

<b>Family Group Sheet</b>		Husband's Full Name <b>James Moore Sr. – Rev'l War Patriot</b>					
		<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
Information Obtained From:		Birth:	(Ante) bef. 1722		Augusta Co., VA		Bedford Co., VA
Kegley's Virginia		Marriage:	ca. 1740		Augusta Co., VA		
Frontier		Death:	Will prob. August 1780		Botetourt Co., VA		
Botetourt County, VA		Burial:					
1785 Enumeration		Places of Residence:					
<a href="http://www.ajlambert.com">http://www.ajlambert.com</a>		Occupation:			Religion:		Military Record:
Annals of Southwest		Other wives					
Virginia 1769-1800		His Father:	Andrew Moore (1694-1749)		His Mother:	Isabella Baxter (1680-1760)	
Botetourt County		Wife's Full Maiden Name Jennet "Jane" Walker <i>her maiden name is possibly Walker</i>					
Marriages 1770-1853		<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
Over The Mountain Men, Their Early Court		Birth:	1720		Augusta Co., VA		
Records In Southwest		Marriage:	ca. 1740		Augusta Co., VA		
Virginia		Death:	1762				
Compiler: Audrey Lambert		Burial:					
Address: 39721 Timberlane		Places of Residence:					
City: St. Hts.		Occupation:			Religion:		Military Record:
State: MI		Other husbands:					
Date: 27 Oct. 2011		Her Father:			Her Mother:		
<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Children's Full Names:</b>	<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
F	<b>1. Martha Polly/Pasty Moore (1744-1806)</b> Full Name of Spouse: <b>Matthew Roulston (1742-1800)</b>	Birth:	1744		Augusta Co., VA		Raulson, Raulsten, Ralston
		Marriage:	ca. 1764		Augusta Co., VA		
		Death:	1806		Jefferson Co., TN		
		Burial:	Beth-Car United Methodist Church Cemetery		Jefferson Co., TN		
M	<b>2. James Jr. Moore</b> Full Name of Spouse: Elizabeth	Birth:	ca. 1748				
		Marriage:					
		Death:	abt. 1828		Jefferson Co., TN		
		Burial:					
M	<b>3. John Moore</b> Full Name of Spouse:	Birth:	bef. 1759				Children:
		Marriage:					Elizabeth, John
		Death:	ca. 1806 aft. Mar. 1804		Jefferson Co., TN		Sarah & Mary Moore.
		Burial:					Samuel
F	<b>3. Jean/Jane Moore</b> Full Name of Spouse: Samuel McClanahan (1750-1796)	Birth:	ca. 1762				McClanahan, s/o
		Marriage:	13 September 1776				David & Isabella
		Death:	26 February 1778		Botetourt Co., VA		(Snodgrass)
		Burial:	Marker for Samuel is in		Old City Cem., Murfreesboro, TN		McClanahan

### MOORE, JAMES

Ancestor #: A208925 – Daughters of the American Revolution: Audrey J. Lambert #811361

Service:

VIRGINIA Rank: CIVIL SERVICE

Birth:

(ANTE) 1722

Death:

(ANTE) 8- -1780 BOTETOURT CO VIRGINIA

Service Source:

SUMMERS, ANNALS OF SW VA, PART 1, P 260

Service Description:

1) ROAD VIEWER, 1777

**Source:** *Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800*, By Lewis Preston Summers, published by Lewis Preston Summers, Abingdon, Virginia 1929. This handsome two-volume set is one of the most thorough works on early Southwest Virginia and contains the journals of Colonel Thomas Batts, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Colonel Christopher Gist—three of the region's earliest explorers to record their journeys. The volumes also include lists of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, the French-Indian War, and the Indian wars prior to 1800.

Pg. 260: At a court held for Botetourt County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777.

Present: William Fleming, Benjamin Estill, Andrew Woods & Richard May, Gent. Justices.

**Ord, that James Moore, Wm. McClelon & Matthew Ralston being first sworn do view the way through which it is proposed to establish a road from the court house to William Ward's saw mill and report the conveniences & inconveniences to the court.**

**Andrew Moore** (1694-1749) & **Isabella Baxter** (1680-1760) are both buried in Old Providence ARP Church Cemetery, Spottswood, Augusta Co., VA.

**Source:** *Kegley's Virginia Frontier: The Beginning of the Southwest. The Roanoke of Colonial Days 1740-1783*, By F. B. Kegley: IBN: 0-8063-1717-5, pg. 418.

Pg. 418: **In 1783 Captain Mill's Company of Militia** included these men who were then living along the creek and on the river.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Horses:</u>	<u>Cattle:</u>	<u>Slaves:</u>
<b>James Moore</b>	9	15	0
<b>John Moore</b>	4	15	0
<b>Matthew Ralston</b>	17	12	0

Pgs. 418-419: The Robert Crockett grant of 350 acres was owned and occupied by **James Moore** from 1753 to 1776. This original grant was given to his **sons, James Moore, Jr., and John Moore**. John received the upper part to which he added 138 acres from Thomas Rogers and 45 acres from Daniel Deerdorf, and sold the whole to Daniel Brugh in 1801. The land between this and Jacob Howry's at the head of Mill Creek was taken by John Kesler.

**Source:** Virginia Tax payers 1782-87, Other Than Those Published by the United State Census Bureau, by Augusta B. Fothergill and John Mark Naugle, 1940, pg. 88.

This is an alphabetically arranged list of 34,000 residents who were not included in the 1790 Federal Census. The authors developed this list from the personal property tax lists of thirty-five separate Virginia counties. **Along with the names of taxpayers, information furnished in this list includes the number of the poll, the number of slaves owned, and the name of the county in which the taxpayer resided.** Without a doubt, this work represents a crucial supplement to the 1790 Census.

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<b>MOOR, JAMES</b>	1	0	Botetourt
<b>MOOR, JAMES</b>	2	0	Botetourt
<b>MOOR, JOHN</b>	1	0	Botetourt
<b>MOOR, JOHN</b>	1	0	Botetourt

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<b>RALSTON, MATTHEW</b>	1	0	Botetourt
<b>RALSTON, JOHN</b>	1	0	Augusta
<b>RALSTON, SAMUEL</b>	1	0	Augusta
<b>RALSTON, WILLIAM</b>	1	0	Augusta

**Source:** *Botetourt County, VA 1785 Enumeration*: This enumeration was taken in February and March, 1785. The first number after each name is the number of white person in the house; the next is the number of dwellings and the last is the number of other buildings. At this time, the area enumerated included all of parts of these other counties: Alleghany, Bath, Roanoke, and Craig. Copied and indexed by: Charles T. Burton, R. 2, Box 1919, Troutville, VA 24175.

1785 Enumeration of Botetourt County, VA

Pg. 8	John Mays' Dist.	John More	7 1 3
Pg. 8	John Mays' Dist.	Samuel McClenechan	9 1 3
Pg. 8	John Mays' Dist.	Mathew Rolston	9 1 10

**Source:** *Botetourt County Virginia, Early Settlers: From the earliest times through 1795, in the area that was Botetourt County in 1782.* Covers parts of present-day Counties of Montgomery, Bath, Giles, Floyd, Alleghany, Roanoke, Craig, and Monroe. Compiled and arranged by Charles T. Burton, Genealogist, R. 2 Box 1919, Troutville, VA 24175.

**FOREWORD:** This book is an attempt to unify information from several sources, on the early settlement of the area that was Botetourt County, Virginia. In 1782, the county was much, much smaller than it was at its formation, just 12 years earlier. And, in 1782, it encompassed areas now in the Virginia Counties of Montgomery, Bath, Giles, Floyd, Alleghany, Roanoke and Craig; and in West Virginia, Monroe.

Locations were not always clear, in the records, but my intention is to give the names of the settlers in this 1782 area, from the earliest 1740's through 1795. Some of these, stayed a little while, and moved on; others remained.

The true settler is the person who is attached to the land, therefore the land records have been searched and abstracted. These records include, deeds of Augusta and Botetourt Counties, Surveyors Records, Wills, Land Tax Records, etc.

The first settler on a tract of land, owned it through a grant from the King of England, or the Governor of the State. Records of the grants are preserved on the Land Office in Richmond, and have not been viewed by this searcher. Information on these pages, on the grants, come from recitations in later deeds, Surveyors Records, and from Kegley's memorable Virginia Frontier.

The pioneer who wished to own land, was required to, first, get a permit, called a Warrant, from the agent of the King, or the Governor. This would allow him to legally settle on any land not claimed by anyone else. All, or nay part, of the Warrant could be sold and assigned to others. Two men, James Patton and Benjamin Borden, were very important in the settlement of the area. They were not true settlers, but they received Warrants for thousands of acres, and assigned small tracts to the real first settler.

The holder of a Warrant, or Assignment, would, then locate open land that he liked, and "enter" it and have it surveyed. The dates of Entry and Survey were important; the legal title went to the first person there. Like the Warrant, the Entry and Survey could be sold and assigned to another. Up to this point, the newcomer had very little invested in the land, and some would just move on to another location. This deserted land would then become, again, 'open' for settlement by another person.

The Surveyor's description of the tract was then sent to the Land Office, where it was written into the new grant. Some of the early surveys were not very accurate; for this, and other good reasons, the later owner could get permission, and have the Surveyor re-survey the outside lines of his tract, and have a new grant issued. This was called an Inclusive Survey and Inclusive Grant.

Deeds of conveyance were not always recorded; the new owner had no legal title, but his name is sometimes learned from later deeds, Land Tax Records, Chancery Court papers, etc.

Before the Revolution, the Quit-rents, (or Land Tax) was levied by the Church; these Church records, for this area, have not been found. The first Land Tax records to be recorded in the Courthouse, were for the year 1782. With the earliest of these, there is a list of the new grants for the past year. These are found on microfilm at the Courthouse.

For brevity, I have used many abbreviations; when the meaning is not clear, refer to the following list.

**A** **Augusta County, VA**

adj. adjoining

Atty. Attorney

**B** **Botetourt County, VA**

Br. Branch

bro. brother

Ch Chalkely's Records of Augusta County, VA

**Ck.** **Creek**

d. died

**DB** **Deed Book**

Est. Estate

Ex. Executor

**K** **Kegley's Virginia Frontier**

m. married

N.C. North Carolina

O Orange County, VA

Pa. Pennsylvania

**R. River**  
 Rh Rockingham County, VA  
 Sis. sister  
**SR Surveyors Records**  
 WB Will Book  
**WPA Works Projects Administration**

The settler's names are listed in alphabetical order; following each name are the date of his death, and his wife's first name, if it is known, and, if shown, his place of residence, if outside the area. If he was on the 1782 Land Tax list, this is shown.

Below each settler's name, is this information: the source of the information; the date; the number of acres; it's location; also how it came into his possession, or to whom it was conveyed.

**MOORE, JAMES SR. (d. 1780) (Jennet)**

- A DB4-157 11/28/1751, 197, wtrs. James R. from Patton
- A DB5-132 2/20/1753, 350, Looney Ck. From John Crockett
- B DB2-564 6/6/1780, 197, wtrs. James R. to Ephraim Wilson
- B WBA-120 8/?/1780, upper part of 350, to son, John Moore
- B WBA-120 8/?/1780, lower part of 350 to son, James Moore Jr.
- B DB4-265 10/22/1790, 16, with Big Spring (By Ex.) to Martin Beard

**MOORE JAMES JR. (Elizabeth)** 1782 tax on 100 & 298 acres

- B SR (1799-1822) 37 11/10/1799, 130, Looney Ck. from new grant
- B WBA-120 1780, ½ of 350, Looney Ck. from father, James Moore Sr.
- B DB5-80 4/8/1794, 15, (part of 350) at Mill Dam, to Nicholas Carper
- B DB5-97 ?/13/1794, 210, Spreading Spring from James McCarroll

**MOORE, JOHN** 1782 tax on 18 & 168 acres

- B DB6-310 6/10/1780, 48, wtrs. Looney Ck. from new grant
- B WBA-120 8/?/1780, upper part 350, from father, James Moore Sr.
- \*K-419 , 138, from Thomas Rodgers
- B DB3-323 9/24/1782, 158, Looney Ck., from John Prior
- B DB3-463 5/2/1787, 158, Looney Ck. to Nicholas Beckner
- B DB4-14 5/30/1788, 260, wtrs. Looney Ck. to Anthony Deerdorf
- B DB6-310 5/?/1795, 48, wtrs. Looney Ck. (by Court) to Jacob Miller
- B DB5-339 11/27/1795, ½ of 2 lots in Fincastle, from Thomas Posey

\*K: Source: *Kegley's Virginia Frontier: The Beginning of the Southwest. The Roanoke of Colonial Days 1740-1783*, By F. B. Kegley: IBN: 0-8063-1717-5. Chapter Fourteen, The James River Communities in the New County of Botetourt, (1770-1783):

Pg. 418: The Robert Crockett grant of 350 acres was owned and occupied by James Moore from 1753-1776. This original grant was given to his sons, James Moore, Jr., and John Moore. John received the upper part to which he added 138 acres from Thomas Rogers and 45 acres from Daniel Deerdorf, and sold the whole to Daniel Brugh in 1801. The land between this and Jacob Howry's at the head of Mill Creek was taken by John Kesler.

**RALSTON, MATTHEW (Martha)** 1782 tax on 730 acres

- B DB5-63 78, Looney Ck. from James Ewings
- B DB2-10 11/9/1780, 435, wtrs. Looney Ck. from John Ralston
- B DB3-454 2/13/1787, 8, wtrs. Looney Ck. to Christian Hansbarriger
- B SR (1799-1822) 114 7/19/1787, 71, Cave Run, Looney Ck. from new grant
- B DB4 - 61 11/10/1788, 150, (parts of 71 + 435) to Samuel Moires
- B DB4-138 12/8/1789, 78, Looney Ck. to James Dunsmore
- B DB4-192 4/21/1790, 561, wtrs. Looney Ck. (date of inclusive survey)
- B DB4-192 6/8/1790, 263, (part of 561) to Peter Neffsinger

**RALSTON, JOHN (Agnes)**

- A DB437 9/2/1751, 435, wtrs. Looney Ck. from James Patton
- B DB3-10 11/9/1780, 435, wtrs. Looney Ck. to Matthew Ralston

**WILL OF JAMES MOORE I**

Botetourt Co., VA – Source: *Over The Mountain Men, Their Early Court Records In Southwest Virginia*, Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Co. 1962.

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 Botetourt Co. Tombstone Records.....pg. 65

Pg. 47: **James Moore. Will probated August 1780. Names children, James, John, Martha Ralston, Jean, (wife of Samuel McClanahan).**

**WILL OF JAMES MOORE SR.**

**Source: Botetourt County Wills and Administrations (1770-1800)**  
 Will Book A, 1770-1801 – Reel 20, pp 120-121. **Will probated August 1780**

In the name of God, Amen the thirteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy six. I **James Moore Sr** of Botetourt County in Virginia being old and Infirm in Body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first of all I commend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what worldly Estate *God, crossed out* it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner and first give and devise unto **James my Eldest Son** that part of my land on which he lives and has improved on from the lower end of the Survey Including his House and extending up Looneys Creek to a line consistably made between **my Son James and his brother John** the Remainder of my land (the whole of which contains three hundred and fifty acres) except sixteen acres I give and devise to **John Moore my youngest Son** with all its Improvements. The sixteen Acres above excepted (and has also been laid off in separate Parcel I devise to **Samuel McClenechan my son in Law** also my will is that my Just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Personal estate and that the remainder of the same be sold at public action and equally divided between **my four children John and James Moore Martha Ralston and Jean McClenchan** also eleven Pounds Justley due me by James Rattleff and six pound by Robert Sanders both of Botetourt County when recovered to be divided in the same manners I appointed **James and John my Sons** Sole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and Disannull all other former Wills or Testaments by me made and do ratify and confirm my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal the Day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed published pronounced and declare by the said **James Moore** as his last Will and Testament in the presence of

Andrew Woods	his
Robert Woods	<b>James Moore</b>
Martha Woods	mark

**August Botetourt Court 1780** – Examined.

This instrument of writing was presented in Court and for the last Will and Testament of **James Moore** deceased and proved by the oaths of **Martha and Andrew Woods** two of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded.  
 Test: David May, Clerk

**WILL OF JAMES MOORE SR**

**Source: *Early Marriages, Wills and Some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt County, Virginia*, compiled by Anne Lowry Worrell, 636 Walnut Avenue, S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1958.**

Wills and Deeds of Botetourt County: pg. 60:

**James Moore, Will probated August 1780. Names children, James, John, Martha Ralston, Joan McClanahan (wife Samuel McClanahan).**

Some Revolutionary Records of Botetourt Co., VA, August 1782, pgs. 68-69:

That William McClelan, **Samuel Walker**, Joseph Walker, James Ewin, **James Moore, John Moore**, Samuel McClenechan, **Mathew Ralston**, John Pryor, Joseph Pryor, Archibald Woods, Andrew Woods, Samuel Todd, Thomas Miller, of Capt. Mills' Company, be consider the Thirty-ninth District.

**WILL OF JAMES MOORE II**

Jefferson County, Tennessee Will Book 2, p. 611 - June Sessions 1828.

In the name of God Amen. I, James Moore of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I give to my son Robert Moore the plantation that I now live on together with all my farming utensils of every description and one mare colt.

Second. I desire that all the residue of my property be sold and out of the money arising there from all my just debts be paid and my funeral expenses paid and residue to be divided amongst my children hereafter named, my Daughters Peggy Howard and Fanny Howard my sons John, Robert and Andrew Moore, and lastly I do hereby constitute my son James Moore of Hawkins County Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

James x Moore [his mark] {Seal}

State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County } June Sessions 1828

Then was the last Will and Testament of James Moore duly proven in open Court of Joseph McCollough & Joseph D. Beckner two of the subscribing Witnesses to the same & recorded .

Joseph Hamilton, Clerk

### **WILL OF JOHN MOORE**

Jefferson County, 12 March 1804. John Moore wrote a will leaving property on French Broad River, at the corner of Parmenas Taylor, to his son-in-law John Hill. The rest of his landed estate was left for his son, John Moore, when the latter came of age; the widow was to manage the estate until that time. He left one horse, saddle bridle, and bed to each of his daughters, Sarah and Mary. "Friends Alex. McClanahan and Parmenas Taylor executors." A John Moore seems also to have witnessed the will. ("The John Moore who wrote this will is probably the younger son of James I, and the brother of James II. The John Moore who witnessed the will could be the son of James II. Alexander McClanahan is presumably the Alexander McClanahan who married Sarah Moore in Botetourt County 1788." John Glenn, Nov 2006)

**Source:** *Will and Estate Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide* by John Vogt & T. William Kethely, Jr., 1987.

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**Introduction:** Among Virginia historical documents, will and estate records in Virginia have experienced the best survival rate over the past three and a half centuries. Today they form an impressive and valuable collection of documentation for researchers, especially genealogists. While many records still reside in the counties in which they were probated, the Virginia State Library, Archives Division, possesses a microfilm collection of most of the pre-1865 will and estate records. In a few instances, will records as late as the 1940s were microfilmed. This microfilm collection and the complementary collection of published will records in the Library Division is so extensive and varied that a definite need exists for a researcher's guide.

As a summary definition, a will is a person's declaration of what is to be done after his death; this declaration is (1) revocable during his lifetime, (2) operative for no purpose until his death, and (3) applicable to the situation which exists at his death. Usually a will relates to the disposition of the maker's property. Such a document can be of tremendous genealogical value, for usually within the document is included a number of facts: (1) the name(s) of the deceased's heirs, often including married names of surviving females; (2) the approximate date of death from the date of the will's probate by the court; witnesses' signatures which indicate close friends, relatives, or respected members of the deceased's community; (4) a listing of what the deceased possessed in property, real and personal; and even personal data about the deceased's origins (e.g., a will written or signed in German might signify the nationality or language of the deceased).

Because of their personal nature, wills vary considerably in detail. Sometimes the deceased simply left his property to his 'loving wife and children,' and at other times a meticulous list of all heirs, living and dead, might be included. Care must be exercised when analyzing the list of heirs in a will. Portions of the estate might already have been transferred to one or more children before a man's death in a process termed 'Advancement'; therefore, the inclusion of the heir with an inheritance of 'one shilling' or some other trifle is made to meet legal requisites and not to indicate a son or daughter's status.

Pg. 31: Virginia Will & Estate Records – Botetourt County

Microfilm sources:

Reel#

20 Will Book A, 1770-1801, 550 p.

20 Will Book B, 1801-1815, 458 p.



- 20 Will Book C, 1815-1824, Unpaged index, 591 p.
- 21 Will Book D, 1824-1829, Unpaged index, 653 p.
- 21 Will Book E, 1829-1838, Unpaged index, 929 (3) p.
- 22 Will Book F, 1838-1843, Unpaged index, 628 (1) p.
- 22 Will Book G, 1843-1849, Unpaged index, 688 (1) p.
- 23 Will Book H, 1849-1853, Unpaged index, 535 p.
- 23 Will Book I, 1853-1857, Unpaged index, 650 p.
- 24 Will Book K, 1857-1864, Unpaged index, 854 p.
- 24 Will Book L, 1864-1869, Unpaged index, 499 (1) p.
- 25 General Index to Wills 1, 1770-1952.
- 26 Circuit Court Will Book 1, 1835-1854, Unpaged index, p. 1-218 (1) (Wills, 1835-1854).
- 26 Circuit Court Will Book 2, 1855-1903, Unpaged index, 303 p.

**Source:** *A Seed-Bed Of The Republic, A Study of the Pioneers in the Upper (Southern) Valley of Virginia*, by Robert Douthat Stoner.

Pgs. 122-129: Personnel of Botetourt County Companies As Districted: **Following is a list of men registered for recruitment in the Revolutionary War**, and is copied verbatim from the original papers found in the basement of the Botetourt County Clerk's Office:

At a meeting of the field officers this 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1782 for the County of Botetourt for the purpose of carrying into execution an Act entitled An Act for recruiting this state's quota of Troops to serve in the United States Army for the Term of three years, or during the War.

Ordered that the following Persons:

Pg. 129: That William McClelland, **Samuel Walker**, Joseph Walker, James Ewing, **James Moore**, **John Moore**, **Samuel McClenechan**, **Mathew Ralston**, John Pryor, Joseph Ryor, Archibald Woods, Andrew Woods, Samuel Todd, Thomas Miller of **Capt. Mills' Company, be considered the 39<sup>th</sup> District**.

Pg. 132: **Partial List of Persons Furnishing Materials For Use In Revolutionary War Order Book 1780-1784.**

The following list of supplies and services rendered by Botetourt citizens to the Revolutionary War effort is only a portion recognized in the Court Order Books. Botetourt's initial responsibility was perhaps increased by the establishment of a commissary depot at Fincastle, and by the imprisonment in Botetourt of captive British soldiers and Tory sympathizers.

Pg. 139: **James Moore** – for black horse, seven years old, high blooded, impressed February 1781 – 27 pounds.

Pg. 142: Other People Furnishing Materials Or Service In War Effort: (Services and materials more or less duplicating those set out heretofore, and omitted here in the interest of brevity and avoiding repetition) Order Book 1780-1784.

Pg. 143: Moore, James

Pg. 144: Ralston, Mathew

Pg. 240: Petition for Establishment of Town on North Side of James River at Anderson's Ferry (Pattonsburg), October 27, 1788:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia, The Petition of sundry Persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, Humbly Sheweth That they are of Opinion that \_\_\_\_\_ (sic) Town to be established on the North side of James River, at the place known by the Name of Anderson's Ferry in Botetourt County, on the Lands of William Anderson would be of Service to the Adjacent Parts of the Country; This place affords a Beautiful Emminence for a Town, with Timber convenient, excellent Water, and suitable Streams for any kind of Mills, together with a fine Harbour for Boats. It is about one and one Half Miles below the Warehouse established at Crows Ferry, and is in the Opinion of Your Petitioners the fittest Place on the River above the Blue Ridge for a Town.

James Norvell	Wm. Skillern
Thos. M. Grey	Wm. Anderson
W. B. Laforce	Jo. Paxton
John Glen	J. Paxton
Joseph Hawkins	Jno. Bilbro
William Bryant	J. Preston
Sampson Sawyers	Peter Byrns
John Cartmill	Isaac Van Matre
John Logan	Phi. Love
Michael Ocheltree	Peter Hartley
Jas. McCarrell, Sr.	Jno. McKee, Jun.

Wm. Breckinridge	Thomas Taylor
John Wilson	Jon. Harris
<b>James Moore</b>	Wm. Rowlan
William Erwin	Thos. Miller
Henry Watterson	Thos. Armstrong
Geo. Skillern	William Taylor
John Allen	John Henry
Hugh Allen	Samuel Harris
Henry Mould	Jno (?) Kyle
Wm. Demcy	Daniel Northup
John Stevens	John Demcy
Robert Allen	Nich. Wells

Pg. 382: John Graybill, great-grandfather of Jonas Graybill, early Botetourt County minister, came from Berks County, Pennsylvania, with his wife, four sons and three daughters in 1780. Apparently the first deed of lands in Botetourt County acquired by him was from William and Elizabeth Ward, dated July 12, 1785, conveying one tract of 186 acres “lying on both sides of Back Creek, adjoining Elliott’s (now Dick’s)” which Ward had acquired from Thompson and Preston, Executors of James Patton, deceased, in 1773. Another tract of 220 acres on Back Creek, corner of land “once the property of Luke M. Therry,” **patented to William Preston, June 15, 1773, purchased from James Moore and Allen Gulliford 200 acres on Back Creek, which had been patented to James Moore and James Anderson in 1794.**

Pg. 384: The Buckners (Beckners) were also early arrivals, John having acquired from James Snodgrass in 1786 (Deed Book 3, p. 433) 160 acres on the waters of Catawba, corner to Mitchell; and Nicholas purchased from **Moore in 1787 (Deed Book 3, p. 463) 158 acres on Looney’s Creek**, adjoining Wm. McClellon, Christopher Waggoner and James Ewing; while Jonathan followed a few years later with a purchase in 1793 (Deed Book 5, p. 36) of 75 acres on the waters of Back Creek, joining R. Duncan, Jacob Lark and Nicholas Carper. Lawrence Beckner had purchased from Kelly in 1786 (Deed Book 3, p. 399) 200 acres on a branch of Looney’s Mill Creek, adjoining the Great Road and Andrew Woods; but Daniels’s deed from Andrew Clark, conveying 102 acres on Looney’s Creek, was not executed until 1797 (Deed Book 6, p. 332).

The Harshbargers, apparently led by Christian, who was the only Harshbarger to record a deed to a Botetourt County farm prior to 1800, when in 1787 (Deed Book 3, p. 454) he purchased from **Matthew Ralston** 8 acres on Looney’s Mill Creek, adjoining “thirsty” Amon; but he was already considered a citizen of Botetourt when that same year (Deed Book 3, p. 480) George Kersell “of the County of Rockingham” conveyed to him as “Christian Heisburger of the County of Botetourt,” 290 acres on Back Creek, corner to Alcorn.

**Source: *Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800***, By Lewis Preston Summers, published by Lewis Preston Summers, Abingdon, Virginia 1929. This handsome two-volume set is one of the most thorough works on early Southwest Virginia and contains the journals of Colonel Thomas Batts, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Colonel Christopher Gist—three of the region’s earliest explorers to record their journeys. The volumes also include lists of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War, the French-Indian War, and the Indian wars prior to 1800.

Pg. 62: Annals of Southwest Virginia: At a court held the 14<sup>th</sup> of Febr., 1770.

Pg. 63: This court doth appoint the several person to be Surveyors of the Roads as followeth, towit: .....Michael Cloyd from the Fork of the Road by his plantation to the Branch below **James Moore’s**, Andrew Woods and John Mills from the said Run to the Ferry,.....

Pg. 137: At a court held for Botetourt Court County the eleventh of October, 1771.

Pg. 138: Willm. Simpson (Plffs) agst. Willm. Herbert (Def.):

This day came the parties by their attornies & thereupon came also a jury, towit: Joseph Cloyd, Samuel Woods, **Matthew Rolston**, John Harry, James Gillis, John Potts, David Little, Daniel McNeill, William Trimble, Alexander Henly, John Stewart, and Francis Guthrie, who ret. A verdt. in favor of the plaff. Upon motion of deft. by his attorney, a new trial is granted on him on his paying the costs of this day’s trial.

Pg. 206: At a court continued & held for Botetourt, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1773.

Pg. 207: John May & Co. (Plffs) agst. John Webb (Def.):

This day came the plffs. by their attorney & thereupon came also a jury, towit: John McRobert, Joseph Cooper, Wm. Napier, Solomon Simpson, George Burdwell, Jeremiah Seely, John Porter, Amos Potts, Josph Looney, Jno. Looney, James Hayes & **Matthew Ralston**, who ret. A verdt. in favor of the plff. for seven pounds, four shillings, besides his costs. Judgt. Aeedgly. Ord. that is ct. be adjd. till tomorrow morning, six o’clock. The minutes of these proceedings were signed by Geo. Skillern.



Pg. 224: At a court held for Botetourt County the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 1774.

The Grand Jury that was summoned by the Sheriff appeared in the court and were sworn, towit: Wm. McElhinney, George Dougherty, Samuel McNubb, David Smith, Michael Kirkman, John White, **Mathew Ralston**, James Cartmill, Andrew Armstrong, William Bilbro, Samuel Lindsay, John Looney, Wm. McClelon, Thomas Pruett, malcom Allen and George McAfee.

Pg. 235: At the Court house of Botetourt County the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1774.

Ordered that Wm. McClelan, Thomas Rowland, **Mathew Ralston** and Solomon Simpson, or nay three of them, being first sworn, do view the several ways from the Wm. McClean's and made report of the conveniences & inconveniences of the same to the next court.

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Pg. 243: A Grand Jury appeared and was sworn, towit: Samuel Walker, James Gilmore, Andrew Armstrong, John Neelly, Wm. Adams, Richard Watkins, Joseph Walker, Junr., Saml. McClure, Junr., Robert Burdwell, Wm. Scott, John Cartmill, James Hutcheson, **Mathew Ralston**, John Larkin and William McClure, who having received their charge went out of court to consult of their presentments.

Pg. 260: At a court held for Botetourt County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777.

Present: William Fleming, Benjamin Estill, Andrew Woods & Richard May, Gent. Justices.

**Ord, that James Moore, Wm. McClelon & Matthew Ralston being first sworn do view the way through which it is proposed to establish a road from the court house to William Ward's saw mill and report the conveniences & inconveniences to the court.**

Pg. 285 & 286: At a court held for Botetourt County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1779.

**Also the Surveyor of the Road from the Beaver Dam Bridge to James Moores Creek.**

Pg. 388: March 9, 1784.

**James Moore** appointed surveyor in place of Wm. McClelland.

Pg. 435: July 14, 1789.

Patrick Lockhart, Philip Spikart, **James Moore** and Benjamin Peek appointed to view a way proposed for a wagon road from this court house to Carper's Mill.

Pg. 467: June 14, 1796.

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Pg. 468: August 9, 1796.

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Pg. 530: Brief of Deeds – Botetourt Co. VA, Deed Book No. 1.

Pg. 535: Page 94. May 2, 1770. John Alcorn and Jane his wife to Andrew Henry. 50 Pounds. 120 acres on Looney's Creek. Witnesses: William Harbison, **James Moore**, Andrew Woods.

Pg. 540: page 204. March 12, 1771. **James Moore** of the County of Newcastle in the Providence of Pennsylvania to Francis Smith, 100 acres of land. 40 pounds.

Pg. 566: Annals of Southwest Virginia.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<b>1780, June 6,</b>	<b>Moore, James, Sr. &amp; Jennet his wife</b>	<b>Wilson, Ephraim</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>James River</b>
1780, Nov. 9,	Ralston, John & Agness his wife	<b>Ralston, Mathew</b>	435	Br. Of Looney's

Pg. 571: Botetourt County VA, Deed Book #3.

Pg. 581: P. 323. Sept. 24, 1782. John Pryor & Mary his wife to John Moore Sr. Con. 100 Pounds. 158 A. on Looney's C., br. of James. Witnesses: Wm. McClellon, Jno. McDonald and Thos. Prosser.

Pg. 582: P. 340. May 13, 1778. John Wills to John McCalloem. Con. 400 pounds. 190 A. in Botetourt County. Witnesses: Geo. Skillern, Thos. Rowland and **Mathew Ralston**.

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**Source:** *Kegley's Virginia Frontier by F. B. Kegley.*

Pg. 43: The tracts of land sold by Benjamin Borden, Sr., for which he made deeds – recorded in Orange, 1741-1745.

Pg. 44: McDowell, April 13, 1743, **James Moore** – 327 acres, Cor. Robert Houston.

Pg. 62: Section II. Tracts of land on waters of James River as they were taken from 1740 to 1760<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>North River is taken as the Northeastern boundary of the region covered, because it was taken later as the border of Botetourt County.

Pg. 67: **1746, James Moore – Grant, 400 acres on a branch of Buffalo.**

Pg. 76: Settlements on Branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

**November 28, 1751, James Moore, 197 acres on a branch of James. Corner John Harris.**

Pg. 78: Settlements on Branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

**March 20, 1753, James Moore from John Crockett, son and heir-at-law of Robert Crockett, deceased, 350 acres on Lunie's Mill Creek. Delivered 1816 to William Taylor, attorney for Daniel Brought (Brugh). Au. D. Bk. 5, 132.**

Pg. 86: **1756, James Moore – Grant, 400 acres on north branch of Buffalo.**

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Pg. 139: The Local Officials, 1738-1745, while yet in Orange.

The first constable for the community was James McDowell, appointed by the Court of Orange, 1741.

The next constables were John Mitcell and Joseph Lapsley, appointed in 1743.

The Militia Officers were John McDowell and John Mathews, Captains under Colonel James Patton, all appointed in 1742.

Colonel Patton qualified on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The other captains for the territory designed to be called Augusta were John Buchanan, John Smith, Samuel Gay, James Cathrey and John Christian, qualifying on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and Andrew Lewis, Peter Scholl, James Gill, John Wilson, Hugh Thompson, George Robinson and John McDowell, qualifying sometime in the year 1742.

The inhabitants of the northern and central part of the Borden Tract were placed in John Buchanan's company, those in the southern part of the Tract and in the "Fork of James" below Borden's line were given to John McDowell. This may have been due to a certain petition from the people of that region presented to Governor Gooch, on July 30, 1742, asking him to commission John McDowell captain of militia.

McDowell himself lived in the same neighborhood as some of those in Capt. Buchanan's company, but he and his brother, James, had entered a number of tracts of land in the Lower Forks.

The militia companies were the basis for civil as well as military administration. Every man belonged to some company, usually the one embracing the immediate territory in which he lived. One individual might belong to two different companies by owning property at different places. The company was the local civil and military unit. In it the taxes were levied and collected and the militia met in regular muster. Everyone belonging to a company did not necessarily do active military service, even in time of war.

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The following are the members of John McDowell's Company and they constituted the adult male population of the Lower Forks Community; - John McDowell, James McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, David Dreden, Alex. McClure, John McClure, Halbert McClure, Samuel McRoberts, Thomas Taylor, John McKnab, And. McKnab, Thos. Whiteside, Malco. Whiteside, John Alison, David Bires, Moses McClure, John Gray, Patt. McKnabb, Wm. Hall, John Miles, Wm. Miles, James Hardman, Charles Quail, Wm. Woods, Joseph Long, Samuel Long, Henry Kirkham, Gilbert Campbell, James Campbell, Rob. Young, Math. Young, **James Moore**, Hugh Cunningham, James Cunningham, John Carr, Francis McCown, Hans. Beaker, John Peter Salley, Mitch. Miller, Loromor Mason, John Mathews, John Colier, Erwin Patterson, Edward Patterson, Joseph Finney, Michael Finney, Samuel Woods, Richard Woods, Joseph Lapsley.

Pg. 145: Community Life on the James and the Roanoke.

In 1752, road ordered from William Cleghorn's to Purgatory.

In March, 1753, Joseph Long and James Young as overseers, with Robert Young, Joseph Long, Samuel Gibson, Solomon Whitley, John Collier, William Hall, Gilbert Crawford, George Gibson, John Ruckman, Thomas Burton, Wm. Wadlington, Wm. Brown, **James Moore**, John Hanna, James Huston, Wm. Todd, James Bats, James Todd, James Young, Patrick Young, John Carr and James Campbell were to keep the road from Joseph Long's Mill to James Young's Mill, thence to the Great Road on James Thompson's Plantation.

Pg. 158: Section II. The South Side of James, or Fincastle Community.

Pg. 160: **1753, James Moore – Grant, from John Crockett, heir of Robert, 350 acres.**

Pg. 185: Community life on the James and the Roanoke, People on the frontier unsettled:

From the clerk's fee books we get an insight into the position and movements of many citizens that we know. In 1748 Robert Davis, Stephen Holston, Thomas Brown, Samuel Martin, **James Moore**, James Mitchell, Thomas Ramsey, Josiah Ramsey, Priscilla Reeves, Wm. Wright, Walter Welch, David Carlock, George Forbush, Jacob Patton, James Taylor, William Taylor are all "not found".

Pg. 337: Chapter 11 – Progress in the James River Settlements, 1760-1770.

Pg. 348: On Looney's Mill Creek, 1760-1770.

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**Moore on Looney's Mill Creek**; For Margt. Rentfro, on Beaver Dam Run and Looney's Mill Creek; For William Rowland; For George Poage; For John Mills, where he now lives; For Margt. Clark, where she now lives; For Margt. Clark, on Back Creek; For George Burdwell; For James Lauderdale; For John Smith; John McFerrin, John McClellan; For John Alcorn, where he now lives; For David Mitchell; For William Rowland on Patrick's Run; For Alexander Evans; For John Crawford, where he now lives; For John Adams. Vestry Book, 408-409.

Pg. 407: March 11, 1777, **James Moore**, William McClelon and **Mathew Ralston** were ordered to view the way through which it is proposed to establish a road from the court house to William Ward's saw mill.

Pg. 410: July 14, 1789, Patrick Lockhart, Philip Spikart, and Benjamin Peck are appointed to view a way proposed for a wagon road from the Court house to Carper's Mill.

Pg. 418: Kegley's Virginia Frontier: In 1783 Captain Mill's Company of Militia include these men who were then living along the creek and on the river.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Captain Mill's Company was made up of men about the lower half of Looney's Mill Creek and Back Creek extending as far west as **James Moore's** and Thomas Rowland's.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
William Anderson	3	20	0
William Aston	9	4	0
George Bright	5	16	0
Andrew Clark	1	14	0
Samuel Conner	4	10	0
William Cox	1	3	0
William Crow	14	20	1
Andrew Daner	2	5	0
James Gills (is)	3	4	0
Thomas Hardy	2	9	0
James Hults	3	5	0
John Johnston	3	6	0
Samuel Johnston	3	6	0
George Kelly	3	9	0
Isaac Kelly	4	21	0
James Leatherdale, Sr.	6	16	5
James Leatherdale, Jr.	3	15	0
John Leatherdale	2	0	0
Robert Leatherdale	4	5	0
William Leatherdale	9	14	0
William Leatherdale	3	8	0
Valentine Martin	8	20	0
John Mills	14	28	8
William McClelon	8	19	0
Robert McNeelly	5	9	0
Hugh McNeill	0	0	0
<b>James Moore</b>	9	15	0
<b>John Moore</b>	4	15	0
Joseph Paxton	2	0	0
Benjamin Peck	3	10	0
Joshua Phipps	10	8	0
John Pryor	1	0	0
Joseph Pryor	0	6	0
Nicholas Pryor	2	3	1
<b>Matthew Ralston</b>	17	12	0
Thomas Ross	4	8	0
Thomas Rowland	21	23	3
Samuel Todd	9	14	0
James Vickers	2	1	0
Christopher Waggoner	2	5	0
Samuel Walker	2	0	0
William Ward	6	11	2
Henry White	4	17	0

Matthew Wilson	5	18	0
John Wood, Doctor	12	5	7
Jonathan Wood	3	14	0
Martha Woods	11	22	5
Samuel Young	4	8	0

Pg. 418: Kegley's Virginia Frontier: Home places of special interest. James River communities in Botetourt County, VA 1770-1783.

Pg. 419: The Robert Crockett grant of 350 acres was owned and occupied by **James Moore from 1753-1776**. **This original grant was given to his sons, James Moore, Jr., and John Moore**. John received the upper part to which he added 138 acres from Thomas Rogers and 45 acres from Daniel Deerdorf, and sold the whole to Daniel Brugh in 1801. The land between this and Jacob Howry's at the head of Mill Creek was taken by John Kesler.

Pg. 425: The Forks of James, 1770-1783, New Grants, Conveyances and Special Developments along the Great Road.

Pg. 431: July 5, 1774, John Brown – Grant, 225 acres on a small branch of Buffalo adjoining **James Moore** and John Kelso.

Pg. 433: 1780. **Ephraim Wilson – Deed, 197 acres from James Moore Sr. and Jennet**.

Pg. 436: James River Communities in Botetourt County, 1770 – 1783:

The Spreading Spring land at Paul's Fort was include in a grant of 710 acres to James McCarroll. John Sterling had 170 acres on Spreading Spring Branch. **James Moore purchased 202 acres near Spreading Spring from James McCarroll**. Peter Harley owned 470 acres adjoining John Sterling and Audley Paul, which he sold to Wm. Cross. Thomas Cross acquired the Spreading Spring which came into the possession of Moore Poage who built the Stone House in 1826. Newell's Tavern was on the road between Spreading Spring and Renick's. Michael Ochletree purchased the Renicks land and entered adjoining tracts until he developed a large estate. The original home place comes down to the present through Palzer Baumgartner and John Ripley and his descendants.

Pg. 559: Community Building on the Roanoke.

1796. Robert Harvey – 131 acres adjoining his own land and Jacob Naffe. Pat. Bk. 35, 41; **James Moore** – 100 acres on Brush Creek and Roanoak. Pat. Bk. 35, 366.

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**Source:** *Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853* by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Vol. 1, 1987: ISBN: 0-935931-33-3.

#### **INTRODUCTION:** Botetourt County, VA

Botetourt County Marriage, 1780-1853 – represents a continuing effort designed to publish a comprehensive finding aid for all marriage records before 1850 for Virginia and its western holdings. Although about forty percent of these pre-1850 Virginia marriages have been published, access to much of this printed material remains difficult. A scholar wishing to conduct in-depth research must perforce visit the Virginia State Library and its fine collection of print, manuscript, and microfilm genealogical materials. Time and distance often precludes such concentrated research.

Designed so that the reader may quickly search by name both husband and wife, this ready reference guide has an additional master frequency (listing of all last names to account for variations in spellings by the recording clerks or ministers. The record arrangement should assist in searching through a large volume of marriages with relative facility. Yet, by no means is this guide to be an ending point for inquiry on the particular marriage under search. For the Wright's Building an American Pedigree (Provo, Utah; Brigham Young University Press). Among current periodical literature, Genealogical Helper (c/o The Everton Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 368, Logan, UT 84321). In addition, the authors have published Marriage Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide for a listing of Virginia marriage records.

In the guide's master listing of all last names (Part 1), which also shows the frequency of their occurrence, the researcher must utilize his creativity in searching all the possible variants of a name. County clerks often spelled the names according to their own phonetic whims, and versions of the same family name may occur pages apart in the husband/wife listings. English county clerks were wont to record names phonetically in the absence of literate couples, and frequently the surnames appear slightly altered in the surname frequency of this volume. Where surnames are at odds between the clerk's recording and the minister's return, both entries have been retained and a note of the variation has been placed in the marriage record (e.g., 'Minister's return spells name as 'Armontrout' or 'Armontrout'?'). It is usually clear from the date and other data that this in fact is a single marriage. However, the researcher is left to decide on the proper name spelling. Similarly, where the names are identical, but the year varies, both entries have been retained.

Arranged in double columns for speed in searching, each unique last name is followed by two numbers. These represent the number of husbands and wives respectively by that name occurring in the register. Once the researcher has determined the various names desired, he can proceed to the alphabetical listings of marriages first by husband's last name (Part 2), and then by wife's last name in a separate listing (Part 3).

In most instances the date of the marriage bond varies from the actual return by several days to a week or more, and both are recorded whenever available. Whenever a bondsman is listed, the date following the name of the couple in the record is that of the bond's issuance; if a minister's return was also recorded for that couple and incorporated in the record, the date of the return follows the name of the minister. If only a minister's return is recorded, the date is omitted after the minister's name, and the date following the couple's name is that of the actual marriage ceremony as reported by the minister.

#### **BOTETOURT COUNTY:**

Today Botetourt County consists of 548 square miles of land nested in the Shenandoah Valley between the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains. However, at its initial formation in 1769, this county stretched throughout the mountain regions of western Virginia to the Ohio. It was created out of the southern portion of Augusta County and named in honor of Lord Boterourt, Governor of Virginia, 1768-1770; a year later, in 1770, the new county began to function as a political entity. From Botetourt's lands, forty-four counties would eventually be created, stretching over both western Virginia and the later independent West Virginia.

The first county seat was 'Miller's Place,' renamed as the community of Fincastle in 1772. It was established on land donated by Israel Christian and named for Lord Fincastle, eldest son of Governor Lord Dunmore. The town was incorporated in 1828 and in 1845 it had a population of 700. The present courthouse dates from 1850.

Fort William, situated about three miles south of Fincastle, was another early community within present-day Botetourt County boundaries. Captain William Preston built this post here during the 1750's, and in 1756 Colonel George Washington visited it for an inspection. That same October it was attacked by Indians during the first fighting of the French and Indian War (1756-1763). Settlers from the area also used Fort William as a defense point during Pontiac's War in 1763. Nearby to Fort William stood Fort Fauquier, also a strongpoint during the Indian raids.

This period of the French and Indian conflict saw particularly bloody conflicts along the frontier and especially in Botetourt County. Captain Audley Paul's fort near Natural Bridge was filled with settlers in 1761 seeking refuge from marauding Shawnees. Four years earlier, just north of Buchanan the small Renick settlement had been attacked by Shawnee warriors who killed five settlers and took nine captive.

Botetourt's community of Buchanan (est. 1811), was the western terminus of the noted James River and Kanawha Canal, which reached the town in 1851. Its construction attracted many later settlers. In the marriage records are notations of laborers from Ireland and other states in the U. S. listed as working for the canal. Botetourt also contained important iron workings at Cloverdale Furnace, just north of present-day Roanoke. Carter Beverly developed this early iron industry in 1808, and several references exist in the marriage records to men who worked at this establishment.

Botetourt County lay astride an important early migration route, the Old Caroline Wagon Road. This is the road from Pennsylvania to the Yadkin Valley, over which early settlers passed going south. On it were the noted Black Horse Tavern and the Tinker Creek Presbyterian Church. Settlers crossing the James River would take Looney's Ferry, just south of Buchanan. The ferry was the first crossing over the



James in the region, and its operation dates from 1742. On the other side of the river was Cherry Tree Bottom, home of Colonel John Buchanan, and nearby stood Fort Fauquier.

## **DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

### **Marriage Bond:**

Botetourt County followed the rubrics of regulations for marriages which dated from the colonial period. In 1660/1661 the law requiring a bond was first enacted. Because of a scarcity of ministers, the colony required that all persons wishing to be married by license must go the county court clerk and give bond with sufficient security (usually \$150 by the nineteenth century) that there was no lawful cause to prevent the marriage. The license was then prepared by the clerk and presented to the minister who would perform the ceremony. Because many of the bonds were secured on the same day of the marriage, or else dated by the clerk with the marriage date, a system of conventional notation has been adopted in this volume to avoid unnecessary repetition. When a minister's name is noted with no mention of a bond, the date may be presumed the same as the date of the marriage ceremony reported by the minister. When both bond and marriage date are known, the bond date is the primary date and the date of the actual ceremony follows the reference of the minister.

Another option was to perform the ceremony 'by banns', that is, after publicly announcing or 'publishing' the intentions of the parties at three congregational meetings. Such marriages avoided the necessity of a bond or license from the clerk. This custom predominated in several religious denomination; for example, most ministers of the Church of the Brethren performed every marriage save one which he reported by the device of publishing of banns.

## **CONSENT:**

Parties seeking a license to marry were required to show evidence of their legal age to enter such a contract or else to have a consent from their parent(s) or guardian if under the age of twenty-one years. Unlike marriage bonds, which were form documents and often printed with appropriate blanks for names to be inserted, a written consent was at the discretion of the writer and therefore a very individualistic documents. Most consents were mere scraps of paper with a brief permission signed by a parent. Other surviving consent documents reveal a wealth of information for the researcher.

## **MARRIAGE RECORDS; MARRIAGE REGISTER:**

During the colonial period, the law required that every marriage be recorded in a true and perfect parish register. After 1780, ministers were required to report all marriages to the county court clerk whose duty it was to see that the returns were entered in a book kept for that purpose. The county record books which have survived, such as that of Botetourt County, are sometimes titled 'Marriage Registers,' although true 'registers' as defined by law did not begin until 1853. The inclusion of marriages from 1851 through 1853 in this volume clearly shows the new record keeping systems that the clerk of Botetourt County began in mid-1850. Much more family date is available with the actual record.

Sources: The current volumes of Botetourt County marriages is compiled from a number of primary and sources available in the Virginia State Library, Archives Division, and from records in the Botetourt County courthouse. When all the primary source material was collected, secondary sources were also consulted and a sampling made to ascertain the validity of the date.

### **Primary sources:**

1. Marriage Register, 1770-1853. 705 pages (Also VSL microfilm reel #35).
2. Index to Marriage Register, 1770-1853. 384 pages (also VSL microfilm reel #36).
3. Index to Marriage Register 1, 1787-1844. unpagged (also VSL microfilm reel #37).
4. Marriage Register 1, 1787-1833. 72 folios. (also VSL microfilm reel #37).
5. Marriage Register 2, 1844-1853. unpagged index, 18 folios. (also VSL microfilm reel #38).
6. Botetourt County Marriage Records:  
1770-1790 (Accession No. 29596a)  
1791-1799 (Accession No. 29596b)  
1800-1809 (Accession No. 29596c)  
1810-1819 (Accession No. 29596d)

The above four volumes were compiled from original bonds and returns by Charles T. Burton and Mrs. Vici W. Fowler from originals in the Botetourt County Courthouse, Fincastle, Virginia. They were deposited with the DAR collection, but first a copy was deposited with the Virginia State Archives. The manuscript is a typescript, of immaculate scholarship, which compares the compilers' findings with variants from other published sources. Unfortunately, it is a single copy third or fourth generation Xerox which becomes virtually illegible at numerous points in the list.

### **Published sources:**

1. Kegley's Virginia Frontier by F. B. Kegley. 1938. 786pp. This book abstracts, among many other items, marriage records for Botetourt County, 1770-1803 (1807).
2. Annals of Southwest Virginia, 1769-1800. Compiled by Lewis P. Summers, 1929. 1757pp. Pages 501-528 abstract selected marriage records, 1769-1800.
3. Early Marriages, Wills and Some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt County, Virginia, compiled by Ann L. Worrell, 1980 (original edition – 1958). 69pp. Pages 3-51 abstract selected marriage record, 1770-1822.

A total of 5,349 marriages are recorded in this present Virginia Historic Marriage Register for Botetourt County. Of those records, 3,558 also contained returns by ministers.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

b	bondsman (party granting surety to the clerk that marriage can be held without any legal impediment).
bro	brother of
col	colored
con	consent (usually given by a parent or guardian).
cty	county
d	daughter of
(dec)	deceased
gd	granddaughter of
gdn	guardian of
ggd	great-granddaughter of
ggs	great-grandson of
gs	grandson of
lic	license, followed by date of license when available.
min	minister performing ceremony, followed by date of return.
ne	nephew of
ni	niece of
p, perm	permission (to marry), given by parents(s) or guardian
q	Quaker (Society of Friends) marriage.
s	son of
sis	sister of
std	stepdaughter of
stm	stepmother of
sts	stepson of
test	witnesses in a sworn oath
wit	witness

#### MOORE MARRIAGES: pgs. 214-215: Man's Name:

1. Aaron H & Mary McIver 2 May 1836; d John b- Michael HB Burkett wit – James R Trenor min- Chester Ballard- 9 May 1836.
2. David & Isbella Harston 11 Sep 1793; 'Priscilla?' b- John Moore wit- Henry Bowyer (Clerk of Court) min- Henry VanOver- 13 Sep 1793.
3. David E. & Elizabeth Harvey 7 May 1829; David from Rockbridge County d of Magdalene M Harvey b-William Harvey wit Magdalene H Barton min- Henry Ruffner- 7 May 1829.
4. Edwin & Sarah T Woodson Wit- Samuel Huckett min- N H Cobbs (Prot. Epis.)- 29 April 1829.
5. Haden & Charlotte Bigier 5 Dec 1853; groom 25, a farmer born Botetourt Co. resides Botetourt Co. s John & Catherine Moore bride 21 born and resides Botetourt Co. d Mark & Mary Bigler mother present min- Absalom C Dempsey (Bapt.)- 8 Dec 1853.
6. Henry & Harriet Murphy 13 Jan 1823; b- Bryan McDonald min- Enoch Sullivan.
7. Hugh & Anna Allen 13 Aug 1808; b- Hugh Allen, father min- John Helms- 18 Aug 1808.
8. Jacob G & Elizabeth Kelly 1 Apr 1828; widow of John b- Jacob Coon who test. Age of bride as over 21.
9. James & Elizabeth Miner 24 Mar 1796; b-Joseph Beckner d John wit-Henry Bowyer (Clerk of Court).
10. John & Betsy Barger 31 Jan 1809; min- John Helms publication of banna.
11. John & Catharine Wineman 3 Dec 1823; b- Frederick Wineman, father.
12. Levi & Margaret Salmon 21 Oct 1794; b- Jacob Salmon, father wit- S Lewis min-Samuel Gray (Fincastle)- 11 Nov 1794.
13. Samuel & Mary Smiley 15 Mar 1815; d Walter Smiley dec. late of this county b-Walter Smiley (Jr?) who test. age of bride as over 21 min- John Helms- 16 Mar 1815.
14. Samuel McDowell & Evelina R Alexander 12 Jun 1839; b- Francis T Anderson who test. age of bride as over 21 min- William M Cunningham- 15 Jun 1839.
15. Thomas & Elizabeth McCreary 30 Jun 1785; b- Matthew Wilson min-Edward Crawford (Presby.)- 2 July 1785.
16. Thomas & Martha Woods 2 Feb 1795; b- William Swetman wit- S Lewis con-Joseph Woods, father- 31 Jan 1795 wit- William Swetman & Carlos Woods min-Edward Mitchell (Meth.)- list dated 12 May 1795.

17. William & Gracy Jane Hays 20 Dec 1849; d William Hays dec. b- Robert Hays who test. age of bride as over 21 min- Jacob Carper (Meth. Epis.)- 20 Dec 1849.
18. William & Elizabeth Patterson 24 Dec 1798; b- William Patterson wit-William Hite con- Stephen Moore, father- 24 Dec 1798 wit- William Bess, William Patterson min- Samuel Gray (Fincastle)- 27 Dec 1798.
19. William & Jane Smiley 27 Nov 1833; b- Walter Smiley who test. age of bride as over 21 min- Absalom C Dempsey (Bapt.)- 28 Nov 1833.

Source: *Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853* by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Vol. 2.

**MOORE MARRIAGES:** pgs. 509 & 510: Woman's Name:

1. Cassandra A & James L Black 18 Jan 1841; b- William C Flint who test. age of bride as over 21 min- Andrew B Davison- 21 Jan 1841.
2. Catharine & Thomas Armstrong 31 Nov 1818; d William b- Joseph Wilson con- William Moore, father who notes Thomas Armstrong from Rockbridge County- 30 Nov 1818 wit- Joseph Wilson & John Moore min- Samuel Houston- 3 Dec 1818.
3. Elenor & William Walker 29 May 1806; d Joseph Moore of the state of Kentucky b- Robert Logan con-addressed to Rev. Robert Logan, Botetourt Co from Stanford, KY 21 April Joseph & Elley Moore, parents consent note that Elley will be 21 next Sept. 20 May 1806 Rev. Logan states handwriting that of Joseph Moore who is his wife's father min- Robert Logan (Presby.)- 20 May 1806.
4. Elizabeth & Robert Smiley 9 Jan 1825; b- John Moore, father.
5. Elizabeth Ann & John W Gleeson 22 Dec 1852; license only certificate proved min- Absalom C Dempsey (Bapt.)- 23 Dec 1852.
6. Elizabeth & John Malone 18 Dec 1816; b- Thomas Moore, father min- Andrew B Davidson- 22 Dec 1816.
7. Giels Minerva & Dr. William H Mitchell 11 Feb 1828; d- John b- R Snodd Wit- William A Watson.
8. Jean & Joseph Beckner 28 Mar 1799; b- William Moore who test. age of bride as over 21 wit- William Hite.
9. Margaret & Adam Linkinauger 10 Oct 1814; b- Henry Moore, father min- John Helms- 20 Oct 1814.
10. Margaret A & George Obenchain 4 Sept 1843; ward (?) of George Obenchain b- Joseph C Barber min- James S Bishop- 11 Sep 1843.
11. Martha & Thomas Alderson 13 Jul 1789; b- Matthew Harvey wit- Benjamin Rowe (deputy clerk, lawyer) con- James Moore, father- 13 July 1789 wit- John Moore & John Suttan con- Curtis Alderson, father- 13 Jul 1789.
12. Martha & William C Flint 4 Dec 1837; b- Joseph W Moore who test. age of bride as over 21 min-George W Humphreys- 8 Dec 1837.
13. Mary & Robert Deizel 6 Jun 1803; d James b- James Moore min-Samuel Mitchell (Meth.) list dated Mar 1806.
14. Mary Ann & Alexander C Logan 30 Dec 1840; d Thomas b-James Wood wit- Joseph B Wood.
15. Mary & John Myers 13 Jan 1813; b- Samuel Moore con- Hendig Moor, father- 13 Jan 1812 wit- Samuel Moore min- John Helms 21 Jan 1812.
16. Mary Lockhard & Joseph Rhodes 2 Jan 1847; b- John Moore, father.
17. Mary & James Paxton 6 Dec 1824; d William b- Andrew Houston min- Samuel Houston- 9 Dec 1824.
- 18. Mary & John Wilson 28 May 1800; b - James Moore Jr con- James Moore- 28 May 1800 wit- James Moore Jr min- Samuel Houston- 29 May 1800.**
19. Rebecah & John Kayton 30 Jun 1821; d William b- Alexander Paxton min- Samuel Houston- 3 Jun 1821.
20. Sally & Thomas E Woods 6 May 1834; b- Thomas A. Moore, father.
21. Sarah & James M Poage 13 Aug 1828; b- John Moore, father min- Robert Logan (Presby.)- 14 Dec 1814.
22. Sarah & Alexander McClanahan 5 May 1788; b - John Moore Jr wit- A Smythe.

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Children of James Moore Jr. & unknown:

1. John Moore, b. 1765
2. Martha Moore, b. abt. 1768 md Thomas Alderson.
3. Jean/Jane Moore, b. abt. 1769 md Joseph Beckner.
4. James (III) Moore, b. abt. 1770 md Elizabeth Hiner.

Children of James Moore Jr. & Elizabeth

1. Robert Moore, b. abt. 1786, Botetourt Co., VA md Jane Howard
2. Andrew Moore, b. abt. 1788, Botetourt Co., VA md Sally Epley
3. Francis "Fanny" Moore, b. abt. 1770, Botetourt Co., VA md William Howard
4. Margaret "Peggy" Moore, b. abt. 1797, Botetourt Co., VA md Samuel Howard

DAR PROOFS:

**Patriotic Service:** Provisions for Botetourt County, Virginia:

VA Pub. Claims, Botetourt Co VA, compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie & Richard Slatten: **James Moore: p 31-405# flour (6 Oct. 1780); p 32 repairing flour cask (22 Feb. 1781; p 33 409# flour, 405# flour (3 Oct. 1780).**

**Residence:** Botetourt Co. VA:

*Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800*, By Lewis Preston Summers: p 566.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1780, June 6,	Moore, James, Sr. & Jennet his wife	Wilson, Ephraim	197	James River

*Kegley's Virginia Frontier: The Beginning of the Southwest. The Roanoke of Colonial Days 1740-1783*, By F. B. Kegley: IBN: 0-8063-1717-5: p 67, p 78

p 67: **1746, James Moore – Grant, 400 acres on a branch of Buffalo.** Settlements on branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

p 76: **November 28, 1751, James Moore, 197 acres on a branch of James. Corner John Harris.** Settlements on branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

p 78: **March 20, 1753, James Moore from John Crockett, son and heir-at-law of Robert Crockett, deceased, 350 acres on Lunie's Mill Creek. Delivered 1816 to William Taylor, attorney for Daniel Brought (Brugh). Au. D. Bk. 5, 132.** Settlements on branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

p 86: **1756, James Moore – Grant, 400 acres on north branch of Buffalo.** Settlements on branches of James and Roanoke Rivers.

p 365: Progress in the James River Settlements, 1760-1770:

1765: Processioners on Waters of James and Catawbo, on South side report:

p 366: For Thomas McFerrin on Persimmon Run; For Michael Cloyd; For Wm. Herbison adjoining Andw. McNelly; For Robert Rowland; For James Rowland; For Joseph Looney on Sinking Spring; For Andrew McNelly; For John Mills on Looney's Mill Creek; **For James Moore on Looney's Mill Creek**; For Margt. Rentfro, on Beaver Dam Run and Looney's Mill Creek; For William Rowland; For George Poage; For John Mills, where he now lives; For Margt. Clark, where she now lives; For Margt. Clark, on Back Creek; For George Burdwell; For James Lauderdale; For John Smith; John McFerrin, John McClellan; For John Alcorn, where he now lives; For David Mitchell; For William Rowland on Patrick's Run; For Alexander Evans; For John Crawford, where he now lives; For John Adams. Vestry Book, 408-409.

#### **WILL OF JAMES MOORE SR.**

**Source: Botetourt County Wills and Administrations (1770-1800)**

Will Book A, 1770-1801 – Reel 20, pp 120-121. **Will probated August 1780**

In the name of God, Amen the thirteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy six. I **James Moore Sr** of Botetourt County in Virginia being old and Infirm in Body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first of all I commend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what worldly Estate *God, crossed out* it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner and first give and devise unto **James my Eldest Son** that part of my land on which he lives and has improved on from the lower end of the Survey Including his House and extending up Looneys Creek to a line consistably made between **my Son James and his brother John** the Remainder of my land (the whole of which contains three hundred and fifty acres) except sixteen acres I give and devise to **John Moore my youngest Son** with all its Improvements. The sixteen Acres above excepted (and has also been laid off in separate Parcel I devise to **Samuel McClenechan my son in Law** also my will is that my Just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Personal estate and that the remainder of the same be sold at public action and equally divided between **my four children John and James Moore Martha Ralston and Jean McClenchan** also eleven Pounds Justley due me by James Rattleff and six pound by Robert Sanders both of Botetourt County when recovered to be divided in the same manners I appointed **James and John my Sons** Sole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and Disannull all other former Wills or Testaments by me made and do ratify and confirm my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal the Day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed published pronounced and declare by the said **James Moore** as his last Will and Testament in the presence of

Andrew Woods  
Robert Woods  
Martha Woods

his  
**James Moore**  
mark

**August Botetourt Court 1780** – Examined.

This instrument of writing was presented in Court and for the last Will and Testament of **James Moore** deceased and proved by the oaths of **Martha and Andrew Woods** two of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Test: David May, Clerk

<http://files.usgarchives.net/va/botetourt/deeds/deedbk06.txt>

Wilson to Newell & Stover.

Botetourt Co, VA Deed Book 6, p. 409-411.

Submitted by: "Richard R. & Carol Jean Weber" <weberc\_r@clark.net>

Transcribed by Richard R. Weber, 20 Mar 1998.

This Indenture made this 10th day of October in the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven Between John Wilson & Martha his wife of the County of Botetourt & State of Virginia of The one Part and Thomas Newell of said County and Joseph Stover of [ blank ] County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Wilson & Martha his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of three Thousand Three Hundred Ninty four Dollars & thirty four cents to them in Hand paid by the sd Newell & Stover the receipt Whereof they do by these presents acknowledge hath Granted Bargained & Sold & by these presents doth Grant Bargain Sell Alien & Confirm unto the said Thomas Newell & Joseph Stover One Certain Tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Botetourt on the Waters of James River on the main road Leading from Pattonsburg to Lexington Joining the lands of James Moor & Michael Ocheltree said tract contains (Including the surplus thereof by Survey Two Hundred Thirty Seven & one Half acres of Land and is Bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at two poplars in the fork of a branch corner to the Land of James Moor on the east Side of the Great road near the same and runneth thence South Thirty one and one Quarter Degrees West two Hundred and five poles to a Black Oak and Three White Oaks added the Old Corner & thence to the Land of Michael Ocheltree thence with a Line of the same N61W187 poles crossing the great road at 14 poles the new road at 168 poles and a Branch at One Hundred and Seventy four poles to a black oak and Hickory (the Hickory is fell down) the old corner thence North Thirty one and a quarter Degrees East two Hundred and one poles to three chestnut oaks on a Ridge Corner to Thomas and James Moor & thence with Moors line South Sixty two degrees East one Hundred and Eighty Eight poles crossing a Branch and the Great road to the Beginning To Have and to Hold said tract of 237 1/2 acres of Land & premises together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Thomas Newell & Joseph Stover to the sole use and behoof of the said Newell and Stover their Heirs forever and the said John Wilson & Martha his wife for themselves their Heirs & the said tract of Land and premises together with its appurtenances unto the said Thomas Newell and Joseph Stover their Heirs or assigns from themselves and the claim or claims of all persons Whatsoever shall & Will forever Warrant & Defend by these presence in Testimony Whereof this John Wilson and Margaret his Wife hath hereunto set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above written

John Wilson (Seal)

Martha Wilson (Seal)

Memorandum Whereas the within John Wilson for a valuable consideration sold a Location of ninety seven acres made May the 16th 1794 adjoining the within mentioned tract of Land to the within Thomas Newell & Joseph Stover who has since by the Direction of said Wilson Included the same with the within tract in one survey the said John Wilson doth therefore Bind Himself his Heirs Executors admrs in the sum of Eight Hundred five Pounds Current Money of Virginia unto the said Newell and Stover their Heirs or assigns the payment of which well and truly to be made if the said Location of 97 acres should prove Deficient on in any respect

Sealed with my seal and Signed this 10th day of Oct 1797

John Wilson (Seal)

At October Botetourt Court 1797

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale together with a Memorandum thereon Endorsed was acknowledged in Court by John Wilson and Martha his wife She Having been first prively Examined as the Law directs and thereupon Ordered to be Recorded A Copy Teste H Barger CBC [Pattonsburg is now part of Buchanan, VA - RRWeber]

\***Samuel McClanahan**, b. 1762, Augusta Co., VA, md **Jean Moore**, d/o **James Moore Sr. & Jennet unknown**. Samuel McClanahan, s/o **David McClanahan** (1726-1860) & **Isabella Snodgrass** (1723-1775). Marker for Samuel McClanahan in Old City Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN, Plot: North West Quadrant. GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 35.84360, Longitude: -86.38810.

...David McClanahan, (1775-1841), md on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1818, Blount Co., TN to Mary Polly Ingram. b. 1787

...James McClanahan, (1777-1845, Blount, TN).

...Matthew McClanahan, b. 26 February 1778 – d. 1835, Rutherford Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 1801. Sarah “Sallie” Bradley, d/o John & Molly Bradley.

Samuel McClanahan was the son of David and Isabella Snodgrass McClanahan and the father of Matthew McClanahan. He was a Major in the Revolutionary War as well as the War of 1812. There is a DAR marker in the Old City Cemetery in Murfreesboro for him but, his actual burial place is unknown.

Burial: Old City Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN, Plot: North West Quadrant. Cemetery notes and/or description: This old cemetery is surrounded by a high wire fence and the entrance gate is kept padlocked by the city. To enter the cemetery, you must go to the Mayor's office at City Hall at 311 West Vine St., taking with you your driver's license. They will loan you a key to the lock. The key must be returned by the end of business day. The phone number for City Hall is 615-893-5210. Findagrave.com.

**Source:** Historical Markers Placed By The Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Submitted by: Captain William Lytle Chapter, Sequoyah District, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN, for Samuel McClanahan.

Marked: 1936, by Chapter.

Location: Gravesite is unknown. The marker is placed in the Old City Cemetery, Rutherford Co., TN.

Directions: Old City Cemetery is located on E. Vine Street between Maney Avenue and Academy Streets about 4 blocks from the Public Square.

Inscription: Samuel McClanahan Virginia Major Rev War 1850.

Historical Information: Samuel McClanahan, Sen. was **possibly born in Ireland (not correct)** and traveled from Virginia to Rutherford County, TN, ca. 1801 and died ca. 1850 in Rutherford County. Although no records of service have been identified, he is said to have enlisted in Virginia as Major in the Revolutionary War. There may be some confusion between Samuel and Matthew McClanahan, who received a Rutherford County Militia Commission as Captain of Light Infantry on April 18, 1809 and was named First Major on July 23, 1810 and as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant on September 3, 1813 and served in War of 1812. Samuel married in Virginia, Jean/Jane Moore who died before 1820, the daughter of James Moore Sr. (See Botetourt Co., VA Will Book A, pp 120-121). Children: Cynthia McClanahan, Samuel McClanahan, Jr., Matthew McClanahan, , b. 1778, md Sarah Bradley).

**Note:** Samuel McClanahan service as a **Major in the Rev. War** has not been proven.

**Note:** Samuel McClanahan died in Jefferson Co, TN before November 1796. James McClanahan (son) is shown as his Administrator (died intestate). James, widow McClanahan and Matthew McClanahan are shown as buying the estate. In another entry, Mathew Roustone and Permenas Taylor entered into Bond with James McClanahan as administrator of Samuel McClanahan, deceased.

**Source:** Rutherford County, Tennessee Bible and Family Records, with Tombstone Inscriptions and Miscellaneous Records, By The Historical Records Project Transcript Projects Works Progress Administration (WPA), with new Index added, Nashville, TN, pp50 & 51.

#### **BIBLE-RECORDS: RUTHERFORD COUNTY:**

**Records from the McClanahan Bible.** Present Owner: Mrs. Jarman Edwards, (Hallie Hunt). Residence: 740 N. Spring St., Murfreesboro, TN. Copied by Miss Annie Campbell, Murfreesboro, TN, January 14, 1937.

Matthew McClanahan, Son of Samuel McClanahan & Jane Moore, Was born February 26, 1778. And Was married to Sarah Bradley, Daughter of John & Molly Bradley, On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1801.

Mary B. McClanahan, Daughter of M. McClanahan and Sarah, Was born 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 1802.

Samuel McClanahan, Was born September 3, 1804.

Jane McClanahan, Was born September 30, 1807. (part of this page torn off).

Cassandana McClanahanm Was born December 17, 1815.

James Roulston McClanahan, Was born April 22, 1818, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Harriett Newell McClanahan, Was born October 20, 1820.

John Bradley McClanahan, Was born February 17, 1823.

James R. McClanahan, and Caroline M. Wallace, Married February 26, 1840.

Lockey W. McClanahanm Was born July 12, 1841.

John B. McClanahan, Married Hannah Kimbro, April 10, ---?



Sarah Matildy McClanahan, Was born the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 1847.

Simeon Taylor and Matilda McClanahan were married to Burwell Ward, January 24, 1822.

Samuel McClanahan, Was married to Elizabeth Ward, ----?

Elizabeth McClanahan, Was married to Robert M. Gibson, ----?

Cassandaney McClanahan, Was married Best Ward, ----?

Edwin Amate (*should have been transcribed as Edwin Arnold*) and Harriett H. McClanahan, Was married, June 10, 1841.

Susan Ann Amate, Was born September 22, 1842.

Simeon Taylor married, Matilda McClanahan, Sept. 6, 1853.

Sarah Ann Taylor, first daughter of Simeon and Matilda, Was born May 21, 1834.

Matthew M. Taylor, Was born November 17, 1836.

Mary E. C. Taylor, Was born December 8, 1841.

David A. Taylor, Was born August 7, 1844.

Martha B. Taylor, Was born January 6, 1848.