

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

FIRST SURVEYS

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The late Mrs. Mary Hoss Headman discovered several lists of early surveys on loose sheets among the bundles of papers of old suits at the Botetourt County courthouse at Fincastle. The copy reproduced here was made about fifteen years ago. On successive visits to the courthouse since then, it has not been possible to locate the originals of these papers.

These surveys are not included in Lewis Preston Summers, Annals of Southwest Virginia (Abingdon, 1929).

A List of Surveys made and Recorded in Botetourt
before the 27th of June 1770

1770		Acres	
Feb'y	27 William McClenachan	72	on both sides Catawbo Creek a branch of James River
	Archibald Fisher	31	on both sides Catawbo Creek a branch of James River
	28 Francis Smith	165	on a branch of Catawbo Creek a Branch of James River
March	8 Robert McClanechan	85	on the waters of James River
April	23 Pattrick Denny	80	on Carrs Creek in the Forks of James River
	24 Cornelius Dougherty	44	on the Head of Brattons Run the Waters of James River
	Matthew Ralston	98	on the Waters of Loonies Creek a Branch of James River
May	4 James Alexander	150	on both sides of Roanoke
	10 Edward Tummins	170	in the Forks of James River
	9 Joseph Dennis	112	in the Forks of James River
	10 Joseph Dennis	90	on the Head of Buffalo Creek in the Forks of James River
	11 James B[a]rton	60	on Purgatory Creek in the Fork of James River

[May]	14	Arthur McClure	148	on McClures Branch the Waters of James River
	15	James Armstrong	138	on both sides Catawbo Creek a Branch of James River
	16	William Rowland	18	on the South Side of James River
		James Smith	75	on the South Side of James River
		James Gillis	160	on a Branch of Loonies Mill Creek a Branch of James River
	17	Robert Young	41	in the Fork of James River
	19	James Lawrence Senr	49	on the North side of James River
	21	James Lawrence Junr	107	on James River
	22	Daniel Prentice	93	on the South Side of James River
	30	David Smith	68	on the North Side of James River
	29	George Skillern	95	on the North Side of James River
June	1	George Wilson	60	on a Small Branch of James River
		Hugh Logan	40	on both sides Gennings Creek a Branch of James River
		John Berry	48	on the South Side of James River

The above is a copy from my Book June 27th 1770
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A List of Surveys Recorded in my Book between the
30th of June 1770 & ye 30th of June 1771

Dates 1770	For whom Surveyes	Acres	Where the Land Lies
April 25	Peter Wiley	120	in the Fork of James River on a Branch of Colliers Run
May 18	William Christian	1000	Lying on both Sides of James River
July 25	Joshua Philipps	136	on Carvins Creek a Branch of Roanoke
	25 Alexander Laughlin	84	on Carvins Creek a Branch of Roanoke
October 2	John Boles	50	on a Branch of Colliers Creek in the Forks of James River
	3 Robert Campbell	100	on a Branch of Carra

[Oct.]	4	David Little	17	Creek the Waters of James River
	10	John Dean	70	on the North Branch of James River
	11	John Vance	50	on Thorny Draft a Branch of Jacksons River
	12	Robert Armstrong	62	on the Indian Draft a Branch of Jacksons River
	12	Robert Armstrong	96	on Jacksons River
			96	on Indian Draft Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
	13	Richard Morris	59	on the North side of Jacksons River
	13	Richard Morris	110	on Jacksons River, the North side
	14	John Bawler	54	on Jacksons River
	15	Thomas Mann	80	on the South East Side of Jacksons River
	15	John Bawler	42	on Jacksons River
	15	William Anderson	210	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
	16	Andrew Hamilton	60	on the west side of Jacksons River
	17	Thomas Fitzpatrick	32	on the South Fork of Cedar Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
	17	John Robinson	85	on Cedar Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
	19	John Dickenson	250	on the North West Side of the Warm Springs Mountain & Waters of Jacksons River
	19	Andrew Henry	165	on the Waters of James River
	20	Jeremiah Seelly	275	in the Warm Spring Valley on the Waters of Jacksons River
	20	Gabriel Jones	82	in the Warm Spring Valley on the Waters of Jacksons River
	20	Joseph Cloyd	125	on the Waters of James River
	22	Robert Anderson	650	on both Sides of Catawbo a Branch of James River
	23	John Dickenson	50	on Dunlops Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
	24	John Robertson	74	on Dunlops Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
	24	Cornelius Riddick	80	on the Drafts of Looneys Creek a Branch of James

[Oct.]		River
24 William Thompson	328	on the Waters of James River
25 Zopher Carpenter	90	on Jacksons River
25 James Lauderdale	182	on the No. & So. Branches of Back Creek & on sd Creek a Branch of James River
25 Peter Wright	124	on Potts Creek a Branch of Jacksons River
26 William Galloway	48	on the West Side of Jacksons River
27 John Neelly	920	on the Waters of Catawbo a Branch of James River
27 Margaret Buchanan	16	on the North Side of James River
28 Matthew Hair	125	on a small branch of Loonies Mill Creek a Branch of James River
November 8 Moses Trimble	210	on the head Branch of Buffalo Creek a Branch of James River
28 James Wilson	32	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
29 John Taylor	30	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
30 James Wilson	170	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
December 1 Alexander Stewart	190	on the South side of Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
5 Absolum Loony	70	on the Waters of Stoney Run a Branch of Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
5 John Loony Senr	135	on Bryans Branch the Waters of James River
6 Amos Potts	20	on the Waters of Stoney Run a Branch of Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
8 Henry McCurdy	70	on Burtons Run a Branch of Buffalo a Branch of James River
8 Benjamin Smith	66	on the Waters of James River
11 David Frame	67	on Stoney Run the Waters of James River
12 Joseph Loony	85	on the Waters of Stoney Run a Branch of Craigs Creek a Branch of James River

[Dec.] 12 Joseph Loony		79	on a Branch of Stoney Run a Branch of Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
17 Patrick Lowry		90	on the North Branch of James River
19 John Dayley		130	on the South East Side of the North Branch of James River
20 James Greenlee		60	on the North Side of James River
20 James Barckley		30	on the No. West side of Sallings Mountain on the Waters of James River
1771 Jany	10 John Logan	23	on the North side of James River
	10 Thomas Bates	38	near the Head of Buffalo a Branch of James River
	11 Hans Smith	60	on the Waters of Buffalo a Branch of James River
	11 George McKnight	75	In the Fork of James River
	28 John Ser[ve]r	184	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
	28 Mallachia Dermit [Demut?]	93	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
	29 Christian Gortner	110	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
March	15 Bryan McDonald	67	on the Waters of Catawbo a Branch of James River
	19 Francis Smith	190	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
	20 William Anderson	220	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James River
	25 David Trimble	430	on the Waters of James River

The foregoing and above are a true Copy from my Book June 29th 1771.

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A List of Surveys Recorded in my Book since June 1771

[This list, consisting of two pages, is badly mutilated at the edges. Most missing portions can be supplied, however.]

Date	Acres	Where the Land Lies
[1771]		
[Mar]ch 19 Lodowick Francisco	41	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James Riv[er]
21 William Caldwell	22	on Craigs Creek a Branch of James Riv[er]

	20 Daniel McCormack	290 on Craigs Creek a Branch of James R[iver]
April	18 Daniel McNeel	98 on Glade Creek a Branch of Roan Oke
	18 Thomas Lewis	191 on the Branches of Glade Creek
	19 Archibald Campbell	172 on Mill Creek a Branch of Roan Oke
	17 William Bowen	38 on the South Side of Glade Creek Branch R.Oke
	25 James McKeachy	110 on back Creek a Branch of Roan Oke
	25 William Brown	172 on Cross Creek a Branch of Roan O[ke]
	27 John Bailey	40 on the Waters of Roan Oke
	27 John Bowman	50 on Roan Oke
[May or June]	2 William Robinson	239 on the Waters of Roan Oke
	4 David Wallace	40 on the head of Purgatory Creek a Branch [of]
	5 Thomas Bates	180 on Buffaloe Creek a Branch of Jas. Riv[er]
	6 John Bolls[Botts?]	50 on the Waters of Colliers Creek a Branch of J[ames River]
	7 Richard McGee	50 on Colliers Creek a Branch of James R[iver]
	7 William Dale	96 on a Branch of Colliers Creek
	8 John Bowman	88 on the Waters of Roan Oke
	8 Robert McElheny	85 on the Waters of Roan Oke
	11 Gilbert Marshall	39 on back Creek a Branch of Roan O[ke]
	11 John Bowman	61 on Mudlick Branch Waters of Ro[an Oke]
	11 Robert Alsup	138 on the Branches of back Creek
	12 Samuel Mason	139 on Meadow Branch Waters Ro O[ke]
	13 James Templeton	49 on the Waters of James Rive[r]
	13 Josiah East	96 on the North Branch James [River]
	15 Philip Broger	72 on the South Side back Creek Bra[nch Roan Oke]
	18 Patrick Brown	270 in the fork of James

		River
[May or June]	18 Philip Love	105 on Dills Creek on the N Side Roan Oke
	19 Jonathan Whitley	43 on the South Side of Buffaloe Creek
	19 William Greenlee	60 in the fork of James River
	19 Samuel McClenachan	179 on a branch of Looneys Creek Waters J River
	19 William McClenachan	79 on Looneys Mill Creek Branch of Jas. River
	19 Matt Ralston	150 on the Waters of James River
	20 David Anderson	170 on a Branch of James River
	20 Joseph Grimes	46 on the N Side Buffaloe Creek
[Ju]ne	21 Jams McDonald	20 on the Waters of James River
	21 Jas McDonald	27 on the South side Lees Branch Jas Rive[r]
	22 Davd Mitchell	35 on Catawbo Creek a Branch of James Rive[r]
Sept.	25 Samuel Logan	15 on Simpsons Creek a Branch of ye Cowpasture R[iver]
	30 Ezekiel Johnson	68 on the West side Potts's Creek Branch James River
October	1 James Williams	55 on Potts's Creek a Branch of James River
	1 John Evans	125 on Potts's Creek a Branch of James River
	4 Daniel Prentice	170 on Potts's Creek a Branch of Jam[es River]
	4 James Elliot	99 on Jacksons River below the mouth b[]
	17 Samuel Jack	88 on the North Branch James River
	25 John Madison	37 on a Branch of N Fork of Roan Oke
	26 Kenith McCallum	31 on the South Branch Roan Ok[e]
	26 Jacob Kent	211 on the Waters of Roan Oke
	28 William Robinson	14 on the N Side S Fork Roan Oke
	28 William Madison	54 on the S Side of the Fork Roan Oke
	29 John Reaburn	53 on the South Side the N Fork Roan Oke

[Oct.] 29 Alexr. Ross	82 on the West bank of Bratchers Cree[k]
30 Geo. Woolridge	31 on the South Side of Roan Oke
30 Geo. Miller	81 on the South Side Roan Oke
[Nov]r 18 Aaron Collier	66 on the Waters of James River
19 Geo. Jameson	50 on the Waters of James River
20 Andw. Smiley	95 on the N end of Camp Mountain Waters []
21 Thos. Bland	58 on the head of Buffalo Waters James R[iver]
22 James Logan	50 on the West end the North House Mou[ntain]
27 William Crawford	54 on Spruce Pine Spring Branch Jas. R[iver]
27 Francis Smith	290 on the Spruce Pine Spring Branch Jas. River
27 Michl. Woods	216 on Bul []ans Run a Branch of Jams. River
29 Jas. Montgomery	37 on the head Roaring Run Branch Jas. River
Decr. 13 William Walker	123 on Craigs Creek a Branch James R[iver]
11 Edwd Carvin	59 on John's Creek a Branch James R[iver]
13 Thomas Akins	104 on John's Creek a Branch James R[iver]
18 William Charlton	54 on Masons Creek a Branch Roan Ok[e]
18 William Charlton	90 on the North Side Masons Creek
19 Frans. Smith & John Neely	80 on the South Side Ro Oke
21 Andrew Lewis	63 on the South Side Ro Oke
22 James Howell	85 on the N Side Masons Creek Waters Ro Ok[e]
14 Frans. Smith	216 on John's Creek a Branch of Jas. River
19 William Neely	74 on the West Side Masons Creek
11 William Walker	63 on Barbers Creek a Branch Js. River
1772 J[any] 12 James Allison	47 on the Head of Dunkard Cabin Run
[1]3 John Robinson	200 on the Branches Ingles's Creek

[Jan.] 15 David Robinson	39 on Yarricks Creek a Branch of Ro[an Oke]
-- Joshua McCormack	80 on the N Branch Roan Oke
11 John Smiley Junr	78 on the Waters of the N fork James [River]
17 John Lynch	72 on Ingles's Creek Waters Roan Oke
17 John Lynch	111 on Ingles's Mill Creek Branch Ro[an Oke]
17 James Montgomery	100 on the Lick Run N fork Roan Ok[e]
21 John Lynch	257 on the Branches Ingles Mill Creek
16 Davd Robinson	191 on the Dividing Ridge
18 John Robinson	51 on the Head Branches Cedar Run B[]
20 John Robinson	115 on the head Branches Ingles Mill C[reek]
20 John Robinson	92 on the Branches of Ingles's Mill C[reek]
21 Peter Stephy	100 on the Lick Run N Fork Roan Oke
[M]arch 23 Ruben Lanter	132 on the head of Buffaloe Creek
24 Uriah Humphreys	39 on a Draft of James River
24 Uriah Humphreys	77 on Wilson's Creek a Branch of Jam[es] River

The above is a true List of all the Surveys in my Book since June 1771.

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June 29th 1772.

[Endorsed: List of Surveys in Botetourt from June 1771 to June 1772. Recorded & Exd.]

A List of the Surveys made by Saml. Lewis
Surv. of Botetourt from the 1 of Decembr 1772
to the 1 of January 1774

1772

Dec.

- 17 James Bryans's Survey of 112 Acres
- 18 John Barnet 1 Survey of 42 Acres
- 24 David Robinsons Survey of 114 Acres
- 24 Thomas Evans 1 Survey of 134 Acres
- 29 Robert Poage 1 Survey of 67 Acres
- 30 James Melling 1 Survey of 19 Acres
- 30 Moses Millican 1 Survey of 160
- 30 James McKeachey 1 Survey of 142 an Inclusive

1773

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- 11 Alexander Baine an Inclusive Survy of 2200 Acre

- Apr. 3 Casper Server 1 Survey of 290 Acres
 5 Ludowick Thomas 1 Survey of 100 Acres
 5 Wm. Eaken 1 Survey of 156 Acres
 6 Robert Hutchison 1 Survey of 180 Acres
 7 Wm. Eaken 1 Survey of 190 Acres
 8 Henry Smith 2 Survey. one of 180, the other of 315 Acres
 9 John Galloway 1 Survey of 60 Acres
 10 Jacob Salmon 1 Survey of 70 Acres
 13 John Robinson 1 Survey of 380 Acres
 13 William Lewis 1 Survey of 170 Acres
 15 Peter Wright 1 Survey of 36 Acres
 25 James McNale 1 Survey of 142 Acres
 29 Wm. Bryans 1 Survey of 168 Acres
 29 John Love 1 Survey of 212 Acres
 June 13 Wm. Carlton 1 Inclusive Survey of 360 Acres
 July 31 Joseph Alexander a Survey of 290 Acres
 Augt. 18 Wm. Robinson 1 Survey of 99 Acres
 20 Shederick Harreman 1 Inclusive Survey of 232
 21 John Bawler 1 Survey
 23 Isaac Scaggs 1 Survey of 120 Acres
 24 Jeremiah Seely 2 Surveys 1 of 225 the other of 97 Acres
 28 John Dean 1 Survey of 85 Acres
 Sept. 3 Thos. & Andw. Lewis 1 Inclusive Survey of 1220 Acres
 1773 Surveys made by Richard May Ass. Surveyor
 March 26 Allen Gulliver 1 Survey of 5 3/4 Acres
 26 Benjamin Hawkins 1 Survey of 10 3/4 Acres
 Apr. 2 John Lowry 1 Survey of 122 Acres
 7 James Barnet 1 Survey of 236 Acres
 9 Wm. Crow 1 Survey of 120 Acres
 23 John Tunley 1 Survey of 65 Acres
 Octobr 29 John Johnston 2 Survey 1 of 96 the other of 294
 Saml. Lewis S B C

[Endorsed: A List of Surveys made by Samuel Lewis in 1772.]

A List of Surveys in Botetourt County from the Ninth day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety three to the first day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety five

	Acres	Dolls.	Cents
John Feathen [Feather?]	11	4	0
Jas. Mason	815	6	30
Patrick Lockhart & Math. Wilson	560	5	63
Jas. Moor & Jas. Anderson	200	5	25
Math. Harvey	1770	8	69
Hugh Allen & Walter Lindsay	340	5	25