

SAMUEL KNOX LAND

The following references to land held by Samuel Knox are from: Colony of North Carolina, 1735-1764, Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume One by Margaret M. Hofmann, 1982, Roanoke News Company, Weldon, N. C. [For copies of patents listed below write Land Grant Office, New Legislative Office Building—Room 302, 300 North Salisbury St., Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

4347 Patent Book 13 p. 424 JOHN HENRY 21 December 1763 400 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the waters of the S. fork of Steels Creek, joining WALTER DAVIS above Biggers and KNOX's survey, both sides of a branch, and some rocks.

4349 Patent Book 13 p. 424 JOHN KNOX 21 December 1763 508 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the E. side of the Catauba River, joing JEAN ARMOUR, MATTHEW KNOX, sd. KNOX, and (a point) near Robert Lepers improvement.

6434 Patent Book 15 p. 447 SAMUEL KNOX 19 April 1763 400 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the headwaters of Jean Armours Creek

6439 Patent Book 15 p. 478 SAMUEL KNOX 19 April 1763 400 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the S. fork of Steel Creek, joining JAMES BIGGS, JOHN STANDRY, and his own entry.

6442 Patent Book 15 p. 479 SAMUEL KNOX 19 April 1763 400 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the South Westside of a Small path leading to Johney's Town from WIDOW ARMOUR

6443 Patent Book 15 p. 479 SAMUEL KNOX 19 April 1763 640 acres in Mecklenburgh County on the Reedy Fork of Steel Creek, joining DAVID HAY (?), FRANCIS BEATEY, and the North Edge of the Fork

6873 Patent Book 17 p. 4, JOHN HENRY 21 December 1763 400 acres in Mecklenburgh, joining SAMUEL KNOX, WALTER DAVIS, and the sd. HENRY

SAMUEL KNOX LAND FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Mecklenburg Co., N. C. deeds:

Lease and release....500 acres on ye south fork of Steel Creek....Biggers line. John Henrys line granted to sd. Knox, 19 Apr. 1763. Samuel Knox (SEAL) {see above}

16 July 1766. George Allen and wf. Sarah to Wm. Cronikel (lease and release), 600 acres of S. Branch of Steel Creek on E. side of Catawba, near John Henrys. Adj. Samuel Knoxes. Granted 21 Dec. 1763 to Samuel Bigham...p. 10, Vol. I.

19 Dec. 1767. Moses Ferguson of Mecklenburg...Schoolmaster to Samuel Bigham, senior of same. 500 acres on Steel Creek, adj. Samuel Knox and Chronical.

24!767. Samuel Bigham of Meck. ..farmer to Dennis McCormick of same on the head waters of Jean Armours Creek, adj. Samuel Knox, Bigham...Wit. Moses Ferguson, James Pursley, Proven April 1768.

Samuel Knox, 100 acres in Craven County on Fishing Creek, bounded NE by William McKenney, SE by Thomas Martin....11/2/1767 Survey; granted 4/6/1768. Richard (X) Carroll his mark for thhe memorialist, John Gaston.

6 June 1770, George Colquehoon of Meck. to Charles Colquehoon for love and affection, 220 A. at Thos Polk's line,400 A. granted to Samuel Knox and conveyed to george Colquehoon on South fork of Steel Creek.

1 May 1770, Samuel Knox of Meck., planter, to Moses Swann of Lancaster co., Penn., planter for 125 NC Prov. money...400 acres lying SW of a small path leading to Widow Armour's from Johnneys Town in Mecklenburg Co., [now York County, S.C.] granted 19 Apr. 1763.. Samuel Knox (SEAL), Mary Knox (O). Witness: James Tagart, Sam'l Berryhill.

12 & 13 Oct, 1770. Moses Ferguson and wf. Martha of Tryon Co., N.C. and Samuel Knox and wf. Mary of Mecklenburg to Francis Johnston and Joseph Johnston both late of Meck., lease and release, 400 acres on E. side of Catawba and SE of path leading from Jean Armours to the Catawba Nation, patented 6 April 1765. Witness: Thomas Neel, Hugh Neely, Alexander Johnston.

15 June 1771. Samuel Knox and wife Mary of Meck. to James Blackwood of same for 199 lb. ...300 acres on E. side of Catawba River, adj. Armours Creek, Samuel M....John Price's...Wit. James Boyd, Robert Harris, Jr.

21 Aug. 1772. William Cronical of Tryon Co. to Thomas Polk of Mecklenburg...land on waters of Steel Creek, adj. John Henry, Samuel Knox, John Davies...600 acres.

13 Sept. 1772. Moses Ferguson of Tryon County to Samuel Knox of Meck for 100 lb NC money. 150 acres on E. side Catawba R. adj. Bigger, Walker...lawfully made over to Samuel Knox and Moses Ferguson from John Farmer to whom it was granted 29 Apr. 1768.

3 October 1772. Francis Johnston of Meck. to Samuel Knox for 100 lbs, 150 acres on E. side Catawba adj. Buckannan, Walker, conveyed to sd. Johnston by Moses Ferguson and Samuel Knox whho purchased the same from John Farmer to whom it was granted 29 Apr. 1768...Wit. Francis Moore, Hugh Herron, Matthew Knox..

12 Jan. 1775. George Calhoun of Meck. to Samuel Calhoun, son of George, for 100 lb, land on E. side of Catawba River on the Steel Creek adj. Samuel Knox, John Hendres, James Biger, granted to Samuel Knox and sold to John Davis, 180 acres. George Calhoun (SEAL), Elizabeth Calhoun, Wit. Ann Brown, Wm. Kerr.

3 Oct. 1775. Moses Swann of Paxton Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and wf Margaret to Joseph Swan of Meck. cordwainer, for 100 lb. Pennsylvania money, 20 acres, 1/2 of 400 acres on SW of a small path to widow Armors from Johns Town granted to Samuel Knox.

3 Oct. 1775. Moses Swann (same as above) to Moses Swan, Jr. of Meck. for 1 lb. Pa. money, 200 acre (same as above) part of a grant to Samuel Knox, 19 Apr. 1763 and transferred 1 May 1770 to sd. Moses Swan.

S.C.Archives. File #2408; GR. #207, Bk. 23, p. 222. 200 Acres on waters of N. Fork of Tyger...John Miller and David Knox. 28 April 1765. [Same tract sold by George Pettus, 1801]

Samuel Knox Indian Lease:

Indenture 15 Nov. 1785 between John Col. Airs, Major Brown, Major John Thompson, Capt. Squash and Pine Tree George with the consent of Gen. New River Chiefs of the Catawba Indians and Samuel Knox of the county of Mecklenburg...land adj. Knoxes own land on Steel Creek...running to large branch about one half way between Thomas Spratt and Samuel Knox's own house and thence along Steel Creek and cross said creek to east side thereon to sd Indian line to Walter Davis' land...to low lands...March 1783 for 25 years in consideration of articles or presents made by Samuel Knox to Col. Airs...nine silver dollars, a black horse delivered to Tom Cross by order of sd. chiefs in 1784 for 5 years rent, 1 black mare for 7 years and in July 1785 one rifle gun and one silver dollar to Col Airs, on October 15, 1785 being for 4

years, one bay mare to bring in full the term of 25 years and sum of 10 silver dollars yearly. Witnesses: George Pettus, Nancy Callhoon, Ann Callhoon, John Cleary, Sarah Knox. True Copy of Lease in the Possession of William Pettus—introduced as evidence in Bill #60, Alexander Sutton and Mary his wife vs. John Jackson, Ct. of Common Pleas, York Chancery, 1830.

Will of Samuel Knox, Mecklenburg Co., 1794:

-Brick house and 128 acres to John D.O.K. Pettus

-Stephen Pettus, son of William Pettus, tract on Millstone Branch and Clems Branch [Lancaster County, S.C]

-to Samuel Knox Pettus, 1 tract of land adjoining Samuel Calhoun and my own and Samuel Neely's line [Had previously given 3800 acres (at least) to his three daughters, Jane married George Pettus; Mary married William Pettus and Sarah married Alexander Candlish.]

1804, William Pettus, admin. of Samuel Knox estate paid an attorney for trying of titles to lands, \$165.46

Samuel Knox (1730-1800) buried at Steel Creek Presbyterian cemetery, Mecklenburg County.

Buried beside Samuel Knox in Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery:

Sarah Knox, d. Nov. 8, 1765, age 66 [mother of Samuel Knox]

Southern Home, Charlotte, NC newspaper, May 5, 1870:

Steel Creek Presbyterian Church, in this county, was organized in 1760. The old graveyard is full of ancient tombstones, plain slabs set upright in the ground. The oldest that we could discover, after a long search, was that of Mrs. Sarah Knox. It has this inscription: 'Here lies ye body of Sarah Knox who departed this life Nov. 8, 1765. Also the son and daughter of Samuel Knox, Children.' Above the inscription is a face with a wing coming out of each side. This is a very common figure in the graveyard, as it is in the old graveyards of England, the ancient symbol of mortality. Col. William Grier told us that the first tombstone ever erected in Steel Creek was to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Sloan. This we could not find.

About ten years ago Foide & Hazel Williams, descendants of Jane P. Pettus and William Goodrich of Missouri, were taking pictures of the tombstones at Steele Creek and thought they saw an edge of additional writing at the bottom of Sarah's tomb and dug down and found the same words as in the 1870's newspaper account. They sent me a picture and said that the two tombs were side by side (which I knew from visiting the cemetery). So, Samuel's mother was Sarah Knox.

Susan McGee of Florida, who is writing a Taggart book, sent me the following:

John Taggart, Sr. (b. ca 1715-18, Ireland) in US (Philadelphia) in 1750
m. Mary _____ (b. Ireland) The two were in NC in Anson County in 1755.

Children:

1. James (b. ca. 1741, Ireland, died 22 Sept 1815, NC. m. (2nd?) 18 Dec 1792 to Agnes "Nancy" Brown, NC., b. ca. 1772, PA-d. 16 Aug 1845. (Their daughter Mary B. m. 28 July 1817 to George Pettus, son of Mary Knox Pettus and William Pettus.)
2. John, Jr. (b. ca. 1742, Ireland)
3. Joseph, b. ca. 1744, Ireland
4. Mary (b. ca. 1746, Ireland), d. 16 Oct 1828, York, SC, m. Samuel Knox, 1730-1800, bur Steele Creek.
5. Andrew , b. ca. 1748 Ireland, owned land in Rowan Co, NC 1778
6. Violet/Hester (b. ca. 1752, U. S.). She repurchased land granted to John Sr. which he sold to James Rice and she bought in 1777.

Since all of her information fit my information I accept her statement that Mary Taggart, m. Samuel Knox was the daughter of Mary _____ Taggart.