

This is the Meherrin River area... roughly 1720s

This is the area where most of the major players in my research lived... that would be the Andersons, Boons, Forts and others.

Now can be added the Sims. But this is a quirky, confusing bit of research as I will show...

Without a doubt one William Sims acquired a patent for 300 acres in 1719. But by way of historical "mention" and therefore certitude- mention is also made of one Robert Sims. I think it is logical to infer some sort of a relationship.

At some point further down the road, I will come back and try to establish when this Robert Sims marries the widow Phylis (Fort) Fiveash. (see the newspaper article above in the notes). But if it is the case that Robert Sims marries Phylis Fort about 1720 then this is surely the "smoking gun" opportunity for that event to take place... because her father George Fort has just recently died (leaving a will proving all the pertinent data). Also in the area are her brothers Elias and Benjamin Fort.

As per my theory that James Anderson's wife "may" have been a Sims gal... I think that this lends a bit of credibility if, for no other reason, this provides an opportunity for him to interact with a Sims daughter. I speculate that Robert Sims may be a generation earlier than James Anderson. I think this is the Robert Sims who leaves a will about 1729 or so. My theory is that perhaps he had a daughter named Elisabeth.

I further think this is fertile soil from which the Boons (in particular William Boon) and the Sims began to formulate, plot and plan there land deals which extended to the Roanoke River area... more specifically the Occoneechee Neck Indian Traders. (a profession I suspect some of these Sims kin were involved).

Note the "quirkiness" I referenced earlier... these several deeds have been a bear to locate and figure out...

The deed to the right of William Sims is mislabeled John "Blount" when it should be John "Barret" per the actual details of the deed. That is corroborated by the deed next to it which shows a John Barret. Cool, I thought... problem solved. But no.

I found the deed for Nicholas Tiner which has the ONLY deed for Robert Sims in the Meherrin River area. But unless I am losing my mind (which may be the case), this Nicholas Tiner deed references are Robert Sims for William Sims and John Barnes for John Barret.

*This is where I am at at the moment... furiously scratching my head and thoroughly confused.*

*But note how perfectly the several deeds seem to fit!*

But then... this sort of stuff keeps me interested ..

