

MRS. HUGH HAMILTON MCCULLOCH

March 29, 1983

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Dear Anna Elizabeth: It was so good of you to write to me re: "Arbuckle Area". I was shocked to see the letter in print. I thought The Editor knows ev rything and would personally write me. He didn't!

But YOU did, and I was so glad to hear that the Arbuckle Area is on Rolling Fork, because the Land Grant Book shows Thomas Arbuckle was given 400 acres on Rolling Fork April 1, 1785 for fighting in the Revolution. Soon will be 200 years ago. I had no idea where Rolling Fork was. I knew from family records that the Va. Land Office, Richmond Va. lists "Patrick Henry, Gov. of Va. assigning to Thomas Arbuckle 400 acres in Jefferson Co. Va. on the Rolling Fork, adjoining the land of Solomon Lawrence, Henry Brewster and Thomas West.

Have you ever heard of Cloyd's Creek? where James Cloyd had Grant of 881 acres in 1783. Thomas Arbuckle and James Cloyd married sisters-the Lawrences. Thomas m. Elizabeth Lawrence, so I also come down from the Lawrences who received 1000 acres in 1785 in Nelson Co. on So. Fork of Rolling Fork. Did you ever hear of any Lawrences? and WHERE is the South Fork?

These ancestors all fought in the American Revolution over in Virginia. I belong to the Daughters of Am. Revolution, Daughters of Colonial Wars, American Colonists, Colonial Dames, etc.

Also, in some old papers is mentioned "112 acres on Hammond Creek" deeded to Thomas Arbuckle. Where is Hammond Creek?

Do you still own any of your Grandfather's farm which you say you grew up on in the Arbuckle area? I am 80 years old and no longer drive, or this summer I would go down and drive all over the Arbuckle area. Being sentimental, I would like to buy a piece of the old Land Grant deeded to my Ancestor.

Since writing the above, one of my sons drove me out to see Mary Ferriell in the Hillcreek Convalescent Home. She said when she is able to go home and gets used to driving again, she will take me all over the Arbuckle area. She is just a little older

letter contains names:

Arbuckle
Brewster
Cloyd

Ferriell

Lawrence

McCulloch

West

than me and since her broken hip, may hesitate to again drive- like me.

am sorry I have taken so long to finish this letter to you, but with Holy week, etc. have been too busy.

There is so much about Arcuckles I could write, but AM putting this out in mail today.

Mathew Arbuckle, brother of Thomas fought at Pt. Pleasant West Virginia (Va. then) and his name is on that tall monument there. There is also a town named for them near there. I have also revisited that place.

Have a Happy Easter! and I think you were so sweet to write to me. Come to see me sometime in Louisville. Everyone has to come in thru the alley between Eastern Pkwy and Edenside because of some law they cannot park on Eastern Pkwy. My red brick is in middle, backs up across from St. James School parking lot. Do you know Father Dolan now in Lebanon. He was our assistant pastor at St. James. We miss him. My hearing is poor, and do not hear doorbells, so friends phone me when they are coming so i can be on the lookout to unlock door and let them in. *Had Bless America I painted out my garage.*

This summer I am going to look into having LOUD bells installed.

Do let me hear from you again- and thank you for letting me know you grew up on my Ancestor's Land Grant.

How many acres did your father have and what did he have to pay for it - what did he sell it for? Is there any property now for sale ^{near} the Arbuckle's creek?

Appreciatively -

Mary M. Culloch

(Mrs. Hugh Hamilton McCulloch)

I was married 56 years but Hugh died 1978.

Deposition taken from James McCullough, John Simpson, George Hughes and John Helm taken by John Calloway of this county 7th September 1802 on the south bank of the North Fork of the Rolling Fork above the junction of the North and South Forks of the Rolling Fork River where a buffalo trace leaving from the jump lick into the forks of the river crosses the said North Fork and where the lower lines of the said Calloway Survey of 13 hundred and ninety two acres as assignees of Charles Deane crosses the said North Fork at a spring rising out of the bank of the river being the place represented in the ___ connected place thus F/C. (a tree) The said disposition being Taken before John Lancaster, Frederick Nance, John Helm and Benjamin Lawless Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Washington for perpetuating testimony respecting the special calls of an entry of 1392 acres made in the name of Charles Dyer and Anthony Kitchen living person resident in the S. County and not interested in the said claim.

James McCullough of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he made with the surveyor of the proper county the entry of the same Deane. That at the time he made the said entry there were some saplings cut down and the marks of the area around where the marked tree stood being such marks as were then called an improvement. That at the time the said entry was made there was a beech tree marked with red marks which this Deposant supposes were made with red lead which stood on the bank of the fork within fifteen feet of a spot shown the Commissioners being the place represented in the ___ plate by a tree at letter C. Question-how long were you acquainted with the improvement and marker tree before the entry was made? - Ans. I think in the fall before I first saw it but the improvement appeared to have been made some time before and there was a buffalo trace then crossed the fork at this place. Question. were you before making the entry generally acquainted with these parts and how long - Ans. I was generally acquainted with the Rolling fork from Mulders below to ___ Grays above this which acquaintance commenced in May 1778 and I hunted frequently in these parts from that time until some years after making the entry. Question by John Reed - Did you then or do you now know of any other tree standing on the fork above or below this marked with red lead. Ans. None that I now recollect of. Question by same- Did you not know at that time that there was a South and North Fork of the Rolling Fork. Answer - I did. question by the same - were not these waters above the fork then distinguished by the names of the north and south forks? Ans. I don't know that they were. Question by same - at the time of making the entry and before was this generally called the Rolling fork or the north fork of the rolling Fork. Ans. - I can not say what it was generally called but I always called this the rolling fork. question by same - Is this the place which you designed for the beginning of Deanes entry at the time you made it with the surveyor. Ans. It is to the best of my knowledge. Q.by the same - from the knowledge you have of the waters would you not from the calls of Deanes Entry have had not to search for at below the forks if you had not have made the entry? Ans. I don't know question by Calloway - from the calls of Deanes Entry, would not have have been lead to look above the forks as soon as below for his beginning if you have not have been the Locater, Ans. I suppose so ---- Question by J Reed were you not to have a part of this land for locating it. Ans. I was not. Question by same - do you now consider yourself or did you ever consider yourself Interested in establishing this beginning. Ans. No I never did and do not now and further he saith not.

S/James McCullough

John Simpson of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he has been acquainted with the rolling fork from ___ Grays down to the Ceder licks since the year 1776. That in the fall of the year 1780 or 1781 he camped here and then noticed a beech tree marked with red lead at this place which marks appears to have been made some time before. Question by John Reed -did you not camp here or near this place a night or two some time before you discovered the red letters and did you not pass by the marked tree to get water. Ans. I did camped near this on both sides of the fork some time before I noticed the letters I then passed near the tree which I afterwards discovered marked but did not observe any marks then. Q by Calloway might not the tree above alluded to have been marked when you first camped near this without your noticing the marks. Ans. It might. Q by same-was the spring we are now at very plain to be seen when you first camped near this. Ans. It was not being then covered by grass and coming out of the bank near the river than it now does. Q by Reed- Did you know of other trees marked with red lead on the fork below the junction of the north and south forks? Ans. I knew of trees marked in that manner at four places below the forks. But the ___ nearest the river was between two and three hundred yards from the bank of the river at Kinnetts Spring. Q by same-Did you know of any above the junction besides this one we are at? Ans. I knew of one called Bulgers improvement standing between a quarter and half mile from the river. Q by Calloway-When did you first become acquainted with these marked trees last spoken of. Ans. Some of them I saw some short time after the hard winter in 1780-and some of them I did not see until after I saw the one where we now are. Some of them I first saw ___ date in June 1776. Q-Did you not when you first saw the tree marked at this place suppose from the appearance that it was made in the same year with those dated in 1776. Ans. I supposed it had been made by the same Company as well as all the other trees above mentioned. Q by Reed-Was there any improvement here when you first discovered the letters. Ans. There was other letters cut in the bark of other trees and some chops in other trees the age of which I did not notice, also open made of brush and small saplings which appeared to have been made that face for all the improvements that I notice Q by same-How were these waters generally described in May 1780. Ans. This was called the Rolling fork of Salt River. The other branches did not receive particular names until after that date. Q by same Was there not a greater sign of improvement round the marked trees at Kennett Springs than at this place - Ans. there was more sign of the old improvement there than at this place. Q by same - do you recollect of any other tree marked above with red lead above the junction than there before _named. Ans. Since I answered the former question on this subject I recollect of a cabin and tree marked with red lead about a mile and a half above this and between two and three hundred yards from the river I saw the cabin in the winter 1780 but I did not notice the tree until some years after when the cane was cut down above the place.

S/John Simpson

George Hughes being of lawful age and first sworn deposite & saith that he was one of the chain carriers when this survey was made for Calloway under Deanes entry. That the place where we began was shown us by James McCullough whose deposition is before taken and before we got to the place McCullough described it particularly and left us a short time before we came to this place and on his return he said he had found the beginning and then showed us this place which we found answered his description very well. The marked tree was then standing on the bank where we now are and about the place this day shown by McCullough from which we began and made the survey as represented in the annexed platt and further he saith not

S/ Geo. Hughes

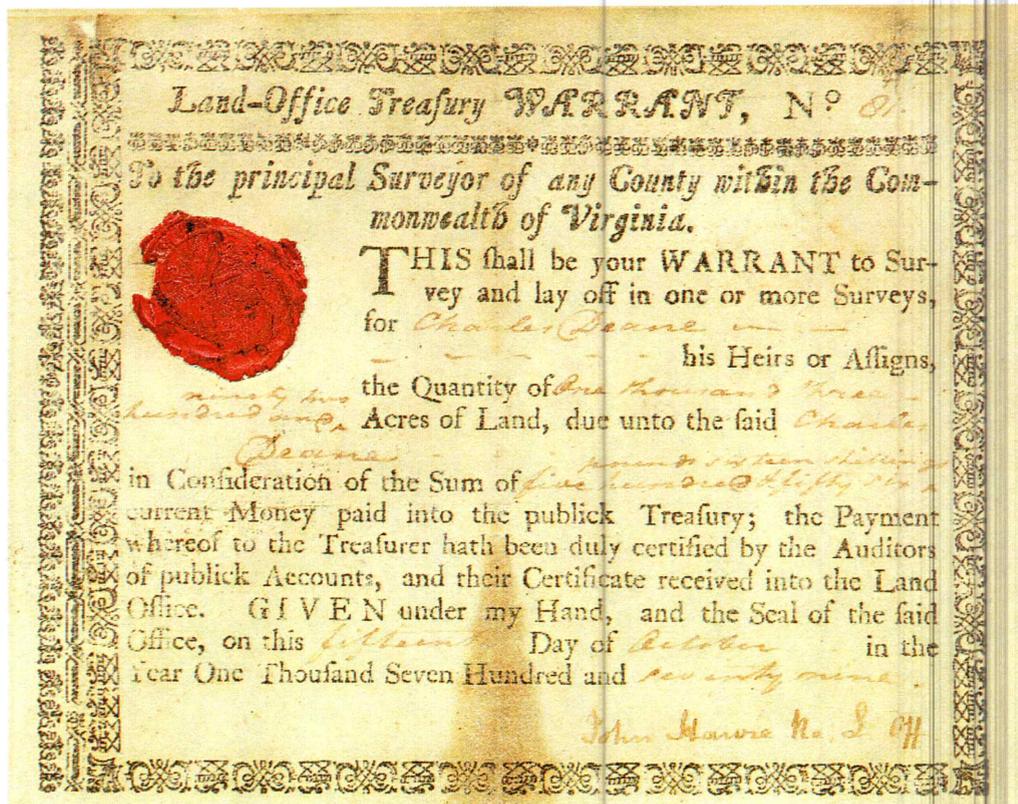
The deposition of John Helm taken at the same time and place on the same occasion in the presence of the ___ disinterested residents of said County and before the said John Lancaster, Frederick Nance, Benjamin Lawless who being duly sworn deposite and with John Calloway to this place in search of the said Deanes claim we then found many of the trees cut down at this place from the circumstance we supposed the said Deanes Beginning tree also cut down and the trunk thereof taken off which induced us to think it had floated down the fork. We then went down the fork a small distance and found a beech log and upon turninh it about found on it an old blaze with chops as induced us to think it was Dean's beginning corner which on the said fork about three fourths of a mile above the fork south fork. I then returned and set my compass at the place which we supposed the said Deanes survey, being the place where we now are and running the courses thereof found the lines and all the as far as we went round them, being all of them except the most Eastwardly corner thereof. We have hereunto set our hands and seals the date above written.

Done in Presence s/ Charles Dyer, Anthony Kitchen, John Lancaster, John Helm, Frederick Nance, Benj. Lawless

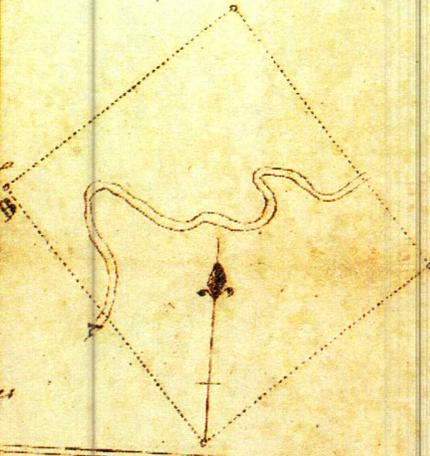
Washington County I hereby certify that the written and foregoing Depositions were this day duly recorded in my office Given under my hand this 12th day of October 1802

Comments:

The above deposition was found in the Washington County clerks office. The document is pages 606 – 608 in book B transcribed by Walter Overstreet. I believe the County clerk was John Reed in 1802, but his signature was not on the document? The tree with red lead was probably about the north end of River street in Bradfordsville and Kinnett Springs is believed to be on the farm owned originally by Kinnett then by Mills and later by Mullins. I don't know the present owner. I think the cabin seen by John Simpson was owned by Moses Coppage who came to Kentucky in 1788 and was listed in a Nelson County census performed by the militia in 1790. He was listed at about the location in the deposition. In 1791 his son James bought land on the South Fork. I have found no deed for land owned by Moses. A fort was located on the North Fork for people to go for protection from Indian raids. I think the fort was near Kinnett Springs located on the farm listed above. Below is the Deane Survey Warrant # 81



Surveyed for Charles Deane 1392
 acres of Land in Nelson County
 on the Rollingfork by Virtue of a
 Treasury Warrant N^o 81. Beginning
 at a Beech tree Standing on the South
 Bank of said fork marked with Red
 Lead Hammer thence N 45 W 250
 poles to a Black Gum and two
 Whiteoaks thence N 45 E 445 poles
 to a Dogwood and two Small Hickories
 thence S 45 E 500 poles crossing the
 Rolling Fork at 340 poles to a large Whiteoak and Small Dogwood
 thence S 45 W 445 poles to a Sugar tree ash and Large Spanish oak
 thence N 45 W 250 poles to the Beginning



George Hughes
 James M^o bullock } C. C.
 William Calhoun } W

Surveyed by
 12th May 1790

W. M. Hay S. C.

6967

Charles Deane
 1392 Acres
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