

Henry Grymes, on s. side of the Holston, 640 a.; June 21; July 24.

John Jones, in the Fork of Watauga and Holston, an elm at the head of an island in the Holston, to the mouth of the Watauga, 230 a.; June 29 (deed).

Isaac Ruddle, on Holston in the mountains, s. bank 97 a.; Aug. 10; Sept. 27.

John Jones, on the Holston, s. bank 210 a.; Nov. 1 (deed).

Charles Robertson (brother of James or "Buffalo" Charles), on east fork of Sinking Creek (environs of Johnson City), adjoining Jonathan Tipton, Christopher Cunningham and Robert Young, 213 a.; Nov. 1 (deed).

Rice Duncan, on Knob Creek near its head (later the Deaderick home);⁹ entry sold to John McMahon of North Carolina.¹⁰

George Lumpkin, entry on Roane Creek (Johnson county), including both forks, adjoining (Richard) Waldridge, 400 a., but deeded to Richard White.

Other patentees in 1775 were, without description of the lands: George Russell (2), Andrew Greer (2), Wm. Bean, Jr., Benjamin Pyburn, from Pittsylvania, Baptist and John McNabb, from Augusta,¹¹ Andrew Little, from Fincastle, James Hollis, from Botetourt, John Cassady, from the Valley of Virginia, Christopher Shoate, from Pittsylvania, Thomas Farrer, from Virginia, Jacob Chamberlain, from Virginia, Christopher Cunningham, from Shenandoah,¹² James Cooper,

⁹ See Williams, "Journal of David A. Deaderick," in *E. T. Historical Soc. Pub.*, VIII, 134.

¹⁰ McMahon was the first register of deeds of Washington county. When he located on this tract in 1774, his cabin home was the farthest to the west of all settlements on the waters of the Watauga. *Id.*

¹¹ Ancestor of Dr. Samuel B. Cunningham, first president of the East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad Company—now a part of the Southern Railway Company—between Bristol and Knoxville.

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from Botetourt, Henry Massengill, from North Carolina, James Abbot, from Botetourt, James Walding (Walden or Walling), from Pittsylvania, John Bean, Thomas Gresham, from Pittsylvania, Ambrose Hodge, entry covering a part of site of Johnson City, Richard Bennett, from Pittsylvania, Richard Fletcher, from Pittsylvania, neighbor of Bean, George Reeves,¹³ brother-in-law of James Robertson, Samuel Denton, from Shenandoah, James Smith, from North Carolina, Jesse Benton,¹⁴ from North Carolina, Elijah Robertson, brother of James, George Gray, from Pittsylvania, neighbor of Bean, Charles Thompson and John Cassady.

Other settlers prior to 1776 located as shown below, dates of settlement approximated: Michael Hyder (1772), from Hampshire county, Virginia, on waters of Buffalo Creek; ancestor of Landon C. Haynes, and Governors Robert L. and Alfred A. Taylor.

John Williams (1773-4) on Gap Creek of Watauga, from the Valley of Virginia, brother of Jarret Williams, the Indian trader. John was at Pt. Pleasant, 1774.

Gilbert Christian (1774) at the Long Island, site of Kingsport.

Thomas Shoate, from Pittsylvania, (1773-4) near Blountville.

Richard Shoate, from Pittsylvania, (1773-4) on head of Hickory Creek, Sullivan county.

Edward Cox, from Baltimore county, Maryland, (1774) one mile northeast of Bluff City, on Southern Railway.

¹² William Reeves was also a settler, seemingly a brother of George Reeves.

¹³ For Benton: *ante*, p. 406.