

## Appendix A

### Brief Biographies for a Selection of the Pioneering Generation

The following men and women represent a small sample of the pioneering generation that created the Nottingham Settlement community. I have chosen them based on one of the following criteria: (A) the person or her spouse purchased one of the original thirty Granville land grants;<sup>1</sup> (B) the person is of the pioneering generation and appears prominently within the lives of one or more of those original land purchasers; (C) either Samuel Rankin or Fred Hughes considered the person to be one of the original purchasers of the thirty tracts.<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise marked, all were associated with the Buffalo Presbyterian Church and buried in the old section of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church Cemetery.<sup>3</sup>

To provide easy and consistent access to information in the following biographies, I have created a format based loosely on one employed by the authors of *Robert Cole's World*.<sup>4</sup> As in *Robert Cole's World*, I have italicized the names of (other) pioneers of the Nottingham Settlement to demonstrate the kinship relationships between community families. For better identification of those bearing the same given name and surname, I have included birth and death dates when available. I have abbreviated the names of states and countries as well as the following as a means of reducing the size of each

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<sup>1</sup> As named on the Granville lease itself.

<sup>2</sup> Samuel M. Rankin, *A History of Buffalo Presbyterian Church and Her People, Greensboro, N.C.* (Greensboro, N.C.: Jos. J. Stone & Co, [1934]), 22–31; Fred Hughes, *Guilford County: A Map Supplement* (Jamestown, N.C.: Custom House, 1988), 51–52.

<sup>3</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 22–31; and Raymond Dufau Donnell, comp., *Buffalo Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, Greensboro, North Carolina* (Greensboro, N.C.: Guilford County Genealogical Society, 1994).

<sup>4</sup> Lois Green Carr, Russell R. Menard and Lorena S. Walsh, *Robert Cole's World: Agriculture and Society in Early Maryland* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1991), 241–67.

entry—Co. = County; abt.= about; aft.= after; bef. = before; m. = married. Guilford Co., Orange Co., Rowan (Guilford) Co., and Rowan Co. refer to locations in North Carolina.

Many of the Nottingham Settlement's pioneering generation left little trace of themselves or their lives. To supply a broader understanding of this sample of settlers, I first rely on personal information given in such sources as land conveyance, probate and official county records as well as secondary sources published between the mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries. I supplement this meager gleaning of information with family genealogical information found in self-published books and on Internet Web sites.

#### **SHORT LIST OF SOURCES**

Granville Grants	Secretary of State Record Group, Granville Proprietary Land Office: Land Entries, Warrants, and Plats of Survey. North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh
Guilford Co. Deeds	Guilford Co. Record of Deeds
Guilford Co. Wills	Guilford Co. Record of Wills
Guilford Wills	Guilford County Wills, 1771–1968, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh
Orange Co. Deeds	Orange Co. Record of Deeds
Orange Co. Minutes	Orange County Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Rankin Genealogical Papers	Rankin, Samuel Meek (1864–1939) Genealogical Papers, Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina Library.
Rowan Co. Minutes	Rowan County Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Rowan Co. Deeds	Rowan Co. Record of Deeds
Rowan Estate Records	Rowan County Estate Records, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh
Rowan Co. Wills	Rowan Co. Record of Wills
Rowan Wills	Rowan County Wills, 1743–1971, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh

### **James Barr (?–1805?)<sup>5</sup>**

BORN: in Petinian, Lanarkshire, Scotland.<sup>6</sup> IMMIGRATED: possibly between 1743 and 1754, probably abt. 1746.<sup>7</sup> DIED: reportedly in Pittsylvania Co., Va.<sup>8</sup> BURIAL: unknown. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: unknown. MOTHER: unknown.

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<sup>5</sup> Although I have not been able to confirm it, evidence suggests that a second, unrelated “James Barr” lived in Rowan County during the time that a James Barr obtained a Granville land grant in December 1753. Family historians claim that the James Barr associated with the Nottingham Settlement community died in Pittsylvania Co., Va., in 1805, based on the pension record of son James (see footnote 8). After comparing the signature on the land grant against the signature on the 1785 will found in Rowan Co., I have concluded that the two were made by two different men bearing the same name. Therefore the 1785 Rowan Co. will and its accompanying estate inventory will not be included here. James Barr, 389 acres, Rowan (December 1, 1753), Granville Grants; Will of James Barr (1785), Rowan Wills; Estate Inventory for James Barr (1792), Rowan Estate Records.

<sup>6</sup> K. Kennedy, “Elton-Jones-Kennedy-Brazzil,” <http://www.rootsweb.com> (accessed October 7, 2008).

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> LaVerne Rogers, “Re: James, Robert and John,” <http://genforum.genealogy.com> (accessed October 7, 2008). Annie Walker Burns, *North Carolina Pension Abstracts of Soldiers of the Revolutionary War: War of 1812 and Indian Wars* (Washington, D. C.: Annie Walker Burns, n.d.), 9:21. Pension records for James Barr (Jr.), S31537, state that his father, James Barr, Sr., was living in Pittsylvania Co., Va., in 1781.

SIBLINGS: unknown. **MARRIED** Agnes (surname unknown) (abt. 1719–1796).<sup>9</sup>

**CHILDREN. SONS:** David (1743–1811); Robert (1754–1838), who m. Isabell Allison in 1776; John (1755–1820); James (1762–1841).<sup>10</sup> **DAUGHTER:** Jean (1755–?), who m. (1) (given name unknown) Walker and (2) Adam Scott, the grandson of *Samuel Scott*.<sup>11</sup>

**PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** level of literacy unclear; Barr’s signature appears on his 1753 Granville Grant, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>12</sup> **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **CHURCH ACTIVITY:** brought before the Session of North Buffalo on October 22, 1779, for defaming the Christian character of John Chalmber [*sic*] and for reportedly being drunk “two or three Months since.”<sup>13</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER. COUNTY OFFICES:** appointed as constable for one year in 1757.<sup>14</sup> **MINOR OFFICES:** served on grand jury in November 1754.<sup>15</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** gave evidence in *John McClintock’s* suit against Hugh Foster.<sup>16</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** obtained a Granville land grant containing 389 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and fifteen shillings and seven pence yearly rent) on December 1, 1753.<sup>17</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH. LAND AND PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unable to determine. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

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<sup>9</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 22; and Donnell, *Buffalo Cemetery*, 6.

<sup>10</sup> Kennedy, “Elton-Jones-Kennedy-Brazzil.”

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 22. Some Barr family historians believe other children may exist, but do not list their names.

<sup>12</sup> James Barr, 389 acres, Rowan, Granville Grants.

<sup>13</sup> Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, Session Minutes and Records, Volume 1, June 8, 1768-April 2, 1796, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh.

<sup>14</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:159, 204. Due to the lack of clarity on the microfilm for the “Minutes,” I have listed here the page numbers for the “Minutes” as provided by Jo White Linn in *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1762* (Salisbury, N.C.: Linn, 1977) and *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Rowan County, North Carolina, 1763-1774* (Salisbury, N.C.: Linn, 1979).

<sup>15</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 1:45.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:198.

<sup>17</sup> James Barr, 389 acres, Rowan, Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 3:280.

## John Blair (abt. 1700–abt. 1772)<sup>18</sup>

BORN: possibly in Scotland.<sup>19</sup> IMMIGRATED: possibly about 1746, Baltimore Co.,

Md.<sup>20</sup> DIED: in Guilford Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: unknown.

MOTHER: unknown. BROTHER: James (?–1776), who m. Mary (surname unknown).<sup>21</sup>

**MARRIED** Martha Blythe? (?–aft. 1772), possibly in Scotland or Ire. bef. 1738.<sup>22</sup>

**CHILDREN.** SONS: Hugh (abt. 1718–abt. 1783), who m. Mary Dawson in Ulster, Ire.;

William (abt. 1726–?); Andrew (abt. 1729–?); Joseph (abt. 1732–?); Thomas (1738–

1825), who m. Jane/Jean (Ruth) McCuiston, widow of Robert McCuiston, son of *James*

*McCuiston*; James (abt. 1740–?), who m. Ann Hays; and John (abt. 1742–1778), who m.

Jean (surname unknown).<sup>23</sup> DAUGHTERS: Martha Jane (abt. 1735–?), who m. John

Pyatt.<sup>24</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: possibly emigrated with wife and older children

from northern Ire.<sup>25</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his

signature appears on his will, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>26</sup> OCCUPATION:

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<sup>18</sup> Guilford Co., Record of Wills, A:27; In *A History of Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 23, Rankin claims that the “John Blair” who purchased one of the land grants from Thomas McCuiston in 1756 was married to Jean and had four sons (Thomas, John, Andrew and Jonathan) and two daughters (Jean and Martha); while Lucy Echels Blair, compiler of *John Blair of Guilford County, North Carolina and Some of His Descendants* (Lamesa, Tex., 1979), claims that it was John Blair, Sr., father of Rankin’s John Blair, who purchased the land. Two “John Blairs” have wills recorded in the Guilford Co. Record of Wills, Book A—John Sr.’s in 1772 and his son’s in 1778. Based on the contents of these wills, I have surmised that John Blair, Sr., not his son, initially purchased land in Rowan (Guilford) Co. in the 1750s. Therefore I rely more heavily on Blair’s text rather than Rankin’s. Variant spelling of surname includes BLEAR.

<sup>19</sup> Blair, comp., *John Blair*, 10.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.; and Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:647–49. Indenture between Thomas McCuiston and John Blair recognizes Blair as being from Baltimore Co., Maryland.

<sup>21</sup> Blair, *John Blair*, 9.

<sup>22</sup> Tom Buchanan, “The Buchanan Family Database” <http://awt.ancestry.com> (accessed July 16, 2007). Family history states that all of the sons were born before 1756, which implies that John and Martha married before coming to North Carolina.

<sup>23</sup> Blair, *John Blair*, 14; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:27. Although the will (dated October 8, 1770) names no other children besides John Jr. as John Sr.’s heirs, it does refer to the existence of other children.

<sup>24</sup> Blair, *John Blair*, 14–28; Buchanan, “Buchanan Family Database;” and Guilford Co. Wills, A:27. Although the will (dated October 8, 1770) names no other children besides John Jr. as John Sr.’s heirs, it does refer to the existence of other children;

<sup>25</sup> Blair, *John Blair*, 25.

<sup>26</sup> Will of John Blair (1772), Guilford Wills.

“planter” (farmer).<sup>27</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. MINOR OFFICES: unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: purchased 550 acres (recognized as No. 25 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *Thomas McCuiston Sr.* for five shillings in November 1761, and sold the same tract to Reverend *David Caldwell* for five shillings sterling in January 1765; purchased 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *James McCuiston Sr.* for five shillings in November 1761.<sup>28</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** a John Blair of Williamsburg, Va., also purchased 298 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from Robert Jones, Jr., Sussex Co., Va.<sup>29</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** LAND: left unspecified number of acres to son John.<sup>30</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** the extent of his property is unknown, although the will specifies that “five shillings sterling” be given “to each and every one” of his children.<sup>31</sup>

### **David Caldwell (1725–1824)**<sup>32</sup>

**BORN:** in Lancaster Co., Penn.<sup>33</sup> **DIED:** in Guilford Co.<sup>34</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Andrew Caldwell.<sup>35</sup> **MOTHER:** Martha (surname unknown).<sup>36</sup> **SIBLINGS:**

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<sup>27</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:27.

<sup>28</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:647–49, 6:39

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, 3:502–3. It is unclear whether this is the same John Blair who purchased land from Thomas McCuiston in 1761.

<sup>30</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:27.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, A:27.

<sup>32</sup> E. W. Caruthers, *A Sketch of the Life and Character of the Rev. David Caldwell, D.D.* (Greensborough, N.C.: Swaim & Sherwood, 1842), 10; and William Henry Foote, *Sketches of North Carolina: Historical and Biographical, Illustrative of the Principles of a Portion of Her Early Settlers* (New York: Robert Carter, 1846), 234.

<sup>33</sup> Caruthers, *Rev. David Caldwell*, 10.

<sup>34</sup> David Andrew Caldwell, *David Caldwell, 1725–1824: Pennsylvania Colonial Pioneer, Princeton Scholar, North Carolina Educator and Physician, Presbyterian Minister, Revolutionary War Patriot, and a Founding Father of the Bill of Rights* (San Jose, Calif.: David Andrew Caldwell, 2000), 25.

<sup>35</sup> Caruthers, *Rev. David Caldwell*, 10.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, 10.

Andrew (?-?); Alexander (?-abt. 1782); John (?-?).<sup>37</sup> **MARRIED** Rachel Craighead (?-abt. 1825), daughter of Alexander Craighead (?-1776), Presbyterian minister in Mecklenburg Co., N.C., in 1766.<sup>38</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** Samuel C. (?-abt. 1767), who m. (1) Abigail Bane Alexander and (2) Elizabeth Lindsey; Alexander (?-?), who m. Sarah Davidson; Andrew (?-?), who never m.; Thomas (?-?), who m. Elizabeth Doak in 1813; David (?-?), who m. Susan Clark in 1811; John Washington (?-?), who m. (1) Martha Davis in 1800 and (2) Margaret Cabe in 1822; James Edmund (?-?), who never m.; Robert C. (?-?), who m. (1) Maria B. Latta in 1823, (2) Marjorie Woodburn in 1850 and (3) Mary Clancy in 1855.<sup>39</sup> **DAUGHTER:** Martha “Patsy” (?-1792), who never m.<sup>40</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1761.<sup>41</sup> **OCCUPATION:** house carpenter (apprenticed in youth); college tutor and “assistant teacher in the department of languages” at Princeton University; farmer; Presbyterian minister and church leader (1768–1820); educator.<sup>42</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** came to Rowan (Guilford) Co. as early as 1765 after the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N.J., ordained him; established a “log cabin” academy (abt. 1767), which provided a classical education to students from throughout the South who would become lawyers, judges, ministers and physicians.<sup>43</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER. COUNTY OFFICES:** named overseer of the road from McDowell’s ford to Caldwell’s saw mill.<sup>44</sup> **MINOR OFFICES:** served as a juror in Rowan Co. court in August 1771 and August

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<sup>37</sup> Caruthers, *Rev. David Caldwell*, 11–12.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 26, 28; Foote, *Sketches of North Carolina*, 242; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 38.

<sup>39</sup> Foote, *Sketches of North Carolina*, 195–196; Caldwell, *David Caldwell*, 25; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 38.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>41</sup> Caruthers, *Rev. David Caldwell*, 19.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, 14, 20, 22; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 114.

<sup>43</sup> Caruthers, *Rev. David Caldwell*, 22, 30–31.

<sup>44</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 4:30.

1774; served on jury to determine location of a road from the North side of the South fork of the Yadkin River to Salisbury in August 1772; assisted in determining the location of road leading to the Fork Road in November 1772.<sup>45</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: purchased 550 acres (recognized as No. 25 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *John Blair* for five shillings sterling in January 1765; purchased 480 acres in Rowan Co. from James Martin and wife Jane for £100 proclamation money in February 1769, and sold 226 acres of the same tract in Rowan Co. to James Smith for five shillings sterling in December 1773; obtained 638 acres in Rowan Co. from the State of N.C. in November 1785.<sup>46</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated March 14, 1822, Caldwell listed the following property to be distributed among his wife and children—LAND: the tract of land (amount of acreage not specified) Caldwell bought from the Mabans which adjoins son David’s land; the land upon which Caldwell resided and the adjoining tract called “Meadow” (amount of acreage not specified); and a tract of land called “Dreely Place” (amount of acreage not specified).<sup>47</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** ten enslaved males (Bill, Sam, Washington, Tom, Joe, George, Tim, Eade, Charles, and Israel) and eight enslaved females (Kate, “Chartolle,” Ally, Margaret, Beck, Patts, Lilet?, and Betty) of African descent; four beds, bedroom furniture and furniture to furnish a room; “Borehaves & Vansweadens works” (unclear whether works of art or some other item); Caldwell’s book collection (specifically his collection of Hebrew books); farm stock (including a mule) and tools; \$650 as well as any money owed Caldwell in Lancaster Co., Penn. (presumably some sort of inheritance). For the care of

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<sup>45</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 3:294–95; 4:37–38; 3:358; 3:379.

<sup>46</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 6:39, 7:74, 8:196–98, 10:238.

<sup>47</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, B:184.



three invalid children (Alexander, Edmund and Patsey) he left “\$40.00 four thousand dollars.”<sup>48</sup>

### **John Cunningham (1725–1762)<sup>49</sup>**

BORN: probably in Lancaster Co., Penn.<sup>50</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John Cunningham (1685 in Ulster, Ire.–1759 in Hanover Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn.).<sup>51</sup> MOTHER: unknown. BROTHERS: William Cunningham (1720–1753) of Lancaster Co., Penn.; and Humphrey Cunningham (abt. 1730 in Lancaster Co., Penn.–1806 in Buncombe Co., N.C.).<sup>52</sup> **MARRIED** Isabell (surname unknown) (abt. 1725–?), in Penn.<sup>53</sup> **CHILDREN.** SON: John (after November 1762–?), who m. (1) Margaret Donnell, daughter of *James Donnell* (possibly a brother of *Thomas and Robert Donnell*) in 1786, (2) Mary Mitchell, daughter of *Adam Mitchell*, in 1799, and (3) Mary/Polly Findley, granddaughter of *George Finley*, in 1818.<sup>54</sup> DAUGHTERS: Margaret (?–?), who m. (1) John Work and (2) Patrick McGibboney; and Jane/Jean (?–?), who m. William Wilson in 1774.<sup>55</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: the will confirms that son John had not been born and that his daughters were still young at the time of

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<sup>48</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, B:184. The will is unclear if Caldwell meant to write \$44,000.00 or some other monetary denomination.

<sup>49</sup> Peggy Conley, “Peggy Leyva-Conley, Hendersonville, Tennessee (Suburb of Nashville). Formerly of Hollister, CA,” <http://wc.rootsweb.com> (accessed February 22, 2007).

<sup>50</sup> Ibid.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid.

<sup>53</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:41. Some claim Isabell’s maiden name was Findley, based on her husband’s will wherein he leaves his apparel to one George Findley, the only apparently non-family member in the will. More likely, George Finley is John Cunningham’s brother-in-law, as George married one Elizabeth Cunningham.

<sup>54</sup> Ruth F. Thompson and Louise J. Hartgrove, comp., *Abstracts of the Marriage Bonds & Additional Data, Guilford County, North Carolina: Volume I, 1771–1840* (Greensboro, N.C.: Guilford County Genealogical Society, 1995), 40; Rankin Genealogical Papers; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 34.

<sup>55</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers.

Cunningham's death.<sup>56</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants and his will, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>57</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer; petitioned in October 1755 "to keep a Tavern at his own Plantation," receiving permission in January 1756.<sup>58</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: appointed as a constable for Rowan Co. under Thomas Donnell, in 1761 for one year.<sup>59</sup> MINOR OFFICES: served as a juror for Rowan Co. grand and petit courts from 1754 to 1762, the grand jury in Wilmington in May 1755, and the Superior Court for Rowan Co. and Anson Co. in 1760; was a litigant against Hugh Foster in 1757 in which Cunningham received £7 19s 5p as an award against him; and posted security for a bond in 1758.<sup>60</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained two Granville land grants each containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty shillings and seven and a half pence yearly rent) per tract on December 3, 1753; leased for one year 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. which adjoined Henry Ballinger's land to Ballinger for £50 (Virginia money) in July 1755; purchased 320 acres in neighboring Orange Co. from Giles Tillet for £5 in March 1756; and purchased 337 acres in Orange Co. from Isack Simmons for £10 in April 1756.<sup>61</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated March 8, 1762, Cunningham listed the following to be divided into equal parts between his wife, two daughters and unborn child—LAND: bequeathed his land to this (unborn) son.<sup>62</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

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<sup>56</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:41.

<sup>57</sup> Will of John Cunningham (1762), Rowan Wills; and John Cunningham, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants.

<sup>58</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:97.

<sup>59</sup> Ibid., 2:319, 361

<sup>60</sup> Ibid., 1:45, 2:59, 91, 102, 193, 201, 220, 238, 267, 294.

<sup>61</sup> John Cunningham, 640, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 3:168–71; Rowan Co. Deeds, 2:112–15; and Orange Co. Deeds, 1:222–24.

<sup>62</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:41.

three riding saddles; his wearing apparel (to *George Findley*); £617 11s 5p along with \$40 in silver, eight doubloons and one Chakun.<sup>63</sup>

### **William Denny (1713–1770)**<sup>64</sup>

BORN: County Tyrone, Ulster, Ire.<sup>65</sup> IMMIGRATED: possibly 1736.<sup>66</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: unknown. MOTHER: unknown.

BROTHER: *James* (1715–1790 in Guilford Co.), who m. Mary Agness Aldren.<sup>67</sup>

SISTER: Elizabeth (1718–?), who m. William Paisley in 1768, Rowan Co.<sup>68</sup> **MARRIED**

Anne (surname unknown).<sup>69</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: James (1740–1779), who m. Mary Donnell, daughter of *Robert Donnell Sr.*; and William (1746–1823), who m. Margaret Paisley.<sup>70</sup>

DAUGHTERS: Jean (1739–?), who m. Robert Rankin in 1755, Rowan

(Guilford) Co.; Hannah (1742–?); Agnes (1745–?), who m. James Donnell, son of

*Thomas Donnell*, in 1765; Catrine (?–?) and Margaret (?–?).<sup>71</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.**

EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his will, indicating an

ability to write his name.<sup>72</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** MINOR

OFFICES: served as a juror on Rowan Co. petit court in November 1755 and as a juror

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<sup>63</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:41; and Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:470. Cunningham named *Thomas Donnell* as one of his executors along with his wife, Isabell, and *William Denny*. Inventory of Cunningham's estate entered in Rowan Co. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in July 1763.

<sup>64</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:31–32; and Frances Laleman, "Winds of Time," <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed June 20, 2008).

<sup>65</sup> Laleman, "Winds of Time."

<sup>66</sup> Ibid. Based on information provided in "The Guilford Genealogist" (14, no. 1), family historians believe that Denny may have come to America with his siblings, one of whom (James Denny) arrived in Boston, Massachusetts.

<sup>67</sup> Laleman, "Winds of Time."

<sup>68</sup> Ibid.

<sup>69</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 29.

<sup>70</sup> Ibid.; Rowan Co. Wills, A:31–32; and Laleman, "Winds of Time."

<sup>71</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 29; Rowan Co. Wills, A:31–32; and Laleman, "Winds of Time."

<sup>72</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:31–32.

on Rowan Co. superior court in September 1762; assisted *Robert Thompson, Thomas Donnell* and *Robert Erwin* in laying off one acre of *John Cunningham*'s estate for a public mill.<sup>73</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** named co-executor for *John Cunningham*'s estate along with *Cunningham*'s wife and *Thomas Donnell*.<sup>74</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND:** purchased a 640 acre tract in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from Robert Rankin in April 1755.<sup>75</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** In 1759, the Rowan County tax list records one enslaved person of African descent along with William Denny as a taxable. By 1768, the number of taxables increases to four, including Denny, son William, and one enslaved male and one enslaved female of African descent.<sup>76</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated August 13, 1766, Denny listed the following to be bequeathed to his wife, two daughters and unborn child—**LAND:** land in Rowan (Guilford) Co. and Orange Co. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** one enslaved male (Tom) and one enslaved female (Dina) of African descent; an annuity of twenty bushels of corn and ten bushels of wheat (for wife Anne), one cow, tools, plow and tackle, one horse, three spinning wheels, and £90 40s (N.C. currency).<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>73</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:91, 426, 427.

<sup>74</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:41.

<sup>75</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 29.

<sup>76</sup> Jo White Linn, *Rowan County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1757-1800: Annotated Transcriptions* (Salisbury, N.C.: Linn, 1995), 24, 73.

<sup>77</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:31–32.

## **Robert Donnell Sr. (1728?–1816?)<sup>78</sup>**

BORN: unknown.<sup>79</sup> IMMIGRATED: unknown. DIED: supposedly Rockingham Co., N.C. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William H. MacDonnell (1681 in Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland–1730 in Kent Co., Del.<sup>80</sup> MOTHER: Mary Boyle (1687 in Leinster, County Wicklow, Ire.–?).<sup>81</sup> BROTHER: *Thomas Donnell*.<sup>82</sup> **MARRIED** Mary (surname unknown).<sup>83</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: Robert; John; Thomas; William, who married Martha Denny, daughter of *William Denny*. DAUGHTERS: Mary, who m. (1) James Denny (?–1779), son of *William Denny*, and (2) John McAdoo in 1782; Margaret.<sup>84</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>85</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. MINOR OFFICES: unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 560 acres (identified as No. 26 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-two shillings and five

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<sup>78</sup> Ernest Donnell, “Ernest Donnell,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed October 4, 2008). Rankin (*Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 24, 42) advocates the existence of another “Robert Donnell” living in Rowan (Guilford) Co. during this time. Both men supposedly married women named “Mary” and owned land in the area. Because no definitive birth or death dates exist for either man, it is difficult to determine which facts belong with whom. Whether Rankin is correct or not, I have endeavored to list here only information that I have judged to be accurate for this Robert Donnell. The Donnell name took varying forms and spellings, such as Donall, Daniel, Donald and even MacDonald and MacDonnell, both in Ireland and America. Donnell family tradition reports that “in 1790 the Donnell families had a great reunion, and one of the old men laughingly said, ‘What do you suppose has become of the “O” we cast overboard at sea by this time?’”; indicating that the family name might have been “O’Donald” before they emigrated from Ireland. Rankin Genealogical Papers.

<sup>79</sup> Donnell, “Ernest Donnell.” Traditionally, family historians have claimed Robert Donnell was born in Ulster, Ireland, but recent family historians now believe he was born in Mill Creek Hundred, Delaware.

<sup>80</sup> Ibid.

<sup>81</sup> Ibid.

<sup>82</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 24.

<sup>83</sup> Ibid.

<sup>84</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers.

<sup>85</sup> Robert Donnell, 560 acres, Rowan (December 1, 1753), Granville Grants.

pence yearly rent) on December 1, 1753, and sold this tract to *Robert Mitchell* for £11 7s in October 1762; received 650 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *Thomas Donnell* on August 10, 1759; obtained a Granville land grant containing 490 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and nineteen shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 21, 1761, and sold this tract to William Truesdale for £20 in April 1764; purchased 307 acres in Guilford Co. from James Duff and wife for £153 15s in April 1774, and sold the same tract to John Foster for £170 in February 1778.<sup>86</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** LAND and PERSONAL PROPERTY: unable to determine. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

### **Thomas Donnell (1712-1795)**<sup>87</sup>

BORN: unclear.<sup>88</sup> IMMIGRATED: unclear.<sup>89</sup> DIED: reportedly in Guilford Co.<sup>90</sup>

**FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William H. MacDonnell (1681 in Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland–1730 in Kent Co., Del.<sup>91</sup> MOTHER: Mary Boyle (1687 in Leinster, County Wicklow, Ire.–?).<sup>92</sup> BROTHERS: *Robert Donnell Sr.* (1728?–1816?).<sup>93</sup>

**MARRIED** Jane Latham (abt. 1716–1784), in 1743, Philadelphia, Penn.<sup>94</sup> **CHILDREN.**

**SONS:** James (1744–1811), who m. Agnes Denny, daughter of *William Denny*; John

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<sup>86</sup> Robert Donnell, 560 acres, Rowan (December 1, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 5:1–2; Robert Donall, 490 acres, Rowan (December 21, 1761), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 5:479–481; Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:591; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:257–58, 420.

<sup>87</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*; and Donnell, “Ernest Donnell.” Traditionally, family historians have claimed Thomas Donnell was born in Ulster, Ireland, but recent family historians now believe he was born in Mill Creek Hundred, Delaware.

<sup>89</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers claim he emigrated in 1737. See footnote 90.

<sup>90</sup> Although Rankin (*Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 24) gives 1795 as Donnell’s death date, a search of Guilford Co. Wills as well as the Guilford Wills housed in the North Carolina State Archives suggests that Thomas Donnell either did not leave a will, or that it was misplaced or possibly destroyed.

<sup>91</sup> Donnell, “Ernest Donnell.”

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>93</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers.

<sup>94</sup> *Ibid.*

(1748–1822), who m. (1) Hannah Meek in 1771 and (2) Elizabeth Denny (1762–1847), niece of *William Denny*, in 1781; William James (1749–1822), who m. (1) (name unknown) and (2) Agnes/Nancy Denny, niece of *William Denny*; Robert (1752–1816?), who m. Elizabeth Donnell, daughter of *Robert Donnell*, in 1776; Thomas (1754–1843), m. Margaret King in 1786; Andrew (1757–1835), who m. (1) Agnes Brawley/Braly (1759–1815), daughter of *John Brawley*, in 1779, and (2) Mary Creswell (1756–1829) in 1799; George (1759–1839), who m. Isabella Kerr, daughter of David Kerr, in 1784; Alexander (1760–?); and Latham (1762–1828), who m. Charlotte (Mitchell) Ervin, daughter of *Adam Mitchell*.<sup>95</sup> DAUGHTERS: Hannah (1746–1823), who m. (1) Alexander McKnight (1722–1774), brother of *John McKnight*, and (2) George Denny, nephew of *William Denny*, in 1777; Jane (abt. 1761–1828), who m. William Scott, son of *Samuel Scott*.<sup>96</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Of Thomas and Jane’s approximately eleven children, the first four children were born in Penn., while the rest (starting with Robert in 1752) were born in N.C. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name as well as read and write.<sup>97</sup> CHURCH ACTIVITY: acted as a ruling elder at some time.<sup>98</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer; in 1756, petitioned the court for “license to keep Tavern at his Plantation.”<sup>99</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: a justice of the court in Rowan Co. from 1757 to 1762.<sup>100</sup> MINOR OFFICES: summoned to serve on the Rowan Co. grand jury in November Term 1754; served on a jury in July 1755; listed on

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<sup>95</sup> Rankin Genealogical Papers; Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 24–25; and Laleman, “Winds of Time.”

<sup>96</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 24–25; and Laleman, “Winds of Time.”

<sup>97</sup> Tho. Donald, 640 acres, Rowan (Dec. 3, 1753), Granville Grants.

<sup>98</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 124–25.

<sup>99</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:100.

<sup>100</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:179, 185, 207, 219, 221, 222a, 223, 238, 239, 245, 248, 249, 253, 265, 279, 286, 321, 365, 391, 430, 433, 435.

the petit jury for the November 1755 and 1756 Superior Court sessions; chosen for grand jury of the Rowan, Salisbury, November Superior Court in 1759 and petit juries in 1756.<sup>101</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** served as co-executor of George Rankin's will.<sup>102</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND:** obtained two Granville land grants each containing 640 acres (one possibly designated as No. 30 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 3, 1753; obtained a Granville land grant containing 400 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and sixteen shillings yearly rent) on August 10, 1759, and sold this same tract to Francis Cummings for £60 in January 1766; obtained a Granville land grant containing 650 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-six shillings yearly rent) on August 10, 1759, and conveyed this tract to Robert Donnell Sr. on August 10, 1759; obtained a Granville land grant containing 392 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and fifteen shillings and eight and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 21, 1761, and sold this tract to Alexander McKnight for five shillings sterling in April 1764; and one Granville land grant containing 700 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. in December 1762; purchased 504 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from George Black for five shillings sterling in January 1767, and sold 254 acres of this tract to son Robert for £200 in May 1778 and 293 acres of this tract to John White for £293 in May 1778; sold 320 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. to James Donnell for five shillings sterling in January 1769; sold 347 acres in Guilford Co. to John Donnell for £50 in May 1772; sold twenty-five acres in Guilford Co. to William McGready for £12 in

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<sup>101</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:45, 80, 91, 154, 280.

<sup>102</sup> Ibid., 2:299.



November 1787.<sup>103</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** appeared on the both 1759 and 1768 Rowan County tax lists—the latter lists him, sons John and William, and one enslaved male of African descent (Junor).<sup>104</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH. LAND and PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unable to determine. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

### **George Finley (1723-1802)**<sup>105</sup>

**Born:** in Parish Mullaghbrac(?), County Armagh, Ulster, Ire.<sup>106</sup> **IMMIGRATED:** 1734.<sup>107</sup> **DIED:** in Guilford Co.<sup>108</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Michael Finley (1683–1747) of Mullaghbrac, County Armagh, Ulster, Ire.<sup>109</sup> **MOTHER:** Ann O’Neill (?–1758).<sup>110</sup> **BROTHERS:** Samuel Finley (1715–1766), minister of the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church in Cecil Co., Md., (1744–1761).<sup>111</sup> **BROTHER-IN-LAW:** possibly *John Cunningham* (1725–1762).<sup>112</sup> **MARRIED** Elizabeth Cunningham in June 1752.<sup>113</sup> **Children. SONS:** Josiah (?–?), who m. Alsey (surname unknown); James (1754–1832), who m. Elizabeth Brisbane in 1778; George (1757–1833); who m.

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<sup>103</sup> Tho. Donald, 640 acres, Rowan (Dec. 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Tho. Donnell, 640 acres, Rowan (Dec. 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Tho. Donnell, 400 acres, Rowan, Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 7:55–57; Thomas Donnel [sic], 650 acres, Rowan Co. (August 10, 1759), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:591; Rowan Co. Deeds, 1:110–11; Thos. Donnell, 392 acres, Rowan (December 21, 1761), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 5:481–82; Rowan Co. Deeds, 6:374–75; Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:432–33, 429–430; Rowan Co. Deeds, 7:70–71; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:110–11, 4:356–57.

<sup>104</sup> Linn, *Rowan County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1757-1800*, 24, 73.

<sup>105</sup> Herald F. Stout, comp. and ed., *The Finley Clan*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Dover, Oh.: Eagle Press, 1956), 1:25.

<sup>106</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:26.

<sup>109</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:14.

<sup>110</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>111</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:24–26; Nancy Maxwell, “George Finley of Reedy Fork,” *Guilford Genealogist* 17, no. 3 (1990): 148; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 29–30.

<sup>112</sup> John Cunningham’s will named Finley as a recipient of part of Cunningham’s personal estate. While no connection between Finley’s wife and John Cunningham can be substantiated, the will and her maiden name provide ample grounds for speculation.

<sup>113</sup> Stout, *Finley Clan*, 1:25.

(1) Margaret (surname unknown) and (2) Mary Bishop-Ross in 1806; Joseph (1759–1823), who m. Sarah Ann Walker in 1779; Robert (1760–1825), who m. Mary McConnell; and John (1762–1819), who m. Martha McConnell in 1782.<sup>114</sup>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: family history claims he went to North Carolina on behalf of “the Nottingham Company of Cecil County, Md.” to purchase acreage for them.<sup>115</sup>

**PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** unknown. **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **PUBLIC**

**CAREER. COUNTY OFFICES:** appointed overseer of road, Orange Co., N.C., in

December 1759.<sup>116</sup> **MINOR OFFICES:** served as petit juror for the November Salisbury

Court in 1759.<sup>117</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** obtained a Granville land

grant containing 404 acres in Orange Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and

sixteen shillings and two pence yearly rent) on March 6, 1755; obtained a Granville land

grant containing 460 acres in Orange Co. for ten shillings sterling (and eighteen shillings

and fifteen pence yearly rent) on December 16, 1762.<sup>118</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unknown. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

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<sup>114</sup> Stout, *Finley Clan*, 1:25–26, 49–50.

<sup>115</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:25–26.

<sup>116</sup> Orange Co. Minutes, December 1759, 207. The western portion of Orange Co. was included in the creation of Guilford Co. in 1771.

<sup>117</sup> *Ibid.*, September 1759, 201.

<sup>118</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 2:128–30; and George Findley, 460 acres, Orange (December 16, 1762), Granville Grants.

## **Adam Leakey/Lackey/Leckey (?–1800)<sup>119</sup>**

BORN: unknown. IMMIGRATED: unknown. DIED: in Guilford Co.<sup>120</sup> BURIED: Alamance Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Greensboro, Guilford Co.<sup>121</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William Leckey (?–1756).<sup>122</sup> MOTHER: Rebecca(?) (surname unknown) (?–aft. 1756).<sup>123</sup> BROTHERS: Alexander Leckey (?–?); Samuel Leckey (?–?); Robert Leckey (?–?).<sup>124</sup> SISTERS: Catrine (Leckey) Burney (?–?); Mary (Leckey) Burney (?–?); Jesse (Leckey) Porter (?–?).<sup>125</sup> **MARRIED** Martha (surname unknown) (?–1820).<sup>126</sup> **CHILDREN.** No children mentioned in the will.<sup>127</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants and he owned a library, indicating an ability to write his name as well as read and write.<sup>128</sup> CHURCH AFFILIATION: Buffalo Presbyterian Church and possibly the Alamance Presbyterian Church. OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** MINOR OFFICES: served on a jury in October 1758, on the grand jury in January 1761, and again in April 1762.<sup>129</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** obtained a Granville land grant containing 392 acres (designated No. 1 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and

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<sup>119</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:219–20; and Mary A. Browning, ed., *Guilford County Cemeteries, Volume II, Eastern Section* (Greensboro, N. C.: Guilford County Genealogical Society, 1993), 158. Will entered into Guilford Co. February Court 1801, although cemetery tombstone supposedly states “January 21, 1800.”

<sup>120</sup> Browning, *Guilford County Cemeteries, II*, 158.

<sup>121</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>122</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, B:139.

<sup>123</sup> *Ibid.* Although William Leckey’s will names his wife as “Rebecca,” it does not state specifically that she is Adam’s mother.

<sup>124</sup> *Ibid.*; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:219–20.

<sup>125</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>126</sup> *Ibid.*, A:219.

<sup>127</sup> Adam Lackey, 392 acres, Rowan Co., Granville Grants; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:219–220.

<sup>128</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:219.

<sup>129</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:249, 250, 385, 408.

fifteen shillings and eight pence yearly rent) on June 24, 1758.<sup>130</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** provided part of £200 required as bond for the estate of William Brown.<sup>131</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated December 28, 1800, Leckey listed the following property to be distributed among his wife, nephews and nieces—**LAND:** a plantation containing 402 acres. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** a library, \$210 and five shillings and one enslaved woman (“Fillis”) of African descent.<sup>132</sup>

### **John McClintock (1713–1807)**<sup>133</sup>

**BORN:** in Ulster, Ire.<sup>134</sup> **IMMIGRATED:** unknown. **DIED:** in Guilford Co.<sup>135</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** possibly William (?-?).<sup>136</sup> **MOTHER:** unknown. **SIBLINGS:** unknown. **MARRIED** Isabel/Isabella (surname unknown) (?–1824), before coming to Rowan (Guilford) Co. in 1753.<sup>137</sup> **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John (?-?), who m. Isabella Starrett; William (?-?), who m. Sarah Weatherly; Samuel (?-?), who m. Anne Stafford; Robert (1766–?).<sup>138</sup> **DAUGHTERS:** Isabella (1768–1818), who m. James Dick; Nansey/Nancy (?-?), who m. John Ballinger; and Margaret (?-?), who m. Samuel Thompson, son of *Robert Thompson*.<sup>139</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** level of

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<sup>130</sup> Adam Lacky, 392 acres, Rowan Co., Granville Grants.

<sup>131</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:247

<sup>132</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:219.

<sup>133</sup> Cindy Bishop, “Bishop/Fentress Families,” <http://rootsweb.com> (accessed October 7, 2008).

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>135</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>136</sup> Secretary of State, Land Office, Lord Granville’s Land Office: Office Administrative Papers, Box 192, North Carolina State Archives. In March 1750, Granville’s surveyor assigned six tracts to a William McClintock. These six tracts combined with twenty-four additional tracts (assigned to five other men) to create the original tracts surveyed for the Nottingham Settlement. Apparently, William did not claim these tracts in 1753, as no land grant exists with his name on it. It is probable that this William was John McClintock’s father or brother.

<sup>137</sup> Attached statement from executor, Will of John McClintock (1807), Guilford Wills.

<sup>138</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25; and Bishop, “Bishop/Fentress Families.”

<sup>139</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25, 31; and Bishop, “Bishop/Fentress Families.”

literacy unclear; although his signature appears on both Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name, his will bears his mark rather than a signature.<sup>140</sup>

OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: replaces John Cunningham (Sr.) as a constable in 1762.<sup>141</sup> MINOR OFFICES: served on Rowan Co. grand jury in 1757, 1758 and 1761.<sup>142</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: filed suit against Hugh Foster in October 1757.<sup>143</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained two Granville land grants containing 640 acres each (one tract designated No. 13 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts and one tract designated No. 17 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) per tract on December 4, 1753; sold 640 acres (No. 17) to Robert Erwin/Erwine for five shillings in April 1758; sold 100 acres (from No. 13) to son John for five shillings in February 1785; sold eighteen acres (from No. 13) to Edward Maglamery for £20 in February 1788; sold fifteen acres (from No. 13) to James Stafford for £10 in February 1793; sold 100 acres (from No. 13) to son William for five shillings in May 1797; sold 100 acres (from No. 13) to son Robert for five shillings in November 1797; sold 140 acres (from No. 13) to son Samuel for five shillings in August 1806.<sup>144</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated December 29, 1806, McClintock divides his estate among his wife and children—  
LAND: remaining land (unspecified amount). **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** two enslaved

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<sup>140</sup> John McClintock, 640 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants; and Will of John McClintock (1807), Guilford Wills.

<sup>141</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:387.

<sup>142</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:193. In John Cunningham's suit against Hugh Foster in October 1757, McClintock served as one of the jurors.

<sup>143</sup> *Ibid.*, 2:198.

<sup>144</sup> John McClintock, 640 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 1:175, 203; Rowan Co. Deeds, 2:323–25; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 3:183, 4:453–54, 5:401–2, 6:302, 389, 9:86–87.

men (Anthony and Fob) and one enslaved woman (Jin) of African descent; farm stock, household furniture, and two dollars cash.<sup>145</sup>

### **James McCuiston Sr. (1700-1765)**<sup>146</sup>

BORN: in County Derry, Ulster, Ire.<sup>147</sup> IMMIGRATED: August 1735, landing in New Castle, Del.<sup>148</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co. BURIED: on the family farm. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John (1674–1715).<sup>149</sup> MOTHER: Isabella Creton (1678–?) in January 1699.<sup>150</sup> BROTHERS: *Thomas McCuiston* (1704–abt. 1758); *Robert McCuiston* (1710–1765); and Alexander (?–?). SISTERS: Margaret (?–?); and Ann (?–?).<sup>151</sup> **MARRIED** Janett/Jennett/Jenut Sarah Behol (1706–1783) in 1726, County Derry, Ulster, Ire.<sup>152</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: Robert (1728–1758?), who m. Jane Ruth (1739–1823) in 1754, possibly Hartford Co., Md.; Thomas (1731–1783), who m. Ann Moody (1732–1819) in 1756, Rowan (Guilford) Co.; Gustavius/Gustavus (1733–1793), who m. Mary (surname unknown); James (1737–1812), who m. Catherine Jane Tennant.<sup>153</sup> DAUGHTERS: Jane (1735–1802) who m. Thomas Flack; Sarah (1739–?), who m. Walter McCuiston, son of brother *Robert McCuiston, Sr.*, in 1768; Lavina/Levina (1742–?), who

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<sup>145</sup> Will of John McClintock, Guilford Wills.

<sup>146</sup> Variant spellings of this surname include McQuiston, McQuesten, McCuistion, McCueston, Huston, and McCutcheon.

<sup>147</sup> Leona Bean McQuiston, comp., *The McCuiston, McCuiston and McQuesten Families, 1620–1937* (Louisville: Standard Press, 1937), 318.

<sup>148</sup> Gloria D. McCuistion, “Descendants of John McCuiston,” <http://www.gmcuistion.com/john1855> (accessed June 20, 2008).

<sup>149</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this John McCuiston was born in Parish Dungiven, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland, and he died in Londonderry, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>150</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this Isabella Creton McCuiston was born in Parish Bovevagh, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>151</sup> Carleen M. Daggett, *Noah McCuistion: Pioneer Texas Cattleman* (Waco, Tex.: Texian Press, 1975), 87; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25.

<sup>152</sup> McQuiston, *McCuiston, McCuiston and McQuesten Families*, 323; and McCuistion, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”

<sup>153</sup> McCuistion, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”

m. John Nelson; Mary (1744–?); and Dorcas (1746–?), who m. John McCuiston, son of brother *Thomas McCuiston*.<sup>154</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his will, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>155</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** MINOR OFFICES: served as a juror on both grand and petit juries (Rowan County court) from 1754 to 1755 and from 1760 to 1761. An entry in 1761 lists him as a co-securer in the administration of Robert Hudgins estate (in the sum of £300).<sup>156</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 420 acres (designated No. 28 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and sixteen shillings and nine and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 18, 1753; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on February 22, 1759, and sold 200 acres of this tract to son James for £50 in January 1765; purchased 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from Joseph Ozborn/Ozbun for £40 in September 1758, and sold this tract to *John Blair* for five shillings in November 1761; obtained a Granville land grant containing 353 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and fifteen shillings and one and one-half pence yearly rent) on August 28, 1762, and sold this tract to Robert McCuiston of Cumberland Co., Penn., for £20 in November 1764.<sup>157</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated October 18, 1765,

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<sup>154</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston;” McCuiston, *McCuiston, McCuiston and McQuesten Families*, 323, 330; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25. Family lore claims that the eldest child of James McCuiston was born and died in Ireland. Four of the daughters married after arriving in Rowan County, with at least one of them marrying an offspring of a Colony member.

<sup>155</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:122.

<sup>156</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:59, 79, 294, 372, 374.

<sup>157</sup> James McCuiston, 420 acres, Rowan (December 18, 1753), Granville Grants; James McCuiston, 640 acres, Rowan (February 22, 1759), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:9–10, 662–64;

McCuiston mentions the following—LAND: plantation which he lived; 440 acres.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: one enslaved man (Gim) of African descent; “movables and chattels,” and twenty shillings.<sup>158</sup>

### **Robert McCuiston/McQuiston/McQuestion Sr. (1710–1765)**<sup>159</sup>

BORN: probably in County Derry, Ulster, Ire.<sup>160</sup> IMMIGRATED: August 1735, landing in New Castle, Del.<sup>161</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co.<sup>162</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND.**

FATHER: John (1674–1715).<sup>163</sup> MOTHER: Isabella Creton (1678–?) in January 1699.<sup>164</sup>

BROTHERS: *James* (1700–1765); *Thomas* (1704–abt. 1758); and Alexander (?–?).<sup>165</sup>

SISTERS: Margaret (?–?); and Ann (?–?).<sup>166</sup> **MARRIED** Ann Denny (1714–aft. 1765), daughter of Walter and Margery Denny, before 1739 in possibly Lancaster Co., Penn.<sup>167</sup>

**CHILDREN. SONS:** James (1736–1804), who m. Margaret Trindle in 1762; John (1741–bef. 1800), who m. Dorcas McCuiston, daughter of brother *James McCuiston*, in 1768; Walter (1743–1825), who m. Sarah McCuiston, daughter of brother *James McCuiston*, in 1768; Moses (?–?), who m. Elizabeth (Nelson?); and Robert (?–?);

**DAUGHTERS:** Margery (1739–1740), who m. John Trindle; Jean/Jane (1745–?), who m.

James Finley, nephew of *George Finley*, in 1763, and John Gilkey in abt. 1775; Sarah

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James McCuiston, 353 acres, Rowan (August 28, 1762), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 6:257; and Rowan Co. Deeds, 6:272.

<sup>158</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:122.

<sup>159</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”

<sup>160</sup> Ibid.

<sup>161</sup> Ibid.

<sup>162</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:112.

<sup>163</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.” Family historians claim that this John McCuiston was born in Parish Dungiven, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland, and he died in Londonderry, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>164</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this Isabella Creton McCuiston was born in Parish Bovevagh, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>165</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25–26.

<sup>166</sup> Ibid., 25; and Daggett, *Noah McCuiston*, 87.

<sup>167</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”



(1747–?), who m. Robert Cherry in 1769; and Mary (1749–?), who m. John Coots in 1769.<sup>168</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his will, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>169</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. MINOR OFFICES: unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: purchased 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *Thomas McCuiston* for five shillings in April 1758; purchased 353 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *James McCuiston* for £20 in November 1764.<sup>170</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated November 18, 1765, McCuiston mentions the following—LAND: his plantation. PERSONAL PROPERTY: “all . . . Estate Debts and moveables;” £141 and 20s as well as one “guney.”<sup>171</sup>

### **Thomas McCuiston Sr. (1704–abt. 1758)**<sup>172</sup>

BORN: in County Derry, Ire.<sup>173</sup> IMMIGRATED: August 1735, landing in New Castle, Del.<sup>174</sup> DIED: in Rowan (Guilford) Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John (1674–1715).<sup>175</sup> MOTHER: Isabella Creton (1678–?) in January 1699.<sup>176</sup> BROTHERS: *James McCuiston* (1700–1765) and *Robert McCuiston* (1710–1765); and Alexander (?–

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<sup>168</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”; Rowan Co. Wills, A:112; Fredric Z. Saunders, “Ancestry,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed October 4, 2008); and Stout, *Finley Clan*, 1:14–15, 43.

<sup>169</sup> Will of Robert McCuiston (1766), Rowan Wills.

<sup>170</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:182–84, 6:257. During this time two Robert McCuistons purchased land in Rowan Co. Because the indenture made with James McCuiston in 1764 states that Robert was from Cumberland Co., Penn., it is possible that Robert McCuiston Sr. did not purchase the land from Thomas McCuiston, but rather Robert McCuiston (d. 1758?) the son of *James McCuiston Sr.*

<sup>171</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:112; and Will of Robert McCuiston (1766), Rowan Wills.

<sup>172</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”

<sup>173</sup> Ibid.

<sup>174</sup> Ibid.

<sup>175</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this John McCuiston was born in Parish Dungiven, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland, and he died in Londonderry, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

<sup>176</sup> Ibid. Family historians claim that this Isabella Creton McCuiston was born in Parish Bovevagh, County Derry, Ulster, Ireland.

?).<sup>177</sup> **SISTERS:** Margaret (?-?); and Ann (?-?).<sup>178</sup> **MARRIED** Jane (surname unknown) (?-1800) in abt. 1730.<sup>179</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** James (?-?); Thomas Jr. (?-?); and John (?-?).<sup>180</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>181</sup>

**OCCUPATION:** farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER. COUNTY OFFICES:** unknown. **MINOR OFFICES:** unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 3, 1753, and sold this tract to *Robert McCuiston* for five shillings in April 1758; obtained a Granville land grant containing 600 acres (designated No. 12 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-four shillings yearly rent) on November 9, 1755; and possibly obtained a Granville land grant containing 550 acres (designated No. 25 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-two shillings yearly rent) on June 24, 1758, and sold this tract to *John Blair* for five shillings in November 1761.<sup>182</sup>

**WEALTH AT DEATH. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unable to determine. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

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<sup>177</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 25–26.

<sup>178</sup> *Ibid.*, 25; and Daggett, *Noah McCuiston*, 87.

<sup>179</sup> McCuiston, “Descendants of John McCuiston.”

<sup>180</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>181</sup> Thomas McCuiston, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants.

<sup>182</sup> Thomas McCuiston, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:182–84; Tho. McCuiston, 600 acres, Rowan (November 9, 1755), Granville Grants; Thomas McCuiston, 550 acres, Rowan (June 24, 1758), Granville Grants; and Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:647–49. Note—it is unclear whether this “Thomas” McCuiston purchased the Granville land grant of 550 acres on June 24, 1758. At least three men named “Thomas McCuiston” lived in the Nottingham Settlement area during this time—both of Thomas’s brothers as well as himself named their sons “Thomas.” Also, this Thomas’s death date is approximate. He may have died much later than 1758.

## **John McKnight “IV” (?–1771)<sup>183</sup>**

**BORN:** in Cecil Co., Md. **DIED:** in Rowan (Guilford) Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.**

**FATHER:** John McKnight (1687–1733). **MOTHER:** Dorothy Wallace (?–?).

**BROTHERS:** Alexander McKnight (?–?); and James McKnight (?–?).<sup>184</sup> **ADDITIONAL**

**COMMENTS:** John McKnight’s ancestors appear to have arrived in America as early as

the mid-seventeenth century—his great-grandfather, John McKnight (I), having come

from Scotland to Somerset Co., Md. Both of his younger brothers moved to N.C. with

him—Alexander and his family to Rowan (Guilford) Co. and James and his family to

Mecklenburg Co., N.C.<sup>185</sup> **MARRIED** Catrine (surname unknown) (?–?). **CHILDREN.**

**SONS:** John Robert (1758–1801), who m. Lydia Lee; William (?–?), who m. Mary

Cummins, in 1802.<sup>186</sup> **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth (1756–1838) who m. Andrew Wilson in

1794; Catrine (?–?), who m. James Denny, son of George Denny, in 1801; Hannah (?–?);

and a child born after McKnight’s death (1771–?).<sup>187</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.**

**EDUCATION:** level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his will, indicating an

ability to write his name.<sup>188</sup> **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **CHURCH:** as a trustee of the

Buffalo Presbyterian Church, took part in the purchasing of land from *Adam Mitchell* for

the purpose of building a church.<sup>189</sup> **PUBLIC CAREER.** **MINOR OFFICES:** served on

the county grand jury in January 1762.<sup>190</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND:**

obtained a Granville land grant containing 639 acres (designated No. 6 of the thirty

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<sup>183</sup> Will of John McKnight (1771), Guilford Wills.

<sup>184</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 31.

<sup>185</sup> Texarado McKnight Peak, *The McKnight Family and their Descendants: Also the Wallace, Alexander and English Families* (Austin, Tex.: Texarado McKnight Peak, 1969), 43–44, 46–47, 53, 69–71.

<sup>186</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 31.

<sup>187</sup> *Ibid.*; and Peak, *McKnight Family*, 71.

<sup>188</sup> Will of John McKnight (1771), Guilford Wills.

<sup>189</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 7:72.

<sup>190</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:385.

Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-five shillings and seven pence yearly rent) on November 9, 1756.<sup>191</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated August 12, 1770, McKnight mentions the following—**LAND:** his plantation. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** work horses; plow; plow irons; four cows; and movables.<sup>192</sup>

### **Adam Mitchell (1712-1794)**<sup>193</sup>

**BORN:** possibly in Chester Co., Penn.<sup>194</sup> **DIED:** possibly Guilford Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** unknown. **MOTHER:** unknown. **BROTHER:** *Robert Mitchell* (1713-1775).<sup>195</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** In 1637, his Mitchell ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Ireland. The family then sailed to America in 1682 and settled in Chester Co., Penn., in the 1720s.<sup>196</sup> **MARRIED** Mary (surname unknown) (1713-1794).<sup>197</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** Adam (1745-1778), who m. Agnes Ross, widow of James Ross, in 1764; Robert (1746-1790), who m. (1) Percilla Harris and (2) Sarah Shipley; John (1747-1775); James (1748-?), who m. Rebecca Mitchell, daughter of brother *Robert Mitchell*, in 1769; and Joseph (1749-?), who m. Mary (Mitchell) Ross, daughter of brother *Robert Mitchell*, after 1791.<sup>198</sup> **DAUGHTER:** Jennetta (1746-1767), who m. Adam Mitchell, son of brother *Robert Mitchell*, in 1766.<sup>199</sup> **PRIVATE**

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<sup>191</sup> John McKnight, 639 acres, Rowan (November 9, 1756), Granville Grants.

<sup>192</sup> Will of John McKnight (1771), Guilford Wills; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:250. Although written in August 1770, McKnight's will was not probated until May 1771.

<sup>193</sup> Harry E. Mitchell, *The Mitchell-Doak Group: History, Biography, Genealogy* (1966), 126.

<sup>194</sup> David Bowles, *Spring House*, vol. 1, *The Westward Sagas* (San Antonio, Tex.: Plum Creek Press, 2006), 144.

<sup>195</sup> Mitchell, *Mitchell-Doak Group*, 126.

<sup>196</sup> Bowles, *Spring House*, 144.

<sup>197</sup> Mitchell, *Mitchell-Doak Group*, 126.

<sup>198</sup> *Ibid.*, 126, 136; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>199</sup> *Ibid.*

**CAREER.** EDUCATION: unclear.<sup>200</sup> **CHURCH ACTIVITY:** As a member of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church, he served as a ruling elder in its early history.<sup>201</sup>

**OCCUPATION:** farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. **MINOR OFFICES:** unknown. **MISCELLANEOUS:** in 1755 listed as a witness providing evidence in a court case.<sup>202</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 631 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and three and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 4, 1753, and sold 400 acres of this tract to John Mitchell in April 1774.<sup>203</sup>

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** On October 16, 1768, Mitchell sold one acre of this land to the “Trustees for the Presbyterian Congregation on the waters of the N. Buffalo & c of the same Province & County . . . for the use of a Presbyterian Meeting House to those that are members of the Synod of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and New York Synod” for twenty shillings.<sup>204</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unknown. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

### **Robert Mitchell (abt. 1713-1775)**<sup>205</sup>

**BORN:** possibly in Chester Co., Penn.<sup>206</sup> **DIED:** in Guilford Co. **FAMILY**

**BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** unknown. **MOTHER:** unknown. **BROTHER:** *Adam*

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<sup>200</sup> Adam Mitchel, 631 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants. The name at the bottom of land grant indenture made December 3, 1753, is not his own signature, but rather “his Adam A mihel mark.”

<sup>201</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 122.

<sup>202</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:80.

<sup>203</sup> Adam Mitchel, 631 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 3:266–68; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:281–82.

<sup>204</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 7:72; and William L. Saunders, ed., *The Colonial Records of North Carolina* (Raleigh: Josephus Daniels, Printer to the State, 1890), 1:281–82.

<sup>205</sup> Bowles, *Spring House*, 144; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:229.

<sup>206</sup> Bowles, *Spring House*, 144.

*Mitchell* (1712-1771?).<sup>207</sup> **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** In 1637, his Mitchell ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Ireland. The family then sailed to America in 1682 and settled in Chester County, Penn., in the 1720s.<sup>208</sup> **MARRIED** Margaret (surname unknown).<sup>209</sup> **CHILDREN. SON:** Adam (1745–1802), who m. (1) Jennetta, daughter of brother *Adam Mitchell*, in 1766, and (2) Elizabeth McMachen in 1769.<sup>210</sup> **DAUGHTERS:** Jean (1743–?), who m. John Anderson in 1773; Mary (1747–?), who m. (1) John Ross, Jr., in 1768 and (2) Joseph Mitchell, son of brother *Adam Mitchell*, after 1791; and Rebecca (1750–?), who m. James Mitchell, son of brother *Adam Mitchell*, in 1769.<sup>211</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** unclear as his will is signed with “his mark” rather than his signature.<sup>212</sup> **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER. COUNTY OFFICES:** unknown. **MINOR OFFICES:** unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** purchased 560 acres (No. 26 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from *Robert and Mary Donnell* for £11 10s in October 1762; sold 150 acres in Guilford Co. to Henry Ross for £75 in November 1774.<sup>213</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated November 6, 1775, Mitchell mentions the following—**LAND:** his land. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unspecified number of horses, cows and sheep; movable chattels; £28; and unspecified amount in book debts.<sup>214</sup>

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<sup>207</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>208</sup> Bowles, *Spring House*, 144.

<sup>209</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>210</sup> *Ibid.*; Mitchell, *Mitchell-Doak Group*, 136; and Brent H. Holcomb, *Marriages of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753–1868* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1986), 284.

<sup>211</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>212</sup> Will of Robert Mitchell (1775), Guilford Wills.

<sup>213</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 5:1; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:284–86.

<sup>214</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:229.

## **John Nicks/Nix (1716-1781)**<sup>215</sup>

BORN: in St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co., Md.<sup>216</sup> DIED: in Guilford Co.<sup>217</sup> **FAMILY**

**BACKGROUND.** FATHER: George Blake Nicks (1689 in London, Kent, Eng.–?).<sup>218</sup>

MOTHER: Phoebe Price (?–?).<sup>219</sup> SIBLINGS: unknown. **MARRIED** Margaret Quinton Edwards (1717–?) in 1736, in Md.<sup>220</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: Quinton (1740–1813),

unmarried; George (1756–1838); and John (1758–1825), who m. Margaret Doaks.<sup>221</sup>

DAUGHTERS: Margaret (abt. 1734–?), who m. Moses Short; Phoebe (1738-1811), who married Robert Samuel Brashears; Elizabeth (1741–?), who m. George Purcell; Rebecca (1742–?), who m. George Ford; Sarah (1742–1819), who m. William Spruce.<sup>222</sup>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: came to N.C. from Md. after stopping in Culpepper Co., Va.<sup>223</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his “mark”

appears on his Granville land grants instead of a signature.<sup>224</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer.

**PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: served as constable for the lower settlement on Saxopahaw (Haw River) in Rowan (Guilford) Co.<sup>225</sup> MINOR OFFICES: served on

petit jury in March 1754.<sup>226</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a

Granville land grant containing 650 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings

proclamation money (and twenty-six shillings yearly rent) on December 4, 1753, and sold

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<sup>215</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26; and Karen Blagg, “J&N Blagg’s Roots,” <http://rootsweb.com> (accessed October 7, 2008).

<sup>216</sup> Blagg, “J&N Blagg’s Roots.”

<sup>217</sup> Ibid.; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>218</sup> Blagg, “J&N Blagg’s Roots.”

<sup>219</sup> Ibid.

<sup>220</sup> Ibid.; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26.

<sup>221</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 26; and Blagg, “J&N Blagg’s Roots.”

<sup>222</sup> Ibid. Rankin claims Nicks had three other daughters, one named “Nancy” and two unnamed daughters who married Bazell Brasher and Isaac Brasher; Blagg disputes these.

<sup>223</sup> Blagg, “J&N Blagg’s Roots.”

<sup>224</sup> John Nix, 640 acres, Rowan (July 29, 1760), Granville Grants.

<sup>225</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:59, 112.

<sup>226</sup> Ibid., 1:36.

to James Denny for £200 in June 1762; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Orange Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on July 29, 1760; sold 230 acres in Guilford Co. to James Denny for £100 (currency of Va.) in March 1772.<sup>227</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.**  
**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unknown. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

**Lydia (Steele) Rankin Forbis (abt. 1733–bef. 1789)**<sup>228</sup>

**BORN:** Newton Parish, County Derry, Ulster, Ire.<sup>229</sup> **IMMIGRATED:** abt. 1746.<sup>230</sup>

**DIED:** Guilford Co.<sup>231</sup> **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** John Steele.<sup>232</sup>

**MOTHER:** Lydia (unknown).<sup>233</sup> **SIBLINGS:** unknown. **MARRIED (1)** George Rankin (1729 in Letterkenny Parish, County Connegal, Ulster, Ire.–1760), son of *Robert Rankin*, in July 1755, Lancaster Co., Penn.; **(2)** Arthur Forbis (abt. 1723–1789) after 1760 in Rowan (Guilford) Co.<sup>234</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** John Rankin (1757–1850), who m. Rebecca Rankin, daughter of John Rankin and Hannah Carson, in 1786; and Robert Rankin (1759–1840), who m. (1) Mary “Polly” Cusick in 1781, and (2) Mary Moody in

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<sup>227</sup> John Nicks, 650 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 5:395–396; John Nix, 640 acres, Rowan (July 29, 1760), Granville Grants; and Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:139–140, 146–49.

<sup>228</sup> Terry Albers, “Meacham, Vinson, Whitt, Rankin, Albers & Extended Families,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed October 4, 2008).

<sup>229</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>230</sup> *Ibid.*; and A. Gregg Moore and Forney A. Rankin, *The Rankins of North Carolina: A Genealogy and History of Those Who Can Trace Their Ancestry to One of the Several Rankin Families Native to the Tar Heel State* ([Marietta, Ga.: A. Gregg Moore], 1997), 2:677.

<sup>231</sup> Albers, “Meacham & Extended Families.”

<sup>232</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>233</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>234</sup> *Ibid.*; Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 37–38; Rowan Co. Wills, A:141; and Moore and Rankin, *Rankins of North Carolina*, 2:677.



1803.<sup>235</sup> DAUGHTERS: Ann Forbis (?–aft. 1789); Lydia Forbis (?–aft. 1789), who m. George Donnell, son of Robert Donnell, bef. 1789; Jennet Forbis (?–aft. 1789), who m. Hance McCain/McCane in 1787; and Elizabeth Forbis (?–aft. 1789).<sup>236</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: unclear. OCCUPATION: housewife. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: not applicable. MINOR OFFICES: not applicable. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: claimed (for her sons) the Granville land grant surveyed for deceased husband George in 1756 containing 620 acres (No. 9 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-four shillings and ten pence yearly rent) on January 30, 1761.<sup>237</sup> **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** received one-third of “household goods and movable estate . . . together with one third part of the benefit of the Plantation whereon I [George Rankin] Dwell during her Natural Life.” These household goods and movables included farm implements (one plough and tackle, one hoe, two sickles), farm animals (five horses, three bulls, seventeen cows, five sheep and “some” hogs), woodworking tools (one nailing hammer, one auger, seven moulding planes, one pair of coopers compasses, one broad-axe, one cross-cut saw), furniture (one candlestick, one spinning wheel, one reel, one chest, one looking glass, one dresser), and kitchen-ware (two pots, four pewter dishes, eight pewter plates, five wooden trenchers, eight knives and forks, one churn, one flesh fork), and a variety of barrels, half barrels, hogsheads, and half bushels as well as one Bible and seven other books. After the collection of debts due to Rankin, sale of crops and personal items, George Rankin’s estate valued at £100 7s 2p (before the

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<sup>235</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:141; and Albers, “Meacham & Extended Families.”

<sup>236</sup> Ibid.; Jane Smith Hill, *An Annotated Digest of Will Book A, Guilford County, North Carolina, 1771–May Court 1816* (Winston-Salem, N.C.: Jane Smith Hill, 2005), 49; and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 37–38.

<sup>237</sup> Lydia Rankin, 620 acres, Rowan (January 30, 1761), Granville Grants.

subtraction of the debts owed and incurred by the estate, which equaled £10 18s 11p).<sup>238</sup>

**WEALTH AT DEATH. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** unknown. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located for Lydia Forbis.

### **Robert Rankin (?-1795)**<sup>239</sup>

**BORN:** probably Ulster, Ire. **IMMIGRATED:** unknown. **DIED:** in Guilford Co.<sup>240</sup>

**FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** unknown. **MOTHER:** unknown. **SIBLINGS:** unknown. **MARRIED** Rebecca (surname unknown).<sup>241</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** *George* (1729–1760), who m. *Lydia Steele*; Robert (?–?); and John (?–?). **DAUGHTERS:**

Rebecca (?–?); Isabel (?–?); and Mary (abt. 1766–bef. 1795), who m. Andrew Wilson.<sup>242</sup>

**PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on the original Granville land grants and his will, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>243</sup>

**CHURCH ACTIVITY:** As a member of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church, served as a ruling elder in its early history.<sup>244</sup> **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER. MINOR**

**OFFICES:** in 1758, listed as a member of the jury in *Richard Crunk v. Joseph Pevey*.<sup>245</sup>

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<sup>238</sup> Rowan Co. Wills, A:141; and Inventory of George Rankin (1760), Rowan Estates Records.

<sup>239</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:316. During this time period in Rowan (Guilford) Co., North Carolina, there reportedly lived two “Robert” Rankins—both of whom settled in central North Carolina between 1750 and 1760. The other “Robert Rankin” was born around 1736 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and married Jean Denny (daughter of *William Denny*).

<sup>240</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:316.

<sup>241</sup> Moore and Rankin, *Rankins of North Carolina*, 2:677.

<sup>242</sup> *Ibid.*; and Guilford Co. Wills, A:316. Rankin’s will named three children—George, Mary and Isabel. Although the George Rankin who married Lydia Steele died thirty-five years before this Robert Rankin wrote his will, it is possible that Robert Rankin referred to son George’s heirs when he bequeathed part of his estate to “my son George.” Also, the tract of Granville land leased by Lydia (Steele) Rankin in lieu of deceased husband George Rankin (1729–1760) adjoins the Granville land leased by Robert Rankin (?–1795).

<sup>243</sup> Will of Robert Rankin Sr. (1795), Guilford Wills; and Robert Rankin, 640 acres, Rowan (June 24, 1758), Granville Grants.

<sup>244</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 122.

<sup>245</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:220.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: witnessed signing of Robert Mitchell's will in 1775.<sup>246</sup>

**WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 480 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and nineteen shillings and two and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 1, 1753, and sold this tract to son *George Rankin* for five shillings sterling in April 1755; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 3, 1753, and sold this tract to *William Denny* for five shillings sterling in April 1755; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres (designated No. 8 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on June 24, 1758.<sup>247</sup>

**WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated May 30, 1795, Rankin mentions the following—LAND: 1,000 acres of land, plus an additional unspecified amount of acreage. PERSONAL PROPERTY: his “movables,” including a desk, carpenter tools, a big Bible, his books, his razor and wearing apparel, and one enslaved man (“Sambo”) and one enslaved woman (“Rhoda”) both of African descent.<sup>248</sup>

### **Samuel Scott (?–1777)**

BORN: Lancaster Co., Penn. DIED: in Little Britain Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn.<sup>249</sup>

**FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William Scott (?–1739).<sup>250</sup> MOTHER: Martha

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<sup>246</sup> Guilford Co. Wills, A:229.

<sup>247</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 2:102–104, 70–73, 86–88, 67–70; and Robert Rankin, 640 acres, Rowan (June 24, 1758), Granville Grants.

<sup>248</sup> Guilford Co., Record of Wills, A:316.

<sup>249</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:468.

<sup>250</sup> *Ibid.*, A:112.

(unknown) (?–1745).<sup>251</sup> SISTERS: Elizabeth (?–aft. 1745), who m. (given name unknown) Buchanan; Mary (abt. 1725–aft. 1745), who m. James A. Donnell bef. 1753; Margaret (?–aft. 1745), who m. John Gilchrist.<sup>252</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Sister Margaret married William Gilchrist of Lancaster Co., Penn. In 1762, this William Gilchrist purchased 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. (originally belonging to *John and Isabel McClintock*) from *Robert Erwin* and then sold the land to son John Gilchrist who settled in Guilford Co.<sup>253</sup> **MARRIED** Mary (unknown) (?–aft. 1777) bef. 1750.<sup>254</sup> **CHILDREN. SONS:** Samuel, Jr. (?–1810); John (?–aft. 1777, in possibly Lancaster Co., Penn.), who m. Margaret (surname unknown); and William (1750–1801), who m. Rebecca Russell abt. 1777 in Lancaster Co., Penn.<sup>255</sup> **DAUGHTER:** Margaret (?–?).<sup>256</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>257</sup> **OCCUPATION:** farmer. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Shortly after settling in Rowan (Guilford) Co., Samuel returned to Lancaster Co., Penn. Of the three sons, John remained in Lancaster Co., Penn., while Samuel and William returned to Rowan (Guilford) Co.<sup>258</sup> **PUBLIC**

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<sup>251</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, A:112.

<sup>252</sup> Ibid.; and Darrel LaMar Wakley, “DarrelLaMarWakley,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed October 4, 2008). Wakley states that this James A. Donnell (abt. 1725–bef. 1753) died in Cecil Co., Maryland, and is the son of William Donnell, Sr.

<sup>253</sup> Rowan Co. Deeds, 2:323–325, 4:933–935; and Vickie Harris, “Harris, McKenzie, Dedrick and Ramsey Families,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed October 4, 2008). While William Gilchrist’s son John and John’s family had lived on this property as of 1766, William Gilchrist did not deed the land to John Gilchrist until 1788.

<sup>254</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:467.

<sup>255</sup> Ibid., C:467–68; Guilford Co. Wills, A:332–33, 352–54; and Harris, “Harris and Families.” Name of children listed in Samuel Scott’s will. A will exists in Guilford Co.’s Record of Wills for a John Scott who died in 1774. Family historians generally accept that Samuel Scott’s son John was the one who wrote the aforementioned will. Because Samuel Scott’s will (dated 1777) grants son John the land in Lancaster Co. and names son John as his executor, I have not included any information found within the 1774 will for John Scott.

<sup>256</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:467–68. Name of children listed in Samuel Scott’s will.

<sup>257</sup> Samuel Scott, 640 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants.

<sup>258</sup> Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 27, 41; and Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:467.

**CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: unknown. MINOR OFFICES: unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 3, 1753; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for three shillings proclamation money (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on December 4, 1753; purchased 640 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from Francis Corbin in 1756; purchased “One Hundred and Eighty Acres of Land and the Allowance of Six Acres P. Cent for Roads and Highways” (formerly owned by Daniel McMichael) in Little Britain Twp., Lancaster Co., Penn. from the sheriff there.<sup>259</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** In his will, dated April 5, 1777, in Lancaster Co., Penn., Scott mentioned the following—LAND: 640 acres in Guilford Co. (N.C.) and the plantation in Penn. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** two enslaved men (Abraham and Bob) and four enslaved women (Silvey, Nancy, Moll, Kavy?) of African descent; two beds; one chest of drawers; one spinning wheel and reel; iron pots; pewter kitchen/dining implements; one tea kettle; one tea table; one dressing table; furniture; one large Bible; apparel; silver shoe and knee buckles; one horse (valued at £30); one mare; two saddles; two bridles; one cow; six sheep; and £500 (Pennsylvania money).<sup>260</sup>

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<sup>259</sup> Samuel Scott, 640 acres, Rowan (December 3, 1753), Granville Grants; Samuel Scott, 640 acres, Rowan (December 4, 1753), Granville Grants; Rowan Co. Deeds, 3:419–421; “John Hay, Sheriff to Samuel Scott,” Lancaster Co., Penn., Deed Book, K:110; and Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:467.

<sup>260</sup> Lancaster Co., Penn., Will Book, C:467.

## **Robert Thompson (1723–1771)**

BORN: possibly in Lewes, Del.<sup>261</sup> DIED: at Alamance, Orange Co. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Rev. John Thomson (1690–1753).<sup>262</sup> MOTHER: unknown.<sup>263</sup> BROTHERS: John (abt. 1716–1791); Abraham (abt. 1718–aft. 1772).<sup>264</sup> SISTERS: Esther (abt. 1713–1770), who m. (1) Samuel Crockett (1683–abt. 1750) and (2) William Sayers (abt. 1730–1784); Mary (abt. 1715–1761), who m. Robert Baker, Jr. (?–1759); Sarah (abt. 1720–?), who m. Rev. Richard Sankey; “Girl (name unknown) 1,” who m. John Graham; “Girl (name unknown) 2,” who m. John Finley, Jr.; Jane (abt. 1726–?), who m. (1) Douglas Baker (abt. 1720–1765) and (2) William Watson; Ann (abt. 1728–abt. 1778), who married James Cunningham, Sr., of Charlotte Co., Va., in 1747; Margaret (abt. 1730–?), who m. John Shields; Elizabeth (abt. 1732–1776), who m. (1) Samuel Baker (?–1758) and (2) Charles Harris (?–1776); and Hannah (1735–abt. 1769), who married Roger Lawson (1731–1803).<sup>265</sup> **MARRIED** Ann Ferguson (abt. 1730–?) in 1750, Amelia, Va.<sup>266</sup> **CHILDREN.** SONS: Samuel (1755–1801), who m. Margaret McClintock, daughter of *John McClintock*; Robert (1757–1792); Thomas (1759–1837); Ephraim (1761–1834); John (1765–1792), who m. Elizabeth Mitchell; and Jason (1767–

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<sup>261</sup> John G. Herndon, “The Reverend John Thomson,” *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society* 20:120.

<sup>262</sup> *Ibid.*, 21:56. Most Thompson family historians accept that this “Robert Thompson” is the son of the John Thomson who migrated from Prince Edward Co., Va., and settled in Rowan Co., N.C., in 1750. Although family histories for John Thomson/Thompson list a “Roger” and no “Robert” for one of the three sons, most identify the Robert Thompson who died as a Regulator martyr before the Battle of Alamance in 1771 as Rev. John Thomson’s son.

<sup>263</sup> *Ibid.*, 21:55. The name of John Thomson’s first wife, by whom he sired twelve children, is unknown.

<sup>264</sup> *Ibid.*, 21:56.

<sup>265</sup> Herndon, “The Reverend John Thomson,” 21:55–57.

<sup>266</sup> *Ibid.*, 21:56.

1833).<sup>267</sup> DAUGHTERS: Mary (bef. 1750–?); Rebecca (1752–1840); Letitia (1753–1830); and Lavinia (1763–1836).<sup>268</sup> **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: level of literacy unclear; his signature appears on his Granville land grants, indicating an ability to write his name.<sup>269</sup> OCCUPATION: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** COUNTY OFFICES: served as constable for a year in 1759.<sup>270</sup> MINOR OFFICES: sat as a court juror in 1757.<sup>271</sup> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: was an outspoken Regulator, a movement that encouraged political and economic reform within North Carolina and was a precursor to the coming Revolutionary War. A martyr in the Regulator Rebellion of 1766-1771, he was executed by colonial governor William Tryon on May 16, 1771, preceding the Battle of Alamance.<sup>272</sup> **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: obtained a Granville land grant containing 464 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and eighteen shillings and seven pence yearly rent) on November 11, 1755; obtained a Granville land grant containing 640 acres (“known by the name of No. 18”) in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-five shillings and seven and one-half pence yearly rent) on November 9, 1756; obtained a Granville land grant containing 350 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. for ten shillings sterling (and fourteen shillings yearly rent) on August 2, 1760, and sold this tract (which included a mill on the Haw River) to William Patrick for £90 before 1771; obtained a Granville land grant containing 605 acres (designated No. 29 of the thirty Nottingham Settlement tracts) in Rowan (Guilford)

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<sup>267</sup> Donna Martin, “Wright & Kivett Connections,” <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com> (accessed March 13, 2009); and Rankin, *Buffalo Presbyterian Church*, 31. Rankin lists only three children for Thompson—Samuel, John and a daughter (name not provided).

<sup>268</sup> Ibid. Mary Thompson is thought to be Ann Ferguson’s daughter from a previous marriage and therefore Robert Thompson’s step-daughter.

<sup>269</sup> Robert Thompson, 464 acres, Rowan (November 11, 1755), Granville Grants.

<sup>270</sup> Rowan Co. Minutes, 2:255.

<sup>271</sup> Ibid., 2:169.

<sup>272</sup> Marjoleine Kars, *Breaking Loose Together: the Regulator Rebellion in Pre-Revolutionary North Carolina* (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2002), 195, 199–201.

Co. for ten shillings sterling (and twenty-four shillings and two and one-half pence yearly rent) on August 2, 1760, and in April 1761 sold 200 acres of this tract to David Edwards for £20 and another 200 acres of this tract to George Hiatt for £15; purchased 530 acres in Rowan (Guilford) Co. from Robert Gamble for £40 in November 1766.<sup>273</sup> **WEALTH AT DEATH.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: unknown. No record of a will or estate inventory has been located.

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<sup>273</sup> Robert Thompson, 464 acres, Rowan (November 11, 1755), Granville Grants; Robert Thompson, 640 acres, Rowan (November 9, 1756), Granville Grants; Robert Thompson, 350 acres, Rowan (August 2, 1760), Granville Grants; Guilford Co. Deeds, 1:15–17; Robert Thompson, 605 acres, Rowan (August 2, 1760), Granville Grants; and Rowan Co. Deeds, 4:495–96, 4:496–97, 6:501–2.