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## Divided Loyalties:

### An Account of the Family of William J. Weir During the American Civil War

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Not many buildings survived the Civil War intact in Manassas, Virginia. The area was repeatedly occupied by either the Union or Confederate Army, and as such many of its buildings were destroyed by both fire and artillery. One building that did survive was the home built by William J. and Harriet Weir which is known by the name of "Liberia". Liberia was built in 1825 on a 1660 acre plantation. It is currently undergoing renovation by the Manassas Museum. It is known to have been a headquarters for both the Union and Confederate armies and Abraham Lincoln visited there in 1862. Liberia's halls have endured both sides of the conflict. But what happened to the Weir family during the Civil War is not as well known. Like many Southern families their story is one of divided loyalties between the Union and the Confederacy and of deprivations endured.

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Liberia, built in 1825 by William J. Weir, is currently undergoing restoration.  
Photo by Charlotte Cain, April 2004

William J. Weir was a firm believer that slavery in the United States should end by a gradual emancipation and exportation of slaves to Africa.<sup>1</sup> He was suspected of being a "Unionist" and voted against Virginia's secession from the Union.<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, in the decade before the Civil War, William Weir's slave population nearly doubled from 50 slaves in 1850<sup>3</sup> to 80 slaves in 1860<sup>4</sup>. The income from his large farm and mills depended heavily on the labor of his servants. In the early part of 1861, Confederate troops gathered at Manassas Junction to protect the Confederate supply depot and the Orange & Alexandria Railroad. Camp

<sup>1</sup> Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons ("Amnesty Papers") 1865-1867, Group I, Pardon Applications Submitted by Persons from the South. NARA Microfilm M1003, Roll 70, Virginia (Tr-Wh). "Several years since I emancipated a number of my servants & wished them to make Liberia in Africa their home, but they preferred to locate themselves in the city of Washington where they are doing very well. I have always been favorable to a gradual emancipation of servants." (Application not dated, before September 1865).

<sup>2</sup> L.L. Crouse, "The Army Correspondent," *Harpers New Monthly Magazine*, vol. 27, no. 161 (Oct. 1863), p. 628. (New York: Harper & Brothers, Publishers)

<sup>3</sup> 1850 Census, Slave Schedule, Prince William County, Virginia, p. 8.

<sup>4</sup> 1860 Census, Slave Schedule, Prince William County, Virginia, p. 17.

Pickens was established and laid out partially on land owned by William J. Weir. With so many soldiers camped in the area, rations and feed for the horses were in constant demand. William Weir and his sons were forced to sell large quantities of grain and hay to the Confederate army.<sup>5</sup> Many of the Weir family resources were destroyed by the Confederate Army so that at one point William Weir was reported to have been “shut up in the guard-house for saying, as he witnessed his fruit trees being made into firewood, that he ‘didn’t know as he would be used any worse by the Yankees than he had been by those who professed to be his friends.”<sup>6</sup> Not all of William J. Weir’s family shared his views however. Like many families during the Civil War, the Weir family was divided, with three of William’s sons joining the Confederate Army.

By 1860 William J. Weir’s family had mostly moved on to homes of their own. William, his second wife Louisa and son Edgar were living at Liberia along with the millwright, David Franklin, and a mulatto farm laborer named Harrison Reid.<sup>7</sup> William’s youngest son Walter was away at school<sup>8</sup> while his oldest son William Tasker Weir was living in Prince George’s County, Maryland with his wife and two young sons.<sup>9</sup> Robert Carter Weir had recently purchased Sudley Mill and was living in the mill house about eight miles from Liberia.<sup>10</sup> Richard Mitchell Weir had also recently purchased a farm just over the county line near Centreville. William J. Weir’s only living daughter, Julia Willcoxon, was only two miles away living with her husband, stepdaughter and two young children. William J. Weir’s family was about to take an active part in the course of the South.

William Tasker Weir, the eldest son of William James Weir, moved to Prince George’s County, Maryland about 1857. Within the next few years two sons were born to William T. and his wife Rebecca Latimer.<sup>11</sup> At the beginning of the Civil War, William T. Weir found himself in “Union territory” and subject to the Union draft. On October 21, 1862, *The Baltimore Sun* published a list of over 300 men required to assemble at Baltimore to be drafted into the Union Army. William T. Weir was one of them.<sup>12</sup> At some point in 1862 William sent his wife Rebecca home to Virginia where their daughter Ella Weir was born.<sup>13</sup> Although he was then 44 years of age, William Tasker Weir reported to Baltimore as required and was subsequently excused from military duty by Brigadier-General Shriver having furnished an acceptable substitute.<sup>14</sup> The family returned to Maryland by September of 1865. William Tasker died in March the following year.

Robert Carter Weir was a father of three young daughters at the start of the Civil War. As a young man he had learned to be a clerk<sup>15</sup> in his father’s general store at Brentsville. He married Mary Thornton the daughter of Dr. J. B. T. Thornton. In 1859 Robert Weir purchased Sudley Mill on the north end of Prince



Sudley Church Bull Run, Va.  
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<sup>5</sup> Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms (Wei-Weix), NARA microfilm M346, Roll 1086.

<sup>6</sup> L.L. Crouse, “The Army Correspondent,” *ibid*.

<sup>7</sup> 1860 Census, Prince William County, Virginia, p. 61.

<sup>8</sup> Compiled Service Records of Confederate Generals & Staff Officers & Non Regimental Enlisted Men (We-Wei). NARA microfilm M331, Roll 262.

<sup>9</sup> 1860 Census, Prince George’s County, Maryland, p. 557.

<sup>10</sup> 1860 Census, Prince William County, Virginia, p. 430.

<sup>11</sup> 1900 Census, Prince William County, Virginia, Manassas District, ED 81, p. 2B.

<sup>12</sup> “1862 Draftees,” *Prince George’s County Genealogical Society Bulletin*, vol. 29, no. 2, p. 56.

<sup>13</sup> Prince William County, Virginia, Marriage Register Book 1. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Prince William County, Virginia, Court House Archives.

<sup>14</sup> “A Family Relic,” *Manassas Journal*, February 21, 1913, p. 4. Microfilm, Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas.

<sup>15</sup> 1850 Census Prince William County, Virginia, p. 163.

William County,<sup>16</sup> and took up residence in the miller's house. During the First Battle of Manassas, a number of families took refuge at Robert Weir's home, which had formerly been a hotel. One of the refugees, Mrs. J. K. M'Whorter afterwards recounted her experience during the first battle. Exhausted soldiers were handed food and coffee and since Sudley Church was filled with wounded and dying men, a number of soldiers were tended at the Weir home.<sup>17</sup> Mrs. Weir, being the daughter of a physician, was likely to have had some skill in tending the wounded. In February of 1863 Robert C. Weir, age 39, enlisted in the 49th Infantry Regiment of Virginia<sup>18</sup>. His skills as a clerk were promptly put to use as a paymaster for the Confederate Army. Robert maintained this position until the end of the war.

Richard M. Weir had purchased "Mountain View" farm in 1859, it was located just north of Bull Run in Fairfax County but was still part of the Broad Run tract<sup>19</sup>. When the question of whether or not Virginia should secede from the union was raised in Centreville, Virginia, Richard M. Weir voted in favor of secession.<sup>20</sup> Although the vote was unanimous in Fairfax County, some landowners known to be against succession were persuaded not to vote if they valued their life. Others were convinced to vote in the proper manner. Richard Weir did not serve in the army.

William J. Weir's daughter, Julia, and her husband Josiah Willcoxon lived in a place called "Locust Grove" about two miles from Manassas.<sup>21</sup> Their family included their children John W. and Hattie Bladen Willcoxon and Fannie Willcoxon, Josiah's daughter from a previous marriage. Early in July of 1861, Capt. E. P. Alexander was detailed to set up a Confederate signal station and chose the Willcoxon farm as an ideal location. The location became known as Willcoxon Signal Station or more commonly, Signal Hill. It is from this location that Captain Alexander was able to notify the Confederate forces of an imminent attack on their flank.<sup>22</sup> In November of 1861, four months after the First Battle of Manassas, Josiah Willcoxon died and his widow returned to the family home "Liberia". Shortly after returning there, William J. Weir and his family were ordered to vacate the house by General Johnston prior to the evacuation of Manassas. Julia and her children moved to the house of her brother Robert Carter Weir at Sudley Mill where she soon died on March 16, 1862. Richard Weir was in attendance at her death.<sup>23</sup> It is not known why Julia and her husband died but measles, pneumonia and typhoid fever, were rampant at the time due to the close quarters of thousands of soldiers. Richard Weir became the guardian of Julia's children and after a year of mourning Fannie Willcoxon and Richard Weir were married.<sup>24</sup>

When Julia Willcoxon and her family evacuated to Sudley Mill most of her household goods including furniture and bedding, were placed in the outbuildings of Milford Mill, then owned by William J. Weir. The advancing Union Army seized the goods from the mill as abandoned property. At the time the Union hospitals were in dire need of anything that could aid in the care of the wounded. Any abandoned property was subject to seizure. Upon hearing of the theft of the property Fannie Willcoxon requested its return but only received the piano belonging to her stepmother. It was suspected that the rest of the goods were taken to the hospital in Alexandria.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Prince William County, Virginia, Deed Book 26, p. 242-243.

<sup>17</sup> Mrs. J. K. M'Whorter, "Caring for the Soldiers in the Sixties," *Confederate Veteran*, vol. 29 (1921), p. 409-411.

<sup>18</sup> Service Record of Robt. C. Weir. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers who Served from Virginia, 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry. NARA microfilm M324, Roll 921 (Sn-Y).

<sup>19</sup> Tony P. Wrenn, "Mountain View: Demolition by Neglect," in "Vanishing Fairfax" series, *Echoes of History* (Falls Church, Va.: Pioneer America Society), vol. 1, no. 4 (May 1971), p. 63-66.

<sup>20</sup> "Fractured Land - Fairfax County's Role in the Vote for Secession, May 23, 1861", compiled by Brian A. Conley. Fairfax County Library, Fairfax, Virginia.

<sup>21</sup> Michelle A. Krowl, "Southern Claim #21726, Richard M. Weir, Prince William County, Guardian of John W. Wilcoxon and Hattie B. Wilcoxon," *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, vol. 2, no. 3 (July 1997), p. 130-132.

<sup>22</sup> E. P. Alexander, *Military Memoirs of a Confederate: a critical narrative* (New York: Scribner, 1907).

<sup>23</sup> Michelle A. Krowl, "Southern Claim #21726, Richard M. Weir," *ibid*.

<sup>24</sup> Ronald Turner, *Prince William County, Virginia Residents Marriages from Sources Outside the County*, p. 82, Weir, Richard M. to Fannie E. Willcoxon, March 26, 1863, Fauquier County, Va.

<sup>25</sup> Southern Claim #21726, Richard M. Weir, Prince William County, Guardian of John W. Wilcoxon and Hattie B. Wilcoxon.- Depositions of Fannie Wilcoxon, Richard Weir, Neil Naylor, and G. W. Roseberry. NARA II.

By the Second Battle of Manassas in August of 1862, Richard Weir, Fannie and her half brother and sister were living at "Mountain View." In her book, Alice Maude Ewell retells the story of Fannie Willcoxon Weir:

"Mrs. Weir, still living, and with memory of that time wonderfully clear, was advised by Confederate officers to stay in the kitchen or barn. The latter was partly under ground, but she preferred the kitchen, - the old fortress-like cocoonery, with walls over two feet thick. There she took refuge, with shells from two opposing batteries flying overhead. She was a young woman with a brave heart, and two children, relatives, in charge. The building was not struck."<sup>26</sup>

Of all of William Weir's children, Edgar Vaux Weir was the most committed to the secessionist cause. As a young man of 23 years of age, Edgar eagerly signed up to fight for the Confederate Army. In March of 1861, he enlisted as a private with Company A of the Fourth Regiment, Virginia Cavalry. His service record states that he was of average height, 5 feet 8 ¾ inches, with his boots on, sandy complexion with brown hair and hazel eyes.<sup>27</sup>

Edgar fought with company A in the First and Second Battles of Manassas and was captured in August of 1862 at Cattlet's Station by the Harris Light Guard. He was given his parole, which allowed him to return home as long as he did not fight. Under the parole system at the time, any captured soldier would be allowed to go free as long as they gave their word not to take up arms against their enemy until formally exchanged for a captive of equal or greater rank.<sup>28</sup> On September 5 while on his parole Edgar returned to Fauquier County, Virginia where he married Miss Eugenia Alexander.<sup>29</sup> Two months later he was enrolled in a prisoner exchange and rejoined his unit in January of 1863.

After rejoining his unit Edgar was detailed to hunt for and supply his company with horses. On the night of June 5, 1863 while out searching for suitable mounts, he was again captured, this time near Sudley Mill by Capt. Thomas of the 111th New York Volunteers. Edgar was taken to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D. C. where he was again paroled. A month later his first child Edna Vaux Weir was born. In January of 1864, Edgar Weir was back with his regiment.



By February of 1865, Edgar Weir was becoming disturbed at the progress of the war. While on an extended furlough with his family in Fluvanna County, he wrote a letter to the Confederate Secretary of War requesting that he be given the "authority to raise a company of mounted men in the counties of Prince William & Fairfax Va." He further states that he has been a soldier for four years and believes there is two to three hundred men of conscription age and deserters in the said counties and that he can have them trained and ready to ride in thirty days. He requested the authority to enforce the subscription act and to raise the said company. His request was forwarded to General Lee where it was "not recommended for reasons previously submitted to the Dept. in many similar cases."<sup>30</sup>

Edgar Weir was not the only person to note the abundance of able bodied men in the area. On March 21, 1865 a letter was written by Col.

<sup>26</sup> Alice Maude Ewell, *A Virginia Scene or Life in Old Prince William* (Lynchburg: J. P. Bell, 1931), p. 169.

<sup>27</sup> Service Record of Edgar V. Weir. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served From Virginia, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. NARA microfilm, M324, Roll 48 (U-Z). National Archives Washington, D. C.

<sup>28</sup> *Historical Times Encyclopedia of the Civil War*, edited by Patricia Faust; available at <http://www.civilwarhome.com/parole.htm>.

<sup>29</sup> Ronald Turner, *Prince William County, Virginia Residents: Marriages from Sources Outside the County* (Manassas, 1993), p. 82. Edgar V. Weir to Eugenia M. Alexander – September 26, 1863, Fauquier County, Va.

<sup>30</sup> Service Record of Edgar V. Weir, *ibid*.

Thomas Munford of the Cavalry of Virginia stating “It is impossible for us to keep up the cavalry [unless] the officers at home require the men at home to report back promptly. There are a [great?] many men at home upon improper paper & surgeons certificates long since out of date.”<sup>31</sup> The order was given to arrest the men who’s names appeared on Col. Munford’s list as deserters if they could not be shown to have proper authorization. Edgar Weir’s name was on the list.

Edgar rejoined his regiment and was captured for a third time on May 3, 1865 at Fairfax County Court House. Again Edgar Weir was paroled upon signing oath that “having this day surrendered myself to Bvt. Brig. Gen. Gamble commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Separate Brigade do hereby give my *solemn parole of honor* that I will not hereafter serve in the armies of the Confederate States, or in any military capacity whatever, against the United States of America or render aid to the enemies of the latter, until properly exchanged in such manner as shall be mutually approved by the respective authorities.” In exchange the Union Army would not disturb him as long as he did not enter any loyal state or the District of Columbia and obeyed the laws where he resided.<sup>32</sup> For Edgar Weir the war was over.

William J. Weir’s youngest son, Walter, was educated at the College of William and Mary<sup>33</sup> and was studying law at the University of Virginia in the spring of 1861. While in school he joined the “Southern Guards” and upon returning to Manassas, joined Company H of the 49th Virginia Infantry in July of 1861.<sup>34</sup> Walter was soon appointed Acting Adjutant and given the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, his promotion to 1st Lieutenant followed in November of 1861. In December Walter requested to be reassigned elsewhere and was ordered to report to Gen. H. Marshall’s staff encamped at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky. While there Walter was frustrated at his lack of advancement. In April of 1862 Walter Weir wrote a strong letter requesting transfer again stating,

“I have come to the conclusion that Virginians need not seek for any thing here in a Kentucky Brigade. I therefore wish to ask you to place me in some situation where I can receive credit for what I do and not be obliged to teach others and labor without any position.”<sup>35</sup>

After serving with General H. Marshall for a year in December of 1862, Walter was informed that the War Department had made a mistake and he should not have been assigned to his present position. In the interim his previous position with the 49th Va. Reg’t had been filled and he “was entirely thrown out”. He appealed his case directly to Governor Smith and continued to serve “with the Cavalry of the West”.

Walter served with Gen. Marshall through most of 1863 and in November of 1863 was ordered to report to Gen. Bragg at Chattanooga, Tennessee for service with Gen. B. R. Johnson as Assistant Adjutant General with the rank of Captain. Capt. Weir served in this capacity for a year after which he requested to be relieved from duty with B. R. Johnson’s “Old Brigade”. On November 15, 1864 his letter was returned with the endorsement “This officer’s name does not appear on the list of Asst. Adjts-Gens.” There was no record of Walter’s promotion to Captain.<sup>36</sup> On January 5, 1865 the Confederate Secretary of War James Seddon submitted a recommendation to President Jefferson Davis that “Walter Weir, of Virginia, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America”<sup>37</sup> President Davis concurred and Walter Weir was again made Captain

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<sup>31</sup> Service Record of W. H. Burnley, Private, Co. K, 2 Regt. Virginia Cavalry. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served From Virginia 2d Cavalry (BI-Ch). NARA microfilm, M324, Roll 16.

<sup>32</sup> Service Record of Edgar V. Weir, *ibid*.

<sup>33</sup> “Register of Students of William and Mary College, 1827-1881,” session of 1856-1857. *William & Mary Quarterly*, Series 2, vol. 5 (1925), p. 117.

<sup>34</sup> Service Record of Walter Weir. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served From Virginia, 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Sn-Y). NARA microfilm, M324, Roll 921.

<sup>35</sup> Service Record of Walter Weir. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Generals & Staff Officers & Non-Regimental Enlisted Men (We-Wei). NARA microfilm, M331, Roll 262.

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

<sup>37</sup> *Journals of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, 1861-1865*, vol. 4 (Monday, January 16, 1865), p. 459; available at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcc.html>.

with the rank to be backdated to Dec. 27, 1864. The new captain was also ordered to report to the staff of General Robert E. Lee. By this time the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia was suffering heavy casualties and General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Lt. General U. S. Grant on April 8, 1865; Capt. Walter Weir was one of the soldiers.<sup>38</sup>

By the spring of 1862, William J. Weir had seen two of his sons enter the Confederate army and his only daughter die. The Confederate Army had destroyed many of his fields and he found himself in opposition to the secessionist sentiment of many of his neighbors. Although the Confederate Army paid for the supplies it required, much of the farm's provender was taken. With news of General Johnson's Union Army approaching William's sons convinced him that staying at "Liberia" would not be wise. It was known that the Union army did not look favorably on large slave holders and there was some fear that his life would be in danger.<sup>39</sup> William and his second wife, Louisa, packed their belongings in wagons and withdrew to Fluvanna County, Virginia. With them they took 25 slaves; most of the rest ran off or were sent south.<sup>40</sup> William Weir did leave behind some of his most faithful servants to care for his home "Liberia".<sup>41</sup> This was probably Nelly and Samuel Naylor whose son Cornelius (Neil) ran the Weirs' mill at Milford<sup>42</sup>. After the war Samuel and Nelly were sold a portion of the Weir land and Nelly was given 12 acres by the Weirs "for the love and affection they have for their faithful servant."<sup>43</sup>

Upon moving to Fluvanna County, William and Louisa purchased a 640 acre estate on the Rivanna River which they named "Union Hall", now presently known as "Cumber". Their circumstances were greatly reduced. By 1863 the amount of livestock they owned was about a third of what it had been in 1861.<sup>44</sup> Like most of the land owners, William Weir was taxed "in kind" to support the war effort. In December of 1863 his tax amounted to six barrels of corn, seventeen & ½ bushels of oats and five hundred pounds of fodder, an equivalent payment of \$255.40 in tax.<sup>45</sup>



Liberia, home of William J. Weir, 1862.

Photograph courtesy of Manassas Museum, Manassas, Va.

Fluvanna County had no military importance and was largely left alone by both the Union and Confederate Armies. William and Louisa Weir remained quietly in Fluvanna until the end of the war. After the war was over William and Louisa returned to Prince William County to inspect the damage

<sup>38</sup> Service Record of Walter Weir, *ibid.*

<sup>39</sup> L.L. Crouse, "The Army Correspondent," *ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> Fluvanna County, Virginia, Deed Book 19, p. 342. Fluvanna County Personal Property Tax Book 1860-1863, 1865, microfilm, Roll 509, Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

<sup>41</sup> "Edgar V. Weir dies after long illness," *The Manassas Democrat*, Manassas, Va., Thursday, Dec. 7, 1911, p. 1, col. 1.

<sup>42</sup> Southern Claim #21726, Richard M. Weir, Prince William County, *ibid.*

<sup>43</sup> Prince William County, Virginia, Deed Book 26, p. 244. "Weir & others to S. Naylor – Deed."

<sup>44</sup> Department of Taxation, Personal Property Tax Records Prince William County, Va. 1860-1861, 1865-1868, Microfilm Roll 14055, Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas, Va. Fluvanna County Personal Property Tax Book 1860-1863, 1865, microfilm, Roll 509, Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

<sup>45</sup> Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, William J. Weir, *ibid.* Fluvanna County Personal Property Tax Book 1860-1863, 1865, microfilm, Roll 509, Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

done to their property. In September of 1865 William Weir made a request to the government asking for special amnesty stating:

“My property exceeds in value twenty thousand dollars, according to the valuation, as assessed in the year 1860, but would not probably reach that sum if valued at this time – having been almost ru[in]ed by the depredations of the two armies, from which I have suffered to a very large amount, say from one to two – hundred thousand dollars in good money...”<sup>46</sup>



Their house at “Liberia” suffered little in the way of damage compared to many of the buildings in the area that were completely destroyed. The mill at Milford and its outlying buildings suffered about \$4000 worth of damage which led to its sale in 1866.<sup>47</sup> William and Louisa remained in Fluvanna only returning to “Liberia” for occasional visits. Upon his last visit in 1867 William Weir became ill with pneumonia and died on May 8, 1867. He was buried in the cemetery at “Liberia”.<sup>48</sup>

In Memory of  
Our beloved father  
WILLIAM I WEIR  
who died May 8, 1867  
in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age.  
*I have fought a good fight. I have  
finished my course. I have kept the  
faith.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 4c 7v  
C.L. Neale

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Prince William County has had five county seats in its 273-year history.** When the County was organized in 1731, the court house was constructed near the Occoquan River in Woodbridge. After Fairfax County was cut off in 1742, the seat of government was moved to a community called Orlando about five miles south of Brentsville, now on the Quantico Marine Corps Base. In 1759, Fauquier County broke away and the Prince William court began meeting at Dumfries, close to the Potomac. Citizens in the west end of the county finally prevailed, and the town of Brentsville was platted in 1822 to become the fourth county seat. After the railroad was built in the 1850s, Manassas Junction drew economic activity away from Brentsville. Finally, in 1893, Manassas became the seat of justice, as it remains today.

<sup>46</sup> Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons (“Amnesty Papers”) 1865-1867, Group I, *ibid*.

<sup>47</sup> Prince William County, Virginia, Land Tax Records, 1865, William J. Weir. Microfilm, Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas, Va. Prince William County, Virginia, Deed Book 26, p. 361.

<sup>48</sup> Obituary of William J. Weir, *Alexandria Gazette*, May 13, 1867, p. 3.

Wednesday The 4<sup>th</sup> of July in America 1855 –

## The Celebration of Independence

[A July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Prince William County is here described by 17 year-old Stella L. E. King, a native of England. This section is taken from her manuscript which was written by her from October 23, 1854 to November 26, 1855. Stella's father, Dr. Edward King, was a resident of Prince William County during this time. Most of the manuscript was written while Stella attended Mrs. Kingsford's in Alexandria, Virginia. While in Prince William County she lived at home in Bushy Ridge Plantation which is near Nokesville. A photocopy of the complete manuscript which contains essays and poems was given to RELIC by Robert K. Helmstaedter of Mendham, New Jersey. He has given permission to reproduce Stella's account of July 4<sup>th</sup> in Prince William County.<sup>1</sup>]

I was at this time, in the country, at Bushy Ridge, in Prince William Co, Va. when the celebration took place, I will try and describe it if I can. It was a wet day, which was a great disadvantage to us all, and a disappointment also – In the morning about 10, 11, 12 & 1 o'clock a great many carr[i]ages, wagons, and ve[h]icles, of all descriptions, were constantly passing our house – My Brother, Albert (who was at this time at home) and myself, thought as everyone was going we would start to[o], so we set out to walk, for the wood where it was to be held, was not more than one mile from our house, at a place called Roses Well – Just as we got about 200 yds, the rain began to fall fast, so we went into M<sup>r</sup> Mumfords where, we were close by, and staid about 5 minutes, when a carry-all passed, and the man in it said he knew my, father well, wished us to ride, we did so, and it rained all the way there.

When we got into the wood what a scene presented itself to me (it was thundering heavily and pouring with rain) the wood was filled with ve[h]icles of all descriptions, in the centre was a large covering, and a sort of platform, on which sat the speakers three clergymen, most of the people kept in their carriages, hoping the rain would soon cease, but it still continued for some time.

The ladies were dressed very finely, most of them in white, and what a picture they were drawing their clean white dresses all through the wet grass and leaves! and the gent<sup>ms</sup> [gentlemen?] wet[?] through! The school children commenced to sing, but – I could not tell[?] the words they sung, it was a hymn, which sounded very pretty, and romantic, at a distance, when they had finished. The Rev M<sup>r</sup> Compton addressed us, but I could not hear him being in a wagon too far off - The rain at last abated for a short time, and then, how the Ladies did turn out! I was amongst them.

My self & Brother went to the table to dine. There was a good supply of every thing, there, that was eatable, Janet a young lady I knew, said she wished me to accompany her to hear the speeches & the children sing, I did so, We sat on long planks, on the ground in front of which sat the school children and, a before ~~that~~ them the platform for the speakers. The children sung some very pretty hymns which ~~was~~ were very delightful and ~~pritty~~ novel. After they had sung, a little boy about 9 yrs old got on the plat-form and read The Declaration of Independence I mean repeated it very fluently, and prittly - How can I describe my feelings on seeing one so young so interested in his country which interest gave him the self possession and clearness with which he pronounced it to his dear fellow countrymen who were arround him on all sides devouring and admiring him with their eyes – I thought this the prittiest sight of the sort I ever saw remember all this was in a wood and I a stranger in a foreign land. I was quite transported with the scenery so wild and romantic –

It now began to rain fast – and all of us were obliged to repair homeward, I was sorry to leave it but every one was going. Oh! how I would have loved to have been there when all had departed, and the wood where, an hour ago had been enlivened with people, was moonlitt[?], and quiet, save the singing of the birds, and mooing of the cows. I believe there was another speech delivered after we left.

What a delightful day I[t] would have been had it not rained but as it was wet it prevented much of the singing and speaking and also many folks from going[.] There were about 500 [300?] people in all—

I am a poor describer therefore have not conveyed the sentiment which I felt as clearly as I should have liked—

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

Bushy Ridge  
Prince William Co.  
Va.

<sup>1</sup> Stella L. E. King: *Essays and Poems of an English Girl in Antebellum Virginia*, edited by Robert K. Helmstaedter (Mendenhall, N.J.: 2001), fo. [32-34].



## 1860 FEDERAL SLAVE SCHEDULE

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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The Federal slave schedules exist for the census years of 1850 and 1860 and were conducted separate from the free population schedules. Although the individual name of the slave is not reported, his or her age, sex and race (Black or Mulatto) is given along with the owner's name. Other information given if applicable are whether they are "Fugitives from the State", "Number manumitted", "Deaf & dumb, blind, insane or idiotic" and the "number of Slave houses."

There are thirty-two pages of this 1860 Slave Schedule for Prince William County [*National Archives microfilm M653, roll 1396 available at Bull Run Regional Library in RELIC and also online on the library's electronic resource AncestryPlus.*] Since the various districts within Prince William County are not indicated on the Schedule, the names on the list will remain as reported by page number so you may identify neighbors. In order to abstract the entire schedule in two issues we have put the data in three running columns. First given will be the Slave owner. The underlined number after the name of the Slave owner is the "number of Slave houses" owned. The next lines will be the number of slaves (each line given the number 1), followed by the age of the Slave (infant ages are given as fractions, e.g. 8/12, meaning 8 months old), sex of the Slave and race of the Slave. Any other information will also be given.

**Page 17** 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1860

WEIR, William I. [con't]

1 50 f B  
 1 41 m M  
 1 39 f M  
 1 34 f B  
 1 34 f B  
 1 34 f B  
 1 29 f B  
 1 28 f B  
 1 27 f M  
 1 22 f M  
 1 25 m M  
 1 40 m B  
 1 49 m B  
 1 32 m M  
 1 32 m B  
 1 24 m M  
 1 22 m M  
 1 22 m B  
 1 20 m B  
 1 20 f B  
 1 17 f B  
 1 17 m M  
 1 17 m B  
 1 14 m B  
 1 12 f B  
 1 13 m B  
 1 14 m B  
 1 11 m B  
 1 11 m B  
 1 11 m M

1 12 f B  
 1 11 f B  
 1 10 f B  
 1 9 f B  
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 1 7 m B  
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 1 4 m B  
 1 4 f B  
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 1 3 f B  
 1 2 m B  
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 1 1 m B  
 1 1 m B  
 1 1 f M  
 1 8/12 f B  
 1 6/12 f M  
 1 5/12 m B  
 1 4/12 m B

1 4/12 m M  
 1 4/12 m B  
 M<sup>c</sup>Lean, Wilmer 3  
 1 63 m B  
 1 42 m B  
 1 21 m B  
 1 43 f M  
 1 28 f B  
 1 23 f B  
 1 15 m B  
 1 14 f B  
 1 12 f M  
 1 8 f M  
 1 8 m M  
 1 6 f M  
 1 6 m M  
 1 4 f B  
 1 3 m B  
 1 2 m B

**Page 18** 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1860M<sup>c</sup>Lean, Wilmer [con't]

1 2 f B  
 WILCOXEN, Josiah 1  
 1 65 m B  
 1 55 f B  
 1 47 f B  
 1 21 m B  
 1 20 m B  
 1 20 f M  
 1 18 m B  
 1 17 f M  
 1 17 m B

1 15 f B	1 5 f B	1 15 f B
1 14 f M	1 4 m M	1 5 f B
1 11 m B Idiotic	1 4 m B	JOHNSON, Joseph B. <u>0</u>
1 10 m M	1 4 f B	1 32 f B
1 9 m B	1 3 m M	1 8 f B
1 7 f B	1 3 f B	1 4 f B
1 6 m M	1 2 m B	1 7/12 f B
1 3 f M	1 2 f B	HIXSON, Elizabeth <u>0</u>
1 3 f B	1 2 f B	1 40 f B
ARRINGTON, David T. <u>0</u>	1 1 m B	1 38 f B
1 11 m M	BUTLER, Silas <u>1</u>	1 20 f M
ARRINGTON, Ann <u>0</u>	1 56 f B	1 18 m M
1 49 f B	1 50 f B	1 14 m B
1 21 m B	1 30 f B	1 13 f B
GIBSON, Frances B. <u>7</u>	1 17 m B	1 8 f B
1 60 m B	1 12 f B	1 7 f M
1 59 m B	1 8 f M	1 5 f M
1 57 f B	<b>Page 19</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> day of July 1860	1 2 m M
1 52 f B	BUTLER, Silas [con't]	1 1 f M
1 50 f M	1 5 m B	BRAWNER, Redman F. <u>2</u>
1 50 m B	BALCH, Thomas B. <u>1</u>	1 65 f B
1 50 m B	1 78 m B	1 43 m B
1 45 f B	1 72 m B	1 19 f B
1 41 m B	1 50 f B	1 2 m B
1 40 f B	1 30 f M	WEEDON, Ferdinand A. <u>2</u>
1 36 f B	1 15 f B	1 30 m B
1 34 f M	1 8 m M	1 25 m B
1 32 m M	1 5 m M	1 28 f B
1 29 f M	1 3 f M	1 22 f B
1 27 m M	1 1 f M	1 18 f B
1 27 m B	EWELL, Rebecca L. <u>1</u>	1 16 m B
1 27 f B	1 43 f M	1 12 f B
1 26 f M	1 7 m M	1 9 f B
1 22 m M	EWELL, Rebecca L. <u>0</u>	1 7 m B
1 22 f M	employer	1 5 m B
1 20 m M	TYLER, Jno. W.,	1 2 m B
1 19 m B	Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	WILLIAMS, David <u>0</u>
1 18 m B	1 39 m B	employer
1 18 f M	JOHNSON, Emily E. <u>1</u>	DOYLE, Ann H., Union Mills,
1 16 m B	1 70 m B	Fairfax, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 14 m M	1 45 m B	1 20 f B
1 14 m B	1 37 f M	1 1 f M
1 13 f B	1 30 m B	BUTLER, Susan <u>1?</u>
1 13 m B	1 6 m B	1 52 f B
1 12 m B	1 5 f B	1 35 m B
1 12 m M	JOHNSON, Sarah E. <u>0</u>	1 10 f B
1 11 f M	1 20 f M	BUTLER, John H. <u>0</u>
1 10 m B	1 12 m M	1 29 f B
1 9 f B	1 8 m B	1 15 f M
1 8 f M	1 1 f M	1 8 m B
1 8 m M	JOHNSON, George W. <u>0</u>	HAMMETT, Catherine and
1 7 m B	1 16 f M	HAMMETT, Ann <u>2</u>
1 6 f B	1 11 f B	1 50 f B
1 6 m M	1 11 f M	1 52 f B
1 6 f M	1 5/12 f M	1 25 f B
1 5 m B	JOH[N]SON, Anna M. <u>0</u>	1 22 f M
1 5 f M	1 30 f B	1 20 f M

1 30 m B	1 30 m B	employer
1 18 m B	COCKRELL, Sarah <u>0</u>	GAINES, Wm. H.
1 16 m B	1 68 m B	Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 12 f B	1 65 f B	1 25 m B
<b>Page 20</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> day of July 1860	1 50 f B	1 18 m B
HAMMETT, Catherine and	1 50 m B	1 17 m B
HAMMETT, Ann [con't]	1 32 f B	1 70 m B
1 11 m B Idiotic	1 25 m B	1 30 f B
1 6 f M	1 25 f B	1 30 f M
1 4 m B	1 20 f M	1 14 m B
1 3 m B	1 18 f M	1 12 m B
1 18 f M	1 11 f M	1 10 f M
SPITTLE, William, <u>0</u>	1 12 m B	1 8 f B
employer	1 11 f B	1 6 f B
M <sup>c</sup> LEAN, Wilmer,	1 7 m B	1 5 m B
Tudor Hall, Va., owner	1 7 f M	1 3 m B
1 76 f B Blind	1 6 m M	1 4 m B
MARSHALL, Robert <u>0</u>	1 5 f B	1 3/12 m B
1 40 f B	1 2 f M	1 30 m B
1 16 m B	1 2 f M	HOLTZCLAW, Andrew J. <u>0</u>
1 14 m B	1 2 f M	employer
1 4/12 m B	1 4/12 f B	WEAVER, Joseph
MARSHALL, Armstead T. <u>0</u>	FOSTER, Redman <u>2</u>	Weaversville, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 6 m B	1 25 m B	1 35 f B
1 4 m B	FOSTER, Jane <u>0</u>	HOLTZCLAW, Andrew J. <u>0</u>
1 4 f M	1 37 f M	employer
CANNON, Bernard L. <u>0</u>	1 7 m B	WEAVER, Elizabeth
1 14 m B	FOSTER, Redman <u>0</u>	Weaversville, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 12 m B	in trust for	1 52 m B
BROWN, Joseph C. <u>0</u>	REID, Jno. F.	LATIMER, Charlotte A. <u>0</u>
1 20 f B	1 60 m M	1 50 m B
1 13 f B	1 35 m B	1 40 f B
FOSTER, Margaret <u>2</u>	1 14 f M	1 13 m B
1 75 f M	REID, Richard I. <u>0</u>	1 3 f M
1 50 f M	1 50 f B	LATIMER, Charlotte A. <u>0</u>
1 45 f M	1 20 m M	employer
1 44 m M	1 15 f B	LATIMER, Joseph W.
1 45 m B	MATTHEWS, Jane <u>0</u>	Lexington, Va., owner
1 44 m M	employer	1 3 m B
1 39 f B	JENNINGS, Virginia	LATIMER, Louisiana <u>0</u>
1 34 m M	Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 5 m B
1 23 f M	1 10 m M	LATIMER, Charles W. <u>0</u>
1 18 f M	DAVIS, William W. <u>0</u>	1 29 m B
1 18 m M	1 51 f B	LATIMER, Charles W. <u>0</u>
1 17 m M	DAVIS, William W. <u>0</u>	employer
1 14 f B	employer	SINCLAIR, Robert A.
1 11 m B	HOWISON, Charles G.	Alexandria, Va., owner
1 10 m B	Tuscaloosa, Ala., owner	1 35 f B
1 8 m B	1 13 m M	1 3/12 f B
1 7 m B	<b>Page 21</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> day of July 1860	1 3/12 f M
1 5 m M	COOPER, John A., <u>0</u>	SINCLAIR, James M. <u>0</u>
1 5 f M	employer	in trust for
1 4 m M	JENNINGS, Virginia	SINCLAIR, Arthur
1 2 f B	Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	(a minor heir)
1 11/12 m M	1 6 m M	1 13 f M
1 3/12 f M	HOLTZCLAW,	1 5 f M
COCKRELL, Johnson <u>2</u>	Alexander M. <u>1</u> ,	STEWART, John <u>0</u>

employer	OREAR, John H. <u>2</u>	1 6 f B
LATIMER, Cecelia	1 60 f B	1 4 f B
Washington, D. C., owner	1 40 f B	1 2 m B
1 11 m B	1 4 m B	1 1 m B
HOLMES, Harrison <u>0</u>	1 4 f B	PETERS, James M. <u>2</u>
1 18 f B	OREAR, John H. <u>0</u>	1 11 f M
HORTON, H. M. <u>0</u>	employer	PETERS, James M. <u>0</u>
employer	WALLER, Frances	employer
COOPER, John C.	Bristersburg, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	WEAVER, Wm. T.,
Garrisonville, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 16 m B	St. Stephens, Fauq <sup>r</sup> Co. Va.,
1 11 f B	<b>Page 22</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> day of July 1860	owner
BRIDDLE, Langhorn <u>0</u>	OREAR, Martha E. <u>0</u>	1 66 m M
1 12 f M	1 10 f B	PETERS, Jas. M. <u>0</u>
HORTON, Roy W. <u>0</u>	OREAR, Margaret V. <u>0</u>	employer
1 100 f B (Nancy)	1 8 m B	PETERS, Ginnetta,
1 13 m M	OREAR, John H. <u>0</u>	Stafford Store. Va., owner
1 6 f M	employer	1 26 f M
HORTON, Roy W. <u>0</u>	OREAR, Wm. E.,	1 5 m M
employer	Grass Valley, Nevada Co.,	1 1 f M
M <sup>c</sup> COY, Martha	California, owner	TAYLOR, Joshua <u>1</u>
Bristersburg, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 16 f B	1 45 m B
1 12 m B	STROTHER, William <u>0</u>	1 45 f B
HOLMES, Elizabeth <u>0</u>	1 40 f B	1 29 m B
1 60 f B	1 15 m M	1 27 f B
HURENDON, Francis M. <u>0</u>	1 12 m B	1 26 f B
1 14 m B	1 10 f M	1 23 f B
1 9 f B	1 4 f M	1 21 f B
BRIDDLE, Isaac <u>0</u>	LENOX, James W. <u>0</u>	1 19 m B
1 10 m M	employer	1 18 m B
RECTOR, Margaret <u>0</u>	SHAW, Alexander,	1 16 m B
1 60 f B	Bristersburg, Fauq <sup>r</sup> Co. Va.,	1 10 m B
BRIDDLE, Isaac <u>0</u>	owner	1 8 f M
employer	1 11 m M	1 7 f B
HOWISON, Charles G.,	M <sup>c</sup> COY, Lewis H. <u>0</u>	1 5 f B
Tuscaloosa, Ala., owner	1 45 f B	1 5 m B
1 75 m M	1 35 m B	1 3 f B
ASHBY, George W. <u>2</u>	M <sup>c</sup> COY, Lewis H. <u>0</u>	1 2 f B
1 71 m B	and 4 others	COLE, Basil <u>0</u>
1 70 m B	1 38 f B	1 27 m B
ASHBY, George W. <u>0</u>	1 33 m M	1 21 f B
employer	M <sup>c</sup> COY, Lewis H. <u>0</u>	WRIGHT, William <u>0</u>
FITZHUGH, Susan	employer	1 60 f M
Wheeling, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	M <sup>c</sup> COY, Charles W. C.,	1 26 m M
1 45 f B	Baltimore, Md., owner	LYNN, Seymour <u>4</u>
1 7 f B	1 19 m M	1 62 m B
BEERY, Michael <u>0</u>	LYNN, M. N. <u>0</u>	1 44 f B
employer	1 14 f B	1 40 f M
FOLSON, James	COPIN, Chapman <u>0</u>	1 30 f M
Stafford Store,	employer	1 28 m B
Stafford Co., V <sup>a</sup> , owner	SHAW, Alexander,	1 26 m B
1 25 f B	Bristersburg, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 23 m M
1 8 m M	1 13 f B	1 22 f B
1 1 m B	FOX, Lucinda <u>0</u>	1 20 f M
CARTER, James <u>0</u>	1 80 f B	1 19 f B
1 21 f B	1 30 f B	1 18 m B
1 2 f B	1 10 f B	1 15 f B
1 1 f B	1 8 f B	1 13 m B

1 12 m B  
 1 11 m B  
 1 11 m B  
 1 9 f B  
 1 8 f B  
 1 8 m M  
**Page 23** 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1860  
 LYNN, Seymour [con't]  
 1 7 m M  
 1 4 f M  
 1 3 f B  
 1 3 m B  
 1 4 m B  
 1 3 m B  
 1 3/12 m B  
 1 1/12 m M  
 1 5 m B  
 JONES, Thomas 0  
 employer  
 PERRY, Robert,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 12 m B  
 TRONE, James 0  
 1 9 f B  
 WEEDON, Robert 0  
 1 55 f B  
 1 19 f B  
 WEEDON, Robert 0  
 employer  
 M<sup>c</sup>COY, Delia,  
 Bristersburg, Va., owner  
 1 18 m M  
 CARNEY, George F. 1  
 1 60 f B  
 NELSON, Eliza J. 2  
 1 50 m B  
 1 45 f B  
 1 38 f B  
 1 29 m B  
 1 23 m B  
 1 13 f B  
 1 12 f B  
 NELSON, Edwin 0  
 1 23 m B  
 1 10 f B  
 1 5 f B  
 NELSON, Edwin 0  
 employer  
 NELSON, Charles,  
 Mt. Sterling, Ky., owner  
 1 20 m B  
 1 15 f B  
 NELSON, Mary 0  
 1 30 m B  
 1 26 f B  
 1 6 f B  
 NELSON, Horace 0

1 29 f B  
 1 21 m B  
 1 8 m M  
 1 3 m B  
 KEYS, Walter 0  
 1 60 f B  
 KEYS, Albert H. 0  
 employer  
 DUNNINGTON, C.W.C.,  
 Washington, D.C., owner  
 1 10 m B  
 KEYS, Albert H. 0  
 employer  
 STONE, Hawkin,  
 Garrisonville,  
 Stafford Co., Va., owner  
 1 17 f B  
 CARTER, John 0  
 employer  
 PERRY, Robert,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 11 m B  
 CHAPMAN, Mary 0  
 1 60 f B  
 PURCELL, James 1  
 1 70 m M  
 1 50 f M  
 1 50 m B  
 1 40 f M  
 1 30 m M  
 1 30 m B  
 1 40 m B  
 1 28 m B  
 1 17 m B  
 1 15 m B  
 1 15 f B  
 1 12 m M  
 1 11 m B  
 1 9 f B  
 1 8 m B  
 1 6 m M  
 1 5 f B  
 1 4 f M  
 1 2 m B  
 TOLSON, Margaret E. 2  
 1 40 f B  
 1 30 f B  
 1 23 m B  
 1 20 m B  
 1 19 f B  
 1 18 f M  
 1 6 f B  
 1 2 m B  
 TOLSON, James 0  
 1 11 m B  
 TOLSON, Amy V. 0  
 1 8 f B

1 6 f B  
**Page 24** 1<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1860  
 TOLSON, Amy V. [con't]  
 1 4 f B  
 1 3 f B  
 1 1 f B  
 TOLSON, John N. 0  
 1 30 f B  
 1 14 m B  
 1 9 m M  
 1 7 f M  
 1 6 f B  
 1 1 m B  
 SHACKLETT, Richard D. 4  
 1 30 m B  
 1 10 m B  
 SHACKLETT, Richard D. 0  
 employer  
 BELB, Jane,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 45 m B  
 1 23 m B  
 SHACKLETT, Richard D. 0  
 employer  
 HICKERSON, Robert,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 15 m B  
 SHACKLETT, Richard D. 0  
 employer  
 MONCURE, William E.,  
 Garrisonville, Va., owner  
 1 17 m B  
 SHACKLETT, Rich<sup>d</sup> D. 0  
 employer  
 MONCURE, George V.,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 17 m B  
 1 14 m B  
 WEST, William H. 0  
 employer  
 PERRY, Robert,  
 Garrisonville, V<sup>a</sup>, owner  
 1 35 f B  
 MILSTEAD, Indiana V. 0  
 1 48 m M  
 1 30 m B  
 1 27 f B  
 1 7 f B  
 1 1/12 m B

DAVIS, Mary <u>0</u> and 3 minor heirs 1 70 f B 1 27 f B Idiotic	HOOE, Robert <u>0</u> 1 22 f M 1 11 f B 1 7 f B 1 4 m B	1 9 f B 1 8 f B 1 7 m B 1 6 f B 1 6 m B 1 6 m B 1 5 f B 1 4 f B 1 2 m M 1 1 m B 1 1 m B 1 1 f B 1 1 m B 1 1 f M
GROVES, Henley <u>0</u> 1 28 f B 1 13 m B 1 12 f B 1 10 m M 1 8 f M 1 6 f M 1 4 m M 1 2 m M	HOWISON, James <u>4</u> 1 56 m B 1 50 f B <b>Page 25</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1860</i> HOWISON, James [con't] 1 35 m M 1 25 f M 1 22 f B 1 20 f B 1 16 f B 1 16 m B 1 14 m B 1 8 m B 1 3 f B 1 2 m B 1 5/12 m B	BURGESS, Addison <u>0</u> employer TYLER, Guinetta, Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner 1 28 f B 1 2 m M 1 6/12 m M HOGAN, John <u>0</u> employer TYLER, Jno. W., Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner 1 13 m B THOMAS, A. N. <u>0</u> 1 70 f B 1 45 m M TOLBERT, Wm. H. <u>0</u> employer UTTERBACK, Sarah, Washington, D.C., owner 1 45 f B 1 70 m M 1 35 m B 1 8 f B 1 3 m B 1 6 m M
SHEPHERD, Joseph <u>0</u> employer ALLEN, Alexander, Washington D.C., owner 1 22 m B WHEAT, Richard W. <u>0</u> 1 67 m B 1 48 f M Idiotic 1 34 f M 1 32 m M 1 30 m M 1 27 m M 1 14 m M 1 11 f M 1 8 m M 1 6 m M	HAMMETT, John L. <u>0</u> 1 50 m B TYLER, Grayson <u>0</u> employer TYLER, John W., Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner 1 61 m B 1 60 f B 1 54 m B 1 52 f B 1 50 m B 1 42 m B 1 33 f B 1 31 f B 1 30 m B 1 30 f B 1 55 f B 1 28 f B 1 25 m B 1 22 m B 1 20 m B 1 18 f B 1 18 f B 1 17 m B 1 16 m B 1 15 m M 1 14 m B 1 14 f B 1 14 m B 1 13 f B 1 13 m B 1 12 m B 1 12 m B 1 11 f B 1 11 f B 1 11 m B	WARRENTON, V <sup>a</sup> , owner 1 28 f B 1 2 m M 1 6/12 m M HOGAN, John <u>0</u> employer TYLER, Jno. W., Warrenton, V <sup>a</sup> , owner 1 13 m B THOMAS, A. N. <u>0</u> 1 70 f B 1 45 m M TOLBERT, Wm. H. <u>0</u> employer UTTERBACK, Sarah, Washington, D.C., owner 1 45 f B 1 70 m M 1 35 m B 1 8 f B 1 3 m B 1 6 m M BRAWNER, William L. <u>0</u> 1 12 f M CLAGGETT, Christopher <u>0</u> 1 17 f M 1 15 m M WEEDON, John C. <u>2</u> 1 59 f B 1 34 f B 1 16 m M 1 16 m B 1 11 f M 1 4 m B 1 2 f M <b>Page 26</b> <i>11<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1860</i> KING, John A. <u>0</u> employer WEEDON, Richard and others
NORVILLE, Edith A. <u>0</u> 1 28 f M 1 7 f M 1 5 m M 1 2 f M 1 1/12 m M NORVILLE, Edith A. <u>0</u> in charge for estate of CANNON, Mary, dec <sup>d</sup> 1 105 f B (Hennie) 1 70 f M ADAMS, Ann <u>0</u> and 3 others 1 24 f M 1 1 f M WILLIAMS, Maria L. <u>0</u> 1 5 f B 1 3 f B 1 1 f B HENDERSON, Elizabeth <u>0</u> 1 21 m B 1 18 m M 1 17 f M 1 16 f B 1 12 f B 1 7 f B 1 4/12 m B 1 60 f B		

Millwood, Ky., owners	1 54 m M	1 34 m B
1 25 m B	1 52 f B	1 28 m B
LYNN, Frederic	1 45 f B	1 28 f B
employer	1 25 f M	1 12 f B
WEEDON, Richard	1 20 f B	1 10 f B
and others	1 17 f B	1 9 m M
Millwood, Ky., owners	1 12 f B	1 5 f B
1 27 m B	1 7 m M	KANKEY, Zebulon A. <u>0</u>
KEYS, Henry <u>0</u>	1 5 m M	employer
1 70 m B	1 3 f M	DULIN, Wm. E.
1 70 f B	1 2 f M	Goldsborough, N.C., owner
1 45 m B	1 1 f M	1 55 f B
1 9 f B	1 1 f M	1 7 f B
WEEDON, Austin B. <u>1</u>	MERCHANT, Robert B. <u>0</u>	CLARK, Alfred M. <u>0</u>
1 50 f B	employer	employer
1 45 f B	ALLEN, Alexander T.	MELLON, Mrs.
1 30 m B	Washington, D.C., owner	Centerville, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 18 f B	1 45 m B	1 30 m M
1 13 m B	HAVENER, James W. <u>4</u>	KINCHELOE, Hector <u>0</u>
1 12 m B	employer	1 66 m B
1 8 m B	ROBERTSON, T. B.	1 36 f M
1 6 f M	Alexandria, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	SIMPSON, Matilda <u>1</u>
1 5 m B	1 82 f M	1 70 f B
COLE, Lawrence <u>0</u>	1 61 m B	1 69 m B
1 64 f M	1 50 f B	STONNEL, Richard <u>2</u>
COLE, Lawrence <u>0</u>	1 45 m B	1 60 f B
employer	1 38 m M	1 50 m M
MILSTEAD, Isaac,	1 35 m B	1 30 f M
Duffields Depot, V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 35 m B	1 25 f B
1 17 f M	1 32 f M	1 8 f B
1 11 m M	1 30 m B	1 7 f B
LOVE, Henry <u>0</u>	1 29 m B	1 5 m B
1 50 f B	1 18 f B	1 3 m B
1 50 m B	1 18 f M	1 2 m B
1 40 m B	1 13 m B	1 2 f B
MERCHANT, Mary <u>0</u>	1 9 f B	1 3/12 f M
1 25 f M	1 2 f B	WINDSOR, Christopher <u>0</u>
1 21 f B	THOMSON, John <u>0</u>	1 31 f M
1 10 m M	employer	1 17 m B
1 4 m B	DENNIS, Wm. A., Aldie,	1 18 f B
1 1 m M	Loudon [sic] Co., V <sup>a</sup> , owner	1 6 f M
CLAGGETT, Thomas L. <u>1</u>	1 21 m B	1 4 m M
1 45 f B	1 19 m B	1 1 m B
1 35 m B	<b>Page 27</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1860</i>	1 8/12 m M
1 28 f M	THOMSON, John <u>1</u>	LYNN, Elizabeth <u>0</u>
1 19 m B	employer	1 26 f M
1 13 f B	FAIRFAX, John, Aldie, Loudon	HORNER, John G. <u>0</u>
1 8 f M	[sic] Co., V <sup>a</sup> , owner	employer
1 8 f B	1 40 f M	MILLS, Sanford
1 5 m B	1 13 f M	Alexandria, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 5 f B	1 10 f B	1 30 f B
COLBERT, William <u>0</u>	1 9 m B	HAMMILL, Hugh <u>0</u>
1 13 f M	1 7 f M	employer
1 9 m B	KANKEY, Zebulon A. <u>2</u>	WALLER, Elizabeth
LONG, William <u>0</u>	1 68 f B	Bristersburg, V <sup>a</sup> , owner
1 90 f M	1 50 m B	1 25 m B
MERCHANT, Robert B. <u>2</u>	1 46 m B	BRAWNER, Basil <u>3</u>

1 80 m B  
 1 60 f B  
 1 55 f B  
 1 35 m B  
 1 20 m B  
 1 15 m B  
 1 13 f B  
 1 10 m B  
 1 6 m M

JONES, Nancy 0

1 50 f B  
 1 30 m B  
 1 28 m B  
 1 24 f B  
 1 22 f M  
 1 20 m B  
 1 18 f B  
 1 15 m B  
 1 3 f B  
 1 5/12 m B  
 1 4/12 m B

HARRIS, Virginia 0  
 in charge

FISHER, Samuel  
 Fairfax County (Post Office,  
 Occoquan), owner

1 5 f M  
 1 2 m M  
 1 4 f M  
 1 1 m M

LYNN, A. P. 0

1 40 f M  
 1 6 m B

WEEDON, George 3

1 68 m B  
 1 50 f B  
 1 40 f B  
 1 38 f M

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WEEDON, George [con't]

1 28 f B  
 1 11 f M  
 1 24 m B  
 1 14 m B  
 1 12 m B  
 1 11 m B  
 1 9 f B  
 1 8 m B  
 1 8 f B  
 1 7 m M  
 1 6 f B  
 1 5 m M  
 1 5 m B  
 1 3 m M  
 1 3 f B  
 1 1 m M  
 1 3/12 f B

PAYNE, John M. 0

employer

RIGG, Townley  
 Washington, D.C., owner

1 45 m B

EVANS, Wonsford 0

1 59 m B  
 1 40 m M  
 1 22 m B

WROE, A. D. 2

1 49 f B  
 1 46 f B  
 1 37 m M  
 1 31 m B  
 1 22 f B  
 1 16 m M  
 1 13 m M  
 1 7 m B  
 1 6 f B  
 1 1 m B

JONES, Mary C. 0

1 26 f B  
 1 26 m B  
 1 20 m B  
 1 16 m B  
 1 12 m M  
 1 8 f B  
 1 4 m B

BARBEE, James M. 1

1 35 f B  
 1 30 m B  
 1 20 m M  
 1 13 m B  
 1 4 m B  
 1 2 m B  
 1 2/12 f B

GLASCOCK, Burr 0

1 30 f M  
 1 7 m M  
 1 1 f M

SELECTMAN, William 1

1 45 m B  
 1 40 m M  
 1 39 m B  
 1 38 m B  
 1 35 f B  
 1 16 f B  
 1 14 f B  
 1 12 f B  
 1 12 m B  
 1 10 m B  
 1 10 m B  
 1 9 f B  
 1 7 f B  
 1 7 m B  
 1 5 m B

SMOOT, William H. 0

employer

READON, Elizabeth  
 Washington, D.C., owner

1 17 f B

UNDERWOOD, John,  
 UNDERWOOD, Andrew and  
 UNDERWOOD, Oliver 0

1 40 f B

FOSTER, Elizabeth 0

employer

FISHER, Samuel  
 Fairfax Co. V<sup>a</sup> (Post office  
 Occoquan), owner

1 11 f M

DAVIS, Sophia 0

1 50 f M  
 1 15 f B  
 1 10 m M  
 1 8 f B

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DAVIS, Hugh M. 0

1 16 f M

DAVIS, William (of Job) 0

1 13 f B  
 1 11 m M

DAVIS, Susan 3

1 60 f B  
 1 40 f B  
 1 35 m B  
 1 35 m B  
 1 34 f B  
 1 33 m B  
 1 32 f B  
 1 22 m B  
 1 18 m B  
 1 18 f B  
 1 17 f M  
 1 12 f B  
 1 12 m M  
 1 11 f B  
 1 10 m M  
 1 9 f B  
 1 8 f B  
 1 7 m B  
 1 6 m B  
 1 5 f M

ROE, Henry F. 2

1 50 m B  
 1 33 f M  
 1 31 m B  
 1 15 f B  
 1 12 f B  
 1 10 m M  
 1 8 m M  
 1 6 m M  
 1 4 m M  
 1 6 f B



1 3 m B	Fairfax Co.	1 45 m B
1 1 m M	Post office Occoquan, V <sup>a</sup> ,	1 26 m M
REID, Pembroke <u>Q</u>	owner	1 12 m M
1 25 m M	1 28 f M	1 12 m B
NELSON, Chancellor <u>2</u>	1 5 f M	1 7 f M
1 40 m M	1 3 m M	1 5 f M
1 38 f B	<b>Page 30</b> <i>30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1860</i>	1 4 m B
1 38 f B	ASHBY, Julia <u>Q</u>	BEEDLE, Harriet W. <u>Q</u>
1 35 f B	1 27 f B	1 45 m B
1 23 m B	1 11 f B	1 32 f B
1 20 m M	1 9 f B	1 18 f B
1 18 f B	1 6 f B	1 12 m B
1 17 f M	1 2 m B	1 9 f B
1 15 m B	SELECTMAN, Catherine A. <u>Q</u>	1 6 f B
1 15 m B	1 14 f M	1 3 m B
1 14 f B	1 10 f M	DAVIS, Martin <u>Q</u>
1 12 m B	HOWISON, Allen <u>6</u>	1 80 m B
1 12 f M	1 55 m B	ARRINGTON, John R. <u>Q</u>
1 10 f M	1 50 f B	1 50 m B
1 9 m B	1 42 m B	1 46 m M
1 7 m B	1 37 m M	DAVIS, Matthew <u>Q</u>
1 5 m B	1 35 f B	1 5 f M
1 5 m M	1 32 f B	1 3 m B
1 5 f M	1 30 f M	1 1 f B
1 4 m M	1 26 m B	FAIRFAX, Thomson <u>Q</u>
1 4 m M	1 26 m B	1 14 f B
1 3 m M	1 25 f B	1 10 m M
1 3 f M	1 25 f B	CHANCELLOR, Patsy A. <u>Q</u>
1 3 f B	1 19 f M	1 56 m B
1 1 m M	1 19 m B	1 40 f B
HANNA, Francis <u>Q</u>	1 18 f M	1 21 m B
1 25 m B	1 14 m B	1 14 m B
HANNA, Francis <u>Q</u>	1 13 f M	1 12 m B
employer	1 13 m B	1 10 f B
FISHER, Samuel H.	1 13 m B	1 8 f B
(Fairfax County)	1 11 f M	1 6 f B
Post office Occoquan, V <sup>a</sup> ,	1 10 f M	1 4 f B
owner	1 10 m B	1 3 m B
1 25 m M	1 10 m M	CHANCELLOR, Catherine H. <u>4</u>
1 22 m M	1 9 m M	1 53 f B
HANNA, Francis <u>Q</u>	1 8 f B	1 27 f B
employer	1 8 f M	1 16 f B
SELECTMAN, George	1 7 m B	1 14 m B
(Fairfax County)	1 5 m B	<b>Page 31</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1860</i>
Post office Occoquan, V <sup>a</sup> ,	1 3 f B	CHANCELLOR, Catherine H.
owner	1 3 m B	[con't]
1 25 f B	1 3 f M	1 13 f B
LYNN, Frederic <u>Q</u>	1 1 m B	1 10 m B
1 8 f M	1 1 m M	1 9 f B
SELECTMAN, Margaret <u>Q</u> and	1 1 m M	1 8 m B
6 children	1 23 f B	1 8 f B
1 40 f B	HOWISON, Allen <u>Q</u>	1 5 m B
1 35 f B	in charge for estate of	1 5 f B
1 6 f B	MUSCHETT, Louisa C., dec'd	1 3 m B
BERRY, John <u>Q</u>	1 60 m B	1 2 m B
employer	1 50 f B Blind	1 7/12 f B
FISHER, Samuel H.	1 48 f B	1 1/12 m B

PRIEST, Mary A. and

PRIEST, John C. Q

1 30 f B

1 12 f B

1 8 f B

1 2 m B

THOMAS, Seth Q

employer

DAVIS, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_[sic]

Post office \_\_\_\_\_[sic]

Loudon [sic] Co., Va., owner

1 56 m B

WILKINS, Eliza 1

1 16 f B

1 9/12 f B

WILKINS, Robert W. Q

1 9 m B

WILKINS, Salome Q

1 7 m B

LYNN, Levi C. Q

1 70 f B

NORMAN, Mary F. 1

and 5 minor Heirs

1 45 f B

1 16 f B

1 5 f B

1 1 m M

DAVIS, John W. Q

1 55 m B

1 23 m B

COPIN, Nancy and

COPIN, Pamela 1

1 48 f M

1 33 f B

1 24 f M

1 11 m M

1 11 m M

1 8 m M

1 6 m B

COLE, Mary E. Q

1 30 f B

1 12 m B

1 8 f B

PARDELLA, C. T. Q

employer

WILLIAMS, John

Washington, D.C., owner

1 13 f M

SINCLAIR, M. B. Q

1 25 f M

1 7 m M

BRAWNER, Wm. G. Q

in trust for 4 minor Heirs

1 70 m B

1 60 f B

1 45 m B

1 30 m B

1 27 m B

1 24 f B

1 21 m B

1 19 m B

1 6 f B

1 4 m B

1 2 m B

1 9/12 m B

NORVILLE, Lucien B. Q

1 34 f B

1 16 m B

1 14 m B

1 12 m B

HUNTON, Eppa 1

1 60 m B

1 50 m B

1 31 f B

1 14 f B

1 12 m B

1 9 f B

1 6 m B

1 2 m B

WEIR, C. B. Q

1 36 f B

1 30 m B

1 25 f B

1 19 m B

1 17 m B

1 11 m B

1 9 f B

1 7 m B

WEIR, Sarah E. Q

1 35 m M

1 26 f B

1 24 m B

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WEIR, Sarah E. [con't]

1 1 f B

WEIR, Martha S. Q

1 30 m B

THORNTON, William W. 1

1 60 f B

1 50 f B

1 25 f B

1 18 m B

1 14 f B

1 13 f B

1 5 m M

THORNTON, L. E. Q

1 60 f B

1 55 m B

1 27 f B

1 25 f B

1 3 f M

1 2 m B

COOPER, Chloe A. Q

1 45 f B

1 17 f B

1 9 m B

1 8 f B

LIPSCOMB, Wm. E. Q

and 8 Others

1 26 f B

1 9 m M

1 4 f B

GOODWIN, William E. Q

1 38 m B

NICOL, Aylett Q

1 60 m B

1 11 f M

WILLIAMS, Jane Q

1 55 f M

1 25 m M

1 23 m M

1 19 f M

WILLIAMS, Emma J.,

WILLIAMS, Sallie M. and

WILLIAMS, Maggie R. Q

1 18 f M

CALVERT, Robert A. Q

1 55 f B

1 50 f M

1 45 f B

1 45 m B

1 30 m M

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns were made according to my oath and instructions to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Wm. A. Bryant

Sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 1860.

S. B. Butler, J.P.

[End of Prince William County]

**DUMFRIES DISTRICT COURT  
LAND CAUSES 1793-1811**

*Abstracted by William M. Balderson, Jr.*

(Continued from vol. 3, no. 2)

[Notes: The first case below concerns land bequeathed to Gibson [Gilson] BERRYMAN by the will of his father John BERRYMAN, dated 16 Feb. 1786, probated in Lancaster County, Virginia, 16 Apr. 1787. John's will mentions land in Prince William County. His sons Gilson, Richard and James are not of age.<sup>1</sup> In 1782, John and Sarah BERRYMAN of Lancaster had sold 685 acres in Prince William County to Richard GRAHAM of Prince William, which was immediately mortgaged back to BERRYMAN. BERRYMAN had inherited the land from an ancestor Major Andrew GILSON (grant dated 1678).<sup>2</sup> The current lawsuit appears to relate to that land. The purpose of the lawsuit is unclear, unless it is a legal tactic to evict the other tenants. Richard GRAHAM of Dumfries was clerk of the court during this proceeding. His will, probated in 1796, identifies a multitude of lands.<sup>3</sup> The case may be useful for locating the residences of a number of leaseholders.]

[The second case also concerns two wealthy landowners: John TAYLOE III (1770-1828) inherited two ironworks in Prince William County, at Occoquan and on Neabsco Creek, which required much timber for charcoal. He lived at "Mount Airy" in Richmond County, and built the Octagon House in Washington, D.C.<sup>4</sup> Major Charles EWELL of Prince William (1760-1830) had been wounded in the Revolutionary War.<sup>5</sup> This lawsuit involves a dispute over their property boundaries. / DW]

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Margin note: **"BERRYMAN vs. GRAHAM"**

"Prince William toWit Ferdinando Dreadnought [legal fiction] Complains of Timothy Turnout [legal fiction] in Custody of the Sheriff for that toWit that whereas Gibson BERRYMAN Son & Heir of John BERRYMAN Deceased on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year 1786 in the County aforesaid had devised granted and to farm let unto the said Ferdinando Dreadnought one Mesuage of 685 acres of land with the appurtenances situate lying & being in the parish of Dettingen in" [continued next page]

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"the County aforesaid to have and to hold the said land with the appurtenances afores<sup>d</sup> to the said Ferdinando & his assigns from the last day of December then last past, until the full end and term of ten years then next ensuing & fully to be completed & Ended by virtue of which said demise the said Ferdinando entered upon the s<sup>d</sup> land with the appurtenances and was thereof possessed untill the said Timothy afterwards to wit on the said 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year 1786, with force and Arm entered upon the s<sup>d</sup> land with the Appurtances in & upon the possession of the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando & ejected drove out & amoved the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando from his s<sup>d</sup> farm his s<sup>d</sup> term not being yet ended & kept out and still keeps out the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando so ejected drove out and amoved from his said possession & then and there did other injuries to the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando ags<sup>t</sup> the Dignity of the Commonwealth & to the damage of the said Ferdinando twenty pounds and therefore he brings his suit &c"

<sup>1</sup>Ida J. Lee, *Abstracts Lancaster County, Virginia, Wills, 1653-1800* (Richmond: 1959), p. 15.

<sup>2</sup>Ruth and Sam Sparacio, *Deed Abstracts of Prince William County, Virginia, 1779-1784* (McLean, Va.: 1990), p. 70-71, citing Deed Book U, p. 324-333.

<sup>3</sup>June W. Johnson, *Prince William County, Virginia, Will Book H, 1792-1803* (Fairfax, Va.: 1986), p. 26-28, citing Will Book H, p. 181-186.

<sup>4</sup>Stella P. Hardy, *Colonial Families of the United States of America* (New York: 1911), p. 502.

<sup>5</sup>Horace Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies* (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.: 1891), p. 344-345.

“Bert<sup>d</sup> EWELL for Pltf.”

“ [ *blank* ] for Deft.”

“Jn<sup>o</sup> Doe & Rich<sup>d</sup> Wroe } Pledges pros”

[Addressed to] “M<sup>r</sup> Richard GRAHAM, Rawleigh KEES, William ABEL, John MATHEWS, Anne DULANY, William JONES, John KAHOE [KOHAE?], Spencer ANDERSON, David WALKER, Elizabeth BRYANT”:

“I am informed that you are in the possession of or claim title to the premises in this declaration of ejectment mentioned or to some part thereof and I being sued in this action as causal Ejector & having no claim or title to the said premises do advise you to appear at the Court house of the County of Prince William on the first Monday in November next by some attorney of that Court and then and there by rule of the said Court to cause yourself to be made deft in my stead otherwise as I have no title to the premises in Question I shall Suffer Judgment against me” *[continued on next page]*

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“and you will be Turned out of possession”

“Your Friend Timothy Turnout”

“Prince William to Wit Ferdinando Dreadnought complains of Timothy Turnout in Custody of the Sheriff for that to Wit that Whereas Gibson BERRYMAN son and heir of John BERRYMAN deceased - on the first day of January in the year 1786, in the County aforesaid had devised granted and to farm let unto the Ferdinando six hundred and Eighty five acres of land with the appurtenances situate lying and being in the parish of Dettingen in the County aforesaid to have and to hold the s<sup>d</sup> land with the Appurtenances afores<sup>d</sup> to the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando and his Assigns from the last day of December then last past, until the full end and term of ten Years then next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended by virtue of which s<sup>d</sup> demise the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando entered upon the s<sup>d</sup> land with the Appurtenances and was thereof possessed until the said Timothy afterwards to Wit on the s<sup>d</sup> first day of January in the year 1786, with force and Arms entered upon the said land with the Appurtenances in and upon the possession of the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando and ejected drove out and amoved the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando from his said farm his said term not being yet ended and kept out and still keeps out the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando so ejected drove out and amoved from his s<sup>d</sup> possession and then and there did other injuries to him against the peace of the Commonwealth and to the damage of the s<sup>d</sup> Ferdinando twenty pounds and therefore he brings his suit ~”

“Bert<sup>d</sup> EWELL for Pltf”

“ [ *blank* ] for Deft”

“Jn<sup>o</sup> Doe Rich<sup>d</sup> Roe } Pledges Pros”

[Note: The preceding page duplicates text on page 45]

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Mr. Rawleigh KEES, William ABEL, John MATHEWS, Ann DULANY, William JONES, John KAHOE, Spencer ANDERSON, David WALKER, Elizabeth BRYANT. [Sic – Richard GRAHAM’s name omitted from this list.]

[Repeat of the notice by Timothy Turnout from page 46, with the statement “Sheriff’s Returns Executed C. PEYTON, D[eputy] S[heriff]”

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“At a Court continued and held for Prince William Cty the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1792 – This day came the lessor of the Pltf by his Attorney and it appearing to the Court by the Oath of Chandler PEYTON that Rawleigh KEYS, William ABLE, John MATHEWS, Ann DULANY, William JONES, John CAHOE, Spencer ANDERSON, David WALKER and Elizabeth BRYANT tenants in possession of

the premises have been duly served with the Plaintiffs declaration and the note thereunder written and that a Copy of them had been left at the Chief Mansion house on the premises for Richard GRAHAM and they not appearing ~” [continued on next page]

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“It is ordered that unless the said Tenants in possession having legal notice of this order or those under whom they claim or some one of them do appear here at the next term and make himself, herself or themselves Defendant or Defendants in this suit in the room of the said Dreadnought plead the General Issue Confess the lease entry and ouster in the declaration ~ supposed and enter into the common rule to insist on the title only at trial Judgment shall be given to the plaintiff and a writ of possession awarded him”

“A Copy Teste R GRAHAM Cl Cur”

“In Court, March 1793. This day came the lessee of the Plaintiff by his Attorney and on the motion of Richard GRAHAM he is admitted a Defendant in this suit in the room of the said Timothy Turnout and he thereupon confesses the lease entry and Ouster in the Declaration supposed and agrees to insist on the title only at the trial ~ and for plea saith that he is Not Guilty in manner and form as the plaintiff in his Declaration hath Complained to which the plaintiff replied generally”

August Court	1793	Continued
March	1794	ditto
August		Continued Plaintiff
November		Continued
March	1795	ditto
June		ditto
August		Continued Plaintiff
November		Dismissed with Costs”

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Margin Note: “**TAYLOE vs. EWELL**”

Prince William County Sct: John TAYLOE complains of Charles EWELL in Custodye for that the sd deft did on [blank] September 1793 enter his property in Dettingen parish and cut down and remove 50 Pines [trees] valued at £10, 20 Oaks valued at £10 and other breaches of the peace of the Commonwealth [details reported] in the amount of £100, and thereupon he brings suit &c. [Signed] L. DADE, P.Q. -- J. Doe & R. Roe [pledges].

“At Rules held November 1793 -	Special Imparlance
December	Continued Declaration
Jan. & Feb. 1794	Ditto D°
March	Declaration Rule to plead
April	Continued plea
May	Judgment and Inquiry”

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In Court, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1794. Matthew HARRISON, esq<sup>r</sup> Attorney for the Deft. pleads Not Guilty. Court orders the suit set aside. By Motion of the Pltf’s Attorney, the Court orders the County Surveyor to survey land in dispute. The Surveyor is to report to any Justice along with any witness depositions. The Sheriff is to attend the survey and remove any offenders, if required.

November	1794	Continued
March	1795	Continued for survey
June		ditto
August 5 <sup>th</sup>		Continued for Defendant

And it is ordered that the Surveyor return to the court three other platts and reports in this cause, he having only returned two as yet.

4 November 1795. The Defendant by his attorney pleads “non assumpist within five years” in addition to his former plea [of Not Guilty] to which the Plaintiff replied generally and thereupon came a jury towit: John MAUZY, James TALIAFERRO, Moses MOSS, Anthony C. GRAY, George LOWERY, James JOHNSON, Philip DAWE, Bernard HOOE Jr., Gwynn PAGE, John HEDGES [HODGES?] Sen., John HAMMITT and Thomas PURCELL. Adjourned until to [next] morning 8 o’clock.

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On 5 November 1795, John MAUZY was withdrawn from the Jury. The rest of the Jury was discharged from giving any verdict, and by consent of the parties by their said attorneys [*continued next page*]

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Final judgment to be determined and awarded by Lee MASSEY, Gerard ALEXANDER Jr., Spence GRAYSON and Henry WASHINGTON [arbitrators] or any three of them. They are to determine the land boundaries and costs associated with this suit, whose award is to be made the Judgment of the Court.

10 March 1796. Attorneys came to Court and agreed to any award as to be determined by Lee MASSEY, Spence GRAYSON, Henry WASHINGTON, Gerard ALEXANDER Jr., James REID and Daniel BRENT or any three of them.

6 June 1796. The arbitrators’ report reads as follows: “Pursuant to the order of Prince William Court hereto annexed made in a suit depending in said court between John TAYLOE Pltf and Charles EWELL defendant; We the subscribers met at the tavern of Esme SMOCK in the Town of Dumfries on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1796 and after examining sundry witnesses produced by the parties and hearing the arguments of Council on both sides, and maturely and deliberately considering the same ~ Do award and determine that the corners and lines as designated in the survey made in said suit by Henry Dade HOOE by the letters h, I & K are the proved corners and lines of the Plaintiffs land; we find and determine that the defendant is guilty of a trespass on the Plaintiffs land and so award and determine that the defendant pay to the Plaintiff twenty seven pounds one shilling and nine pence for the extra costs incurred by him in said suit and also that the defendant pay to the Plaintiff his legal costs in said suit expended ~ Spence GRAYSON ~ John REID ~ Dan<sup>l</sup> BRENT”

“Therefore It is considered by the court that the plaintiff recover against the Defendant the sum of Twenty seven pounds one shilling and nine pence by the arbitrators aforesaid in form aforesaid awarded and his

costs by him about his suit in this behalf laid out & expended, And the said defendant in mercy &c ~”  
“The following papers are filed in this suit viz<sup>1</sup>”

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Deposition of Thomas MACCABOY. He for 20 years understood the lines of the Plaintiff’s land were nearly as the surveyor ran them in this suit. Deponent attended the surveyor on the survey, and there was cleared land in the west side of the second line and said land was cut down by Deft. who got a considerable quantity of Timber therefrom tho forbed [forbade] by the Deponent.

Question by Deft.: “Did you not possess a liece [lease] given to one John PEDE by My Father Including a part of the Land Claimed by M<sup>r</sup> TAYLOE.”

Answer: “Yes.”

Question by Deft.: “On which side of the line run by the surveyor for TAYLOE the Pltf, did that lease lye.”

Answer: “On the East of the said line generally tho this Deponent thinks that A extended about fifty yards westerly of the said line.”

This Deponent saith that he attended the survey when he ran the line called for by the Deft. which was said to be a line of Dicksey WARD and that on both sides [of] the line a considerable quantity of wood and valuable timber had been cut by the Deft. and his agents.

This Deponent further saith that the Tree mentioned in the Surveyor’s Report as formerly standing in the fork of the road above Josiah STEPHEN’S to which the Deft. ran as a corner of DYAS was very much chopped & stood in the line of the lease which he purchased of John PEED. He further saith he has seen the Deft’s servants cutting wood & timber on the north westerly side of the line which the Surveyor ran from the Quantico Road where the Surveyor ended the 500 poles at the back line of DYAS & which the Plf. ran from thence to Quantico Run, & that the sd. Deft. has a tenant by the name of George JONES on the northwest of the said line about one half – three quarters of a mile from the said road & to the westward of the said Road and within TAYLOES [page 54] line as this Deponent thinks about half a mile & further this Deponent saith not. [Signed] Thomas (+) McABOY. Taken by consent of both parties & sworn to before me the 7<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1795. [Signed] Alex<sup>r</sup> LITHGOW.

[Case to be continued.]

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## Harrison Family Bible

Copies of the following Bible pages were donated to RELIC by Dorothy Bachman of Westfield, New Jersey, in March 2004. They were transcribed by RELIC volunteer Margaret B. Binning.

John A. and Martha (Foley) Harrison lived near Waterfall in Prince William County. Martha was the daughter of Enoch and Mary Foley. John A. Harrison is identified as a nephew in the will of Benoni E. Harrison (1786-1869).<sup>1</sup> The Bible was published by Jasper Harding, Philadelphia, Pa., 1853.

### Marriages

John A. **Harrison** & Martha **Foley** were married the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1841

Cassius A. Harrison & Elizabeth J. **Evans** were married the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February A.D. 1883

W. A. **Larkin** was married to Elizabeth J. **Peters**

Daisy F. Larkin was married to E. B. **Witt** 26 September A.D. 1896

M. J. Larkin was married to J. W. **Dunbar** 15 July 1902

Peachie J. Larkin was married to C. H. **Conley** Sept. 30 1907

Sarah Jane Harrison the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of John A. Harrison and Martha Harrison was married to Richard D. Larkin the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1864

Wm. Simpson Harrison the 1<sup>st</sup> son of same was married to Lucy E. **Rector** the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1868

Martha Ann Harrison the 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of same was married to William C. Rector on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb. A.D. 1870

Wm. S. Harrison the 1<sup>st</sup> son of same was married to Catherine J. Rector July 25<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1882

H. D. Larkin son of R. D. Larkin was married to Eva **Brown** 26 April 1904

### Births

John A. Harrison was born the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1817

Martha Foley the wife of John A. Harrison, was born A.D. 1810 17<sup>th</sup> March

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<sup>1</sup> Will of Benoni E. Harrison, Prince William County Will Book R, p. 546.



William Simpson Harrison, the 1<sup>st</sup> son of John A. Harrison, and Martha his wife, was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1844

Sarah Jane the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of John A. and Martha Harrison was born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1845

Martha Ann the 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of John A. and Martha Harrison was born the 29<sup>th</sup> March A.D. 1847

John Richard the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of John A. and Martha Harrison was born the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. A.D. 1848

Cassius Alexander the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of John A. and Martha Harrison was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1851

Annie Martha the 1<sup>st</sup> daughter of Cassius & Elizabeth J. Harrison was born May 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1884

Alexina Lee, the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the same was born Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1885

Richard Wheat Harrison the 1<sup>st</sup> son of Cassius A. & Elizabeth J. Harrison was born February 9<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1888. Died August, 1913

R. D. Larkin was born A.D. October 30<sup>th</sup> 1836

John R. Larkin the 1<sup>st</sup> son of R. D. & Sarah J. Larkin was born 18 April A.D. 1865

William A. Larkin the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of the same was born March 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1867

Thomas C. Larkin the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of the same was born August 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1868

Robert Lee Larkin the 4<sup>th</sup> son of same was born February 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1871

Harrison D. Larkin the 5<sup>th</sup> son of the same was born October 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873

Daisy F. Larkin the 1<sup>st</sup> daughter of the same was born November 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1875

Lula May Larkin the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of same was born July 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877

Martha J. Larkin the 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of the same was born Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1879

Peachy J. Larkin the 4<sup>th</sup> daughter of the same was born August 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1882

## **Deaths**

Departed this life the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1853, John Richard the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of John A. & Martha Harrison aged 5 years 1 mo and 10 days

Departed this life the May 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1884, Annie Martha the 1<sup>st</sup> born of Cassius A. & Elizabeth J. Harrison

Died at his home in Gordonsville Va. April 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1893, Cassius A. Harrison aged 41 yrs. 6 mo. 10 days

Departed this life Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894 Mrs. Martha Harrison. Aged 83 years 10 mo. 25 days

John R. Larkin the 1<sup>st</sup> son of R. D. & S. J. Larkin died Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873

Robert Lee Larkin the 4<sup>th</sup> son of same October 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873 aged 2 yrs 8 mo

Thomas C. Larkin the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of same died August 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1888 aged 19 yrs 11 mo 6 days

John A. Harrison died at his home Oak Shade the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1900 aged 82 years 6 mo 2 days

Mrs. Jennie E. Larkin wife of W. A. Larkin died at her home in Washington D. C. the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1903

Richard D. Larkin died at Washington D. C. April 27, 1913 – buried in Glenwood Cemetery April 29, 1913

William A. Larkin died May 2, 1913

Sarah Jennie Larkin died July 27, 1913 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Witt at Bluefield, W.Va. Buried in Glenwood Cemetery July 29, 1913 (Washington, D. C.)

John Winnard Dunbar died June 20, 1926

Harrison D. Larkin died October 13, 1932

E. B. Witt died June 12, 1936

C. H. Conley died April 6, 1942

**1850 Census of Prince William County**, p. 101B, 25 July 1850, Winston L. Carter, Assistant Marshal.

Dwelling 58, family 58:

Benoni E. HARRISON, 63, M, Farmer, \$10,200 in real estate, [born] Va.

Catherine HARRISON, 46, F, Va.

Sarah C. H. FEWELL, 9, F, Va., attended school.

Erastus CLARK, 20, M, Agent, Va.

Dwelling 61, family 61:

John A. HARRISON, 33, M, Farmer, \$240 in real estate, [born] Va.

Martha HARRISON, 39, F, Va.

Wm. S. HARRISON, 6, M, Va.

Sarah J. HARRISON, 4, F, Va.

Martha HARRISON, 3, F, Va.

John R. HARRISON, 1, M, Va.