

The early records of Nansemond County were destroyed by fire. The deeds which are abstracted here are a major part of the papers of the Riddick Family of Nansemond County, 1720-1856, at the Virginia State Library.¹ For a long time the Vestry Book of the Upper Parish of Nansemond County has remained a mere collection of shadowy names as remote and vague as the century in which the people bearing them lived. These deeds present the first opportunity to take a fleeting look at a few of those who lived on the mucky White Marsh Road that Washington forced his horse along on his two visits to the Dismal Swamp.

25 Sept. 1722. Terlah Oquin to Humphrey Griffin, of the Upper Parish. For "two hundred Tar barills." 100 acres in the Upper Parish, "a tract formerly granted Henry Journagan", adjoining Bennett's Creek, the Mare Branch, John King's land. Sarah Oquin, wife of Terlah, relinquishes her dower. [No signature; no witnesses]

A patent was issued to Thurlo Oquin 14 July 1719 for 227 acres on the northeast side of the Mare Branch of Bennett's Creek, adjoining land of David Gwin.² A patent was issued to Henry Journagan 24 April 1703 for 100 acres in the Upper Parish on the west side of Bennett's Creek, the southwest side of the Mare Branch, beginning at John King's land.³

15 March 1734/5. Samuel Smith, planter, of the Upper Parish, to Richard Newsam, of the Upper Parish. For £20. 75 acres which Samuel Smith bought of Francis Harrell late of Nansemond County; likewise 147 acres which he (Samuel Smith) patented 26 June 1731. Signed: Samuel Smith. Witnesses: James Babb, Nicholas Skinner. Acknowledged in Court 26 March 1735. "The ... Deed having ... said County which at this ... Court

since he was never a member of the vestry, he was
evidently an innkeeper;

19 Feb. 1768, Abraham Sumner of Gates Co., N.Y., to
Jethro Riddick of Hansbrough Co., Va., for the purchase of
money of the State of Virginia, the said Riddick
400 acres "whereon Jacob Sumner formerly dwelt in the
County of Hansbrough," adjoining the land of
of Joseph Ellis, Robert Vary, William Riddick, and
Riddick &c" for "500 years ... with ... the
the said term one set of corn upon the land ...
in each year if demanded, ... will ... pay unto Jethro Riddick ...
with legal interest ... in ... the ...
signing of these presents, then these presents shall
cease ... and Abraham Sumner will pay the ...
to Jethro Riddick" and it not with "Jethro Riddick ...
may enter ... and occupy ... the ...
as ... Abraham Sumner," ...
Witnesses: Nathaniel Riddick, William Riddick, ...
"This lease recorded" 17 Feb. 1768, ...
D.C.

Jacob Sumner's name first appears in the vestry book
in 1767, when his land was purchased and the
clerk to appear the was ...
prosecution, and on the ...
spect the church "on ...
vestry met 17 Feb. 1777, ...
resign'd" ...
was named ...
Sumner ...
and had ...
Sumner who ...

24 Feb. 1800. Hezekiah Norfleet to his son John Norfleet, for love and affection, 123 acres adjoining the Great Cypress Swamp, the land of Abraham Harrell, Thomas Harrell, Abraham Harrell and Jesse Griffin. Signed: Hezekiah Norfleet. Witnesses: Abraham Morgan, Joel Brandon. Recorded 14 July 1800. Teste: Wm. M. Poole, Clerk.

Hezekiah Norfleet was one of the eleven children of John Norfleet (born 21 July 1699) and Elizabeth Kiddick (born 2 April 1710), his wife, the daughter of Abraham and Pleasant Kiddick. 43

8 Sept. 1802. Thomas Harrell and Martha, "his now wife", of the Upper Parish to Edward Kiddick, of the Upper Parish, for £03, 03 acres, a tract of wood-land in the Upper Parish on Plumtree branch, "but now called the Golden Spring branch", adjoining land of Abraham Harrell, John Norfleet, and others, Joseph Cowper's patent. Signed: Thomas Harrell, Martha Harrell. Witnesses: Amos Harrell, James Kiddick, James Lassiter. Recorded in Nansemond County Court, 13 Sept. 1802. Teste: Wm. M. Poole.

Joseph Cowper (Cowper) patented 276 acres 24 April 1703 in the Upper Parish on both sides of the Plum Tree branch, beginning at Abraham Kiddick's land, to corner tree of Bryan Quinn. 44

6 June 1804. John Norfleet, of the Upper Parish, to Joshua Harrell, of the Upper Parish. For \$200.00. 60 acres of wood-land in the Upper Parish beginning at the Cypress Swamp at the main run, along Norfleet's Mill Run to the mill, thence along the Mill Branch to the land of Jesse Giren, Edward Kiddick, Jesse Warran, and Jesse Pelpha. Signed: John Norfleet. Witnesses: Gabriel Harrell, Jesse Holland, Thomas Holland.

22 Oct. 1804. John Norfleet to Edward Riddick
Cunningham. For £270. 118 acres in the Upper Parish
adjoining the great Cypress Swamp and land of Abram
Harrell, Thomas Harrell and Jesse Griffin. Signed:
John Norfleet, Elizabeth Norfleet. Witnesses: Abraham
Riddick, William Hurdle, Edward Riddick. Receipt given
by John Norfleet and Elizabeth Norfleet to Edward
Cunningham, 23 Oct. 1804. Witness: Edward Riddick. Re-
corded 10 June 1805. Teste: Wm. M. Poole, D[eputy]
C[lerk].

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Samuel Barron Cunningham (born 26 July 1757, died
8 June 1796) married first, 27 Sept. 1778, Margaret
Riddick (daughter of Edward Riddick, son of Lemuel)
and had issue, among others: 1) Edward Riddick
Cunningham (born 26 Sept. 1779, died 1811), 2) Ann
Cunningham (1781-1816) married 1799 Washington
Smith, and 3) Lemuel Riddick Cunningham (born 18
June 1791, died 5 Aug. 1812).⁴⁵

[no day or month] 1802. Daniel Duke and Christian "his
now wife", of Gates Co., N.C., William Woodward and
Sarah "his now wife", of Suffolk Parish in Nansemond
County, and Pleasant Spivey "widow and Relict of Joshua
Spivey, deceased" to Edward Riddick, of the Upper Parish.
For \$870.75. 243 acres, a plantation on the south side
of the "Great Sypress Swamp" adjoining the Main Run of
said Cypress Swamp at John Brinkley's line, the land of
Elisha Griffin, C. Griffin, near Elliott's branch, Henry
Griffin's and Hezekiah Norfleet's corner, to John
Brinkley's line. Signed: Daniel Duke, William Woodward,
Christian Duke, Sarah Woodward, Pleasant Spivey. Wit-
nesses: John Smith, John Savage, Jesse Griffin. Recorded
11 Jan. 1808. Teste: Wm. M. Poole, Deputy Clerk.

1 Jan. 1811. Miles Ellis, of the Upper Parish, to Jesse
Griffin, of the Upper Parish. For £1.16.0. 3 acres
beginning at the corner of said Ellis and Griffin,
adjoining land of Samuel Wilkins, Gall Pond Branch,
Brian Griffin. Signed: Miles Ellis. Witnesses: Abraham
Lassiter, Elisha Griffin, Bryant Griffin. Recorded 11
March 1811. Teste: John C. Littlepage. Endorsed:
"March 11, 1811, ack. & or. Recorded page 238."

28 Jan. 1811. Elisha Norfleet and "his now wife Martha"
of the Upper Parish to Edward Riddick of the Upper Parish
For \$64.75. 18½ acres in the Upper Parish "by a late
Resurvey", beginning at Miles Griffin's corner at the

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road, Riddick's Spivey land, Elisha Griffin's line.
Signed: Elisha Norfleet, Martha Norfleet. Witnesses:
John Goodman, Abraham Harrell, Priscilla Harrell. Ad-
mitted to record 11 Feb. 1811. Teste: J. C. Littlepage.

18 Jan. 1812. Washington Smith and Lemuel Riddick
Cunningham to Edward Riddick. For \$610.00. 118 acres
"formerly belonging to Edward R. Cunningham Decd" in the
Upper Parish bounded by "the Greate Cypress Swamp" and
the land of Abraham Harrell, Edward Riddick and Arthur
Jones. Signed: W. Smith, Ann Smith, Lemuel R. Cunningham.
Witnesses: Benjamin Goodman, John Goodman, James Riddick.
Ordered recorded 18 July 1812. Teste: H[arrison] Minton.
Dp. C. Ordered recorded, Ann Smith "having been prively
examined" 12 Oct. 1812. Teste: H[arrison] Minton,
D[eputy] C[lerk].

Washington Smith (born 11 Aug. 1772, died 14 April
1835; son of Thomas and Ann Smith⁴⁶) of Somerton,
Nansemond County, married first, 18 Dec. 1798, Ann
Cunningham.⁴⁷

Arthur Jones, Jr. (died 1815), son of Arthur
Jones, Sr., married Bathsheba Norfleet (daughter of
Hezekiah Norfleet, son of John), who administered
her husband's estate in 1815. They had issue: 1)
Norfleet Jones, a surveyor; 2) Arthur Jones; 3)
Dempsey Jones (1812-1881) of Cypress Chapel, married
1846 Mary Elizabeth Holland; 4) Martha Jones, mar-
ried first ---- Boggs and second John Dozier of
Norfolk; 5) Sarah Jones (1816-1873) married her
brother-in-law John Dozier.

27 May 1824. Edward Riddick and Ann his wife, of the
Upper Parish, to Willey [Wiley] Parker, of the Upper
Parish. For \$137.00. 25 acres in the Upper Parish,
"part of the Land said Riddick bot of Thomas Harrell",
adjoining the "Golden Spring Branch (formerly Plumtree
Branch)", corner of Willey Parker's other land, and
land of Abram Harrell. Signed: Edward Riddick, Nancye
Riddick. Witnesses: Jethro Riddick, Reuben Harrell,
James Byrd. Deed acknowledged 29 May 1824. Teste: John
T. Kilby, D.C. Recorded 31 May 1824, "Book No. 19, page
312."

N.C., and P. Arthenia Barnes, his wife, whose Gates County marriage bond is dated 28 Nov. 1779. Edward Riddick was son of Jethro, who was son of Moses, who was son of John Riddick.

A Bible record of Wiley Parker's family has been preserved.⁴⁸

27 Nov. 1830. Dem(p)sey Jones to Norfleet Jones. For \$102.64 $\frac{1}{2}$. 47 acres in the Upper Parish adjoining Miles Griffin's line, corner of Edward Riddick and Jethro Riddick. Signed: Demsey Jones. Witnesses: Admiral Brinkley, Miles Lassiter. Admitted to record 27 Nov. 1830. Teste: John T. Kilby, D.C. Recorded Book No. 23, page 286.

Dempsey Jones (1812-1881) was son of Arthur and Bathsheba (Norfleet) Jones.

Admiral Brinkley (born 22 Feb. 1809, died 11 Dec. 1849), son of Jacob and Apsley (Griffin) Brinkley, married 10 Sept. 1835 Margaret Jane Saunders, daughter of Job Rawles Saunders, son of Job Saunders.⁴⁹

9 Sept. 1830. Dem(p)sey Jones to Jethro Riddick. For \$80.00. 32 acres "in the upper part of the ... County of Nansemond" adjoining "corner of Norfleet Jones, Miles Griffin & Edward Riddick and Wiley Parker". Signed: Demsey Jones. Witnesses: B[urwell] Riddick, Norfleet Jones, Miles Griffin. Admitted to record 23 Oct. 1830. Teste: John T. Kilby, D.C. "Recorded Book No. 23, Page 360."

Burwell Riddick (born 1796, died 25 June 1859; son of John Riddick, son of Solomon) married four times: first 1 Jan. 1818 Margaret Anne Smith (daughter of Washington Smith, son of Thomas), second Mrs. --- Jones (died without issue), third --- Allen, and fourth Sophia Anne Allen of North Carolina.

25 June 1831. Edward Riddick and Nancy Riddick, his wife, to Jethro Riddick. For \$100. 382 acres consisting of two tracts in Nansemond Cojnty, one of 264 acres and one of 118 acres, the 264 acre tract being the same that "Edward Riddick derived title to by three separate deeds", one deed from Thomas Harrell and his wife Martha Harrell dated 9 Sept. 1802 for 93 acres, and recorded 13 Sept. 1802; another dated 14 March 1808 of 100 acres, and

recorded 11 1/2 acres, making the whole 289 acres.
"Edward Riddick some time in" 1824 "selling off twenty-
five acres of the 289 acre tract leaving 264 acres as
above", adjoining land of Jethro Riddick, Miles Griffin,
Samuel Wilkins, Abram Riddick and others, William Lee
and John Harrell, Wiley Parker, Jethro Harrell, etc.
The tract of 118 acres being the same Edward Riddick
derived title to from Washington Smith and Ann his wife
and Lemuel R. Cunningham, by deed recorded 13 July 1812,
adjoining land of Jethro Harrell and the "Cypriss Swamp",
Jethro Riddick, Abram Harrell and Wiley Parker, Miles
Griffin and Demsey Jones. Signed: Edward Riddick, Nancy
Riddick. Witnesses: John Harrell H[amlin] L[ee] Eppes,
Natnaniel Booth. Admitted to record 29 Dec. 1831.
Teste: John T. Kilby, Clk. "Recorded book No. 30, page
271."

William Henry Lee (born ca. 1780, died 8 Aug. 1863)
married 13 Feb. 1816 as her second husband Lavinia
Harrell, daughter of Joshua Harrell.

Hamlin Lee Eppes (born 13 April 1794, died 6
Dec. 1870⁵⁰) moved from Prince George Co., Va., to
Nansemond County where he married second Mrs.
Christian Skinner Brinkley (1788-1867), daughter
of Henry and Sarah Augusta (Lassiter) Skinner.

Joseph Nathaniel Booth (born ca. 1790, died 1866),
son of Henry and Elizabeth (Rabey) Booth, married
Mary Elizabeth Griffin (1793-1859) and had issue:
1) Joseph Booth (1832-1880) who married Mary Eliza
Brinkley, daughter of Admiral Brinkley.⁵¹

13 Feb. 1833. William Griffin to Jethro Riddick. For
\$105. 37 acres in the Upper Parish adjoining land of
"Edward Riddick and others", it being the same tract "of
which Elisha Griffin died seized" and which he by his
last will and testament (duly made on the 19th day of
April 1815 and recorded in the County Court of Nansemond,
June 12, 1815) gave to his wife Mourning Griffin, during
her life, and after her death to the above named Wm
Griffin (his son) and the said Mourning Griffin having
lately departed this life the said William Griffin is now
possessed of the tract." Signed: William Griffin.
Witnesses not named. Admitted to record 13 Feb. 1833.
Teste: John T. Kilby, Clk.

11 Feb. 1833. Norfleet Jones to Jethro Riddick. For \$110. 47 acres in the Upper Parish on the northwest "side of the main road leading from Suffolk to Edenton", adjoining land of Miles Griffin, Jethro Riddick, it being the same land Norfleet Jones "purchased from Dempsey Jones, being a part of the land which said Dempsey Jones purchased, sold by an order of Nansemond County Court for the purpose of effecting a division among the heirs of Arthur Jones, decd which the sd Arthur Jones decd purchased from Jesse Griffin &c". Signed: Norfleet Jones. Witnesses: Dempsey Jones, Wiley Parker, James Lassiter. Deed admitted to record 23 March 1833. Teste: John T. Kilby, Clk. "Recorded Book No. 31, page 228."

30 Dec. 1833. Edward Riddick and Nancy his wife to Jethro Riddick. For \$500. Land in two small tracts adjoining, one 18½ acres purchased from Elisha Norfleet and Martha his wife, and recorded 11 Feb. 1811, adjoining Miles Griffin's corner, Edward Riddick's Spivy land, Elisha Griffin's line; and the other 243 acres purchased from Daniel Duke, William Woodward and Pleasant Spivey, and recorded 11 Jan. 1808, adjoining the "Cypress Swamp at John Brinkley's new line", Elisha Griffin's corner, near Elliott's branch, Henry Griffin's and Hezekiah Norfleet's corner, to Archibald Riddick's corner, in John Brinkley's line. The whole tract contains 261½ acres according to a survey made by Thomas Draper in 1807 and 1811. Signed: Edward Riddick, Nancy Riddick. Witnesses: E. Riddick, Dempsey Jones, Elisha P. Baines. Proved 21 Aug., 26 Aug. and 28 Aug. 1834 by grantor and witnesses. Teste: John T. Kilby, Clk. "Recorded Book No. 32, page 315."

14 April 1843. Nancy Griffin, "widow and relict of Miles Griffin decd" and Brinkley Griffin, to Jethro Riddick. For \$108. 2 parcels of land, one piece of 40 acres adjoining the south side of "Parkers road in Brinkley Griffins line", land of Dempsey Jones, Jethro Riddick, Benjamin Riddick, "thence down the road to the Cypress Chappel"; the other piece, of 10 acres, adjoining the west side of the Edenton road, adjoining land of Jethro Riddick and Miles Griffin decd. Signed: Nancy (X) Griffin, Brinkley Griffin. Witnesses: A[dmiral] Brinkley, Dempsey Jones, James Rabey. Recorded 13 May 1843, Joseph Prentis, Clerk. "Book No. 40, Page 63."

19 Nov. 1853. Willis S. Riddick, Trustee, to Jethro Riddick, who purchased at public auction 18 Nov. 1853. For \$1500. 120 acres that George W. Riddick, by deed

of trust dated 1 July 1850 conveyed to Willis S. Riddick trustee for Sarah J. Smith, to secure a debt of \$2000. Bonds: "the new place adjoining 'Reeds Place' known as Buena Vista", by "Reids Place (the percusin [sic] run being the line", Willis S. Riddick's land on the old Washington Ditch and Ruth Lassiter's tract, the land of Robert R. Smith decd "being formerly the Burwell Riddick farm", the land of Willis Parker decd, Susan and Joseph Sketer. Signed: Willis S. Riddick, Trustee. No witnesses. Recorded 20 Dec. 1853, Peter B. Prentiss, Clerk.

Willis Smith Riddick (born 22 Dec. 1818, died 13 Dec. 1875), son of Burwell Riddick of "Buena Vista", White Marsh Road, married 28 Feb. 1850 Mary Ann Riddick (1831-1871), daughter of Jethro Riddick.

George Washington Riddick (born ca. 1827) was son of Burwell Riddick.

Sarah Jackson Powell (born 6 June 1812, died 26 Aug. 1866), daughter of Ezekiel Powell, married 18 March 1834, as her first husband, Robert Riddick Smith (1808-1845), son of Washington Smith.

A patent was issued to Samuel Smith 26 June 1731 for 147 acres in the Upper Parish, beginning at William Speight's line, at Oxley's Branch, adjoining land of Thomas Gwin (Gwin), Francis Harrel(1), and John Duke.⁴ Christopher Jackson was clerk of the Nansemond County Court from 1734 to 1749. His house, in the Upper Parish, containing all the county records, was destroyed by fire in April 1734.⁵ Christopher Jackson was married and had at least two children, Christopher Jackson, Jr., and Michael Jackson, who married Mary Godwin, daughter of Joseph Godwin.⁶

28 June 1736. Walter Price of the Upper Parish to Moses Riddick of the Upper Parish. For £20 "credit in a store in Virginia." 150 acres "at the 4th Branch, it being part of a tract of land ... formerly granted to Humphrey [Griffin] containing 407 acres ... by a patent dated" 21 Jan. 1717, adjoining Larcom's Road, "together with one half of the pocoson ground of the entire grant Signed: Walter Price and Sarah Price, his wife. Witnesses Lemuel Riddick, Humphrey Griffin, Henry Lawrence. Acknowledged in Nansemond County Court 28 June 1736. Copy teste, Christopher Jackson, Cl.Crt.

A patent was issued to Walter Price and Thomas Dyas 26 April 1683 for 400 acres in the Upper Parish, "nigh the run of Barbicu Swamp", adjoining Winborn's land and Chillcott's head line.⁷ John Chillcott's account book with an item dated 1694 passed to John Granbery, Jr., between 1695 and 1723.⁸

Moses Riddick, whose will was dated 12 Aug. 1790⁹, was the son of John Riddick who owned 550 acres of land in 1704¹⁰ and lived on a "Plantation on the White Marsh" according to the will of his daughter Jean (or Joan) Riddick, dated Nansemond County 29 Jan. 1752.¹¹ The third child of John Riddick was Samuel Riddick. Moses Riddick, whose wife's name is

unknown, had issue: 1) Jason Riddick (died 1784 at "Green Hill" near Cypress Chapel), captain in the Continental Line,¹² who married Euphane Fiveash,¹³ 2) Moses Riddick, Jr., who died 1801,¹⁴ 3) Abraham Riddick, died 1789, 4) Dempsey Riddick, and 5) Jethro Riddick I (1741-1797), who married Elizabeth Sumner and had issue Edward Riddick (born 1765, died 10 Oct. 1849¹⁵). This Edward, the first identified owner of the Riddick Papers, married Ann (Nancy) J. Goodman (born 1782, died 25 Oct. 1855) and had issue, among others, Jethro Riddick II (born 1803, died 17 Jan. 1874¹⁶) who married Elizabeth Vaughan (born 1803, died 19 Sept. 1880). Jethro Riddick I (1741-1797) received a patent dated 11 Jan. 1799, "by virtue of a survey bearing date April 7, 1797" for 247 acres, "176 acres part thereof patented the 10th day of November 1678 to William Speight "At a place called Barbicu—Joining the hindermost side of Humphrey Griffin¹⁷ by him conveyed to Moses Riddick & by him devised to his son the said Jethro, and 71 acres the residue being surplus," adjoining the Cross Swamp, land of Thomas Harrell and James Griffin," to the main run of Barbicue Swamp at a place called Hubbards fishing hole, to an island in Cross Swamp, to the land of James Duke.¹⁸

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12 Nov. 1739. John Duke to Richard Nusam. For £20.8.0, 150 acres adjoining the Cross Swamp on Richard Newsam's

land, &c which "land my Grandfather Daniel Pugh bought of one James Peters and gave to me being the Son and heir of his Daughter Ann [Pugh] according to his last Will and Testament made the 25th of March seventeen hundred." Signed: John Duke. Witnesses: not listed. Receipt for £20.8.0 dated 22 Nov. 1739 given by John Duke to Richard Newsam.

Daniel Pugh I (will dated 25 March 1700) is listed as a headright "twice imported" of Nicholas Stallings in a patent of 25 April 1701.²⁰ Daniel Pugh I patented land in Nansemond County in 1695, 1698, 1699 and 1700, in all 2639 acres. In 1704 Ann Pugh paid quit rents on 2300 acres. By his wife Ann, Daniel Pugh had issue: 1) Ann Pugh who married --- Duke; 2) John Pugh (will dated 14 April 1740, Bertie Co., N.C., probated 5 Aug. 1740); 3) Francis Pugh (will dated 5 July 1733, Bertie Co., N.C., probated May Court 1736) who married Feb. 1722 Sarah Ferebee Savage of Northampton Co., Va.; 4) Theophilus Pugh of Nansemond County (the inventory of his estate is dated 1745/6²¹) who married Feb. 1738, as her first husband, Esther Robins (born 10 Nov. 1722, died 1775) of Northampton Co., Va.; and 5) Daniel Pugh (died 1745²²), sheriff, major and then colonel of militia (1743-44), burgess (1734-40), vestryman (1743) of Nansemond County. Daniel Pugh, Jr., died testate leaving 450 acres of land (part of a patent for 750 acres granted Col. Thomas Dew 10 Oct. 1670, on which today lies the city of Suffolk) inherited from his father Daniel Pugh, to his son Daniel Pugh III who in turn left the land to his mother and three sisters: 1) Mary Pugh, who married the Rev. John Reid, 2) Ann Pugh, who married William Gibson, a merchant of Suffolk, and 3) Philishia Pugh, who married John Jones of Suffolk. The descent of this land from the original grant to Col. Thomas Dew in 1670 through John Peters, the three Daniel Pughs, to the descendants of Mary Pugh, the wife of the Rev. John Reid, will be found in "Suffolk in 1843. Letters of Archibald Allen, of 'Rose Hill,' Nansemond Cojnty, 23 to William G. Driver," edited by Fillmore Norfleet.

James Peters on 20 April 1748 patented 200 acres
near the cross swamp that goes out of Buchanan's

1 May 1748. Richard Nuzum of the Upper Parish in Charles
County of Elizabeth City Co., Va. For 110.00 the
Jennings of the Wagon Road adjoining the
at a place called the Wagon Road adjoining the
the land of Thomas Dunn; near a swamp; the
land formerly sold ... Jennings called ...
the land being part of that land ...
Nuzum bought of Mr. John Dunn ... and is now in the
possession of said Jennings. Signed: Richard Nuzum
Witnesses: James Griffin. Received dated 1 May 1748
made by Richard Nuzum to Charles Jennings
At a Court held for Nansemond County June 1748.

Richard Nuzum's land was processed by order of the
Vestry dated 3 Aug. 1747. His name appears in the
in the record.

9 April 1748. Jotham Laciter, planter, of the Upper
Parish, to Moses Riddick, planter, of the Upper Parish,
for 10.10.0. 50 acres adjoining the Forks Branch
"being part of a tract of land granted to George Laciter
father to the said Jotham Laciter ... by a patent
dated ... 1740, adjoining Moses Riddick's land
which he purchased of Walter Price standing in the West
line of the said Laciter's patent." Mills Riddick and
Jotham Laciter. Signed: Jotham Laciter. Witnesses:
John Campbell, Mills Riddick. Deed acknowledged and
receipt given at the Court held 11 April 1748. Copy
test: J. Wright, Clk.

George Laciter patented 200 acres of land 1 Nov.
1740 "at the head of Joseph Burt's 1000 in the end
of Nairy Pecoson Swamp." Mills Riddick joined
1764), vestryman of Upper Parish, 1741; witnessed
the will of Jean Riddick 20 Jan. 1740 and proved
land in 1748 adjoining that of Jotham Laciter. He
married Margaret Barradine, daughter of the father
of her father Matthew Barradine in 1763.

20 Dec. 1755. Humphrey Griffin to Thomas Harrison
130. A tract Humphrey Griffin bought of Abraham Riddick

containing 270 acres. Only 25 acres that the said
 William Gwin sold to John Harrell out of the same
 parcel, adjoining John Harrell's land. Signed: Humphrey
 Gwin. Witnesses: Willis Riddick, Ely Brinkley,
 Joshua Spivey, James Powell. Recorded at Nansemond
 County Court 12 Jan. 1758. Teste: Lemuel Riddick, Clerk.

Willis Riddick I (born 25 June 1725, will dated 10
 April 1781, proved 8 April 1782²⁸), was Burgess
 1750-51 and 1771-73, and colonel commandant of
 Nansemond county militia 1776-81. He patented 96
 acres on 10 May 1750²⁹ and 353 acres on 15 Aug.
 1754,³⁰ which land descended by will to his son
 Willis Riddick II who, in turn, left it to his son
 Lemuel Houns Riddick, who sold it, with other acreage,
 10 May 1801 to Col. Josiah Riddick. The farm was
 known as "the Retreat". Willis Riddick I married
 in 1744 Mary Fouke (or Pauk) and had issue, among
 others, 1) James Riddick (1745-1786), 2) Elizabeth
 Riddick (1747-1793) who married first Capt. Samuel
 Carr of Albemarle County and second, as his second
 wife, Robert Moore Riddick, 3) Anne Riddick (born
 1750) who married Josiah Riddick, 4) Theresa Riddick
 (born 1752) who married, as his first wife, Robert
 Moore Riddick, 5) Willis Riddick II (born 1757, died
 10 Oct. 1800³¹), Revolutionary soldier,³² original
 member of the Society of the Cincinnati, who married
 Anna Maria Syme of Hanover County, 6) Christian
 Riddick (1758-1822) who married Archibald Richardson.³³

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 to Thomas Gwin & 20 to John Gwin," 250 acres, "that
 is to say" 125 acres of Thomas Gwin and 125 acres of
 John Gwin in the Upper Parish, adjoining the Bull
 Branch, land of Bryan Quinn and William Sp(e)ight,
 "as will appear by Deed from Thomas Gwin's father to
 Thomas Gwin and John Gwin Party to these presents
 bearing date" 24 April 1761. Signed: Thomas Gwin, John
 Gwin. Witnesses: Willis Riddick, Joseph Booth,

28 Copy of will in Kilby Papers, Duke University.
 29 Virginia Patent Book 33, p. 365.
 30 *Idem*, v. 33, p. 391.

31 Obituary in *Examiner*, Richmond, Va., 24 Oct. 1800.
 32 Hiltman, *op. cit.*, p. 467; John H. Gwathmey,
Richmond, 1808, p. 604.

33 *Examiner*, *op. cit.*, pp. 153-54.

Richard Riddick. Thomas Swinn, with the three witnesses, signed the receipt 27 Dec, 1762. Recorded at a Court held 10 Jan, 1763. Tests: Lemuel Riddick, Clk.Ct.

15 Sept. 1762. Christopher Gwin of the Upper Parish to Moses Riddick of the Upper Parish, for 140, 1/2 acres adjoining land of (William) Spight, "a line between Spight & Gwin", a dividing line between Christopher Gwin and Asahel Gwin, thence up the swamp. Signed: Christopher Gwin, Alice Gwin his wife, Witnesses: Willie Riddick, Jacob Sumner, Joseph Booth, Jethro Riddick. Receipt for 140.0.0 from Christopher Gwin signed 15 Sept, 1762. Deed recorded at a Court held 11 Oct, 1762. Tests: Lemuel Riddick, Clk.Ct.

8 June 1767. John Jones and Phillisha (Pugh) his wife, "of the town of Suffolk", to Moses Riddick Senr. of Hansemond County. For 18. A plantation of 117 acres, beginning "at the Middle Trudge Path" to a patent line made by one Humphrey Griffin, the land being "part of a parcel of land patented by one Humphrey Griffin" 24 Feb. 1717 "and by him sold to Walter Price by deed bearing date 26th July 1736, which said Price sold the land hereby conveyed unto his Nephew Joseph Price part of the Patent aforesaid by Deed ... Proved in Hansemond County Court which said Joseph Price sold the said land to Samuel Riddick by Deed Dated 13th August 1754, who soon after departed this life, having just made his will to his wife Ruth Riddick, who also soon after died testate & gave the said piece of land to her brother John Giles, this said John Giles sold the same land by deed bearing date the 13th day of April 1762 to John Jones party to these presents." Signed: John Jones, Phillisha Jones. Recorded at a Court held 10 Aug. 1767. Tests: Lemuel Riddick, Cl.Ct.

Phillisha Jones was one of the three daughters of Daniel Pugh. John Jones and Phillisha his wife of Hansemond Co., Va., sold to John Webb of the town of Halifax, N.C., for 1500, land on the east side of Bennett's Creek, Chowan Co., N.C., "which said land had become the property of said Phillisha on a division of the estate of Daniel Pugh decd and joining the land wherein Ann (Pugh) Gibson now liveth."

On 24 Feb. 1717 Humphrey Griffin received a patent for 270 acres in the Upper Parish beginning at Abraham Riddick's line, adjoining land of William Thompson, John Brinkley, to the head of Mossey Swamp

to Peter's Branch, and adjoining land of (George) Gwilliam.³⁵

Samuel Riddick, son of John Riddick, is listed only once in the Vestry Book,³⁶ when in 1752 "The Line [was renewed] Between John Riddick and Willis Riddick. in Presence of Willis Riddick and Samuel Riddick." His name does not appear anywhere in the land patents. He and his wife, Ruth Giles, both of whom died ca. 1752, were the parents of Robert Moore Riddick (died 4 Dec. 1804³⁷) whose son Richard W. Riddick (1802-1853) wrote to and visited his "cousin" Thomas Fiveash Riddick in St. Louis, Mo., 1825-27. Moses Riddick, the grandfather of Thomas Fiveash Riddick, was a brother of Samuel Riddick.

12 March 1770. Thomas Jinings of the County of Elizabeth City, to Jethro Riddick. For £25. 250 acres made up of two parcels of land, one in the Upper Parish containing 147 acres "as by Patent granted to Samuel Smith & by Smith Sold to Richard Nusum & by said Nusum by his deed dated" 10 July 1740 "to Charles Jinings, father to Thomas", also "one other parcel of land the said Charles Jinings, the father, purchased from Nusum by Deed bearing the date the 5th May 1746 containing" 103 acres, and "is part of the Land purchased by Richard Nusum from John Duke, all of which deeds have been recorded" in Nansemond County Court. The two parcels of land contain 250 acres, which were "by the said Charles Jinings by his last will given unto his son Thomas Jinings." Signed: Thomas Jinings. Witnesses: Nathaniel Flemyng, Lemuel Riddick, Ja Gibson, Tho. Brikell. Receipt given by Thomas Jinings 12 March 1770, with the same witnesses. Deed recorded at Nansemond County Court 9 April 1770. Teste: Lemuel Riddick, Clk.Ct.

The Vestry Book on 22 Nov. 1769 lists payment to "Nathaniel Fleming for 3 Levies overcharg^d 1768."³⁸ James Gibson, a partner (ca. 1770) in the firm of Gibson, [John] Granbery & Co., and ca. 1783 of James Gibson, [Samuel] Donaldson & Co., "British subjects", is listed many times in the Vestry Book.³⁹ The Vestry met at the house of Thomas Brickel (Brickel) "in Suffolk Town," 25 Jan., 19 Oct., and 22 Nov. 1769.