

Lenoir County, NC, JOHN HERITAGE BRYAN COLLECTION

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FAULKNER, - this was Craven Co

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BOX 6.19 - MISC BILLS OF SALE, WILLS, DEEDS

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2. Land that Col. JOHN BRYAN received by patent on 13 Oct 1765 was sold in 1835 by JOHN H. and JAMES BRYAN - Bay River in Craven Co

3. 1829 - Wayne Co - ARTHUR JONES of 1st part - SAMSON LANE, WILLIAM RAIFORD, MICAJAH COX, JOHN KENNEDY, Trustees of ARTHUR JONES JR.; LYDIA wife of RICHARD JERNIGAN, SALLY wife of BRYAN LANGLEY, NANCY wife of CULLEN HOWELL, CARLOTTA wife of SANDERS SMITH and POLLY SASSER daughter of POLLY wife of ASA JERNIGAN, dec - ARTHUR SR father of ARTHUR JR, LYDIA, SALLY, CHARLOTTE, NANCY & POLLY SASSER - father is old and wants his estate divided

4. MARRIAGE CONTRACT - Johnston County - 14 June 1831 - SALLY BULLS, widow of WILLIAM H. BULLS and DAVID H. BRYAN

FOLDER - AGREEMENTS

1. I, JESSE McCOTTE of Craven bound to JOHN H. BRYAN of Newbern in sum of \$5000, value of lands and Negroes on condition sd BRYAN recover the estate of BENJAMIN BURNS of Lenoir Co from NATHAN WHITFIELD in right of my wife, daughter of sd BENJAMIN BURNS

WIT JNO. BLOUNT

NOTES of JHB: JESSE MCCOTTER married CHARLOTTE BURNS on 18 October

1827 formerly illegitimate daughter of BENJAMIN BURNS of Lenoir County
- legitimate by Act of Assembly passed in 1826 - Will of BENJAMIN
BURNS leaves her ten a twenty (sic) dol - sent for her from BENJAMIN -
given before her marriage to live with him - acknowledged her as his
daughter and promised to provide handsomely for her at his death - his
will written by NATHAN WHITFIELD --- Wit by DOCTOR GREEN and DOCTOR HILL
in ??? understood that he was in an insane state of mind at the time
of executing the will - rest missing and there is no date

FOLDER - NOTES - 1795 - 1853

1. for value received - we promise to pay JOHN H. BRYAN \$1000 provided
the will of BENJAMIN BURNS offered for probate at Lenoir July Court 1828
be not admitted to probate and if the same be compromised then we promise
to pay \$500 at the time of such compromise - 7 July 1828 - signed by
JESSE McCOTTER, JOEL HINES and JOS ?? EURRIS ??

FOLDER - BILLS OF SALE

1. 22 July 1794 - We, MARY McNUSE, HANNAH McNUSE, SARAH McNUSE and
NANCY McNUSE - co-heirs of JOHN McNUSE - for 30 pds paid by JAMES GLASGOW
of Glasgow County - sell all military warrants in the office at
Nashville commonly called MARTIN ARMSTRONG'S office belonging to sd
JOHN McNUSE and at this time not located or surveyed.

All signed by mark

WIT HUMPHREY (X) JONES R. SHEPHARD

Greene County November Court 1812 on oath of HUMPHREY JONES

NOTE: This was probably John McNeese part of the McNeese family that
intermarried with the Parrott family of Lenoir and moved to Darlington Co. SC

BOX 6.24 - COURT RECORDS

These records are the most frustrating to work in because they are only
notes that Bryan made on cases he was probably handling. Many simply do
not make sense unless the researcher has additional information.

FOLDER - ACTION FOR TRIAL

There are a number of court Dockets - some for Wayne county, some not
identified, and some for Lenoir which were copied and are being prepared
for a separate post by Guy Potts.

FOLDER - DEPOSITIONS, EXHIBITIONS

a. Partial document - death of wife ZILPHIA - letters of Administration
upon her estate granted to one of parties complainant, ALFRED HARGET.
During the life of JOSEPH BRYAN, JOHN B. HARGET and wife, ISAAC HATHAWAY
and wife were fully advanced and SARAH now widow of sd JOSEPH BRYAN.
JOHN BRYAN and FREDERICK BRYAN by their guardian LEMUEL HATCH more than
2 years after death of sd JOSEPH BRYAN had their shares of Negroes -
residue of Negroes left in hand of ISAAC HATHAWAY -

NOTE: No County given but probably Jones

FOLDER - COURT ORDERS

1. LENOIR LASSITER vs RICHARD HEIDLEBERG and GRAY WESTBROOK - Court of
Equity - Lenoir county

To GRAY WESTBROOK

You are prohibited from transferring 2 sealed notes of LENOIR LASSITER and CRAVEN LASSITER to RICHARD HEIDLEBURG dated 28 August 1824 - one note for \$1200 and one for \$600 payable on 1 January 1825. You must bring the notes to Court, March Term

Signed by ABNER PEARCE, CME

2. 25 July 1827 - The following jurors have laid off to ELIZABETH ALDRIDGE, widow of WILLIAM ALDRIDGE, dec the following land for her dower - beginning in stake in DREW ALDRIDGE'S land, adj JOHN ALDRIDGE, dec being old ARD patent line then with JAMES ARD patent line as owned by WILLIAM ALDRIDGE, dec - 212 acres

signed by HENRY BEST, JNO EDMUNDSON, THOS. EDWARDS, WILLIAM HENSON, KINCHEN TAYLOR, WM. B. TAYLOR, MARK HEATH, H. P. BARROW, STEPHEN HOLMES, KINDRED SAULS, CULLEN EDWARDS, E. MITCHELL

Greene County Court 1827 - WM. WILLIAMS, Ck

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BOX 6.25 - COURT RECORDS - CASE NOTES

FOLDER - BRIEFS, CASE NOTES

1. BEN VINSON died in 1824 instate leaving THOMAS, JERUSHA CROOM, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER living in Ky. SYLVIA HAM wife of EZ. HAM is dead leaving a child CELIA out of the US in Texas; JAMES VINSON, DAVID - 2 tracts on Stoney Creek - one tract of 200 acres bought of JNO. WEST adj JAMES THOMPSON, THOMAS THOMPSON & THEOPHILUS BEST - the other about 50 acres patented by the intestate - piney wood adj RICHARD CROOM'S land

Filed 1824

NOTE: Stoney Creek indicates Lenoir Co. There were no last names for what one assumes were the sons of Ben Vinson

2. rather involved history of the DEPT and HAND land in the early 1700's and who they married - these were Craven Co families with a Bryan connection

3. 11 October 1828 - ZACHARIAH GRAY - Petn for Divorce

ZACHARIAH md GATSEY HARPER on 3 Nov 1811 - worth no property - she had 3 children - SERINA, SALLY a year or two old last July (never names the 3rd child) - the lived together 4 or 5 years in harmony - lived at JOHN WILLIAMS - (1817 - 1818) neighborhood - talk of her infidelity at that time - intimate with JOHN WILLIAMS - 2 or 3 years afterward living at HARROW until ??? of LEWIS BRYAN - she was intimate with JAMES WADE and JOHN TILLMANIN in 1817 or 18 - would have separated but the children were small - left HARROW March 1824 or 5 - she refused to move with him - she got a place at MAJOR CROOMS and lived there about a year and then lived at EDWIN TAYLORS - has had a child since - husband had no intercourse with her during this time - she never returned - never exchanged a word in 4 years

WM DAVIS proves conversation of GRAY and wife when she refused to move with him

4. HOLLAND HARRISON and DURANT H. WHITE Divorce

Lenoir County - they married about the year 1822 - lived with his father RIDGON WHITE for 2 months then went into housekeeping on old man WHITE'S land in Jones County - lived there 1 to 2 years - he was frequently bad company - had a habit of drunkenness - his property all sold - his wife went to live with her father SIMMONS HARRISON in JONES - lived three 4 or 5 months - his conduct bad - drinking and whoring - SIMMONS HARRISON let them live on his plantation 1 1/2 or 2 miles off - lived there 8 to 10 months - he then rented from JOHN GILBERT for one year - HARRISON furnished him with a Negro boy and girl - made no crop - after a year he carried his wife to her father on the death of her oldest child - he has used violence towards her, pulling her hair - he tried to drown her in the Trent

1818 - alimony allowed

5. March 1832 - JACOB PARROTT vs JESSE CANADY

Patent to THOS LEWIS in 1742

THOM LEWIS sold to DAVID HEARTFIELDS - 100 acres in 26 January 1761 - DAVID HEARTSFIELD sold to JNO CANADY on 10 October 1766 (DAVID was father of JESSE) - JNO CANADY left land to JESSE CANADY by will ---

PARROTT Claims land under same deed to HEARTSFIELD - D. HEARTSFIELD to WILLIAM ARNOLD - ARNOLD to MRS. PARROTT wife of Plff by will

Run of the branch is disputed

Listed on the back of the document were

? TAYLOR, CLAR. WESTBROOK, JNO KENNEDY SENR - deposition, LEML WESTBROOK, MOSES WESTBROOK - deposition, MAT CARR, BENJ PARROTT, THOS HOOD - deposition, J. ? CROOM, THO HOOD - deposition, JNO B. KENNEDY

NOTE: Although the name WILLIAM ARNOLD was written ARNOLD, this would have been ARENDALL

6. Oct 30 or 38 - GARDNER JONES husband of PATSEY

THO. DAIL had a will and died about 14 years ago - gave all his property to JOHN & ANN ??? - hard to read - during their lives and after death of JOHN to his other children. THOMAS DAIL and MRS. DAIL were exec - acres divided according to the will --- one Negro and land - after JOHN'S death the girls to have \$500 out of that - guardians have had possession of property - JNO is now of age --- \$1400 to be divided among heirs (Patsey's children got none) - Executor lived in Greene County - PATSEY'S children want their share - her children were AVA is 23 and JEMINA is 21

BOX 6.26 - COURT RECORDS ETC

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WILLIAM BLACKMAN also of that County --- BLACKMAN'S first wife was a daughter of a COL. WM. MCKINNEY of Wayne County from whom he got PHILLIS, the mother of RACHEL as a marriage portion - PHILLIS lived & died with BLACKMAN & her daughter, RACHEL, was sent by BLACKMAN when nearly grown to COL MCKINNEY who raised his granddaughter, ANNY, until she was married to UZZEL as before stated 5 or 6 years ago --- after UZZEL'S marriage - old MCKINNEY makes a will by which he devises RACHEL & her increase to UZZEL'S children. UZZEL sells the property to me & then combines with his children who sell ? for & recover their Negroes by virtue of MCKINNEY'S will --- the fact I wish to establish is that PHYLLIS mother of RACHEL was notoriously considered in that County a gift to BLACKMAN and her daughter, RACHEL, was also considered a gift to UZZEL on his marriage so that by law MCKINNEY had no right to the Negroes & consequently could not devise them. Should it become necessary for me to establish these facts of gift, I wish to employ some attorney who practices in this County & would procure depositions to support these facts.

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2. WHITCHARD vs WILLIAMS

NOTE: This appears to be Greene County according to the names - first names are not given

WHITCHARD married WILLIAM'S daughter - WILLIAMS caused a separation - several people gave depositions - MRS. CROOM was present at the wedding about 1822 - WILLIAMS living in Washington Co, Georgia but was in NC that day and did not attend the wedding - MRS. WHITCHARD went to Georgia 2 years later --- she left her father & lived with her first (sic) husband --- WHITCHARD tried to cut her throat

Depositions given (none attached) by HY BEST, ROBIN BEST, SHAD DIXON, THO. HOUSE, WM. MURPHY, WM. MOORE, MARY WILLIAMS, OBED DIXON, JAS GRIMSLEY

There was a child

3. WM. BRIGHT and COBB vs JAMES BRIGHT

NOTE: I requested a copy of this and did not abstract. Upon returning home discovered the copy had not been made

4. Notes on Depositions in case WOOTEN and ALDRIDGE vs THOMAS ALDRIDGE

WM. ALDRIDGE called JESSE WOOD to be WIT to a deed

JAMES BROWN - found paper after his death (this is not clear whose death)

Deposition by DEMSEY WOOD and JNO W. TAYLOR

JNO ?? EXUM was guardian to sister of THOS ALDRIDGE - came to Co. Wm. ALDRIDGE heir to C.

In reading these very sketchy notes it appears (and my interpretation could be wrong) - that WM. ALDRIDGE gave a deed with life estate to THOMAS ALDRIDGE on 29 Oct 1823 - THOS was to receive the land upon WILLIAM'S death - deed was proved on February 27 - no year - after WILLIAM died. The widow had the land and she appears to have sold it to WOOTEN which she could not do. WOOTEN'S first name was never given.

5. AMOS W. SIMMONS adm of estate of his mother, ELIZ. SIMMONS - March 1822 - JONES COUNTY

FOLDER II

1. Petition of FREDERICK BLOUNT, MARY E., CAROLINE, ALEXANDER C. & HERITAGE, children of FREDERICK BLOUNT, dec by RACHEL is wife & their mother FREDERICK d 5 September 1823 and had a will - JOHN WHITFIELD is exec but he has so much debt, we want him removed

2. THO. ALDRIDGE, Senr lent to his daughter a (sic) certain Negroes - after their deaths he gave the Negroes to his heirs. JA. WIGGINS, the husband of one of sd ALDRIDGE's daughters was in debt. BLOUNT COLEMAN obtains judgement on the Negroes & sells them for WIGGINS debt. The constable promised WILLIAM Y. ALDRIDGE ex to THOS ALDRIDGE'S will a refundary bond but failed to give bond. One of the Negroes has been sold to a different person and taken her out of state and sold her. Can anything be done to secure these Negroes to the heirs of SUSANNA WIGGINS the wife of JAS. WIGGINS? WILLIAM Y. ALDRIDGE adm of EDWARD CREECH dec sold the perishable estate not exceeding \$400. The committee gave the widow \$120 for want of enough provisions - pd a note of \$52 - another note of \$545.62 with a credit of \$295. Two of ALDREDGE'S own Negroes were sold to pay debt. ALDREDGE should not have to pay debt.

Signed by THO. HOOD, adm

NOTE: HOOD appears to be the Adm of WILLIAM Y. ALDREDGE who must be dead

WIT W. I. H. BRYAN

3. The controlling questions is how is HARRISON'S patent correctly located - Patent of 30 January 1773

THO HARRISON conveyed to son, BENJ. On 17 Nov 1779

BENJAMIN HARRISON conveyed to BENJAMIN SHEPPARD in Jan 88 (assume this was 1788) - plus another tract of 400 acres adj WM. DAWSON ??

BENJAMIN SHEPPARD sold to RD. CROOM on 7 Dec 1793 including the HARRISON PATENT

SUSAN CROOM, heir & child of RD. CROOM got all the lands on WS Bear Creek deeded to RICHARD CROOM by BENJ SHEPPARD

A deed from TINKER and wife on 27 December 1830 to Plff - declares same land SUSAN received as part of RD. CROOM'S estate

There is some question to the boundary

RICHARD (no surname) in 1802 had 2 infant daughters

NOTE: According to Doris Croom Outlaw's work, Richard Croom had 2 daughters including Susan who md Dr. Harris Tinker. Richard Croom's will was probated in Wayne Co, NC

FOLDER IV

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PARROTT vs KENNEDY

May be WM. LEWIS not THOMAS - 7 May 1742

100 acres NS Neuse - patent to WM LEWIS of 7 May 1742

LEWIS conveyed to DAVID HEARTSFIELD on 26 Jan 1761

DAVID HEARTSFIELD conveyed to WM. ARUNDALL on 5 April 1774 - Sandy Run adj
JOHN KENNEDY - 80 acres

Will of ARENDALL July Term 1822 - daughter CLARISSA HOOD, daughter PEARCY
PARROTT wife of Plant.

JESSE KENNEDY in possession of land - boundary line needs to be settled

2. JACOB KORNEGAY md BETSY WIGGINS - they had 5 children - BETHANY, ROBERT,
MARGARET, MARSHALL, BRYAN - after JACOB died she conveyed land to BRYAN -
she then married NATHAN FAIL and had one child, CAROLINE - and died.
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to BRYAN - adj FARNEY MANLY & PROBATE ?? COLLIER - BRYAN and ROBERT
KORNEGAY are dead --- JACOB KORNEGAY also had 1400 or 1500 acres in Duplin
and two tracts in Wayne on Falling Creek

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prove that Jacob Kornegay was the son of George Kornegay (1735-1808) who
was married twice. First, and mother of his children Margaret (Downing)
Lullum, born in England. He married second, in 1802, Mourning (Stevens)
Wiggins, widow of Willis Wiggins, of Wayne County, N. C., and mother-in-law
of Jacob Kornegay (D 1815) as well as step-mother. Elizabeth (Betsy)
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Abstracted by Martha Mewborn Marble - November 2000

PC 6.25 - Court Records - Folder 1

NOTE: This is an addition for this box and is for Wayne County

May 1827 - Edward Bass died about 1802 with a will - left land in unequal portions to his children - gave largest share to John, Andrew, Wm, and Uriah, dec. He advanced Richard also by deed, 94 (56 written above) acres - Richard died in 1807 leaving three children viz Elizabeth wife of Tho Boyt of Tenn, Sarah wife of Wm Jacobs of Tenn and Edward of Tenn. Edward was under age and Elisha Boyt who married the widow of his father --- not readable, maybe the executor ?

John sold his share to Sarah Bass his mother and died in Alabama 6 or 7 years ago having Uriah Bass - Polly - Betsy, Sally - Ann - Keziah and Richard (sic) all minors - in Alabama

Andrew Bass lives in Johnston and sold his shares to W. Hall

Wm. Bass lives in Wayne and has not disposed of his share

Mary wife of Britton Hood of Wayne

Keziah wife of John Cox of Wayne

Sarah Bass widow of Edward died Jany 1826 having the same heirs

In her lifetime, besides the tract bought of John, the title which has failed - she bought a tract of John McKinnie, one of Richard Bass her son - and two other tracts for which she paid the money and the deed was taken to her son William - which is taken ??? by other heirs to be an advancement

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FOLDER HENRY CO, ALABAMA

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NOTE; He was probably from the Jones Co Franck family.

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John Heritage Bryan Collection - PC 6 - Box 27

Salisbury April 4th 1826

My dear Bryan.

Upon my return to Lenoir after an absence of several weeks, I was much gratified to find a letter with an accompanying pamphlet of great interest from you. I had then to post off immediately for this place and postponed writing you 'till I reached here.

As to the Lenoir people or rather the people of 'old Lenoir' I don't know that I can tell any thing which will much interest you. They are moving down the current of life in the same uniform, industrious plodding way that they always have, nothing excited, but much depressed by the gloom of the Cotton Market. General Croom has settled Bryan in Florida and Hardy intends residing in NewBern again. Nat Smith has purchased Mrs. Devereux' house in town and Hardy is to occupy the homestead. Rumor says that old Johnny Washington is also to become a town gentleman and young John is to marry Miss Bond of Raleigh. The Lenoir people are not insensible by any means to your patriotic exertions in Congress and think very highly of your talks. I trust you will think me sincere when I congratulate you on your two efforts which are all I have seen and allow me to say that I think they do you great credit. They have gone the rounds in this State. On my way here I fell in with many of our old friends. I saw Hawks in Raleigh. He says he is reaping a rich harvest of fees and has fine prospects. I met with A. H. Shephard at Lexington in company with 16 other lawyers and the Court a moderate one. What a prospect! I find the bar much more crowded here than below but I believe the business is nearly in proportion. David Caldwell our old classmate is doing very well indeed.

Mrs. Croom was quite well when I left home and begged me to send her best respects when I wrote you. Be so good as to remember me kindly to Mr. Pearson and tell him as soon as the Court adjourns at this place I will write him. Do let me hear from you again shortly. I shall be at home about the 20th Inst.

Very Cordially your friend,

Ja. Croom

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Lenoir Co. Slaves

From JOHN HERITAGE BRYAN COLLECTION - PC 6 - NC Archives, Raleigh, NC

There are three Bryan Collections that I am aware of in North Carolina - Southern Historical Collection, NC Archives in Raleigh, and Special Collections at Duke. Most of the information comes from the papers of James Bryan who married Rachel Heritage and their descendants. Both of their sons, John Heritage and James, were well known in Craven County and across the state. John Heritage Bryan was an attorney and had clients in neighboring counties and up and down the eastern seaboard. The family was well connected to every prominent family in eastern North Carolina and through personal correspondence many families can be traced. Every descendant well into the twentieth century kept every scrap of paper they ever owned, both personal and business. There are numerous scrapbooks kept by the wives.

I have started the Collection at both UNC and the NC Archives. The former is 40 feet of material and may never be finished. Because the papers are spread out in so many places, it makes working with them difficult from the standpoint, one sees mention of the same legal cases in both Collections. The papers at the Archives are frustrating because there are so many notes that refer to see attached will or deed and said will or deed is not attached which means it could be in any of the Collections in another folder.

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Folder 2

3. Partial will of WILLIAM TULL of Lenoir Co

I lend to my daughter, SUSANNAH UZZELL one Negro girl named Dina and her increase - for her life - then to my 3 grandchildren - WILLIAM, SUSAN, and JAMES UZZELL - 13 Sept 1822

Other side says a part of a copy of TULL'S WILL - SUSANNAH was wife of JAS. UZZELL at time of death of WM. TULL the Testator - SUSANNAH and JOS. HERRING adm upon the death of JAS UZZELL

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BOX 6.26 - COURT RECORDS ETC

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STEPHEN LASSITERS wife and the widow of BURWELL WESTBROOK sisters & Lem. ?? WESTBROOK brother of the ?? Isham

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Lenoir County - Complaint of Lenoir Lassiter of Lenoir County - desires to purchase a tract of land in Greene Co - Gray Westbrook in possession of said land - Westbrook said land in title of Richard Heidleburg but Westbrook had right to sell the land but rumored part of the land was the dower of Susannah Westbrook, mother of Gray - Lemuel Byrd and Polly Dixon could prove this not the case - agreed on price of \$1800 - with note due on Jan 1825 - tract of 160 acres - NS Wheat Swamp - SS Contentnea creek - beginning at mouth of Creek - part of a tract Burrell Westbrook willed to his son Gray - another tract adj Craven Lassister and Blaney Harper adj to above tract, part of a tract that Gray Westbrook bought of Lewis Stanley of 40 acres --- land to be

possessed by Silvester Brown to meet a note that Brown held by Heidelberg - appears Brown held a mortgage so title not clear - also Susannah Westbrook claims land of dower - at least 20 acres including the house.

No date for Greene Court but filed in Lenoir on 4 September 1824

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Greene Court - 3 February 1827

Petition of Elizabeth Aldridge of Greene - on February 1827 William Aldridge late of Greene Co died intestate without issue leaving widow Elizabeth and brothers and sisters viz Betsy Aldridge, a sister, Nancy Britt wife of John Britt, also a sister of Greene County and Thomas and Nancy Aldridge infant children of John Aldridge who was a brother and John Exum is their guardian, Winifred Randal wife of Matthew Randal another child of said John dec brother to William, Capa ?? Faircloth wife of Kinchin Faircloth of Wayne County a sister of William Aldridge and Polly Aldridge and Gracey Barrow wife of Henry Barrow, and Thomas Aldridge - sisters and brothers of William Aldridge dec and gone to parts unknown

NOTE: It not clear who had moved but it indicates Polly Aldridge, Gracey Barrow and Thomas Aldredge are the ones who left the area.

Said William had a tract on NS Bear Creek, Hullet ?? Branch adj William Hinson, Drewry Aldridge, Henry Smith - 800 acres - Elizabeth entitled to Dower and wishes this allotted to her - Dempsey Wood is Adm of estate - ordered a jury to petition for dower

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FOLDER HENRY CO, ALABAMA

Elijah Franck vs John Jones - 1843 - Elijah was living in Henry Co, Ala

NOTE; He was probably from the Jones Co Franck family.

JAMES CROOM TO JOHN H. BRYAN

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Salisbury April 4th 1826

My dear Bryan.

Upon my return to Lenoir after an absence of several weeks, I was much gratified to find a letter with an accompanying pamphlet of great interest from you. I had then to post off immediately for this place and postponed writing you 'till I reached here.

As to the Lenoir people or rather the people of 'old Lenoir' I don't know that I can tell any thing which will much interest you. They are moving down the current of life in the same uniform, industrious plodding way that they always have, nothing excited, but much depressed by the gloom of the Cotton Market. General Croom has settled Bryan in Florida and Hardy intends residing in NewBern again. Nat Smith has purchased Mrs. Devereux' house in town and Hardy is to occupy the homestead. Rumor says that old Johnny Washington is also to become a town gentleman and young John is to marry Miss Bond of Raleigh. The

Lenoir people are not insensible by any means to your patriotic exertions in Congress and think very highly of your talks. I trust you will think me sincere when I congratulate you on your two efforts which are all I have seen and allow me to say that I think they do you great credit. They have gone the rounds in this State. On my way here I fell in with many of our old friends. I saw Hawks in Raleigh. He says he is reaping a rich harvest of fees and has fine prospects. I met with A. H. Shephard at Lexington in company with 16 other lawyers and the Court a moderate one. What a prospect! I find the bar much more crowded here than below but I believe the business is nearly in proportion. David Caldwell our old classmate is doing very well indeed.

Mrs. Croom was quite well when I left home and begged me to send her best respects when I wrote you. Be so good as to remember me kindly to Mr. Pearson and tell him as soon as the Court adjourns at this place I will write him. Do let me hear from you again shortly. I shall be at home about the 20th Inst.

Very Cordially your friend,

Ja. Croom