

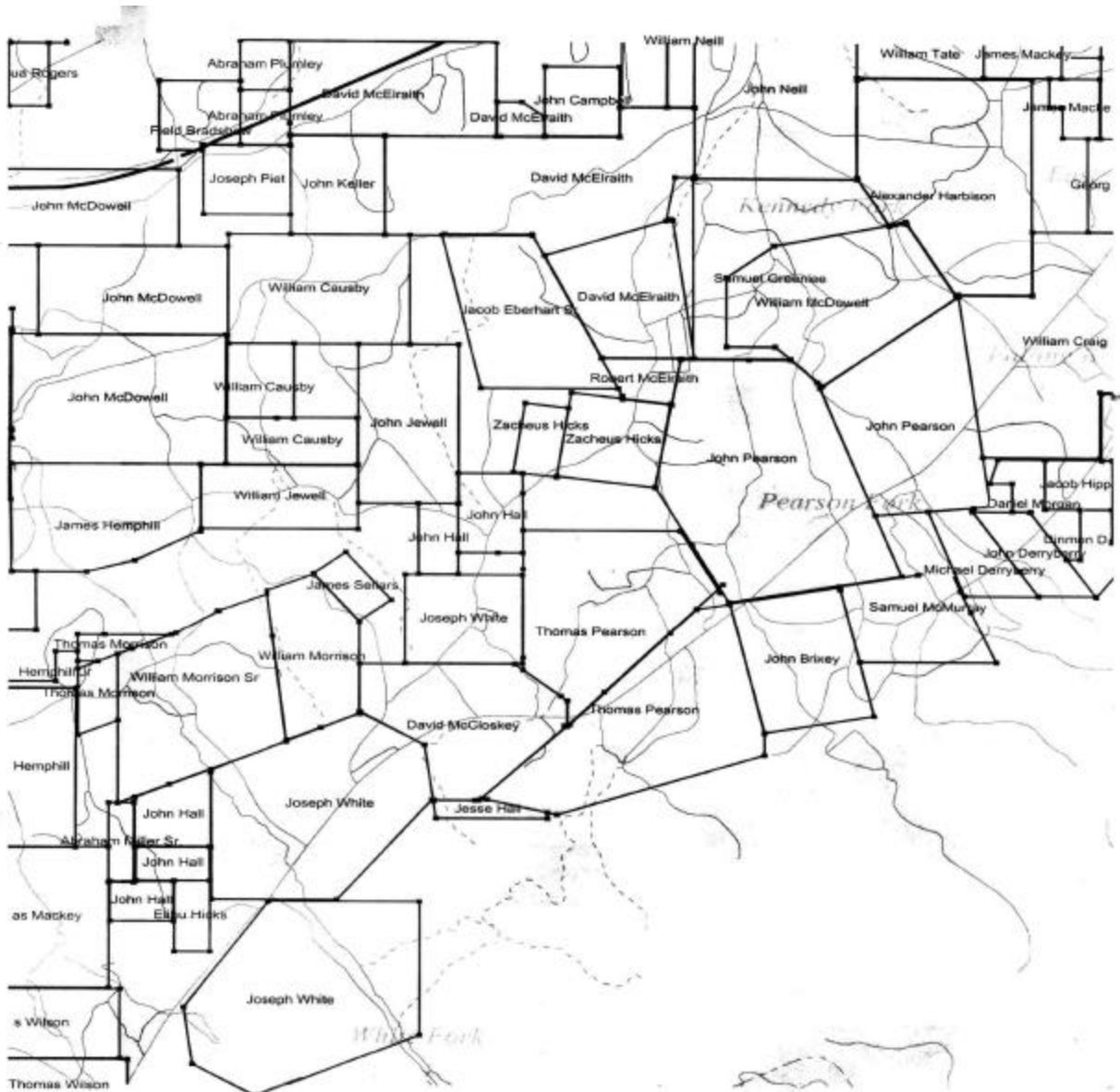
Ancestral Acres

Burke County, NC

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These pictures show land in Burke County NC, southwest of Morganton, NC. , that was held by our ancestors of the Hall, Lusk and White Families. Our ancestor, Squire John Hall, (abt 1750-1812) owned land adjacent to that of Joseph White (abt 1745 – 1797). Squire John's son, John Hall Jr. (1771-1822) married Joseph White's daughter Susanna (1773 – aft 1822). Joseph White's mother was Martha Lusk. The Lusk line is documented back to Joseph Lusk, who migrated from Scotland or N. Ireland around 1660.



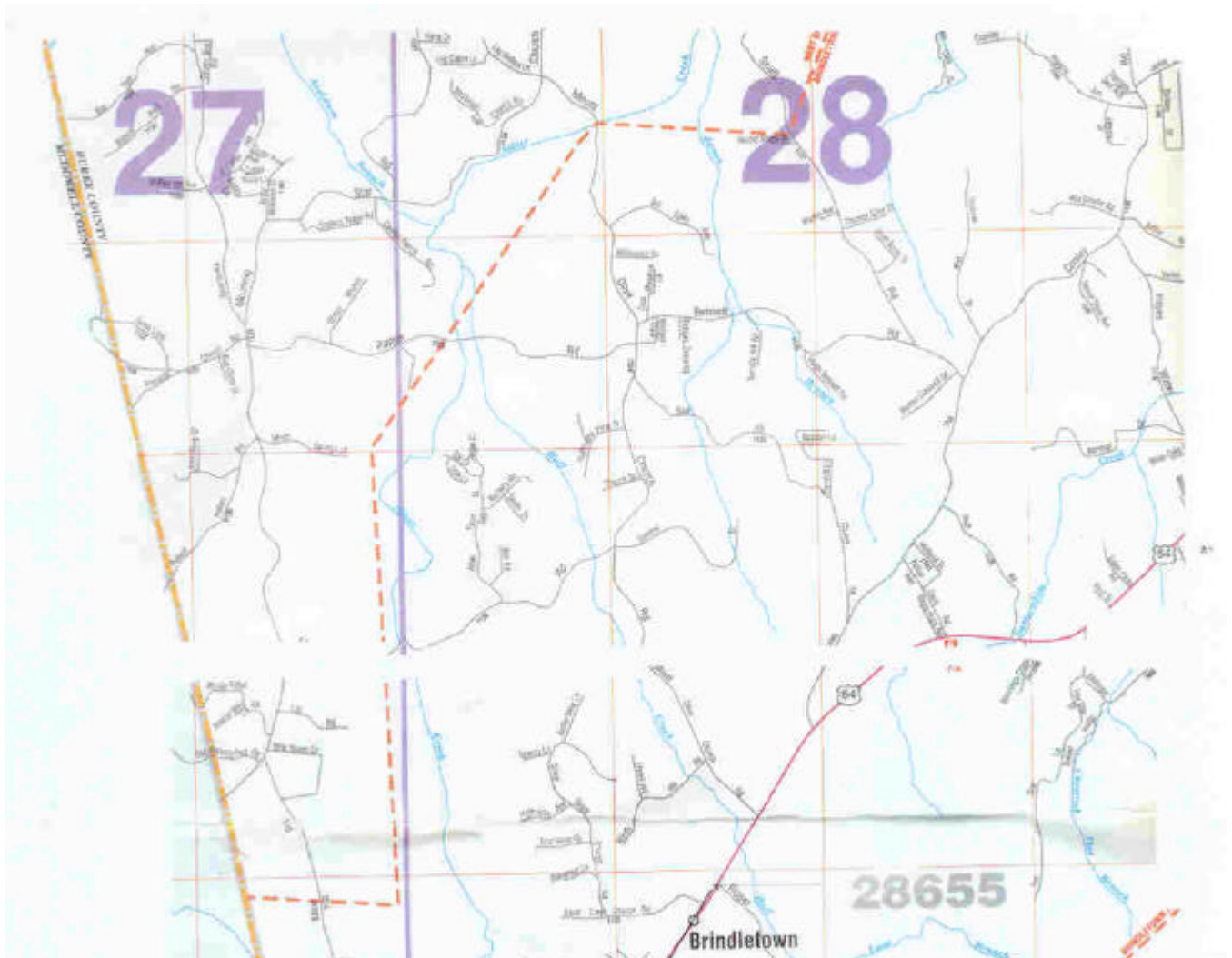
Item 1442, Grant 2941 , 01 Feb 1799
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 To: John Hall
 For 050a , Silver Creek Waters

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**Land grants in Silver Creek Area, Burke Co NC
 Grants of Interest are in the Names of Hall, White and Lusk**

Joseph White and Samuel Lusk were both “over-mountain boys” who defeated Ferguson and his Tories in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The land grant boundaries are plotted by software owned by the Morganton, NC Public Library



Detailed Map of the Area Southwest of Morganton, NC



Samuel Lusk Property

Patten Road near Windy Wood Rd. Approximate Northwest Corner of Samuel Lusk Land Grant. Looking South from Dry Ponds Community Center. Frame 1.
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There were two Samuel Lusk's one was the father of Martha Lusk, who was the wife of Joseph White. The other was Martha's brother. The latter was a veteran of the Battle of Kings Mountain. He would be a land grant recipient, and is the more likely land owner here.



Patton Rd. Facing Southeast to Silver Creek (first bridge) and Hall Creek (second bridge)

**Taken from bluff on North side of road. Possibly still on Lusk grant.
Frame 3. (8605344-R1-019-3.jpg)**



Same prospect as previous picture - Zooming in

Frame 4 (8605344-R1-019-4.jpg)

Reading that Joseph White had taken land grants on Silver Creek, and finding Hall Creek nearby on the maps, I was surprised how seemingly insignificant these creeks were. Although they flowed on and on for miles, anywhere that I had access to them, they were, at most, four to eight feet across, and at most, a foot deep. Perhaps their value lay in the fertile flat bottoms they created.



**Silver Creek – Facing South
McDowell Property or perhaps East edge of Lusk property**

Frame 5 (8605344-R1-019-5.jpg)



Silver Creek Facing North From Patton Road Bridge

Frame 6 (8605344-R1-019-6.jpg)

Not impressed by our Burke county creeks? Hear what Phifer had to say about the pioneers.

“ Land, they felt, was the key to their future contentment. A good all weather spring, a stream, a little streak of bottom land that one could clear and cultivate, and sufficient woodland to supply fuel, shelter and game, seemed to satisfy current needs. No creek, fork or branch was too small for them to settle on. ---- In a similar manner Joseph White entered 640 acres "lying on White's fork of Silver Creek," including the parcel on which he was living. The tributaries of Silver Creek, Hunting Creek, Upper Creek, and Irish Creek were thickly populated with settlers.”



Patton Road

Bottom land between Hall Creek and Silver Creek, facing South

Frame 8 (8605344-R1-019-8.jpg)

Note: Frame 7 is not shown.



Bottom land between Hall Creek and Silver Creek, facing North.

Hall Creek flows into Silver Creek about ½ mile North of here.

Frame 7 (8605344-R1-019-7.jpg)



Hall Creek, Facing North.

Picture taken from under the Patton Road bridge, stepping over cow flop

Frame 8 (8605344-R1-019-8.jpg)



Hall Creek, Facing North.

Picture taken from under the bridge, stepping over cow flop- I must add in deference to historical accuracy

Frame 9 (8605344-R1-019-9.jpg)



Joseph White's Land

**On Fisher Davis Road, Off Conley Road, Brindletown
In the middle of a large White land grant**

Facing South-Southeast. Beautiful in any Direction!

Frame 10 (8605344-R1-019-10.jpg)

Sometime around 1790, Joseph White moved to Knox County, Tenn. Around 1792-3 he was kicked in the head by a horse and died.



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Facing Southeast
(8605344-R1-019-11.jpg)

Joseph White's property in Burke County was inherited by his Wife, Martha, a daughter of Samuel Lusk the elder. She deeded all of it to Squire John Hall. After the death of Joseph White, Thomas White (His father), Samuel Lusk and other Whites and Lusks migrated into South Mississippi, settling in Amite and Claiborne counties.

You need this after seeing Silver Creek!

“General Characteristics of the Burke Pioneer

Those who resided in the territory beyond the Catawba-the area that was in 1777 to become Old Burke were citizens of the frontier. They possessed the traits that major historians have so frequently attributed to this group - courage, resourcefulness, adaptability, a certain restlessness that has fathered the word "shiftlessness," and a craving for complete independence. The loneliness of the frontier molded them into individualists. In the main they were rough, uneducated, and they did not eschew violence; but they were filled with a spirit of adventure and a burning desire for economic betterment. Land, they felt, was the key to their future contentment. A good -all-weather spring, a stream, a little streak of bottom land that one could clear and cultivate, and sufficient woodland to supply fuel, shelter and game, seemed to satisfy current needs. No creek, fork or branch was too small for them to settle on. For example, Thomas Pearson settled on 400 acres "lying on a branch of Silver Creek called Pearson's fork." Alexander Bailey and William Bailey settled on "the Northwest Side of the East fork of Silver Creek." This stream was subsequently called Bailey's Fork. In a similar manner Joseph White entered 640 acres "lying on White's fork of Silver Creek," including the parcel on which he was living. The tributaries of Silver Creek, Hunting Creek, Upper Creek, and Irish Creek were thickly populated with settlers”

A direct quote from: Burke, The History of a North Carolina County, 1777-1720, with a glimpse beyond, by Edward William Phifer, Jr.

If, in closing, I may add one more editorial comment: It was eerily moving standing on this beautiful terrain that was walked by our forbears over two hundred hears ago.

TAH