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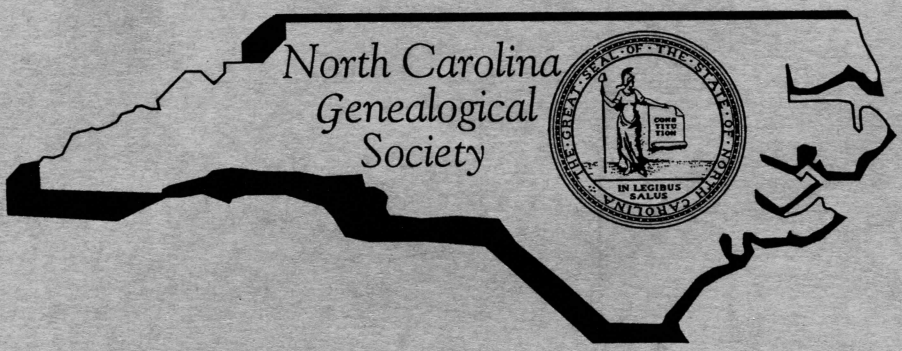

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SURRY CO., N. C., TAXABLES 1774 AND 1775

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For the earliest tax lists of Surry County, North Carolina, researchers have long used William Perry Johnson's published transcripts for the 1771-1777 period. However, there is an original district list not included in Johnson's work; it is preserved in Surry County Taxables, "No Date 1," stack file number C.R.092.701.11, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Though this list bears no date, the names confine it to 1777 or earlier, as both Surry and Wilkes names are on it. Its form (only polls are taxed) is consistent with pre-1778.

The man whose name heads this undated district list is not taxed on his own list, but rather is taxed on the 1775 list of Abraham Creson. In turn, Creson, who is not taxed on his own 1775 list, is taxed on this undated list. The remainder of the names of taxables on this list are uniformly scattered through the extant 1771, 1772, 1774, and 1777 districts--but are unique when compared to extant 1775 lists. This is certainly a previously unidentified 1775 district and as such is obviously quite important.

The physical format of this list was originally 7½" by 12" sheets, folded in half and sewn into a 7½" by 6" booklet. The outer full sheet survives whole, with taxables listed fully down the one [inner] side. The other [outer] side has taxables across one half, the district name on the other half. Three additional half pages also survive, with names on both writing surfaces. This list is certainly missing at least one half page, as orphan descenders [from a missing half page] encroach on the top of an extant half page.

Richard Murphey List Taxables [1775]

John RUNELS one Taxabel 1 1
Watemon SUMMERS one Taxabel 1 1
John SUMMERS one Taxabel 1 1
William CRITCHFIELD one Taxabel 1 1
John CRITCHFIELD senr one Taxabel 1 1
John AUSTIN one Taxabel 1 1
Thomas MAY one Taxabel 1 1
Benjamin MAY one Taxabel 1 1
William FRANKELING one Taxabel 1 1
William BURCH one Taxabel 1 1
John BOURLAND Two Taxabels Andrew BOURLAND 2
Isaac WINFERY one Taxabel 1 1
Thomas LILES one Taxabel 1 1
Benjamin BURK one Taxabel 1 1
[*complete double page, next is the reverse of this double page*] [-----]
Giles PARMELY one Taxabel 1 1
* Wilcom HODGES five Taxabels 5 Abner and Amasa HODGES Negro Commener & Negro Rose 5

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Emanuel ROSE one Taxabel 1 1
John JARVIS one Taxabel 1 1
Gorge WATKINS one Taxabel 1 1
Edmond KERBY one Taxabel 1 1
John UNDERWOOD Two Taxabels 2 William UNDERWOOD 2
Jonas MARSHALL one Taxabels Moses MARSHALL Const 1
William COMBS Two Taxabels 2 2
John FORBIS one Taxabel 1 1
Rodom REDMON one Taxabel 1 1
Benjamin SMITH one Taxabel 1 1
John COOK fore Taxabels Negro James Negro Jo & Negro James 4
Thomas PETTET one Taxabel 1 1
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John AUSTIN sener Two Taxabel Jonah [?] AUSTIN 2
Samuel CRITCHFIELD one Taxabel 1 1
Nathanel CRITCHFIELD one Taxabel 1 1
Elisebeth MAY one Taxabel 1 Negro Will
[*faded*]
David AUSTIN one Taxabel 1 1
James FELDER one Taxabel 1 1
Joseph LASSWELL one Taxabel 1 1
Amas KILBURN senr one Taxabel 1 1
John MARLATT one Taxabel 1 1
John HOLDB^{R}UCKS Two Taxabels 2 Wm HOLDB^{R}UCKS 2
John LANTRIP one Taxabel 1 1
Andrew DUGLIS one Taxabel 1 1
Thomas CODEY one Taxabel 1 1
Peter PERSON Three Taxabels Ben^{a} & Jeams PERSON 3 3
Nichols COOK one Taxabel 1 1
[*complete double page break*] [-----]
William RIDGE fore Taxabels 4 4
Thos PITTET one Taxabel 1 1
Benjamin STACEY one Taxabel 1 1
Henery HAND one Taxabel 1 1
Andrew MARTIN one Taxabel 1 1
John CARTY one Taxabel 1 1
[*name blurred and marked through*] [-----]
[*name blurred and marked through*] [-----]
Abrham HEADY Three Taxabels 3 Gilberd & Jacob HEADEY 3
Henery SNOW one Taxabel 1 1
Arther CRITCHFIELD one Taxabel 1 1
Godery CODEY one Taxabel 1 1
Thomas MOLINS [?] one Taxabel 1 1
francis GIDDIN one Taxabel 1
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Prisallar AUSTIN one Taxabel 1 1

John HARDY one Taxabel 1 1
James BRADBURY one Taxabel 1 1
Amason COMBS Jr one Taxabel 1 1
William CODEY one Taxabel 1 1
Abner EVERIGE one Taxabel 1 1
Gorge TOMSON one Taxabel 1 1
Olive ROBERTS one Taxabel 1 1
John McMICHEL one Taxabel 1 1
William PILGRIM Two Taxabels 2 Zekel [?] PILGRIM 2
David CRAFFORD one Taxabel 1 1
Thos WOODRUFF one Taxabel 1 1
frost SNOW one Taxabel 1 1
Edward GIDDIN one Taxabels 1
[*half page break*] [-----]
Joseph JOHNSON one Taxabel 1 1
Edmond BALEY one Taxabel 1 1
William JOHNSON one Taxabel 1 1
John BURCH Two Taxabels 2 Willam BURCH 2
Jabez JARVIS 3 Taxabels 3 Reze & Levey JARVIS 3
Amas LONDON one Taxabel 1 1
John COGSWELL one Taxabel 1 1
Joseph WOODRUFF one Taxabel 1 1
John FIDELER one Taxabel 1 ..... [*torn*]
James BUNNUN one Taxabel 1 ..... [*torn*]
Martin GARMBILL one Taxabel 1 ..... [*torn*]
Godfery ISAACS one Taxabel 1 1
John CRITCHFIELD Jr one Taxabel 1 1
Nathanel WOODRUFF one Taxabel 1 1
Stephen AUSTIN one Taxabel 1 1
Joseph BURK one Taxabel 1 1
[*half page break, next is the reverse of this half page*] [-----]
Peter GREENSTREET one Taxabel 1 1
James GREENSTREET one Taxabel 1 1
Thomas GARMBILL one Taxabel 1 1
Samuel HANES one Taxabel 1 1
Randel HOLDBRUCKS one Taxabel 1 1
John GOUGE one Taxabel 1 1
William HARGIS one Taxabel 1 1
William SPICER one Taxabel 1 1
Samuel RIGGS Three Taxabels 3 Silas & Zadock RIGGS 3
Gorge UNDERWOOD one Taxabel 1 1
Benjamin SCOTT one Taxabel 1 1
Roland CURNILIS one Taxabel 1 1
Gorge MORRIS one Taxabel 1 1
James HALIGEN [?] one Taxabel 1 1
William HALIGIN [?] one Taxabel 1 1

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[*topped by orphan descenders, suggesting a missing half page*]
William AUSTIN one Taxabel 1 1
John SPURLOCK one Taxabel 1 1
Adniram ALLEN one Taxabel 1 1
John POND one Taxabel 1 1
Danel WRIGHT one Taxabel 1 1
David ALLEN one Taxabel 1 1
William RANEY 3 Taxabel 3 William & John RANEY 3
Michel HENDERSON one Taxabel 1 1
John SHOURS one Taxabel 1 1
Henery SOUTHERD one Taxabel 1 1
William SHOURS one Taxabel 1 1
Abiel COBB one Taxabel 1 1
[*half page break, next is the reverse of this half page*] [-----]
William M^{c}CLEAN one Taxabel Constable ..... -
Charls DODSON one Taxabel 1 1
Richard WEELCH one Taxabel 1 1
Ruben SHOURS s^{r} one Taxabel 1 1
Amason COMBS s^{r} 3 Taxabels 3 3
Elisha HEADEY one Taxabel 1 1
John BAKER Two Taxabels 2 William TALER 2
Abraham CRESON Esqr Seven Taxabel 7 David ENYERT Richd BLALOCK Negro Jack Negro Vol Negro Jean Negro Jeana GAIN 7
William BAKER one Taxabel 1 1
Joseph MURPHY one Taxabel 1 1
Larince SMITH Three Taxabels 3 3
[*half page break*] [-----]

There is also a secondary source for a 1774 district likewise not part of Johnson's publication; that source is a typescript volume prepared by Luther N. Byrd. As to whether this list might still survive in original manuscript, it does not seem encouraging. As would be expected, the original manuscript for this district was not found in the papers of William Perry Johnson at Guilford College (he would have been expected to publish it with his other lists). It is not in the Raleigh files of Surry County taxables, nor has any sign of it been found in other potential North Carolina repositories. The gentleman who acted as conservator of Byrd's papers had no knowledge of the original's whereabouts. Nonetheless, there seems to be no reason to doubt the authenticity of Byrd's transcription.

The relevant section of Byrd's work bears the title *Tax Lists for Surry County, North Carolina, for the Year 1774 with a Partial Listing for 1775*; it was prepared at Westfield, North Carolina, in June 1947. The copy in the North Carolina State Library bears handwritten corrections, presumably in Byrd's own hand. His introduction states:

Typed from the original lists, as compiled by individual tax listers for the two years above mentioned, the lists being on file in the vaults of the Clerk of Court for Surry County, N. C. The two districts for 1775 were included, along with the 1774 lists, due to the fact that the compiler felt that it was possible they would include additional information. The 1774 lists include most of the county at that time, but it is possible that one district may be missing. However, a thorough search of the vault of the Clerk of Court failed to reveal any other district lists for the year 1774.

Captain Samuel Freeman's District [1774][1]

Names	Polls
John COMMANS	1
John BRANNON & sons Spencer [?] BRANNON, William BRANNON & Joseph BRANNON	4
Leonard WISHON	1
William SMITH	1
Tolcott ROOP	1
Michel ROOP	1
Simon GROSS	1
Christopher WISHERMAN	1
Olmay LUNDON	1
Oliver ROBARDS	1
Edwards HUGHES & John HUGHES	2
Daniel OBAN [?] & Robert OBAN [?]	2
George REEVES	1
Frederick SHORE	1
Olliver ROBARTS & Jesse SUNLEY, John COOK & Thomas PAGIT [PADGETT] & negroes Jim & Jay	6
Thomas STANTON	1
Paul PATRICK & John PATRICK & William PATRICK	3
Nathan GRIMES & William WANICK & negroes Jack & Pugg	4
Burrel BRUER [BREWER]	1
William DENNEY	1
Timithee TERREL & negroes Handy & Beck	3
Gilbard HIDDEN & Jacob HIDDEN & Abraham HIDDEN	3
James YARBRO	1
Ambrose BRAMLITT & John AUSTON	2
Joseph MANNERS	1
Thomas HORNEY	1
David BUSH	1
James BRADLEY	1
William PILGRIM & Zekel PILGRIM	2
Peter MYERS	1

[1]The list appears on pages 15-18 of Byrd's 1774-1775 transcripts. Byrd's parenthetical additions appear in brackets here.

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Peter WILLIAMS 1
Hugh HAMMOCK 1
Robert HAMMOCK 1
John HALCOM & Edward JAC[K]SON & negro Diner 3
John HUMFRIS 1
Simon GROSE Jr. 1
John CROSS & William CROSS 2
Alexander HOAKINS & James FREEMAN & negroes Sam, Diner & Judith 5
John DENNEY & negro 2
George MORRIS & Henry MORRIS 2
John HOWARD Sr. 1
William McFEE 1
John BACOR & William TALER 2
Thomas SPEAR 1
John CALTON 1
Lewis WHELAS 1
Daniel HUFF 1
Francis COMER 1
James YORK 1
Peter SHERMOR Jr. 1
Weightman SUMMERS 1
Charles BOLEN 1
John DURHAM 1
Samuel CHIN 1
Richard GYONTRY 1
Pritty MEEKS 1
John DYER 1
William MEEKS 1
Morris ----- 1
Joseph WOODRUF 1
William HOWARD & John HOWARD 2
Abraham HOWARD 1
Thomas CALTON 1
Thomas MULLINS 1
Jacob HOOTS 1
William FRANKLIN 1
Jacob FREE & George FORBUSH 2
John HOWARD Junr. 1
William LAKEY 1
Thomas CODY 1
Richard RABON 1
Isaak & John RUNNELS & negro Tamer 3
John PIPS & Henry MYERS 2
William Nickles COOK & John COOK 2
David RIGGS 1
Philip PIPS 1

John HALCOM Sr. 1
Mason COMER Sr., & Pyrim COMER & Jeremiah COMER 3
William RIDGE, Godfrey RIDGE & negroes Hanner & Cato 4
Thomas PETTIT 1
Benjamin STASEY 1
Joseph ENGLAND & John ENGLAND 2
Thomas WOOTEN Sr., & Absolem WOOTEN 2
James RAINWATER 1
Thomas WOOTEN Jr. 1
James SHEPARD Sr., James SHEPARD Jr., & Edmon CURBY 3
Thomas PINNAL & Rubin PINNAL 2
Abraham PA[D]GET, Ephraim PA[D]GET & William WHITNOR 3
Joseph BURK 1
Thomas MEERS & Moses MEERS 2
James BEDGETT & David SHOCKLEY 2
John COLE & William COLE 2
Charles DOBSON Sr., & Charles DOBSON Jr. 2
John REID, John JONES & William SCOT & negroes Hanner, Appelon, Jim, David, Coltrain, Simon, Rachel, Tets & Marmion 12
Francis BACOR [or BAKER] & negro Jacob 2
Jabez JARVIS & Levy JARVIS 2
John BURCH & William BURCH 2
John FLANED & John BRANNON 2
Joseph CARTIN 1
Thomas PINNAL Jr. 1
Charles WOADLE 1
George GREEN 1
John HOLEBROOK 1
Henry BURGE 1
William FORTNER 1
Stephen OSBORN 1
Joshua FREEMAN 1
Jacob GALLON 1
James FIDLER 1
John ALLEN 1
Volontine ROSS 1
John HARMON 1
John HARDY 1
Bennet ROSE 1
Moses WOODRUF 1
William JOHNSTON 1
John CURBY 1
Thomas BIGBY 1
Hamilton McCLATCHEY 1
Teall GROOSE 1
Peter SHERMO 1

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Edward MOORE 1
John SUMMERS 1
John MOORE 1
William BROWN 1
John YORK Sr., & John YORK Jr. 2
Humphrey DURHAM 1
Samuel GENTRY & Shadrack GENTRY 1
Job POROGIN 1
David CRAFFORD 1
Thomas EVINS 1
Thomas FORSTER 1
Williby BROTIN & Thomas STONE & negro 3
John BOHANNON 1
Abraham KERR 1
Simon HADLY & Thomas HADLY 2
John ROBARDS 1
Philip HALCOM 1
Samuel JANER 1
Greenberry PATTERSON 1
Patrick MACKERVY 1
Timithen WILLIAMS & Thomas WILLIAMS 2
William MORE 1
Moses JOHNSON 1
John BOHANNON 1
John PETTEJOHN & Job PETTEJOHN & Henry PETTEJOHN 3
William McLAIN & Matthew McLAIN & Richard McLAIN 3
Nathaniel WOODRUF 1
Jesse BROUGHTON 1
Benjamin WHEALAS & Rubin WHELAS 2
William FINKWAY 1
John BRASIL 1
Eliflet JARVIS 1
Amariah FELTON 1
Jobe FELTON 1
Jesse BUMPUS 1
Nickles GENTRY & Richard GENTRY & Athey GENTRY 3
Moses COCKERHAM 1
John PIGG, Edward HENRY & negro Abraham 3
Allin GENTRY 1
William STONE 1
John MARTAN 1
Jobe BROTEN 1
Joseph JOHNSTON 1
Moses JOHNSTON 1
Stephen HIDE 1
James KELLEY 1

Randal BROWN 1
Godfrey CODY 1
Peter STOLZ 1
Henry SNOW 1
James HOLLIGON 1
George HIDE 1
William SONGINER & William FRAZER 2
Andrew MARTIN 1
Barney CEMSEY 1
James YORKE 1
Joel COPLEN 1
Samuel FREEMAN, Aron FREEMAN & Richard DAVIS & negroes Mingo, Sam & Ester 6
Philip HOWARD 1
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[Byrd's Note:] From personal knowledge of land-holdings of some of those persons listed, Captain Samuel Freeman's District was probably largely in what is now Surry County, with some in what is now Yadkin county.

"One of our old batchlors is casting a sheeps eye at a Miss School teacher, and I expect she will stop teaching children and teach the one to whom it concerns." [*Perquimans Record* (Hertford, NC, 22 April 1891]

"To the many inquiries concerning the school at the Academy, we will say, it is thought that we will have a school, taught by we don't know who, and beginning we don't know when, but the trustees are most sure, that we will have a school." [*Perquimans Record* (Hertford, NC, 29 July 1891]

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