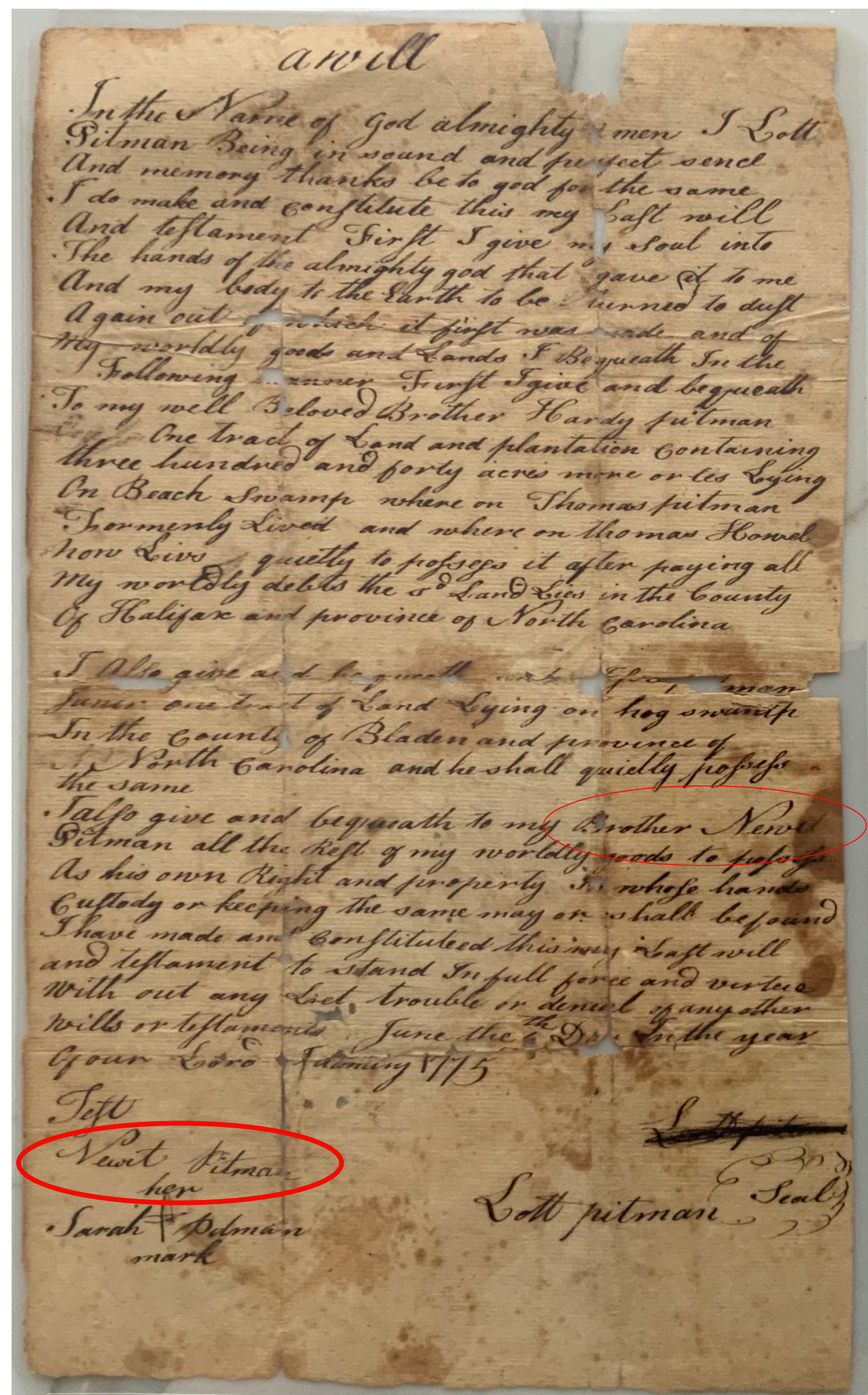


**Comment from Linda Smith:**

I am going through papers inherited by my husband. Among them I have found a Will of Lott Pitman, 1775 plus 2 letters from Asa Yelvington of Middleton Miss. to William Pitman of Gaddysville, NC dated 1848 & 1849. I am willing to share them but not sure how to on this site. I wonder why his family ended up with these ancient documents. He goes back to Amanda B. Pitman, md. J. R. Oliver and d. in Marion Co., SC 1928 age 80 the dau. of William Pitman and Helen Mitchell. All have Robeson Co., NC connections. Any advise on how to share here would be appreciated.

**Will of Lott Pitman**



Transcription by Linda D. Smith

A Will  
 In the Name of God almighty amen. I Lott Pitman Being in sound and perfect sense And memory thanks be to god for the same I do make and constitute this my Last Will And testament First I give my Soul into The hands of the almighty god that gave it to me And my body to the Earth to be turned to dust Again out of which it first was made and of My worldly goods and Lands I bequeath In the Following manner First I give and bequeath To my well Beloved Brother Hardy pitman One tract of Land and plantation containing Three hundred and forty acres more or less Lying On Beach Swamp where on Thomas pitman Formerly lived and where on Thomas Howel Now lives quietly to posses it after paying all My worldly debts the sd Land Lies in the County Of Halifax and province of North Carolina

I also give and bequeath into [torn] Jesse? pitman Juner [Junior?] one tract of Land Lying on hog swamp In the County of Braden and province of North Carolina and he shall quietly possess the same I also give and bequeath to my Brother Newet Pitman all the Rest of my worldly goods to possess As his own Right and property in whose hands Custody or keeping the same my or shall be found I have made and constituted this my Last will and testament to stand In full force and vertue With out any Last trouble or denial of any other Wills or testaments June the 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the year Of our Lord [illegible] 1775

Newt Pitman  
 Sarah (her x mark) Pitman      Lott pitman (Seal)

**Thomas Pitman of Edgecombe County (modern Halifax) d. 1754/5**

This Thomas leaves a "Mystery Will" which has confounded all of us trying to figure out just who the heck are the missing sons... here's my abstract...

Thomas Pitman d. 1754/5 wife Anne

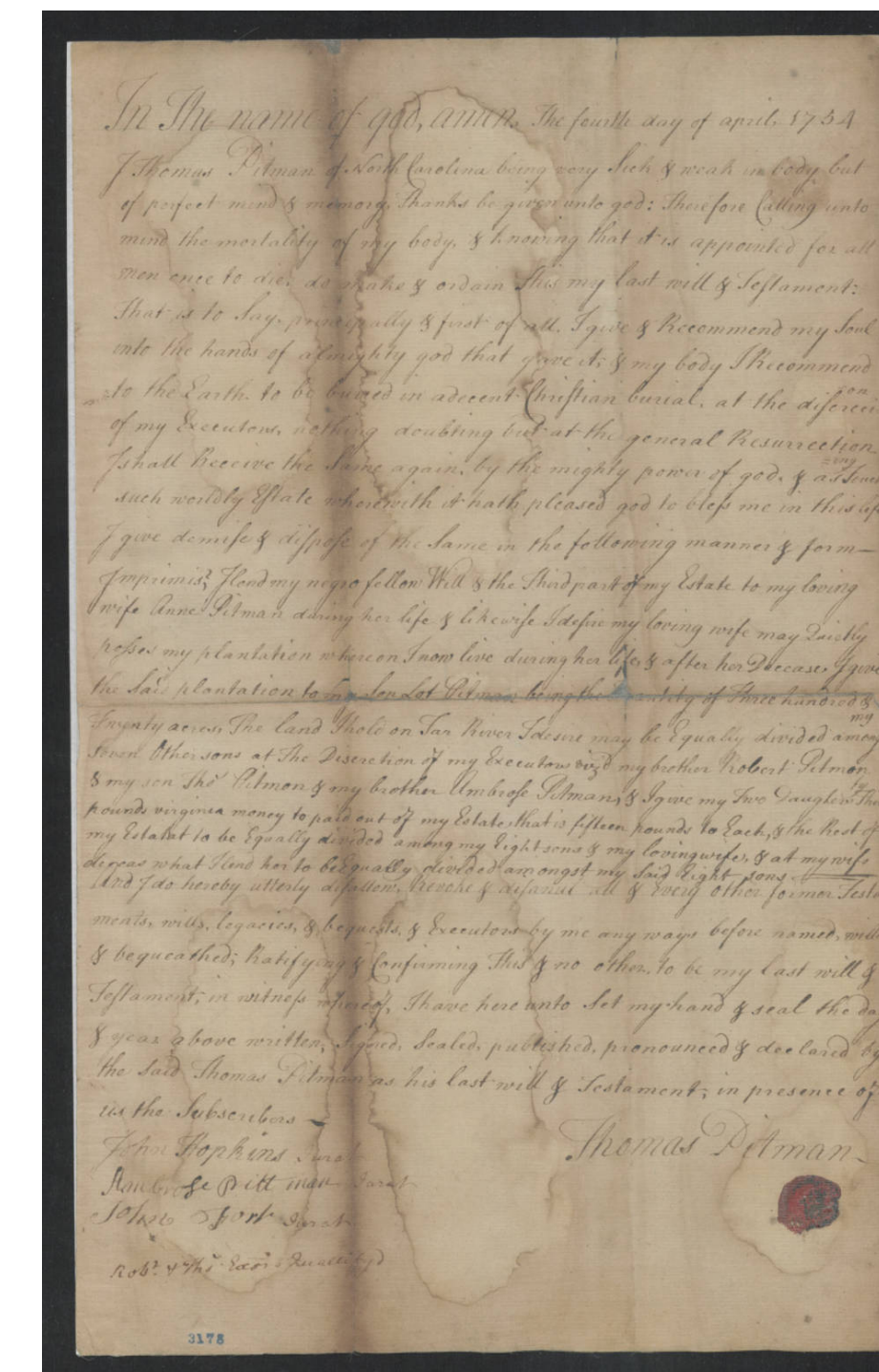
..... Lot  
 ..... Thomas  
 ..... "my eight sons"  
 ..... "my two daughters"  
 ( after wife's decease, plantation to son Lot)  
 "the land I hold on Tar River I desire may be Equally divided among seven other sons"

**This deed from 1779 proves the connection to Thomas d.1754 and that the two sons moved to Robeson County**

Halifax County Deed Book 14, p138

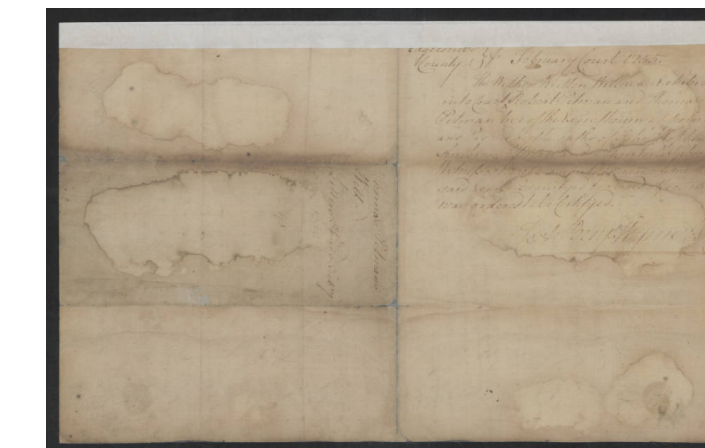
8 January 1779 - Lott Pitman and Thomas Pitman of Blanden County [Bladen, now Robeson], North Carolina - to McKinnie Howell of Halifax County, North Carolina - consideration of L 550 current money of North Carolina - conveying 320 acres of land on north side of Beach Swamp, in Halifax County, adjoining land of Pope, part of a tract granted to Colonel William Whitehead by patent, date unknown, and conveyed by said Whitehead to Thomas Pitman, deceased, by deed dated 21 August 1739 and devised by said Thomas Pitman, deceased, and being the tract or plantation whereon Thomas Howell now livees - witnessed by Samuel Pitman, Lacy Simmons, and John Pitman - proved by oath of Lacy Simmons at Halifax County Court held February 1779.

**Will of Thomas Pitman 1754/5**

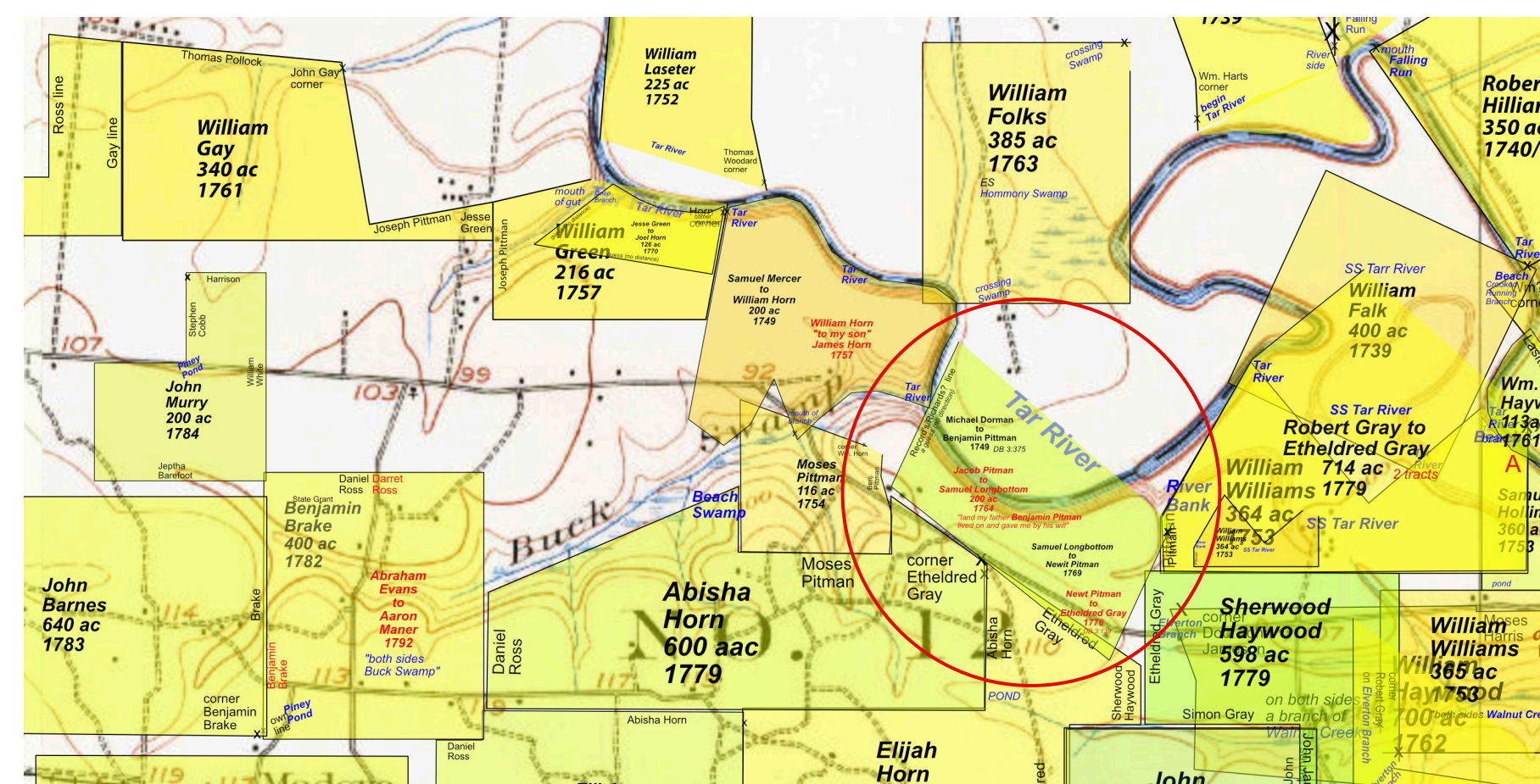


"my plantation whereon I now live...to my son Lot Pitman"

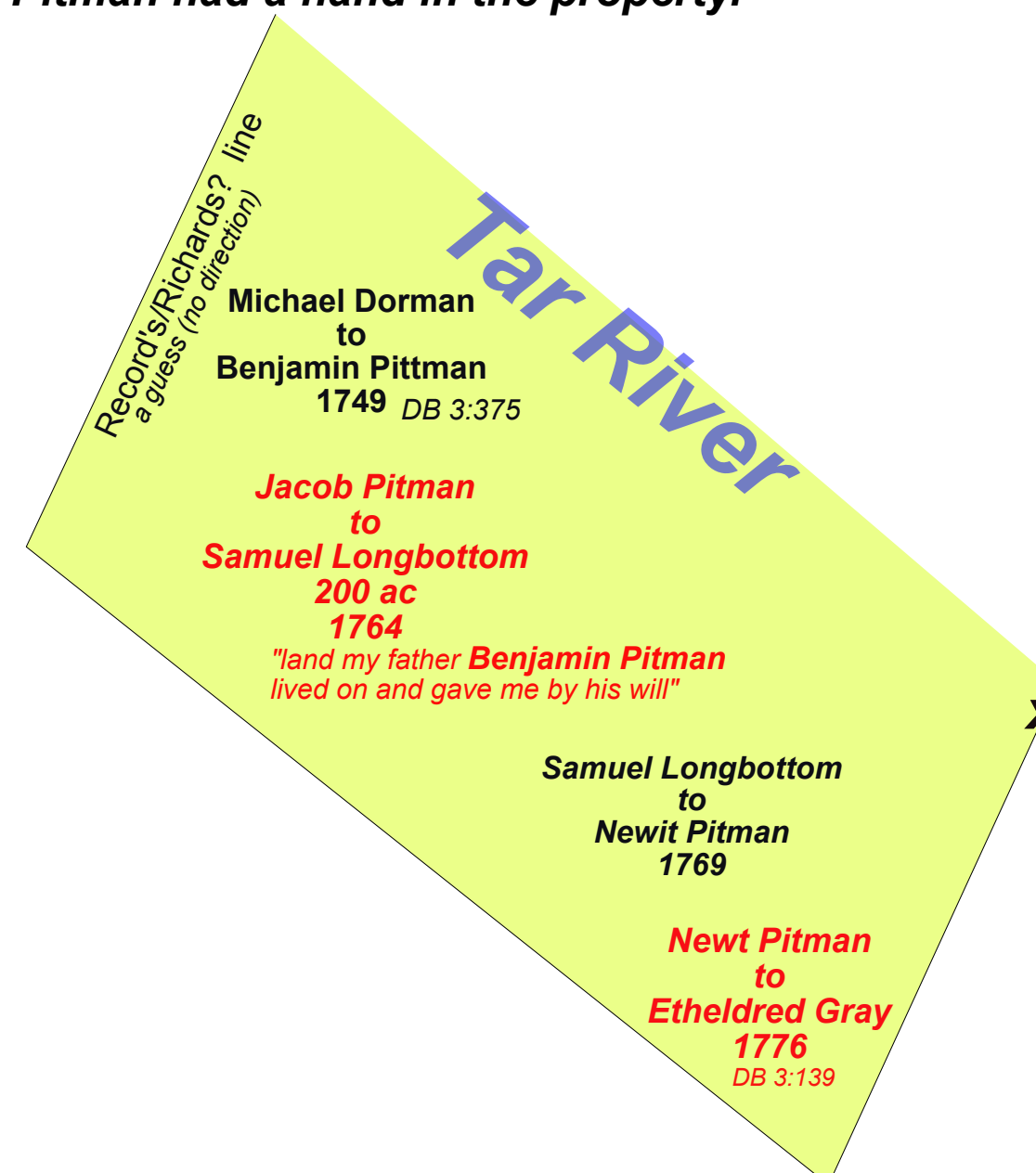
"The land I hold on Tar River may be Equally divided among Seven Other sons at The Discretion of my Executors vizz my brother Robert Pitman & my son Thos Pitman & my brother Ambrose Pitman"



**My previous assumption was that the Thomas Pitman property mentioned in his will could be explained when Newt Pitman sold the property in 1776.**



**However, after researching the property more, I cannot find anywhere that Thomas Pitman had a hand in the property.**



**Leaving "technical proof" aside for the moment... it still seems plausible that this Newt Pitman is the son of Thomas Pitman d.1754/5 and moved to Robeson County. I was flabbergasted that the will of Lott Pitman reappeared (thanks to Linda Smith for sharing)... so this may be as good as the "proof" gets.**

**So... a conundrum arises ... is this the Newt Pitman, son of Thomas Pitman d.1754/5 or not? I do not have a clue where any other property "on Tar River" can be associated with Thomas. It is established that he lived in Halifax County.**

**Note in the will of Lott Pitman that Newit Pitman is refered to as "his brother".**