

Land Deed Genealogy  
*of*  
**RUTHERFORD COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE**



**Volume 2**

**( 1814-1819 )**

640 acres granted to William Bowman and runs thence south with the line of said grant 89 1/2 poles, thence east 89 1/2 poles, thence north 89 1/2 poles, thence west to beginning.  
Witness: Ben Carr and Jas. Snell.

Signed: James Taylor

Registered September 7, 1816

Page 394, Doc. No. 409 - Edward Harris, Esq. to Jno. Gray Blount for 228 acres. This indenture made 13 October 1810 between Edward Harris, Esquire, of the Town of Newborne, North Carolina and John Gray Blount for a tract of land in Rutherford County in the First District on the east waters of the east fork of Stones River. Beginning at an oak marked RW and which oak on Reading Blount's south boundary line of his survey of 4800 acres and runs south 13 poles to Bryan Smith's north east corner and continuing with his line south in all 184 poles on the north bank of a small branch William Ponder's south west corner, thence with Ponder's line east 158 poles said Ponder's corner on John Willis' line, thence with said Willis' line north 51 poles said Willis' north west corner, thence with his line east 57 poles, thence north 133 poles, thence with his line west 215 poles to beginning. Containing 228 acres and was granted to said Edward Harris, assignee of Robert W(illegible) on Warrant No. 3596 and Grant No. 452.

Witness: Cannon Smith, David Smith and Sam'l Ralston.

Signed: R. Harris

Registered November Term 1816

Page 395, Doc. No. 410 - Mary Smith to William Smith for Bill of Sale. I, Mary Smith have sold unto my son William Smith five negroes, to wit, one negro woman named Nan aged about 25 years, her daughter Sena aged 6 years, her son Isaac aged 4 years, her son Julias aged 2 years and her daughter Harriett an infant. This 28 August 1815.

Witness: Charles Gilliam and Cunningham Smith.

Signed: Mary Smith

Registered September 15, 1816

Page 396, Doc. No. 411 - John Parks to John Coffee for 55 acres. This indenture made 8 July 1816 between John Parks of Rutherford County and John Coffee of same place for a tract of land in Rutherford County and on the main east fork of Stones River. Beginning at a stone 1 pole above the mouth of a large cave in the bank of the east fork and nearly opposite the house where said Parks now lives, the same being the north east corner of the tract of land whereon he the said Parks now lives and cultivates, running from thence west crossing the main branch of said fork 20 poles and an elm standing on the lower point of the island, thence south 41 degrees east 31 poles to the edge of said east fork, thence south to the center of the river, thence up said river to the east boundary of John Bradley's tract formerly John Reed's survey as sold by William P. Anderson to John Bradley, thence with that line north 112 poles to the north east corner of said survey and continuing north 22 poles making in the whole course 134 poles, thence west 66 poles, thence 20 degrees west 22 poles to a cedar standing on the bank of said east fork about 6 poles west from the beginning.

Witness: Jas. Thompson and Smidly Lynch.

Signed: John Parks

Registered September 16, 1816

Page 397, Doc. No. 412 - James Rucker to William Nance for 107 1/2 acres. This indenture made 12 March 1816 between James Rucker of Rutherford County and William Nance of same place for a tract of land in Rutherford County on the east fork of Stones River. Beginning at the south east corner of Shelby's tract, running north 210 poles, thence west 86 1/2 poles to the river, thence east of south 63 poles, thence south 128 poles, thence east 76 1/2 poles to beginning.

Witness: W.G. Childress and Alexr. McCullough.

Signed: James Rucker

Registered September 18, 1816

Page 398, Doc. No. 413 - Robert Weakley to Theo. A. Cannon for 38 acres and 108 poles. This indenture made 20 October 1815 between Robert Weakley of Davidson County and Theophilus A. Cannon of Rutherford County for a tract of land in Rutherford County on the west side of Stewarts Creek. Beginning at the original William L. Alexander's south east corner (now said Cannon's) and runs south 68 poles to Stephen Cantrell's boundary line of the west bank of a dry branch, and runs with said Cantrell's line west and passing his corner, in all 91 poles to said Cannon's corner of Samuel McCleary's line, thence with said Cannon's line north 68 poles said Cannon's corner, thence with his line east 91 poles to beginning. It being the west end or a part of a 274 acre tract which being on both sides of Stewarts Creek and was granted by the said Robert Weakley by the State of North Carolina by virtue of a Military Land Warrant.

Witness: Edwin Sharpe and Alexr. McWilliams.

Signed: R. Weakley

Registered September 18, 1816

Page 399, Doc. No. 414 - Robert Weakley to John Sharpe for 23 acres and 39 poles. This indenture made 12 October 1815 between Robert Weakley of Davidson County and John Sharpe of Rutherford County for a tract of land in Rutherford County on the west side of Stewarts Creek. Beginning in the center or middle of said creek Robert Weakley's corner of a tract of land this day conveyed by deed from the said John Sharpe to the said Robert Weakley and in the line of the tract conveyed by deed from Shadrack Jones to the said Weakley and runs thence down the center of said creek with its meanders to the west boundary line of Weakley's tract, thence with the line of said tract south 21 degrees west 80 poles to beginning. It being part of a preemption right granted unto Shadrack Jones and conveyed by deed from said Jones to said Weakley.

Witness: Edwin Sharpe and Thos. A. Cannon.

Signed: R. Weakley

Registered 18 September 1816

Page 400, Doc. No. 415 - John Brown to John Fly for 111 acres. This indenture made 2 October 1815 between John Brown of Rutherford County and John Fly of same place for a tract of land in Rutherford County on the waters of Stones River on the branch of Stewarts Creek, the property of said Brown. Beginning at James Whitsitt's north west corner, running south 121 poles, thence west 96 poles, thence north 129 1/2 poles, thence north 35 1/2 degrees east 46 poles to the mouth of the lane, thence east 75 degrees north 66 poles, thence south 33 degrees east 50 poles, thence south 70 degrees east 42 poles, thence south 10 degrees west 14 poles to a cedar marked T.T.Z.P., thence west 52 poles to beginning.

Witness: Jesse Sullivant and Elisha Fly.

Signed: John Brown

Dyer, William Mitchell and R.H. Dyer of Rutherford County and George Grisham of same place for a tract of land in Rutherford County on Long Creek the waters of the west fork of Stones River. Beginning at a cedar running, thence south agreeable to the variation 277 poles to a stake, thence west 54 poles to a stake, thence north agreeable to the variation 277 poles to a sugar tree.

Witness: John Strother and Robert Clark.

Signed: Wm. Christmas, by  
Wm. Mitchell, Agt.  
Wm. S Mitchell

Registered 15 March 1814

Page 9, Doc. No. 11 - Drury Vaughan to Jno. Mathis, Bill of Sale. I, Drury Vaughan of Rutherford County have sold, 10 November 1813, unto John Mathis of same place, one negro girl names Dica, nine years old.

Witness: Wm. Edwards.

Signed: Drury Vaughan

Registered 15 March 1814

Page 10, Doc. No. 12 - I, Jesse Brashear, Surveyor of the Rutherford County upon the application and requeat of Daniel Bowman together with twelve men of a jury summoned by Capt. Thomas Yardley (illegible), (illegible), Sheriff for said purpose whose name I will hereafter annex proceeded on the 15 July 1813 to procession the said Bowman purchased from Joseph McDowels executor and being the north boundary part of a tract of land originally granted to Thomas Harr(illegible) for 2157 acres now known by the name of the Black Fox Camp tract of land. Beginning at the letter A as the plat will more fully show a small hickory being the north west corner of the aforesaid large survey runs thence east 784 poles to a small black oak, north east corner of the same, thence south 120 poles to a (illegible) line said to be Kelton's north boundary, the same course (illegible) south 60 poles in all 180 poles to a hickory, thence west 654 poles to a white oak, thence south 2 poles to the center of a small branch thence with the various courses of the same north westwardly 130 poles to a stake in the west boundary line of the aforesaid large survey, thence with the same north 136 poles including said Bowman's house and all improvements to beginning.

Jurors: Robert Warson, James Montgomery, David Rankin, Hugh Kirk, James R. Russell, Samuel K(illegible), John Wallace, William D. Baird, John Hill, Andrew M(illegible), John Henry and John Bradley.

NOTE: Survey and plat in Original Document.

Page 11, Doc. No. 13 - D. Fleming, Bill of Sale. I, David Fleming, adminostrator of the estate of Joseph Twedy, deceased, hath this day sold unto William Henderson one negro boy named Jack. This 22 February 1813.

Witness: Jos. Dickson and Samuel Fleming.

Signed: D. Fleming

Registered 16 March 1814

Page 11, Doc. No. 14 - Bennett Smith to Tho. B. Smith, Bill of sale for 5 negroes. I, Bennett Smith of Rutherford County, have sold unto Thomas B. Smith of same place 5 negroes. One negro man by the name of Long Tom about 26 years of age, and Frances, his wife, about 22 years of age, Rich, Winney and Grace, their three children. This 7 September 1812.

Witness: Wm. Smith

Signed: Ben Smith

Registered 16 March 1814

Page 11, Doc. No. 15 - Nathaniel Barksdale to James Mackey for Bill of Sale. I, Nathaniel Barksdale of Rutherford County hath sold unto James Mackey of the same place one negro girl named Lucy. This 16 December 1813.

Witness: John Hill and John Mackey.

Signed: Nath'l. Barksdale

Registered 16 March 1814.

Page 11, Doc. No. 17 (Doc. No. 16 Missing) - Thomas Goode to Elizabeth McMillion for Bill of Sale. Received January 5, 1813 of Elizabeth McMillion \$280. for one negro girl named Eliza.

Witness: Samuel Freeman and William Evans.

Signed: Thos. Goode

Registered 17 March 1814

Page 12, Doc. No. 18 - John Donelson to William Ward for 640 acres. This indenture made 12 December 1810 between John Donelson of Davidson County and William Ward of Rutherford County for a tract of land in Rutherford County on the head waters of the Dry Creek of Fall Creek, Grant No. 3314. Beginning at the said John Donelson's south east corner an ash of his survey Warrant No. 4640, thence south 320 poles to an ash, thence west 320 poles to a stake, thence north 320 poles to the said John Donelson's south west corner a stake, thence along the same east to beginning.

Witness: Alex. Donelson and John Donelson.

Signed: John Donelson

Registered 17 March 1814

Page 12, Doc. No. 19 - Joseph F. Dickinson to John Henderson for Deed of Trust. We, Jos. F. Dickinson and David Dickinson for Wm. H. Murfree, Trustees, named in a certain Deed of Trust to the aforesaid Joseph F. Dickinson and Wm. H. Murfree, executor by Matthias B. Dickinson for certain purposes therein exposed and registered in Bertie County, North Carolina for \$550. to them in hand paid by John Henderson of Rutherford County, has sold unto him the said John Henderson two certain negroes, viz, Nathan and Charles. This 8 June 1812.

Witness: Luke H. Deanes and John Smith.

Signed: Jos. F. Dickinson  
David Dickinson for  
Wm. H. Murfree

Registered 18 March 1814

Page 13, Doc. No. 20 - Wm. P. Anderson to J. Overton & Mal. Gilchrist for 640 acres. This indenture made 21 March 1812 between William P. Anderson and Malcolm Gilchrist for a tract of land in Bedford County, Tennessee, granted by the said State to Anderson by Grant No. 1086, dated June 16, 1809, on both sides of Duck River. Beginning at an elm in the west boundary line of a 5000 acre tract of land granted to John Gray and Thomas Blount Grant No. 235 550 poles north from their south west corner, running thence with their west boundary line, south 558 poles to a red oak John G. Blount's corner, thence with another of his lines east 56 poles to a cherry tree John Sloss' north west corner, thence with his line south 130 poles to a white oak the same being north east corner to an Entry No. 147 for 45 acres in the name of Newton Cannon, thence with his north boundary line west crossing Duck River 215 poles, in all 120 poles to a horn

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Signed: Matthew McClanahan

Registered 11 December 1822

Page 434, Doc. No. 334 - Matthew McClanahan, Sheriff, to Samuel H. Laughlin for Deed. This indenture made 20 July 1820 between Matthew McClanahan, Sheriff, of Rutherford County and Samuel H. Laughlin of same place for a tract of land. Whereas Dunnell, Lyman & Co. lately did recover against Thomas Rucker, Jr. and Edmund Rucker as a certain debt. Sheriff to sell said property of two lots Nos. 8 & 9 in the Town of Murfreesborough, to wit, 57 feet in front, and extending back north to the north bounds of said lots, as also on one stable and houses as the property of Edmund and Thomas Rucker. Samuel H. Laughlin did and there bid for the same and became the purchaser.

Signed: M. McClanahan  
Sheriff

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Page 437, Doc. No. 335 - Matthew McClanahan, Sheriff, to William Ledbetter for Deed. This indenture made 10 June 1820 between Matthew McClanahan, Sheriff, of Rutherford County and William Ledbetter of the other part. Whereas David Ledbetter lately did recover a judgment against William R. Hearn and Joseph Pollard as a debt. Said Sheriff was commanded that of the goods and chattels &c of said William R. Hearn and Joseph Pollard should be sold. Sheriff did return that he had levied on one lot of ground on the south boundary of the Town of Murfreesborough belonging to said Joseph and bought from Isaac Hilliard, whereon said Pollard had a slaughter pen (being No. 34 in the range of lots) the same being the property of said Joseph Pollard and he not being able to find any personal property of said Joseph Pollard, that he had made by the sale therof on 10 June 1820, \$155. of the debt &c. Therefore the said levy on the said lot on 21 March 1820 and William Ledbetter did bid and became the purchaser of said lot of ground known by Lot No. 34, beginning at the north west corner of the same on Sevier Street, thence east with said street 9 poles, thence south 9 poles, thence west 9 poles on the street leading out of Murfreesborough by Statton's, thence north 9 poles to beginning, including the slaughter pen.

Signed: Matthew McClanahan  
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Registered 12 December 1822

Page 439, Doc. No. 336 - Matthew McClanahan, Sheriff, to Ephraim H. Foster for 242 acres. This indenture made 15 December 1821 between Matthew McClanahan of Rutherford County and Ephraim H. Foster of Davidson County, Tennessee. A certain William Davis recovered a judgment against one James Childress, one Joseph Bradley and one John Bradley for the sum of \$516.06 for balance of debt and costs. Sheriff was commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands &c of the said James Childress, Joseph Bradley and John Bradley if to be found in his county he should cause to be made the debt &c and to render to said William Davis. Sheriff not being able to find any personal property had levied on 300 acres of land lying about three miles east of Murfreesborough, it being the same tract whereon the said John Bradley then lived, levied on as the property of said defendants. Ephraim H. Foster

being bidder and became the purchaser of said land. Land being in Rutherford County, beginning near a glade about a south east course from the head of Bushnells Creek, thence west 230 poles the edge of a big glade where the race paths are, thence south 150 poles in said glade, thence east 36 poles, thence north 150 degrees east 11 poles, thence north 70 degrees east 34 pole thence north 82 degrees east 9 poles, thence east 12 pole thence south 52 degrees east 100 poles to James Stewart's line thence east with his line 77 poles, thence north to beginnin Containing 242 acres.

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Signed: Wm. Ledbetter

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Page 444, Doc. No. 338 - John Chrisp, Sr. & Thomas Blanton Samuel H. Laughlin for Bill of Sale. We, John Chrisp and Thomas Blanton, both of Rutherford County, have sold unto Samuel Laughlin a certain negro boy slave for life named Armste formerly the property of Nelson Blanton. This 29 August 1820. Witness: William Chrisp and Jas. Jones.

Signed: John Chrisp, Sen.  
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Signed: Elizabeth Blanton

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Page 446, Doc. No. 341 - Alfred Moore to Samuel H. Laughlin for Bill of Sale for negro boy Ned. I, Alfred Moore of Rutherford County, have this day sold unto Samuel H. Laughlin of same place for a certain negro man slave for life named Ned aged about thirty five years. This 1 September 1820. Witness: Sterl. Orgain.

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