

Hypothesized Family Structure

18th Century Garners of
Brunswick/Greenville County, Va;
Northampton County, NC; and
Richland County, SC

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17 January, 1756

Abraham Smith of Prince George County Va to Nathaniel King of Brunswick County

25 Pounds VA Current Money

242A on the South Side of the Nottoway River adjacent to James Williams and Scoggins

Witnesses

Robert Chappell

John Hightower

William (G) Garner

This William Garner left his mark rather than signing the document.

This could not be Rev William Garner because

- a) Rev William was born ~1745 and thus would be too young to witness a document at that time
- b) William had demonstrated his signature on every document he witnessed

Could this be the William that descendants of Presley Garner remember as his father?

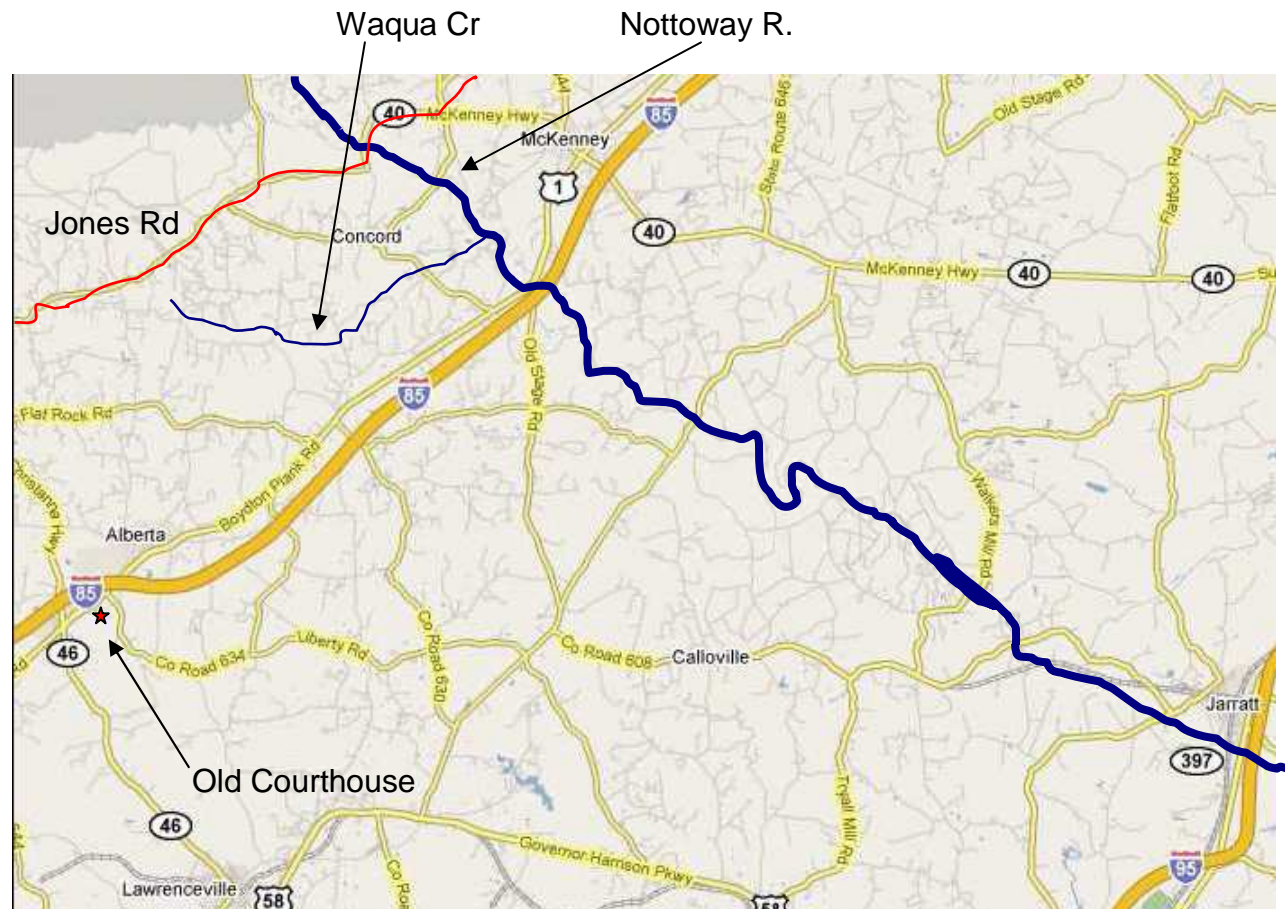
In the Dec. 1738 Vestry records of the St Andrews Parish Vestry Book a Richard Griffin, William Scoggin, and John King reported precession of their boundaries “from the upper cut bank bridge of Nottoway to the lower cut bridge to the courthouse” Scoggin processed this area until after 1759. Vestry records suggest he died by 1762, when a Martha Scoggins began receiving payments from the vestry.

The location of the old courthouse was near the intersection of state route 634 (Liberty road) and US route 1 (Boydton Plank Road) (Gay Neale, *Brunswick County*, 1976).

Churnal Hightower processed this area “from Jones Road ...upon Waqua Creek..between Waqua and the Nottoway”
27 Jun 1768.

This places an adult William Garner between the Nottoway and the Meherrin in the 1750s.

The Christianna Hwy is Route 46 that runs from the location of Fort Christianna to present day Gaston, NC.



Richard Garner moved from Greenville County Va along with Presley Garner after the Revolutionary War. Richard and William Garner purchased items from Charles Collier's estate sale in Greenville in ca 1775. He pressed suit in Greenville Co court in 1798. In 1784, he purchased land in Richland County SC along the east side of the Wateree, across the river from Presley Garner. Presley Garner assumed operation of the Ferry at what was then called Brisbane's Ferry in 1814. Richard is listed as older than 45 YO on the 1820 census in Richland County. Assuming he was 21, the minimum age to buy land in 1784, he was born before 1763. That estimate would make him 12 when he purchased feedstock for cattle from Collier in 1775. So adjusting age to make him about 20 in 1775 suggests he was born about 1755. He was not listed on the 1830 census