

ORIGINS OF THE 7 PERRY BROTHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA
by Steve Watson

Chapter 2

NATHANIEL PERRY

First of all, let me state here that I would not be able to share this information with you today if it were not for the diligent and dedicated efforts of my cousin Ann Smith of Sweetwater Texas. Because of my personal time limitations it would have taken me years to transcribe all the records that I have sent Ann to retype. Ann has been an incredible partner in this research project with me, and I cannot say Thank You enough to Ann for all her hard work and dedication.

Second of all, in February of 2000, I received an e-mail message from Joan Fortune who is a member of our Southern Perry Research group, outlining research that she and Carolyn Fleetwood had done on Nathaniel and Micajah Perry of Brunswick Co., VA. When I read this article, I felt that this information made more sense to me in regard to the possible ancestry of the 7 brothers than anything I had seen up to that point in time. I made the decision to attempt to expand on Joan & Carolyn's research efforts with additional research of my own. I consider my research efforts in this regard a continuation of Joan and Carolyn's earlier work. I am including the contents of Joan's message below for your review, and will resume my narrative at the end of her original message.

Date: 02/24/2000

A long time Perry researcher, Carolyn Fleetwood, wrote the following article, with a little assistance from me. Carolyn is in ill health and not up to dealing with her son's computer, so she has asked that I pass this material on to you. I would have preferred to work a bit more on the article but I find other duties keep pulling me away and I do not wish for it to be lost in the large mound of papers sitting around my computer. I know Carolyn would love to hear any thoughts you might have on this subject, which I will be happy to forward to her.

Joan Fortune <jmpfortune@aol.com>

We began our Perry research many years ago, and like most descendants of the Perry brothers, listed Philip I of Isle of Wight as our immigrant ancestor. However, in spite of extensive research, we could never uncover any evidence that we descended from Philip and doubt if Charles Wesley Perry did either, in spite of his claims to the contrary.

The two of us ceased to include Philip I in our lineage and began to look elsewhere for the parents of William, Nathaniel, Joshua, John, Francis, Jeremiah and Burwell Perry.

We came across information, meager though it was, and not apt to encourage many researchers to follow our path of reasoning, that a Micajah could be the father of the seven brothers. We say could be, and even now we are not ready to admit that he was. However, the more we learn, the less unsure we become.

SOURCE-GRANVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL TAXABLES-1755

Micajah Perry 1-4-5
John Perry and Anthony 1-1-2
William Perry 1-0-1
Jeremiah Perry 1-0-1
Nathaniel Perry 1-0-1
Francis Perry 1-0-1
Joshua Perry 1-0-1

Note that Micajah is listed with six of the brothers, Burwell the youngest, the only omission.

Also note that Micajah has the larger household, an indication that he was a more mature individual.

There is a legend floating around that the seven brothers were angry with their father because of a second marriage, and it could very well be true. Only Jeremiah named a son Micajah, and the elder Micajah had been dead ten years or longer before the son was born. It would seem time has a way of healing wounds.

We have no explanation for Micajah being in North Carolina. We have come across no deeds in which he acquired land and we have come across only two in which he acted as a witness.

Source - Granville County NC - Deeds

B 166 18 Dec. 1752. Wm. Stroud, yeoman, & Elizabeth, his wife. To John Jones 200 A. Wit: Wm. Paschall, Micajah Perry.

B 484 22 Aug. 1755. Henry King gave to his son George King, the plantation whereon he lives & all other goods & chattels after his death & his wife's death. Micajah Perry, John King, Henry King, Jr.

Later you will note that these same surnames are on deeds Micajah signed and witnessed in Brunswick, Virginia.

At this point we were unsure where to concentrate our search in Virginia. Tradition said the brothers came to North Carolina from Nansemond County, Virginia, and it is true many Perry descendants from Chowan and Perquimans County, NC had ancestors who did, but we believed we were from a different branch of the Perry clan. Not only that, so many records in that county had been destroyed, it was unlikely we would have been able to trace our roots anyway.

William and Jeremiah Perry called Isle of Wight "The home place" when they went back to persuade a church elder to hold a summer meeting at Maple Spring Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Source - An article written by Mrs. Eudora Hodges on the religion of the Perrys is verification for the statement made in the above paragraph, and her article will accompany the one we are writing.

We have come across the name Joshua Perry in Isle of Wight, who made deeds in 1744 and 1747. This could be one of the seven brothers. Unfortunately, we don't have those abstracts, and they might not tell us much if we did. If they are located we will place them with other source material at the end of

this article.

Most of our research has been done in Brunswick, Virginia. We are unsure whether our branch of Perrys bought land in Brunswick, or whether the land was originally in another county, and the county boundaries were changed. We believe the first deeds we came across in Brunswick were those of William and Nathaniel Perry, two of the seven brothers, who sold land in Brunswick after they had moved to Granville, North Carolina.

Source - Brunswick County, Virginia Deeds

1751

Indenture made 26 March 1751 between William Peary and Martha his wife of Granville County, North Carolina, and Francis Exum of Southampton County, £45, on South side Meherrin River. Signed William Perry, Martha Perry (bhm). Wit: Thomas Person, Christopher Foster (bum), Edward Rowell. Court 26 March 1751, Indenture acknowledged by William Perry and Martha his wife previous to which the said Martha was privately examined. Deed Book 5, Page 44.

1757

Nathaniel Perry of Granville Co., NC deed signed 23 May 1757, Book 6 page 156.

Sold to William Parham of Brunswick County, VA. A tract of land on south side of Meherrin River in Meherrin Parish. Witnesses: James Parham and Absalom Atkinson.

Indenture made the 28th day of January, 1761, between Nathaniel Perry of Granville County, North Carolina, and Richard Renn of Brandon Parrish, Prince George County, for 50 pounds. Conveying 140 acres on north side of Roanoke River on a branch of Cattail Creek. Witnesses were John Vinson, John Tomlinson, and William Renn. Deed Book 6, page 616.

We consider the latter deed of the utmost importance, as it appears to describe property obtained by another Nathaniel Perry in 1727. The Nathaniel of 1727, and the Nathaniel who sold the property in 1761 cannot be one and the same. The Nathaniel of Granville County was probably less than ten years of age in 1727.

Source - Brunswick County, Virginia - Deeds

1727

p. 334, Patent Book #13: Nathaniel Perry, 140 acres (NL), Brunswick County on N. side of Roanoke River, on a branch of the Cattail Creek. 13 Oct 1727, p. 183.

Source - Isle of Wight County, Virginia - Deeds 1724 p. 272. Patent Book #12. Nathaniel Perry, 100 acres (NL), Isle of Wight County, S. side of Meherrin River, S. side of the Dutchman's Meadow, 9 July 1724, p. 88. 10 shill.

The same Nathaniel Perry, the elder, probably made the Isle of Wight deed and the Brunswick deed. The 1724 property that was obtained by Nathaniel might have become a part of Brunswick later.

Explanation;

Charles City County was one of the eight shires established in 1634. Prince George County was formed from Charles City in 1702. Brunswick County was

END OF ARTICLE BY JOAN FORTUNE & CAROLYN FLEETWOOD

As I mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, this message inspired me to research further into the possibilities that Carolyn & Joan presented above, and I will attempt to share my additional research observations with you here.

Based on my own research and from what I have seen to this date, it is my current opinion that there are more than 3 possible/probable scenarios as to the father of the 7 Perry Brothers, and I will outline 3 of them here.

- 1. Nathaniel Perry who died in 1790 in Franklin Co., N.C.**
- 2. An “older” Nathaniel Perry who died prior to May 23, 1757 in either Brunswick Co., VA or North Carolina.**
- 3. Joseph Perry.**

Currently, I am of the opinion that Micajah Perry of Brunswick Co., VA was not the father of the 7 Brothers (although I must admit that it is a possibility), because it appears to me based on my observation of the records that he was probably of the same generation as the 7 Brothers. Micajah Perry of Brunswick Co., VA was also known as “Cage” Perry and he was married and may have left issue with wife Susannah. He died before February 5, 1760 in Brunswick Co., VA. However, after an extensive search of the Brunswick Co., records, I have not been able to locate a record that lists any heirs for him. I will share what information that I have located on Micajah Perry of Brunswick Co., VA in a later chapter.

We must remember that currently we do not have conclusive evidence that all 7 of the “Brothers” were indeed “Brothers”. If we make the assumption that they are all indeed brothers, then I am convinced that the father of the 7 Brothers was almost certainly an older Nathaniel Perry that died before May 23, 1757. I am including all of my notes on Nathaniel Perry at the end of this narrative, and will insert some of them within this narrative in an attempt to explain why I have formed the opinions that I am including herein.

First of all, let us examine what evidence that we do have that proves that some of the brothers were indeed “brothers”. From the evidence that I will share with you here, I believe that Joshua, Jeremiah, John & Burrell were indeed brothers, and I have no reason to suspect that Francis & William were not brothers as well, although, I have not yet located conclusive evidence. As I stated above, I believe that Nathaniel was either a brother or the father of some or all of the 7(6). If they are not all brothers, then of course there must be more than one father for these 7 men. The most compelling evidence that I have located proving these relationships are the Granville Co., NC Tax Lists for 1747-1759. I am including them here for your review, and you will see that the Tax Lists show that John & Burrell are listed as brothers, and Joshua & Jeremiah are also listed as brothers. Additional evidence that ties these 4 together, are 2 Deeds for land in Greene Co., GA signed by Joshua Perry, Jr. son of Joshua Perry, Sr. where he conveys the land to his “worthy uncle” Burwell Perry.

I am including the Tax Lists here and the Deeds for your review; I will resume my narrative at the end of these records.

**Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759.
Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley**

Name - No. of Polls (comments by Steve Watson)

1747 & 1748 Lists incomplete
No Perry's listed

1749 - by Lemuel Lanier

Francis Perry-1

William Perry-1

John Perry-2 (I believe that this is John & his brother Burrell)

1749 - by unknown

Tho's Perry-1

1749 - by John Brantley

Joshua Perry-2 (I believe that this is Joshua & his brother Jeremiah)

1750 - by Lemuel Lanier

John Perry- 2 (I believe that this is John & his brother Burrell)

Evan Perry-1 (I am not sure but this may be a transcription error & possibly this is William)

1750 - by Edwd. Jones

Francis Perry- 1

1750 - by Jno. Brantley

Joshua Perry - 2

and brother Jeremiah (proof that Jeremiah & Joshua were brothers)

1750 - by Willm. Person

Thomas Perrey- 1

1751 - by John Brantley

Francis Perry- 1

John Perry- 2

& brother Burd (this must be Burrell and is proof that John is his brother)

Joshua Perry - 2

Jeremiah Perry (Joshua & brother Jeremiah)

1751 - by Jonathan White

Jacob Perry- 1 (I believe that this may be the son of James & Patience Perry)

1751 by Gideon Macon

Tho's. Perry- 1

1751 - by Lemuel Lanier

William Perry- 1

1752 - by Gideon Macon

Thos. Perry

1752 - by Jno Brantly

Joshua Perry - 2

brother Jerymiah Perry (more proof of Joshua & Jeremiah as brothers)

Burrell Perry- 1 (Burrell is now on his own and no longer with John)

Nathaniell Perry- 1 (Nathaniel has now joined the group)

Wil'm Perry -2

Negro man Rodger (this is William & he now has a slave in H/H)

John Perry-1(Burrell is now listed separately and John only has one poll to pay)

Francis Perry- 1 (a very noticeable item here is that all 7 of the brothers are listed together as a group this year)

1753 - by Jno Brantly

Joshua Perry- 1

Burrell Perry- 1

Natthaniel Perry- 1

1753- by Rob't. Harris

Jacob Perry, Rob't. Morris - 2

1753 - by Osborn Jeffreys

John Perry- 1

Francis Perry- 1

William Perry- 1

1753- by William Person

Micajah Perry- 3

Peter, Pat, Mingo Negroes (Micajah has now moved from Brunswick Co. VA to NC)

1753- by Ja's. Paine

Rich'd. Jones- 5

Marmaduke Perry, Thomas Welly, Moses Kendall, Charles Huckabee(who is this Marmaduke Perry???)

1754 - on 4 July by Osborn Jeffreys

Francis Perry- 1

William Perry -1 (no slave this year)

John Perry- 2

Anthony (slave)

Jeremiah Perry- 1

Burrell Perry- 1

1754- by John Sallis

Jacob Perry- 1

1754- by Daniel Underwood

Nathanel Peary- 1

1754 or 1755 by unknown

Joshua Perry- 1

1755- "Composite" List

Micajah Perry- 5

Negroes Peter, Mingo, Pat, James

Jacob Perry- 1

Nathanael Perry- 1

John Perry - 2

Anthony a Negroe

William Perry- 1

Francis Perry- 1

Jeremiah Perry- 1

Joshua Perry- 1

1756 - Delinquents for the year 1756 returned by William Johnson

Micajah Perry- 5

Nath'l. Perry- 1 (taxable insolvent)

Copy of 1756 list Returned by William Johnson the Sheriff

Nat Perry p'd.- 1

1757 - by John Martin

Fran's. Perry- 1

1757- by Samuel Henderson

Nat'l, Perry- 1

William Perry- 1

Jno Perry- 2

Neg Antony

Jeremiah Perry- 1

Burwell Perry- 1

1757- by George Lampkin

Littleton Spive- 2

Bath Perry (this is Booth Perry son of Thomas Perry [Descd.] who is now 16 years old)

1757- by Gid(eon) Macon

Joshua Perry- 3

Neg's. Harry & Juday

1757- by James Yancey

Joshewa Peare- 1 (who is this man???)

1757 - by Richard Harris

Jacob Perry- 1

1757- by William Johnson

John Perry twice listed - 1

Nath'l. Perry- 1

Jere. Perry- 1

Burwell Perry-1

(I suspect there is an error here, these last 4 entries may be for 1756)

1758 - by John Martin

Jeremiah Perry- 1

Burwell Perry- 1

Jno Perry- 2

Negro Anthony

William Perry- 1

Francis Perry- 1

Nath'l. Perry- 1

Bryant Perry (this entry is struck through)

Littleton Spivey- 3

Jas. Johnson, Booth Perry

1758- by Philemon Hawkins

Joshua Perry- 3

Negros Harry & Jude

1759 - by John Pope

Burrell Perry- 1

John Perry- 2

Negro fellow Antony

Fran's. Perry- 1

Jeremiah Perry- 1

William Perry- 1

Nathaniel Perry- 2

Isam Perry (I believe that this is "Isham Perry" who is probably another son of Nathaniel Perry who may have died young)

February 2, 1797. Green county, Ga. Deed Book F page 329.

Joshua Perry of Franklin Co., N.C. 287 1/2 acres of land in Greene Co., formerly Washington Co. for natural love and affection for **my worthy uncle, Burrell Perry**; land originally granted as a bounty to John Whiteside on 17 September 1784 and bounded by Gresham, Crawford, and Edward Higgins. Wit:

Thomas Thornton and Howel Tatum, both of Oglethorpe County, and John Perry and Robert Danders.
Recorded 14 March 1797.

February 2, 1797. Green county, Ga. Deed book 2. page 299-300.
Joshua Perry of Franklin co. N.C. for the natural love and affection I bear to **my uncle Burrill Perry**, 431 1/3 acres, being a bounty granted to Jonathan Youngblood 1 Oct 1784 for 287 1/2 acres on Wmsons Swamp, and also 143 3/4 acres granted to William Phillips on bounty 20 Sept 1784 and joining the said Youngblood's land. Signed: Joshua Perry, wit. Benjn. Robinson, William Perry, Howell Tatum, Thomas Thornton.

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END OF RECORD

Now with the discovery of the records above, I feel confident that John & Burrell are brothers, and Joshua & Jeremiah are brothers, and because Joshua Perry, Jr. is a nephew of Burrell, he has to be a nephew of John as well, and he is also a nephew of Jeremiah who is identified on the tax lists as a brother to his father Joshua. Therefore we do have evidence that these 4 (Joshua, Jeremiah, John & Burrell) are indeed brothers. The fact that William, Francis & Nathaniel are all very closely associated with these 4 indicates that they are probably very closely related, but I lack specific evidence of their relationships at this time. As you can see for some reason Burrell & Jeremiah are living with their older brothers and not with their father. This could indicate that their father was deceased, or it could also mean that they were "displeased with their fathers second marriage" as has been so often recited. In fact there could be many explanations for this situation that we can only speculate on now.

Now, I will attempt to explain why I believe that a Nathaniel Perry is the father of the 7(6?) brothers. There are 2 specific laws that were in effect in Virginia at this time that apply here that will help you understand this scenario. One was the law that a person was considered an "infant" until age 21 and (among other things) could not own real estate(although I have seen evidence to the contrary) or be directly involved in a lawsuit. The other law that applies here was the old English law of "primogeniture" (the right of an eldest son to succeed to the estate of his ancestor to the exclusion of all others). If a man died in Virginia at this time and left no will, then all his real estate automatically went to the eldest son as his "heir at law", except for the wife's (if she was living) to her 1/3 "dower right". With these 2 laws in mind I will now explore this scenario.

On 9 July 1724, Nathaniel Perry of Isle of Wight Co., VA Patented 100 Acres of new land in Isle of Wight Co., VA that I refer to herein as the "Dutchman's Meadow Tract", as evidenced by the following transcription of said Patent.

GEORGE, KNOW YE, that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings of good and lawful money for ourself paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia DOE have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give grant and confirm unto **Nathaniel Perry of Isle of Wight County** one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres lying and being on the South Side of Meherrin River in the county aforesaid and bounded as followeth (to wit) BEGINNING at a white oak on the South side of the **Dutchmans Meadow** thence

West Eighteen poles to a Hickory then South one hundred and seven poles to a red oak then South fforty degrees East Sixty poles to a black oak then East by South ffifty eight poles to a black oak then North thirty degrees East Eighty ffive poles to a hickory then North fforty degrees west ninety seven poles to a gum north Seventy ffive degrees west Sixty two poles to the Beginning WITH ? To have & to hold to behold, yielding and paying, provided? witness our trusty and well beloved Hugh Drysdale Esq. our Lieut Govnr, at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the Ninth Day of July one thousand seven hundred & twenty ffour in the Tenth Year of our Reign.
Hugh Drysdale

One of the most important things to note about this Patent is the fact that Nathaniel Perry had to have been at least 21 years of age or older to receive this Patent. This fact places his birth date as prior to July 9, 1703. Based on the birth date information that we have on the other 6 brothers, it is my opinion this is evidence that this Nathaniel Perry is a generation older than the 7.

In researching the records of Brunswick Co. and Isle of Wight Co., VA it became apparent to me that most all of the people living in this area of Virginia were families that had previously resided in Prince George and/or Surry Co.'s, VA. In fact Brunswick Co., was formed in 1720 from Prince George Co. joining on the east the then boundaries of Surry and Isle of Wight counties. Brunswick County had no court until 1732, and prior to 1732, all records for Brunswick Co., were filed in Prince George Co. Although a few records for Prince George Co. do survive, it is considered a "burned" County. In 1732 Brunswick Co., established it's own court, and records for this county begin in this year. Also, in 1732, Surry and Isle of Wight counties ceded portions to Brunswick County on the east. It is this area of Isle of Wight Co., that Nathaniel Perry had patented his "Dutchman's Meadow Tract" which was located on the south side of the Meherrin River. In 1732, this property became located in Brunswick Co., VA because all land in Isle of Wight Co. that was located south of the Meherrin River was ceded to Brunswick County.

On May 23, 1757. (Deed Book 6, pp 156-158 Brunswick Co., VA) **Nathaniel Perry of Granville Co. N.C.** sold this exact same tract of land that was patented to Nathaniel Perry of Isle of Wight Co., VA on July 9, 1724. It is my opinion that this Nathaniel Perry (of Granville Co., NC) is the same Nathaniel Perry that died in Franklin Co., NC in 1790 (commonly known as one of the 7 Brothers). So the question in my mind then became **"IS THIS THE SAME NATHANIEL PERRY OF BRUNSWICK CO. VA WHO IS NOW A RESIDENT OF GRANVILLE CO. NC?" or "IS THIS HIS SON?"**. When I carefully read the language of the deed I became very excited when I read the words **"I am the true sole & lawful owner of the above bargained premises & am lawfully seized & possessed of the same in mine own proper right as a good perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance"**. I felt confident that this was it!! This was the evidence we have been searching for for so long!!!! Ye Ha!!!! Whoopee!!! It seemed evident and apparent to me that what had happened was that Nathaniel Perry, Sr. had died "intestate"(without a will) sometime prior to May 23, 1757, and that Nathaniel Perry, Jr. was the oldest son and he was now selling the "Dutchman's Meadow Tract" that he had inherited from his father as his "heir at law". I am including this deed here for your review and will continue my narrative again at the end.

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting KNOW ye that I **Nathaniel Perry of North Carolina in the County of Granville** for and in consideration of the sum of forty five pounds to me in hand paid before the unsealing & delivery hereof by William Parham of Virginia in the County of Brunswick in Meherrin parrish the receipt whereof I doth hereby acknowledge & myself therewith fully satisfied & contented & thereof & of every part & parcel thereof do exonerate acquit discharge the said William Parham his heirs Executors & admrs for ever by these presents have given granted bargained sold alienated conveyed & confirmed & by these presents do freely fully & absolutely give grant bargain sell alien convey & confirm unto the said William Parham his heirs & assigns forever one certain messuage?? & tract of land situate lying & being on the south side of Maherrin River in the County of Brunswick in the parrish of Maherrin Beginning at a White oak on the south side of the **Dutchman's meadow** thence west eighteen poles to a hickory thence south one hundred & seven poles to a red oak thence south forty degrees east sixty poles to a black oak then east by south fifty eight poles to a black oak then north thirty degrees east eighty five poles to a hickory then north forty degrees west ninety seven poles to a gum & north seventy five degrees west sixty two poles to the Beginning to Have and to Hold the said granted bargained premises with all the appurtenances privileges & commodities to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said William Parham his heirs & assigns for ever to his & their only proper use benefit & behoove for ever & I the said Nathaniel Perry for me my heirs exors & admrs do covenant promise & grant to & with the sd William Parham his heirs & assigns that before the ensealing hereof **I am the true sole & lawful owner of the above bargained premises & am lawfully seized & possessed of the same in mine own proper right as a good perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance** & have in my self good right full power & lawful authority to grant bargain sell convey & confirm the said bargained premises in manner as above said and that the said William Parham his heirs & assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times for ever hereafter by virtue of these presents lawfully peaceably & quietly have hold and use occupy possess & enjoy the said demised & bargained premises with the appurtenances free & clear & freely & clearly acquitted exonerated & discharged of and from all & all manner of former gifts grants bargains sales leases mortgages wills entails jointers diners judgments executions encumbrances of troubles whatsoever In as full and ample manner to all intents & purposes as the most learned in the law can devise & I the said Nathaniel Perry do further covenant & bind my self my heirs exors & admrs firmly by these presents to warrant & defend the said William Parham his heirs & assigns in quiet & peaceful possession of all & singular the said granted premises against just & lawful claim of any person or persons whatsoever In Witness whereof I the said Nathaniel Perry have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty third day of May one thousand seven hundred & fifty seven
Signed Sealed & Delivered
Nathaniel Perry (LS)
in the presence of
James Parham
Absalom Atkinson

MEMORANDUM that this twenty third day of May MDCCLVII peaceable and quiet possession & seizer of the said messuage (?) & lands & other the premises in this deed contained was delivered by the within named Nathaniel Perry unto within named William Parham according to the form & effect of this deed
In the presence of us **Nathaniel Perry** (LS)

James Parham
Absalom Atkinson

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 24 day of May 1757 this Indenture & memorandum of livery(?) & seizer thereon endorsed was acknowledged by **Nathaniel Perry** party thereto & ordered to be recorded

Examd

teste Arch. Wager, Clk

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However, after reading several other deeds containing this same language (an absolute estate of inheritance) I began to consider that it might have another meaning. I located the following explanation that indicates that the property may not have been “inherited” by the individual but instead may have been a legal term to indicate perfect title.

(ALLODIUM estates. Signifies an absolute estate of inheritance, in contradistinction to a feud. In this country the title to land is essentially allodial, and every tenant in fee simple has an absolute and perfect title, yet in technical language his estate is called an estate in fee simple, and the tenure free and common socage.

<http://www.lectlaw.com/def/a040.htm>).

Therefore, I decided that this deed was not sufficient evidence that Nathaniel Perry Sr. had died prior to 1757, and therefore he could be the same Nathaniel Perry of Granville Co., NC.

Already having searched the published transcribed Brunswick Co., Will & Deed Books for this time period, I decided that what I needed to do was an extensive search of the Brunswick Co., Court Orders to see if an “Inventory” or a claim on Nathaniel Perry’s estate could be located. Unlike much of the Brunswick Co., records, these Court Order Records have not been fully transcribed and published, therefore the only way for me to view them was by microfilm. I began the record search beginning in May of 1757 and worked back to the point where the Court Order Records had been transcribed and published (1732-1737) and was unable to locate anything in regard to a claim or mention of an “estate” for Nathaniel Perry. There is a possibility that I could have missed something due to the poor imagery and old handwriting, but I don’t think so. To date, I have been unable to locate any record that indicates that Nathaniel Perry may have died in Brunswick Co. VA.

As mentioned above, in researching the records of Brunswick and Isle of Wight Co.’s I noticed that the people and families associated with Nathaniel Perry were previously from Surry, Prince George & Charles City Co.’s VA., and I began to focus my research efforts on these county records. Prince George & Charles City Co., are both “burned” counties, but do have a few remaining records. Surry County is not a burned county, but some records are missing, however there are many remaining records for Surry Co. I have examined the published transcribed records of these 3 counties. In the Surry Co. records, I was thrilled to locate the following information on Nathaniel Perry who I believe is the same Nathaniel Perry who Patented Land in Isle of Wight & Brunswick Co.’s., VA. I will continue my narrative at the end of these records.

July 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 326. John UNITT being returned arrested at the suit of **Nathl Perry** being called & not appearing nor any security returned, Judgment is granted the said **PERRY** against Josh. Jno. Jackman Sheriff of this county for a certain bed & furniture now in the possession of the above named UNITT to be confirmed at the next Court provided the said UNITT do not then appear & answer the same.

July 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 327. **Nathl. PERRY** having this day obtained an order agst. Josh. Jno. Jackman Sheriff of this County for a certain bed & furniture in the possession of Jno. UNITT for the Non appearance of the said UNITT returned arrested at the suit of the said **PERRY**: Upon the said Jackman's motion an Attachment is granted him against the Estate of the said John UNITT for the aforesaid bed & furniture returnable to the next Court with all costs for judgment.

September 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 329. Upon the Action of the Case brought by **Nathaniel Perry** plt. against John UNITT deft. At the motion of the said deft. A Special Imparlanche is granted to him to the next Court.

November 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 332. In an Action of the Case brought by **Nathl. PERRY** plt. against John UNITT deft. **for a certain Bed & furniture given & bequeathed to the said PERRY by Jeffrey BUSBY deceased**, the same appearing not to be due the suit is therefore dismiss with Costs, And at the motion of Jno. GILES the defts. Attorney a Nonsuit is granted him against the said PERRY damage according to Law with Costs als. Exo

Lewis SOLOMAN having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that he be paid for such his Attendance according to Law.

Martha SOLOMAN having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that she be paid for her such attendance according to Law.

.....Page 333. Katherine TEASTER having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that she be paid for her such attendance according to Law.

May 21, 1712. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1712-1718, Book VII. Page 394. **Nat'l. PERRY** (and 16 other men) were sworn a Grand Jury for this County who after having received their Charge withdrew, & in some small time returned, and made several Presentments which are ordered to be recorded.

May 21, 1712. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1712-1718, Book VII. Page 395. John ALLEN not appearing to prosecute his suit agst. **Nat'l. PERRY** the same is ordered to be dismt.

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These are the earliest records that I have found for Nathaniel Perry, and in my opinion the entries in the records above are conclusive evidence that this Nathaniel Perry was born prior to 1688. He could not legally have been the plaintiff in a lawsuit unless he was 21 years of age or older. Another important discovery here is that the "Jeffrey Busby" named above is a deceased son of Capt. Thomas Busby and Jeffrey Busby may be an uncle, brother-in-law, or other close relative of Nathaniel Perry. Capt. Thomas Busby was an adjoining landowner to Joseph Perry of Prince George Co., It is this Joseph Perry that I believe may be the father of Nathaniel Perry. Capt. Thomas Busby also had a daughter named Jane, who may have been the wife of Joseph Perry (or Joseph Perry, Jr.). Capt. Thomas Busby also had a daughter named Grace, who may have been the wife of Joseph Perry, and possibly the mother of Nathaniel Perry. This could possibly be the Grace Perry who is listed on the Quit Rents Roll for 1704 in Prince George Co. VA. The last record above (May 20, 1713) indicates a close relationship between Nathaniel Perry & Joseph Perry, as Nathaniel Perry posted security of 440 pounds of tobacco for Joseph Perry in this suit. I think that it is possible/probable that this Joseph Perry is either the father or a brother of Nathaniel Perry. More on Joseph Perry in Chapter 4.

Some of you are familiar with the article titled "ALABAMA'S DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PERRY SON OF NATHANIEL PERRY OF NORTH CAROLINA" that was published in HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol. VII, by John Bennett Boddie between 1957-1964. I have included a portion of this article below. However, because of some inaccuracies contained therein, I believe that the "original source" (the Diary) may have been largely overlooked in significance. What I mean by this statement is that Alice Woods Perry & her sister Mrs. Willie Perry Rose wrote this article. Apparently they had access to the original, or had information copied from the original "Diary of Col. Oliver Hazard Perry," as indicated by the 2nd paragraph of the article. Now they do not state that they copied the information, (but they may have) but the point is that it appears to me that this article does not quote the "Diary" word for word. It is more of an interpretation of the contents of the "Diary" based on the information from the "Diary" that these ladies had access to. Please read through the portion of the article that I have included here, and I will continue my narrative again at the end of this transcription.

ALABAMA'S DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PERRY SON OF NATHANIEL PERRY OF NORTH CAROLINA By: Alice Woods Perry and Mrs. Willie Perry Rose (SOURCE: Page 146 of HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol. VII, by John Bennett Boddie.)

The first family whom this family can be traced was Nat Perry, who lived and died in N.C., aged 106. This family may be related to the widespread Perry family of Nash Co., N.C. who moved to Perry Co., Alabama.

We have no reason to doubt the following information pertaining to the Alabama's descendants of John Perry to be true and accurate, as it was copied from a diary kept by Col Oliver Hazard Perry which gives dates - births - marriages and deaths, along with many interesting facts of this early family in Alabama.

First entry in the diary was dated 15 May 1860, which is:

Oliver Hazard Perry

T. Loemia Perry

L.J. Perry son of O.H. Perry and Lucy Allen Perry"

Lucy Allen Perry was the dau of William and Sally Glenn. Sally Glenn was the dau of Wm Melton and Lucy Allen Melton- who was an Allen.

Second page of Diary: L.J. Perry, son of O.H. Perry, who was a son of Britton Perry and Mary Perry, who was dau of John Dennis. Britton Perry was a son of John Perry and Sally Perry who was a Farriell. John Perry who was son of Nat Perry.

Third page of Diary: Nat Perry lived and died in N.C., age 106. John Perry was b in NC, d in Perry County, Ala, in 1828, age 74 years.

Britton Perry was b in GA, d in Perry Co., ALA, 1831, age 44 years.

Mary Perry his wife, was b in GA, d in Perry Co., ALA, Aug 15, 1859, age 78.

(SOURCE: Page 146 of HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol. VII, by John Bennett Boddie.)

In my opinion, the most obvious error that is stated in the article is the following: "John Perry who was son of Nat Perry."

Based upon the following record taken from the Bible of William & Martha Perry it is assumed that this John Perry was the son of William & Martha Perry and not the son of Nat Perry.

Record from Bible owned by Carl Perry of Guymon, OK, sent to Eudora Hodges, Waskom, TX 2-5-1972.

Children of William Perry, Sr

(1) James Perry b. 7-7-1746

(2) William Perry II b. 5-11-1748

(3) Judith Perry b. 6-7-1750

(4) Lydia Perry b. 9-30-1752

(5) **John Perry b.11-25-1754 d.9-20-1828 Perry Co., Al. married Sallie Ferrell**

(6) Martha Perry b. 2-17-1757

(7) Nathaniel Perry b. 7-21-1759

(8) Joshua Perry b. 8-20-1761 married Patty Cheves

(9) Benjamin Perry b. 12-4-1764

(10) Rebecca Perry b. 4-16-1767

William Perry is not even mentioned in this article. William Perry would have been O.H. Perry's great grandfather, and you would think that he would have known what his great grandfathers name was. Maybe he was confused?? Maybe he was misquoted?? Maybe the publisher made an error?? There could be any number of reasons for this error, but because of this error, I believe that the information contained in the original "diary" has been largely overlooked. If we can locate the original diary, then I believe that we can formulate our own interpretation of the contents with the knowledge we now have of this family. And if we can also locate the old bible record for William and Martha Perry, I believe that we can confirm and accurately document who the children of William & Martha Perry were beyond a doubt. This is why I believe that this bible record is a very

important piece of this Perry Puzzle. Of course the validation that this John Perry was the son of William & Martha Perry will further discredit the contents of the "Diary," however, we must keep in mind that we have not examined the "original diary," only a printed article that interprets the contents. I am speculating here, but what I think may have happened, is that these ladies were of the opinion that this John Perry was one of the 7 Perry Brothers (the John Perry that died in 1796 in Franklin Co. NC), and this may have effected their interpretation of the contents of the "Diary".

So now the question is..... "WHO WAS NAT PERRY?"

Was he the grandfather of John Perry?

Was he the father of William Perry?

Did Nat Perry live to be 106 years old?

Did William Perry live to be 106 years old?

Did Nat and William Perry both live to be 106 years old?

Was "Nat Perry" the Nathaniel Perry that died in 1790 in Franklin Co., NC?

Was he an older Nathaniel Perry that died before 1790?

I believe that the single most important piece of evidence known to exist (or known to have existed) in regard to answering these questions is the original (or a copy) of this "Diary of Oliver Hazard Perry." In my opinion, this document is the #1 priority document to acquire for research on the 7 Brothers.

There is a good chance that the original document may reveal more information than was included in this article. Based on the evidence I have seen, I believe that there is a good possibility that Nat Perry was the grandfather of this John Perry & the father of William Perry. I am convinced that either Nat Perry or William Perry or both of them lived to be 106 years old. If Nat Perry did live to be 106 years old, I am convinced that he was the Nathaniel Perry that died in Franklin Co., NC in 1790.

The following query was located in The Virginia Genealogist, July-September 1965 Issue, Vol 9, Number 3, on pages 141-142.

948. PERRY. Want parents of Nathaniel Perry who lived in Nansemond Co., VA. Had seven sons (probably more) Jeremiah, John, Francis, Joshua, Nathaniel, William and Burwell who left VA about 1746, settled in Granville Co., NC, as they were displeased with their father's 2nd marriage. They went later to Franklin Co., NC.

Miss Alice Woods Perry, 504 De Von Drive, Birmingham, AL, 35209

(SOURCE: The Virginia Genealogist, July-September 1965 Issue, Vol 9, Number 3, pages 141-142.

The lady that submitted this Query was Miss Alice Woods Perry, co-author of the article titled "ALABAMA'S DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PERRY SON OF NATHANIEL PERRY OF NORTH CAROLINA" discussed above. Also, please note the date is 1965 (2 years before the publication of C.W. Perry's book). Obviously Miss Perry had information that indicated to her that "NATHANIEL PERRY" was the father of the 7 Perry Brothers. In my opinion that information is the "Diary of Oliver Hazard Perry."

SUMMARY

In summary, I wish to say that this report does not prove the "Origins of the 7 Perry Brothers of North Carolina". As I stated above, I believe that there are more than 3 possible/probable scenarios for the father of these 7 men.

1. That Nathaniel Perry, Sr. was the father of the other 6 brothers, and that he died in Franklin Co., N.C in 1790 at the approximate age of 106 years old leaving other children named Ephraim, Drury, Sarah, Mary, a daughter that married Peter Nunry, another possible son named Isham, and possibly a son named Simon.
2. That Nathaniel Perry, Sr. died prior to May 23, 1757 in Brunswick Co., VA or North Carolina and his son Nathaniel Perry, Jr. (who died in Franklin Co., N.C. in 1790) was the oldest of the 7 brothers.
3. That Joseph Perry was father to some or all of the 7. (I am currently focusing my research efforts on Joseph Perry and will share these efforts with you in a later Chapter).

Lacking conclusive evidence that all 7 men were indeed brothers creates a situation whereby we could have many more possible scenarios or combinations of relationships between these men listed above. In addition to the 4 scenarios listed above, there are several additional "combination" scenarios that are possible and must be considered until we are able to locate evidence proving the true relationship between these men. I will explore these additional scenarios in future chapters of this report. If additional evidence could be located stating relationships between Nathaniel, William & Francis Perry to the other 4 brothers, I believe that we could solve this puzzle forever. My hope is that this report will bring us all closer to the understanding that evidence may exist that will conclusively prove the true relationships of these 7 Perry men.

Steve Watson

NOTES FOR NATHANIEL PERRY

1703. Henning's Statutes at Large, Vol. 3, Page 223, gives the following information about Charles City County: "The General Assembly (1703) ordered that the county of Charles City be divided into two distinct counties so that the James River divide the same and that part of the said county which is and lyes on the North side of the said James River shall forever thereafter be called and known by the name of Charles City County. And that part of the said county which is and lyes on the south side of the said river shall remain and forever thereafter be called and known by the name of Prince George."

July 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 326.

John UNITT being returned arrested at the suit of **Nathl Perry** being called & not appearing nor any security returned, Judgment is granted the said **PERRY** against Josh. Jno. Jackman Sheriff of this county for a certain bed & furniture now in the possession of the above named UNITT to be confirmed at the next Court provided the said UNITT do not then appear & answer the same.

July 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 327.

Nathl. PERRY having this day obtained an order agst. Josh. Jno. Jackman Sheriff of this County for a certain bed & furniture in the possession of Jno. UNITT for the Non appearance of the said UNITT returned arrested at the suit of the said **PERRY**: Upon the said Jackman's motion an Attachment is granted him against the Estate of the said John UNITT for the aforesaid bed & furniture returnable to the next Court with all costs for judgment.

September 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 329.

Upon the Action of the Case brought by **Nathaniel Perry** plt. against John UNITT deft. at the motion of the said deft. a Special Impar lance is granted to him to the next Court.

November 1709. Surrey Co. VA. Court Records 1701-1711, Book VI. Page 332.

In an Action of the Case brought by **Nathl. PERRY** plt. against John UNITT deft. for a certain Bed & furniture given & bequeathed to the **said PERRY by Jeffrey BUSBY deceased**, the same appearing not to be due the suit is therefore dismist with Costs, And at the motion of Jno. GILES the defts.

Attorney a Nonsuit is granted him against the said PERRY damage according to Law with Costs als. Exo

Lewis SOLOMAN having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that he be paid for such his Attendance according to Law.

Martha SOLOMAN having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that she be paid for her such attendance according to Law.

.....Page 333. Katherine TEASTER having been summon'd as an Evidence on behalf of **Nathl. PERRY** against John UNITT & accordingly attended four days, Ordered that she be paid for her such attendance according to Law. (I believe that this Jeffrey Busby is a deceased son of Capt. Thomas Busby, Sr. and he may be an uncle, brother-in-law, or father-in-law of Nathaniel Perry. Capt. Thomas Busby was an adjoining landowner to Joseph Perry, who I believe may be the father of Nathaniel Perry. Capt. Thomas Busby also had a daughter named Jane, who may have been the wife of Joseph Perry, and possibly the mother of Nathaniel Perry. Capt. Thomas Busby also had a daughter named Grace, who may have been the wife of Joseph Perry, and possibly the mother of Nathaniel Perry. This could possibly be the Grace Perry who is listed on the Quit Rents Roll for 1704 in Prince George Co. VA. For Nathaniel Perry to be involved in a suit, he would have had to be at least 21 years of age. The entries in the records above places his DOB as before 1688. Also note the name "SOLOMAN" which is an old Perry family name. Could Lewis Soloman be an uncle or brother-in-law of Nathaniel Perry's? sw)

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February 22, 1724. JOHN PETERSON, 150 acres (New Land); Isle of Wight Co., (VA); South side of Maherin River; beg. in the Dutchman's Meadow, adj. his own land;(Patent Book No. 12) page 190. Adjoining **Nathaniel Perry**; Jonathan Carter; & Joseph Reeves line. 15 shillings. (SOURCE: Page 281 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Three: 1695-1732 - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants; Abstracted and Indexed by Nell Marion Nugent.)

February 22, 1724. JOSEPH REEVES, 90 acres (New Land), Isle of Wight Co. (VA), South side of Maherin River; beginning on South side of the Dutchman's Meadow; adjoining John Peterson's; & **Nathaniel Perry's** line;(Patent Book No. 12) page 218. 10 shillings. (SOURCE: Page 283 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Three: 1695-1732 - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants; Abstracted and Indexed by Nell Marion Nugent.)

July 9, 1724. Patent Book No. 12, page 88, Virginia Land Patents and Grants.

NATHANIEL PERRY, 100 acres (New Land) Isle of Wight Co., (VA); South side of Maherin River on South side of the **Dutchman' Meadow**;(Patent Book No. 12) page 88. 10 shillings. (SOURCE: Page 272 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Three: 1695-1732 - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants; Abstracted and Indexed by Nell Marion Nugent.)(This part of Isle of Wight Co., VA was later added to Brunswick Co., VA in 1732.sw)

9 July 1724, "Land Grants & Patents, Isle of Wight Co., VA."

Nathaniel Perry 100 Acres of new land

GEORGE, KNOW YE, that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings of good and lawful money for ourself paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia DOE have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give grant and confirm unto **Nathaniel Perry** of Isle of Wight County one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres lying and being on the South Side of Maherin River in the county aforesaid and bounded as followeth (to wit) BEGINNING at a white oak on the South side of the Dutchmans Meadow thence West Eighteen poles to a Hickory then South one hundred and seven poles to a red oak then South forty degrees East Sixty poles to a black oak then East by South ffity eight poles to a black oak then North thirty degrees East Eighty ffive poles to a hickory then North fforty degrees west ninety seven poles to a gum north Seventy ffive degrees west Sixty two poles to the Beginning WITH ? To have & to hold to behold, yielding and paying, provided? witness our trusty and well beloved Hugh Drysdale Esq. our Lieut Govnr, at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the Ninth Day of July one thousand seven hundred & twenty ffour in the Tenth Year of our Reign.

Hugh Drysdale

July 9, 1724. JOSEPH REEVES, 200 acres (New Land), Isle of Wight Co., (VA); South side of Maherin River; & on South side of the **Dutchman's Meadow**, adjoining John Peterson's land; and **Nathaniel Perry's** land;(Patent Book No. 12) page 79. 20 shillings. (SOURCE: Page 271 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Three: 1695-1732 - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants; Abstracted and Indexed by Nell Marion Nugent.)

October 13, 1727. Patent Book No. 13, page 184, Virginia Land Patents and Grants.

NATHANIEL PERRY, 140 acres (New Land), Brunswick Co. (VA), on North side of Roanoake River; on a branch of the Cattail Creek; (Patent Book No. 13) page 184. (SOURCE: Page 334 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Three: 1695-1732 - Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants; Abstracted and Indexed by Nell Marion Nugent.)

March 1, 1731. Isle of Wight Co., VA Will Book 3 Pages 292-294.

Will of John Peterson.

In the name of God Amen I **John Peterson of Isle of Wight County** being sick & weak of Body and considering the uncertainty of this Life do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows revoking All former Wills & Testaments by me made.

Imprimis: I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me hoping for Salvation thru the Merits of my dear Savior Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried according to the direction of my Exec herein hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Burrell Brown** four hundred acres of Land be it more or less being the plantation whereon I now live and two other Tracts or parcels of Land joining & binds on the said Land & plantation to him the said Burrell Brown and his issue forever and for default of such Issue then I give and bequeath said plantation & Land above mentioned unto my son Batt Peterson his heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Jeremiah Brown** Two Hundred acres of Land be it more or less it being the plantation whereon **Joseph Perry did formerly live**. To him the said Jeremiah Brown and his issue forever and for default of such issue I give and bequeath the said plantation & land unto my son John Peterson his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and Bequeath unto **John Smith** One Hundred Acres of Land lying on the Fox Branch including the house thereon and the lower part of the land for its quantity to him the said **John Smith** his Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my son Batt Peterson One Hundred acres of land binding on the said John Smith and out of this same Tract or Survey to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I give and Bequeath unto Mathew Parham of Isle of Wight County One Hundred Acres of Land out of my above said Tract on the Fox Branch next adjoining to his Land to him the said Mathew Parham his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Eppes One Hundred Acres of Land where **Jonathan Carter** did live and also Three Hundred Acres on the Fox Branch to him the said John Eppes and his lawful issue forever and for default of such issue then I give and bequeath all the said Land unto my two sons John Peterson and Batt Peterson all the above said Land to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson John Eppes One Hundred Acres of Land be it more or less it being the Land whereon Robert Ellis formerly did live on. And also Four Hundred Acres of Land out of that Tract of Land bought of Edmund McCarty up Meherrin River on Jenitoe Creek to him the said John Eppes and his issue lawfully begotten of his Body and for default of such issue I give and bequeath the above Land unto my two sons John Peterson and my son Batt Peterson to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Peterson all my Land in Isle of Wight County binding on the south side of the Meherrin River to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Batt Peterson the plantation whereon he now liveth containing Four Hundred Acres be it more or less to him the said Batt Peterson his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Peterson Three Hundred Thirty Three Acres of Land up Meherrin River being the Land I bought of **John Smith** to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Batt Peterson Five Hundred Acres of Land up Meherrin River which I bought of Edmund McCarty to him the said Batt Peterson his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Burrell Brown** four Negroes Jack, Hannah, Child she now hath to him and his issue lawfully begotten of his Body and for default of such issue I give and bequeath the said Negroes unto my two sons John Peterson and Batt Peterson to their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Jeremiah Brown** Four Negroes called Cooper, ..., Peter, ... to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body and for default of such issue I give and bequeath the said Negroes unto my two sons John Peterson and my son Batt Peterson to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Eppes when he comes of Twenty One years of Age Four Negroes called The Captain and ffrank which is now in John Eppes's possession and my Negro Woman called Venus her Child that she now hath to him and his issue lawfully begotten of his Body and for default of such issue I give I give and bequeath the above said Negroes unto my two sons John Peterson & Batt Peterson to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Spain my Negro Woman called Venus to her and her heirs and assigns forever. And also I give her the said Negro Woman's Child she now hath until my Grandson John Eppes is of the age of Twenty One Years and then to deliver the said Child unto the said Eppes if the child be living.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judith Thweat my Negro Girl called Moll to her and her Heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Thweat my Negro Woman Dinah called by. To her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Burrell Brown** Twelve Cows ...One working horse and one young Horse, two feather Beds twoone Gold Ring.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **Burrell Brown** and **Jeremiah Brown** all my tables, chairs, chest of Drawers, Desk and all my Pewter that hath been used, all my Carpenters Tools and Coopers Tools and Joiners Tools, one suit of cloths each of the cloth .. at home in my house, two fine and two course shirts each. Also the one half of my Rum & Brandy that is in my house when I depart this life.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Eppes Six Cows & Calves when he comes to the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my two sons **John Peterson** and Batt Peterson all the rest of my Estate Real & Personal all Debts Due & Demands in England, Virginia & Elsewhere. Also I do constitute and appoint my two sons John Peterson and Batt Peterson my whole & sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this First day of March 1731.

Signed Sealed & Delved

John Peterson

In the presence of

Miles Thweat, Jno Sturdivant, William Thweat

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County January 24th 1731.

The Last Will & Testament of John Peterson decd was presented in Court by the Excers therein named who made oath thereto and being proved by the Oath of the subscribing Witnesses it is admitted to Record.

Test. James Jugler Clk Court

(In my opinion, John Peterson is somehow related to Nathaniel & Joseph Perry. He was originally from the part of Charles City Co., VA that was made into Prince George Co., in 1703 before he migrated to southern Isle of Wight Co. This is the same area of Prince George Co. that Joseph Perry lived. John Peterson also owned a mill there and was very prominent in county affairs and was a Justice there for several years. I do not yet know his relationship to Nathaniel & Joseph Perry, but I believe that the John Smith mentioned in his will was the same John Smith that Nathaniel Perry was appointed as Adm. Of his estate in 1733. I also believe that the Burrell Brown & Jeremiah Brown mentioned in his will were the "namesakes" for Burrell Perry & Jeremiah Perry and they too must be somehow related to Nathaniel & Joseph Perry. sw)

April 9, 1731. Isle of Wight Co., VA. Deed Book 4 page 119. Joseph Rives and wife, Sarah Rives, of Prince George Co. to Richard Sykes of the same... 190 acres in Warwick Creek Parish adjoining John Peterson, **Nathaniel Perry and the Dutchman's Meadow** (being a tract of land taken up by said Joseph Rives). Wit: George (X) Carter and Daniel Sturdivant, Jr. (SOURCE: Page 161of ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA Deeds 1647-1719, Court Orders 1693-1695 and Guardian Accounts 1740-1767 by William Lindsay Hopkins. also Page 31 of ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA Deeds 1720-1736 and Deeds 1741-1749 by William Lindsay Hopkins).

May 15, 1731. Isle of Wight Co., VA. Deed Book 4 page 117. Joseph Rives of Bristol Parish in Prince George County and wife, Sarah Rives, to George Carter of Isle of Wight County... 100 acres on the south side of Great Meadow adjoining John Peterson, **Nathaniel Perry** and said Carter. Wit: Richard Sykes, David Sturdivant, Jr. (could be Daniel) and Power (X) Parom. Rec: 24 May 1731. (SOURCE: Page 161of ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA Deeds 1647-1719, Court Orders 1693-1695 and Guardian Accounts 1740-1767 by William Lindsay Hopkins. also Page 31 of ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA Deeds 1720-1736 and Deeds 1741-1749 by William Lindsay Hopkins).

October 16, 1732. Newport Parish Vestry Book 1724-1772. Isle of Wight Co, VA. Page 63. **Nathaniel Perry** for keeping Catherine Harris 14 months. (SOURCE: Page 101 of Newport Parish Vestry Book 1724-1772 Isle of Wight County, Virginia. By William Lindsay Hopkins.)

February 1, 1733. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book Vol. 1. February 1733 Court, page 16.

Upon the petition of **Nathaniel Perry** and his making Oath according to Law, Administration of the Estate of John Smith Decd. is Granted him he giving Security for the faithful administration thereof-----

Nathaniel Perry together with Joshua Perry his Security came into Court and presented and acknowledged a Bond for the said Nathaniels Administration of the Estate of John Smith decd. which is ordered to be Recorded-----

(This is evidence of an alliance of Joshua Perry and Nathaniel Perry before they migrated to N.C. and I believe that it is probable that this is Nathaniel Perry with (his son or brother) Joshua Perry acting as security for Nathaniel on the administration of the estate of John Smith who may be Nathaniel Perry's father-in-law or brother-in-law, or he may be the deceased husband of Nathaniel Perry's "now" wife. I also believe that this is the John Smith that was mentioned in the will of John Peterson, Sr. sw)

February 11, 1733. Brunswick Co., Deed/Will Book I Page 86.

Inventory & appraisal of the estate of John Smith dec'd. Appraised 11 Feb 1732/33 by Robert Hicks, Batt Peterson, Matthew Parham. Sworn before John Wall. Total valuation £23.4.[]. Returned to Court 5 April 1733 by **Nathaniel Perry, administrator.**"

April 5, 1733. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book 1. April 1733 Court, page 21.
Nathaniel Perry Admnr of John Smith Deceased came into Court and presented and Returned a true and perfect Inventory of said Smith's Estate and making Oath thereto it is ordered to be recorded.

October 4, 1733. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book Vol. 1. October 1733 Court, page 36.
"Francis Myrick is appointed surveyor of a road from the County line by Thomas Jordan's to **Nathaniel Perry's**." All male Labouring Tyths belonging to Thos. Parsons, James Haley, John Fennell, Robert Hill, Joseph Parks, Wm Parks, Lewis Dupree', John Lucas, Benj. Wray, Edward Meachum, Simon Turner, & Michael Sullivant with all on the South side of Fountain's Creek assist Francis Myrick, Surveyor of a Road from the County Line by Thomas Jordan's to **Nathaniel Perry's**.
(SOURCE: Page 21 of BRUNSWICK CO., VIRGINIA COURT ORDERS, 1732-1737 BY T.L.C. Genealogy).

October 4, 1733. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book Vol. 1. October 1733 Court, page 36.
"Matthew Parham is appointed to clear the road from opposite to **Nathaniel Perry's** into Henry Cook's Road near Michael Wall's plantation where the widow Trap lives."....(SOURCE: Page 22 of BRUNSWICK CO., VIRGINIA COURT ORDERS, 1732-1737 BY T.L.C. Genealogy).

August 2, 1736. WILLIAM DUGLASS. 150 acres Brunswick Co., South side of Maherin River, adjoining **Nathaniel Perry**. (Patent Book No. 17) Page 137. 15 shillings. (SOURCE: Page 116 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Four: 1732 -1741, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants. Edited by Denis Hudgins).

February 25, 1740. (Monday, the 25th of Febry 1739/40.[1740]). "THE COLONIAL AND STATE RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA" Vol. IV.(page 515). "Resolved that the following list of Jurymen now produced to this House be added to the former List Vizt"

BERTIE AND EDGECOMB (CO. N.C..) LIST OF JURYMEN (page) 523

Wm Perry (William Perry)

Willm Reeves (William Reeves)

Nathall Perry (Nathaniel Perry)

(Remember that Granville Co. was not formed from Edgecomb Co. until 1746. I believe that this time period (1739/1740) is when Nathaniel Perry and his son or brother William Perry first ventured into N.C. from Brunswick Co., VA.sw)

May 1741. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book Vol. 1page 431.

Nathaniel Perry having been ordered to be summoned to render an account of his admon of the Estate of John Smith and the court being informed that this Nathaniel was not an Inhabitant of this Colony order'd that this first mentioned order so far as respects him be Dismissed.

(SOURCE: Microfilm of the original records examined on 6/28/00 by Steve Watson. Currently, I believe that this Nathaniel Perry has moved from Brunswick Co. VA to Edgecomb Co., N.C. sw)

October 30, 1744. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 2 Page 510.

William (W) Douglass of Brunswick Co to Burrell Brown of same. 30 Oct 1744. L25 VA. 150 acres on the south side of Maherrin River, adjoining **Nathaniel Perry**. Wit: **Nathaniel Perry**, Thomas (T) Rives, James (T) Turner. Proved 1 Nov 1744. Ster Clack CC. (SOURCE: Page 90 of BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEED BOOKS Vol 1 1732-1745. Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

(Nathaniel Perry is now back in Brunswick Co. VA as evidenced by his witness to this deed. Or it could be that he never left VA and it was his son Nathaniel Perry, Jr. that moved to NC. sw)

1746. Mrs. Hattie Perry Stallings, in her article "The Ancestors of Hattie Perry Stallings", in The Heritage of Wake County, NC, published by the Wake County Genealogical Society, writes "According to family history, the Perry's came to North Carolina in 1746 and settled in what is now Harris Township, Franklin County. Seven brothers, Jeremiah, John, Francis, Joshua, Nathaniel, William, and Burwell made this move because they were displeased at their father's second marriage."

January 12, 1747. NINION MITCHEL, 346 acres Brunswick Co. (VA). on both sides of Cattail Creek, Beginning a little below **Nathaniel Perry's** lower line;(Patent Book No. 25) page 560. L1.S15.

(SOURCE: Page 229 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Five: 1741-1749, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants. Edited by Denis Hudgins).

June 13, 1748. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 3 Page 510.

Burgess a pole of their votes

-- Colo. John Wall--

Nathaniel Perry

--Col. Edwards--

Nathaniel Perry

(This voting record indicates to me that Nathaniel Perry is a resident of Brunswick Co. Possibly he has moved back to Brunswick Co. from N.C. or he may have never left Brunswick Co., which would indicate that he may be the father of Nathaniel Perry of N.C. No other Perry's voted in this election.sw)

(SOURCE: Page 32 & 33 of BRUNSWICK CO. VIRGINIA DEED BOOKS Vol. 2 1744-1755, 1764. By Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

October 6, 1748. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 3 Page 500.

Ninian Mitchell of Brunswick Co. to Robert Hynds of same. 6 Oct 1748. L25 VA. 346 acres on both sides of Catt Tail Creek, joining **Nat'l Perry**. Wit: Michael Wall, Daniel Sears, Richard Lanier. Proved 6 Jct 1748. On 26 Sep 1749, Mary the wife of said Ninian Mitchel relinquished her right of dower. St Clack CC.

(SOURCE: Page 31 of BRUNSWICK CO. VIRGINIA DEED BOOKS Vol. 2 1744-1755, 1764. By Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

January 9, 1749/50. Brunswick Co., VA. Will Book 2 Page 180.

Will of Burrell Brown.

Wit: Nathaniel Perry, Batt Peterson, Jeremiah Brown, Thos(x)Rieves

1750. Brunswick Co., VA. Will Book 2 Page 260.

Account 1750 for the estate of Burwell Brown by Nattl Hicks ex: Named:

Natt Perry, Thos, Rieves, Joseph Rieves, Timothy Rieves, Foster Rieves and others.

March 11, 1751. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 5, Page 85.

Indenture made 11 March 1751, between Jeremiah Brown of Brunswick County, and Benjamin Sykes of same, £25, 100acres on South side of a Meadow called the **Dutchman's Meadow**, adjoining Ervin Brown, **and Nathaniel Perry**. Signed Jeremiah Brown. **Wit:** Timothy Rives, Henry Person, Mary Person, **and Nathaniel Perry**. Court 24 September 1751, Indenture and memorandum proved by the oaths of Timothy Rives Henry Person and Nathaniel Perry.

(SOURCE: Page 62 of BRUNSWICK CO. VIRGINIA DEED BOOKS Vol. 2 1744-1755, 1764. By Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

June 24, 1751. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book No. 4, page 47.

Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Jeremiah Brown and Benjamin Sykes proved by the oaths of Timothy Rives, Henry Person, and **Nathaniel Perry**.

November 8, 1751- November 4, 1752. ST. ANDREWS PARISH VESTRY BOOK 1732-1797 of BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Vestry 8 Nov 1751 (p.48)

Peter Wych for keeping Sarah Perry 4 months.

Sarah Perry for her support.

Vestry 18 Jan 1752 (p.50)

Peter Wych for keeping Sarah Perry 4 months

Sarah Perry for her Support.

Vestry 4 Nov 1752 (p.54)

Sarah Perry for her support.

Sarah Perry for her support.

(SOURCE: Pages 58 & 59 of "ST. ANDREWS PARISH VESTRY BOOK 1732-1797 of BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA" by William Lindsay Hopkins.)

(This is the only entry in this vestry book for the surname "Perry". Currently, I do not know who this Sarah Perry is. sw.)

January 1, 1752. Brunswick Co., VA. Order Book 4 Page 143.

John Hay and Judith his wife Exix of Charles Binns decd. - Pltf(Plaintiff) against **Nathaniel Perry**..Defendant.

Judgment against Defendant and John Peebles his security for 5 lbs. 4 shillings & 1 penny.

(SOURCE: Microfilm of the original records examined on 8/08/01 by Steve Watson).

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley

1752 – by Jno Brantly

Joshua Perry – 2

brother Jerymiah Perry(**more proof of Joshua & Jeremiah as brothers**)

Burrel Perry- 1 (Burrell is now on his own and no longer with John)

Nathaniel Perry- 1(Nathaniel has now joined the group)

Wil'm Perry –2

Negro man Rodger (this is William & he now has a slave in H/H)

John Perry-1 (Burrell is now listed separately and John only has one poll to pay)

Francis Perry- 1 (a very noticeable thing here is that all 7 of the brothers are listed together as a group this year)

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley

1753 – by Jno Brantly

Joshua Perry- 1

Burrel Perry- 1

Nathaniel Perry- 1

1753- by Rob't. Harris

Jacob Perry, Rob't. Morris - 2

1753 – by Osborn Jeffreys

John Perry- 1

Francis Perry- 1

William Perry- 1

1753- by William Person

Micajah Perry- 3

Peter, Pat, Mingo Negroes (Micajah has now moved from Brunswick Co. VA to NC)

1753- by Ja's. Paine

Rich'd. Jones- 5

Marmaduke Perry, Thomas Welly, Moses Kendall, Charles Huckabee (who is this Marmaduke Perry???)

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley

1754 - on 4 July by Osborn Jeffreys

Francis Perry- 1

William Perry –1 (no slave this year)

John Perry- 2

Anthony (slave)

Jeremiah Perry- 1

Burrell Perry- 1

1754- by John Sallis

Jacob Perry- 1

1754- by Daniel Underwood

Nathaniel Peary- 1

1754 or 1755 by unknown

Joshua Perry- 1

October 8, 1754. North Carolina State Records Vol. 22 Page 371-372.

Muster Roll of Colonel William Eaton's Regiment, Captain Osborne Jeffreys' Company.

- 6. William Perry, Corporal
- 30. Jeremiah Perry
- 32. Francis Perry
- 33. John Perry
- 46. **Nathaniel Perry**
- 50. Micajah Perry (This name also appears in transcribed records as Michael Perry)

December 1754. Brunswick Co., VA. Order Book 5 Page 324.
 Nathaniel Edwards Pltf. VS **Nathaniel Perry** Deft.
 "The Deft. being arrested on motion of the Pltf.....".
 (SOURCE: Microfilm of the original records examined on 8/08/01 by Steve Watson).

January 28, 1755. Brunswick Co., VA. Order Book 5 Page 337.
 Nathaniel Edwards Pltf. VS **Joseph Perry** Deft.
 "This day the Pltff by his attorney and the Deft. in his proper person acknowledges the Pltfs action for Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and four pence. Therefore with the Pltfs consent it is considered by the court that he recover against the Deft. the sum aforesaid and his costs by him in this behalf expended and the said Deft. in Mercy go".
 (SOURCE: Microfilm of the original records examined on 8/08/01 by Steve Watson).

January 29, 1755. Brunswick Co., VA. Order Book 5 Page 338.
 Nathaniel Edwards Pltf. VS **Nathaniel Perry** Deft.
 "In Base. abates by the Sheriffs Return".
 (SOURCE: Microfilm of the original records examined on 8/08/01 by Steve Watson.)
(It appears that Nathaniel & Joseph Perry are being sued simultaneously by the same man. sw).

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley
 1755- "Composite" List
 Micajah Perry- 5
 Negroes Peter, Mingo, Pat, James
 Jacob Perry- 1
Nathanael Perry- 1
 John Perry - 2
 Anthony a Negroe
 William Perry- 1
 Francis Perry- 1
 Jeremiah Perry- 1
 Joshua Perry- 1

March 10, 1756. Patent Book No. 34, Page 17. Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants.
 William Rives, 121 acs. Brunswick Co. on the S side of Maherrin Riv.; adj Thomas Carter, Burrel Brown, **Perry**, & Benjamin Sykes; 10 Mar 1756, p 17. 15 shillings.
 (SOURCE: Page 305 of CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Volume Six: 1749 -1762, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants. Edited by Denis Hudgins).

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley
 1756 – Delinquents for the year 1756 returned by William Johnson
 Micajah Perry- 5
Nath'l. Perry- 1 (taxable insolvent)
 Copy of 1756 list Returned by William Johnson the Sheriff
Nat Perry p'd.- 1

Granville Co. NC Tax Lists 1747-1759. Abstracted by Timothy W. Rackley
 1757 – by John Martin
 Fran's. Perry- 1
 1757- by Samuel Henderson
Nat'l, Perry- 1

William Perry- 1
Jno Perry- 2
Neg Antony
Jeremiah Perry- 1
Burwell Perry- 1
1757- by George Lampkin
Littleton Spive- 2
Bath Perry (this is Booth Perry son of Thomas Perry who is now 16 years old)
1757- by Gid(eon) Macon
Joshua Perry- 3
Neg's. Harry & Juday
1757- by James Yancey
Joshua Peare- 1 (who is this???)
1757 – by Richard Harris
Jacob Perry- 1
1757- by William Johnson
John Perry twice listed – 1
Nath'l. Perry- 1
Jere. Perry- 1
Burwell Perry-1 (I suspect there is an error here, these last 4 entries may be for 1756)

May 23. 1757. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6, Page 156.

Nathaniel Perry of Granville Co., NC to William Parham of Maherrin Parish in Brunswick Co. 23 May 1757. L45. (no acres) on the south side of Maherrin River, joining the south side of **Dutchman's Meadow**. Wit: James Parham, Absalom Atkinson. Proved 24 May 1757. Archd Wager Clk.

(SOURCE: Page 14 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

(This is Nathaniel Perry who is a resident of Granville Co., NC selling the 100 acre "Dutchman's Meadow" tract. Also, there is no wife's release of dower rights which may indicate that Nathaniel Perry is either a single man, a widower, or if remarried his now wife may not have dower rights to this land. sw)

May 23, 1757. Deed Book 6, pp 156-158 Brunswick Co., VA

Perry to Parham

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting KNOW ye that I

Nathaniel Perry of North Carolina in the County of Granville for and in consideration of the sum of forty five pounds to me in hand paid before the ensealing & delivery hereof by William Parham of Virginia in the County of Brunswick in Maherrin parrish the receipt whereof I doth hereby acknowledge & myself therewith fully satisfied & contented & thereof & of every part & parcel thereof do exonerate acquit discharge the said William Parham his heirs Executors & admrs for ever by these presents have given granted bargained sold alienated conveyed & confirmed & by these presents do freely fully & absolutely give grant bargain sell alien convey & confirm unto the said William Parham his heirs & assigns forever one certain messuage?? & tract of land situate lying & being on the south side of Maherrin River in the County of Brunswick in the parrish of Maherrin Beginning at a White oak on the south side of **the Dutchman's Meadow** thence west eighteen poles to a hickory thence south one hundred & seven poles to a red oak thence south forty degrees east sixty poles to a black oak then east by south fifty eight poles to a black oak then north thirty degrees east eighty five poles to a hickory then north forty degrees west ninety seven poles to a gum & north seventy five degrees west sixty two poles to the Beginning to Have and to Hold the said granted bargained premises with all the appurtenances privileges & commodities to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said William Parham his heirs & assigns for ever to his & their only proper use benefit & behoove for ever & I the said **Nathaniel Perry** for me my heirs exors & admrs do covenant promise & grant to & with the sd William Parham his heirs & assigns that before the ensealing hereof I am the true sole & lawful owner of the above bargained premises & am lawfully seized & possessed of the same in mine own proper right as a good perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance & have in my self good right full power & lawful authority to grant bargain sell convey & confirm the said bargained premises in manner as above said and that the said William Parham his heirs & assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times for ever hereafter by virtue of these

presents lawfully peaceably & quietly have hold and use occupy possess & enjoy the said demised & bargained premises with the appurtenances free & clear & freely & clearly acquitted exonerated & discharged of and from all & all manner of former gifts grants bargains sales leases mortgages wills entails jointers doners judgments executions encumbrances of troubles whatsoever In as full and ample manner to all intents & purposes as the most learned in the law can devise & I the said **Nathaniel Perry** do further covenant & bind my self my heirs excors & admrs firmly by these presents to warrant & defend the said William Parham his heirs & assigns in quiet & peaceful possession of all & singular the said granted premises against just & lawful claim of any person or persons whatsoever In Witness whereof I the said **Nathaniel Perry** have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty third day of May one thousand seven hundred & fifty seven

Signed Sealed & Delivered **Nathaniel Perry** (LS)
in the presence of
James Parham
Absalom Atkinson

MEMORANDUM that this twenty third day of May MDCCLVII peaceable and quiet possession & seizer of the said message (?) & lands & other the premises in this deed contained was delivered by the within named **Nathaniel Perry** unto within named William Parham according to the form & effect of this deed
In the presence of **Nathaniel Perry** (LS)
James Parham
Absalom Atkinson

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 24 day of May 1757 this Indenture & memorandum of livesy(?) & seizer thereon endorsed was acknowledged by **Nathaniel Perry** party thereto & ordered to be recorded
Examd teste Arch. Wager, Clk

(ALLODIUM estates. Signifies an absolute estate of inheritance, in contradistinction to a feud. In this country the title to land is essentially allodial, and every tenant in fee simple has an absolute and perfect title, yet in technical language his estate is called an estate in fee simple, and the tenure free and common socage).

May 23, 1757. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6, Page 158.

Benjamin Sykes of Brunswick Co., to William Parham of same. 23 May 1757. L33. 90 acres on the south side of Maherrin River, joining the **Dutchman's Meadow**, John Peterson, **Nathaniel Perry**. Wit: Absalom Atkinson, **Nathl Perry**. Proved 24 May 1757. Archd Wager Clk.

(SOURCE: Page 14 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

(This is the same date as the sale of the "Dutchman's Meadow" tract. Nathaniel Perry is in Brunswick Co., VA on this date to sell land and is also a witness to this sale as well. sw)

May 24, 1757. Brunswick Co., VA. Court Order Book No. 7, page 15.

"An indenture of Bargain & Sale between **Nathaniel Perry** of the one part & Wm. Parham of the other part acknowledged by **Nathaniel Perry**".

May 24, 1757. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6, Page 151.

Thomas(X)Reaves of Maherrin Parish in Brunswick Co. to Hermon(Harmon) Reaves of sd parish. 24 May 1757. Deed of gift. 50 acres on the south side of Maherrin River, joining Nathaniel Hix, James Parham, Benja Sykes. Wit: Thomas Person, William Parham, **Nathll Perry**, Nathaniel Hicks. Proved 24 May 1757. Archd Wager Clk.

(SOURCE: Page 13 & 14 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

(This is the day after the Dutchmans Meadow tract sale, and Nathaniel Perry is still in Brunswick Co., VA, as evidenced by his witness to this deed. sw)

May 1, 1760. Granville Co., N.C. Deed Records Book E Page 28-29.

John Booker to **Nathaniel Perry**, 200 acres southwest of Tar River on branches of Crooked Creek at Bridges' line, part of land deeded by Joseph Bridges, sadler, to John Booker, Sept. 6, 1758. Witnesses, John Young, B. Perry, Solomon Harper

January 28, 1761. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6, Page 614.

Indenture made the 28th day of January, 1761, between Nathaniel CARTER and Elender, his wife, parties of the first part, and William RENN of Brandon Parrish, Prince George County, for 50 pounds, conveying 171 acres on North side of Roanoke River on a branch of Cattail Creek. Signed by Nathaniel CARTER (his mark) and Elender CARTER (her mark). Witnesses were John VINSON, John TOMLINSON, and Richard RENN. (SOURCE: Page 50 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

January 28, 1761. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6, Page 616.

Indenture made the 28th day of January 1761, between **Nathaniel PERRY of Granville County, North Carolina**, and Richard RENN of Brandon Parrish, Prince George County, for 50 pounds, conveying 140 acres on North side of Roanoke River on a Branch of Cattail Creek. Witnesses were John VINSON, John TOMLINSON, and William RENN.

(SOURCE: Page 50 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

(This is Nathaniel Perry of Granville Co., NC selling the 140-acre "Cattail Creek" tract which was patented by Nathaniel Perry on October 13, 1727. Again, no wife named or dower rights released. sw)

Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 6 pp 616 & 617

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of January in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith and in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Sixty one BETWEEN **Nathaniel Perry of the Parish of and County of Granville In North Carolina** of the one part and Richard Renn of the County of Prince George & Brandom Parish of the other part Witnesseth that the said **Nathaniel Perry** for & in consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Richard Renn at on or before the Sealing & Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath Granted Bargained & sold aliened ?????released & confirmed & by these Presents doth Grant bargain alien ???? Release & Confirm unto the said Richard Renn his Heirs & Assigns forever one Certain Seat Tract or parcel of Land Containing one hundred & forty Acres be the same more or less Situated lying in the County of Brunswick aforesaid and on the North Side of Roanoak River and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at a Red oak on a branch of the Cattail Creek thence South twenty three Degrees West Fifty eight Poles to a White oak thence South eighty seven Degrees West one hundred and Sixty eight Poles to a Hickory thence North twenty two Degrees West seventy poles to a Hickory thence North fifty Degrees East one hundred & twelve poles to a Red Oak thence North Eighty one degrees East eighty eight poles to a Red Oak thence South thirty one Degrees East thirty six poles to a pine thence due South twenty eight poles to a Hickory thence South forty three Degrees-East thirty two poles to the Beginning may fully & at large-appear & also all the Estate Right Title Interest properly Claim and Demand whatsoever of him the said Nathaniel Perry of & in & to the said Lands & premises with the appurtenances & of & in & to every part & parcel thereof To have & to hold the said lands & premises with the appurtenances unto the sd Richard Renn that he the said Nathaniel Perry his Heirs Executors & Administrators & every of them from time to time & at all times here after shall & will Warrant & for ever Defend the afore said Estate of the said Nathaniel of & in the said one hundred & forty acres of Land with the Appurtenances unto the said Richard Renn his heirs & assigns to the only proper use & Behoove of the said Richard Renn his Heirs & Assigns forever & the said **Nathl Perry** doth here by Covenant & Grant to & with the said Richard Renn that he the **said Nathaniel Perry** his Heirs Executors & Administrators & every of them from time to time & at all times here after shall & will Warrant & forever Defend the aforesaid Estate of the said Nathaniel of & in the said one hundred & forty Acres of Land with the Appurtenances unto the said Richard Renn his Heirs & assigns forever In Witness whereof the said **Nathl Perry** hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the Day and year first above Written _____

Signed Sealed & Delivered)

(Interlined before signed)

In Presence of)
John Vinson)
John Tomlinson)
William Renn)

Nathaniel Perry (LS)

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23 Day of February 1761. This Indenture was proved by the oaths of John Vinson, John Tomlinson & William Renn the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

Teste
John Robinson Co. Cer

July 29, 1761. 2578 pg. 32 Patent Bk. 14 **Nathaniel Perry** 29 July 1761 700 acres in Granville County on both sides of the Flat Rock Creek, joining Brantleys line OR: /s/ **Nathaniel Perry** Wits: Edmd Fanning, Thos Lowe surveyed 24 March 1761 SCC: Joseph Norris, **Simon Perry** Thos Person Surveyor. SOURCE: The Granville Dist. of NC Vol 2 1748 - 1763.

June 1762-June 1763. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 7, Page 324.

"A List of Surveys made in the County of Brunswick from June 1762 to June 1763."

.....Surveyed for **Nathaniel Perry** [blank], on both sides of Cattail Creek.

Signed Drury Stith surveyor. Returned to court 27 Jun 1763. John Robinson CC

(SOURCE: Page 85 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

April 1, 1763. 2549 pg. 24 Patent Bk. 14 John Perry 1 April 1763 700 acres in Granville County on both sides of the Mocason Swamp, joining Carters corner, Norris's line, Perry's line, and **Nathl Perry** OR: /s/ (mark) Wit: Jno Linton surveyed 5 October 1762 SCC: Joseph Norris, **Nathl Perry** Thos Person Surveyor. SOURCE: The Granville Dist. of NC Vol 2 1748 - 1763.

October 24, 1763. Brunswick Co., VA. Deed Book 7, Page 400.

Henry Cooke & his wife Ellinor of Brunswick Co to David Peeples of same. 1763. L50. 246 acres which was part of a 346-acre tract on the north side of the creek (100 acres taken off), joining a little below **Nathaniel Perry**. Wit: Jehu Peeples, John Peeples. Proved 24 Oct 1763. John Robinson CC.

(SOURCE: Page 90 of BRUNSWICK CO. VA DEED BOOKS VOL. 3 1755-1764 Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.)

Nov. 7, 1763. Granville Co., N.C. Deed Book F .

James Reeves and wife Milicent to Malachy Reeves, Jr. land on Fishing Creek. Witnesses: **Nathaniel Perry** and Robert Hicks.

15 November 1769. Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779. (Page 141)

Abraham Smith, James Harrison, Peter Kimball, John Edwards, James Perry, **Nathaniel Perry**, Daniel Sledge, Sam'l Thompson, James Wooton, Nath'l Nichols, Edmond Adcock, Joseph Pardue.

1771 Bute Co., NC Tax List. Numbers are Total White & Black Polls.

Ephraim Perry - 1

William Perry - 1

James Perry - 1

John Perry - 1

Peter Perry - 1

Joshua Perry - 1

Jeremiah Perry - 2

Burwell Perry - 3

Nathaniel Perry - 1

Joshua Perry - 7

Benjamin Perry - 1

15 August 1772. Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779. (Page 242)

Daniel Potter came into Court and swore the peace ag't James Meroney; Ordered that he be in Custody of the Sheriff until he Enter into recognizance payable to our Sovereign Lord the King with good & Sufficient Securities, himself in L50 & Each Security in L25 proc. For his good behavior, who with **Nath'l Perry** & Thomas Saunders his Securitys Entered into the said recognizance &c.

(Currently, I believe that this Thomas Saunders is Nathaniel Perry's son-in-law, and husband of Nathaniels daughter Mary Perry. Thomas Sanders/Saunders was killed at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781. sw)

11 August 1774. Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779. (Page 299)

Harris vs Winston Petit Jurors to wit.

Kitchen Primm, Charles Burk, Jesse Hunter, David Walker, Peter Davis, Thomas Wheeler, William Edwards, Joseph Williams, Mathew Duke, **Nathaniel Perry**, Thomas Cooke, & Lewis Bobbett Junr.

28 January 1775, "Warren Co. NC Records, Vol. II, Abstracts of Bute Co. NC deeds registered in Warren Co. DB 1,2,3,4,5,6&7, 1766-1779," by Mary Hinton Kerr. **Joseph Perry**, of **Wake Co.**, to Henry Baker, of Bute Co. 60 Pds. Procl money for 240 A. on County Line between Wake & Bute Co. adj. **Nathan Pe(a)rie**. Wit: Joseph Norris, Robert Norris. Proved by Joseph Norris, Bute Feb. Ct. 1775, Ben McCulloch, C.C. Reg: 9 April 1775, by James Johnson, P. R. DB-5, page 194.

12 May 1778. Bute County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779. (Pg 93) A Deed from Kirby Sanders to Mary Weathers was proved by the Oath of **Nathaniel Perry** a Witness thereto and the same is Ordered to be Registered

October 22, 1779. "THE COLONIAL AND STATE RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA". VOL. XIII Page 935.

Read the petition of Thomas Drummond, Luke Young, John Crain, and **Nathaniel Perry**, prisoners of War, praying to be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State and become Citizens thereof.

Ordered that the same be Rejected.

(I don't know if this is Nathaniel Perry of Bute Co., NC, it could be a younger Nathaniel Perry, son of William or a Nathaniel Perry of another county. sw).

Will of Nathaniel Perry, dated August 25, 1790, proved September Court, 1790 Recorded Franklin County, NC Will Book A, page 72.

To Sarah Taylor land on the south side of Flat Rock Creek, bounds described, during her life or for 20 years, after which this is to go to grandson, Nathaniel Perry, son of Drury Perry. Sarah Taylor is prohibited from receiving from the land more than enough to support herself and her children.

To Solomon Taylor, 1 roan mare (named Long Foot); the first mare from the said mare to go to his brother Abraham Taylor; (unclear to which the following are to go to) 1 red heifer with a white spot, 1 red sow and 6 shoats, a small iron pot, 1 large pewter dish.

To Abraham Taylor 1 black heifer with white face, 1 spotted sow and 6 shoats, 1 pewter dish, all of which are given to the care of his mother Sarah Taylor and to be delivered to him when he comes of age.

To son Ephraim Perry 200 acres on the south side of Crooked Creek, bounds described.

To grandson Nathan Sanders 200 acres of land on east side of "Great Branch", bounds described mentioning Bradley's, 1 black horse, 1 cow and calf and 2 sows.

To grandson Nathaniel Perry son of Drury Perry, all the rest of land including house "where I now live."

To Nathaniel Perry Nunry 1 red & white cow.

To Sarah Taylor 1 cotton. . .?, 1 cotton card, 1 small chest, 1/2 barrel corn, 5 medium bacon, 1/4 of corn, cotton and flax.

Rest of estate to be equally divided among all children. August 25, 1790.

Executors: Sons Ephraim Perry, Drury Perry. Signed.

Witnessed: Wm. Rives, Nathan Sanders

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Ex: sons Ephraim Perry, Drury Perry. Wit: Wm. Rives, Nathan Sanders.

948. PERRY. Want parents of Nathaniel Perry who lived in Nansemond Co.,VA. Had seven sons (probably more) Jeremiah, John, Francis, Joshua, Nathaniel, William and Burwell who left VA about 1746, settled in Granville Co., NC, as they were displeased with their father's 2nd marriage. They went later to Franklin Co., NC.

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