

Blair. I believe that John Blair's mother was a Patrick from Carrickatain – this is speculation on my part.

Thomas and John must have known each other before John Blair immigrated to York County, South Carolina. John Blair was quite successful as a “tinker” - a traveling salesman of housewares or “Merchant”. It was John Blair that kept urging Thomas and Mary to come to South Carolina.

Thomas had gone over the mountain about five miles in a northerly direction to find Mary Gilfillan at Ballynamore. They married about 1814 and probably spent their first three years in Londonderry, with Thomas being a shoe and boot maker. The war ending in France and the French armies not needing boots, made John Blair's urging sound better and they left Ireland for America about 1817.

From “Gilfillan History”, found in the back of “The Search”:
“Joseph Gilfillan & Rebecca Cochrane had two daughters and two sons. The former were: Mary, married to Mr. Patrick, about whom my father, Alexander, used to talk a great deal and thought a great deal of. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick went to South Carolina, where, my mother thought, they had a boot and shoe store.”

Thomas and Mary's oldest daughter Rebecca was 2 years old when they left for America and their second daughter Eliza, was said to have been born during the voyage to Charleston, S C.

Our family lore makes us believe that John Blair paid for Thomas and Mary's passage to America. It is a fact that John Blair gave them land upon which they could live and farm. This land was officially given to them in 1835, although they probably lived on it from the time they arrived.

From Robert Mackintosh:

Dear Mr. Patrick,

Thank you for your email and for our phone conversation of today. I am very glad that you are excited about the material that is showing up on the Patrick family at the S. C. Archives, and I look forward to doing additional research on the deeds and other material we spoke of very soon! I will be mailing out the package tomorrow.

Here is the transcript that I mentioned that I would make on the 1835 York County deed of 75 acres on Turkey Creek from John Blair

to Thomas Patrick as recorded in Deed Book M page 112. The original deed book is still in the York County courthouse and the Archives film copy is very difficult to copy and to read.

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No. 181

State of South Carolina
York District }

Know all men by these presents that I

John Blair of the State
and District aforesaid in consideration of the kindred and affection
which I bear to Thomas Patrick of said State and District do by these
present give grant and release unto the said Thomas Patrick his
Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns all that part of a parcel or
tract of land conveyed to me by John Gallespie lying on the East Side
and bounded by the present meanders of the East fork of Turkey
Creek on the West and on all other sides by lands of John Gill,
Charles Williams, Wilm Robinson and John Burris and supposed to
contain Seventy five acres be the same more or less.

Together with all and singular the rights member accreditaments and
appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident
or appertaining thereto to Have and to hold all and singular the
premises before mentioned unto the said Thomas Patrick his Heirs
and assigns for ever and I do hereby bind myself my heirs Executors
and Administrators to Warrant and for ever defend all and Singular
the said premises before mentioned unto the said Thomas Patrick his
Heirs and assigns against my self and my Heirs and every other
person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim in the same or any
part thereof under me Witness my hand and Seal this tenth day of
December in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and
thirty five and in the Sixthieth year of the Independence of the United
States of America

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Wm. B. Davis
John H. Adams

John Blair { LS }

State of South Carolina } York County } Personally came
John Adams and made Oath that he was present and saw John Blair

Sign, Seal and deliver the within deed of Gift for the Uses and purposes therein mentioned and that Wm. B. Davis with him in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof Sworn to and Subscribed this

10th day of December 1835
before me N. M. Foulker(?) J. P.

John H. Adams
Recorded Feb. 8th 1836

This tract of land was carved out of a 525 acre tract John Blair had purchased in 1815 from John Gallaspie (Gillespie) – (SC Archives, York County, Register of Conveyances – Deed Book H, pages 52 and 53). Most of the 525 acres can be traced back to State Grants.

FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS

1820 Federal Census of S C, York County— SC Archives, Micro film Roll CN 12, page 169 –

Listing for Thomas Patrick:

One Free White Male – over 26 but under 45 – (This would have been Thomas. He would have been 36 years old in 1820)

Three White Females under 10 – (This would be Rebecca Jane, Eliza and Isabella.)

One Free White Female- over 16 but under 26.- (This is probably Mary who would have been 30 years old. There were some lines between columns missing that could have caused this error)

No Slaves

1830 Federal Census of S C, York County— SC Archives Micro film No CN 13, page 355 – **Listing for Thomas Patrick:**

One male under five- (Alexander would have been five at this time.)

2 males-between 5 and 10—(John Robert was nine and Joseph was seven)

2 males-between 40 and 50- (One is Thomas at 46. I do not know who the other would be - maybe a share cropper, cousin or cottier.)

1 female under 5 – (Nancy Blair would have been one)

2 females, between 5 and 10 – (Isabella was 10 and Eliza was 13)

1 female, between 10 and 15 – (Rebecca Jane was 15)

1 female between 30 and 40 – (Mary was 40)

No Slaves

1840 Federal Census of S C, York County – S C Archives Microfilm CN 21, pages 219A and 291B –

Listing for Thos. Patrick

1 male, 5 to 10—(Samuel T B was seven)

1 male 10 to 15—(Alexander was 15)

2 males 15 to 20 – (John Robert was 19, and Joseph was 17)

1 male 50 to 60 – (Thomas was 56)

1 male 60 to 70 – (Unknown occupant)

2 Females, 15 to 20 – (Eliza was 23 and Isabella was 20)

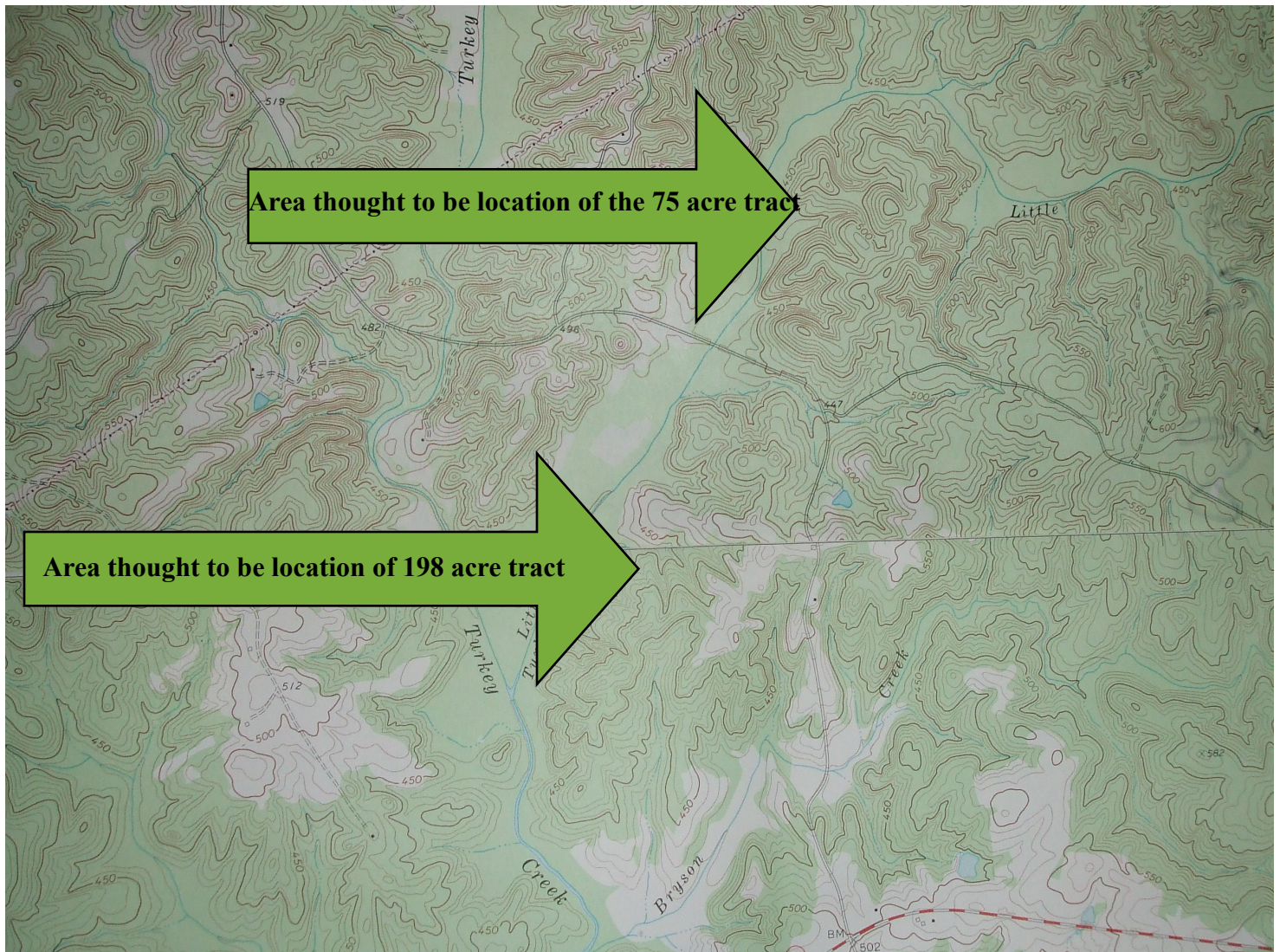
1 female, 40 to 50 – (Mary was 50)

(Note: Nancy Blair died at age 2, and Rebecca Jane had married and left the house.)

No slaves

One document in York County was found which names Thomas Patrick as being named an Executor for the Estate of Elizabeth Cairnes in her Will dated October 7, 1841. Thomas died on August 8, 1842, about seven weeks prior to the death of Mrs. Cairnes, who died September 29, 1842.

Thomas's name did not appear in the early records of Sharon ARP Church and no purchase of land was found. He was deeded the 75 acres by John Blair and identified in that deed. This writer searched hard for plats and other documents to identify the location of the 75 acres of land given to them by John Blair - none were found. It was said to be "bounded on the west side by the meanders of the east fork of Turkey Creek" (Note: the east fork is now called "Little Turkey Creek"). Topographic maps show this area to be land without large bottom lands and the land then ascending at a sharp rise away from the creek. It would not be land which was easy to farm. See cover for location of the area below. The The road crossing Little Turkey Creek, between the arrows is North Burriss Road. The 198 acre tract is the one inherited by the children of Thomas and Mary from John Blair.



Thomas's daughter Rebecca Patrick Mitchell died October 31, 1842 and his daughter Isabella died on November 3, 1842. We see above that Elizabeth Cairnes died Sept 29, 1842. It is a speculation that some contagious disease was possibly the cause.

Mary died a year later and brought an end to their generation. They are buried beside their good friend and sponsor, John Blair. See photo below.

