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BERTHE PRECINCT
1722-1730



INTRODUCTION

A very brief history of the formation of Bertie Precinct is included in the "Foreword" of Volume I of this series. In 1722 an act was passed to establish a separate precinct: "... that part of Albemarle County lying on the west side of the Chowan River to be a precinct, bounded to the Northward by the line dividing this Government from Virginia, and the Southward by Albemarle Sound and Morratuck River (Roanoke) as far up as Welche's Creek, and then including both sides of said River, and the Branches thereof, as far as the limits of this Government..." (1) The accompanying map, then, is merely of the eastern section of Bertie Precinct. The western section being loosely "to the limit of this Government". This map is not intended as an accurate scale map. Those interested in a study of the area should see the maps suggested in the footnotes below.

The counties now in North Carolina that were in 1725-1730 wholly or partly contained in Bertie Precinct were: Tyrrell, formed in part from Bertie in 1729, Edgecombe and Northampton counties formed from Bertie in 1741. Granville (1746), Halifax (1758), Nash (1777), and Wilson (1855) counties were formed partly or wholly from Edgecombe County. Hertford County was formed in part from Bertie in 1759. Martin County was formed from Halifax and Tyrrell in 1774. Washington County was formed from Tyrrell in 1799. Orange (1752), Vance (1881) were formed from Granville. Franklin (1779) and Warren (1779) counties were formed from Bate. (2)

The copying of the original deed books in Bertie County was begun in 1796 (3). These Deeds from Books B and C were copied in the late 1790's and early 1800's. Included in Book C are a few deeds from the original deed book E "which said book was begun in May 1739". (C, 370)

REFERENCES:

- (1) Clark, Walter. The State Records of North Carolina. Vol XXIII, p 100.
- (2) Corbitt, David L. The Formation of the North Carolina Counties 1663-1943. p 295(chart). See under index each county).
- (3) Deed Book A, p. 99. Office of Register of Deeds, Bertie County, Windsor, N.C. (Colonial Bertie County, Vol. I, p. i)
- (4) Maps: For a nominal fee maps of each county contained in Bertie Precinct can be obtained from the N.C. Department of Highways. Write the Ahsokie office or the Weldon office. (or main office Raleigh, N.C.) From the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, N.C. photostats of several useful old maps may be obtained. Used in this study were: (1) The Wible Map; (2) The NE Section of the Mouzon Map (3) The E section of the Edward Moseley Map. All of these may be obtained for a nominal fee.

MAPS for this volume were reproduced by L.T. Livermon, Jr., East Coast Surveying Associates, Windsor, N.C.

EXPLANATION

<u>A</u>	acres
<u>ack</u>	acknowledges
<u>adj</u>	adjoins
<u>appt</u>	appoint(s)
<u>atty</u>	attorney
<u>Bartt</u>	Baronet
<u>C/C</u>	Clerk of Court
<u>C.J.</u>	Chief Justice
<u>Coll(Col)</u>	Colonel
<u>cont</u>	contains
<u>D.C/C</u>	Deputy Clerk of Court
<u>dec'd</u>	deceased
<u>ES</u>	East Side
<u>Jun</u>	Junior
<u>lbs</u>	pounds(see money below)
<u>NS, NES, NWS</u>	North Side, North East Side North West Side
<u>pds</u>	pounds, money
<u>Sen</u>	Senior
<u>sh</u>	shilling
<u>SS, SES, SWS</u>	South Side, South East Side South West Side
<u>WS</u>	West Side
<u>wit</u>	witnesses
<u>()</u>	more than on spelling
<u>(?)</u>	spelling unclear
<u>*</u>	date or other data omitted

Dates: All dates are copied exactly from the original deed book. All deeds prior to the formation of Bertie Precinct 1722 are recorded "Chowan Precinct of Albemarle County".

Spelling: All spelling except the word 'patent' is copied exactly from the original.

Place Designations: Unless otherwise indicated, the persons named in the deeds are residents of Bertie Precinct. In the original deeds the terms "Chowan Precinct of Albemarle County" and "Bertie Precinct of Albemarle County" are used almost interchangeably to indicate Bertie Precinct.

Money: In Volume I the abbreviation lbs. is used for pounds. In this, and subsequent volumes, the abbreviation pds will be used. Sometimes the purchase is expressed "pounds Sterling of Great Britain"; sometimes "pounds of the colony of Virginia"; sometimes "pounds of this Province". An indication of the relative value may be found in deed C,254 on page 108 of this volume.

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