of age
 - vii. Mary Ann Adair m. Benjamin J McCorkle (1st cousins)
 - h. John McCorkle

The said John McCorkle, defendant hereinafter named, has formed & occupied that portion of the said lands deeded to him on the 30th of Oct 1839 ever since the death of the devisee John McCorkle.

The said John McCorkle, defendant hereinafter named, has formed & occupied that portion of the said lands deeded to him on the 30th of Oct 1839 ever since the death of the Devisee John McCorkle, with full knowledge that he had no title to that portion that said devisee had owned for life only, and with a full knowledge that the one half of all of the said lands & plantation belonged to the heirs at law of the said Samuel McCorkle immediately upon the death of the said devisee, & he also purchased & has farmed & occupied ever since the death of the said devisee, a portion of the land that was assigned to the

the death of the said devisee, & he also purchased & has farmed & occupied ever since the death of the said devisee, a portion of the land that was assigned to the

30th of Janz 1824 - The said Benjamin J. McCorkle has
farmed & occupied all of the other portion of the said
land ever since the death of the said devisee, also with

The said Benjamin J McCorkle has farmed & occupied all of the other portion of the said lands ever since the death of the said devisee, also with a full knowledge that he had no title to that portion that said devisee had owned for life only, and with a full knowledge that the one half of all the said lands belonged to the heirs at law of the said Testator immediately upon the death of the said devisee ~

And your Orator & Oratrix further represent unto your Honor, that they are informed & believe that, upon the death of the said John McCorkle, without marriage & heir of his body,

thus represent unto your Honor, that they are
informed & believe, that, upon the death of the said
John McCorkle, without marriage ~~or~~ heir of his body,

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Samuel Wallace of Rockbridge County

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Died: Sep 1786

Virginia, USA



Meath, Ireland

Died: 1790

Virginia, USA



Wallace, Samuel, Rockbridge Mil., oath
as Captain May 5, 1778; rec. as
Lieut. Colonel May 1, 1781; oath
Sept. 4, 1781.

Samuel WALLACE



1

Born: 1745

Virginia, USA

Died: Apr 1786

Rockbridge, Virginia, USA

Rebecah ANDERSON



2

Born:

Died: Jun 1800

Tennessee, USA

Marriage: Bef. Jun 1779



Go	Children: 6	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Elizabeth WALLACE	F	Bet. 1768-1774 in Virginia, USA; estimate based ...	
◀	James WALLACE	M	1778 in Virginia, USA	Rockbridge, Virginia, USA; from guardian bond f...
◀	William WALLACE	M	1780 in Virginia, USA; Guessing from order in fat..	Abt. 1808 in Virginia, USA; date and locate base...
◀	Martha WALLACE	F	30 Dec 1782 in Augusta, Virginia, USA	30 Dec 1827 in Rockbridge, Virginia, USA; Age: ...
◀	Andrew WALLACE	M	1784 in Virginia, USA	1846 in Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia, USA; A...
◀	Anderson WALLACE	M	1786 in Virginia, USA	1818 in Rockbridge, Virginia, USA; He has an in...
	Add Child			

Samuel dies early Apr 1786

- Elizabeth is 12 (about)
- James is 8
- William is 6
- Martha is 4
- Andrew is 2
- Anderson has not been born

Virginia, USA			
Died: Apr 1786			
Rockbridge, Virginia, USA			
Marriage: Bef. Jun 1779			
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◀	Andrew WALLACE	M	1784 in Virginia, USA
◀	Anderson WALLACE	M	1786 in Virginia, USA
Add Child			

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebekah my house and lot in Lexington to her during her natural life

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebekah my house and lot in Lexington to her during her natural life and at her decease to be equally divided amongst my children.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the use of my Tract of Land in Rockbridge where my plantation is adjoining John Paxtons and Joseph Lapsleys lands together with my wagon and Team and stock of every kind for the purpose of raising my children till my youngest child shall be come of age.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Paxton and Joseph Lapsleys lands together with my waggon and stock for the purpose of raising my children till my youngest child shall come of age— Item I give and bequeath to my daughter—

Anderson, the unborn son, was born in 1786.

He will come of age in 1808 at the age of 21.

Lands of John Paxton and Joseph Lapsley to the remainder
of my children viz James William Andrew and the child
my wife is now pregnant with to be equally divided when
my youngest child shall come of age to them and their

...my youngest child shall come of age to them and their Heirs forever -- I give and bequeath my
warrants for Land for Military services to my beloved wife and children to be equally divided among
them and to their Heirs forever

for my services to my beloved wife and children to be
equally divided among them and ^{to} their Heirs forever --

for the use of my children — Item and lastly I appoint my

Item and lastly I appoint my Brother John Wallace Executor and my beloved wife Rebekah Wallace Executrix of this my last will and Testament for Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty six

Signed and sealed in presence of William Alexander, Jas Grigsby, Thomas Edgar

for the use of my children — Item and lastly I appoint my

Samuel wrote his will March 20th, 1786

His will was presented in court April 4th, 1786

He died somewhere in that time period.

Thomas Edgar

At a Court held for Rockbridge County April the 4th Day 1786

Rebecca Anderson Wallace marries James Grigsby 20 Apr 1786

She had 5 children under the age of 12 and was 4 months pregnant.

Name:	James Grigsby
Gender:	Male
Marriage Date:	20 Apr 1786
Marriage Place:	Rockbridge County, Virginia
Spouse:	Rebecca Wallace
FHL Film Number:	33797

Samuel's children file a chancery cause in 1802 (16 years later)

- Elizabeth is 28 (we think) and married to Charles Grigsby
- James is 24 (filed the claim)
- William is 22
- Martha is 20
- Andrew is 18
- Anderson is 16

To the worshipful Court of Rockbridge County in Chancery

To the worshipful Court of Rockbridge County in Chancery siting – Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships your Orators and Oratrixes James Wallace, William Wallace, Charles Grigsby & Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Wallace – and Andrew Wallace, Martha Wallace & Anderson Wallace Infants under the age of 21 years by James Wallace their next Friend Heirs & Devises of Samuel Wallace deceased ~

That their Father the said Samuel Wallace Departed this life in the year 1786 having first made his last will & Testament....

Anderson Wallace Infants under the age of 21 years
by James Wallace their next Friend Heirs
& Devises of Samuel Wallace deceased

NEXT FRIEND. One who, without being regularly appointed guardian, acts for the benefit of an infant, married woman, or other person, not sui juris. Vide Amy; Prochein Amy.

Departed this life in the year 1786 having
first made his last will & Testament now

Duly recorded in your Court by which he
Devises to Rebecah his wife during her life

...duly recorded in your Court by which he Devises to Rebecah his wife during her life his House & Lot in Lexington, also the use of his plantation near Lexington, together with his Waggon & Team; & stock of every kind for the purpose of raising his Children until the youngest shall come of age (of which is was then "exs"ient) He then after some specific bequests to his daughters, Devises the said Land to his three sons James, William & Andrew, and the Child with which his wife was then existent to with your now you now Orator Anderson, to....

Wife was then existent) He then after
some specific ~~bequests~~ ^{bequests} to his Daughters, he
Devises the said Land to his three sons
James, William & Andrew, and the Child
with which his wife was then existent,
to wit your now Orator Anderson, to

April 1797 when he removed with their Mother
& your Oratrix Martha & Orator Anderson to the

... April 1797 when he removed with their Mother & your Oratrix Martha & Orator Anderson to the state of Tennessee where their mother died in the month of June 1800 -- That before they went away the land was rented to one William Grigsby Brother of the sd James who ??? that's both been & now is in possession of the same -- That Farming the possession of the same -- that during the possession of the said James he not only did great waste on sd Land himself, but permitted others also to do so by cutting and destroying the timber|

During the possession of the said James he not only
did great waste on sd Land himself, but permitted
others also to do so, by cutting & destroying the timber.

which from the contiguity of the s^d Land to Lexington is

...which from the contiguity of the sd Land to Lexington is very valuable and that the said William during his possession hath done & permitted great waste to be done in the same way on sd Land, and is now actually permitting the Timber to be cut & destroyed in a most extravagant manner by Tanners merely for the bark & others who make application for Timber this permitting Brick to be made Thereon -- In all which premises your Orators are without relief except in a...

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merely for the bark, & others who make appli:
cation for Timber - they permitting Brick to be made thereon.
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Worth of the land

Dr James Gaigley & Co
 In acc^t with the Heirs of Wallace Dec^d

1786	2 ² years rent of Farm before Imprisonment at \$30	60.00	lt
1795	to 7 Ditto after principle part of land was cleared at \$50	350.00	
1800	to 5 Ditto stated to be worth as for w ^o 22 \$80 per year	400.00	
		<u>810.00</u>	

amt of rent before the
 Death of widow

1802 To 2 Ditto after the death of the Widow 160.00
Can \$770.00

Agreeable to the foregoing statement there would be a balance of three hundred & ninety one Dollars in favour of the legatees which sum & they services of three negro woman supposed to be of an indifferent quality but worth something the Waggon & Team & stock of every kind

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legatees which sum & they services of
three negro woman supposed to be
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something the Waggon & Team & stock of every
kind.

...a better and quality tent worth
something the Wagon & Team & stock of every
kind

...stock of every kind together with farming utensils & devised by the will of Saml Wallace for the use
of raising his Children & a house & lott in Lexington also devised to his widow during her Natural life
perhaps the Court may think this last Item exclusively left for the use of the widow....

...Children & a house & lott
in Lexington also devised to his widow during
her natural life perhaps the Court
may think this last Item exclusively
left for the use of the widow if so

I enjoy the advantages of the house & lot
in ^{Lexington} say worth \$40 per year for 10
years after the death of Saml Wallace at
that date the house was consumed
by fire there is no positive proof
as to the year of the fire

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of raising his Children & a house & lott in Lexington also devised to his widow during her Natural life
perhaps the Court may think this last Item exclusively left for the use of the widow....

Clues to the ages and whereabouts of Elizabeth, James and William

1786 to boarding cloathing & Elizabeth Wallace
 4 years she being 12 years old a \$12 } \$ 48.00
 to cloathing James Wallace while he
 was an apprentice to Alex^m Shields say
 three years his services considered worth
 his keeping previous to that \$12 } 36.00
 to boarding cloathing & Wm Wallace three
 years his services worth half his keeping
 it is supposed he was 7 years old \$10 } 30.00

Clues to the ages and whereabouts of Andrew and Martha

To Ditto Andrew Wallace four years
before he arrive at 7 years of age \$25 } 100.00
as his services is stated to be worth
his keeping at that age & he being
taken away by his uncle for 1 year
To Ditto Martha Wallace 7 years
above the age of five years old say
\$25 for year it is considered her
services & all to her use after that

Clues to the ages and whereabouts of Anderson

services fully worth his keeping
To Ditto Anderson Wallace the first
four years after his birth a \$30 } 120.00
to 6 years more until he arrived } 90.00
the age of 10 years old say \$15 - } minimum
after that age it is supposed his \$579.00
services fully worth his keeping

⁶³ The above amount of Thirteen hundred
& forty six pounds four shillings & ten pence $\frac{3}{4}$
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1801 signed Martha & James Wallace in

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this Deponent thinks that William Wallace of the sons of sd Saml Wallace continued with his mother &
the sd Grigsby until the month of March 1790 and from the period he resided until he was of the age of
21 years with this Deponent and recd his clothing and support entirely from the Deponent & of Wms
Grandfather this Deponent further states that the sd William was about 10 years of age when he came
to reside with this affiant

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This Deponent recollects that when he came to his house he could spell & read a little but he does not know, what time he had been to school when with his mother or whether ever after his fathers Death. This Deponent further states that James Wallace brother of William came to the house of Robt Anders his brother then year 1791 to the best of his recollection & remained with him for 12 or 15 months and was cloathed and supported by his Brother during his stay

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the house of Robt Anders ^{his brother} in the year 1791 to the best of his recollection &
remained with him for 12 or 15 months, and was cloathed
and supported by his Brother during his stay he

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was in a helpless situation & after the death

...necessary in taking care of her mother who was in a helpless situation & after the death of her mother appeared very useful in carrying on the household business of the family. This deponent has seen the said Martha occasionally employed in spinning when said Grigsby was not at home, but when he was at home he would not permit her to spin as he said he could endure the sound of a wheel

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Deposition on how the children were treated

... of James Grigsby after
his marriage with Jane Wallace
widow of that said Grigsby appeared
to live very well & she never
observed any difference in ^{his} treatment
to Wallace's children & his own
~~question by Deft~~ This Deponent further
further states //

states that Mrs. Grigsby was
very much afflicted with ^{gout} ~~gout~~ ^{pains} from
some time after she ^{went to} ~~came~~ at Hart's
tavern until she left this country
and ^{that} the greater part of the time she
was entirely helpless & she knows
Martha Wallau was principally

Snavelly's of Wythe and Smyth

To the Honorable John A. Campbell Judge of
The Circuit Court of Smyth County.
The Bill of Complaint of one Adam B. Snavely guardian.

The Bill of Complaint of one Adam B. Snavely guardian of Mary Jane Snavely of said county humbly complaineth & sheweth unto your honor that in the year 18__ he married one Mary Jane Aker of said County & after they had lived together for several years she departed this life leaving one Child whose's name is Mary Jane your compts ward his daughter

one ~~unborn~~ ~~now~~ ~~appearing~~ ~~one~~ ~~unborn~~ ~~unborn~~
name is Mary Jane your compts ward his daughter

Marriage

Adam B Snavely

and

Mary Jane Aker

were married

12 Feb 1858

To the Clerk of the *County* Court of
Smyth County in the State of Virginia.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the following is a correct Statement of a
Marriage solemnized by me in the County aforesaid:

Date of Marriage, *February 9th 1858*
Place of Marriage, *Waymon Aker*
Full Names of Parties married, *Adam B. Snavely & Mary J. Aker*
Age of Husband, *25 years*
Age of Wife, *19 years*
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) *single*
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) *single*
Place of Husband's Birth, *Smyth County Va.*
Place of Wife's Birth, *Smyth County Va.*
Place of Husband's Residence, *do do*
Place of Wife's Residence, *do do*
Names of Husband's Parents, *Nicholas Snavely & Mary Pickle*
Names of Wife's Parents, *Philip Aker & Barbara Snavely*
Occupation of Husband, *A Farmer*

Given under my hand as a *Minister of the Gospel*
(legally authorized to solemnize Marriages,) this *12th*
day of *February*, A. D. 185 *8*

Andrew P. Scott

name is Mary Jane your compts ward his daughter
Your complt further avers that one Barbary Aker
late of said County through natural love & affection
the mother

...name is Mary Jane your compts ward his daughter your cmplt further ??? that one Barbary Aker
late of said County through natural love & affection who was the mother to your compts first wife
Mary Jane a grandmother to your cmpts ward deeded to your complt as trustee by the curtesy in
fight of his wife for the benefit of your compts ward to one John T Aker & one Christina E Aker of said
County a certain tract of land lying in the said County of Smyth containing 213 acres which deed is
upon record in the clerk's office of the county court of said county bearing date on the 28th day of

CURTESY, or COURTESY, Scotch law. A life-rent given by law to the surviving husband, of all his wife's heritage of which she died infert, if there was a child of the marriage born alive. The child born of the marriage must be the mother's heir. If she had a child by a former marriage, who is to succeed to her estate, the husband has no right to the curtesy while such child is alive; so that the curtesy is due to the husband rather as father to the heir, than as husband to an heiress, conformable to the Roman law, which gives to the father the usufruct of what the child succeeds to by the mother. Ersk. Pr. L. Scot. B. 2, t. 9, s. 30. Vide Estate by the curtesy.

This suit is to get ^{your} Honor to render a decree & satisfy the exchange for about ~~sixty~~ ^{six} acres with George H Bryant that ~~the~~ ^{the} said sixty two acres are in fact your complaint that the proceeds arising from the sale of the land to the payment of other land which is more valuable than the said sixty two acres are in fact your complaint

this suit is to get your Honor to rend a decree & satisfy the exchange for about six acres with George H Bryant...the said sixty two acres are in fact more valuable land in fact your complaint avers that the arrangement has already been made between him and the said Bryant...

nothing like as good land as the land your complaint has made the arrangement to ^{exchange} purchase with the ^{said} ~~proceeds~~ ^{Bryant} of the said sixty ^{two} acres provided your Honor will ^{that the same} ~~decree~~ ^{be satisfied} of the same, your complaint further avers

appoint A. B. Snavely a commissioner for the
purpose of conveying the legal title of the land
in the filed proceedings mentioned belonging

...appoint A B Snavely a commissioner for the purposes of conveying the legal title of the land in the
filed proceeding mentioned belonging to his ward Mary Jane Snavely to George H Bryant whenever
the said George H Bryant shall convey to the said Mary Jane Snavely by and of general warranty the
tract of land in the bill mentioned containing about forty five acres & the said Snavely is hereby
required to report his proceeding to the preset term of this court until which time this cause is
continued

to report his proceedings to the next term
of this Court until which time this cause
is continued.

Nicholas Snavely a witness of lawful
age after being duly sworn deposes & saith that he is
the grand father of the infant defendant Mary Jane

Nicholas Snavely a witness of lawful age after being duly sworn deposes & saith that he is the grandfather of the infant defendant Mary Jane Snavely & the witness further states that he is well acquainted with the sixty two acres of land belonging to the Defts also with the land that the Deft A B Snavely proposes to purchase with the proceeds arising from the sale of the said sixty two acres he knows that it would be far better for the infant defendant that the court would render a decree to sell the said sixty two acres & apply the proceeds to the purchase of the tract of land that the said Plft has made the arrangement to purchase, the witness further states that he knows the land that the Deft proposes to purchase is far better & worth a great deal more....

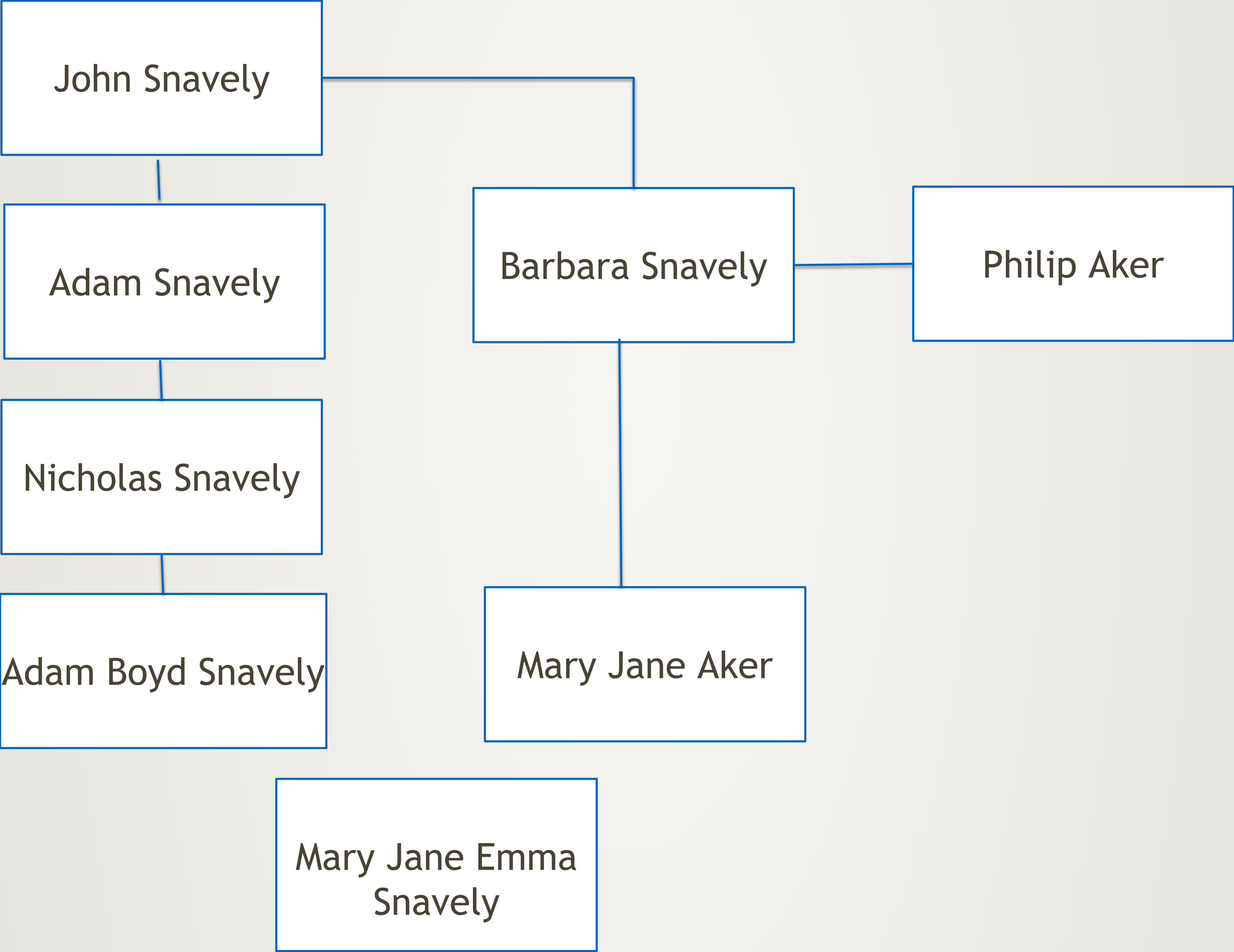
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he knows the land that the Deft proposes to purchase
is far better land ^{& worth a great deal more} the witness further states that if
the Court render a decree he desires that the title

Harold S Scott another witness of lawful

Harold S Scott another witness of lawful age after being duly sworn & deposeseth & saith that he is well acquainted with the sixty two acres of land belonging to the infant defendant & also with the tract of land that the plaintiff proposes to purchase he knows that it would be to the interest of the infant defendant

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Who was this family?



The Deeds

Mary J. Snavely
A. B. Snavely
John T. Aker

This Deed made this 28th day of September 1859 between Barbary Aker of the One part and Mary Jane Snavely, Adam B Snavely, John T Aker & Christina E Aker of the other part, witnessed that the Said Barbary Aker doth grant and convey to the said Mary Jane Snavely in right of her mother Mary Jane Snavely formerly Aker deceased and to Adam B Snavely as infant trustee by the curtesy in right of his wife & to the said John T Aker & Christina E Aker, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Smyth Containing 213 acres by deed from Daniel Hill to John Snavely deceased, and by the said John Snavely in his will devised to the said Babary Aker a 200 acres the boundaries of which are set out in deed Hill to John Snavely as is supposed with general [unreadable] witness the follow signature & seal this 28th day of [unreadable]

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L.P. Mathews 66

This Indenture made and concluded on the twen-
ty third day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and twenty seven by and between Thomas Crow Executor of John Snave-
ly Decd of the County of Wythe in the State of Virginia

This Indenturein the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty seven by and between Thomas Crow Executor of John Snaveley Decd of the County of Wythe in the State of Virginia and Phillip Aker & Barbary his last wife late Barbary Hill which was Barbary Snaveley of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth for and in consideration of the said of four hundred Dollars to him the said Thomas Crow Executor of this said John Snaveley Dec in hand

now by and now says and also in witness where with the last
will & testament of the said John Snaveley Decd the said Thomas
Crow Executor aforesaid hath given granted bargained & sold
& by these presents do bargain & sell unto the said Phillip Aker
& Barbary his wife one certain tract or parcel of Land lying
& being in Wythe County, in the waters of the middle fork of
Holston containing by Survey Two hundred and thirteen acres
in the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit,

and twenty seven by and between Thomas Brain Executor of John Br
and Decd. of the County of Myth. in the State of Virginia and Phi
lip Sher & Barbory his ^{last} wife late Barbory Holt. which was Bar
bory County of the County and State aforesaid of the other part

County of Myth. in
his ^{last} wife late
County and St.

So Why Did This Happen in 1859?

Mary J Snavely

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Birth: Nov. 7, 1838
Death: May 18, 1859

Family links:
Parents:
[Philip Aker \(1780 - 1850\)](#)
[Barbara Aker \(1797 - 1874\)](#)

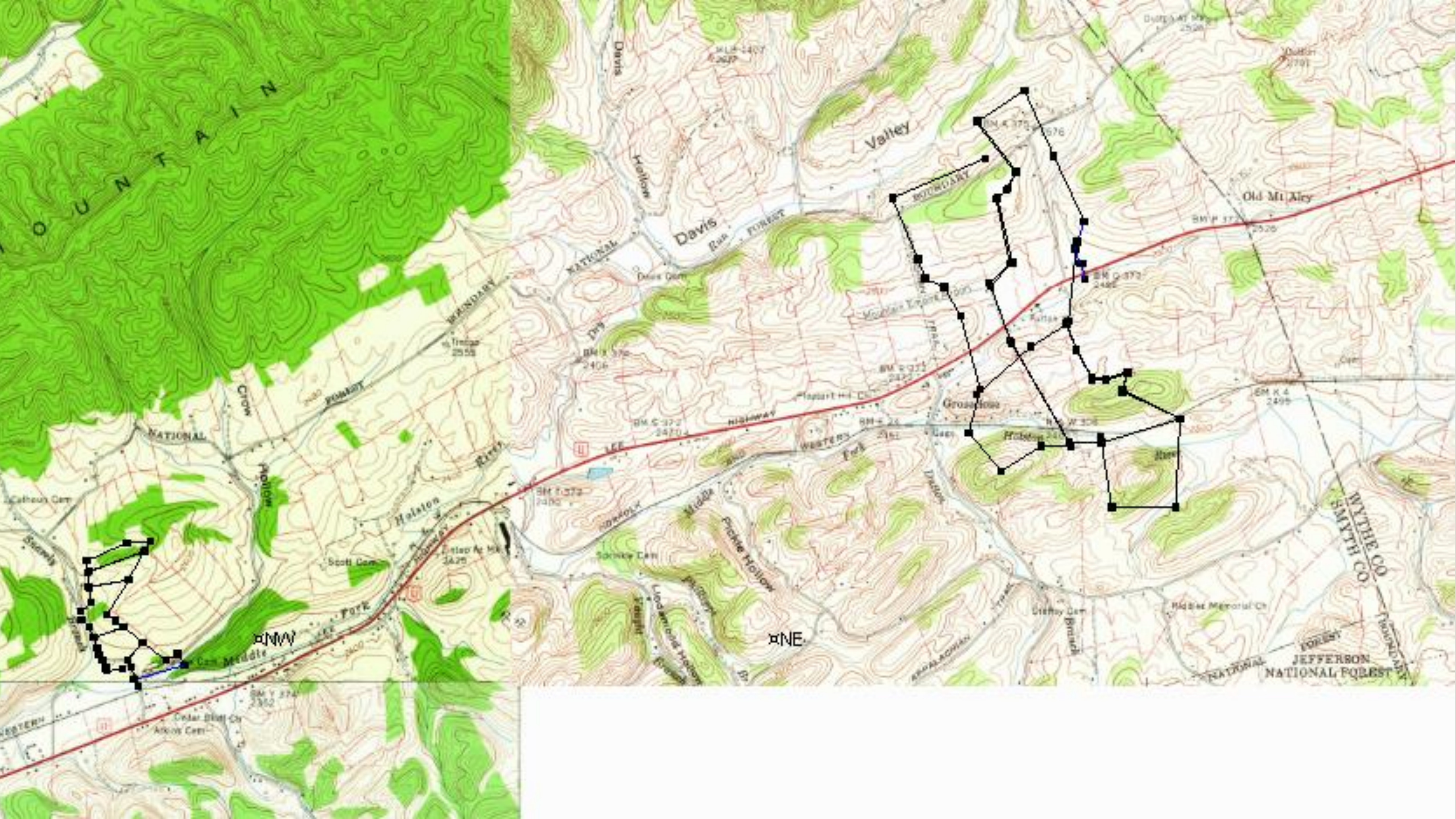
Inscription:
Wife of A B Snavely

Burial:
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Atkins
Smyth County
Virginia, USA

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Where did they live?



Gambling Debts

The Separate answer of Willis Gillispie of the
County of Amherst to a Bill of Complaint ex-

The separate answer of Willis Gillispie of the County of Amherst to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against Philip Thurmond and he the said Willis Gillispie in the County Court of Amherst

...true the Debt mentioned in the said complainants bill was founded on money won at cards ...

True The Debt mentioned in the said
-ants bill was founded on money won at
Cards - but avers that the said ~~Defendant~~
Complainant hath any right to the value -

Subst County to wit
This day Willis Gillispie
personally appeared before me and made oath
to the truth of the forgoing answer - Sworn

This day Willis Gillispie personally appeared before me and
made oath to the truth of the forgoing answer ~ Sworn under my hand this 23rd day of August
1820

MR. CHS. HAYNES.—Take notice that on the 16th and 17th of February next, at the house of Chs. L. Barrett, in Amherst County, Pedlar Mills, I shall proceed to take the deposition of Willis Gillaspie and others, also on the 23d and 24th of the same month, at the house of Capt. Jacob White in Bedford County, I shall proceed to take the affidavit of John Tankesley and others, to be read as evidence in the trial of the suit now depending in Chancery, in the County Court of Amherst, wherein you are the plaintiff, and myself and Willis Gillaspie the defendants.

P. THURMOND.

Jan. 18.

It*

Question by the plaintiffs security { did he say he would

by which he would obtain judgement rather than you should Suffer **Answer** He did

Question by the same did he not tell you Thurmond was owning him some forty or fifty dollars at that time **Answer** no he did not at that time, but he did afterwards tell me that they owed him to that amount or more and he intends to the debt in that way & no other

Question by the same did you not hear Gillaspie say he had paid Thurmond the debt Since the assignment **Answer** I did at Capt Jacob Whites grocery in Bedford cty in October 1825

Question. I had paid Thurmond the debt Since the assignment
— I did. at Capt Jacob Whites grocery in Bedford cty in October 1825

Question by the same — did not Gillaspie answer
that Cha L Haynes owed him another debt of Twenty Seven dollars
bond assigned to Thurmond
he would pay the eighty dollars, he would release
time state

Question by the same did not Gillaspie answer that Cha L Haynes owed him another debt of Twenty Seven dollars and if Haynes would pay the eighty dollars bond assigned to Thurmond he would release him as to Twenty **Answer** he did at the same time stated that instead of Haynes paying off the \$80 dollars bond the said Gillaspie won of the said Haynes a considerable amt which he agreed to give up as above stated by Hayne's paying off the eighty dollar bond

off the eighty dollars

This Affiant, being first sworn, deposes
that in the Month of _____ 1818 Willis
Gillaspie and Charles Haynes were together
at my house and played a game at cards called three up until the said Gillaspie
won of the said Haynes eighty dollars as each of the said persons affirmed to me at the time when I
drew the bond of said Haynes to Gillaspie.

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that the said Gillaspie and Haynes played at a game at cards called three up until the said Gillaspie
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won of the said Haynes eighty dollars, as each of the said persons
affirmed to me at the time when I drew
the bond of said Haynes to Gillaspie.

Sherod Moore & Sally

Willis GILLESPIE

Born: 1790

Amherst, Virginia, USA

Died: 06 Oct 1865

Amherst, Virginia, USA

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William & Philadelphia

Harriet SMITH

Born: 1792

Amherst, Virginia, USA

Died: 1855

Virginia, USA

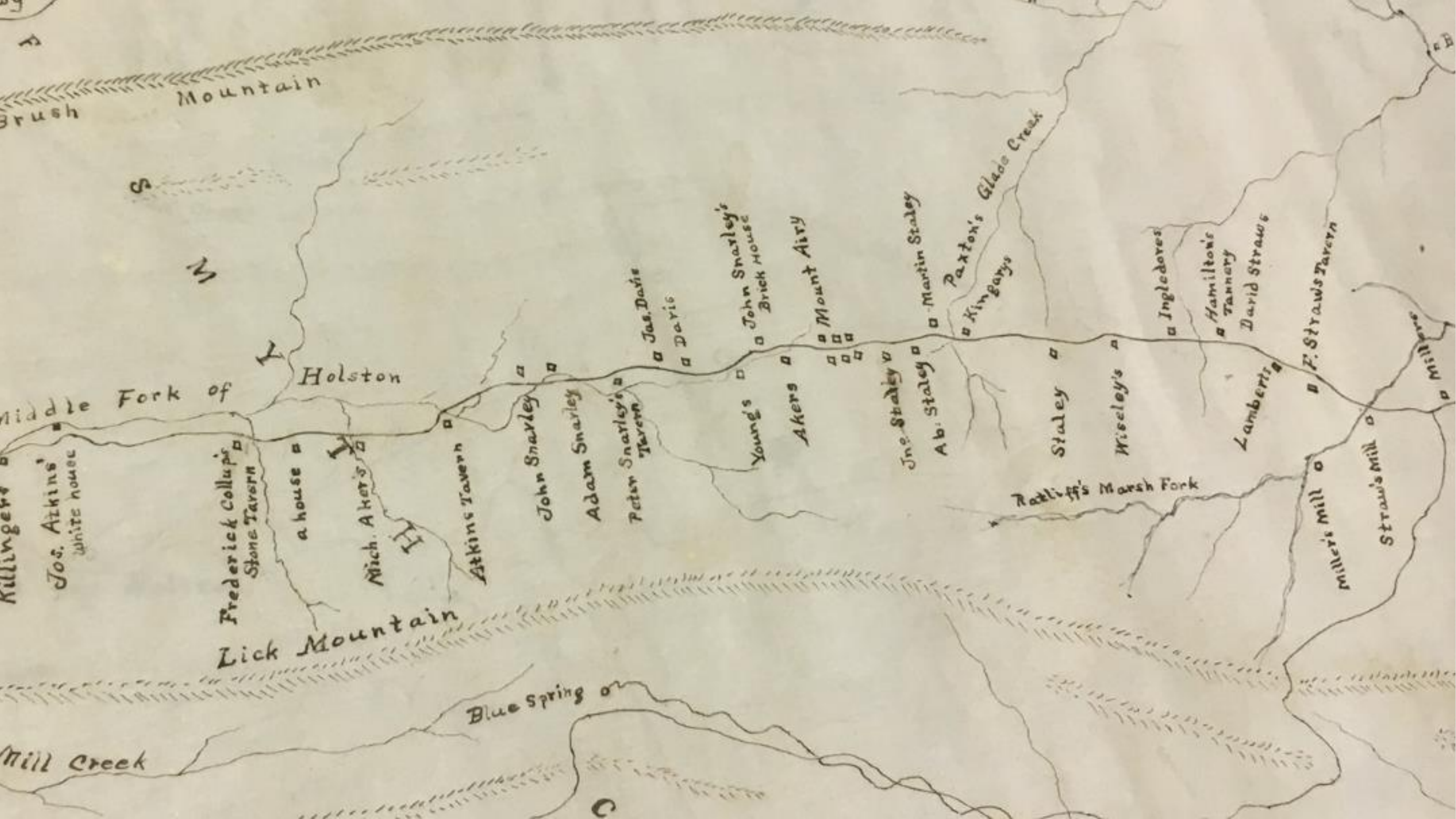
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Marriage: 12 Jan 1816 in Amherst, Virginia, USA; Parent or Guardian of Wife: Philadelphia Smith; Security and Witnesses...

Go	Children: 7	Sex	Birth	Death
<div></div>	Unknown Son GILLESPIE	M	1820 in Virginia, USA	
<div></div>	James GILLESPIE	M	1824 in Virginia, USA	15 Aug 1887 in Amherst, Virginia, USA; Age: 60; P...
<div></div>	Sarah GILLESPIE	F	1825 in Amherst, Virginia, USA	04 Feb 1893 in Amherst, Virginia, USA; Age: 68
<div></div>	Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE	F	1826 in Virginia, USA	Bef. Sep 1893 in Virginia, USA
<div></div>	Mildred GILLESPIE	F	1828 in Virginia, USA	1880 in Virginia, USA
<div></div>	Wyatt GILLESPIE	M	1830 in Virginia, USA	08 May 1865 in Elmira, Chemung, New York, USA
<div></div>	Clary GILLESPIE	F	1833 in Virginia, USA	11 Mar 1892 in Wise, Virginia, USA
	Add Child			

So Why Chancery and Land

1. Samuel (??-1811) and Margaret (unknown) McCorkle (??-after 1810 before 1858)
 - a. James McCorkle (living in Ohio)
 - b. Elizabeth McCorkle m. Samuel Hamilton
 - i. Elizabeth Hamilton m. Eli Cox
 - c. Jane McCorkle m. James Donald (both died before 1858)
 - i. Margaret Donald m. William Campbell (Wm died before 1858)
 - ii. Jennetta Donald m. George Withers
 - iii. Polly Donald m. James L Agner
 - iv. John Donald
 - v. James Donald
 - d. William McCorkle (died around 1847)
 - i. Benjamin J McCorkle m. Mary Ann Adair (1st cousins)
 - e. Alexander McCorkle (??-1855)
 - i. Angeline McCorkle m. Adam Zollman
 - ii. Samuel A McCorkle
 - f. Patrick McCorkle (in Ohio)
 - i. children, names unknown
 - g. Polly (probably Mary) McCorkle m. John Adair (both died before 1858)
 - i. Samuel Adair
 - ii. James Adair
 - iii. John Adair
 - iv. Alexander Adair
 - v. Jane Adair
 - vi. Margaret Adair m. James Lackey (deceased)
 1. Martha G Lackey, who is under twenty one years of age
 - vii. Mary Ann Adair m. Benjamin J McCorkle (1st cousins)
 - h. John McCorkle



Brush Mountain

Middle Fork of Holston

Lick Mountain

Blue Spring

Mill Creek

Killingers
Jos. Atkins' white house

Frederick Collup's Stone Tavern

a house

Mich. Akers

Atkins Tavern

John Snarley

Adam Snarley

Peter Snarley's Tavern

Jas. Davis
Davis

John Snarley's Brick House

Young's

Akers

Mount Airy

Jno. Staley

Ab. Staley

Martin Staley

Paxton's Glade Creek
Kin Garrys

Staley

Wiseley's

Ingledoves

Hamilton's Tannery

David Straw's

Lambert's

F. Straw's Tavern

Miller's Mill

Straw's Mill

