

Ancestry and Family of Peter Davis of Warren County, North Carolina

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From a study of the available records, Peter⁴ Davis was an active member in his community from his arrival in 1754 in Granville County, North Carolina until his death on 27 Jan 1804 in Warren County.^[1] He purchased several tracts of land, was frequently found on juries, responded to filling community service requests, and was mentioned in other court documents. The events in Peter's life before 1754 have been shrouded in both family folklore and conjecture. This paper will begin by showing that Peter⁴ is the son of Lewis Davis and a grandson of Peter² Davis of Chowan County, North Carolina. This will be followed by a compiled lineage of these ancestors down through Peter⁴ and all his children.

Brief overview of the ancestry of Peter Davis

Peter's proximity to a William Cooper in 1754 helps to identify his father. Peter⁴ first appeared in a taxable list in the summer of 1754 living near or next to this William Cooper.^[2] On 11 Mar 1755, Peter purchased from William Cooper 100 acres of land on Buffalo Branch. The land description mentions a neighbor named Mr. Davis.^[3] A study of land records shows that this next door neighbor "Mr. Davis" is Lewis³ Davis. As will be shown, Lewis is the most likely person to be the father of Peter. Lewis had initiated a request to patent his land from the colonial representatives of Lord Granville beginning on 31 Jan 1754.^[4] Peter⁴ came to live on Lewis' patent-pending land by the 1754 taxable list and then he purchased land next door.

The father of Lewis³ is identified in a land record. A land transaction in Northampton County, North Carolina in 1744, called Lewis Davis the heir-at-law^[5] of Peter² Davis of Chowan County. Peter² left a

¹ "Died", *Weekly Raleigh Register*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 6 Feb 1804, p. 2, col. 5.

² *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1747-1887*, microfilm no. [8132497] image 400, [FHL], Salt Lake City. This taxable list stated the date as 1754 only. Other 1754 taxable lists for Granville County were taken in July. Peter's name was listed just after William Cooper. There was also a Thomas Davis of Edgecombe on this list as an absentee landlord having two slaves as taxables. He is not related to Peter. Thomas' identity can be determined by the names of his slaves owned on multiple tax lists and comparing this information to his will. Thomas was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia and was the son of Thomas Davis (who died about 1721) and wife Elizabeth. Thomas' will was dated 14 Nov 1769 in Halifax County, Virginia. (*Halifax County, North Carolina, Record of Wills, Vol. 1, 1759-1774* microfilm no. [4755346] pages 256-257, [FHL], Salt Lake City.)

³ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. B, 1748-1756*, microfilm no. [0306119] pages 464-465, Family History Library [FHL], Salt Lake City. The property description says: "Beginning at the mouth of a Sall Branch between the sd. Cooper hous and Davis's then up the said Branch to the head line then along the sd. line of marked trees to the Bufelow branch then down the sd. Buffelow branch to the mouth of the small branch at the first station."

⁴ *North Carolina, Secretary of State, Granville Proprietary Land Office: Land Entries, Warrants, and Plats of Survey 1748-1763* Lewis Davis 1754 (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

⁵ Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black's Law Dictionary* 8th edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing, 2004), 740. Heir or legal heir who is entitled to receive an intestate decedent's property.

will in 1719 that provided useful information about some of his family and other relatives.^[6] He was named after his grandfather.

With this overview in mind, there are a lot of records on the ancestors, descendants, and relatives of Peter⁴ available today. In addition, Y-DNA testing has identified other more distant relatives of Peter that came to the colonies as well (see Attachment 1).

Will of Peter² Davis of Chowan County

Peter's will is very brief. It states:

In the name of god amen I peater Davis of the upper parte of North Caroliner living upon the Meharren River Being very Sick and weake in body but In parfit senses Thanks be to all my ty god I make and ordanne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following Imprimas first I comemit my sole into the hands of Almighty God my creator trusting through the merrits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be maide partaker of ever lasting life and my body to the Earth to be buried in Christian buriall att the discretion of executors heare after named

Item I give and bequeath to my loving daghter Sary lands five cows and calves and ten pound In Silver Monie to be paid to her at Sixteen yeares of age

Item I give and bequeath to my loving brother Arter Davis some broad cloth cote that is now in my chest that was never worne

Item I give and bequeath to my to cozons Arter and Henry Craford one breeding sow apease to be paid to theme in October 1719

The rest of my estate goods lands chattells all my hole estate reall and personall I bequeathe unto my Loving wife during her life and after her decease all my land and plantation that I now Live att to my daghter Sary Davis and my Loving wife I make hole executor as witness my hand and for my seall this 29 day of April In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and nineteen.

Arthor Crafford

Peter (P) Davis

William (W) Craford

mark and seal

In Bertie prect the May Court 1723

Peter must have partially recovered from his 1719 illness because he lived another four years. His will mentioned his wife but not by name, brother Arthur, daughter Sarah, and cousins Arthur and Henry Crafford. The term "cousin" as used in the early 1700s is the equivalent of being a nephew today.^[7] Peter's daughter Sarah was given his land although it is not known what land he owned at the time.

Nephews Arthur and Henry Crafford were children of Robert Crafford and his second wife Margaret (---) Davis of Surry County, Virginia. Robert left a will on 26 Oct 1714 in Surry County that mentioned sons

⁶ *North Carolina Will Records, Secretary of State Record Group Folder 5200.10.434, Peter Davis, 1723* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination; *North Carolina, Wills, 1663-1979, Peter Davis 1723*, microfilm no. [7640346] images 1447-1449, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁷ Barbara J. Evans, *A to ZAX, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians* 3rd edition (Alexandria, Virginia: Hearthside Press, 1995), 78. Definition three defines cousin as niece or nephew in early New England. The same usage is true for early North Carolina.

Arthur, Henry, stepson Nicholas Davis, along with his other children.^[8] Robert's estate lists a number of animals and some household items.^[9]

Margaret had been previously married to a brother of Peter² Davis and had son Nicholas. Nicholas was born about 1692 and married Mary (---) in Surry County. He was deceased by 15 May 1717 in Surry County.^[10] Nicholas left a will that was recorded 15 May 1717 giving all his estate to his wife Mary.

What is unusual about Peter² Davis' will is who is not mentioned. His oldest son and heir-at-law Lewis was conspicuously absent. It appears that Peter helped Lewis get started in life before writing his will in 1719 and saw no need to mention him further. Peter also had another son named Arthur who was treated in the same way. The connection of Arthur to father Peter² Davis will be shown by other records.

North Carolina county creation and geographic name changes

A review of some of the frequently changing county boundaries in North Carolina through 1780 is useful in understanding where the Davis records can be found.^[11] Knowing these boundary changes helps the researcher determine where to search for records over time. Chowan and Perquimans Counties were two of the earliest counties created in North Carolina in 1670. Bertie County was created from the western part of Chowan County in 1722. In 1729, southern parts of Chowan and Bertie and part of other neighboring counties were taken to create Tyrrell County. Edgecombe County was created from the western part of Bertie County in 1732. Northampton County came from the northwest part of Bertie County as well in 1741. In 1746, Granville County came from the northwest part of Edgecombe County. Halifax County followed in 1758 from a piece of northern Edgecombe County. Bute County came from the northern part of Granville County in 1764 and later was split into Warren County and Franklin County in 1779. Nash County was split from Edgecombe County in 1777. As an example, the land that Peter Davis purchased in 1755 in Granville County is today a part of Warren County.

It is important to note that some of the rivers and streams changed names over time in the North Carolina records. For instance, the Moratock River began to be called the Roanoke River instead sometime in the mid-1700s. Some rivers and streams can be called by different names at the same time in the records. Fishing Creek and Great Fishing Creek are one and the same creek and both names are used interchangeably.

Descendency of the Davis family

1. Mr. Davis' was born in England about 1645 and married an unknown spouse about 1667 in England.

⁸ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 6, 1709-1715*, microfilm no. [0034101] page 320, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 6, 1709-1715*, microfilm no. [0034101] page 326, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁰ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 7 Part 1, 1715-1730*, microfilm no. [0034102], page 67, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. He gave his entire estate to his wife Mary and mentioned no children in his will.

¹¹ David L. Corbitt, *The Formation of the North Carolina Counties 1663-1943* (Raleigh, North Carolina: North Carolina State Library, 1987). Edgecombe was a North Carolina precinct from 1732 to 1741 and then it became a county.

There is no evidence from colonial records that the father of Peter, Arthur, and an unidentified third son ever left England. The unidentified son came about 1685 into Virginia and Arthur and Peter Davis probably arrived in North Carolina shortly after 1709. As will be shown later, Charles Jones Sr. may have been also a relative. Charles could have arrived as early as 1681 or as late as 1713. There was a contemporary Davis family in Surry County with similar first names during this same time period but there appears to be no family relationship.

Mr. Davis' children were:

- 2 M iii. **Mr. Davis**² was born about 1668 in England and died before 1695 in Surry County.
- 3 M ii. **Peter**² **Davis** was born about 1670 in England and died about 1723 in Bertie County, North Carolina.
- 4 M i. **Arthur**² **Davis** was born about 1678 in England and died after 25 Aug 1734 in Bertie County.

2. Mr. Davis² (*Mr. Davis*¹) was born about 1668 in England and died before 1695 in Surry County. Mr. Davis married **Margaret** (---) about 1690 in Surry County. Margaret married next **Robert Crafford** about 1695 in Surry County. Robert was deceased by 15 Dec 1714 in Surry County.^[12] Margaret married lastly **Elias Braddy** by 17 Mar 1719 in Surry County.^[13] Elias was deceased by 25 Jul 1735 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.^[14] Margaret died after 29 Jul 1750 in Southampton County, Virginia.^[15]

The information about Mr. Davis² comes by implication from the wills of Peter² Davis and Robert Crafford. Peter Davis gave items in his will to nephews Henry and Arthur Crafford. Robert Crafford^[16] in his will listed children by his first marriage with Elizabeth Carter. In addition, he mentioned children Henry, Arthur, William, and Martha of the second marriage to Margaret along with stepson Nicholas Davis.

It is not known why Margaret's three Crafford sons all came to North Carolina by 1718. Arthur and Henry were under 25 at the time of Peter's will. Arthur Crafford died after 29 Jul 1750^[17] probably in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Henry Crafford lived a long time in North Carolina but left a will just over the border in Southampton County on 19 Mar 1771.^[18]

¹² *Surry County, Virginia, Court Order Books 1713-1718*, microfilm no. [0034129] p. 44, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹³ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 7 Part 1, 1715-1730*, microfilm no. [0034102], pages 233-234, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. Margaret was selling property she received from her husband Robert Crafford.

¹⁴ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Wills & Accounts, Vol. 4, 1734-1745*, microfilm no. [Reel 24] pages 173-174, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

¹⁵ *Southampton County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1749-1762*, microfilm no. [0033995], pages 20-21, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁶ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 6, 1709-1715*, microfilm no. [0034101] page 320, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁷ *Southampton County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1749-1762*, microfilm no. [0033995], pages 20-21, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. Arthur Crafford was mentioned in the will of his mother.

¹⁸ *Southampton County, Virginia, Will Book 2, 1762-1772*, microfilm no. [0033995], pages 436-437, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

Margaret married thirdly Elias Braddy by 17 Mar 1719. Elias and Margaret relocated to Isle of Wight County by 16 Jun 1727 when Elias patented 400 acres on the south side of the Meherrin River in Isle of Wight County.^[19] Elias left a will on 21 Mar 1735 in Isle of Wight County. Margaret continued to live in the Meherrin River area which became a part of Southampton County in 1749. She left a will there on 29 Jul 1750.

Location of properties purchased

Exhibit 1 below shows where properties were purchased by Arthur², Arthur³, Lewis³, Sarah³, and Charles Jones Sr. in Virginia and North Carolina from 1713 to 1761.

Exhibit 1



A	Lewis ³ Davis – Location on 1714 tax list	1714	F	Arthur ² Davis – Bertie/Tyrrell Counties	(1728-1735)
B	Lewis ³ Davis – Chowan/Bertie Counties	(1717-1449)	G	Lewis ³ Davis – Granville County	(1754-1761)
C	Charles Jones Sr. – Isle of Wight County	(1713-1746)	H	Lewis ³ Davis – Meherrin River	(1718-1723)
D	Arthur ² Davis – Meherrin River	(1715-1718)	I	Charles Jones Sr. – Chowan/Bertie Counties	(1713-1725)
E	Sarah ³ Davis – Meherrin River	(1719-????)			

¹⁹ Virginia State Archives, *Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants 1725-1730, Vol. 13, pages 134-135* (Richmond, Virginia: Virginia State Library, 2018). This property is very near the land owned by his stepson Arthur Crafford (near Point D on Exhibit 1). One of headrights he claimed was an Arthur Davis. It is not known which Arthur Davis was transported.

3. Peter² Davis (*Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1670 in England and died after 1722 in Bertie County.^[20] Peter married **Mary** (---), possibly a sister or relative of **Charles Jones Sr.** or of his wife **Sarah** (---), about 1690 probably in England. Mary was born about 1673 probably in England and died after Jul 1724 in Bertie County. Mary next married **Dennis Collins** by Jul 1724 in Bertie County.^[21]

It is not known when Peter² arrived in the colonies. Peter Davis was in Isle of Wight County area by 25 May 1713 when he was mentioned in connection with a gift from Charles Jones Sr. of Nansemond County, Virginia to his son Charles Jones Jr.^[22] Charles Jones Sr. gave his son Charles “four cows and half their increase” possibly as a wedding gift. These cows had been in the possession of Peter Davis for the benefit of Charles Jones Sr. Peter was most likely living on the north side of the Meherrin River (Point E on Exhibit 1). It is unclear whether Peter owned this land. Peter might also have witnessed the will of Ann Pierce on 14 Mar 1718/9 in Isle of Wight County.^[23]

As described in detail earlier, Peter Davis wrote a will on 29 Apr 1719 in Chowan County but seemed to have lived another four years. On 19 Dec 1720, he loaned 60 pounds to John Williams and filed a promissory note in court. His will was recorded in the newly created Bertie County in May 1723 with Israel Joyner, William Kinchen, William Arrington, and Thomas Boykin as appraisers.

By Jul 1724, wife Mary (---) Davis had married Dennis Collins. They were trying to collect the debt that John Williams owed Peter Davis.^[24] Dennis Collins resided in Perquimans County, North Carolina. He was on the 1717 Perquimans County tax list.^[25] He was referenced several times in Perquimans County

²⁰ *North Carolina Will Records, Secretary of State Record Group Folder 5200.10.434, Peter Davis, 1723* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²¹ *North Carolina Colonial Courts, 4011.3.3.33 Peter Davis, 1724* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²² *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deed Book No. 2, 1704-1715*, microfilm no. [Reel 2] pages 243-244, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. Peter Davis was described as being of Isle of Wight County in this transaction but that may not be the case. The border between North Carolina and Virginia was not yet formally defined in 1713. There were patents being sold in North Carolina to properties in the Meherrin River area starting about 1711. Virginia did not sell patents on the Meherrin River until 1715. Peter states that he lived on the Meherrin River in the will that he filed in Chowan County in 1719.

²³ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 2, 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] page 1, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. This Peter Davis could be the Peter Davis that grew up in Surry County. He had a brother living in this area. The witness mark made by this Peter Davis was “DP”. The will of Peter² is the only document that remains with his signature and he signed it with a “P”.

²⁴ *North Carolina Colonial Courts, 4011.3.3.33 Peter Davis, 1724* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. A John Williams patented land on Roquis Pocoson in 1720. The name John Williams is mentioned frequently in conjunction with the Davis and Jones families. It is unclear if all these events can be attributed to the same John Williams.

²⁵ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1715-1720*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10015] image 303, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

in the 1720s.^[26] He was still alive on 15 May 1739 when he sold 150 acres on the east side of Scupperlong River in Tyrrell County to George Phelps.^[27]

There is no direct evidence that Mary, wife of Peter Davis, is a sister, sister-in-law, or other relative of Charles Jones Sr. Charles Jones Sr. and his wife Sarah called Lewis³ Davis “our well beloved friend” in 1718. Typically, this terminology is used when individuals are near relatives. (See Attachment 2 for further information on Charles Jones Sr. family).

Children from the marriage of Peter Davis and wife Mary (---) were:

- 5 M i. **Lewis³ Davis** was born about 1691 in England and died after Jan 1765 in Bute County, North Carolina.
- 6 M ii. **Arthur³ Davis** was born about 1695 in England and died before 1740 in Tyrrell County, North Carolina.
- 7 F iv. **Sarah³ Davis** was born about 1704 in England and died before 29 Nov 1744 in Bertie County.

4. Arthur² Davis (*Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1670 in England and died after 25 Aug 1734 in probably in Bertie County.^[28] Arthur married **Mrs. Arthur Davis** about 1694 about in England. She died after 1723 in North Carolina.

It is not clear when Arthur arrived in the colonies. He could have been the Arthur who arrived in Surry County prior to 5 Sep 1710.^[29] That Arthur was given 50 acres for his own arrival by the colony secretary’s office.

Arthur followed his brother Peter to the Meherrin River area in 1715 (Point D on Exhibit 1). It is not obvious why either of them moved this far inland to purchase land. The Meherrin River is quite a ways from both the Atlantic Ocean and the James River. By 23 Mar 1715, Arthur had patented 170 acres of land on the north side of the Meherrin River in Isle of Wight County for the importation of four people.^[30] As a resident of Albemarle County (probably Chowan County), North Carolina, Arthur sold this Isle of Wight County property to Martin Dawson on 19 Feb 1718/19.^[31]

Arthur also obtained another patent of unknown acreage on the Meherrin River on 20 Aug 1720. This patent is not found in the colony records but the sale of some or all of this property is found in the Bertie

²⁶ Ellen G. Winslow, *History of Perquimans County, North Carolina* (1931; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1990), 84,122,139, and 238.

²⁷ *Tyrrell County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1736-1747*, microfilm no. [C.096.40001] pages 69-71, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. He was living in Perquimans County as well.

²⁸ *North Carolina Colonial Estate Papers 1669-1759*, microfilm no. [7641031] page 90, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁹ *Surry County, Virginia, Court Order Books 1691-1713*, microfilm no. [0034129] p. 347, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. He assigned this headright to John Allen. John Allen owned much land in Surry County during his lifetime.

³⁰ Virginia State Archives, *Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants 1710-1719, Vol. 10, page 256* (Richmond, Virginia: Virginia State Library, 2018). These people were Thomas Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Daniel Davis, and Samuel Davis. There is no known relationship between any of these Davises and Arthur Davis.

³¹ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 1., 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] page 215, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

County records. Arthur was a taxable on 29 Oct 1720^[32] and in 1721^[33] in Chowan County. He and his unnamed wife sold 112 acres to William Kinchen on 12 Feb 1722/23.^[34] Arthur purchased from John Nairne 200 acres on the south side of Morattock River on the lower side Deep Bottom on 8 May 1728 (Point F on Exhibit 1).^[35]

Arthur wrote a will sometime in 1734 that has since been lost. There are some things known from his will. Nephews Lewis³ and Arthur³ Davis of Tyrrell County were the executors. Nephew Lewis was given at least 100 acres from the property Arthur purchased on 8 May 1728. He sold the 100 acres on 5 Jun 1735.^[36]

Arthur was living on 7 Feb 1733/34 when he created a promissory note where he promised to deliver 18 barrels of tar to James Millikin.^[37] By 25 Aug 1734, James Millikin had endorsed the promissory note. He then sold the collection rights to James Conner. On 22 Feb 1736, James was in the General Court at Edenton suing executors Lewis³ and Arthur³ Davis of Tyrrell County for nonperformance and demanding 50 pounds compensation. This court case went on for a couple of years.

Even though Arthur claimed four Davises as headrights in 1714, no children can be documented for Arthur at this time.

5. Lewis³ Davis (*Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1691 in England and died after Jan 1765 in Bute County. Lewis married **Mary Snoden**, daughter of **Thomas Snoden** and **Constance Stiball**, about 1726 probably in Bertie County. Mary was born about 1705 in Perquimans County.

Lewis³ was the oldest of three contemporary Lewis Davises. The three Lewises are not related to each other. The second contemporary Lewis was a son of John Davis of Isle of Wight.^[38] This Lewis relocated to Edgecombe County after 1750 and left a will in Nash County, North Carolina on 22 Nov 1779.^[39] The last Lewis was Captain^[40] Lewis Davis who was a son of Arthur Davis^[41] of the Rainbow

³² *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1720-1725*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10016] image 16, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Arthur was one of the taxables on the Roanoke River.

³³ *Albemarle County, North Carolina, Albemarle County Papers 1678-1714*, microfilm no. [C.002.10001] image 328, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. He owned 400 acres of land.

³⁴ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. A, 1721-1725*, microfilm no. [7510477] pages 37-38, [FHL], Salt Lake City. The description of the property in the deed may indicate that 112 acres was his entire patent purchased.

³⁵ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. B, 1725-1728*, microfilm no. [7510476] page 422, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³⁶ *Tyrrell County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1736-1747*, microfilm no. [C.096.40001] pages 10-11, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁷ *North Carolina Colonial Estate Papers 1669-1759*, microfilm no. [7641031] page 89, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Pages 77-92 provide additional material about his estate and its execution by Arthur³ and Lewis³ Davis.

³⁸ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 2, 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] page 68-69, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. John Davis' estate was recorded 27 Jan 1720/21.

³⁹ *Nash County, North Carolina, Original Wills, Vol. 1, 1776-1978*, microfilm no. [7640035] images 1903-1905, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. He lived in the portion of Edgecombe County that became Nash County in 1777.

⁴⁰ *Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Stock Marks, Group Folder 037.908.1* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. He is called Captain in May 1739 when he registered his stock mark in court.

Banks area. Captain Lewis lived in Edgecombe County and left a will in Halifax County, North Carolina on 21 Aug 1760.^[42]

Lewis³ first appeared on a tax list in Chowan County on 16 Oct 1714 possessing some taxable assets.^[43] He was living near Wiccacon Swamp and the Chowan River (Point A on Exhibit 1). On 7 Jun 1715, Lewis gave John Hardy Sr. power of attorney to collect debts for him in any court in the province.^[44] He was a witness to the sale of land from Thomas West to John Hardy Jr. on 25 May 1717.^[45] He was given a power of attorney by his probable relative Charles Jones Sr. and his wife Sarah to represent them in Isle of Wight County for their sale of land to Thomas Deloach on 6 Nov 1718.^[46] On 29 Oct 1719, Lewis was on a grand jury in Chowan County.^[47]

On 20 Jul 1717, Lewis patented 560 acres of land in Chowan County next to John Hardy Jr. on the Roquis Pocoson (Point B on Exhibit 1).^[48] He followed that up with a patent on 1 Mar 1719/20 of 400 acres on the south side of the Moratock River next to George Pollock, Flat Swamp, and the meanders of the river.^[49] His sister Sarah³, brother Arthur³, and relative Charles Jones Sr. also purchased land on that day as well.^[50]

⁴¹ This Arthur left his will on 22 Feb 1733/34 in Edgecombe County. (*North Carolina Will Records, Secretary of State Record Group Folder 5200.108.59, Arthur Davis, 1735* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.) This Arthur is easily confused with the Arthur² Davis who is the brother of Peter² Davis because of family name similarities. This Arthur and his children had no connection with the Tyrrell County Davises. Arthur of Rainbow Banks' father was Arthur Davis of Surry County who left his will on 27 Jan 1717/18. (*Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 7 Part 1, 1715-1730*, microfilm no. [0034102] page 203, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.)

⁴² *Halifax County, North Carolina, Record of Wills, Vol. 1, 1759-1774* microfilm no. [0019084] pages 16-17, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He lived in the portion of the county that became Halifax County.

⁴³ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1700-1712*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10013] image 195, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁴⁴ *Chowan County, North Carolina, Deed Book B no. 1, 1715-1716*, microfilm no. [7513263] pages 165-167, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁴⁵ *Chowan County, North Carolina, Deed Book B no. 2, 1715-1719*, microfilm no. [7513263] pages 456-457, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁴⁶ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 1, 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] pages 317-320, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. Not a bad opportunity for someone that was illiterate.

⁴⁷ William L. Saunders, ed., *The Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. 2, 1713-1728* (1886; reprint, Wilmington, North Carolina: Broadfoot Publishing Company, 1993), 364. A John Williams was also a grand juror. He may be the same John Williams that owed an obligation to his father Peter in 1720.

⁴⁸ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.702, Book 8, p. 161, File 742*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. John Hardy Jr. purchased property next door on the same day. Lewis was mentioned as a neighbor in John's will on 19 Jan 1719. (*North Carolina Will Records, Secretary of State Record Group Folder 12.96.10.79, John Hardy, 1719* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.) Mary Snoden's stepfather James Williamson purchased land in the Roquis Pocosin area in 1720 (*North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.271, Book 3, p. 5, File 272*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.)

⁴⁹ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.767, Book 8, p. 182, File 789*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁵⁰ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.770, Book 8, p. 183, File 792*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina; *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.750, Book 8, p. 178, File 772*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. All three purchased land in different places. Sarah's purchase was near uncle Arthur Davis' old property (Point E on Exhibit 1).

Lewis also patented 550 acres in Bertie County on the north side of the Meherrin River joining Henry Britt and the [old] county line on 1 Feb 1725 (Point H on Exhibit 1).^[51] On 11 May 1730, he was of Tyrrell County and sold 200 acres to Thomas Jenkins on the south side of the Roanoke River.^[52] The next day he sold 350 acres on the south side of the Moratock River and Flat Swamp to William Drew of Surry County.^[53] On 5 Jun 1735, Lewis sold to John McCaskey 100 acres of land in Tyrrell County on the south side of the Moratock River next to John Nairn and brother Arthur Davis.^[54] Lewis was on list of jurymen for Tyrrell County in Feb 1739/40.^[55]

Lewis can be found in the records of surrounding counties. He was a court witness of a promissory note from Robert Radford of Craven County, North Carolina to Thomas Turner dated 10 Jan 1735/36.^[56] On 13 April 1736, Lewis and mother-in-law Constance (Stiball) Snoden Williamson^[57] were traveling from the Roanoke River to the Tar River by horseback. Constance had her horse stolen during the trip. They stayed overnight at James Bynam's plantation on Deep Creek in Edgecombe County. Sometime during the night, Beal Brown stole her horse from the pasture. Beal was later apprehended and convicted.^[58] Lewis was also called the next of kin to deceased brother-in-law Christopher Snoden of Craven County on 18 Jun 1745.^[59]

⁵¹ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.32.232, Book 3, p. 204, File 233*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Lewis' patent became part of Northampton County in 1741. Possible relative Charles Jones Sr. also patented 450 acres of land on this same day as well. *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.32.215, Book 3, p. 201, File 216*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁵² *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. C, 1728-1739*, microfilm no. [7510475] pages 240-241, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Lewis had previously patented this land on 1 Mar 1719/20.

⁵³ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. C, 1728-1739*, microfilm no. [7510475] page 242, [FHL], Salt Lake City. These properties must have been very near the Edgecombe border because John Jenkins references Lewis Davis' neighboring patent when he sells land to James Barnes on 29 Aug 1739. (*Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1732-1741*, microfilm no. [C.047.40001] page 294, North Carolina State Archives.)

⁵⁴ *Tyrrell County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1736-1747*, microfilm no. [C.096.40001] pages 10-11, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. This land was inherited from his Uncle Arthur Davis.

⁵⁵ William L. Saunders, ed., *The Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. 4, 1734-1752* (1886; reprint, Wilmington, North Carolina: Broadfoot Publishing Company, 1993), 525.

⁵⁶ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1739-1740*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10027] images 439-442, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. The payment date was not specified but the debt remained unpaid until at least 25 Nov 1740.

⁵⁷ Constance Stiball married Thomas Snoden about 1703. Thomas Snoden is the only son and heir of Christopher Snoden who left a will in Burlington County, New Jersey dated 19 Dec 1711. (*New Jersey, Surrogate's Court, Burlington County, 1C-936C*, microfilm no. [5650706] pages 311-313, [FHL], Salt Lake City.) Thomas held the positions of clerk of the court, colony attorney general, and Speaker of the North Carolina House of Burgesses. Before 24 Aug 1715, Thomas had passed away and James Williamson had married his relict and was managing his estate. (*North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Perquimans County, S, Thomas Snoden, undated* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.)

⁵⁸ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1735-1736*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10024] images 88-101, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Constance lived on the Roanoke River in Bertie County. It is hard to say exactly where they were traveling to from the description provided. It is possible that they were traveling about where state route 122 is today from the Roanoke River to Tarboro just east of Deep Creek. A John Williams was also accused of participating in the theft.

⁵⁹ Weynette P. Haun, ed., *Craven County, North Carolina County Court Minutes, Book III 1742-1748* (Durham, North Carolina: privately printed, 1983), 65.

Lewis Davis then became somewhat of a land speculator. He patented 100 acres in Tyrrell County in the fork of Conihoe Creek on 25 Mar 1743^[60] which he sold to Joseph Griffen on 5 Mar 1743/4.^[61] He patented another 270 acres in Tyrrell County on Conneho Island adjoining the Gainers and Eagle Swamp on 20 Apr 1745^[62] which he sold to William Smith of Bertie County on 3 Dec 1745.^[63]

Even though he is not mentioned in the will of his father Peter, there is a deed in the Northampton County that documents the relationship. On 29 Nov 1744, Lewis was still living in Tyrrell County when he sold 250 acres in Northampton County to James Fasson of York County, Virginia. The property was located on the north side of the Meherrin River near cousin Henry Crafford and the old county line [pre-1728 border with Virginia].^[64] This land was originally purchased in Mar 1719/20 by his sister “Sarah Davies Daughter of Peter Davies deced. and now in the possession of the sd Lewis Davis as heir at law.”

Lewis had relocated to Edgecombe County by 23 May 1749 when he sold 300 acres on the north side of the Meherrin River and the [old] county line to Simon Everitt of Nansemond County.^[65] It is not known where he was living in Edgecombe County at the time because there are no other records showing that Lewis ever lived in that county.

There are two patent request folders for land in Granville County for Lewis in the 1750s. The initial patent request in 1754 was for land north of Fishing Creek along the Buffalo Branch (Point G in Exhibit 1). This request bordered on the land of William Cooper and leads Lewis to be called “Mr. Davis” in the 1755 sale from William to Peter Davis. The second patent request folder asked for property south of Fishing Creek with a different acreage. Attachment 3 provides additional detail and shows why the second patent request is really a change of location request only.

Son Peter^d Davis was on the taxable list beginning in 1754 and in subsequent years in Granville, Bute, and Warren Counties. The reason that father Lewis may not be a part any tax list was because of he was over the taxable age.^[66] Lewis was living in Granville County when he sold his 450 acre patent in Granville County to Thomas Mosely on 9 Feb 1761.^[67] In Apr 1765, he purchased 13 sheep and some

⁶⁰ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.117.1743, Book 5, p. 97, File 47*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁶¹ *Tyrrell County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1736-1747*, microfilm no. [C.096.40001] pages 283-284, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Next door to Lewis was James Williamson, stepbrother to his wife Mary.

⁶² *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.117.1765, Book 5, p. 192, File 64*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁶³ *Tyrrell County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 2, 1748-1756*, microfilm no. [C.096.40001] pages 96-97, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁶⁴ *Northampton County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1741-1751* microfilm no. [0019420] pages 145-146, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁶⁵ *Northampton County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1741-1751*, microfilm no. [C.071.40001] page 383, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. This land Lewis had patented on 1 Feb 1725.

⁶⁶ Helen F. M. Leary and Maurice R. Stirewalt, *North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History* (Raleigh, North Carolina: North Carolina Genealogical Society, 1980), 214-218. He was over 60 years old. He was not part of the 1754 Granville muster list for the same reason.

⁶⁷ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. D, 1760-1762*, microfilm no. [C.044.40003] page 183, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

furniture from the estate of Daniel Harris.^[68] Since Lewis did not own any property in the area, this purchase could just as well have been used as a gift to a child or grandchild. This estate purchase was the last record of Lewis Davis. He did not leave a will or an estate.

There was a Lewis Davis in a 1766 tax list in Bute County and a 1771 tax list in Granville County.^[69] This Lewis is probably the son of Absolom Davis who was found in the Island Creek district of Granville County in 1762 tax list.^[70] There still remained some of Lewis' land from earlier purchases in Bertie County for which no recorded sale has been found.

The name of Lewis' wife is not found in the records but can be determined from a comments made by mother-in-law Constance (Stiball) Snoden Williamson. Constance named her two sons and two daughters Mary and Rebecca in a court document.^[71] Rebecca married William Pierce who left an estate in Bertie County in 1787.^[72] The Craven County court record is the only known record mentioning Mary.

Child from the marriage of Lewis Davis and wife Mary Snoden was:

8 M i. **Peter⁴ Davis** was born in 1727 in Bertie County and died on 27 Jan 1804 in Warren County.

6. Arthur³ Davis (*Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1695 probably in England, and died after 8 Nov 1738^[73] probably in Tyrrell County. It is not known if Arthur ever married.

Arthur patented 560 acres in Chowan County on the south side of the Moratock River adjoining brother Lewis, Flat Swamp, and some River Islands on 1 Mar 1719/20.^[74] On 7 Nov 1723, he patented another 100 acres near his first land purchase in Bertie County.^[75]

As Tyrrell residents, Arthur and Lewis traveled to Bertie County in May 1730 to sell land. Arthur sells 200 acres of his 1719/20 patent and his entire 1723 patent to William Drew.^[76] The last mention of

⁶⁸ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1978, Bute County H*, Daniel Harris Estate 1765; www.familysearch.org/search. Daniel was the captain of the 1754 militia company of which Peter Davis, his son, was a member.

⁶⁹ Clarence E. Ratcliff, *North Carolina Taxpayers 1679-1790 Vol. 2, 2nd edition* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1990), 53.

⁷⁰ Ransom McBride, ed., "List of Taxables for 1762 in Granville County, NC," *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, 13 (February 1987): 30. His brother Frederick Davis was also in the household.

⁷¹ *Craven County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 2, 1708-1770*, microfilm no. [7513318] page 376, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁷² *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Bertie County, P*, William Pierce Estate 1787, www.familysearch.org/search. William and Rebecca had a daughter named Constant and two grandchildren with the first name of Snoden. William was the executor of the will (which since has been lost) of mother-in-law Constance as well as her estate. (*North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Bertie County, W*, Constant Williamson Estate 1745, www.familysearch.org/search.)

⁷³ *North Carolina Colonial Estate Papers 1669-1759*, microfilm no. [7641031] pages 79-92, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁷⁴ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.768, Book 8, p. 182, File 790*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. His brother Lewis purchased the land next door on the same day as well.

⁷⁵ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.32.118, Book 3, p. 178, File 118*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. His cousin Henry Crafford also patented land that day.

⁷⁶ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. C, 1728-1739*, microfilm no. [7510475] page 239-240, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

Arthur found in the records shows him executing the estate of Uncle Arthur Davis on 8 Nov 1738. The reason that Arthur is placed as a child of Peter Davis is because of his constant companionship with Lewis Davis through his adult life. In addition, both were executors of the will of their uncle Arthur Davis.

7. Sarah³ Davis (*Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1704 probably in England and died before 29 Nov 1744 in North Carolina.

Sarah Davis did something that was not common for women of her day. She was able to patent 235 acres of land in Chowan County on the north side of the Meherrin River adjoining the county line on 1 Mar 1719/20.^[77] She was under 16 when she made this patent. Her brothers Lewis and Arthur accompanied her and purchased patents on the same day as well. She was mentioned in her father Peter's will and was given her father's land. She died without heirs before 29 Jun 1744. Her oldest brother Lewis inherited her land and later sold it.

8. Peter⁴ Davis (*Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in 1727 in Bertie County and died on 27 Jan 1804 in Warren County.^[78] Peter married possibly **Amy** (---) about 1745. His wife was born about 1727 and died before 1778 in Bute County. Peter next married **Hannah Turner**, daughter of **Thomas Turner** and **Rebecca** (---), about 1779 in Warren County. Hannah was born about 1747 probably in Edgecombe or Isle of Wight County and died on 6 Feb 1826^[79] in Warren County.

As previously discussed, Peter appeared for the first time on a 1754 Granville County tax list^[80] on the property that was being patented by his father Lewis (see Attachment 3). The family folklore of the origins of Peter Davis does not differ by much from the events previously discussed.^[81] Peter was in Daniel Harris' company in the 1754 Granville County militia alarm dated 8 Oct 1754.^[82]

⁷⁷ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.770, Book 8, p. 183, File 792*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Sarah could have purchased this land on behalf of her father and it could be the land given to her in his will.

⁷⁸ "Died", *Weekly Raleigh Register*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 6 Feb 1804, p. 2, col. 5.

⁷⁹ Lois S. Neal, ed., *Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers 1820-1829* (1980; reprint, Raleigh, North Carolina: Bookcrafters, 1997), 172. Hannah died in her 79th year.

⁸⁰ *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1747-1887*, microfilm no. [8132497] image 400, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁸¹ Agnes H. Davis and Lula H. Skillman, *Davis* 4th edition (no place: privately printed, 1964), "a". From about the 1940s to the 1960s, two sisters, Agnes Davis and Lula Skillman, gathered information from multiple individuals about Peter⁴ and his descendants. They published this collection of material in a book called "Davis". This book includes a number of family stories, pictures, and genealogies. As was typical of the time, there is little documentation provided in the book so family fact and folklore are often intermingled. The authors state about Peter's origins, "With his young wife, whose name is thought to have been Amy, he journeyed from Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and crossed the Roanoke River at Black's Ferry." The authors also state that Peter was born in Isle of Wight, Wales [sic]. In reality, Peter was born near the Roanoke River in Bertie County. His father Lewis had done business in Isle of Wight County.

⁸² Murtie J. Clark, *Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1774* (1983; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2010), 720-722. William Cooper was also in the same company.

On 11 Mar 1755, he purchased 100 acres from William Cooper. He witnessed a sale from Robert Hutt to James Thompson for land on the north side of Fishing Creek on 12 May 1755.^[83] Peter was in 1755 tax list.^[84] On 17 Dec 1760, he requested a 700 acre patent at the intersection of Fishing Creek and the mouth of Reedy Branch. By the time he was granted this land on 1 Apr 1761, the patent acreage was reduced to 570 acres.^[85] On 13 Jun 1761, he sold this property on the Buffalo Branch to Christopher Golightly of Prince George County, Virginia.^[86] He purchased 200 more acres on the north side of Great Fishing Creek from James Thompson on 16 Jan 1765.^[87] Peter also help build and support the Shady Grove M. E. Church beginning in the 1760s.^[88]

In the 1760s and 1770s, Peter was in court a number of times. On 11 Nov 1760 Peter Davis owed 10 pounds to Philemon Hawkins, assignee of George Gibson.^[89] He was on a grand jury on 15 Nov 1769^[90] and on 13 Aug 1772.^[91] Peter was frequently found on juries from the late 1770s to the mid-1780s. He helped to take the county taxables in his district dated 13 Nov 1777.^[92]

Roads and bridge creation and repair were important to the community. Sometime probably in the early 1760s he and others were duty bound to maintain the Blake's bridge over Fishing Creek.^[93] On 13 Feb 1768, Peter Davis and a number of other citizens were asked to view and lay a road from Park's store to Fishing Creek.^[94] Peter and future father-in-law Thomas Turner are asked to repair the bridge over Fishing Creek near Peter's home on 17 Feb 1770.^[95] Peter and two others posted a

⁸³ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. B, 1748-1756*, microfilm no. [C.044.40002] pages 462-463, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. The other witness was Thomas Turner who would become his father-in-law in about 24 years.

⁸⁴ *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1755-1809*, microfilm no. [8193633] image 11, [FHL], Salt Lake City. William Cooper was in the same tax district.

⁸⁵ *North Carolina, Secretary of State, Granville Proprietary Land Office: Land Entries, Warrants, and Plats of Survey 1748-1763* Peter Davis 1760 (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

⁸⁶ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. E, 1762*, microfilm no. [C.044.40004] page 244, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁸⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. A, 1764-1766*, microfilm no. [7518973] pages 136-137, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁸⁸ "Church History Told in Article," *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 20 Aug 1937, p. 4, col. 3. This article was written in honor of the 250th anniversary of the church. Burwell Davis was reinterred in the church cemetery.

⁸⁹ *Granville County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1754-1764*, microfilm no. [8196650] page 62, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁹⁰ Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779* (no place: privately printed, 1988), 62.

⁹¹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779* (no place: privately printed, 1988), 142.

⁹² *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1777-1779*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 57, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁹³ *Granville County Bridge Records, Group Folder 044.928.5* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

⁹⁴ Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779* (no place: privately printed, 1988), 13.

⁹⁵ Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779* (no place: privately printed, 1988), 72, 78, 84, 271, 317, 324. The task of repairing this bridge came before the court often. This bridge was later called Peter Davis' bridge when it needed replacing. (Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute*

bond so that James Thompson could build “a good and sufficient bridge over Fishing Creek by Peter Davises” and to maintain it for seven years dated 24 Nov 1777.^[96] On 10 May 1780, Peter Davis, William Cooper, William Powell, and others were to view and lay out the “road from Fishing Creek bridge turning out at Peter Davis’ fence to come into the road by Mrs. Greens houses at the fork of the road”.^[97] He was also taken to court in Nov 1787 for “not keeping up sign & mile posts on his road”.^[98]

Peter was in the 1784 North Carolina Census in Warren County with 2 males between ages 21-60, 4 males under 21 or over 60, 4 females, and 3 slaves.^[99] In the 1790 Census, there were 2 males 16 and over, 3 males under 16, 4 females, and 9 slaves in the household.^[100] On a 1792 taxables list, he had 200 acres of property and 3 slaves.^[101] For some reason, Peter owed money to Gabriel Long in Gabriel’s estate found in Franklin County, North Carolina dated 5 Jun 1795.^[102] Peter was a witness to a lease between James Green and James Caller in Nov 1800.^[103]

The name of his first spouse is unknown. To date, there is no record that provides any clues as to her name, place of birth, and parentage. The earliest person to comment on his first spouse was T. J. Taylor in an article about Burwell Davis in Mar 1917.^[104] He had not seen or heard anything about her identification. On 3 Aug 1943, the name Amy was first published as her possible first name.^[105] Amy is not a common name for the time period and none of Peter’s descendants use it as a first name. It is not clear where he married his first wife. His father was living in Tyrrell County in 1744 and somewhere in Edgecombe County by 1749 when Peter was having children by that point.

County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779 (no place: privately printed, 1988), 203.)

⁹⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina Miscellaneous Records, Group Folder 100.928.1* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. The road over the bridge also required attention.

⁹⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1780-1783*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 23, [FHL], Salt Lake City. William Powell was the father-in-law of Giles⁵ Davis. This road and bridge are near Warren County road 1512 today.

⁹⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records 1779-1898*, microfilm no. [5819587] image 547, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

⁹⁹ Alvaretta K. Register, *State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787* (1971; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 168.

¹⁰⁰ Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States, North Carolina 1790* (1908; reprint, Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1994), 77.

¹⁰¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1915*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 22, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁰² *Franklin County, North Carolina Wills, Vol. B, 1794-1804* microfilm no. [4755059] page 5, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Gabriel lived near Peter in 1784 and owned 800 acres. (David B. Gammon, *Tax Lists Warren County, North Carolina Vol. 1 1779-1790* (Raleigh, North Carolina: Privately printed, 1994), 44.)

¹⁰³ Harriet H. Riggs, ed., “Some ‘Lost’ Warren Co. NC Deeds, 1800-1803,” *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, 16 (May 1990): 96.

¹⁰⁴ T. J. Taylor, “Old Times in Warren, Burwell Davis,” *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 16 Mar 1917, p. 1, col. 1; “Old Times in Warren, Burwell Davis (Continued),” *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 23 Mar 1917, p. 1, col.1. Mr. Taylor used as his sources a person that knew Burwell personally, grandchildren of Burwell Davis, and his own research. He had a demonstrated knowledge of many family details that showed he had done excellent research on Burwell Davis.

¹⁰⁵ Florence E. Underhill, “*Egerton, Davis, and Pitchford Families*,” (no place: privately printed, unknown date), 158. The author stated “His first wife is said to be named in some old record (which I have not seen) as Amy Davis.”

There is an outside chance that Peter was married three times. His oldest son Stephen was born about 1747 and his eighth child was Allen W. about 1774. That is about 27 year period of having children. It is possible for Peter to have had one spouse over this period. It is also possible at the same time that there two spouses who were responsible for the first eight of his children. In any case, the mother of Allen W. Davis was dead by sometime between 1774 and 1778.

By 1779, he had married Hannah Turner. Hannah was a generation younger than Peter. Family tradition is that the couple eloped.^[106] Hannah was a legatee in her father's will on 30 Apr 1788.^[107] She was the executrix of Peter's will on 15 Feb 1803^[108] and wrote her own will on 24 Jun 1819 and specified no executor.^[109] Hannah died on 6 Jan 1826 in Warren County.

Peter wrote his will on 15 Feb 1803 but did not die for another year.^[110] His obituary states, "In Warren county, on the 27th ult. Mr. Peter Davis sen aged 76".^[111] His estate papers are also found in the North Carolina Archives.^[112]

Children from the marriage of Peter Davis and first spouse(s?) were:

- 9 M i. **Stephen⁵ Davis** was born in 1747 in North Carolina and died after 1766 in Bute County.
- 10 M ii. **Matthew⁵ Davis** was born in Aug 1748 in North Carolina and died on 23 Dec 1826 in Warren County.
- 11 M iii. **Giles⁵ Davis** was born about 1754 in Granville County and died after 22 Aug 1809 in Warren County.
- 12 M iv. **Burwell⁵ Davis** was born on 14 Aug 1756 in Granville County and died on 11 Aug 1846 in Warren County.
- 13 F v. **Buckner⁵ Davis** was born about 1758 in Granville County and died after 27 Jan 1820 in Warren County.
- 14 M vi. **Rebecca⁵ Davis** was born about 1760 in Granville County and died after 9 Nov 1822 in Wake County, North Carolina.
- 15 F vii. **Sylvia⁵ Davis** was born about 1764 in Bute County and died before 1798 in Warren County.

¹⁰⁶ Florence E. Underhill, "Egerton, Davis, and Pitchford Families," (no place: privately printed, unknown date), 158. The author quotes a family tradition that Hannah Turner was only 16 years old at the time. In reality, she was closer to 32 years old in 1779 based on her obituary.

¹⁰⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 5, 1788-1792*, microfilm no. [4779562] pages 36-39, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁰⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁰⁹ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.254, Hannah Davis, 1821* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹¹⁰ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹¹¹ "Died", *Weekly Raleigh Register*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 6 Feb 1804, p. 2, col. 5.

¹¹² *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. From his estate papers, it looks like Peter was into animal husbandry. He had horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and geese. He also had quite a lot of household items.

- 16 F viii. **Mary⁵ Davis** was born about 1769 in Bute County and died before 1825 in Warren County.
- 17 M ix. **Allen W.⁵ Davis** was born about 1774 in Bute County and died in May 1820 in Wake County.

Children from the marriage of Peter Davis and Hannah Turner were:

- 18 M ii. **Jacob⁵ Davis** was born in 1781 in Warren County and died in 1859 in Warren County
- 19 M i. **Thomas⁵ Davis** was born about 1782 in Warren County and died after 24 Jun 1819
- 20 M iii. **John⁵ Davis** was born about 1783 in Warren County and died before 30 May 1811 in Warren County.
- 21 F iv. **Winifred⁵ Davis** was born about 1787 in Warren County and died after 22 Apr 1848 in Warren County.
- 22 F v. **Temperance⁵ Davis** was born in 1789 in Warren County and died in 1860 in Franklin County.

9. Stephen⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in 1747 in North Carolina and died after 1766 in Bute County.

Stephen showed up on a 1764 Bute County taxable list in the household of Peter Davis.^[113] Stephen died after 1766.^[114]

10. Matthew⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in Aug 1748 in North Carolina and died on 23 Dec 1826 in Warren County.^[115] Matthew married **Mary Maddray**, daughter of **James Maddray** and **Anne Ward**, about 1775 in Bute County. Mary was born about 1752 in Isle of Wight County and died on 3 Apr 1833^[116] in Warren County.

Matthew appears on the same taxable list as brother Stephen in 1764.^[117] Matthew was a witness of a gift from William Cheek to his son John Cheek for land on Great Fishing Creek dated 7 Nov 1770.^[118] Matthew purchased his first property in Bute County on Great Fishing Creek and Possom Quarter on 17 Jul 1772 from John Dinkins and his wife Margaret.^[119] Matthew accused Charles Pritchett of trespass and

¹¹³ *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1747-1887*, microfilm no. [8132497] image 29, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He appeared to be Peter's son. The taxable list states, "Peter Davis John Leonard sons Matthew & Stephen." John Leonard was recently married whereas Peter had a son named Matthew.

¹¹⁴ Clarence E. Ratcliff, *North Carolina Taxpayers 1679-1790 Vol. 2, 2nd edition* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1990), 53.

¹¹⁵ Lois S. Neal, ed., *Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers 1820-1829* (1980; reprint, Raleigh, North Carolina: Bookcrafters, 1997), 173. He left a widow, 6 children, and a number of grandchildren. He was 78 years and 4 months old.

¹¹⁶ *State Library of North Carolina, North Carolina Digital Collections, Davis- Williams Family Bible*, (North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina) 2.

¹¹⁷ *Granville County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1747-1887*, microfilm no. [8132497] image 29, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹¹⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 3, 1770-1775*, microfilm no. [7560163] pages 132-133, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹¹⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 3, 1770-1775*, microfilm no. [7560163] pages 538-539, [FHL], Salt Lake City. His land was 200 acres.

requested damages on 8 Nov 1774.^[120] He was on a grand jury on 14 Feb 1775.^[121] He sued Charles Pritchett again and James Jackson on 11 Feb 1778.^[122] Matthew fought in the Revolutionary War but the exact details are not available. He was paid in 1781 and 1782 for his services.^[123]

Matthew married Mary Maddray about 1775.^[124] Matthew was involved in a court case regarding the will and estate of his brother-in-law Moses Maddray.^[125] Both Matthew and Randolph Hazelwood (Mary Maddray's stepfather) came to court in Feb 1777 objecting to the will being executed.^[126] Their appeal must have been rejected by the court because in 12 Feb 1778 the will was probated.^[127]

Randolph Hazelwood sold Matthew 200 acres of land on Rocky Branch and Poplar Branch on 13 Jul 1778.^[128] Randolph purchased an item for Matthew from the estate of James Rogers on 1 Nov 1781.^[129] Matthew was in the 1784 North Carolina Census in Warren County with 1 male between ages 21-60, 3 males under 21 or over 60, 2 females, and 5 slaves.^[130] In the 1790 Census, there were 1 male 16 and over, 3 males under 16, 9 females, and 10 slaves in the household.^[131] On a 1792 taxables list, he had 1,160 acres of property and 4 slaves.^[132]

On 5 Dec 1795 Matthew purchased from Thomas C. Elliott 900 acres on Fishing Creek and Posson Quarter Creek next to where he was living.^[133] He wanted to build a grist mill over Fishing Creek "that will be a convenience to the neighborhood" by an island near his spring.^[134] He requested from the

¹²⁰ *Bute County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records, 1768-1779*, microfilm no. [5823412] images 601-602 and 623-624, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Damages were also requested of Henry Jackson.

¹²¹ Brent H. Holcomb, *Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779* (no place: privately printed, 1988), 194.

¹²² *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1777-1779*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 76, [FHL], Salt Lake City. The parties came to an agreement and the case was dismissed.

¹²³ Weynette P. Haun, ed., *North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts, Vol. 7 and Warrenton Settlements 1786* (Durham, North Carolina: privately printed, 1993), 633, 648.

¹²⁴ Mary's father, James Maddray, moved from Isle of Wight County about 1756 to Granville County. He died about 1762 and her mother Ann (Ward) Maddray married secondly Randolph Hazelwood in Bute County about 1764.

¹²⁵ *North Carolina Estates, Group Folder unknown, Moses Maddray, 1778* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. William Maddray, brother of Moses, was the administrator of the will.

¹²⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 2, 1774-1779*, microfilm no. [4779561] pages 108-109, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹²⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1777-1779*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 79, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹²⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 7, 1778-1783*, microfilm no. [7519148] pages 88-90, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹²⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 3, 1774-1787*, microfilm no. [4779561] page 110, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹³⁰ Alvaretta K. Register, *State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787* (1971; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 161.

¹³¹ Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States, North Carolina 1790* (1908; reprint, Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1994), 77.

¹³² *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1915*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 16, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹³³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 14, 1796-1798*, microfilm no. [7519135] pages 231-233, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹³⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records 1779-1898*, microfilm no. [5819587] image 584, [FHL], Salt Lake City. This petition was undated.

county court an acre of land on both sides of the creek. He went to court and requested an appraisal to get this accomplished. Later, Matthew decided to sell this 1 acre to John Maclin so John could erect a grist mill dated 22 Feb 1796.^[135]

He made two very large land purchases after 1800. On 4 Dec 1801, he bought 900 acres on Great Fishing Creek, Black Branch, and Oposson Quarter Creek from Robert Hines of Petersburg, Virginia.^[136] Matthew purchased 555 acres next to his property from Nathaniel Withers of Sussex County, Virginia on 24 Feb 1802.^[137]

Matthew was a legatee in the will of his father Peter on 15 Feb 1803 where he was forgiven of all the debts he owed his father.^[138] He was the administrator for the estate of a Thomas Davis dated 27 Nov 1807.^[139] Matthew was paid money out of the estate of his mother-in-law Ann (Ward) Maddray Hazelwood on 26 Feb 1811.^[140] He purchased from John T. Kearney 388 acres on Reedy Creek, Mill Path, and James Kearney on 31 Mar 1820.^[141] Matthew was injured when he and others were repairing a bridge over Fishing Creek on 4 Nov 1824.^[142]

Matthew left his own will on 30 Mar 1825 using sons Peter R. and Stephen Davis as executors.^[143] He died on 23 Dec 1826. His estate papers have a combination of his inventory, distribution of his estate among his children, and several loans he had given to other individuals.^[144]

11. Giles⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in 1754 in Granville County and died in Nov 1809^[145] in Warren County. Giles married **Elizabeth Powell**, who was the daughter of **William**

¹³⁵ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 14, 1796-1798*, microfilm no. [7519135] pages 113-114, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Matthew received 50 pounds for the land that included payment for any damage the water might do to his land.

¹³⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 18, 1807-1810*, microfilm no. [7519138] pages 134-135, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹³⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 18, 1807-1810*, microfilm no. [7519138] pages 133-134, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹³⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹³⁹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Thomas Davis Estate 1807*, www.familysearch.org/search. The relationship to this Thomas Davis is not known.

¹⁴⁰ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, H, Ann Hazelwood, 1811* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁴¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 21, 1818-1821*, microfilm no. [7519143] pages 332-333, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁴² "Narrow Escape," *Weekly Raleigh Register (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 5 Nov 1824, p. 1, col. 4. He was on top of the bridge when the bridge suddenly gave way and collapsed.

¹⁴³ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.264, Matthew Davis, 1827* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁴⁴ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Matthew Davis, 1827* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁴⁵ Warren County Heritage Committee, *Warren County, North Carolina Cemeteries Vol. II* (Norlina, North Carolina: privately printed, 2011), 19.

Powell and Ruth (---) on 13 Apr 1784^[146] in Warren County. Elizabeth was born about 1759 probably in Virginia and died in Aug 1821 in Warren County.^[147]

For the next few years following Giles' marriage in Warren County, it is very confusing as to where he lived and where he owned property. For some reason, he is found in the Northampton County in the State Census in 1784^[148] and in a Halifax County taxable in 1785.^[149] In the 1784 State Census, there is 1 male between ages 21-60, 2 females, and 1 slave in his household. In Halifax County in 1785, he owned 200 acres. There is no record of Giles purchasing any land in Halifax County.

He lived in Warren County when he purchased 200 acres in Warren County on the north side of Long Branch from Henry Alston on 3 Feb 1784.^[150] The 1790 Census in Warren County lists 1 male 16 and over, 2 males under 16, 3 females, and 2 slaves in the household.^[151] On a 1792 Warren County taxables list, he had 150 acres of property and 2 slaves.^[152]

Wife Elizabeth was given a slave in the will of father William Powell on 26 Mar 1789.^[153] Giles, brothers-in-law William Hogwood and William Wynn, and others worked on a road on 15 May 1794.^[154] Giles received a bequest for wife Elizabeth on 29 Nov 1798 from the estate of her father.^[155] He was given a slave and some animals in the will of his father on 15 Feb 1803.^[156] He wrote his own will on 22 Aug 1809 with Henry G. Williams and son-in-law Turner Sledge as executors.^[157] His

¹⁴⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 50, www.familysearch.org/search.

¹⁴⁷ Warren County Heritage Committee, *Warren County, North Carolina Cemeteries Vol. II* (Norlina, North Carolina: privately printed, 2011), 19.

¹⁴⁸ Alvaretta K. Register, *State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787* (1971; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 109. This state census was taken over a three-year period. The second female in the home could be his daughter Martha.

¹⁴⁹ *Halifax County, North Carolina, Tax List 1784-1802, 1863*, microfilm no. [7834317] image 212, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁵⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 8, 1783-1787*, microfilm no. [7519156] pages 240-242, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Brothers Burwell and Buckner were witnesses.

¹⁵¹ Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States, North Carolina 1790* (1908; reprint, Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1994), 77.

¹⁵² *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1915*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 22, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁵³ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.832, William Powell, 1791* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁵⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records 1779-1898*, microfilm no. [5819588] images 81 and 95, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Brother Burwell may have also participated.

¹⁵⁵ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 10, 1798-1800*, microfilm no. [4779563] page 33, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁵⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁵⁷ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.252, Giles Davis, 1809* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

estate papers include a copy of his inventory.^[158] Elizabeth outlived her spouse and left an estate on 25 May 1825.^[159]

12. Burwell⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born on 14 Aug 1756^[160] in Granville County, and died on 11 Aug 1846^[161] in Warren County. Burwell married **Martha Hawkins**, daughter of **Isham Hawkins** and **Amy Roane**, about 1790 in Warren County. Martha was born about 1772 in Halifax County and died after 1830 in Warren County.

T. J. Taylor authored two detailed articles about Burwell Davis in Mar 1917.^[162] These articles were very chatty and described many of his habits, his accomplishments, his skill at farming, and information about his wife “Pat”, and about his family. These articles told how his grandchildren were thrilled to hear stories of his military experience and the sufferings that he endured.

Burwell served in the Revolutionary War. Information about his service comes from his application for bounty land in 1832:

“While residing in Warren County, North Carolina, Burwell Davis enlisted in the fall of 1778, served as private in Captain B. Harris’ company, Colonel Thomas Eaton’s regiment, and was in the battle of Brier Creek, length of tour six months. He enlisted again in March, 1781, a short time before the battle of Guilford Court House, and served two months as private in Captain Thomas Alston’s company, Colonel Malmedy’s Regiment.”^[163]

In his personal narrative submitted with his bounty land request, Burwell said he was drafted in the fall of 1778. He first marched to Kingston, then into South Carolina to the Pee Dee River, and then to the Savannah River. Burwell was in part of the engagement at Brier Creek and was attacked on 3 Mar 1779. After this engagement, his unit returned to Fayetteville, North Carolina where his enlistment was up. In his second tour of duty, he served in Chatham County about the time of the battle of Guilford Court House in 1781.^[164] He was close to this battle but did not participate.^[165] He enjoyed telling his grandchildren about this battle.^[166]

¹⁵⁸ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Giles Davis, 1809* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁵⁹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Elizabeth Davis 1825*, microfilm no. [4763709] images 1306-1307, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁶⁰ Ancestry.com U.S, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-land Warrant Application Files 1800-1900*, Burwell Davis 1832 (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M804, image 345.

¹⁶¹ Warren County Heritage Committee, *Warren County, North Carolina Cemeteries Vol. II* (Norlina, North Carolina: privately printed, 2011), 19.

¹⁶² T. J. Taylor, “Old Times in Warren, Burwell Davis,” *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 16 Mar 1917, p. 1, col. 1; “Old Times in Warren, Burwell Davis,” *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 23 Mar 1917, p. 1, col. 1.

¹⁶³ Ancestry.com U.S, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-land Warrant Application Files 1800-1900*, Burwell Davis 1832 (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M804, images 342-367.

¹⁶⁴ Ancestry.com U.S, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-land Warrant Application Files 1800-1900*, Burwell Davis 1832 (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M804, images 345-347. Chatham County is located south of Guilford County.

¹⁶⁵ “Chapter Activities,” *The Halifax Dispatch (Halifax, North Carolina)*, September, 2011, Vol. 9, Number 5, p. 3. Burwell’s grave was marked by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the SAR. The article contains a brief description of January 7, 2020

Burwell made his first land purchase on 3 May 1784 from Henry Alston for 350 acres on the south side of Fishing Creek adjoining the new and old road.^[167] On 13 Oct 1786, Burwell purchased again from Henry Alston 100 acres on Wolf Pit Branch and next to property that Burwell had purchased previously.^[168]

He was not found in the 1784 North Carolina Census but was found on the 1783 Warren County tax list.^[169] In the 1790 Census, there was 1 male ages 16 and over, 1 male under 16, 2 females, and 1 slave in the household.^[170] On a 1792 taxables list, he had 450 acres of property and no slaves.^[171]

Burwell had multiple jury duty opportunities. On 23 Feb 1801, he was fined for his non-attendance.^[172] He was put on a grand jury the next day.^[173] Three months later on 29 May 1801 he was appointed to be a juror on the next court.^[174] He was called again to jury duty on 5 Jun 1803.^[175]

He received bequests in the wills of three generations of his family. He got money from his father on 15 Feb 1803,^[176] a slave from brother Allen on 5 May 1820,^[177] and property from his son Isham H. Davis on 19 May 1830.^[178] Burwell purchased 300 acres on Fishing Creek and Wolf Pit Branch from the executors of Gov. James Turner's will on 20 Dec 1825.^[179] On 10 Nov 1977, this land purchase was discussed as part of an investigation into to where Gov. James Turner was buried.^[180]

his military service and family. The results of his application led to a semi-annual pension to him for the rest of his life.

¹⁶⁶ T. J. Taylor, "Old Times in Warren, Burwell Davis," *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 23 Mar 1917, p. 1, col. 1.

¹⁶⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 8, 1783-1787*, microfilm no. [7519156] pages 186-187, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Father Peter and brother-in-law Honorias Powell were witnesses.

¹⁶⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 9, 1787-1789*, microfilm no. [7519156] pages 77-78, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Honorias Powell was a witness.

¹⁶⁹ David B. Gammon, *Tax Lists Warren County, North Carolina Vol. 1, 1779-1790* (Raleigh, North Carolina: no place: privately printed, 1994), 35.

¹⁷⁰ Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States, North Carolina 1790* (1908; reprint, Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1994), 77.

¹⁷¹ *Warren County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1779-1915*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 20, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁷² Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, *Warren County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1801-1805* (no place: privately printed, 1999), 3.

¹⁷³ Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, *Warren County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1801-1805* (no place: privately printed, 1999), 5.

¹⁷⁴ Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, *Warren County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1801-1805* (no place: privately printed, 1999), 20.

¹⁷⁵ Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, *Warren County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1801-1805* (no place: privately printed, 1999), 86.

¹⁷⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁷⁷ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.99.445, Allen W. Davis, 1820* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁷⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.256, Isham H. Davis, 1830* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁷⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 24, 1825-1827*, microfilm no. [7519131] pages 189-191, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Burwell is a nephew of Gov. James Turner.

¹⁸⁰ Bignall Jones "Little Doubt Remains as to Governor's Resting Place," *The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina)*, 10 Nov 1977, p. 2, col. 3. (See also 8 Sep 1977, p. 2, col. 1)

Burwell was in the Shocco District on an 1839 tax list with 1,753 ½ acres of land.^[181] He left a will on 27 Jun 1842 using sons Samuel, Edward, and John S. Davis as executors.^[182] Burwell lived to be 3 days short of his 90th birthday and died on 11 Aug 1846 in Warren County. He was highly praised in his obituary.^[183] His inventory lists a lot of slaves, animals, and money owed to him.^[184] His wife Martha was mentioned in the will of her father Isham Hawkins on 26 Apr 1817^[185] but is missing from her husband's will. A woman of the right age to be Martha appears in the 1830 Census but not in the 1840 Census.

13. Buckner^s Davis (*Peter^t, Lewis^s, Peter², Mr. Davis^t*) was born about 1758 in Granville County, and died after 27 Jan 1820^[186] in Warren County. Buckner married **Nancy Chapman**, daughter of **William Chapman** and **Mrs. William Chapman**, in 1793 in Warren County. Nancy was born about 1772 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and died a few days before 9 Mar 1802^[187] in Warren County.

Buckner was a Revolutionary War soldier.^[188] He was not found in the 1790 Census. He was a constable in the Warrenton District and posted a bond on 30 May 1787.^[189] He seemed to be constantly mentioned in court records over the next 20 years, perhaps because he was a constable. None of these appearances involved any of his immediate family. He was the executor on his father's will dated 15 Feb 1803.^[190]

Buckner purchased 578 acres on the west side of Cabin Branch from John and Robert Alexander on 26 Feb 1797.^[191] He bought from James Caller 200 acres on both sides of Smith Creek dated 17 Oct 1800.^[192]

Buckner took on the responsibility of being the guardian of Frances C. Johnson, daughter of Benjamin Johnson in Nov 1805.^[193] He was a witness on the will of his brother Giles on 22 Aug

¹⁸¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records 1779-1898*, microfilm no. [5819588] image 427, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁸² *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.246, Burwell Davis, 1846* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁸³ "Death of Two Old Revolutionary Soldiers," *The Raleigh Register (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 1 Sep 1846, p. 2, col. 5. He was of "high character and of unspotted integrity".

¹⁸⁴ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D, Burwell Davis, 1846* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁸⁵ *Halifax County, North Carolina, Record of Wills, Vol. 3, 1781-1824*, microfilm no. [0019085] page 610, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁸⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.245, Buckner Davis, 1820* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁸⁷ Lois S. Neal, ed., *Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers 1799-1819* (1979; reprint, Raleigh, North Carolina: Bookcrafters, 1997), 124.

¹⁸⁸ *North Carolina State Treasurer Record Group, Group Folder 13.30.14086, Revolutionary War Army Accounts Buckner Davis* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁸⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 4, 1783-1787*, microfilm no. [4779561] pages 220-221, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁹⁰ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. His father forgave him any debts that he had with his father.

¹⁹¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 14, 1796-1798*, microfilm no. [7519135] pages 283-285, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁹² *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 18, 1807-1810*, microfilm no. [7519138] pages 85-86, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

1809.^[194] Buckner took in Thomas Reynolds as an apprentice to teach him cabinet making on 27 Feb 1811.^[195] He also spend a period of time being a Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session.^[196] Buckner was also on a committee to build a new jail in Warren County on 10 Apr 1817.^[197] He authorized payments for this jail.^[198]

He left his own will on 27 Jan 1820 with Gov. James Turner and nephews Peter R. Davis and Stephen Davis as executors.^[199] His inventory included two tracts of land, 46 slaves, crops, farm equipment, and a lot of household items.^[200] His executors spent years settling his estate. On 25 Dec 1822, they sold 250 acres on both sides of Smith Creek to Charles W. Johnson.^[201] The executors had further distributions to son William C. Davis on 2 Jan 1825^[202] and son-in-law Thomas H. Christmas on 24 May 1826.^[203] His estate settlement was still active into 1839 when his estate was mentioned on a tax list.^[204] The valuation of slaves given to his daughter Elizabeth was the basis of a suit that reached the North Carolina Supreme Court in the spring of 1845.^[205]

Buckner's wife Nancy was mention in the records early in her life. She and her sister Elizabeth are mentioned as orphans of William Chapman in 29 Oct 1783. They chose Benjamin Johnson to be their guardian.^[206] Nancy's death was mentioned in the newspaper on 9 Mar 1802. Buckner received a portion of the estate of father-in-law William Chapman in 25 Aug 1802.^[207]

¹⁹³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 13, 1804-1807*, microfilm no. [4779563] pages 170-172, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁹⁴ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.252, Giles Davis, 1809* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁹⁵ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 15, 1809-1811*, microfilm no. [4779564] pages 347-348, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

¹⁹⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Powers of Attorney, 1800-1818*, microfilm no. [4031547] image 81, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He and other justices were in court on 25 May 1815.

¹⁹⁷ "To Undertakers," *The Raleigh Minerva (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 2 May 1817, p. 4, col. 4.

¹⁹⁸ *Warren County Accounts, Group Folder 100.910.001* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

¹⁹⁹ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.245, Buckner Davis, 1820* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. James Turner was also his uncle.

²⁰⁰ *North Carolina Estates, Group Folder unknown, Buckner Davis, 1820* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁰¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 23, 1823-1825*, microfilm no. [7519126] pages 172-174, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁰² *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 23, 1823-1825*, microfilm no. [7519126] page 284, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁰³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 24, 1825-1827*, microfilm no. [7519131] pages 280-283, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁰⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records 1779-1898*, microfilm no. [5819588] image 435, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁰⁵ James Iredell, *North Carolina Reports, Cases at Law Argued and Determined in the State Supreme Court, Vol. 27, Dec 1844 - Jun 1845*, (1845; reprint, Raleigh, North Carolina: Edwards and Broughton Printing Co., 1916), 464-468. Judgment was for the plaintiff over his estate administrators.

²⁰⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1783-1787*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 14, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Benjamin Johnson later married Nancy and Elizabeth's stepmother Isabella.

²⁰⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 11, 1800-1802*, microfilm no. [4779563] pages 315-317, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Buckner was to receive his wife's portion of the will after the death of his mother-in-law.

14. Rebecca⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1760 in Granville County and died after 9 Nov 1822 in Wake County.^[208] Rebecca married **William Wynne**, son of **Matthew Wynne** and **Sarah (---)**, in Warren County after 1788. William was born about 1752 in Surry County and died after 9 Nov 1822 in Wake County.^[209] Rebecca was the oldest daughter of Peter Davis.

While William was living Sussex County, Virginia, William purchased 100 acres from his father Matthew Wynne and mother Sarah on the south side of the Nottoway River on 15 Jul 1773.^[210] He had already relocated to Warren County when he sold this land on 11 Oct 1788 to Thomas Whitfield.^[211] He owned 220 acres in the 1789 tax list.^[212] William's last tax list in Warren County was in 1798 when he still owned 220 acres.^[213] Rebecca received a slave in the will of her father on 15 Feb 1803.^[214]

William sold 30 acres of land on the north side of the Neuse River to brother-in-law Allen W.⁵ Davis on 7 Mar 1802.^[215] On 19 Nov 1806, William bought 164½ acres on Horse Creek next to his existing property from Joel Ferguson.^[216] William purchased back from Allen W. 30 acres on the north side of the Neuse River on 3 Nov 1809.^[217] He did not leave a will but instead left a series of bequests in the deed book to his wife and children on 9 Nov 1822.

15. Sylvia⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1764 in Bute County, and died before 1798 in Warren County. Sylvia married **William Hogwood**, son of **William Hogwood** and **Mrs. William Hogwood**, on 15 Jan 1786 in Warren County.^[218] William was born on 10 Mar 1765 in Bute County,^[219] and died after 8 Aug 1854 in Warren County.^[220] William next married **Mary Davis**, her sister followed by **Susan Brooks**, daughter of **Christopher Brooks** and **Ann (---)**, on 19 Oct 1825 in

²⁰⁸ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 5, 1821-1824*, microfilm no. [7518953] pages 345-350, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He gave a series of bequests to his children, giving away his estate instead of writing a will.

²⁰⁹ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 5, 1821-1824*, microfilm no. [7518953] pages 348-349, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He distributed land, a grist mill, slaves, and other items.

²¹⁰ William L. Hopkins, ed., *Sussex County, Virginia, Deed Books A-E, 1754-Mar 1779* (Richmond, Virginia: Gen-N-Dex, 1990), 155.

²¹¹ Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., ed., *The Deeds of Sussex County, Virginia 1779-1792* (no place: privately printed, 1993), 64, no. 620.

²¹² David B. Gammon, *Tax Lists Warren County, North Carolina Vol. 1, 1779-1790* (Raleigh, North Carolina: no place: privately printed, 1996), 88.

²¹³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1808*, microfilm no. [7901109] image 327, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²¹⁴ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²¹⁵ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. R, 1802-1803*, microfilm no. [7519114] pages 341-342, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²¹⁶ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. U, 1807-1809* microfilm no. [7519119] pages 135-136, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Brother-in-law Allen W. Davis and his wife Priscilla were witnesses.

²¹⁷ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. V, 1809-1811*, microfilm no. [7519119] pages 206-207, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²¹⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 714, www.familysearch.org/search.

²¹⁹ John W. Haigwood, *A Search for Haigwood-Hagood-Haygood et cetera 1650-1984* (Rome, Georgia: privately printed, 1984), 15a.

²²⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 43, 1854-1855*, microfilm no. [4779572] pages 393-394, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

Franklin County.^[221] Susan was born about 1778 in North Carolina^[222] and died after 20 Jan 1858 in Warren County.^[223]

Sylvia's marriage bond record was the only record specifically mentioning her. She was probably the adult female in the household of William in the Censuses of 1784 and 1790 in Warren County. William was in the 1784 North Carolina Census in Warren County with 1 male between ages 21-60, 1 female, and 2 slaves.^[224] The 1790 Census listed 1 male ages 16 and over, 1 male under 16, 1 female, and 1 slave in the household.^[225] She was deceased by 15 Jul 1798 when her sister Mary married William Hogwood. William Hogwood's life and details about his second and third spouses will be covered under sister Mary Davis below.

16. Mary⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1769 in Bute County. Mary married **William Hogwood**, son of **William Hogwood** and **Mrs. William Hogwood**, on 15 Jul 1798^[226] in Warren County. Mary died after 1820 in Warren County.^[227]

Other than her marriage, Mary was only mentioned once more in the will of her father on 15 Feb 1803.^[228] She was given a slave. She may have been alive at the time of the 1820 Census because there was a female over 45 living in the household.^[229]

William Hogwood was orphaned about the age of 12. He first was bound to John Christmas Jr. On 13 May 1777, he was bound to Benjamin McIlvane until age 21 so William could be taught to read and write and to be a planter.^[230] On a 1792 taxables list, William had 150 acres of property and 1

²²¹ Frances T. Ingmire, ed., *Franklin County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1789-1868*, (1984; reprint, Athens, Georgia: Iberian Publishing Company, 1993), 23.

²²² Ancestry.com U.S, *1850 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, William Hogwood family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M432_648, page 13A. She was 72 years old.

²²³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 49, 1856-1863*, microfilm no. [4779574] pages 155-156, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²²⁴ Alvaretta K. Register, *State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787* (1971; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 168.

²²⁵ Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States, North Carolina 1790* (1908; reprint, Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1994), 77. There is no evidence the male child in the home was a child of theirs; if so he did not live to be an adult. Allen W. Davis, brother to Sylvia, mentioned his nephews John and James Hogwood in his will on 5 May 1820. These two children were William's only known sons and were under 20 in 1820 based on later Censuses.

²²⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 1101, www.familysearch.org/search.

²²⁷ Ancestry.com U.S, *1820 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, William Hogwood family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M33_82, page 810. William Hogwood was living in Warrenton and had a female in the household that could have been Mary.

²²⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²²⁹ Ancestry.com U.S, *1820 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, William Hogwood family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M33_82, page 810.

²³⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Court Minutes 1777-1779*, microfilm no. [7856935] page 20, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

slave.^[231] On 9 Aug 1822, William bought 645 acres on Tarrapin Creek adjoining Mr. Davis and himself from George S. Smith of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.^[232]

William had some financial struggles. On 23 Aug 1824, he sold to nephew Isham H. Davis, acting as a trustee for other parties, 1,467 acres and 8 slaves for one dollar. This property was to be used to meet his debts to nephew Peter R. Davis of \$1,154.26 and George and John Anderson of \$251.63.^[233] He sold two slaves for \$1 to Richard Davis on 1 Oct 1827.^[234] The slaves were to be sold to pay \$729.50 to Peter R. Davis. He must have gotten out of financial trouble later. Peter R. Davis sold him 300 acres next door to where William lived for one cent on 22 Jan 1836.^[235] By 10 Jul 1850, he sold son John 244 acres on the tannery road joining Edward Hall for \$10.^[236]

William's third marriage was with Susan Brooks in 1825. In 1842, William and Susan filed a suit against Susan's siblings over property owed to them from her mother's estate.^[237] William left a will on 8 Aug 1854 and was dead by 23 Feb 1855 when Susan requested Robt. D. Paschall to administer the estate.^[238] Susan left a will on 20 Jan 1858 and an estate that took a number of years to administer because of all of her financial activity.^[239]

17. Allen W. (perhaps **Allen William**^[240])⁵ **Davis** (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1774 in Bute County and died in May 1820 in Wake County. Allen married **Priscilla (Perry) Gee**, daughter of **Joshua Perry** and **Elizabeth Rush**, on 12 Nov 1801 in Brunswick County, Virginia.^[241] She was born about 1775 in Bute County and died in 1842 in Wake County.^[242] Priscilla had previously

²³¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1915*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 20, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³² *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 22, 1821-1823* microfilm no. [7519122] page 376, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 23, 1823-1825*, microfilm no. [7519126] pages 279-281, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 25, 1827-1830*, microfilm no. [7560169] page 184, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³⁵ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 27, 1836-1840*, microfilm no. [7560170] pages 19-20, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 30, 1848-1852*, microfilm no. [7560171] pages 345-346, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²³⁷ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Franklin County, B*, Ann Brooks Estate 1842, www.familysearch.org/search.

²³⁸ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, H*, William Hagood Estate 1855, www.familysearch.org/search.

²³⁹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, H*, Susan Hagood Estate 1858, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁴⁰ Several published genealogies state his name as Allen William Davis instead of just Allen W. Davis. There are no original records that support using William as his middle name.

²⁴¹ John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr, *Brunswick County Marriages 1750-1853* (Athens, Georgia: Iberian Publishing Company, 1988), 38.

²⁴² *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Wake County, D*, Allen W. Davis Estate 1843, www.familysearch.org/search. Many of his nieces and nephews were mentioned in the will. Since all the provisions of his will could not be executed until Priscilla's death, the estate was not processed until 1843.

married **William Gee**, son of **William Gee** and **Tabitha Ingram**, on 5 Mar 1794 in Warren County.^[243] William was born about 1770 in Brunswick County and died after 13 Jul 1798 in Brunswick County.^[244]

Allen showed up on the taxable list for the first time in 1794 in Warren County and was there each year until 1799.^[245] He was a witness to the will of Edmond Powell on 26 Aug 1795.^[246] He then migrated to Wake County where he had purchased property next to John Martin adjoining Jennys Creek and John Pullen by 14 Oct 1799.^[247] On 17 Mar 1800, he purchased 34 acres on Jennys Creek adjoining William Martin from John Still.^[248] Allen spent some time in Wake County in 1801.^[249] He received a slave from his father on 15 Feb 1803.^[250]

On 12 Nov 1801, he married Priscilla (Perry) Gee over the border in Brunswick County. On the 1802 Wake County taxables list Allen had 262 2/3 acres of property.^[251] In Feb 1803, he purchased some land from brother-in-law William Wynn in Wake County.^[252] Allen then returned to Brunswick County where he witnessed the wills of John Johnson on 13 Mar 1805 and probably John's son-in-law William Walpole on 27 Jun 1805.^[253] He was permanently back in Wake County by the end of the year when he purchased 381 acres on Richland Creek from John Martin on 28 Dec 1805.^[254]

Allen was a juror in Aug 1809 in Wake County.^[255] Over a 10-year period beginning about 1805, he served as a commissioner for the courts about a dozen times. Court commissioners were involved in dividing land, reviewing estates, and similar activities. As commissioner, he was assigned with the

²⁴³ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 596, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁴⁴ Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., ed., *Brunswick County, Virginia Will Books, Vol. 4, 1795-1804* (no place: privately printed, 1997), 32.

²⁴⁵ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1808*, microfilm no. [7901109] images 281, 296, 301, 315, 327, and 330, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁴⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.826, Edmond Powell 1795* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. Edmond's sister Elizabeth married Allen's brother Giles Davis.

²⁴⁷ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. Q, 1785-1808*, microfilm no. [7519114] page 208, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁴⁸ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. Q, 1785-1808*, microfilm no. [7519114] page 378, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁴⁹ *Wake County, North Carolina, Wills, Inventories and Settlements, Vol. 7, 1804-1808*, microfilm no. [4772471] pages 24-25, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁵⁰ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁵¹ *Wake County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1781-1860*, microfilm no. [7640710] image 504, [FHL], Salt Lake City. His brother-in-law William Wynn reported for him so he may have been in Virginia on the day the taxables were taken.

²⁵² Weynette P. Haun, ed., *Wake County, North Carolina Court Records Book V 1801-1803* (Durham, North Carolina: privately printed, 1985), 120.

²⁵³ Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., ed., *Brunswick County, Virginia Will Books, Vol. 5, 1804-1812* (no place: privately printed, 1998), 31, 34, 35.

²⁵⁴ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. T, 1804-1806*, microfilm no. [7519119] pages 128-129, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁵⁵ *Wake County, North Carolina, Wills, Inventories and Settlements, Vol. 9, 1809-1811*, microfilm no. [4772471] pages 62-66, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

responsibility of getting a bridge over the Neuse River built on 15 Feb 1808.^[256] One of Allen's slaves ended up in the Wake County jail. It seems the slave was carried into South Carolina by Robert Crenshaw in 1810. Somehow the slave was returned to North Carolina and the court wanted Allen to claim the slave and pay charges.^[257] Allen was a witness to the wills of Mary Crenshaw on 30 Oct 1811^[258] and James Bagley on 3 Mar 1817.^[259] Allen was an executor of the will of John Pullen on 25 Jun 1808^[260] and of Ransom Sutherland on 22 Sep 1818.^[261]

Allen purchased 200 acres adjoining Henry Potter and Redding Jones at a public auction on 18 Feb 1817.^[262] He sold 243 acres on Stirrup Iron Creek to Solomon George on the same day.^[263] On 5 Aug 1818, Allen bought 252 acres on Richland Creek from Thomas Pullen.^[264] Allen and wife Priscilla received items from the estate of Benjamin Perry, brother of Priscilla, administered in Franklin County in 1815.^[265]

He wrote his will on 5 May 1820^[266] giving portions to all of his siblings and their children after the death of his wife. Friend Charles Hinton was the executor. As executor, Charles advertised the sale of 837 acres near the falls of the Neuse River on 16 Nov 1842.^[267] He sold 836 [sic] acres on behalf of the estate on the north side of the Neuse River adjoining Jennings Creek to David Gill on 8 Dec 1842.^[268]

Priscilla was found in the records a couple of different times. She was given slaves, furniture, and other items in the will of father Joshua Perry on 11 Sep 1792.^[269] In 1793, she and sisters Elizabeth and Rebecca were mentioned in the taxables living on property previously owned by their father.^[270]

²⁵⁶ "To Bridge Builders," *The Raleigh Minerva (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 25 Feb 1808, p. 4, col. 4.

²⁵⁷ "Committed," *The North Carolina Star (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 3 May 1810, p. 3, col. 4.

²⁵⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.99.426, Mary Crenshaw, 1811* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. Wife Priscilla was also a witness.

²⁵⁹ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.99.71, James Bagley, 1817* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁶⁰ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.99.1604, John Pullen, 1809* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁶¹ *Wake County, North Carolina, Wills, Vol. 18, 1822-1824*, microfilm no. [4772474] pages 286-288, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Ransom Sutherland outlived Allen and left a codicil on 10 Jan 1822.

²⁶² *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1816-1817*, microfilm no. [7518948] pages 171-172, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁶³ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 1, 1816-1817*, microfilm no. [7518948] page 113, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁶⁴ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 2, 1817-1818*, microfilm no. [7518948] pages 255-256, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁶⁵ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Franklin County, P*, Benjamin Perry Estate 1815, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁶⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.99.445, Allen W. Davis, 1820* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. For some reason, his brother Buckner's family was not included in his will.

²⁶⁷ "Notice Lands for Sale," *The Weekly Standard (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 16 Nov 1842, p. 3, col. 5.

²⁶⁸ *Wake County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 15, 1842-1843*, microfilm no. [7529291] pages 416-417, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁶⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 6, 1791-1793*, microfilm no. [4779562] pages 225-228, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁷⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1808*, microfilm no. [7901109] image 268, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

She was given the estate of her first husband William Gee while she lived dated 13 Jul 1798. She reported 880 acres in the 1825 taxables.^[271] She left a will in Franklin County on 1 Feb 1837.^[272] Priscilla died in 1842 as was mentioned in Allen's estate in Feb 1844.

18. Jacob⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in 1781 in Warren County and died before 29 Nov 1859 in Warren County.^[273] Jacob married **Rhoda Turner**, daughter of **Stephen Turner** and **Susannah** (---), on 19 Oct 1808 in Warren County.^[274] Rhoda was born in 1791^[275] in Warren County and died after 1869 in Warren County.^[276]

Jacob was a legatee in his father's will on 15 Feb 1803^[277] and his mother's on 24 Jun 1819.^[278] He was given slaves in both of his parents' wills. Jacob was the administrator for the will of brother John Davis' estate in May 1811.^[279]

Jacob and his four siblings were mentioned together in several deed records beginning in 1805. They purchased 489 acres adjoining Simon Williams and Mr. Sims from Ashkenas Williams on 4 Nov 1805.^[280] They purchased 400 acres on the west side of Smith Creek adjoining Jacob Davis from Leonard H. Sims on 3 Nov 1806.^[281] On 19 Jan 1813, they sold to Anthony Sale 14 ½ acres adjoining Sale and Sims.^[282]

Jacob purchased several items from the estate of his mother-in-law Susannah (---) Turner on 10 Jun 1813.^[283] He owned 300 acres in the 1835 Warren County taxables.^[284] He and his wife were in the

²⁷¹ *Wake County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1781-1860*, microfilm no. [7640710] image 901, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁷² *Franklin County, North Carolina Wills, Vol. L, 1840-1844* microfilm no. [4755067] pages 90-91, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁷³ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D*, Jacob Davis Estate 1859, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁷⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 52, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁷⁵ Ancestry.com U.S, *1850 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, Jacob Davis family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M432_648, page 14A. She was 59 years old.

²⁷⁶ Ancestry.com U.S, *1870 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, Rhoda Davis family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M593_1164, page 530B. She was 79 years old.

²⁷⁷ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁷⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.254, Hannah Davis, 1821* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁷⁹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D*, John Davis Estate 1811, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁸⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 17, 1804-1807*, microfilm no. [7519135] pages 244-245, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁸¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 18, 1807-1810*, microfilm no. [7519138] pages 295, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁸² *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 19, 1810-1816*, microfilm no. [7519138] page 288-289, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Jacob acted for the heirs of John Davis since John was deceased.

²⁸³ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, T*, Susannah Turner Estate 1813, www.familysearch.org/search.

²⁸⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1792-1878*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 80, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

Nutbush section of Warren County in the 1850 Census.^[285] Rhoda received a portion of her husband's estate.^[286] Rhoda was a legatee in the will of her father Stephan Turner on 14 Oct 1799.^[287] Rhoda died after 1869.

19. Thomas⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1783 in Warren County and died after 24 Jun 1819.

Very little is known about Thomas Davis. He was a legatee in his father's will on 15 Feb 1803 and was given a slave and his father's plantation.^[288] On 22 Nov 1816, his mother gave him properties totaling 200 acres on the north side of Fishing Creek.^[289] Six days later, Thomas sold these properties to Robert T. Cheek.^[290] In his mother's will on 24 Jun 1819, he was given a slave.^[291] Thomas was not found as a head of household in the 1820 Census for Warren County. Davis researchers Agnes Davis and Lula Skillman state, "Thomas Davis never married. He was called 'Banjo Tom.'"^[292] Thomas is difficult to trace from this time forward because of the existence of other Thomas Davises in the area. He could have been buried in the Giles Davis graveyard."^[293] Unfortunately, he is not listed in that graveyard.^[294]

20. John⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in Warren County about 1783 and died on 28 Jul 1810^[295] in Warren County. John married **Quinnie Blount**, daughter of **John Blount** and **Martha Davis**, on 1 Oct 1808 in Warren County.^[296] Quinnie was born in 1792 in Nash County and died after 1859 in Warren County. Quinnie next married **Thomas Fleming**, son of **Thomas Fleming Sr.** and **Mary** (---), on 16 Dec 1817 in Warren County.^[297] Thomas was born in 1786^[298] in Warren County and died after 30 Jul 1856 in Warren County.^[299]

²⁸⁵ Ancestry.com U.S, *1850 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, Jacob Davis family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M432_648, page 14A.

²⁸⁶ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D*, Jacob Davis Estate 1859, www.familysearch.org/search. There was quite a great deal of detail into what Jacob owned at the time of his death.

²⁸⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 10, 1798-1800*, microfilm no. [4779563] pages 193-198, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁸⁸ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁸⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 20, 1816-1820*, microfilm no. [7519143] pages 236-237, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁹⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 20, 1816-1820*, microfilm no. [7519143] pages 238-239, [FHL], Salt Lake City. These properties were next to each other and had belonged to his father Peter.

²⁹¹ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.254, Hannah Davis, 1821* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

²⁹² Agnes H. Davis and Lula H. Skillman, *Davis* 4th edition (no place: privately printed, 1964), "c".

²⁹³ Agnes H. Davis and Lula H. Skillman, *Davis* 4th edition (no place: privately printed, 1964), "c".

²⁹⁴ Warren County Heritage Committee, *Warren County, North Carolina Cemeteries Vol. II* (Norlina, North Carolina: privately printed, 2011), 19.

²⁹⁵ "Raleigh" *Weekly Raleigh Register (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 9 Aug 1810, p. 3, col. 2.

²⁹⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 58, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

²⁹⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 503, www.familysearch.org/search.

John showed up for the first time in the 1799 taxables next to brother Matthew.^[300] He was a legatee in the will of his father on 15 Feb 1803 and given slaves.^[301] He married Quinnie Blount in 1808 but did not live much longer after that. He became overheated playing a ball game and dropped dead on 28 Jul 1808.^[302] His brother Jacob Davis was the administrator of his estate beginning on 30 May 1811.

Quinnie Blount was a legatee in the estate of father John Blount.^[303] The estate was divided by Joseph Arrington Sr., Joseph Arrington Jr., and uncle John Davis in 10 May 1803. Uncle Benjamin Blount was her guardian in 8 Feb 1802.^[304] On 21 Jan 1809, Quinnie received a gift of 150 acres in Halifax County from her uncle John Davis.^[305]

John⁵ Davis had only one child, Temperance Dawson Davis. Thomas T. Davis was her guardian from 26 Feb 1818^[306] until at least 26 May 1825.^[307] On 26 Feb 1818, Temperance received three slaves from her father and Thomas T. Davis was accounting for them to the court. Thomas filed a report with the court for the period of 1819 to 1821 showing the use of the slaves inherited by Temperance.^[308]

Quinnie married secondly Thomas Fleming. Her daughter Temperance Dawson Davis married Benjamin Norwood on 28 Nov 1826 in Warren County.^[309] There was some kind of disagreement and possibly a court action between Thomas Fleming and Benjamin Norwood over the estate of John Davis. On 19 Apr 1827, an agreement was reached “amicably settling all differences touching our interest in the estate of John Davis deceased” concerning division of land, furniture and

²⁹⁸ Ancestry.com U.S, *1850 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, Thomas Fleming family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M432_648, page 59B image 120. He was 64 years old and born in North Carolina.

²⁹⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina Record of Wills, Vol. 49, 1856-1863*, pages 329-331, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³⁰⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1779-1808*, microfilm no. [7901109] image 329, [FHL], Salt Lake City. John was next door to or living with his brother Matthew Davis.

³⁰¹ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³⁰² “Raleigh”, *Weekly Raleigh Register (Raleigh, North Carolina)*, 9 Aug 1810, p. 3. He had previously “fainted twice in the same game” and was strongly urged to quit by others. However, he “declared he would finish if he never played another.” The weather was not mentioned in the newspaper but typically Warren County would be very hot and humid that time of year.

³⁰³ *Nash County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes 1798-1804*, microfilm no. [7640694] image 397, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Uncle John Davis and others divided the estate.

³⁰⁴ *Nash County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes 1798-1804*, microfilm no. [7640694] image 368, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³⁰⁵ *Halifax County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 21, 1807-1811*, microfilm no. [7547225] page 269, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³⁰⁶ *Warren County, North Carolina, Guardian Accounts 1792-1825*, microfilm no. [4162614] image 596, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Her mother Quinnie Fleming was in possession of one of the slaves. It is not known how or if Thomas T. Davis was related.

³⁰⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Guardian Bonds 1800-1825*, microfilm no. [4031547] images 146, 147, 155, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Uncle Jacob Davis was a security for Thomas T. Davis.

³⁰⁸ *Warren County, North Carolina, Guardian Accounts 1792-1825*, microfilm no. [4162614] images 608-610, [FHL], Salt Lake City. Uncle Benjamin Powell kept one of the slaves in 1819.

³⁰⁹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. K-R, image 702, www.familysearch.org/search.

slaves.^[310] Thomas purchased from John Burgess 550 acres on Great Branch adjoining Thomas Judkins on 30 Dec 1831.^[311]

Thomas Fleming left a will on 30 Jul 1856 and Quinnie was given use of his land during her lifetime. Thomas left an estate in May 1862 in which the administrator provided details as to how the estate was divided.^[312] Quinnie was in Warren County for the 1860 Census.^[313] Quinnie was not mentioned in Thomas' estate so she may have been deceased by May 1862.

21. Winifred⁵ Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born about 1787 in Warren County and died after 22 Apr 1848 in Warren County.^[314] She never married.

She was a legatee in his father's will on 15 Feb 1803 and given slaves.^[315] In her mother's will on 24 Jun 1819, she was given another slave.^[316] She was a landowner at the time of her death. She was listed in the 1835 Warren County taxables.^[317] She gave away 246 acres on Nutbush Creek, money, slaves and other things to her nieces and nephews in her will dated 22 Apr 1848. She also left an estate dated Aug 1848 that listed her inventory.^[318]

22. Temperance⁵ D. Davis (*Peter⁴, Lewis³, Peter², Mr. Davis¹*) was born in 1789 in Warren County, North Carolina and died on 17 Aug 1860^[319] in Franklin County. Temperance married **Mark Clanton Duke**, son of **Matthew Duke** and **Elizabeth Clanton**, on 25 Apr 1809 in Warren County.^[320] Mark was born about 1787 in Warren County and died in Franklin County before Sep 1848.^[321]

³¹⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 25, 1827-1830*, microfilm no. [7560169] pages 76-77, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³¹¹ *Warren County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 26, 1829-1835*, microfilm no. [7560169] pages 378-379, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³¹² *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, F*, Thomas Fleming Estate 1862, www.familysearch.org/search.

³¹³ Ancestry.com U.S, *1860 Census Warren County, North Carolina*, Q Fleming family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M653_916, page 551. The Census says she was 64 years old, but she was actually older.

³¹⁴ *Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 39, 1846-1848*, microfilm no. [4779570] pages 457-458, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³¹⁵ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³¹⁶ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.254, Hannah Davis, 1821* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³¹⁷ *Warren County, North Carolina, Tax Lists 1792-1878*, microfilm no. [8547074] image 80, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³¹⁸ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D*, Winifred Davis Estate 1848, www.familysearch.org/search.

³¹⁹ Evelyn D. Brandenberger, *The Duke Family* (no place: privately printed, 1979), 174.

³²⁰ *Warren County, North Carolina, Record of Marriage Bonds 1779-1868*, Vol. D-J, image 197, www.familysearch.org/search.

³²¹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Franklin County, D*, Mark C Duke Estate 1848, www.familysearch.org/search.

She was a legatee in his father's will on 15 Feb 1803^[322] and in her mother's will on 24 Jun 1819 and given slaves.^[323] She was in Franklin County on the 1860 Census.^[324] She left an estate in Franklin County before 12 Mar 1861.^[325]

Mark was a purchaser in his father William Duke's estate on 18 Mar 1819.^[326] Mark was in Granville County for the 1820 Census.^[327] He may have been in Franklin County in Dec 1837.^[328] Mark left a very detailed estate in Franklin County in Sep 1848 because there were issues dividing the estate.^[329]

Summary

It has been over two hundred years since Peter⁴ Davis died in Warren County. There is a lot we know about Peter and his descendants. There remain several mysteries that need to be solved. How many times was he married? What are the names of his spouses? Where were his father and grandfather born? Why did Peter² and brother Arthur² choose to live on the Meherrin River when they immigrated? Why did Lewis³ relocate to Granville?

We have clues to solving these questions available today but are currently missing the answers. It is hoped that this paper will increase our understanding of Peter⁴ and help facilitate future scholarship on this Davis line.

Attachment 1 – DNA Options

A direct male Davis descendant of Peter⁴ Davis provided a DNA sample, allowing for a Y-DNA test of 67 markers to be performed. The results identified other potential Davis relatives. Below are four lines that have a close match to Peter Davis as found on familytreedna.com. This information is followed by a table showing some of their DNA statistics. None of these lines have been tied to Peter's family to date.

- 1) William Davis who died about 1770 in Charlotte County, Virginia – The earliest ancestor listed for this line on the Internet is a Jeffrey Davis married to a Frances Temple. There is not any evidence that either person ever existed. The first provable ancestor on this line is a William Davis. William appeared first in the records as a neighbor to William Randolph, Philip Thomas and Nathaniel

³²² *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.265, Peter Davis, 1804* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³²³ *North Carolina Wills, Group Folder 5200.100.254, Hannah Davis, 1821* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³²⁴ Ancestry.com U.S., *1860 Census Franklin County, North Carolina*, Temperance Duke family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M653_897, page 488. She was 71 years old.

³²⁵ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Franklin County, D*, Temperance Duke Estate 1861, www.familysearch.org/search.

³²⁶ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Warren County, D*, Matthew Duke Estate 1819, www.familysearch.org/search.

³²⁷ Ancestry.com U.S., *1820 Census Granville County, North Carolina*, Mark C. Duke family (National Archives: Washington, District of Columbia), microfilm M33_85, page 5.

³²⁸ Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., ed., *Franklin County, North Carolina, Will Book K, 1834-1840* (no place: privately printed, 1996), 54.

³²⁹ *North Carolina Wills and Estate Files 1663-1979, Franklin County, D*, Mark C. Duke Estate 1848, www.familysearch.org/search.

Barksdale on Cub Creek in Lunenburg County, Virginia dated 9 Mar 1756.^[330] He left a will on 20 Nov 1769 in Charlotte County naming sons William, Temple, and Benjamin, daughters Anne and Rebecca, and wife who is unnamed.^[331] His estate was filed on 3 Sep 1770.^[332]

- 2) Henry Clark who died in Virginia – Henry Clark left a will dated 29 Aug 1700 in Richmond County, Virginia.^[333] Henry previously lived in Old Rappahannock County, Virginia. It is not known how he ties into a Davis family.
- 3) Hezekiah Davis who died in Hawkins County, Tennessee about 1824 – Hezekiah was born about 1760 probably in central Virginia. His first appearance in the records came in the 1778 Amelia County, Virginia taxables for Nottoway Parish when he was living with James Davis.^[334] On 22 Feb 1781, he married Jincey Phillips in Amelia County.^[335] He married secondly Amelia Johnson on 29 Oct 1789 in Lunenburg County.^[336] By 25 Nov 1789, Hezekiah was living in Hawkins County when he witnessed the marriage of William Johnson and Mary Evans.^[337] He purchased 100 acres of land on the west side of Coles Ridge adjoining McMullins from William Kile on 26 Nov 1804.^[338] He sold this land on 2 Nov 1807 to Andrew Chesnut.^[339] His last known appearance was a purchase of 127 acres on Benfrois Creek from William B. Kyle on 27 Aug 1824.^[340] More information on the family is also available.^[341]
- 4) Harmon and Evan or Van Davis of South Carolina – Rezin or Reason Davis was supposed to be father of both Harmon and Evan. There is no documentation of Harman, Evan, or Van being related. Some descendants of Harmon and Evan have the first name Rezin or Reason. The name of Rezin as their father's name is just an educated guess. Evan first appeared in Craven County, South Carolina

³³⁰ June B. Evans, ed., *Lunenburg County, Virginia Deed Book, Vol. 4, 1754-1757* (New Orleans, Louisiana: Bryn Ffyliad Publications, 1990), 41. There are two William Davises in the area so caution is in order in determining which events belong to which William Davis.

³³¹ *Charlotte County, Virginia, Wills, Vol. 1, 1765-1805*, microfilm no. [0030776] pp. 24-25, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. His three sons were the executors.

³³² *Charlotte County, Virginia, Wills, Vol. 1, 1765-1805*, microfilm no. [0030776] pp. 59-61, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. Charlotte County was created from Lunenburg County in 1765.

³³³ Robert K. Headley, Jr., ed., *Wills of Richmond County, Virginia 1699-1800* (1983; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2002), 6.

³³⁴ *Amelia County, Virginia, Taxables 1778*, microfilm no. [7856500] image 50, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. There was a second James Davis on this tax list.

³³⁵ *Amelia County, Virginia, Index Transcript of Marriage Bonds, 1735-1854*, microfilm no. [4274607] page D-1, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³³⁶ John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., *Lunenburg County Marriages 1750-1853* (Athens, Georgia: Iberian Publishing Company, 1988), 26.

³³⁷ *Hawkins County, Tennessee, Marriage License Bonds 1789-1844*, microfilm no. [7624627] image 575, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³³⁸ *Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deeds, Vol. 4, Jun 1803-Apr 1813*, microfilm no. [7903461] pp. 76-77, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³³⁹ *Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deeds, Vol. 6, Dec 1807-Apr 1813*, microfilm no. [8320488] p. 343, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³⁴⁰ *Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deeds, Vol. 11, Feb 1823- Jul 1832*, microfilm no. [8320489] p. 172, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³⁴¹ Arch O. Heck, *Descendants of Hezekiah Davis I, a Settler in North Tennessee* (Columbus, Ohio: Privately Printed, 1965).

on 28 Apr 1756 as a witness to a deed.^[342] Harmon patented 200 acres in Berkeley County, South Carolina in 16 Dec 1766.^[343] Vann Davis Sr. left a will on 14 Apr 1810.^[344] More information on the family is also available.^[345] There was some Evan and Harmon Davis activity in North Carolina shortly before 1760. It is not known whether any of these occurrences are by Harmon and Evan of South Carolina. A Harmon appeared on a 1755 tax list in Orange County, North Carolina.^[346] Evan Davis or Vann was also on the same list 5 pages later. An Evan Davis is also found in the Rowan County, North Carolina tax list in 1768.^[347]

Here is a summary of the DNA statistics for these individuals relative to Peter Davis:

Name	Number of Markers	Halopgroup	Genetic Distance
Peter Davis – Warren Co.	67	R-M269	0
William Davis	67	R-DF27	2
William Davis	37	R-M269 and R-DF27	2
Henry Clark	67	R-Y37728	3
Hezekiah Davis	37	R-M269	2
Hezekiah Davis	25	R-M269	0
Rezin (Reason) Davis	37	R-M269	1

It should be noted that Lunenburg, Charlotte, and Amelia Counties are on the border of Prince Edward County. Neighboring Middlesex County had a lot of Davises in the 1700s including multiple Lewis Davises as well. Since there are two Davis families in central Virginia that are an excellent DNA match to Peter Davis of Warren County, this area of Virginia is probably a ripe area for further research to see if the dots can be connected between the these Davises and the Warren County Davises.

Attachment 2 – Possible Davis and Jones Family Connection

The search for Peter² Davis overseas will not be easy. Peter Davis, his siblings, and his children in all likelihood were born in either England or Wales. Davis is a common last name in Great Britain.

³⁴² Clara A. Langley, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Vol. III, 1719-1772* (Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1983) p. 47.

³⁴³ Brent H. Holcomb, *South Carolina's Royal Grants, Vol. 2, 1760-1768*, (Columbia, South Carolina: SCMAR, 2007) p. 185.

³⁴⁴ *Anderson County, South Carolina, Will Book 1791-1834*, microfilm no. [4752972] pp. 121-122, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³⁴⁵ Laura W. Mentzel, *Davis Families of the Savannah River Valley, Vol. 1* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Hobby Press, 1978).

³⁴⁶ *Tax Lists of Various Counties of North Carolina – Orange County*, microfilm no. [7856620] images 99, 104, [FHL], Salt Lake City.

³⁴⁷ Jo W. Linn, *Rowan County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1757-1800* (Salisbury, North Carolina: Privately Printed, 1995) p. 83.

Fortunately, the names of Peter and Arthur are much less common first names for a Davis. One helpful clue found in the colonial records is the real possibility that Charles Jones or his wife is a relative of Peter Davis. Besides Lewis³ being a “well beloved friend”, there is a strong connection in the colonies between the Jones family and the family of Peter Davis. This strong connection could just be a big coincidence. However, if both families are found in the same location in Great Britain, it could make a stronger case that the right Davis family has been identified.

In order to understand if a possible Davis-Jones relationship exists in the colonies, it is important to review some of the activities of Charles Jones Sr. and his family including their land transactions. Charles was born about 1672 probably in England and married Sarah (---) either in England or in Nansemond County. He died in Bertie County sometime after 24 Feb 1746.^[348]

Charles Jones Sr. may have been in Virginia as early as 23 Apr 1681.^[349] There are eight different Charles Joneses found in the immigration records from 1684 to 1700. One interesting immigration record showed both a Charles Jones Sr. and Charles Jones Jr. coming on 5 Oct 1700.^[350] There is no way to verify whether any of these records document the arrival of the Charles Jones Sr. in question. The Davis and Jones families did come in contact with each other several times from 1713 to 1725, sometimes traveling a good distance to assist one another in executing a court transaction.

Charles Jones Sr. was a planter from Nansemond County when he purchased 400 acres from George Smith and wife Sarah on the upper side of Wiccacon Creek adjoining John Early and White Oak Swamp in Chowan County on 19 Oct 1713 (Point I on Exhibit 1).^[351] Lewis³ Davis was also living in this area no later than 16 Oct 1714. In Apr 1714, Charles next purchased 300 acres on Ahotsky Ridge, which is close to his first purchase.^[352] Charles was in a lawsuit with Benjamin Chapman probably about 1716.^[353] Charles had 200 acres on a 1717 tax list and 900 acres on a 1721 tax list.^[354]

He had three adult sons by 1720 purchasing land. His son Charles purchased property on Ahotsky Ridge on 5 Apr 1720.^[355] Son Lancelot bought 500 acres on White Oak Swamp on 1 Mar

³⁴⁸ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Vol. 8, 1747-1752*, microfilm no. [7645144] pages 12-13, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. He was selling property that he purchased on 25 Sep 1714.

³⁴⁹ Virginia State Archives, *Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants 1679-1689, Vol. 7, page 71* (Richmond, Virginia: Virginia State Library, 2018).

³⁵⁰ Peter W. Coldham, *The Complete Book of Emigrants 1700-1750* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992), 17.

³⁵¹ *Chowan County, North Carolina, Deed Book W no. 1, 1699-1803*, microfilm no. [7513264] pages 166-167, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³⁵² *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.894, Book 8, p. 230, File 918*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁵³ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1715-1720*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10015] image 283, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. He had migrated a number of farm animals to his plantation on Wiccacon Creek in Chowan County about 22 May 1715. Charles also brought with him cattle that belonged to Benjamin Chapman. These animals were intermingled on his plantation and Benjamin was suing Charles to get his cattle delivered to him plus damages of 30 pounds.

³⁵⁴ *Albemarle County, North Carolina, Albemarle County Papers 1678-1714*, microfilm no. [C.002.10001] images 273, 319, and 330, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁵⁵ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.275, Book 3, p. 6, File 276*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Charles Jr. could have been married as early as 1713.

1719/20.^[356] Son John purchased 560 acres on the north side of Ahotsky Swamp on 11 Nov 1719.^[357] Charles also had a daughter named Mary.^[358] Charles Sr. and his son Charles Jr. both patented 640 acres of land on Wiccacon Swamp in Bertie County adjoining each other and John Raspberry and Lancelot Jones on 4 Aug 1723.^[359]

At the same time he was buying land in North Carolina, he also obtained two patents and a tract of land in Isle of Wight County. The first patent was 185 acres on the south side of Blackwater Swamp on the west side of Tarrararah Branch on 13 Nov 1713.^[360] On 16 Jun 1714, Charles Sr. patented 230 acres on the south side of the Blackwater near the Lightwood Swamp and Cabin Branch.^[361] Both of these properties are close together and close to the Surry County border (Point C on Exhibit 1). He purchased 100 acres from John Seller and wife Elizabeth on Seward Swamp and the Second Swamp on 25 Sep 1714.^[362]

Charles Jones Sr. and wife Sarah started to sell their Isle of Wight property in 1718 with Lewis³ Davis participating as an attorney. Charles lived in North Carolina [probably Chowan County] when he sold 230 acres of his Isle of Wight County land to Thomas Deloach on 6 Nov 1718.^[363] Lewis Davis was given a power of attorney by Charles Jones Sr. to execute this land sale for him. Lewis Davis “by virtue of power of att: acknowledged the above deed” on 28 Dec 1719.

In this power of attorney, Charles Jones Sr. and Sarah called Lewis “our well beloved friend” which for this period of time typically meant that Lewis was a close relative. Lewis was living at the very south of Chowan County in 1718 (Point B on Exhibit 1) and had to travel to Isle of Wight County near the James River (East of Point C in Exhibit 1) to complete this transaction. This was probably a multi-day journey in this time period. In addition, Charles Jones Sr. and Lewis Davis had other land transactions together. Both purchased patents in North Carolina on the same day on two different occasions as mentioned earlier.

³⁵⁶ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.46.728, Book 8, p. 173, File 750*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁵⁷ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. F, 1739-1743*, microfilm no. [7510473] pages 166-167, [FHL], Salt Lake City. He was called John Jones, son of Charles Jones. The original patent has not been located.

³⁵⁸ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 1, 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] page 31, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. Mary received a gift of two cows in the possession of John Langhorn from her father on 12 Oct 1716. This may have been a wedding gift.

³⁵⁹ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.32.61, Book 3, p. 164, File 61*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina; *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.32.62, Book 3, p. 164, File 62*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁶⁰ Virginia State Archives, *Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants 1710-1719, Vol. 10, page 101* (Richmond, Virginia: Virginia State Library, 2018).

³⁶¹ Virginia State Archives, *Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants 1710-1719, Vol. 10, pages 157-158* (Richmond, Virginia: Virginia State Library, 2018).

³⁶² *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deed Book No. 2, 1704-1715*, microfilm no. [Reel 2] pages 298-299, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. He was of Isle of Wight County when he purchased this property.

³⁶³ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Great Book Vol. 2, Part 1, 1715-1726*, microfilm no. [Reel 3] pages 317-320, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia. Lewis Davis was described as being from the lower parish of Isle of Wight County. There is no supporting evidence that he ever lived in Isle of Wight County. A John Davis was a witness to this transaction.

The interaction Charles Sr. had with John Williams was another interesting connection between the Davis and the Jones families. As shown earlier, Peter² Davis loaned money to John Williams in 1720 and his widow went to court to collect the money in 1724. Also in 1724, John Williams, a neighbor to Charles Sr., reported to the court his suspicion that Charles had stolen and killed one of his hogs. The penalty to Charles Jones Sr. would have been to pay 5 pounds to John Williams, 5 pounds to the church wardens, and receive 20 lashes upon his bare back.^[364] Charles lost this case in the Bertie Court but got the judgment reversed on appeal at the General Court in Edenton in 1724.^[365]

In 1727, Charles Sr., Charles Jr., and granddaughters Mary and Sarah registered cattle marks at the Bertie Courthouse.^[366] Charles Jr. left a will on 5 Feb 1739 in Bertie County and was dead by Feb 1743.^[367] Charles Jones Sr. outlived his son Charles and died sometime after 24 Feb 1746.^[368]

Charles Jones Sr. should not be confused with the Charles Jones who was the son of William Jones of Chowan County. Both Jones families came from Nansemond County but that is where the similarity ends. William left two wills dated 4 May 1722 and 9 Jan 1722/23.^[369] Charles, son of William, appears to be the youngest of his six sons in his wills. John Jones, father of William Jones, also left a will about 10 years earlier on 7 Jan 1712/3.^[370] A study of the descendants of John Jones of Chowan County shows that his grandson Charles Jones was probably a generation younger than Charles Jones Sr.^[371]

Attachment 3 – Lewis Davis Patent Requests in Granville County

There are two patent requests made by Lewis³ Davis that help establish his relationship to Peter⁴ Davis. Lewis requested land near Fishing Creek and Buffalo Branch in Granville County. These patent requests

³⁶⁴ *Chowan County, North Carolina, General Court, 1730-1743*, microfilm no. [Y.1.10028] images 641-642, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁶⁵ Robert J. Cain, ed., *The Colonial Records of North Carolina [Second Series] North Carolina Higher-Court Minutes 1724-1730* (Raleigh, North Carolina: Privately printed, 1981), 101-102. John Williams did not show up at court. The justices reversed the judgment and charged John Williams with paying the costs.

³⁶⁶ *Bertie County, North Carolina, Stock Marks, Group Folder 024.908.1* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination.

³⁶⁷ *North Carolina Wills 1663-1979, Charles Jones 1743*, microfilm no. [7640348] images 546-548, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

³⁶⁸ *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Vol. 8, 1747-1752*, microfilm no. [7645144] pages 12-13, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. He was selling land on Seward Swamp purchased 32 years earlier.

³⁶⁹ *North Carolina Wills 1663-1789, William Jones 1724, Book 16*, microfilm no. [7639542] pages 217-222, [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah. William wrote two wills. William mentioned no grandchildren in the first will and seven male grandchildren in the second will. His son Charles had a son named John mentioned in the second will. Charles Sr., husband of Sarah, had at least four adult children by 1722.

³⁷⁰ Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., ed., *Early Records of North Carolina Wills, Vol. IV, 1663-1722* (no place: privately printed, 1993), 50.

³⁷¹ John A. Brayton, *Order of First Families of North Carolina Registry of Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 2* (Baltimore, Maryland: Otter Bay Books, 2014), 348-353. Charles Jones Sr. was born about 1672 based on the ages of his sons. Based on William's will, which lists 9 children and 8 grandchildren, William was probably about 50 - 55 years old in 1723, meaning that he was about the same age as Charles Jones Sr. That would put Charles, the youngest son of William, in a younger generation than Charles Jones Sr. In addition, the families of Charles Jones Sr. and the descendants of John Jones live in different parts of Chowan County and do not share any common friends or neighbors in the records.

were made to the “Office of the Right Honorable the Earl of Granville” and were stored in two separate folders. The folders are now at the North Carolina Archives. It will be shown that these two folders should be treated as one request because Lewis changed his mind on the location of his patent during the request.

Lord Granville was given a right by the King to sell a large chunk of land in North Carolina in the 1700s. He used agents in North Carolina to transact all his business in the colony. Obtaining a patent from a Lord Granville agent was a multi-step process. The purchaser had to obtain a patent entry, get a warrant for a survey, complete a plat survey, and have the patent recorded in the colony books before officially owning the property.

Exhibit 2 compares the contents of both folders:

Exhibit 2

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Folder 1</u>	<u>Folder 2</u>
Patent entry request date	31 Jan 1754	31 Jan 1754
Patent entry authorization	Present	Missing
Warrant authorization date	29 Apr 1754	
Warrant acres	640 acres	
Warrant description	Adj. Edward Youngs	
Survey plat date		27 Mar 1755
Survey plat acres		450 acres
Survey plat, description, and map		South side of Fishing Creek adj. Young and Robert Taylor (with accompanying map)
Patent recorded date	27 Nov 1760	“To be made out for Lewis Davis”

In reviewing both folders, there are differences between columns in Exhibit 2. Only the patent entry request date is the same in both columns. Otherwise, there is no similar information for any other line items. Two important differences between the columns are warrant acres vs. survey plat acres and the two different land or plat descriptions.

In the Folder 1 request, Lewis entered a patent request on 31 Jan 1754. He requested a tract of land of 640 acres “joyning Edward Youngs North and South Line whear the sd Edward Young know dwells”.^[372]

³⁷² *North Carolina, Secretary of State, Granville Proprietary Land Office: Land Entries, Warrants, and Plats of Survey 1748-1763 Lewis Davis 1754* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. January 7, 2020

One of the property boundaries of Edward Young's property was a Buffalo Branch.^[373] Buffalo Branch is a tiny stream that flows into Fishing Creek from the north.

Another neighboring land owner on Buffalo Branch was William Cooper who owned 200 acres. On 4 Aug 1741, Richard Bennett first patented this 200 acre property described as being on the lower Buffalo Branch.^[374] Richard sold the land to Lewis Brantley on 18 Feb 1745^[375] who in turn sold it to William Cooper on 1 Nov 1751.^[376]

In spite of Folder 1 showing a patent recorded by Lewis Davis on 27 Nov 1760, Lewis never owned this property north of Fishing Creek. Nevertheless, son Peter did live on the property beginning sometime in 1754. Sixteen days before the creation of Folder 2 on 27 Mar 1755, Peter purchased his 100 acres from William Cooper on 11 Mar 1755. Consequently, Lewis Davis as the Mr. Davis mentioned in Peter's purchase makes sense.

Folder 2 shows only the survey plat information with both the acreage and description having been changed.^[377] This survey reflects the same request date (31 Jan 1754) as Folder 1. This second survey of land was located just across Fishing Creek from the Folder 1 request. The patent recorded date is missing but information in the folder states "to be made out for Lewis Davis".

The two patent requests by Lewis Davis make more sense if both folders are treated as really only one overall patent request where the acreage and location were changed in 1755. By combining the folders, one can see how the requirements for obtaining a patent from the Lord Granville agents are met. The Colony land patent books at the North Carolina Archives confirm that only the Folder 2 patent for 450 acres was ever granted to Lewis Davis.

³⁷³ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. B, 1748-1756*, microfilm no. [C.044.40002] pages 64-66, Edward Young had replaced father Francis Young as the owner of his property. On 20 May 1752, John Mottley sold property to John Alston and part of the land description included "at the Mouth of the Buffalo branch ...to a White Oak in Francis Young's line"

³⁷⁴ *North Carolina Land Grants, Secretary of State Folder 12.14.59.195, Book 4, p. 84, File 115, Grant 84*, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁷⁵ *Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. 5, 1741-1746*, microfilm no. [C.047.40001] pages 490-491, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

³⁷⁶ *Granville County, North Carolina, Deeds, Vol. B, 1748-1756*, microfilm no. [C.044.40002] pages 54-55, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. The property description of this sale is essentially the same as the 1741 patent. The description of the property puts the land north of Fishing Creek.

³⁷⁷ *North Carolina, Secretary of State, Granville Proprietary Land Office: Land Entries, Warrants, and Plats of Survey 1748-1763 Lewis Davis 1755* (North Carolina State Archives: Raleigh, North Carolina), no pagination. The diagram orients the southerly direction at the top of the page which makes this plat confusing at first glance.