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History and Genealogies of

Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800
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June 7, 1754. "It being represented to the Court that a Still belonging to JOSEPH

SIMS Orphan of JOSEPH SIMS dec'd. is in Danger of being impaired it is therefor

Ordered that WILLIAM MASSEY (Sec'y. for the Guardianship) take the same into his

possession. "

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- June 1747: "North Carolina, Gran.dvill County May [sic, 'crossed out] June 1747 - To the

worshipfull Cort of the sd. County now Seting the humbele Petition of the inhabit~nce of .S.eder Cre~k U

& of tar River humbl~y Prayeth ... to Lay off a road from Jos. SIMS fer)" Landing on tar River to the

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ford of Seder Cre~k wh~re the Said news path crosses the Sd. Cre~k and along the old path as fir as

the sd. County Shall Retsh which is SQ120sed to Be the head of Lits;l River Which will be the most

Benifishel Road and Covenant Path for our inhabitance ...

[petitioners:] John Plowman WHITE; Thomas RAY, his mark "X"; Thom hULEN, his mark

"T"; Wm. DUKE; Joseph FULL[blot] his mark "JF"; Jas. HUTCHESSON; Richd. WHITE; Richd.

WHITE [sic, different handwriting]; Nicklis WHITE, his mark "X"; **Benjamin SIMS**; John

WOODLEIF; **Joseph SIMS**; Jno CLARK, his mark "JC"; James TATE; John SEXTON".

- September Court 1747: "To the Worshipfull Court now Ss;tting -- The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Cedar Creek Tar River Nuce & the Syprus prayeth your Worships to grant an Order of this Court to lay off Clear & open a Road the best & convenientest way from Cedar Rock on Nuce path about the line of this County From Thence Crossing the Syprus and Tar River at WILLIAM SMITHS Ford at Mount M[partially obscured]ra thence Crossing Cedar Creek at Arthur FULLARS Ford near the mouth of poplar Branch a little below the sd. FULLARS thence to the head of Little River at the sd. Nuce path Which Will be about the bounds of the said County and is but about Twenty miles in length to go in this manner and will be the most Convenient and best Road that can be laid out in them parts for the General Good and Convenien1cy of all the Inhabitants far beyond & near without partiality or the private Interest of any ps;rticlar person whatsoever (as s.um other petitions has bin put in this Court that will be to the great hurt of the Inhabitats afsd.) for this Road leads to Roanok Virginia Where the Convenientest & best Trade can be had.

[petitioners:] Henry HUNT, his mark "x"; William STACEY, his mark "W"; Mosis SMITH; Thomas HUNT, his mark "T"; William HUNT, his mark "w"; John PERRY, his mark "J"; William PERRY; francis PERRY; Thoms MASON; James PACE; Thomas SMITH [faded], his mark "X"; Thomas RAY, his mark "T"; Thomas HULIN, his mark "X"; Jas. HUTCHES SON; James ARENDALL; William SMITH, his mark "X"; John MASSEY; Willim MASSEY; James MASSEY his mark "J". John RACKLEY his mark "J" · Passon? RACKLEY his mark "X". · · · · · Thomas JONES, his mark "T"; Daniel McDANIEL [very faded]; Walter KELLY; Francis BRADLEY, his mark "X"; Breuthard TRULOVE; **Joseph SIMS**; William MABARY; **Benjn. SIMS**; Hayward WORLEY; Thomas HARDEN, his mark "X"; Arther FULLOR, his mark "A"; Jno: Giles THOMAS; George THOMAS; Athnasiaus THOMAS; Richard ARENDELL, his mark "R"; William BURKS, his mark "X"; John MOONEY, his mark "X"; William BREWER, his mark "X"; John PAIN Sener, his mark "J"; Philip PAIN, his mark "P"; Joseph PAIN, his mark "J"; John PAIN, his mark "J"; Andrew HARTSFIELD, his mark [sideways] "A"; Thomas FANNEN, his mark "T"; John RIVES, his mark "JR"; Robert SMITH, his mark "X"; Samuel BENTEN; Charles BROOM, his mark "C"; Thos. HUNT

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- 12 October 1749: "This is to C_!rtifie the Wosh.Ypfull Cort of granville that ye Jury has Lade out a

new Rode from the Rode at John MAR TINS to Tarr River Warehouse p~rsuant to the order of this

Cort and twelve of them is agreed a_gording to Law ye 12 day of Octobr. 1749.

[petitioners:] Jeremiah STROTHER; **Jos. SIMS**; Daniel UNDERWOOD; James MOSELY;

Benja SIMS; Abraham BLEDSOE; Joseph BRANTLY; Bird Tommes LENER; Henry JUE;

Thomas OWENS; Denn~s LINSEY; John MARTIN".

66 ABSTRACTS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY DEEDS, 1746-1765
CLEAR CALLED OPEN HOLLOW. WEST HOUSE.
520- Feb. 20, 1756- BENJAMIN SIMS of Johnston Co., N. C. and MARY, his wife, to GEORGE ANDERSON, now of Granville Co., N. C., for 42 pds. 400 acres in St. John's Parish of Granville Co., N. C. above Lynches tract, it being land granted to Joseph Sims at Newbern Apr. 12, 1745 and conveyed by Joseph Sims to Benjamin Simms Aug. 30, 1748. Wts: Theo Brogdon, Eliza Beckham, Thos. Parker.

ANDERSON, GEORGE

July 6, 1757. March 7, 1758. Wife and Executrix: MARY. Daughter: EAVE ANDERSON. Brother: WILLIAM ANDERSON. Nephew: GEORGE ANDERSON (son of William). Other legatees: ELIZABETH and JOHN UNDERWOOD. Executor: OSBORNE JEFFREYS. Witnesses: JAMES BRAEZAR, WILLIAM ANDERSON, THOMAS SMITH. Clerk of the Court: DANIEL WELDON.

(Source: Abstracts of North Carolina Wills, By: J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, 1910, Page 7)

Joseph Sims m Sarah

son Benjamin
son Joseph Jr

Joseph Sr died intestate prior to 1751

An Act for Dividing Edgecomb County and Parish, and for Erecting the Upper Part Thereof into a County and Parish by the Name of Granville County and St. John's Parish; and for Appointing Vestrymen for the Said Parish.

Laws of North Carolina Passed in 1746, Chapter III

The State Records of North Carolina Volume XXIII - Pages 249-250.

I. Whereas the County and Parish of Edgecomb, being a Frontier County, is now so extensively settled that the Public Business of the said County and Parish becomes very difficult to be transacted:

II. We therefore pray that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted, by his Excellency Gabriel Johnston, Esq., Governor, By and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, and General Assembly of this Province, and by the Authority of the same, That Edgecomb County and Parish be divided by a Line beginning at the Mouth of Stonehouse Creek, on Roanoke River, to the Mouth of Cypress Swamp, on Tar River, and from Thence across the River, in a direct Course, to the Middle Grounds between Tar River and Neuse River, being the dividing Line between Craven and Edgecomb Counties, and that the upper Part of the said County and Parish, as divided by the Line that shall be agreed on by the Commissioners hereafter named, be erected into a County by the Name of Granville County, and St. John's Parish, And that the said County and Parish shall enjoy as many privileges as any other County or Parish in this Province holds and enjoys, save only that the said County shall send but Two Representatives to sit in General Assembly.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Courts of the said County shall be held on every Tuesday succeeding the County Courts of Northampton.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the said County, or the Majority of them, shall hold their first Court at the Dwelling house of William Eaton, and then and there nominate and appoint a certain Place for building a Court House, Prison and Stocks, at the most proper Place in the said County, and shall also make such Orders and Rules for erecting the said Buildings and running the dividing Line aforesaid, at the proper and equal Expence of the Inhabitants of the same, by a Poll Tax not exceeding Two Shillings, Proclamation Money, per Year, for Two Years and no longer.

V. And be it further Enacted, That William Eaton, William Person, Francis Stringer and James Macklewean be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners, who are hereby impowred and directed to run a dividing line between the said Counties of Granville and Johnston, as agreeable as may be for the Ease and Convenience of the several Inhabitants of the said Counties, beginning at such a Place on the Head Line aforesaid of Edgecomb County as the said Commissioners shall think meet and just.

VI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Court shall, at the first sitting thereof, recommend to his Excellency the Governor, Three Persons for his Approbation of one of them to execute the Office of Sheriff, according to the Law, for the said County.

VII. And to the End that no Action begun in Edgecomb County Court be defeated by the Division aforesaid. Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Action is already commenced in the said Court of Edgecomb, and the Parties or Evidences shall be Inhabitants of Granville County, all subsequent Process against such Parties or Evidences shall be directed to be executed by the Sheriff of Edgecomb County; any Act, Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

VIII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That William Eaton, William Persons, John Martin, Edward Jones, James Mitchel, James Payne, West Harris, John Wade, William Moore, Samuel Lanier, Robert Parker and **Joseph Sims** be, and they are hereby appointed Vestrymen of the said Parish of St. John's, to serve in Vestry until the General Election of Vestrymen, according to Law, and that the said Vestrymen shall be summoned by the Sheriff of the said County of Granville to meet at the House of William Eaton and qualify themselves as a Vestry, and proceed to parish Business.

IX. And be it further Enacted, That all Public, County and Parish Levies now due from any of the Inhabitants of the said County of Granville shall be collected by the Sheriff of Edebecomb County and accounted for in the same Manner as though this Act had not been made.

Signed by,

GABRIEL JOHNSTON, ESQ., Governor.

NATHANIEL RICE, President.

SAMUEL SWANN, Speaker.

