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Old Gloucester Survey Books Digitized

By William L. Lawrence

The digitizing of the first two survey books of Gloucester County has long been the wish of many surveyors and historians over the years. It has finally been accomplished thanks to the help and assistance of Carol Steele, Gloucester County Administrator, and Kathy Dale, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gloucester County. Carol had a large scanner moved to the basement of the court house. Kathy gave her blessings and received permission from Judge Jeffrey W. Shaw to have the record books carried to the basement for scanning. Each book took two to four hours to scan before they were returned to the records room on the third floor. Since the scanning progressed so well, it was decided to scan all the books whose pages were encased in plastic. This included the first five books and covered the dates 1733 to 1926. The scanning was done by Robert Kelly, Director of Gloucester's Museum of History, and Bill Lawrence, a member of the Historical Society, Genealogical Society, and Friends of the Museum. Shown below is a list of the books scanned and the dates they cover

Survey Book A (1733-1806)
Survey Book 1 (1817-1852)
Survey Book 2 (1849-1872)
Survey Book 3 (1873-1926)
Survey Book 4 (1900-1920)

In 1998, Book A and Book 1 were sent to a conservation company to be cleaned, repaired, de-acidified, placed in plastic, and rebound. Later Book 2 (2008) and Book 3 and 4 (2009) were also done. Being encased in plastic made it very difficult to take a clear photo of a page. Thus, we needed to run the pages through a large scanner.

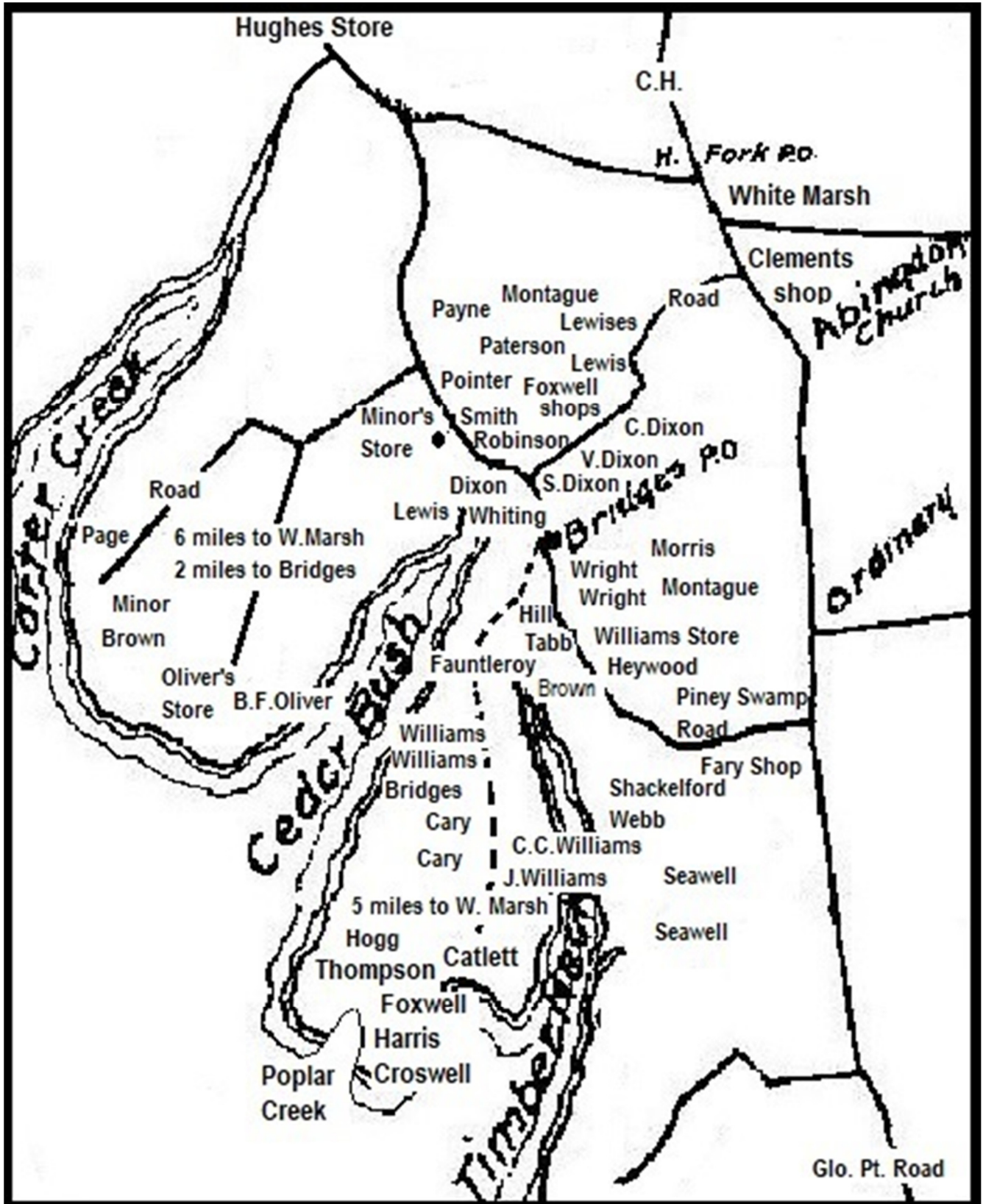
The data of the five survey books has been copied by members of the Gloucester Genealogical Society, the Fairfield Foundation, some surveyors, the county, and a computer in the clerk's records room. The information resides on an external hard drive housed in the archives of the Gloucester Museum of History. Anyone, seeking to copy some or all of this information needs to contact Robert Kelly, Director of the Museum of History, at 804-693-1234 for an appointment.

All the county surveyors are listed below.

Robert Beverley (1669-1673)
John Lewis (1675-1676)
Lawrence Smith (1683-1689)
Miles Cary (1699-1702)
John Smith (1709)
Thomas Cook (1712-1723)
Robert Perry (1733-1737)
John French (1740-1745)
Thomas Mumford (1747-1753)
John Throckmorton (1751-1767)
Francis Tomkies (1769-1770)
Lewis Booker (1785)
Wm. Duval (1786-1810)

Morgan Tomkies (1810-?)
R. G. Morris (1817-1819)
Thomas Baytop (1821-1822)
Henry Hughes (1831-1853)
T. B. Montague (1854-1861)
Wm. A. Robins (1865-1866)
Wm. E. Wiatt (1866-1877)
A. T. Wiatt (1877-1896)
R.A. Folkes (1896- ?)
R.F. Heywood (?-1965)
Charles J. Kerns, Sr. (Oct.22, 1965-Dec.31, 1967)
He completed the term of Mr.Heywood.
There has been no official county surveyor since.

Timberneck Neighbors



1893 Bridges map typed on the 1912 Folkes Map

Timberneck Neighbors

Below are the notes at the bottom of the drawing:

. (or dot) used to denote residence [Since the space was so small, no attempt was made to add the dot or period to indicate the house locations.]

Distances

From Bridges to White Marsh nearest route 2 ¼ to 2 ½ miles

From Bridges to Ordinary nearest route same

From Intersection Glo. Pt. Road & Piney Swamp Road to White Marsh via Ordinary about 3 miles

From Intersection Glo. Pt. Road & Piney Swamp Road to White Marsh via Bridges about 3 ½ miles

Croswells to White Marsh (nearest P.O.) 5 miles

Oliver's Store to White Marsh (nearest P.O.) 6 miles

List of Names on Map in alphabetical order

Bridges	Heywood	Robinson
Brown	Hill	Seawell
Brown	Hogg	Seawell
Cary	Hughes Store	Shackelford
Cary	Lewis	Smith
Catlett	Lewis	Tabb
Clements Shop	Lewis	Thompson
Croswell	Minor	Webb
Dixon	Minor's Store	Whiting
Dixon, C.	Montague	Williams
Dixon, S.	Montague	Williams
Dixon, V.	Morris	Williams Store
Fary Shop	Oliver, B.F.	Williams, J.
Fauntleroy	Olivers Store	Williams,C.B.
Foxwell	Paterson	Wright
Foxwell Shops	Payne	Wright
Harris	Pointer	

The following four pages are taken from the 1900 census and show families listed on the 1893 Bridges map and are shown above. Not all 50 families are found in the 1900 census. Some died or moved away; some families with the same surname may have moved into the area, but it is the most reliable data that is available. The 1890 census information burned in a warehouse fire.

The table on the following page shows the categories of the census data. The first item in the data is the family number. The census information came from the Gloucester Genealogical Society of Virginia and is on their web site, all courtesy of L. Roane Hunt.

Timberneck Neighbors

Family Number	Abingdon Sections: #AA, #AB, #AC; Petersworth Sections: #PD, #PE Ware Sections: #WF, #WG
Relationship to Head	Wife, Son, Daughter, Mother, etc.
Sex	M—male, F—female
Race	W—white, B—black, M—mulatto
Birth Date, Age	BIRTH: [?], AGE: [?]
Marital Status, Years Married	MS: S—single, M—married, W—widowed, YM: [?]
Number of Children for Mothers, Number of children living	#CH: [?], #L: [?]
Birth Place, Father's Birth Place, Mother's Birth Place	BP: [?], FBP: [?], MBP: [?]
Citizenship: Year immigrated to USA, Number of years in USA	IYUS: [?], YIUS: [?]
Occupation, Trade, or Profession	OCC: [?]
Education: Read, Write, Speak English	EDU: [?] [?] [?], Answers: Yes [Y] or No [N]
Home Ownership: Owned or Rented, Owned free or Mortgaged, Farm or Home	HOME: [O or R] [F or M] [F or H]

#AC267 Oliver, Benjamin F, M W Head, BIRTH: Feb 1846, AGE: 54, MS: M, YM: 20, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Oliver, Ednora D, F W Wife, BIRTH: Dec 1851, AGE: 48, MS: M, YM: 20, #CH: 8, #L: 6, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Virginia M, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jun 1881, AGE: 18, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Annie R, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1886, AGE: 14, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Phielicus J, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1888, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Joseph T, M W Son, BIRTH: May 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Benjamin L, M W Son, BIRTH: May 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Oliver, Mabel V, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1897, AGE: 3, MS: S;

#AC283 Wright, Stephen, Jr, M B Head, BIRTH: Jan 1872, AGE: 28, MS: M, YM: 17, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: N N Y, HOME: O F F;

Wright, Louise, F B Wife, BIRTH: May 1874, AGE: 26, MS: M, YM: 17, #CH: 7, #L: 7, EDU: N N Y;

Wright, Robert, M B Son, BIRTH: Jan 1886, AGE: 14, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

Wright, Cenia, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1887, AGE: 13, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

Wright, Willie, M B Son, BIRTH: Mar 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Wright, Pearl, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Wright, Carrie, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1893, AGE: 6, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Wright, Hobia, M B Son, BIRTH: May 1897, AGE: 3, MS: S;

Wright, Nadius, M B Son, BIRTH: Apr 1900, AGE: 1m, MS: S, EDU: N N Y;

#AC289 Cary, Miles J, M B Head, BIRTH: Mar 1852, AGE: 48, MS: M, YM: 11, OCC: House Carpenter, EDU: N N Y, HOME: O F F;

Cary, Agnes Mary, F B Wife, BIRTH: Jan 1871, AGE: 29, MS: M, YM: 11, #CH: 4, #L: 4, EDU: Y Y Y;

Cary, Jeneiva, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Cary, Zacary, M B Son, BIRTH: Feb 1892, AGE: 8, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Cary, Lillie, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1895, AGE: 5, MS: S;

Cary, Otis, M B Son, BIRTH: Mar 1898, AGE: 2, MS: S;

Cary, Agnes, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1883, AGE: 17, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Cary, Edward, M B Son, BIRTH: Feb 1882, AGE: 18, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC291 Dixon, Lucinda, F B Head, BIRTH: Jan 1850, AGE: 50, MS: M, YM: 27, #CH: 4, #L: 4, EDU: N N Y, HOME: R F F;

Dixon, Ben, M B Son, BIRTH: Mar 1878, AGE: 22, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

Timberneck Neighbors

#AC294 Whiting, Thomas J, M B Head, BIRTH: Aug 1842, AGE: 57, MS: M, YM: 30, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Whiting, Sarah, F B Wife, BIRTH: Sep 1847, AGE: 52, MS: M, YM: 30, #CH: 11, #L: 6, EDU: Y Y Y;
Whiting, Roselia, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Feb 1884, AGE: 16, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;
Whiting, Laura V, F B Daughter, BIRTH: May 1886, AGE: 14, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y N Y;

#AC295 Lewis, Charles H, M B Head, BIRTH: Apr 1862, AGE: 38, MS: M, YM: 10, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: N N Y, HOME: O F F;
Lewis, Maggie, F B Wife, BIRTH: Mar 1872, AGE: 28, MS: M, YM: 10, #CH: 6, #L: 3, EDU: Y Y Y;
Lewis, Mabel, F B Daughter, BIRTH: May 1891, AGE: 9, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Lewis, Mary F, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Lewis, Ernest, M B Son, BIRTH: Sep 1896, AGE: 3, MS: S;

#AC296 Smith, Catherine, F B Head, BIRTH: May 1851, AGE: 49, MS: W, #CH: 9, #L: 4, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Smith, Joseph S, M B Son, BIRTH: Mar 1878, AGE: 22, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;
Smith, James T, M B Son, BIRTH: May 1879, AGE: 21, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;
Smith, Maria E, F B Daughter, BIRTH: May 1882, AGE: 18, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;
Washington, Maria, F B Mother, BIRTH: Jan 1811, AGE: 89, MS: W, #CH: 4, #L: 2, EDU: N N Y;

#AC299 Williams, Christopher H, M W Head, BIRTH: May 1830, AGE: 70, MS: M, YM: 40, OCC: Farmer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Victoria, F W Wife, BIRTH: Sep 1841, AGE: 59, MS: M, YM: 40, #CH: 14, #L: 6, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Minnie, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Feb 1873, AGE: 27, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Victoria, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1875, AGE: 25, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC301 Cary, William, M B Head, BIRTH: Apr 1858, AGE: 42, MS: M, YM: 20, OCC: Merchant, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Cary, Puedona, F B Wife, BIRTH: May 1860, AGE: 40, MS: M, YM: 20, #CH: 5, #L: 2, EDU: Y Y Y;
Cary, William B, M B Son, BIRTH: Mar 1881, AGE: 19, MS: S, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Page, Washington, M B Son in Law, BIRTH: Jan 1878, AGE: 22, MS: M, YM: 0, OCC: Farmer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Page, Polly, F B Daughter, BIRTH: May 1883, AGE: 17, MS: M, YM: 0, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC303 Lewis, Zachory, M B Head, BIRTH: Sep 1800, AGE: 99, MS: M, YM: 62, OCC: Invalid, EDU: N N Y;
Lewis, Lucinda, F B Wife, BIRTH: May 1849, AGE: 51, MS: M, YM: 6, #CH: 2, #L: 2;
Thornton, Warner, M B Boarder, BIRTH: Apr 1877, AGE: 23, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC304 Fautleroy, Joseph S, M B Head, BIRTH: Nov 1860, AGE: 39, MS: M, YM: 13, OCC: School Teacher, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Fautleroy, Mary A., F B Wife, BIRTH: 1869, AGE: 31, MS: M, YM: 13, #CH: 4, #L: 3, EDU: Y Y Y;
Fautleroy, Madison, M B Son, BIRTH: Feb 1889, AGE: 11, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Fautleroy, Mercer, M B Son, BIRTH: Oct 1891, AGE: 8, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Fautleroy, Lorenzo, M B Son, BIRTH: Jul 1894, AGE: 5, MS: S, OCC: School;

#AC305 Catlett, Fannie B., F W Head, BIRTH: Oct 1815, AGE: 84, MS: W, #CH: 6, #L: 3, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Catlett, Charles, M W Son, BIRTH: Jul 1845, AGE: 54, MS: M, YM: 13, OCC: County Judge, EDU: Y Y Y;
Catlett, Lucy C., F W Wife, BIRTH: Jun 1861, AGE: 38, MS: M, YM: 13, #CH: 6, #L: 5, EDU: Y Y Y;
Catlett, John W. C., M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Jan 1888, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Catlett, Sallie M., F W Grand Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1889, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y; Catlett, Charles, M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Feb 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Catlett, Powell B., M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Feb 1895, AGE: 5, MS: S, OCC: School;
Catlett, Mary R, F W Grand Daughter, BIRTH: Nov 1897, AGE: 2, MS: S;
Ambrose, Vannie, M W Servant, BIRTH: Mar 1882, AGE: 18, MS: S, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Heflybowen, S. F., F W Boarder, BIRTH: Mar 1860, AGE: 40, MS: S, OCC: School Teacher, EDU: Y Y Y;

Timberneck Neighbors

#AC306 Hogg, George W, M W Head, BIRTH: May 1843, AGE: 57, MS: M, YM: 29, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: N N Y, HOME: O F F;

Hogg, Elvina, F W Wife, BIRTH: Apr 1855, AGE: 45, MS: M, YM: 29, #CH: 2, #L: 2, EDU: Y Y Y;

Hogg, Ida, F W Daughter, BIRTH: May 1881, AGE: 19, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC307 Shackelford, Howard, M W Head, BIRTH: Apr 1871, AGE: 29, MS: S, OCC: Painter (Canvas), EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: R F F;

Shackelford, Minnie, F W Wife, BIRTH: Nov 1874, AGE: 25, MS: M, YM: 6, #CH: 2, #L: 2, EDU: Y Y Y;

Shackelford, Harry G, M W Son, BIRTH: Oct 1896, AGE: 3, MS: S;

Shackelford, Bernice Ellen, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Nov 1899, AGE: 6m, MS: S;

#AC308 Croswell, Lucius, M W Head, BIRTH: Oct 1869, AGE: 35, MS: M, YM: 10, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: R F F;

Croswell, Ella, F W Wife, BIRTH: May 1865, AGE: 35, MS: M, YM: 10, #CH: 4, #L: 1, EDU: Y Y Y;

Croswell, Carone, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jul 1899, AGE: 10m, MS: S;

Base, James, M W Servant, BIRTH: May 1887, AGE: 13, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC310 Williams, James M, M W Head, BIRTH: Jul 1847, AGE: 52, MS: M, YM: 17, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Williams, Fannie G, F W Wife, BIRTH: May 1856, AGE: 44, MS: M, YM: 17, #CH: 4, #L: 3, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Guy E, M W Son, BIRTH: Mar 1885, AGE: 15, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Worthan, M W Son, BIRTH: Aug 1888, AGE: 11, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Richard, M W Son, BIRTH: Sep 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC311 Williams, Carter C, M W Head, BIRTH: May 1846, AGE: 54, MS: M, YM: 5, OCC: Farmer, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Williams, Emma T., F W Wife, BIRTH: Apr 1860, AGE: 40, MS: M, YM: 5, #CH: 9, #L: 5, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Lucy, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1879, AGE: 21, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, William F, M W Son, BIRTH: Feb 1881, AGE: 19, MS: S, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Andrew C, M W Son, BIRTH: Mar 1883, AGE: 17, MS: S, OCC: Ship Carpenter, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Mattie, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Nov 1887, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Williams, Herbert, M W Son, BIRTH: Sep 1894, AGE: 5, MS: S;

#AC313 Whiting, Stephen, M B Head, BIRTH: May 1870, AGE: 30, MS: M, YM: 5, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: Y Y Y;

Whiting, Lucy, F B Wife, BIRTH: May 1875, AGE: 27, MS: M, YM: 5, #CH: 1, #L: 1, EDU: Y Y Y;

Whiting, Louisa, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1894, AGE: 6, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC314 Tabb, Harry, M B Head, BIRTH: May 1842, AGE: 58, MS: M, YM: 29, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Tabb, Amanda, F B Wife, BIRTH: Apr 1857, AGE: 43, MS: M, YM: 29, #CH: 6, #L: 6, EDU: Y Y Y;

Tabb, John William, M B Son, BIRTH: Jan 1879, AGE: 21, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

Tabb, Phillip, M B Son, BIRTH: Oct 1880, AGE: 19, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;

Tabb, Maud, F B Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1884, AGE: 16, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

Taleiferro, Francis, F B Mother in Law, BIRTH: May 1836, AGE: 64, MS: W, #CH: 5, #L: 2, OCC: Servant, EDU: N N Y;

#AC315 Hill, William G, M B Head, BIRTH: Jan 1865, AGE: 35, MS: M, YM: 10, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Hill, Laura E, F B Wife, BIRTH: May 1868, AGE: 32, MS: M, YM: 10, #CH: 1, #L: 0, EDU: Y Y Y;

Hill, Thomas, M B Adopted Son, BIRTH: Apr 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Hill, Betsy, F B Mother, BIRTH: Mar 1830, AGE: 70, MS: W, #CH: 9, #L: 5;

Timberneck Neighbors

#AC316 Bridges, Thomas, M W Head, BIRTH: Jan 1860, AGE: 40, MS: M, YM: 16, OCC: Merchant, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Bridges, Mary B, F W Wife, BIRTH: Oct 1861, AGE: 38, MS: M, YM: 16, #CH: 12, #L: 9, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, John T, M W Son, BIRTH: Mar 1885, AGE: 15, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, William Jefferson, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1887, AGE: 13, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Ellie E, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1888, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Sarah F, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1889, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Marie J, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Dec 1891, AGE: 8, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Tom, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Frances Jones, M W Son, BIRTH: May 1894, AGE: 6, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Bridges, Laura L, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Aug 1898, AGE: 2, MS: S;
Bridges, Bartow Hughes, M W Son, BIRTH: Apr 1900, AGE: 1m, MS: S;
Brooks, Thomas, M W Servant, BIRTH: Jan 1883, AGE: 17, MS: S, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: N N Y;
Muse, Peachy E, M W Clerk, BIRTH: May 1872, AGE: 28, MS: S, OCC: Clerk, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC318 Seawell, Peyton, M W Head, BIRTH: May 1852, AGE: 48, MS: M, YM: 11, OCC: House Carpenter, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Seawell, Bettie, F W Wife, BIRTH: Apr 1861, AGE: 39, MS: M, YM: 11, #CH: 2, #L: 2, EDU: Y Y Y;
Seawell, Mary A., F W Daughter, BIRTH: May 1896, AGE: 4, MS: S;
Seawell, Lafayette, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

#AC319 Seawell, Ryland, M W Head, BIRTH: Mar 1857, AGE: 43, MS: M, YM: 19, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: N N Y, HOME: O F F;
Seawell, Emma, F W Wife, BIRTH: Apr 1861, AGE: 39, MS: M, YM: 19, #CH: 5, #L: 2, EDU: Y Y Y;
Seawell, John Henry, M W Son, BIRTH: May 1882, AGE: 18, MS: S, OCC: Oysterman, EDU: Y Y Y;
Seawell, Lillian B, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1890, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Fary Shop

#AC321 Fary, George F, M W Head, BIRTH: Apr 1835, AGE: 65, MS: M, YM: 31, OCC: Wheelwright/Blacksmith, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O M F;
Fary, Martha J, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Dec 1849, AGE: 50, MS: M, YM: 31, #CH: 2, #L: 1, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Ampelton M., M W Son in Law, BIRTH: May 1873, AGE: 27, MS: M, YM: 3, OCC: Farmer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Sarah M, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1880, AGE: 20, MS: M, YM: 3, #CH: 2, #L: 1, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Glenna W, F W Grand Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1899, AGE: 1, MS: S;

Foxwell Shops

#AC151 Foxwell, Andrew, M W Head, BIRTH: Nov 1854, AGE: 45, MS: M, YM: ??, OCC: Carriage Blacksmith, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;
Foxwell, Emma J, F W Wife, BIRTH: Dec 1853, AGE: 46, MS: M, YM: ??, #CH: 12, #L: 4, EDU: Y Y Y;
Foxwell, Delaney, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1882, AGE: 17, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Foxwell, Annie C, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Jan 1886, AGE: 14, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Foxwell, Beulah B, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1889, AGE: 11, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;
Foxwell, Hilton P., M W Son, BIRTH: Mar 1900, AGE: 2m, MS: S, EDU: Y Y Y;

There are a number of buildings still standing or that photos/sketches exist that were the residences of the above-mentioned families. They are shown on the following pages with their 1900 census occupants.

Bridges-NW corner of Borden Land and Providence Road



It is thought that Tom Bridges built this store. Peachy Elbert (P.E.) Muse purchased it around 1914 and ran it until 1921/22 when he moved his business to Rt. 17 and Providence Rd. He had formerly run a store at Coke. The Williams family and others also ran it for some years, but Ben Borden, Sr. purchased it in 1929. After the 1933 hurricane destroyed his barrel making factory at Gloucester Point, Ben moved this business to the building. The old sawmill is nearby and was run by his son Ben, Jr. until his death in 2020.

More information on the Bridges area can be found in articles found in the June 2019 edition of the *Family Tree Searcher*.

The 1900 census data:

#AC316 Bridges, Thomas, M W Head, BIRTH: Jan 1860, AGE: 40, MS: M, YM: 16, OCC: Merchant, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Bridges, Mary B, F W Wife, BIRTH: Oct 1861, AGE: 38, MS: M, YM: 16, #CH: 12, #L: 9, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, John T, M W Son, BIRTH: Mar 1885, AGE: 15, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, William Jefferson, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1887, AGE: 13, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Ellie E, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Mar 1888, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Sarah F, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1889, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Marie J, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Dec 1891, AGE: 8, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Tom, M W Son, BIRTH: Jan 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Frances Jones, M W Son, BIRTH: May 1894, AGE: 6, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Bridges, Laura L, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Aug 1898, AGE: 2, MS: S;

Bridges, Bartow Hughes, M W Son, BIRTH: Apr 1900, AGE: 1m, MS: S;

Brooks, Thomas, M W Servant, BIRTH: Jan 1883, AGE: 17, MS: S, OCC: Farm Laborer, EDU: N N Y;

Muse, Peachy E, M W Clerk, BIRTH: May 1872, AGE: 28, MS: S, OCC: Clerk, EDU: Y Y Y;

Timberneck (Catlett home)- Built late 1700s



PHOTO COURTESY ANSON BELVIN

A covering of snow makes for a serene setting Sunday in this aerial view of Timberneck Farm on the York River in Gloucester.

Photo courtesy of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal, January 28, 2010. Shown above is an aerial view of Timberneck, the old Catlett house, with Poplar Creek, the islands, and the York River in the background.

The 1900 census data:

#AC305 Catlett, Fannie B., F W Head, BIRTH: Oct 1815, AGE: 84, MS: W, #CH: 6, #L: 3, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Catlett, Charles, M W Son, BIRTH: Jul 1845, AGE: 54, MS: M, YM: 13, OCC: County Judge, EDU: Y Y Y;

Catlett, Lucy C., F W Wife, BIRTH: Jun 1861, AGE: 38, MS: M, YM: 13, #CH: 6, #L: 5, EDU: Y Y Y;

Catlett, John W. C., M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Jan 1888, AGE: 12, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Catlett, Sallie M., F W Grand Daughter, BIRTH: Sep 1889, AGE: 10, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y; Catlett,

Charles, M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Feb 1893, AGE: 7, MS: S, OCC: School, EDU: Y Y Y;

Catlett, Powell B., M W Grand Son, BIRTH: Feb 1895, AGE: 5, MS: S, OCC: School;

Catlett, Mary R, F W Grand Daughter, BIRTH: Nov 1897, AGE: 2, MS: S;

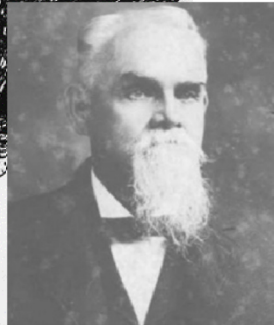
Timberneck Neighbors



Circa 1900 photo of the Timberneck house - from “Souvenir of Gloucester”

Facing the house from the waterside, the left side or west end of the house was built in the late 1700s while the right side or east end was added in the 1850s. The house has been in the Catlett family since the late 1700s with two Catlett brothers farming the land until very recent years. The nearby graveyard has both Catletts and Thrustons. In the early 2000s, the house and 14+ acres were for sale with a planned community being developed for the 1,000+ acre farm. However, the recession of 2008/09 ended that idea as no lots sold. A conservation group purchased the land, and the property was transferred to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2020 and became Machicomoco State Park. The house has been leased by the Fairfield Foundation with plans for a museum downstairs with a B and B upstairs.

Hughes- Almondsville-no longer standing



Augustine S. Hughes

Hughes Store - Cappahosic

I am not certain as to when this store was built but believe it replaced an earlier one on the same site owned and operated by Augustine Hughes. He was considered not only thrifty but miserly, which he definitely was not. A family member asked him to write of some of his experiences during the War Between the States which he had entered at the age of sixteen and fought to the finish in 1865. He was very old at the time and unable to name some of the places correctly, according to Mr. Montague. At the end of the paper he wrote the words, "I wore clothes made out of feed bags for many years and starvation stared me in the face."

From Times Past-courtesy of the Harwood family

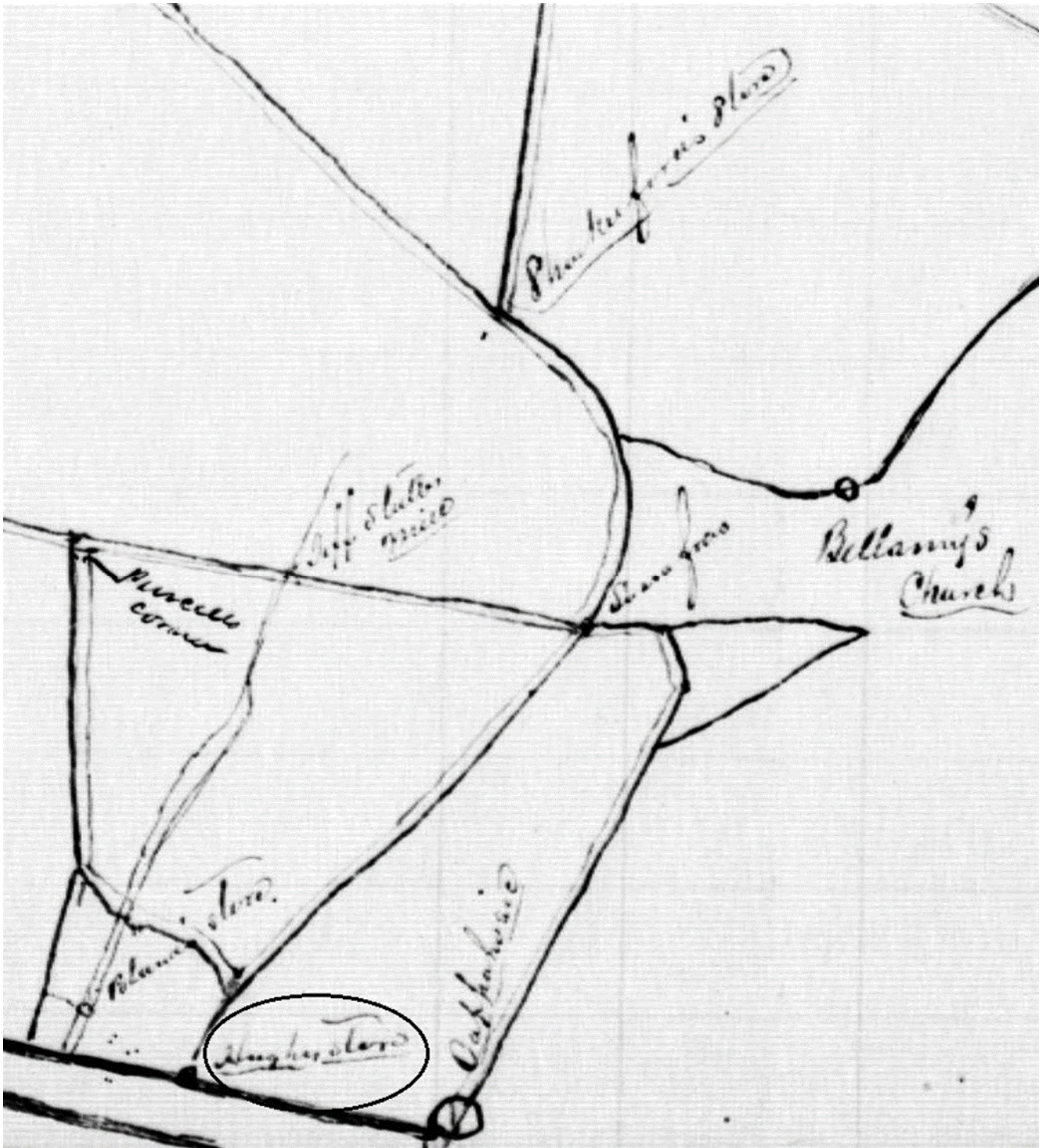
The 1900 census data:

#AC61 Hughes, A. S., M W Head, BIRTH: Apr 1840, AGE: 60, MS: M, YM: 27, OCC: Merchant, EDU: Y Y Y, HOME: O F F;

Hughes, Linda G., F W Wife, BIRTH: Nov 1860, AGE: 39, MS: M, YM: 27, EDU: Y Y Y;

Woodson, D. W., M W Clerk, BIRTH: Sep 1878, AGE: 21, MS: S, OCC: Clerk, EDU: Y Y Y;

Timberneck Neighbors



1882 map showing Hughes Store near what is now Almondsville

Until now, the exact location of the Hughes Store was not known. However, with the discovery of the 1882 Petsworth map found in the Salemville P.O. application, its location can now be identified. It's circled above on a small portion taken from the entire map.

Harwood-Pointer House- 4133 Providence Road



This house is known as the Harwood-Pointer house and is believed to be the house that is marked as Pointer on the 1893 Bridges P.O application. The Pointers don't show up owning a house until one was transferred from Mary Harwood to Henry Stevens Pointer in 1843. Mary Harwood was the wife of Horatio G. Harwood and the mother of Ann B. Harwood, wife of Michael Smith Pointer.

Seawell's Ordinary- 3968 George Washington Memorial Highway. In 2011 it became Auto Max of Gloucester.



Photo dated 1953 – before the building was moved back and rotated

From a Department of Historical Resources Survey:

“Seawell’s Ordinary took its name from the original owners – the Seawell family. The farm surrounding the ordinary once sported one of the most popular horse racing tracks and references have often been found in colonial records of visits to the track and the ordinary - George Washington, as a boy, is thought to have attended races here when visiting his Uncle John at "Highgate" and his grandparents, the Warners at Warner Hall. Joe Seawell lived at the ordinary through the Revolutionary War and kept a public house and billiard table...Many references are made concerning the Gloucester militia’s line of march to Seawell’s old field and then to Gloucester Town (Gloucester Point) in preparation to fight off the British at Yorktown...

2007 article: Seawell's main house went up in 1712, and an addition was built in 1757, the year when Joseph Seawell opened the tavern. In 1871, the tavern reverted to a private residence and stayed that way until 1948

In 1950, Seawell’s Ordinary was restored at a cost of more than \$50,000. In 1957, it was relocated because it was in the path of the new right of way for the four-lane highway on Route 17. The ordinary was turned around, moved back from the highway, and its main entrance faced Route 17. A basement was added under the full length of the main portion of the building and is used for a banquet room thus enlarging the facilities of the ordinary.”

The Ordinary had a retail merchant and tavern license, circa 1810-1830s. In 2011 it became a used car dealership.

Whitemarsh Store- White Marsh standing



This photo, listed as Whitemarsh Store, HABS VA 37-WHIMA, 2-, comes from the **Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)**. It was the nation's first federal preservation program begun in 1933 to document America's architectural heritage. It does not list the owner, name, or even the date the photo was taken. However, the photo had to be taken after 1933 and probably before 1941.

Hunter Williams Store- 3609 Providence Rd.



2019-Hunter Williams Store

Hunter Williams ran a store and school from this building in the late 1800s. Wallace Williams was the teacher. It was purchased in 1919 by Beverly Kemp who raised a family there; it still remains in the same family.

Christopher Williams House- On Friendly Lane, demolished in the 1960s



Photos are courtesy of Homer Buck who demolished the old house

This house on Cedar Bush Creek belonged to James Williams, overseer at Timberneck from 1816 until he died in 1839. It was passed on to his son, Christopher Williams, the author's great-great grandfather. This house would be the "Williams" residence listed immediately above "Bridges" on the 1893 Bridges Postal Map. There is a nearby cemetery where many of the Williams family are interred. See the Williams Family Cemetery article found in the June 2006 *Family Tree Searcher*.

The 1900 census data:

#AC299 Williams, Christopher H, M W Head, BIRTH: May 1830, AGE: 70, MS: M, YM: 40, OCC: Farmer, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Victoria, F W Wife, BIRTH: Sep 1841, AGE: 59, MS: M, YM: 40, #CH: 14, #L: 6, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Minnie, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Feb 1873, AGE: 27, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;
Williams, Victoria, F W Daughter, BIRTH: Apr 1875, AGE: 25, MS: S, OCC: Servant, EDU: Y Y Y;

Nellie Lee EVANS GREGORY (1866-1965)

A Graduate of Hampton Institute During Its First 22 Years of Operation

By Barbara J. Ward Moody

Nellie Lee Evans Gregory was a graduate of Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) during its first 22 years of operation and one of 15 graduates from Gloucester County, Virginia, between 1872 and 1890. The other graduates were: Cornelius B., Lizzie and Mary E. Baytop, John Boothe, Anna Diggs, Robert A. Jones, James C. and John W. Lemon, Frederick Phillips, John H. Robinson, Georgia L. Spriggs (see previous article in "The Family Tree Searcher, Vol. 25; No. 1, June, 2021"), Thomas C. Walker, Martin Woodlin, and Robert H. Yates.

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Nellie Lee Evans Gregory was born in September of 1866 in Ware, Gloucester Co., Virginia, the first daughter of Solomon Martha A. (Lee) Evans. Nellie is listed in the 1870 United States Federal Census as Nelly Evans, female, Black; age 4; born 1866 in Virginia; living in dwelling #448, Ware District, Gloucester Co., VA. Household members included: Solomon, father, age 33, farm laborer; Martha, mother, 25, keeping house, and their children, Mary Evans, 6; Nelly Evans, 4 and Jasper Evans, 1. All were listed as Black.

Nellie is in the 1880 U. S. Federal Census as Nelly Evans; Female; age 13; born about 1867 in Virginia; attending school. Home in 1880 is Ware District, Gloucester Co., VA, dwelling #667. Her relation to Head of House is Daughter, Single. Her father Soloman's occupation is Farm laborer. Her mother Lee's occupation is School teacher. Household members include: Soloman Evans, age 40; Lee Evans, 38; and children: Willie Evans, 17; Mary Evans, 15; Nelly Evans, 13; Jasper Evans, 11; Charles Evans, 9; Sarah Evans, 7; Susie Evans, 5 and Ferdinand Evans, 3. Everyone was born in Virginia and listed as Mulatto.

Nellie Lee EVANS GREGORY

In 1885, Nellie graduated from Hampton Institute, Hampton, VA.

TABLE No. 3—CONTINUED.

LOCATION.	NAME OF PRINCIPAL.	POST-OFFICE.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Henrico county:											
Palmyra	Thomas H. Hayden	Palmyra	White.	4	6	100	82	70	85	8	\$ 0 80
Fork Union	S. G. Hubert	Fork Union	Colored.	4	2	50	45	31	81	2	1 22
Shores	W. T. Brent	Shores	White.	2	2	28	43	50	80	2	1 00
Massfield Jones	Massfield Jones	Massfield Jones	Colored.	2	2	100	76	70	77	6	41
Central Plains	Miss A. E. Tompkins	Central Plains	White.	2	2	60	89	38	74	6	33
Franklin county:											
Rocky Mount	John A. Bernard	Rocky Mount	"	2	2	68	80	37	74	5	51
Union Hall	Palmyra Livingston	Union Hall	Colored.	2	2	82	41	34	74	5	37
Gills Creek	D. M. Hughes	Spring	"	2	2	65	48	42	80	5	34
Black Water	J. G. Lester	Black Water	White.	2	2	68	70	46	83	5	44
Little Creek	J. J. Carter	Little Creek	Colored.	2	2	65	37	33	60	5	23
Frederick county:											
Braceton	Mattie Hines	Hunter's Hall	White.	2	2	76	45	38	80	5	54
Union Hall	Rattie C. Cookwright	Goggansville	"	2	2	72	60	42	79	6	44
Frederick city:											
Braceton	J. H. Branton	Braceton	"	3	3	97	85	70	82	5	69
Middleton	L. E. Hatcher	Gainsboro	"	2	2	45	57	34	84	5	40
Stephens City	W. H. Marsh	Middleton	"	2	2	94	84	50	81	5	74
Stephens city:	Willard F. Kern	Stephens City	"	3	3	114	114	73	74	5	64
High School	Mattie Smith	Stephens City	"	2	2	70	20	45	80	5	62
Frederick county:											
Frederick city:	Prof. William Nelson	Fredericksburg	"	3	2	44	37	33	80	10	3 30
Grammar School	Mrs. A. E. McGrath	"	"	2	2	107	100	80	80	10	61
Primary School	Miss N. P. Hall	"	Colored.	6	8	267	253	227	91	10	40
Gilbert county:											
Newport	J. S. Howdy	Newport	White.	3	2	84	69	64	55	5	56
Clover Hollow	Anna Potterfield	Maybrook	"	3	2	74	68	50	23	5	50
Gloucester county:											
Guinea	Miss A. J. Thornton	Severn	"	2	2	100	99	70	70	6	56
Near Seaside	J. W. Linton	Seaside	Colored.	2	2	120	100	63	60	6	63
Near Flocks Church	T. C. Walker	Gloucester Courthouse	"	2	2	103	100	62	62	5.5	48
Gloucester Courthouse	R. H. Vance	Ark	"	2	2	93	79	50	70	5.5	53
Ware Neck	Nellie L. Evans	Ware Neck	"	2	2	114	118	58	49	5.5	34
Burton Bay	Clara B. Price	Saxapex	"	2	2	94	82	64	78	6	44
Belle Rai	Mrs. Esther Berkeley	Belle Rai	"	2	2	110	99	71	71	6	40
Avington Church	C. R. Baxton	White Marsh	"	2	2	91	70	50	65	6	60
Way Side	Annie A. Williams	Gloucester Courthouse	"	2	2	110	98	58	59	5.5	45
Georgetown:											
Hadensville	M. Esther Mitchell	Hadensville	White.	2	2	62	50	30	74	6	39
Bain	George H. Turner	Bain	"	2	2	66	52	41	79	5	33
Near E. Leake	See H. Leake	Licking	"	2	2	38	30	24	73	5	1 84
Gerrison county:											
Little Creek	R. A. Livsey	Little Creek	"	2	2	100	73	60	82	5	35
Oak Hill	R. A. Anderson	Mouth of Wilson	"	2	2	118	89	67	75	5	30

“TABLE No 3 CONTINUED LOCATION NAME OF PRINCIPAL POST OFFICE : NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. 1889” Page 110

Other Principals of interest: TC Walker: Gloucester Courthouse and CB Baytop: White Marsh / LOCATION: Gloucester County / Ware Neck. NAME OF PRINCIPAL: Nellie L. Evans | POST-OFFICE: Ware Neck.

1899: Virginia School Report (“19 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction Commonwealth of Virginia.”)

Nellie L. Evans

[Grid # Titles] 1. Whether White or Colored Pupils: Colored. 2. Number of Grades: 2. 3. Number of Teachers: 2. 4. Whole Number of Pupils Enrolled: 144. 5. Average Monthly Enrollment: 118. 6. Average Daily Attendance: 58. 7. Percent of Months: 49. 8. Number of Months Length: 5.5. 9. Cost of Tuition Per Month Per Pupil Enrolled: 34.

In June of 1894, Nellie's father Solomon passed away in Gloucester Co., Virginia, at the age of 54. Four months later, Nellie married Rev. Jeremiah P. “Jerry” Gregory (b.1862 in King and Queen Co., VA, but lived in Gloucester Co, VA. Jeremiah, Jr. was the son of Jerry M. Gregory (b. 1834) and Marua (Lumpkins) Gregory (b.1845). Jerry and Nellie are recorded in the Virginia, Select Marriages list, between 1785—1940. She is Nellie L Evans, Single, 24; born 1870 in Mathews Co., Virginia. The marriage took place on October 17, 1894, in Gloucester, Virginia. Solomon is listed as her father and her mother as Martha S. Lee.

After moving to New Jersey, they had five children. Nellie gave birth to their twins, Maria B. Gregory (b.1895—d.1900) and Solomon E. Gregory (b.1895—d.1964) on September 22, 1895, in Burlington, New Jersey; then came Benjamin Crawford Gregory (b. Dec 12 or 21, 1895—d.1964); Nellie Bernice (Gregory) Bow (b. Jan 6, 1901—d. Jun 18, 1939); and Martha C. Gregory (b.1903—d.19??).

Nellie Lee EVANS GREGORY

In the 1900 U. S. Federal Census, Nellie is listed as Nellie Gregory, age 33; born Sep 1866 in Virginia. She is living at 164 Ellis Street, Haddonfield, Camden, New Jersey and listed as a Black female. Her relation to the Head of House is Wife; married to Jeremiah P. Gregory, a Minister. They were married in 1895 and are the parents of 3 living children. She can speak English, read & write. Household members include: Jeremiah P., 36; Nellie, 33; and their children: Solomon Gregory, 4; Maria B. Gregory, 4; and Benjamin C. Gregory, 3. Sadly, the Gregorys lost Maria B. Gregory on July 11, 1900, in Camden, NJ, at the age of 4.

In the 1905 New Jersey State Census, Nellie's name is incorrect. She's listed as "Mattie" Gregory. At age 38, she is living with her family in Camden. Their address is listed as Lincoln Street, Camden, NJ. Also listed in the household is husband, Jeremiah, male, age 43; son, Solomon E. Gregory, male, 9; Benjamin Gregory, male, 8; and Nellie B. Gregory, female, 1. They were all listed as Colored.

By 1908, the Gregorys were living at 226 N. South Carolina Ave., Atlantic City, NJ, with son, Benjamin Gregory and daughter, Nellie Gregory. Rev. Gregory ministered at Union Baptist Church also on N. South Carolina Ave. From 1908 through 1925, Nellie resided in Atlantic City, NJ and then in Camden, NJ until 1943.

The 1910 U. S. Federal Census lists Nellie as Nellie E. Gregory, age 43, born in Virginia. Her relation to Head of House is Wife, married to Jeremiah Gregory and not working. They had 5 children with 3 children living. The Gregory household members include: Jeremiah, age 44; Nellie E., 43; with children: Benjamin C., 13; Nellie B., 9; and Martha C., 6.

In the 1920 U. S. Federal Census for Nellie [Evans] Gregory; she's Nellie Gregory, 50, born in Virginia; married to Pastor Jeremiah P. Gregory. Her occupation is listed as none. The Gregory household members include Jeremiah P., 59; Nellie, 50; with children: Benjamin C., 23; and Nellie B., Jr., 19.

Daughter Nellie B. Gregory attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. (Photo: Cornell University 1925 yearbook.) While they were both students, she married Cencil Bow on May 11, 1923, at Niagara Falls, New York. Their marriage didn't last long. Divorce papers were filed in Virginia by Cencil and listed the cause as "desertion." They were listed as "W" [White] on the Divorce Granted record. Their divorce was granted Aug 13, 1929. There were no children from this union.

Descendants of Solomon Evans & Martha A. Lee
Solomon Evans (1837-____)
+m. Martha A. Lee (1845-1929)
William H. Evans (1863-1920)
Mary J. Evans (1864-1953)
Nellie Lee Evans (1866-1965)
+m. Rev. Jeremiah P. Gregory Jr. (1862-____)
Maria B. Gregory (1895-1900)
Solomon Gregory (1895-1964)
Benjamin Crawford Gregory (1896-1964)
Nellie Bernice Gregory (1901-1939)
Martha C. Gregory (1903-____)
Jasper L. Evans (1869-1933)
Charles Evans (1871-____)
Sarah Frances Evans (1873-1956)
Susie V. Evans (1875-____)
+m. Alfred Fredrick Neverdone (1875-1932)
Ferdinand Desoto Evans (1877-1928)
Kate Evans
Christopher Evans (1885-____)
Columbia Evans (1888-____)
+m. Hayes Alexander



Nellie B. Gregory

Nellie Lee EVANS GREGORY

Nellie's husband Jeremiah P. passed away in July of 1925 in Atlantic City, NJ, at the age of 61. They had been married 30 years.

Nellie's mother Martha A. (Lee) Evans died October 20, 1929, in Haddonfield, Camden, NJ.

The 1930 U. S. Federal Census for Camden, NJ, finds Nellie Gregory as Head of Household; age 60, living at 213 Douglass Ave., Camden, NJ, owning a home valued at \$3,000, has a radio, and widowed. Others living in the home include her son Benjamin C, age 30, a porter; Louise her daughter-in-law, 23, a teacher; and her daughter Bernice Bow, 28, a school teacher. Four years later, Nellie B. died on June 18, 1939, in Indianapolis, Indiana at 38.

The 1940 U. S. Federal Census finds Nellie, the respondent, as Nelly Gregory, a Negro, female, age 70, born in Virginia. Her marital status is widowed and she's Head of House. Her home is at 213 Douglas Ave., Haddonfield, Camden, NJ. She lists her highest grade completed as 4 years of high school. She has other income sources and lives alone.

The 1943 U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 for Camden, NJ, has Nellie still living at 213 Douglass Ave as a widow of Jeremiah P. In the 1950 USFC, Nellie is living alone as Head of Household at 213 Douglass Ave., born in Virginia, no occupation. She's incorrectly listed as "M. E. E. Gregory," a male and married."

Her son Benjamin Crawford Gregory passed away on August 21, 1964, at the age of 67 in Camden, NJ. He left to grieve his wife Louise E. (Lewis) Gregory a school teacher. He graduated in 1918 from Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. He was a Camden funeral director for nearly 30 years and an exalted ruler of Camden Elks Lodge 83. He was a trustee of the 10th Street Baptist Church and a member of the Camden Chapter of the NAACP.

**Mrs. Gregory's
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Funeral services and burial will be today in Haddonfield.

Obituary for NELLIE L Mrs. N. Gregory (Aged 98)
23 Mar 1965 · The Daily Press,
Newport News, Virginia



MRS. NELLIE L. GREGORY

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1965-03-22 · The Courier-Post,
Camden, New Jersey

Nellie Lee EVANS GREGORY

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Dobson Property Maps and Genealogy

By William L. Lawrence



Sketch by Brent Spencer of the 1842 John Dobson map hanging in Buck Rowe's Store Museum

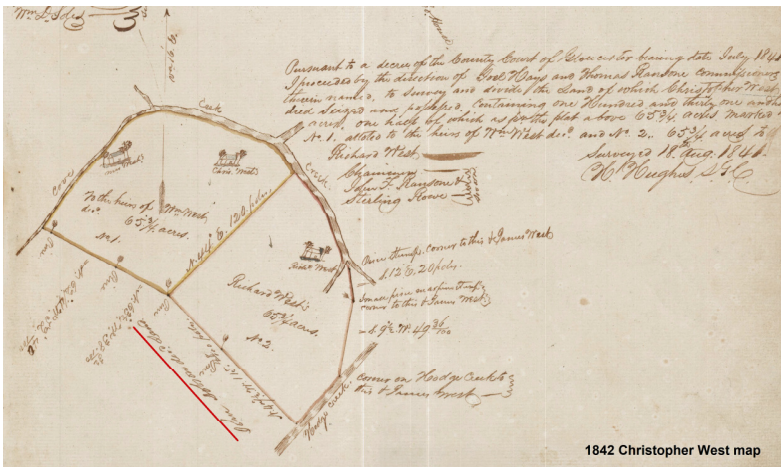
In the winter of 2023, Robert Kelly, Director of the Gloucester Museum of History, and I scanned the first five survey books of Gloucester County. In the process of doing this, I came across a number of surveys that I found quite interesting. One of these was the John Dobson property map of 1842 (SB1 P214/215) containing 1637 acres. Later that spring, I was in Buck Rowe's Store Museum and noticed the sketch of this same 1842 map on the wall. Since this map intrigued me, I asked Hamilton Williams if anyone had superimposed this plat over a current map. He said not to his knowledge, so I took up the task. I also became interested in tracing the genealogy of the Dobson family. On the next page is the survey that the above sketch was drawn from.

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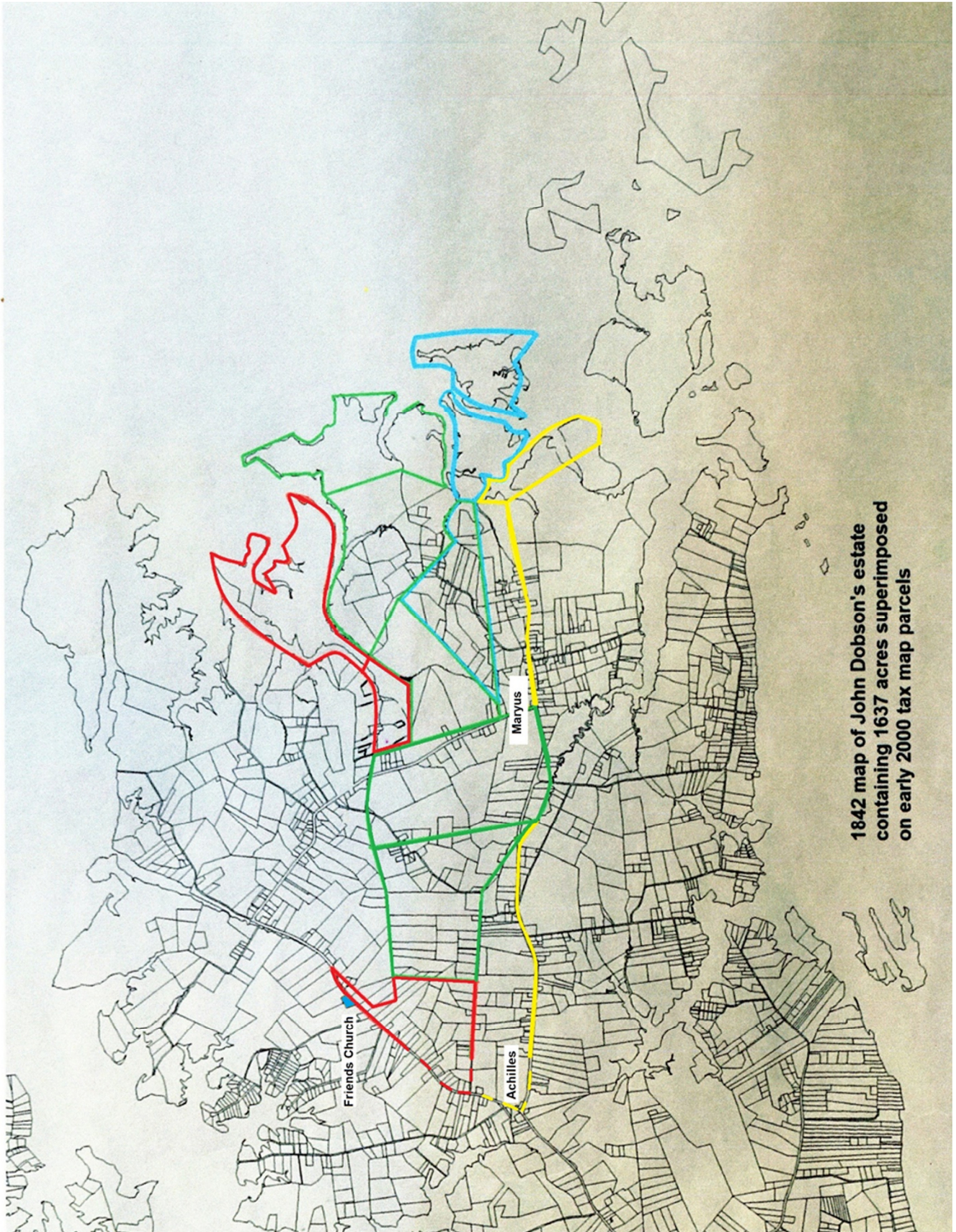
1842 John Dobson map of 1637 acres showing the four heirs' property divisions

While the survey above gives some meets and bounds, there is no reference point that one could use to superimpose it on a current Gloucester map. However, there is listed on the map a parcel belonging to Christopher West. This land was surveyed after he died, and that plat is found in Survey Book 1 Page 205. It is shown below. Both maps reference Hodges Creek, and both show an unusual shaped creek that fits together very nicely. This



was the reference that I needed. The Dobson map was then drawn over a circa 2000 Gloucester map that shows the tax map parcels used by the Commissioner of Revenue. While over the years some of the boundaries have changed, many have not. Following is a circa 2000 map showing the tax parcels with the Dobson boundaries drawn over top in colors. I found it very interesting that one of the

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**1842 map of John Dobson's estate
containing 1637 acres superimposed
on early 2000 tax map parcels**

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boundaries was Line Fence Road, and a building in the upper left corner labeled Salem is in the same location as the Achilles Friends Church. Hamilton Williams came across the Achilles Friends Church deed, and it references their location as being “near the Old Salem place.” Many of the shapes of the marshes have changed over the years due to erosion and the rising sea level.

Shortly after hand drawing the map, I ran into Nathan Glasgow who works for the Fairfield Foundation. In conversation, I found that he did their survey overlays using ArcGIS Pro, and he offered to do the John Dobson survey. It is shown on the next page. The houses and occupants’ names can be seen.

While doing research on the Dobson survey, I became interested in looking at the Dobson genealogy. I descend from Grace A. Dobson born in 1805 and died sometime after 1870. I have known this information for several decades but never was able to find any more information about her. I contacted Judith Riley Rowe Mays who wrote a book titled All Roads Lead to Home which has some Dobson family history. She subsequently put me in touch with her sister, Frances Rowe Brown Woods. Until that time I did not know that Judy and Frances were sisters. She said that Frances was the genealogy specialist in their family. Since Frances and I are distant cousins and have exchanged information before, it was easy to share information again. The genealogy chart that follows could not have been done without her knowledge and assistance. Frances had information that I didn’t have and vice versa. It has been a most challenging project. After analyzing census, land tax records, personal property tax records, surveys, chancery suits, court minute records, family records, and by sharing data and ideas with Frances, a Dobson family tree slowly developed. By far the most complicated records were the chancery suits.

The Dobson family chart is listed on the following pages as Chart L and Chart R. In the process of researching the Dobson family, I came across several more survey maps that showed other properties in the area that they owned. A map of these properties is also included.

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A computerized overlay by Nathan Glasgow using ArcGIS Pro showing the houses, tenants, and tax parcels

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Edward E. Dobson=Frances

bef.1632-1678
 Sept.27.1638-immigrated as headright of Thomas Boulding.
 1653-patented 920 a. in Gloucester
 1677-Mentioned Edward, John, William and Mary in his will
 1678-sons renewed patents for 1150 (920+230) a. in Abingdon Parish
 1704/5 Quit Rent Roll-Edmd., Jno., and Wm. Dobson are listed in Abingdon Parish

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Chart L

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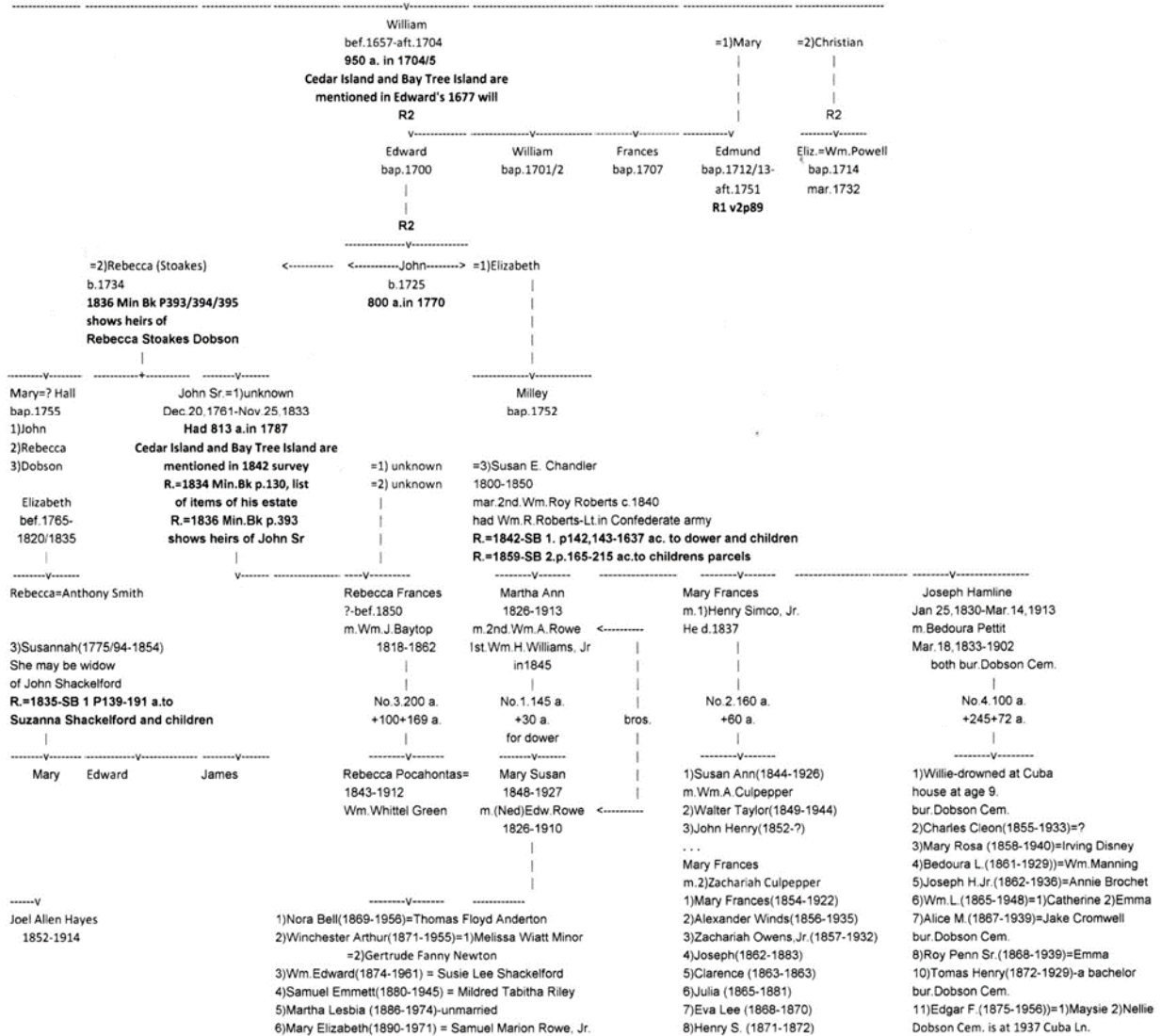


Chart R

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- 1) Edward P. Dobson, est. 1854, 330 ac. SB 2 p.93 SB 2 p.233
- 2) Grace Dobson, 65 a. in 1782 tax bk. to Wm. then Frances, then Edward Dobson. He sold to Edward "Hansford" Rowe in 1830.
- 3) Believed to be Edward Dobson's 350 a. listed in 1704 Quit Rent roll mentioned as adjacent land owner in 1769 survey-SB A p.34
- 4) John Dobson, Jr. est 1835, 191 a. SB 1 p.139
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- 6) Christopher West, est. 1842, 131.5 a. SB 1 p.205 SB 1 p.142/3
- 7) John Dobson, Sr. est. 1841, 1637 ac. SB 1 p.142/3

John Edward Dobson

By Frances Rowe Woods

In an era when wealth was measured in land and slave ownership, John Dobson would have been considered a wealthy man. At the time of his death in 1833, he was one of the largest landowners in Gloucester County. His property ownership was due primarily to his inheritance.

John Dobson was the fourth generation descendent of Edward E. Dobson who immigrated to Virginia from England 27 September 1638, as headright of Thomas Boulding. [1] Thomas Boulding (Bouldin, Bouldinge) and his wife Mary came to Virginia on the *Swan* in 1610 and were Ancient Planters. In 1624, Boulding patented 200 acres in Elizabeth City and in 1638 an additional 200 acres based on four headrights, including Edward Dobson. [2]

No information has been found between Edward's arrival in 1638 and 1643, but on 19 October 1643, he was granted a land patent for 300 acres for transporting six persons to Virginia. [3] Edward was granted an additional 920 acres in 1653 for transporting 19 persons including himself and his wife Frances. [4]

Edward Dobson died in 1678. His will dated 12 October 1677 listed three sons, Edmund, John, and William, and one daughter Mary. Contrary to the right of primogeniture, he left property to all three sons. [5] The three sons renewed the patents for 1150 acres in Abingdon Parish in June 1678 and were on Rent Rolls in 1704/5. [6] This property, as defined by the work of Bill Lawrence in this publication, places all of these holdings in the Guinea Neck of Gloucester County bordered by the Severn River, Mobjack Bay, Perrin River (known as Sedger's or Sedgy Creek at the time), and what is now known as Line Fence Road in Achilles.

It has been challenging to determine the multiple generations from immigrant Edward Dobson to the John Dobson whose 1637 acres of property were surveyed by Henry Hughes in 1842 for the purpose of dividing his holdings among his four children, three daughters and one son. One of the challenges has been the repeated family names in determining generational ownership. Following land tax records, personal property records, and legal records, logical assumptions were made that most of his holdings remained in the Dobson family throughout all generations.

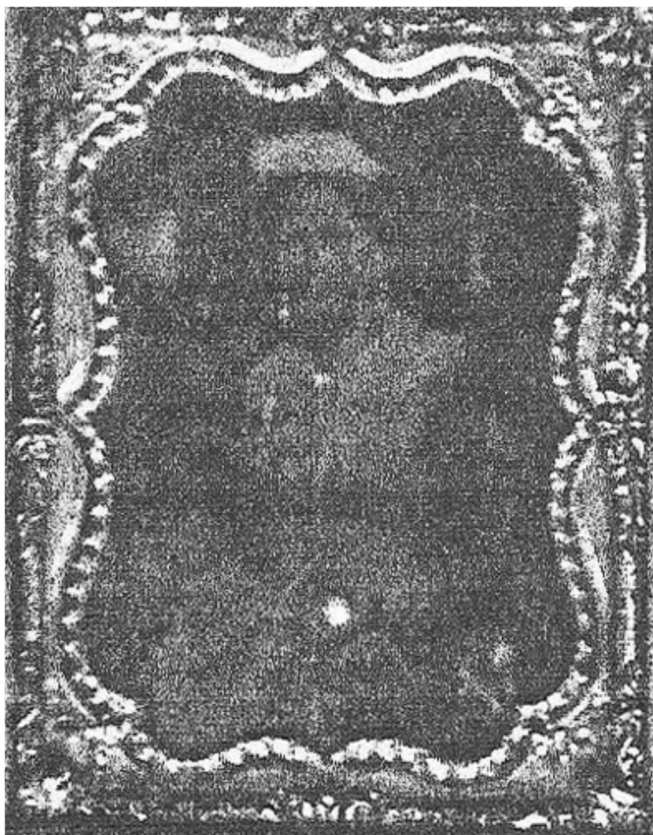
John Dobson's life is an interesting study. He was born 20 December 1761, to John and Rebecka Stokes Dobson. Based on available information and logical assumptions, John had two brothers, Edward and William, and two sisters, Mary and Milly. John Dobson's grandfather was Edward Dobson, one of five children of William Dobson (son of immigrant Edward Dobson).

<p style="text-align: center;">Dobson Generations Edward Dobson (1632—1678) Immigrant William Dobson (bef 1657—aft 1704) Edward Dobson (1700—) John Dobson (1725-aft—1770) John Edward Dobson (1761—1833)</p>
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At age 16, he participated in the Revolutionary War. In 1832, when he was 71 years old, John applied for a pension which had recently been approved by Congress for veterans of that war. John stated that he served under the command of Captain John Camp of the Virginia State Militia in Gloucester County. As a member of the State Militia, he was called out accordingly from time to time. His first service was at Sandy Point on the York River under the command of Captain Gibson Cluverius. His next service was at Gloucester Town (Gloucester Point) under the command of Captain John Thurston and Captain Samuel Iddings of the Artillery. John also served in Yorktown for at least six months. In Williamsburg he served at the Magazine where he was employed in molding bullets for the Army. He was brought back to Gloucester County and served at Perrin's (an estate not far from Gloucester Town that served as a hospital during the war) until the time of Cornwallis's surrender on 19 October 1781. This estate is currently known as "Little England." His assignment was to watch for the movement of the British forces into the York River. In John's deposition, he stated that he served in all for a period of three years but was never involved in any regular action except in "two small skirmishes, one at Perrin's and another a few miles above Gloucester Town (near Llewellen's)." He did not receive a formal discharge, and his deposition had to be verified by two witnesses who were also serving with him during that time. The two witnesses were Thomas Hogg and Lewis Stokes. He was granted a pension and placed on the pension roll on 26 April 1833 at age 71. [7] He died 25 November 1833, one month before his 72nd birthday. John Dobson is a qualifying patriot for the Daughters of the American Revolution, and many generations of female descendants are members of this organization including the author and her sister.

John Dobson had three wives in his lifetime. [8] There is no known documentation for his first or second wife other than a personal recollection publication of Geraldine Rowe Fedors (great-great granddaughter of John Dobson). She stated that John's first wife was a widow with children of her own. John's second wife is unknown but believed to be the mother of his daughter Rebecca. His third wife was Susan Elizabeth Chandler, daughter of Guildroy and Elizabeth Robins Chandler of "Mumford Farm" in Ware Neck. This property is now known as "Baie." They married in 1824 when John was 63 and Susan was 24. Susan helped John raise the children from his first wife who were close to her own age, and his young daughter Rebecca from his second marriage. Together, they had three children: Martha Ann, Mary Frances, and Joseph Hamelin. These children



Susan Elizabeth Chandler Dobson. Her parents were Elizabeth Robins and Guildroy Chandler. Elizabeth Robins's parents were Thomas Coleman Robins and Frances Mildred Stubbs. Guildroy Chandler's parents were Robert C. Chandler and Mary Hamblen. Both of her grandfathers were patriots in the American Revolution.

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were young when their father died, but he provided very well for his wife and young children. His holdings were extensive: he had a plantation and a farm operation, thirty-six slaves, and rented out a lot of his farmland to tenant farmers. It is interesting to see the names of these renters in the 1842 survey as drawn by Henry Hughes. John left the plantation to his “beloved wife Susan” along with a portion of his slaves and household furnishings and directed his executors to collect money from his rental properties to support Susan and to provide her with “corn, meat, etc.” Additionally, he directed that his youngest child and only son receive a “good neighborhood education in common with my other children” and that the amount of \$500 was to be set aside for the completion of his education. [9]

As seen by the 1842 survey, John’s children received equal shares of property. Rebecca’s share was drawn by her husband William Jones (Buck) Baytop. [10] In 1843 a married woman could not own property in her own name. Rebecca’s husband was the son of James and Lucy Taliaferro Catlett whose home was “Springfield.” He served gallantly in the Mexican War and was an officer in the Civil War. He was the first casualty from Gloucester County to be wounded and subsequently succumbed to his wounds at the Battle of Seven Pines in 1862. Rebecca and William Baytop had one daughter Pocahontas Rebecca Baytop. Rebecca was presumed to be deceased by the 1860 census as Pocahontas and her father were living with the Baytops at “Springfield.” Pocahontas married William Wettle Green, and they had two daughters and two sons.

Martha Ann Elizabeth Dobson was born November 1826. She was seven years old when her father died. Her mother Susan Chandler Dobson married William Roberts shortly after John’s death. He was one of the inhabitants of the Dobson household and it is theorized that he may have been one of the children of John Dobson’s widowed first wife. No proof has been found to support this theory. In 1843 William Roberts paid taxes on 195 acres and sold this property to his brother Richard B. Roberts in 1844. This is also the year that land ownership was distributed to John Dobson’s heirs. [11]

Martha Ann married William Williams, Jr. son of William Williams, Sr. of Ware Neck, and they lived at her ancestral home on the Dobson plantation. William was twenty years older than his wife. The 1850 census lists Martha Ann as married with a two-year-old daughter Mary Susan Williams. It also lists Milly Browne (age 77) and Nancy Browne (age 45) living in the same household with William Williams. [12] Milly and Nancy’s relationship has not been factually determined but assumed to be a widowed aunt and cousin. William Williams’s brother was Marcellus Williams, a mariner. No record can be found of Williams’s death or burial. Like his brother, William also sailed, and it is possible he was lost at sea. By the 1860 census, Martha Ann was married to William A. Rowe, son of Edward Hansford Rowe and Grace Dobson. By the 1870 census, Martha Ann and William Rowe along with her daughter Mary Susan were living on Rowe property on the Perrin River. This property was purchased by Edward Hansford Rowe, Sr. from Edward Dobson, his wife’s brother. This indicates that Grace Dobson and Martha Ann Dobson Williams Rowe shared ancestors.

William Rowe convinced his stepdaughter Mary Susan to marry his brother Edward Hansford Rowe, Jr. (Ned). According to the Fedors’s recollection, the purpose of this union was to keep the Dobson/Rowe property in the family. Mary Susan was 20 years younger than her husband, and by 1870 they were all living in the same household along with their infant daughter Nora Bell Rowe. This 100+-year-old house was demolished in 1974 when the property was purchased, for the first time since the land grant, by someone outside the Dobson family. No information has been found on when William

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L-R William Hansford Rowe (Grandson of Ned and Mary Susan Rowe), Mary Elizabeth Rowe, Martha Lesbia Rowe, Mary Susan Williams Rowe. William Rowe's mother died, so he went to live with his Grandmother Rowe. His sister Geraldine Rowe Fedors went to live with her Grandmother Minor.

Rowe died or where he is buried. Martha Ann died in 1913 at the age of 87 and is buried in the Williams cemetery (possibly Ware Neck). Ned Rowe was a Civil War veteran, serving in Company F of the 26th Infantry; he died in 1912. The remaining Dobson/Rowe property was divided among their heirs when Mary Susan died in 1926. Ned and Mary Susan are buried in the Jerusalem cemetery at Bena. Their children were:

1. Nora Bell Rowe (1869-1956) m. Thomas Floyd Anderton (1866-1931)
2. Winchester Arthur Rowe (1871-1955) m. 1. Melissa "Ladye" Wiatt Minor (1867-1907) mother of Geraldine Rowe Fedors and William Hansford Rowe; 2. Gertrude Fanny Newton (1892-1971). He was a wharf agent.
3. William Edward Rowe (1874-1961) m. Susie Lee Shackelford (1882-1981). He was a farmer.
4. Samuel Emmett Rowe (1880-1945 m. Mildred Tabitha Riley (1893-1932). He was a farmer.
5. Martha Lesbia Rowe (1886-1974) unmarried. Taught first grade at Achilles School for 42 years.
6. Mary Elizabeth Rowe (1890-1971) m. Samuel Marion Rowe, Jr. (1881-1965), her first cousin. Samuel Marion Rowe and Edward Hansford Rowe, Jr. were brothers.

Mary Frances Dobson was born in 1827 and was six years old when her father died in 1833. The 1850 census lists Susan and William Roberts living in Portsmouth. No 1840 census information is listed for any of the family; therefore, it is unknown where Mary Frances was living at that time. Mary Frances married Henry Simco in 1843 and had three children. Henry served in the War of 1812 as a corporal in the 21st Regiment of the Virginia Militia.

1. Susan Ann Simcoe (1844-1926) m. William Arthur Culpepper (1840-1907). Her descendants include the James family from Ware Neck.
2. John Simcoe (1848-) m. Mary Barnes (1864 -)
3. Walter Taylor Simcoe (1849-1944) m. Annie Wren Cofer (1853-1908). He owned W. T. Simco's dry good store in Norfolk.

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Federal style homestead of William A. Rowe and Martha Ann Dobson Rowe along with Mary Susan Williams Rowe and Edward Hansford Rowe, Jr. and their children. Believed to be built between 1850 and 1860 and demolished in 1974. Top: Front of house facing Perrin River. Bottom: William Rowe at back of house



Henry died in 1851 when Mary Frances was 23 years old. In 1853 she married Zacariah Culpepper, a widower with three children. Together they had eight children. He was a boat builder in Portsmouth. Their children were:

1. Mary Frances Culpepper (1854-1922) m. Holabie Saxon White (1850-1902)
2. Alexander Winds Culpepper (1856-1935) m. Dicie Elizabeth Bell (1853-)
3. Zachariah Owens Culpepper Jr. (1857-1932) m. Anne S. Moody (1866-1939)
4. Joseph Culpepper (1862-1863) died in infancy
5. Clarence Culpepper (1863-1863) died in infancy
6. Julia Culpepper (1865-1881) died young
7. Eva Lee Culpepper (1868-1870) died young
8. Henry S Culpepper (1871-1872) died young

Mary Frances died in 1882 at the age of 55 in Portsmouth, Virginia, and is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery there.

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Joseph Hamelin Dobson, youngest child and only son of John Dobson, was born 25 January 1828. He was five years old when his father died. The 1850 census shows Joseph Dobson living with Richard Roberts, William's brother, adding to the speculation that the Roberts brothers were the children of John's widowed first wife; however, no proof of this speculation has been discovered.

Joseph farmed his inherited Dobson property. According to notes from Joseph's grandson, Arthur Lee Manning, "He was always called "Captain" and was a southern gentleman. He was a little heavy and clean shaven. He had a good sense of humor and liked to tease." He entered the Civil War as a private and was in Company A of the 21st Virginia Militia. He was elected captain of the company on 11 January 1862 at Gloucester Point. Captured in 1863 or 1864 and taken prisoner and held at the RipRaps at Old Point near Norfolk (a Confederate fort taken over by Union forces), he somehow escaped and made it back to his company. Incredibly, military service of father and son spanned from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. [13]

Joseph married Bedoura Lindsey Pettit, a descendant of William Penn, in 1852. Bedoura was born at "The Oaks" in Fairfax, Virginia. Her father was a city councilman in Norfolk and a prominent citizen there. Joseph was recorded as a liquor merchant in the 1870 census living in Gloucester County and had a farm laborer living on the property. The 1880 census lists Joseph and his family living in Baltimore and notes his occupation as a traveling cigar salesman. Bedoura died of a stroke "while on the Baltimore/York River Line steamer on her way to Baltimore after a sojourn in Gloucester." [14] They were the parents of ten children.

1. William "Willie" Dobson (1854-1863) drowned at age 9
2. Charles Cleon Dobson (1855-1933) m. Alice A. Riley (1859-1940)
3. Mary Rosa Chandler Dobson (1858-1940) m. Irvin Porter Disney (1865-1938)
4. Bedoura Lindsey Dobson (1861-1929) m. Charles Henry Manning (1858-1909)
5. Joseph Hamilton Dobson (1862-1936) m. Mary Anne Broocke (1865-1931)
6. William Llwellyn Dobson (1865-1948) m. 1. Catharine Donohoe (1872-1906); 2. Emma DuDek (1898-1950)
7. Alice Maude Dobson (1867-1939) m. Jacob Giles Cromwell (1868-1939)
8. Roy Penn Dobson (1868-1939) m. Emma B. Charlotte LeGourde (1871-1945)
9. Thomas Henry Dobson (1872-1929) unmarried
10. Edgar Franklin Dobson (1875-1956) m. 1. Mary Louise Boyer (1879-1905); 2. Nellie Scott (1883-1940)

Joseph lived with his daughter in Washington, DC, at the time of his death at age 84 in 1912. He always considered Bena "home." Joseph, Bedoura, and some of their children are buried in the private Dobson cemetery located off Cuba Road at Bena.



Picture courtesy of Arthur Manning descendant Chris Bainbridge of Oregon. The persons that can positively be identified are: Edgar Franklin Dobson, right side, standing with hand on lapel and arm on boy's shoulder. Alice Maude Dobson, standing in the middle with hat on who is married to Jacob Cromwell. On Alice's left is Mary Rosa Chandler Dobson Disney, with no hat and holding a large flower. Behind Rosa is her husband Irvin Disney, the man with no hat. Bedoura Pettit Dobson, lower left, who was married to Joseph H. Dobson, the large lady sitting down. Jacob Cromwell, to the right of Bedoura, with his hat on his knee.

Presently, descendants of Joseph Dobson retain ownership of some of the original Dobson property. One of these descendants, another Joe Dobson (great grandson of Joseph), sold the 16-acre Cuba Island to a California resident and received criticism from relatives for this sale. [15]

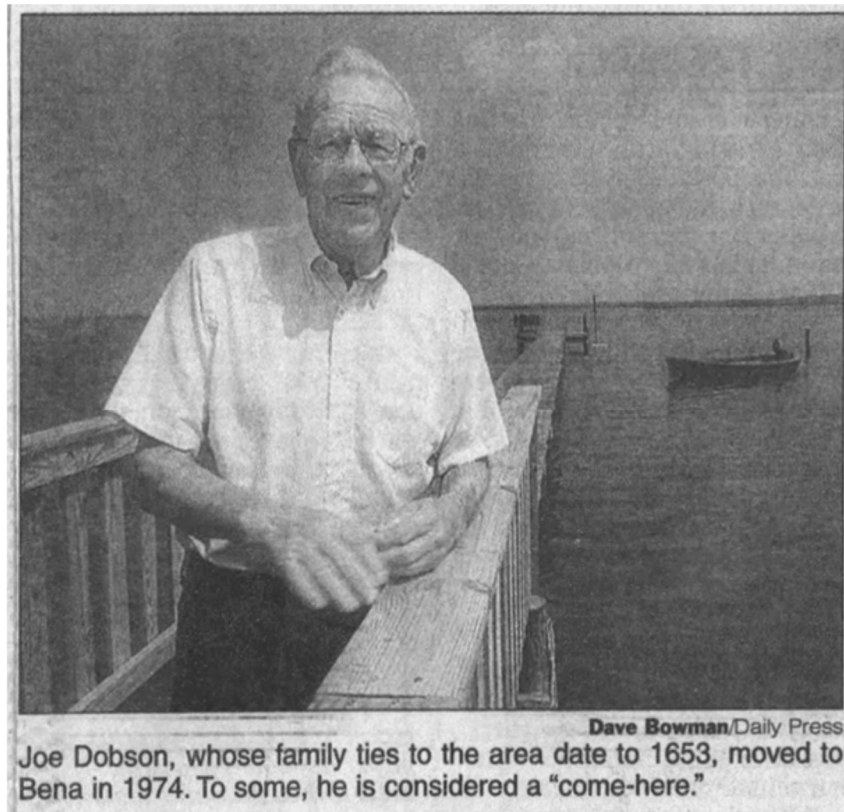
John Dobson's wealth can be measured today in the legacy of a large influential family of patriotic and productive citizens. His descendants excelled in the fields of education, medicine, religion, art, music, and business.

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**Joseph H. Dobson (1917-2000).
Retired to his ancestral property at Bena**

Civil War Veterans from Achilles and Bena

By Frances Rowe Woods



Back Row L-R: Joseph F. (Joel) Robins, Thomas Jefferson Ash, James Duval Pointer, Benjamin Aaron Rowe; Front Row L-R: Joel Madison Rowe, Samuel Marion Rowe, Edward Hansford Rowe Jr.

Local Civil War veterans sat for this photo around 1896. All were in Companies A, E and F of the 26th Virginia Infantry and enlisted at Rowe's store at Achilles in the spring of 1861. There are two sets of brothers: Joel Madison Rowe and Benjamin Aaron Rowe and Samuel Marion Rowe and Edward Hansford Rowe Jr. These veterans were among over 75 Gloucester men who signed a one-year commitment contract to protect Gloucester Point from federal forces.

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Rowe's Store at Achilles where Gloucester Civil War soldiers enlisted in the Confederate 26th Infantry. The store was built by Sterling Rowe, Sr. (b.1806 d.1889) and subsequently owned and operated by his son Benjamin (Ben) Rowe (b.1840 d.1912). The store was later used as a millinery shop by Ben Rowe's daughter-in-law 'Miss' Lona Rowe (Mrs. Hannibal Purcell Rowe). This picture shows the store during a high tide shortly before it was demolished in 1957 due to a road improvement

Joseph F. (Joel) Robins

Joel was the son of Jesse Robins and Mary "Chitty" Rowe, born 19 February 1830. He was a local 31-year-old farmer when he joined Company E of the 26th Virginia Infantry on 28 June 1861 and was enlisted as a first corporal. He had been married to Mary Frances Rowe for three years and had an 18-month-old son and a new baby on the way at this time. According to Alex L. Wiatt's Virginia Regimental Histories Series, Joel deserted at Hickory Fork 3 May 1862, returned to duty but deserted again 26 May 1863. [1] The company was ordered to abandon Gloucester Point and move to defend Richmond. Most of these men lived in areas that were most vulnerable to federal depredations. Many were anxious to go home to protect their homes and families from the union invasion that was sure to come. Some of these soldiers were so sick in the hospital they could not make the trip to Richmond or even their homes in Gloucester. However, many of these soldiers did go home when the company vacated Gloucester Point. Some dropped from the ranks during their forced trip to Richmond. All of these "stay at home" soldiers were listed as deserters in the regimental records. [2]

After the war, Joel's family increased to ten children before his wife Mary Frances died in 1878. He married Ellen Elizabeth Belote in 1883, and together they had one daughter.

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Census records list his occupations as farmer, fisherman, and oysterman.

Joel died 22 July 1912 at the age of 72 and is buried in the Union Baptist Church Cemetery. Ellen died in 1939 and is buried alongside her husband.

Thomas Jefferson Ash Jr.

Thomas Jefferson Ash, Jr. was the son of Thomas Jefferson Ash Sr. and Lucy Lillie Ransone, born on 21 January 1841 at Achilles. Tom was a 20-year-old waterman when he enlisted at Rowe's store on 21 February 1861 into Company F. He was described as 5'6" tall with auburn hair, hazel eyes, and fair complexion. Tom was promoted to sergeant on 15 November 1861. He was captured at Appomattox River on 3 April 1865 (six days before Lee's surrender) and sent to Hart's Island, New York, as a POW and later transferred to Elmira Prison there. Sgt. Ash was released from prison after taking the Federal Oath of Allegiance on 3 July 1865. [3]

He was a 28-year-old farmer when he married Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Minor in 1869. While Tom and his wife had no children of their own, they raised the daughter of Tom's brother James Polk Ash Sr. and his wife Adelaide Singleton Minor who died less than a year after the birth of Mary Oneida Ash. [4]

Federal census records list Tom's occupations as sailor (1860), clerk in a store (1870), farmer (1880), and merchant (1900). Tom died 12 March 1905 at the age of 64 and is buried in the Heywood Cemetery near Bena. His wife died in 1921 and is buried alongside her husband.

James Duval Pointer

James Duval Pointer was the son of William Duval Pointer and Mary E. Wood, born on 27 May 1839. Jim enlisted on 20 May 1861 at age 22 at Belle Roi in Company A of the 26th Virginia Infantry. [5] He was described as having a light complexion, blue eyes, and red hair, and was 5'8" tall. His occupation was mechanic/coachmaker. Jim was discharged on 30 December 1861 due to disability.

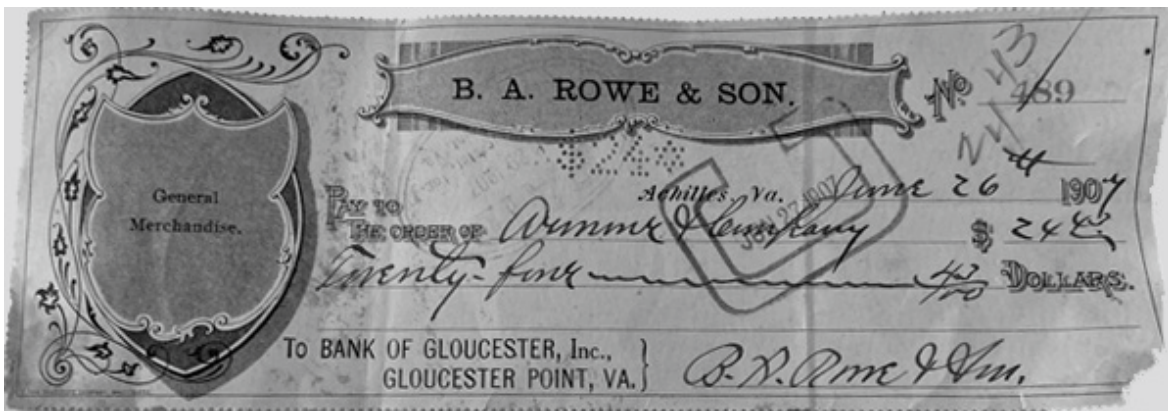
Jim married Mary Marion Minor in 1870. He and Mary were the parents of five children. Jim listed his occupation as coachmaker at the time of his marriage and throughout the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses and as a carriage blacksmith on the 1900 census. His grandson James Edgar Pointer Jr. served as the Commonwealth Attorney for Gloucester in the 1950s and 60s. Jim died on 4 December 1904 at the age of 65 and is buried in the Heywood Cemetery near Bena. His wife died in 1907 and is buried alongside her husband.

Benjamin Aaron Rowe

Benjamin Aaron was one of 13 children born to Captain Sterling Rowe and Frances Ann Belvin, born on 16 November 1840. He married Cornelia Ellen Rowe in 1868. They were the parents of six children. Their daughter Virginia Lee Rowe and her husband Harry Lee Thornton had a daughter Cornelia Elizabeth Thornton who died in England in World War I. She was the first American Red Cross nurse to die in World War I and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Her picture appeared in *The Family Tree Searcher*, December 2020, p34.

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Ben is the only one in this picture who did not serve out his commitment to the Confederate Army. He joined by conscription on 1 April 1863 into Company E and deserted 12 April 1863. [6] [7] He was a merchant. His father Sterling Rowe built the first "Rowe's Store" mentioned as the enlistment location for most of the young Guinea-area men joining the Confederate States Army. This store was built about 1860. In 1875 Ben bought this store and the half-acre of land upon which it was built from his father. This store and property were located on the north side of Guinea Road across from where the old (demolished in 2011) Frank P. Ash/George P. Ashe store stood and was the building used later by his son Hannibal Purcell Rowe's wife 'Miss' Lona as her millinery shop.



About this time, Ben bought an additional 13 acres across the road (on the south side) upon which he built a larger store in 1892. After his children ran the store for a while, his son Hannibal Purcell sold the store to Frank P. Ash in 1930. [8]

Ben was a prominent citizen of Gloucester County. He was a Commissioner of the Abingdon Public School District when free public education was established in Gloucester

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after 1870. He purchased a large tract of property (520 acres) from William K. Perrin on 8 June 1880. The boundaries were from the John William Minor property in Bena to Jenkins's Neck, better known as Perrin Farm. Ben owned a sawmill, a grist mill, and a farm. [9]

Ben died on 7 February 1912 and is buried in the cemetery which carries his name: The Benjamin Rowe Cemetery near Bena. His wife Cornelia died in 1927 and is buried alongside her husband.

Joel Madison Rowe

Joel Madison Rowe, also known as "Tudor," was born in January 1835 at Achilles to Captain Sterling Rowe and Frances Ann Belvin and was the older brother of Benjamin Aaron Rowe. He married Martha Ellen Freeman in 1866. They had no children.

Joel was a 26-year-old waterman when he enlisted on 20 April 1861 at Rowe's store into Company F of the 26th Virginia Infantry. He was detailed for the Naval Brigade from September 1861 until February 1862 and suffered wounds in September 1864. [10] Joel was listed on the muster rolls for January and February 1865 and was shown as "wounded and furloughed. Furlough having expired, he is reported as absent without leave." [11] During the time that Joel was wounded, the 26th Infantry lost many soldiers in the trenches at Petersburg. [12] His widow applied for a pension in 1926 when she was 90 years old. She stated that Joel served as a private under Colonel Charles A Crump in the F Company which was under the command of Captain William K. Perrin CSA.

Joel listed his occupation as a sailor at the time of his marriage. The 1860 census lists his occupation as a dry goods and retail grocery merchant, probably working in his father's store. But in 1880 the census lists his occupation as a farmer, and he maintained that occupation until his death.

In June 1883, Joel and Martha Rowe donated four acres of land for the purpose of a burial ground for the citizens of Guinea. This property was conveyed to a private trust and was adjacent to the free school on the east, county road on the south (now Guinea Road), Union Baptist Church [13] on the west and a marsh on the north. Unfortunately, the trustees left no successor trustees, so the cemetery is gratuitously maintained by members of Union Baptist Church.

Joel died 25 November 1910 and is buried at the Union Baptist Church cemetery. His tombstone reads "Joel M. Rowe, Co F, 26 Va Inf, C.S.A., Died 1910." Having no children and leaving no will, Joel's siblings sued his widow for his 95-acre property, located next to the Edward Hansford Rowe property on the Perrin River. Martha Ellen received her dower rights to this property and died in 1931 at age 95. She is buried alongside her husband.

Samuel Marion Rowe Sr.

Samuel Marion Rowe (Sam) was born at Achilles 24 February 1833 to Edward Hansford Rowe Sr. and Grace A. Dobson, the youngest of four children. He married Anne Elizabeth (Bettie) Diggs in 1875 when he was 42 years old. They were the parents of eight children. His oldest son was Rev. John Hansford Rowe who served as a missionary to Japan.

Sam enlisted at Rowe's Store on 20 April 1861 into Company F. He was described as 6' tall with florid complexion, auburn hair, and blue eyes. He was captured on 17 June 1864 near Petersburg. [14] As a POW he was sent to Camp Hoffman, better known as Point

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Lookout Prison, located in St. Mary's County, Maryland. [15] Due to overcrowding at Point Lookout Prison, Sam was sent to Elmira Prison in Elmira, New York (called "Hellmira" by the Confederate POWs). Elmira Prison was built to house 4,000 prisoners but had over 12,000 one month after it opened in the summer of 1864. Elmira had a 24.5% death rate and was considered the "worst" of the federal prisons. While imprisoned in Elmira, Sam and the other Gloucester inmates would charge local people who wanted to peer over the walls of the prison at the southern prisoners. The Gloucester men would then take this money and offer it to the guards who would buy what the prisoners requested. The Gloucester men always asked the guards to purchase oysters. [16] Sam was released from prison on 16 June 1865 after taking the Federal Oath of Allegiance.

Sam was a farmer his entire life. He died on 17 January 1916 at the age of 82 and is buried in the Jerusalem Cemetery at Bena. His wife Bettie died in 1923 and is buried alongside her husband.

Edward Hansford Rowe Jr.

Edward Hansford Rowe Jr (Ned) was born at Achilles on 2 March 1828 to Edward Hansford Rowe Sr. and Grace A. Dobson, the second son and second child born into the family. His father died in 1834 at the age of 38. His mother died in 1870 at the age of 75. Ned married Mary Susan Williams in 1869. She was the daughter of Martha Ann Dobson Williams Rowe who had married his brother William after 1850. Mary Susan was twenty years younger than Ned, but his brother William convinced his stepdaughter to marry Ned to keep the extensive Dobson/Rowe property in the family. Mary Susan and Ned were the parents of six children. Their youngest son Samuel Emmett Rowe is the grandfather of the author.

Ned enlisted at Rowe's store on 20 April 1861 into Company F of the 26th Virginia Infantry when he was 32 years old. He is listed as a waterman and was detailed to the Naval Brigade from September 1861 through February 1862. He was paroled at the end of the war at Appomattox, Virginia, on 9 April 1865. His wife petitioned for and received a widow's pension in 1919.

Ned's occupation was reported as "clerk" in 1850, probably working with his brother William A. Rowe whose occupation was reported as "merchant." The 1860 census lists his occupation as oysterman. Following the Civil War Ned's occupation was listed as "farm laborer." He and his wife Mary Susan resided in the household of his brother William, whose occupation was listed as "farmer." Following the death of his brother, Ned continued to manage the farm and resided in the home owned by his mother-in-law Martha Ann Dobson Rowe.

The Virginia Constitution of 1869, passed during Reconstruction, established a statewide system of free public schools. [17] On May 30, 1877, Ned and Mary Susan Rowe, his brother Samuel and his wife Bettie Rowe, his sister Frances Jane Rowe and her husband Peter Smith, and his brother's widow Martha Ann Rowe sold one- and one-half acre of land to the trustees of Abingdon Public School District for \$30. The survey was completed by William E. Wiatt. This property had belonged to Edward Hansford Rowe Sr. and is now part of the Union Baptist Church Cemetery and located across from the present Achilles Elementary School.

Ned died on 6 April 1911 at the age of 83. He is buried in the Jerusalem Cemetery in Bena along with his wife who died in 1926 and other family members, including his brother Samuel Marion Rowe.

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These men were young when they agreed to serve the Confederate Army and, in the picture on page 41, they are all aged men. Their experiences varied from no action to substantial action. They survived—many of their fellow servicemen did not. There are 132 names of fallen Gloucester men on the memorial monument at the Court House. They returned home to a much different one than they left but they rebuilt, married, raised families, and continued their same devotion to patriotism and citizenship.

End Notes:

- 1 The Virginia Regimental Histories Series, 26th Infantry, 2nd Edition, Alex L. Wiatt, H. E. Howard, Lynchburg, VA, 1984, page 71
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- 7 Jefferson Davis predicted a long war and requested legislation allowing three-year enlistments. The military affairs office, however, anticipated a short conflict and granted the authority to call up troops for only one year of service. <https://www.history.com>
- 8 Hamilton Williams, local Gloucester Historian, article, Old Stores of Gloucester County, VA by William L. Lawrence, Gloucester County Friends of the Museum, 2019, page 206
- 9 A. Folkes Robins, 1990 verification of photo
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- 11 The Virginia Regimental Histories Series, 26th Infantry, 2nd Edition, Alex L. Wiatt, H. E. Howard, Lynchburg, VA, 1984, page 72
- 12 Ben Harris, Gloucester Confederate Historian, August 2023
- 13 The original Union Baptist Church was located across Guinea Road from the location of the present day church.
- 14 The Virginia Regimental Histories Series, 26th Infantry, 2nd Edition, Alex L. Wiatt, H. E. Howard, Lynchburg, VA, 1984, page 72
- 15 Ben Harris, Gloucester Confederate Historian, described Point Lookout Prison as a 40-acre “Hell Hole” surrounded by a 25-foot-tall wooden fence. Guards were stationed on a gallery on top of the fence. Numerous documents state that guards were encouraged to shoot POWs if they were near the security fence. Food and water were very scarce in this facility. Point Lookout Prison was the largest and one of the worst Federal prisons.
- 16 Ben Harris, Gloucester Confederate Historian, August 2023
- 17 Virginia Museum of History and Culture, <https://virginiahistory.org/learn/education-virginia>

Joan Crump Kanter

Joan Crump Kanter founded the Gloucester Genealogical Society of Virginia in 1996. She gathered a small group of faithful and capable members that established a very successful organization dedicated to the documentation of the family histories of Gloucester County. She died on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

Joan's obituary:

Joan Crump Kanter, 90, died October 5, 2023 in Virginia Beach. Born in Norfolk, she was the daughter of the late Edward Archie Crump and Mary Kathleen Venning Crump. She was predeceased by her husbands Dr. Charles Steven Sale and Dr. Hulbert Jay Kanter. Survivors include her son, Charles Steven Sale and his wife Jennifer of Norfolk; daughter, Kathleen Carter Sale of Virginia Beach; and grandchildren: Carter and Travis Sale, Ian and Mary Kate Shannon, and two great-grandsons, Finnegan and Milo. Joan was a proud graduate of Maury High School (1951) and Norfolk General Hospital School of Professional Nursing (1954). She was a Captain in the US Air force during the Vietnam War. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk. Joan's greatest joys in life were her military service, nursing career, researching her family genealogy, gardening, volunteering in and leading various organizations, her church, and most importantly, being with her family. Burial will be private with internment at Forest Lawn Cemetery.



**Joan with her grandsons,
Carter and Travis**



**Joan working on the first book
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