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## EARLY LAND DEEDS & PATENTS

COLONY OF NC LAND PATENTS - 1735 - 1764 by Margaret Hoffman

#4921 - FRANCIS HARPER and Richard Caswell - 17 March 1756 - 400 acres in Johnston - SS Great Contentney - adj ALEXANDER HARPER and Samuel Singleton

#5335 - ALEXANDER HARPER - 3 March 1759 - 200 acres in Johnston - NS Mill Swamp and John Kilpatrick, Lewis McClendon

John Harper of Lenoir getting land by 1747

COLONY OF NC LAND PATENTS - 1765 - 1775 by Margaret Hoffman

In 1767 - an Alexander in Mechlenburg Co

#3965 - Alexander Harper - 23 Jan 1773 - 86 acres in Dobbs - sS Great Contentnea - NS of Phiz Patrick's Mill adj Monoah Phitz Patrick, John Grange?. William Hooker, Alexander's own line

#4552 - George Miller - 24 May 1773 - 50 acres in Dobbs - Ss Great Contanty - WS Patrick's mill- adj Lewis Conner, Jos Miller, Alexander Harper

STATE OF NC ENTRIES OF CLAIMS FOR LANDS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF DOBBS - 1778 - 1790 by William L. Murphy

#97 - 6 Jan 1778 - Benja Caswell - land on SS of Contentnea Creek adj Thomas Edwards, Josiah Whitley, James Wood, FRAS HARPER, Spyers Singleton, Isaiah McNeese, John Suggs, Everit Houses and his own lines

#307 - 30 March 1778 - William Hooker - both sides of branch issuing out of Patricks mill Creek, adj John Grainger, ALXANDER HARPER

#513 - 2 Jan 1779 - John Suggs - adj WILLIAM HARPER, JOHN JONES - NS Rainbow

#741 - 4 April 1780 - Benjamin Caswell - SS Great Contentnea Creeek - adj James Woods, FRANCIS HARPER, Isaiah McNeese

#773 - 23 Nov 1780 - FRANCIS HARPER - 50 acres - SS Wheat Swamp adj Owins, Henry Turner, dec

#836 - 14 April 1785 - Elijah Johnston - 100 acres - side of Great Contentnea Creek - adj Isaiah Johnston, John Pate, Henry Turner, Thomas Moseley, Vause  
(he married Elizabeth daughter of Alexander)

#837 - 14 April 1785 - HUGH HARPER - 100 acres - SS Great Contentnea creek adj WILLIAM HARPER, Manoah Patrick, ALEXANDER HARPER, dec, John Grainer and William Hooker and also adj the old purchase

WILLIAM HARPER caveats a Warrant issuing on this Entry

#840 - 20 April 1785 - WILLIAM HARPER in behalf of the orphans of ALEXANDER HARPER DEC - 100 acres - SS great Contentnea nd NS Mill Creek - adj John Grainer, Joseph Miller's patent line

#841 - 20 April 1785 - WILLIAM HARPER - 100 acres on SS great Contentnea Creek adj ALEXANDER HARPER dec, William Hooker, John Grainer and his own lines

#842 - 20 April 1785 - William Hooker - 100 cres - branch of Contentnea on the SS called great branch and on the WS of Patricks Mill Crek adj both sides of the branch, Joseph Miller" patent line, now WILLIAM HARPER and to the south adj ALEXANDER HARPER, Dec

#896 - 10 Oct 1786 - John Grainger - 30 acres - NS Neuse NS Great Contentnea adj William Killpatrick and Harper  
(William Harper lived next to William Kilpatrick Jr on the 1790 Census)

# 919 - 29 July 1787 - JOHN HARPER - 60 ares NS great Contentnea and WS Pole Catt Swamp adj William Ormond and his own line

PETITIONS FOR LAND GRANT SUSPENSION IN NC - by Dr. A. B. Pruitt

#119 - Dobbs - July 1785 - John Grainger vs William Kilpatrick - cavet for a piece of land on ALEXANDER HARPER's Bridge

#120- Oct Court 1786 - William Hooker vs WILLIAM HARPER - suspension of grant - verdict found for defendant

#361 - 6 Jan 1786 - William Hooker of Dobbs - made an entry on 20 April 1785 for 100 acres in Dobbs - WS Patrick Mill Creek - both sides of great bridge - on same day WILLIAM HARPER entered for same land - at trial, HUGH HARPER gave testimony - land adj to Jos Miller's patent (now WILLIAM HARPERs) and on SS of ALEX. HARPER, dec Hooker thinks he made entry first

#884 - Caswell suspended execution of grant to HARPER - trail to be held

#888 - 6 Oct 1789 - list of appears in Dobbs  
ALEXANDER HARPER'S Administrator vs John Sheppard

DEEDS

CRAVEN COUNTY, N.C.

Cross Indices

Grantor  
Nicholas  
Peter and Hannah  
Thomas to Thomas Jr  
Abraham to Abram Vendrick

Did not look some up

Francis and Asinah Harper to Bryan Vendrick - Book 37 p 27 - 1806

13 July 1806 - Francis Harper and Susannah his wife to Bryan Vendrick - 200 pds - NS Neuse,  
ES Beards Creek - Asinah holds a right of dower - she appears to be widow of James Vendrick  
both signed with mark but her name was written in as Asinah  
WIT Francis Thomas, Shadrack Hoves ??, Roger Jones

Mary to Francis - Book 42 p 399 - 1819

1 Sept 1819 - Mary Harper of Craven to four sons - Thomas, William Jeddediah and Francis -  
Bay River adj James Muse  
Signed with Mark  
WIT Christopher Flowers, B. Brownlow

Francis and Zilpha to William McCoy - Book 43 p 140 - 1822

Pitt County - Francis Harper and Zilpha his wife of Pitt to William McCoy of Craven - \$210 - one  
part of a tract - WS Core Creek in Craven SS Neuse - our part of what fell to Zilpha from her  
father William McCoy - 23 Sept 1822

Both signed name

WIT Cullen C. McCoy, James Harper

Alice and Zilpha to Solomon Green - Book 44 p 10 - 1823

1 Aug 1823 - Zilpha and Alice Harper to Solomon Greene - \$100 - 104 acres - being our 1/3 part of 312 acres in two patents by Jacob Sheets and Abram Harper - 41 acres on river (does not say which river) adj Jacob Sheets, Carraway - 63 acres (it appears this was two different tracks both signed by mark

WIT Zacheus Sheets, Cason Fell

Cullen Coward to Alexander - Book 34 p 254 - already have

DEEDS

GREENE COUNTY, N.C.

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS OF GREENE COUNTY, NC DEEDS - 1776 - 1860 - by William Murphy

#8 - 24 March 1798 - Jno JONES of Glasgow to Jno ROCH - 1 acres for use of Baptist Church - NS Great Contentnea - ES Panther Swamp - WIT Blaney HARPER, Robert HARPER

12 Jan 1802 - Division of land of William DARDEN - several entries - John HARPER was one of the dividers -

#23 - 11 May 1813 - Blany HARPER to son Blany Jr, love, good will and natural affection and 5 pds \_\_\_ acres on the SS Great Contentnea Creek containing a part of the plantation where the sd Blaney HARPER Sr now lives adj Great Contentnea Creek, Delany HARPER, the main or county road, the Tar Kiln Bed (the same mentioned in the last will and testament of Francis HARPER, dec), the woods path, the long branch, a stake opposite the head of Deep Bottom, a pine in the bank of the creek formerly called Alexander HARPER'S corner only the liberty or liberties which the sd Blany HARPER or his wife Elizabeth HARPER shall or may think proper or see fit to take during their natural lives for their own or their family's use.

WIT Palmer MOSELY, Thos HOLLIDAY

Signed

Aug Term 1818 - A. M. TOOLEY, clerk

#26 - 4 Nov 1815 - John WILLIAMS to Wm TUTON - 350 pds - 160 acres on the NS of Great Contentnea creek and WS Little Contentnea Creek adj the lower end the Horse Pen Marsh, Edward COWARD now Alex HARPER, Anthony VAN PELT

WIT Edward HARPER, Wm WILLIAMS

#30 - 2 Sept 1819 - Blany HARPER, Sr. to son Blany HARPER, Jr., natural love and affection & 10 shillings - 1 acres on the Long Branch near Snow Hill adj Long Branch, Reuben WILCOX and the road

WIT Winston POWELL, Palmer MOSELY

Aug Term 1820

#50 - 13 Feb. 1827 - Delany HARPER to Jesse WOOD - \$4,000. 547 acres near the mouth of Tysons Marsh, Greene Branch, Woods path, Contentnea Creek except half an acre including the Grave Yard and 2 ½ acres deed to Samuel HARRELL

WIT C. H. HARPER, S. SHIPPEN

Feb Term 1827

#56 - 21 Feb 1829 - Zachariah ELLIOTT and wife Mary to Chas H. HARPER - \$700 - 250 acres all our interest in the lands of Daniel HOWELL being 1/3 of the lands he died siezed and possessed of on the NS Great Contentnea Creek and both sides of Panther Swamp adj Richard ALLEN, Hillary TAYLOR, Jno POPE decd and Jas ALBRITTON

WIT Geo P. LOVICK, J. P. BENT, W. MURPHEY

Both signed with mark

#63 - 20 Dec 1830 - Chas H. HARPER to Etheldred PRIDGEON - \$300 - 48 acres on the SS of Great contentnea Creek and ES Tysons Marsh adj the corner made between Wood and Pridgeon, Greene Branch, Jesse WOOD

WIT Wm. ALLEN, Jas B. PRIDGEN

May Term 1831

#65 - 6 Aril 1831 - Jas HARPER to Cha H. HARPER - \$636 - 101 ½ acres per a judgement agst the heirs of Jno POPE for payment of debts agst the estate that plantation called the Taylor Lands on the NS of Contntnea Creek and WS of Panther Swamp

WIT Wm WILLIAM, M. O. HOLLIDAY

Signe by Jas HARPER, guardian

May Term 1831

WHO WAS HE GUARDIAN FOR?

#75 - 16 Jan 1834 - Alexander HARPER to Courtney, wife of Chas. JENKINS, dau of sd HARPER, love & affection. 51 acres in the boundaries of a deed from Wm. POPE to sd HARPER 19 Nov 1828 from and at the period of my death

With Chas EDWARDS, Lucretia EDWARDS

Feb Term 1839

NOTE: Alexander son of Alexander and Margaret HARPER - md to Courtney COWARD daughter of Edward

#117 - 14 Nov 1840 - Roderick POWELL to Henry H. HARPER - \$500 house and lot in Snow Hill known in the plot of the sd town as No 29 being the lot which sd POWELL purchased of

Reuben WALLACE vs Trustees of Franklin POWELL and on which the sd POWELL now lives

WIT H. TAYLOR, Josiah SUGG Sr.  
Aug Term 1841

#123 - 15 April 1841 - Benjamin REDDICK to Charles H. HARPER - \$200 - 32 acres on NS Contentnea Creek on road leading from Grimsleys Meeting House to Snow Hill being lot 3 in the division of the lands of James REDDICK and allotted to sd Benjamin REDDICK - also lot 5

WIT William M. ALBRITTON, H. J. TAYLOR

#127 - 11 Sept 1841 - Arthur COWARD to son Edward, Jr natural love - 474 acres NS Great Contentnea - both sides of Pole Cat swamp adj Wm. HARPER, Edward COWARD etc- land allotted to me in the division of land belonging to Rebecca REDDICK

#136 - 10 Aug 1842 - Ormond HARPER of Lowndes Co, Miss to Joshua FRIZZLE - \$300 - 146 acres on Sandy Run adj Hillery TAYLOR being all the land belonging to Wm. SILLIVANT known as the Wm. REDDICK land purchased by sd HARPER at sheriff's sale 30 May, 1834  
WIT A. D. DARDEN, H. H. HARPER  
Signed by Ormond HARPER by Jno HARPER, atty

NOTE: Son of John and Ann Ormand HARPER

#139 - 4 Feb 1843 - Roderick POWELL of New Bern to Henry H. HARPER - \$75 - 2 lots and their improvements in Snow Hill in the plan of sd town as lots No 5 & 6 and being the lots purchased of Sherwood GRIMSLEY and Platt L. WICKS  
WIT Parrott MEWBORN, Edwin G. PRIDGEON  
Feb Term 1845

#140 - 22 Feb 1843 - Jas HARPER to Windsor DIXON - \$140 - 97 acres the life estate of Hannah the wife of Benj. GRIMSLEY by virtue of an execution by the Sheriff adj lot 1 in the division of land between Nancy WILLIAMS (alias LASSITER) and Hannah GRIMSLEY (formerly LASSITER), Timber Branch  
WIT P. E. HINES, Clary DIXON  
4 Jan 1841

#142 - 18 Nov. 1843 - Jas HARPER to Lemuel BROWN of Pitt - \$192 - 64 acres on the WS of the road leading from Hookerton to Macon MOYE'S adj sd HARPER, Jno GRIMSLEY, Wilie JONES, the heirs of Titus CARR being part of the lands of Gardner JONES purchased of Reuben RAWLS beginning at a stake in the old road near Carney WETHERINGTON'S cooper shop, the road in from Jno GRIMSLEY'S house, with the road towards Hookerton, to near the fork where the Scuffleton road leaves the Hookerton road

WIT Allen COX, Carney WETHERINGTON  
May Term 1847

#165 - 26 Oct 1846 - Elias WESTBROOK to Henry H. HARPER - \$200 - 39 acres bounded by Blany HARPER, on the So next to Snow Hill on Contentnea Creek, Long Branch adj the tract deeded by Blaney HARPER to Jas G. SHEPPARD & wife, the county road, above the lands of Snow Hill, Benjamin SHEPPARD and wife, side of the hill, mouth of a branch except for 1 acre upon which the Methodist Church is built which was excepted when purchased by sd WESTBROOK of R. WALLACE

WIT H. D. HARPER, Alexander CASEY

Feb Term 1847

#174 - 11 May 1847 - Henry SHEPPARD of Pitt to Wm. H. HORNE - \$50 - 4 ¼ acres bordering on the limits of town of Snow Hill near the Long Branch near the county road it being a parcel of land formerly owned and deeded by Blaney HARPER to Mary E. SHEPPARD

WIT Abram BAKER, Stephen RASBERRY

May Term 1847

#178 - 29 Oct 1847 - Jas E. EXUM to Jno REYNOLDS - \$565 - 200 acres on the sS Contentnea Creek adj Chas H. HARPER, Mrs. Zilpha SMITH, Lemuel SUGGS etc

NOTE: Zilpha was a HARPER ? - indicates her husband was dec

#181 - 9 Feb 1848 - Jas E. EXUM to Henry H. HARPER - \$50 - half acres lot in Snow Hill known by the name of Gin House - lot 11 - bounded by the parsonage house and lot, E by the Mosely lot, N by the lot where Jno W. LIKES lived

WIT A. H. SUGG, Richard H. F. HARPER

#190 - 30 Dec 1848 - Jno S. HARPER to Rich H. T. HARPER - \$662 - 94 acres on NS Contentnea Creek adj Panther Swamp being part OF THE LAND WHEREON FRANCIS HARPER, DEC lived belonging to the estate of Chas H. HARPER, dec and appropriated to his son, the sd Jno S. HARPER

WIT Henry H. HARPER, Chas H. HARPER  
Nov Term 1850

#209 - 18 May 1850 - Edward CARMAN and Edward PATRICK, Trustees of W. H. HORNE to Aquilla H. SUGG - 246 acres beginning at Snow Hill where the mill branch crosses the public along the edge of sd town of Snow Hill, the main or county road, BLANEY HARPER, decd, Thomas SUGG

#237 - 9 Feb 1852 - Rich. N. FORBES, CM of E, to Henry H. HARPER, upon the petition of the heirs at law of Hopton HARPER - \$286 - 237 acres being the share of the lands of Chas H. HARPER, dec which in the partition of sd lands was set off and allotted to sd Hopton HARPER adj ASWELL, the field, Lemuel SUGG, Oliver BRANCH, Lemuel SUGG'S ditch, head of a small drain

Bent W. MURPHEY, Edward PATRICK

#265 - 23 April 1853 - Richard M. HARPER to Rich H. T. HARPER - \$7 - 96 acres on the SW side of Panther Swamp adj Wm. P. GRIMSLEY, Ephraim SPIVEY, W. H. DAIL and sd Rich H. T. HARPER being the land allotted to Josiah SUGG and wife Mary in the division of land of Chas. H. HARPER and conveyed to Richard M. HARPER

WIT A. G. SUGG, R. H. SUGG  
15 May 1860

NOTE: Bill used Richard H. T. HARPER all through but Ruth FENTRESS said his name was Richard Henry FRANCIS.

#273 - 23 Sept 1853 - Rich N. FORBES C.M.E. to Rich H. T. HARPER - \$700 - 95 acres upon the petition of the infant heirs of Francis HARPER by their guardian and of Martha, widow of sd Francis HARPER lot No 1 assigned to the heirs of Francis HARPER in the division of the land of Chas HARPER adj Panther Swamp, the road

WIT Oliver MURPHRY

1 June 1860

#278 - 15 Nov 1853 - Henry H. HARPER to Eli JONES #100- 119 ¼ acres on the Rainbow

WIT Blount ARTHUR, Wm. ARTHUR  
May Term 1855

#295 - 8 Jan 1855 - Partion between Susan HARPER alias Susan DIXON, wife of Wm. T. DIXON and Jno E. F. HARPER'S children, heirs at law and tenants in common of the lands of Jas

HARPER - Lot 1 - 100 acres valued at \$1,600 to Jno W. F. HARPER adj the run of Cat Tail Swamp. Lot 2 203 acres valued at \$1600 to Susan the wife of W. T. DIXON adj Cat Tail Swamp

#309 - 14 Nov 1855 - Richard N. FORBES CME to Henry H. HARPER upon the petition of Emily SYKES minor by her guardian Wm. H. HORNE - \$207.50 - ½ acres in Snow Hill - lot #11

#347 - 5 Aug 1857 - J. E. F. HARPER to J. A. EDWARDS - \$1,100 - 100 acres on the ES of Cat Tail Swamp - adj James CHURCHWELL, J. A. EDWARDS, mouth of a ditch the dividing line between J. A. EDWARDS and W. F. EDWARDS

WIT S. R. HARPER, Thos C. ORMOND  
Feb term 1858

#393 - 9 Aug 1859 - J. A. EDWARDS CME to Thos SUGG - Great Contentena Creek adj sd Sugg, R. N. HARPER, dec and late Major CROOM

#420 - 15 May 1860 - J. E. EXUM Sheriff to Thos POTTER by virtue of sundry executions of Jno HARVEY and J. T. FREEMAN plts against W. H. HORNE def - 88 acres bounded on the N by Aquilla H. and Robert H. SUGG, East by Aquilla H. SUGG and Zilpha SMITH, South by Zilpha SMITH and now REYNOLDS, West by sd REYNOLDS and heirs of Chas H. HARPER, dec on both sides of Boswell Branch known as the dower right of Zilpha SMITH in her dec husband Benj SHEPPARDS lands

GREENE COUNTY, NC ESTATE RECORDS - 1839 - 1845 by William Murphy

NOTE: I did not do the numerous receipts paid to and owed from unless it appeared to be helpful

#13 - Calvin JONES - 18 Jan 1839 - mentions John P. HARPER

#25 - Samuel W. SCARBOROUGH - 1 Jan 1839 - James ALBRITTON administrator to the will annexed of Hughy P. HARPER, former guardian of Samuel W. SCARBOROUGH with William SUTTON present guardian

#39 - Hughey P. HARPER - 1 June 1839 - Account with James ALBRITTON, administrator

#48 - Robert HARPER - 9 Nov 1839 - Accounts with administrator John P. HARPER

#54 - Nancy HARPER - minor of Robt HARPER dec 15 Feb 1839 - Account with guardian Nancy HARPER. Notes on Redding HARPER and John P. HARPER for keeping slave ESTER

and three children

#55 - Lourany HARPER - minor of R. HARPER dec 15 Feb 1839 - Account with guardian Nancy HARPER. Notes on John P. HARPER and B. B. WILLIAMS. Money for hire of PEGGY, SPICE, and MOSES

#58 - John P. HARPER - 10 Feb 1840 - allotment of one years provisions to widow Mary

#71 - Susan C. HARPER - Feb 1840 - minor - guardian Winsor DIXON

#76 - Alexander HARPER Senr - 18 Jan 1840 - Settlement of estate by J. J. EDWARDS. - among others being paid were William, Elizabeth, John P. HARPER, O.C. and C. FIFE -

WAS there some relationship with the FIFE family

#96 - Martha ORMOND - 15 Feb 1840 - account with guardian John J. EDWARDS - mentions Redding HARPER admr of John P. HARPER

#104- Charles H. HARPER was administrator of John H. FREEMAN in 1840 and guardian to his children

James HARPER was guardian of the children of John POPE - 1840

#143 and others - Nancy HARPER was guardian to Nancy HARPER Jr and Lourany HARPER - 15 Feb 1841

#164 - Benjamin D. HARPER - minor of H. P. HARPER - Feb 1841 - guardian was William H. HARPER - received money from negro in Miss, money from James ALBRITTON admr

#198 - John WILLIAMS - 9 Aug 1841 - Division of negros to William WILLIAMS and to Catharine HARPER - she got negroes DANIEL, ALLEN, CHARLES, ROSE, GIN, CHERRY and Child FREEMAN

#269 - John P. HARPER - 10 May 1842 - Redding HARPER was adm

#283 - estate of William and Martha HOOKER - 21 Sept 1842 - this was probably the son of Hymrick - no daughters - sons William, Henry, Nathan, Hymrick, John

#308 - Benjamin D. HARPER - minor of Hughey P. HARPER Feb Term 1843 - guardian W. H. HARPER

#312 - Hughey HARPER - 19 Jan 1843 - executor William H. HARPER

#316 - Hughey HARPER - 5 January 1843. Divison of Negroes dau Holland, wife of Tully MOSELEY - negroes ALLY, NANCE and two children CAROLINE

and JIM

dau Rachel, wife of William SUTTON - negroes JACOB, EASTER, SUSAN

dau Rozetta POPE dec heirs - negroes MILY, AMET

dau Eliza HARTSFIELD'S children - negroes ABBY, and two children ELIAS and MANDY,  
JEREMIAH, OLD SAM he being very aged and blind

son Benjamin D. HARPER - negroes JULIA, CHERRY

#340 - James HARPER was guardian to children of Calvin JONES - - Calvin, Benjamin, Henry,  
Sidney Absaley - 1843 - Annis JONES was former guardian

#377 - Benjamin D. HARPER - 22 Jan 1844 - John M. PATRICK exec of estate of Wm. H.  
HARPER former guardian - Wm. SUTTON present guardian. Received money from estate of  
Hughey HARPER

#385 - Nancy HARPER minor of Robert - still a minor - money from J. P. HARPER estate

#399 - Adam C. ORMOND one of heirs of Watkins ORMOND dec 12 Feb 1844 - among other  
heirs - Susan J. HARPER daughter of James HARPER by Susan his wife - 36 acres

#412 - Mary OLDS (HARPER now), widow of John P. HARPER - 20 Dec 1843 - allotment of  
dower - got lots in Hookerton

#492- Mary E. Elizabeth and William POPE - minors of Rosetta POPE - 10 Feb 1845 - guardian  
was John M. PATRICK

#498 - James HARPER - 1 Jan 1845 - Settlement with HARPER estate as former admr of estate  
of William FOREST