

# Anthony Lewis

1665ish - 1739

“It is my will that that Orphant boy that now liveth with me by name of Anthony Lewis do live with my husband Untill he attains to the age of One and Twenty Yeares if my husband and he shall live So long that my husband give him two Suites of Apparell Three Barrells of Corne One heifer with Calve One Couch bed a Small iron Pot One Pewter dish One Tray and One Spooone if it shall Soe happen my husband should die before the boy doth attaine to the age of One and Twenty Yeares that it is my will that the above named things shall bee delivered to the sd Anthony Lewis”

Joyce Cripps 1679

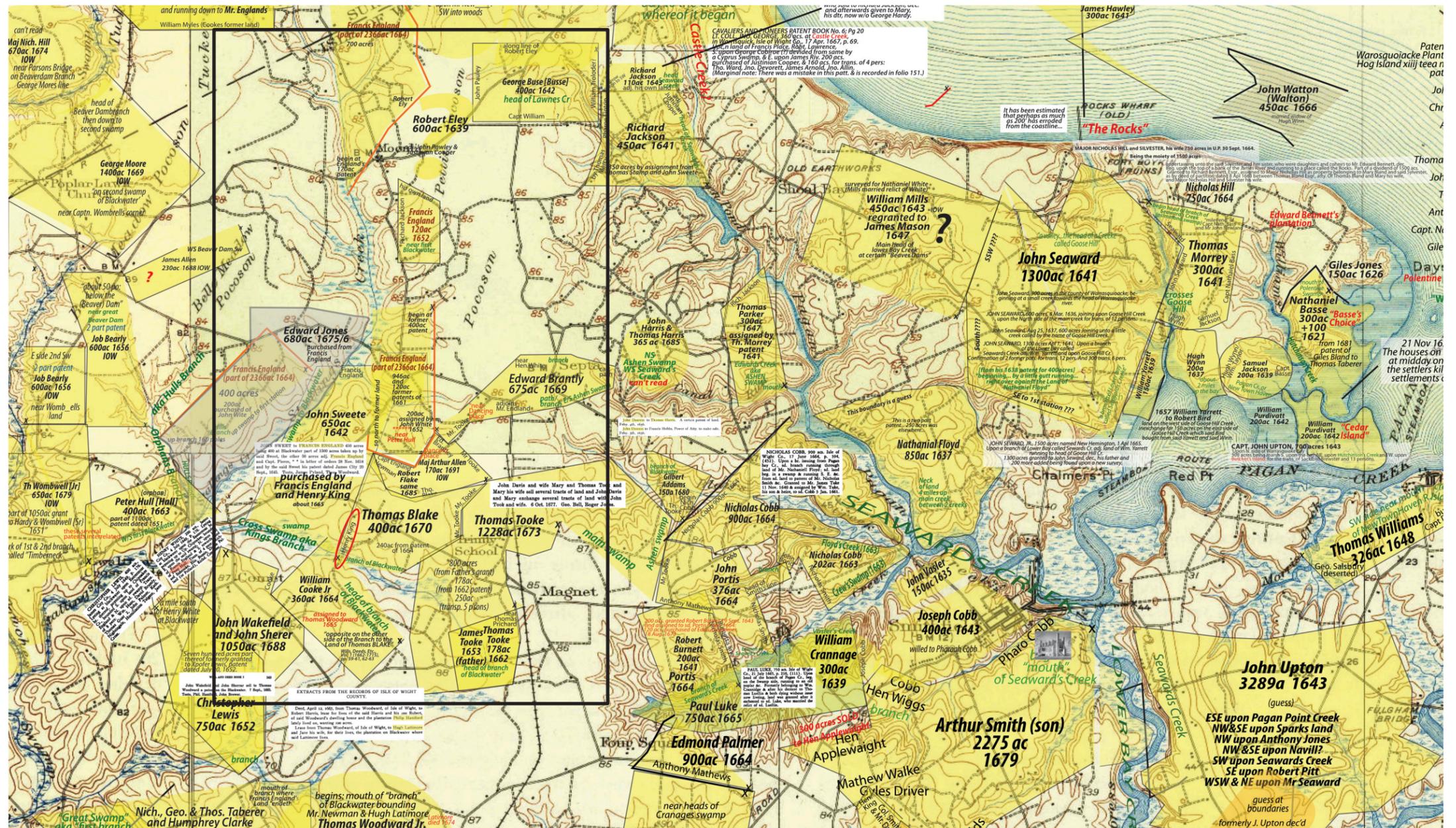
It is hard to say where Joyce Cripps was living when she wrote her will in 1679... her former husband was Francis England and he left her property... It was in this general area.

Note the property of Edward Brantley- his son Phillip will marry Joyce Lewis who is perhaps an aunt of Anthony.

If fate panned out then Anthony was apprenticed to George Cripps until he came of age 21 or so... I suspect he was the first son of Bridgett Lewis. If my theory is correct then he was a bastard and she had several other bastard children.

After this mention in the will he goes off the radar... until 1702

So who was his mama?

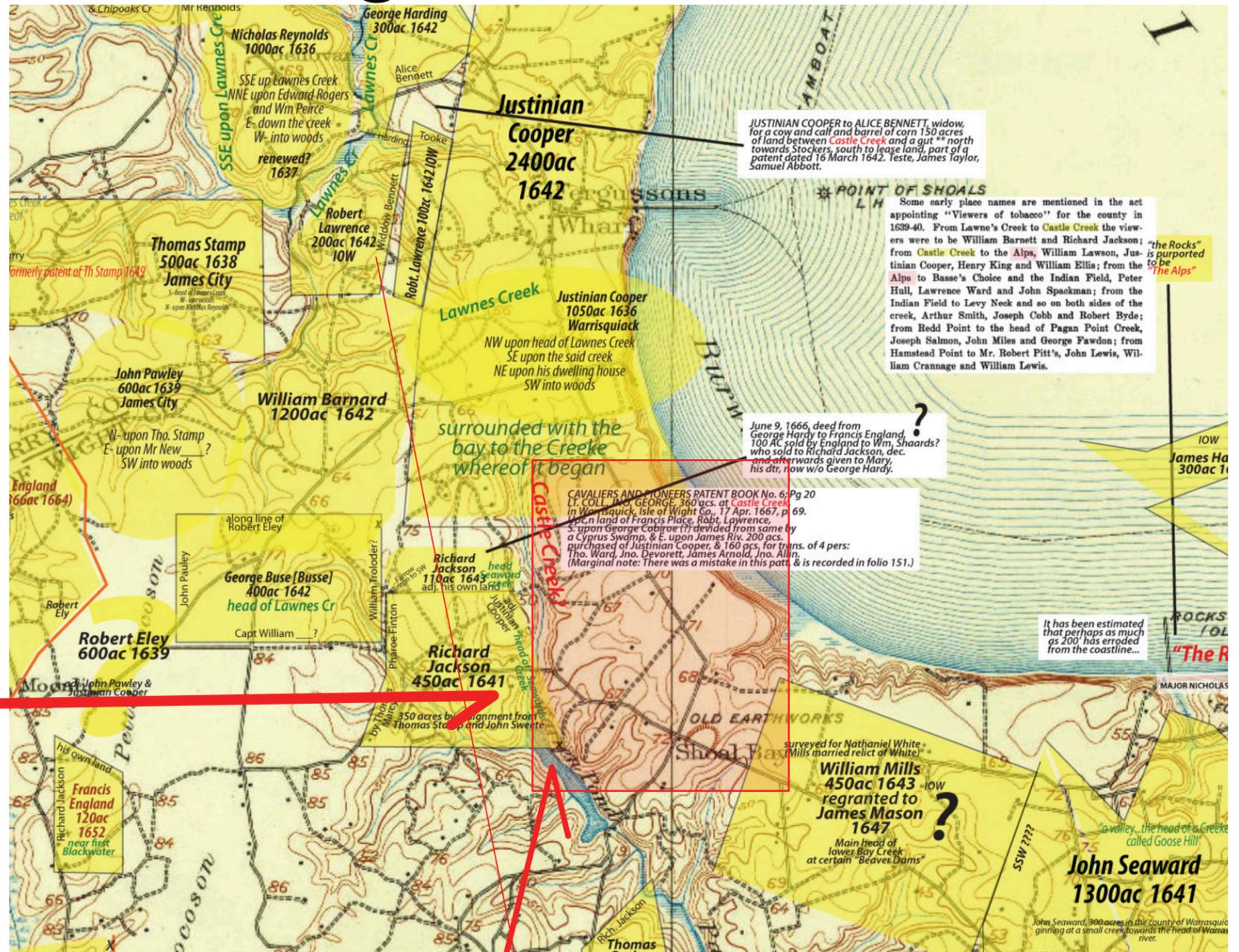


# John George Property in Isle of Wight

Mr George had two daughters...

Title  
 Land grant 17 April 1667. **1667**  
 Creator  
 George, John, Lt. Col. grantee.  
 Creation Date  
 1667 - 0417  
 Description  
 Location: Isle of Wight County.  
 Description: 360 acres lying at Castle Creek, in Warrisquick adjoining the land of Francis Place, Robert Lawrence &.  
 Source: Land Office Patents No. 6, 1666-1679 (pt.1 & 2 p.1-692), p. 69 (Reel 6).  
 Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.  
 Note(s)  
 "See margin of Record - There was a mistake in this patent and is recorded in fol. 151 &c."  
 Genre  
 Land grants

begin x Castle Creek, Warrsquick in the County of Isle of Wight bounded...  
 North upon the Land of Francis Place  
 West upon Robert Lawrence  
 South upon the land of George Cebirod? "divides from the same by a Cypress Swamp"  
 East upon James River  
 200 acres of the said land being of a \_\_\_\_\_?  
 by the said Lt Coll Jno George of Justinian Cooper and the and the (sic) residue? being due by ???  
 1667



69  
 To all Whom these presents shall come I shew that I the said John George have granted unto the said John George three hundred and fifty acres of land in Warrisquick in the County of Isle of Wight...  
 I have also granted unto the said John George two hundred acres of land in Warrisquick...  
 Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of April 1667  
 John George

The Isle of Wight County Records shown in the William and Mary Quarterly show that Justinian Cooper and Ann his wife conveyed to John George the Robert Bennett tract and the Quarter tract of 200 acres, part of a patent of 2000, March 16, 1642, by deed dated April 25, 1642.  
 A second reference related to a deed on the same date for a separate, adjacent 350 acres apparently for the benefit of John George's son, Isaac, also appears in these records.

John George may have settled here as early as 1642

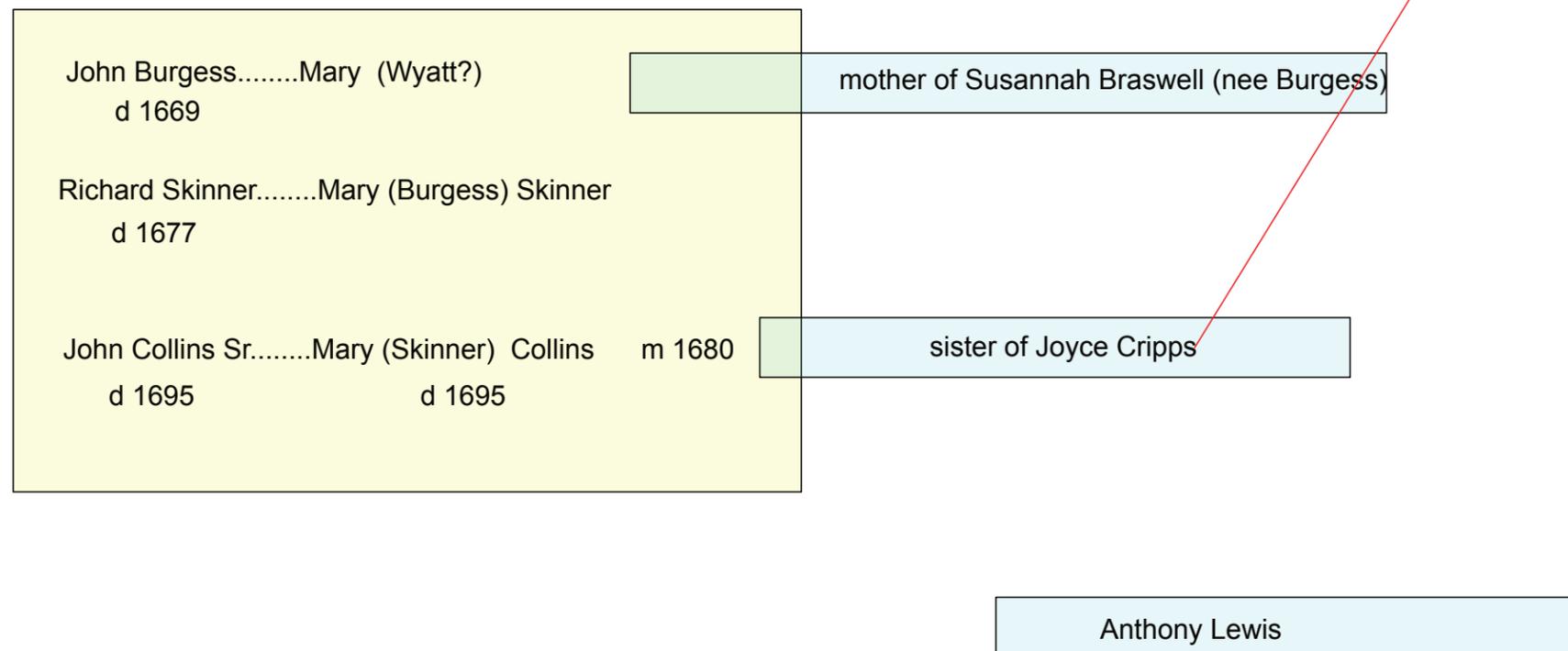
note that the Robert Lawrence 200 acres above references the "widow" Bennett... that is probably the land referred to here

<https://scholarworks.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1967&context=reports>  
 reference to map for Baileys Beach



***I mean really.. can't we just dismiss all this mumbo jumbo charts and graphs and just simply explain who these people were...***

***yes, I can...shortly***



In the Name of God Amen the 18th: Day of aprill 1679 I **Joyce the wife of George Cripps** being Sick of Body but of good and perfect memory do make and Ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following first I Comend my Soule to the hands of god my maker hoping assuredly through the only merrits of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to be made partaker of life Everlasting and I Comend my body to the Earth whereof it is made, as for all and Singuler the Lands and Tentmts: that were given unto me by my former husband Francis England to be at my disposing and Such goods and Cattles that I did reserve unto my owne disposall before Marriage with my now husband, I do give bequeath and dispose of as followeth first I do give and bequeath unto my Loving husband George Cripps the house and plantation whereon we do now live together with all and Singuler the Land lying betweene a Branch Called and knowne by the name of Davises Branch and a line of Trees knowne by the name of Henry Kings line to be and remain to him and his heires for Ever, as for all the rest and residue of my Land, I do give and bequeath unto my Brothers Son of my former husband Englands that shall Come into this Country and make Claime to the Same within Seven Yeares after my decease to be and remayn to him and his heires Males for Ever, and if non Such doth within the Seven Yeares make Claime to the aforesd lands then it is my will that my now husband shall have the Same to him and his heires for Ever, and it is my will that my husband shall possess all the Land Untill Such Brothers Sonn of my husband Englands doth with the time above limited Come to Claime the same I do give and bequeath unto my Sister Skinner one Thousand pounds of Tobacco or other things of that Valley as my husband and she Can agree to be paid within One Yeaer after my decease, I do likewise give Unto my Sister Skinner fifty Acres of Land that doth joyne Unto that Plantation whereon she doth now live during her Naturall life. It is my will after my decease Nicholas Davis shall I may that Plantation whereon he now liveth during his naturall life without paying of Rent only a Capon a Yeaer for an Acknowledgemt. I do give unto Sarah Lupo a feather bed and Bolster One Ruge Blanket and Bedsted halfe a dozen of leather Chayres and a Round Table . I do give Unto Mr. George Branches Three Childres (Vizt) Francis John and Ann Each of them a Cow of about 4 yeares old. **It is my will that that Orphant boy that now liveth with me by name of Anthony Lewis do live with my husband Untill he attains to the age of One and Twenty Yeares** if my husband and he shall live So long that my husband give him two Suites of Apparell Three Barrells of Corne One heifer with Calve One Couch bed a Small iron Pot One Pewter dish One Tray and One Spooone if it shall Soe happen my husband should die before the boy doth attaine to the age of One and Twenty Yeares that it is my will that the above named things shall bee delivered to the sd Anthony Lewis, I do give Unto Margaret the wife of Peter Vasser a Suite of my wearing apparell and my Wedding Ring I do give Unto **SHUSAN BRASWELL my Sisters Daughter One Shilling of English money** I do give Unto my three God Daughters (Viz) Elizabeth hayes Joyce Butler and Joyce Wombell Each of them One Ell of holland of about Sixty pr. Ell I do give Unto my 3 God Sonns Vizt: James Bond Nicholas Davis and William Phillips Each of them a Cow Calfe that is weaneable I do give Unto My Mother Flake a gold Ring with a Blew Stone in it I do Constitute nominate and appoint my wel beloved husband Execr: of this My Last Will and Testament In Witness hereof I have herunto put my hand and Seale the Day and Year above.

***Mary was the sister of Joyce Cripps; she was almost beaten to death by her third husband. Her daughter, Susannah and **Bridgett Lewis** nursed her back to health and then sued the Low Life...***

***Colonial women did not have a life of leisure...***

**...to reiterate a bit**

**Note the relationship of these women.**

**Susanna Braswell is the daughter of the wife of this John Collins... Mary Collins.**

**Mary Collins is the *sister* of Joyce Cripps.**

**Joyce Cripps leaves a legacy in her will to Anthony Lewis.**

Octobr. 1694

Upon ye petn of **Bridget Lewis**, she has order agst. Jno. Collins senr. for 500 lb. of tobo: for ye care & pains taken by ye sd Lewis in ye cure of ye sd Collins his wife with Costs ats Exo.

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Octobr. 1694

Order is granted **Susanna Braswell** agst. John Collins senr. for foure hundred pounds of tobo: for looking after ye sd Collins his wife in her late extemity when she was beaten by ye sd Collins with costs ats Exo.

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*In a fit of 17th Century Feminist Rebellion... Susanna Braswell had 3 or 4 illegitimate children... See her will Of 1714 and also the will of Richard Towle of 1692. Any conversations between her and Bridgett Lewis must have been "interesting" while the two women consoled the recently abused and beaten Mary Collins.*

*In Susanna Braswell's defence, it seems her husband Robert Bracewell, Jr, son of the minister, deserted her and hauled ass to Surry County... disposing of any property she may have inherited by their marriage. She became the mistress of Richard Towle.. he leaving his estate to her children. Divorce was not an option apparently. (see the research of Carey Bracewell)*

**Is it a mere coincidence that Bridgett Lewis was at this place, at this time along with Anthony Lewis? My theory is that he was her illegitimate son.**

I 1688 I Edward Brantley Senior of the upper parrish of the Isle of Wight

I doth give devise and bequeath unto my son Edward and his son James one hundred sixty and five acres of land where the said Edward now liveth...

I doth give devise and bequeath unto my son Phillip two hundred acres of land to be both enjoyed by him until his son Edward shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years: one hundred acres I do give unto my son Phillip and his heirs forever the other hundred acres I do give unto the said Edward Brantley

I do give and bequeath unto my son John Brantly and his son John two hundred acres of land... the said two hundred acres to be enjoyed by the said John Brantly until his son John Brantly doth attain unto the age of one and twenty years and then it is my Will that his said son John Brantly shall have one of the hundred acres of land to be and remain to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever: I do give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Brantly one hundred acres of land beginning at the corner tree at the Akin Swampe running southwest to the branch below Phillip Brantly's dwelling house and then north along a place called the medow to be an emanation to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten

I do give and bequeath unto my said daughter a feather bed

I do give and bequeath unto John the son of my son John one feather bed ... and one black mare,

I do give and bequeath unto Edward Brantley the son of my son Phillip one bay mare

I give unto my three sons: Edward, Phillip and John my Indian slave Peter to serve them two years a piece successively one after the other and the six years is expired I do give the said Indian slave Peter unto my daughter Mary during her natural life

I do give and bequeath the remainder of my personall estate after my debts and funeral expenses payd unto my daughter Mary Brantly whom I do make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament in witness where of I do here unto put my hand and seal.

Edward Brantley

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Edward Brantly

In the sight and presence of

John Whitstone

Ann A. White

& William Evans

Will Evans

Test John Pitt

**I propose this is the cousin of Bridgett Lewis. Joyce Lewis being the daughter of her uncle. Anthony Lewis also being kin to Joyce.**

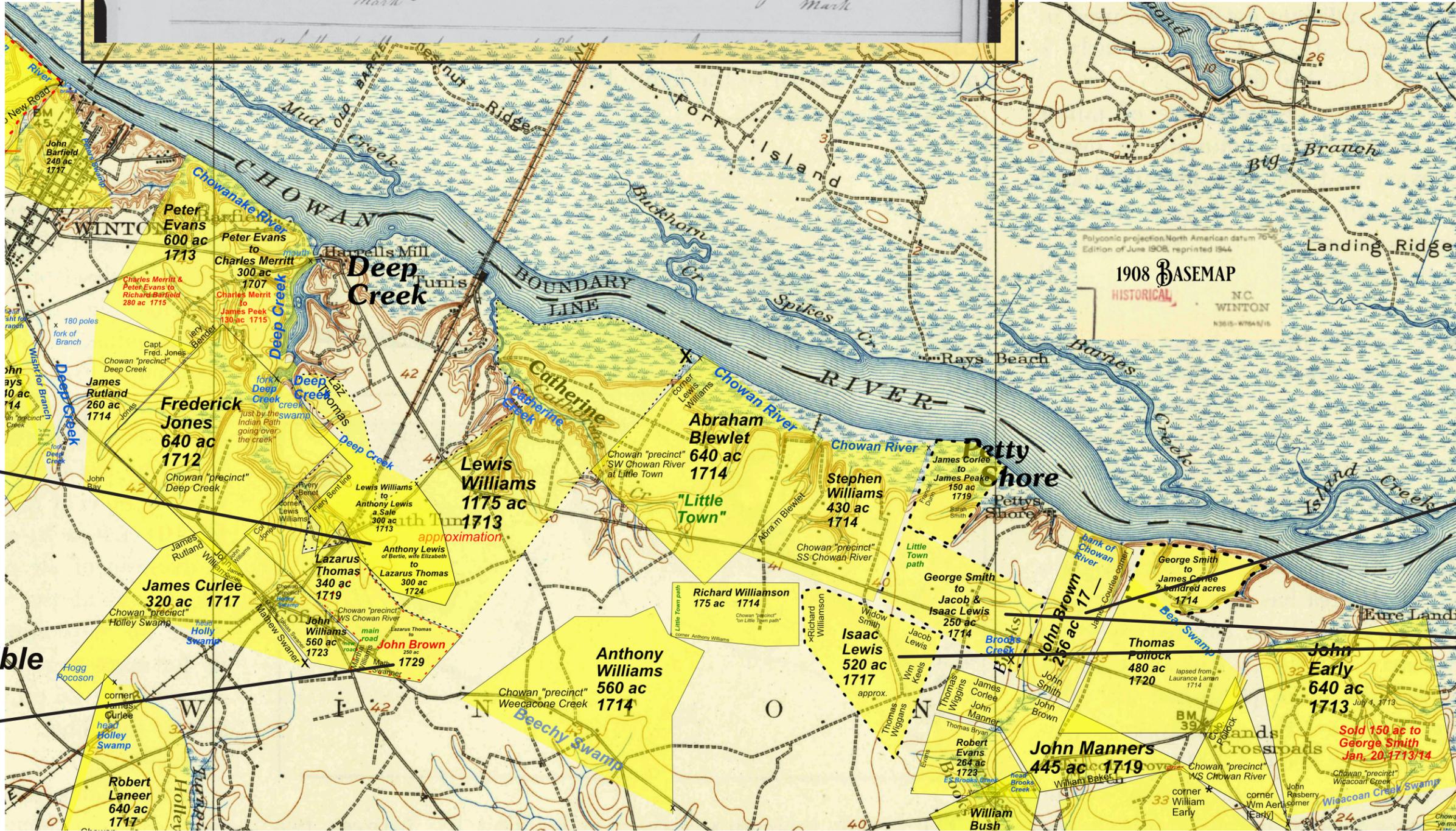
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A Letter of Attorney from Bridgett Brown to Isaac Lewis

Chowan precinct knowall Men by these presents of Bridgett Brown of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albemarle & precinct of Chowan do Nominate Constitute Ordain & Appoint my well Belov'd son Isaac Lewis of y<sup>e</sup> County Above to appear in my stead & behalf to Law Best or prosecute to Judgm<sup>t</sup> any such person as y<sup>e</sup> Bridgett Brown shall at this time or from time to time bring Action against or where to Defendant any Action ag<sup>t</sup> me brought by any of y<sup>e</sup> Courts within this Governm<sup>t</sup> or to employ any other Attorney or Attorneys as he shall see fit & also to receive y<sup>e</sup> same again at his pleasure and for you so doing this shall be your Warrant Given under my hand & Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1713

Bridgett <sup>her</sup> Brown <sup>mark</sup>

**In 1713 Bridgett Brown gave her son Isaac Lewis power of attorney over any actions against her. This is smoking gun proof her husband John Browne had just died. Only a widow or single woman could initiate a court action.**



**Anthony Lewis 1713**

**Note his possible step brother near by...**

**Bridgett (Lewis) Browne likely living on her 1/3**

**Isaac and Jacob Lewis**

corner  
Robert  
Patterson

Lords Proprietors  
to  
**Anthony Lewis, Jun**  
640 ac  
1721 *a Sale*  
Anthony Lewis, Jun  
to  
**Benjamin Hill**  
640 ac  
1721

Anthony Lewis Sr

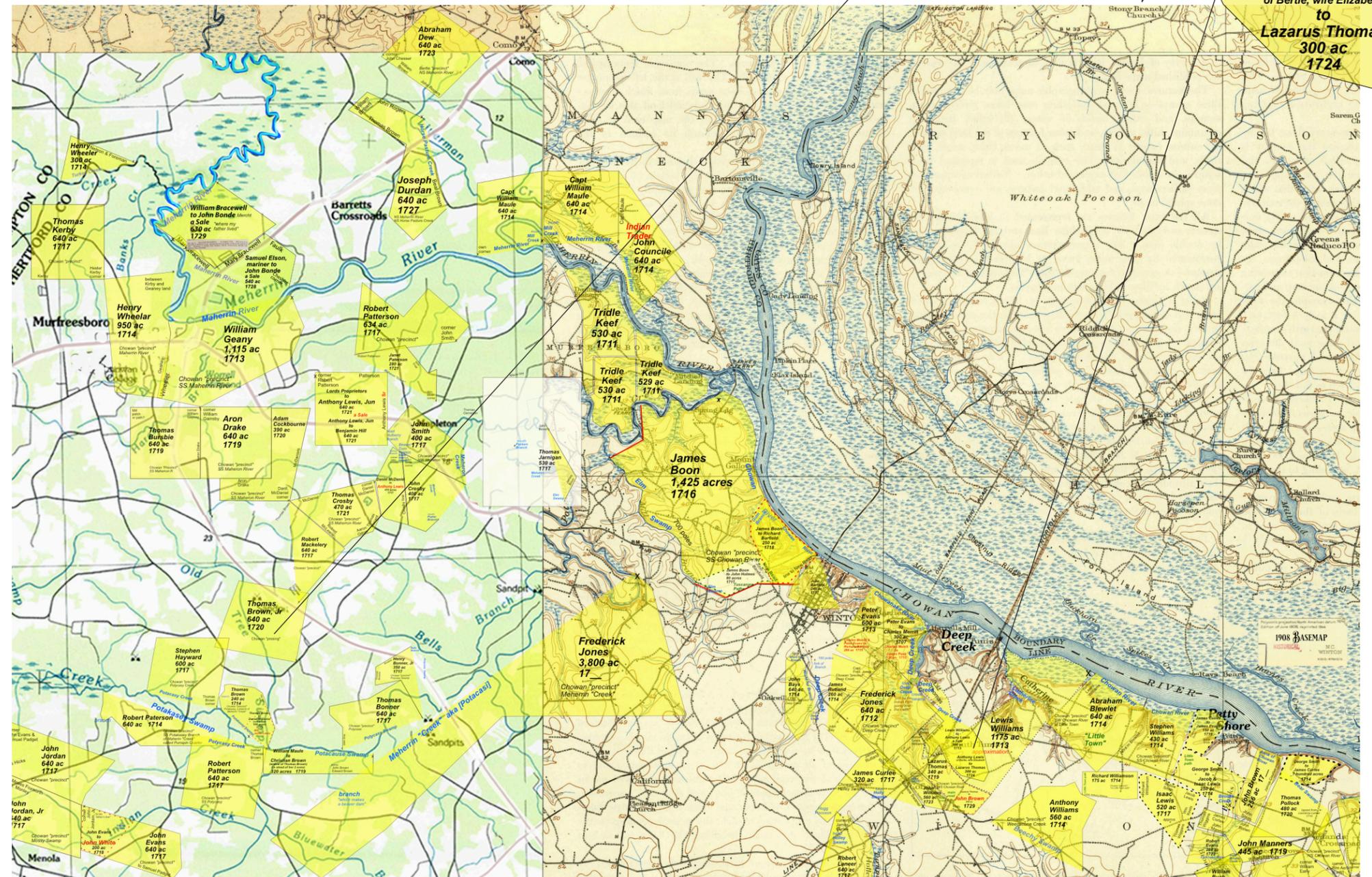
Anthony Lewis began acquiring land in Isle of Wight in 1702... he also has numerous holdings, along with his son in this area of North Carolina... I have no explanation... it clearly seems to be the same person to me because of the family relationships

Note Thomas Brown (son of John Browne d. 1713) and his son in law Daniel McDaniel

Deep Creek  
Fiery Bent line

Lewis Williams  
to  
Anthony Lewis  
a Sale  
300 ac  
1713

Anthony Lewis  
of Bertie, wife Elizabeth  
to  
Lazarus Thomas  
300 ac  
1724



B 345 JOHN SMITH TO BENJAMIN HILL, merchant  
Jan. 23, 1727. 200 pds.

8 cows with calves	6 porringers
2 4 yr. old steers	1 pair Querin Stones
4 heifers 1 yr. old	1 Tenent Saw
2 steers 2 yr. old	1 cross cut saw
1 1 yr. old steer	1 carpenter adz
1 3 yr. old bull	2 Augars
3 heifers with calves	1 grind stone
2 2 yr. old steers	3 weading hoes
4 sows & 21 pigs	1 iron pestle
"the neat cattle"	3 hilling hoes
4 sows ANTHONY LEWIS mark	1 broad ax
the pigs not marked	3 narrow axes
2 feather beds & furniture	3 chests
6 iron pots	1 gilt trunk
6 puter Basons	1 chisil & gouge
8 puter dishes	2 drawing knives

"as also all goods and chattels not here particularly Inserted and belonging to JOHN SMITH." Wit: HENRY AMERSON, SAMUEL WHEATLEY. February Court 1727. EDW MASHBORNE D C/C.

B 346 JOHN SMITH TO BENJAMIN HILL, merchant  
Jan. 23, 1727. 200 pds. for 1110 A. Two patents. (1) obtained by ANTHONY LEWIS for 640 A. and purchased by JOHN SMITH. (2) obtained by SMITH. Wit: HENRY AMERSON, SAMUEL WHEATLEY, jurat, JOHN POWERS, jurat. February Court 1727. EDW. MASHBORNE D. C/C.

A certain date is undetermined... but it seems apparent that Anthony Lewis sells out of Chowan "precinct" and moves 'back' to Isle of Wight.

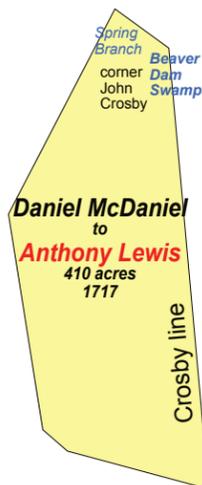
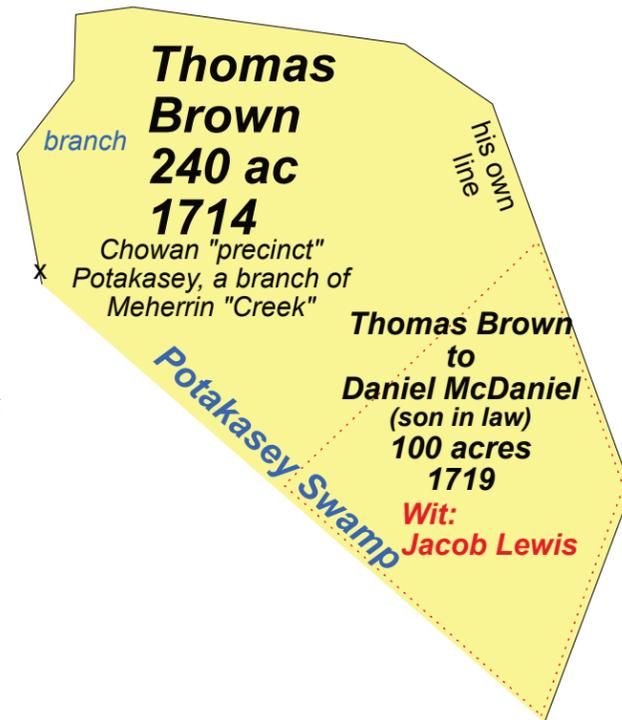
**Note the witness to this deed of Thomas Brown to his son in law Daniel McDaniel.**

**Jacob Lewis**

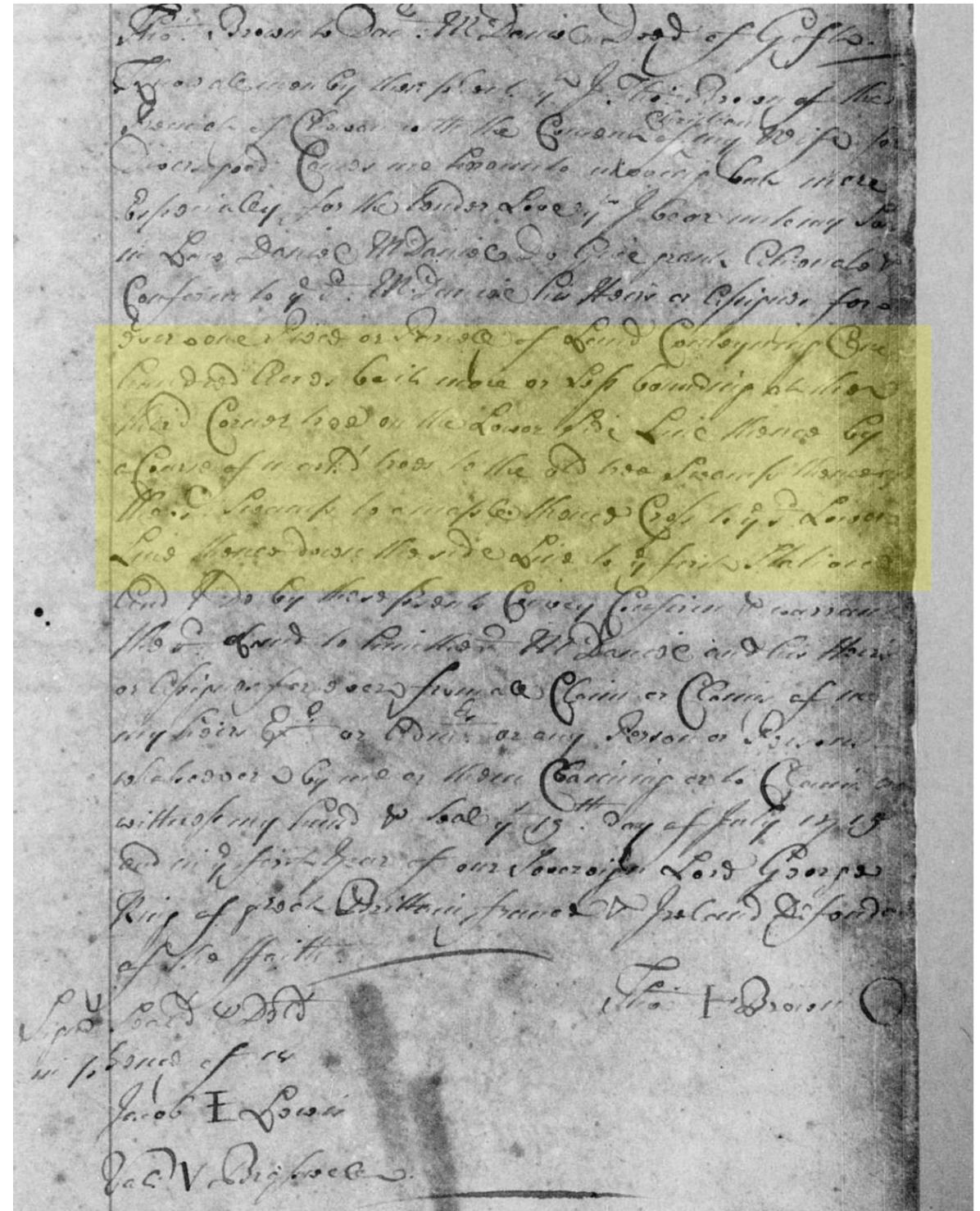
**My contention is that Anthony Lewis had two brothers: Isaac Lewis and Jacob Lewis. All sons of Bridgett (Lewis) Brown.**

**These folks were kin.**

Thomas Brown  
to  
Daniel McDaniel  
(son in law)  
100 acres  
1719



**See what I mean...**



All of this is pretty straightforward...but a mystery surfaces around 1702. On that date William Browne acquires a patent for 156 acres south of the Blackwater River in isle of Wight. This area will become Southampton County in 1749.

“...beginning at a point of Land where a pocoson @ a branch called Anthony’s Delight meet...”

To all of Whersa it Now know yee that I the said Francis Nicholson  
 Esq: Govern: of: doe with the advice & consent of the Council of Stat: doe  
 = hereby give & grant unto William Browne one hundred fifty six  
 = acres of Land in the County of Isle of Wight on the South side of  
 the main Blackwater beginning at a point of Land where a pocoson  
 & a branch called Anthony's Delight meet & so running up the vari-  
 = ous Courses of y<sup>e</sup> said Pocoson to a red Oak marked at the mouth  
 of a small Branch & thence North thirty four degrees East seven  
 = ty eight pole to a white Oak thence South fifty five deg: East  
 one hund: twenty nine pole to a white Oak thence South three degrees  
 East forty pole to a white Oak at the head of the aforesaid branch  
 & so down the aforesaid branch to y<sup>e</sup> beginning the said Land being  
 due unto the said William Browne & and for the transportation of  
 four persons into this Colony whose names are to be in the records  
 mentioned under this patent. To have & to hold st: To himselfe & y<sup>e</sup>  
 heirs & assigns & paying st: Provided st: Given under my hand & y<sup>e</sup>  
 Seale of the Colony this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October anno Dom: 1702

W<sup>m</sup> Browne his patent for 156 acres  
 of Land in Isle of Wight County  
 Drawings Sec: by  
 Francis Nicholson  
 Nicholas Smith  
 Robert W. D.  
 James Brubaker

William Browne rounded up 3 headrights, arranged to have the land surveyed, submitted the paperwork and had a ripened patent in his hands by 1702. Prior to 1700 it was forbidden by law to settle south of the Blackwater. Not only that... but somehow a little creek was named Anthony’s Delight. And it was formalized on paper.

I wish I could explain that...

**...perhaps this can shed some light**

(p.400) 9 Oct 1703.... William Browne and wife, Martha Browne, of the lower parish to Richard Bracewell, Jr..... 32 acres (being part of 156 acre granted to William Browne on 6 Oct 1702) on the south side of main Blackwater.  
Wit: Thomas Mandeu and William (X) Bracewell.

Rec: 9 Oct 1703

William Browne  
Martha (X) Browne

***William Bracewell was the brother in law of William Browne. He married Braswell's sister Martha. The above deed is to his brother Richard Bracewell, Jr. Braswell and Brown were of a contemporary age, each dying about the same time... 1718-1720. William Brown's brother Thomas also dying within that time range. Anthony Lewis seems to be their junior, by perhaps 20 years, his death was 1739. This relationship is explained by the will of Richard Bracewell, Sr in 1725, in it he mentions his daughter Martha Murfy (Wm Murphy married the widow of William Browne). William Braswell died five years prior to this will and was not mentioned.***

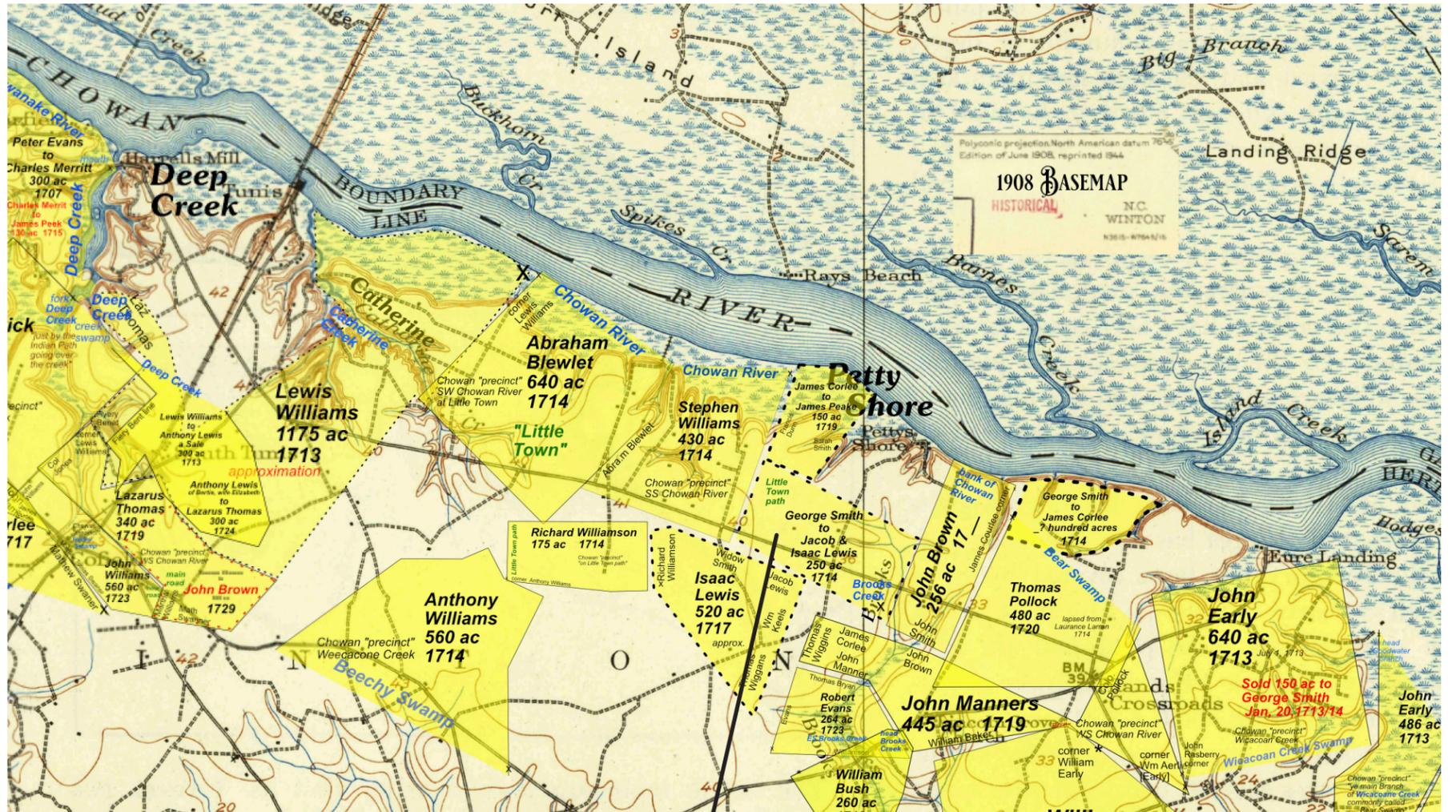
***William Braswell was likely a surveyor... he dealt with acquiring and selling property up until his death in 1720. He was also active in North Carolina including the area of Meherrin River and Occoneechee Neck.***

***It seems rather apparent to me that Bridgett (Lewis) Browne was well acquainted with the Braswell family since her unpleasant episode with Susanna Braswell and the sister of Joyce Cripps. Perhaps this explains the circumstances for the meeting between William Braswell and William Browne, her step son. Who knows? It might just be chance. I do not know the marriage date of Bridgett Lewis and John Browne the Indian Trader; he was obviously married prior. It was after 1694 because on that date Bridgett "Lewis" was in court along with Susanna Braswell and the abused Mary Collins suing the wife beater.***

**My apologies but one can almost get whiplash switching between my Isle of Wight map and this Chowan Precinct map... but note the people and circumstances of these deeds in 1714:**

#411 pg. 200 GEORGE SMITH of Chowan Prect. and SARAH his wife to JACOB LEWIS and ISAAC LEWIS (residence not given) 21 Apr. 1714 16 ± current money of ye Prevince 250 acres more or less on ye west side of Wicacon Creek, joining a branch of Brooks creek, WILLIAM BUNCH, WASER, RASBERRY and ye first Branch next to Little Town near JAMES CORLEE part of 640 acres surveyed by JOHN -----RLEY and Part of 400 acres surveyed by JOHN RASBURY all houses, orchards etc. Wit.: JOHN SMITH, WILLIAM BROWNE Reg. (not given)

#412 pg. 201 WILLIAM BROWN of Chowan Prect., planter and MARTHA his wife to MATTHEW RUSHEN of the sd. Prect., planter 21 Apr. 17-- 8 ± 150 acres on ye west side of Meherrin river, joining Di-viding Run and ye River part of 640 acres surveyed by ye aforesd. BROWN Wit.: GEORGE SMITH, JOHN SMITH Reg. 2 Feb. 1714/15



**Here we have in the same Chowan Precinct Court**

**William Browne  
Jacob Lewis  
Isaac Lewis**

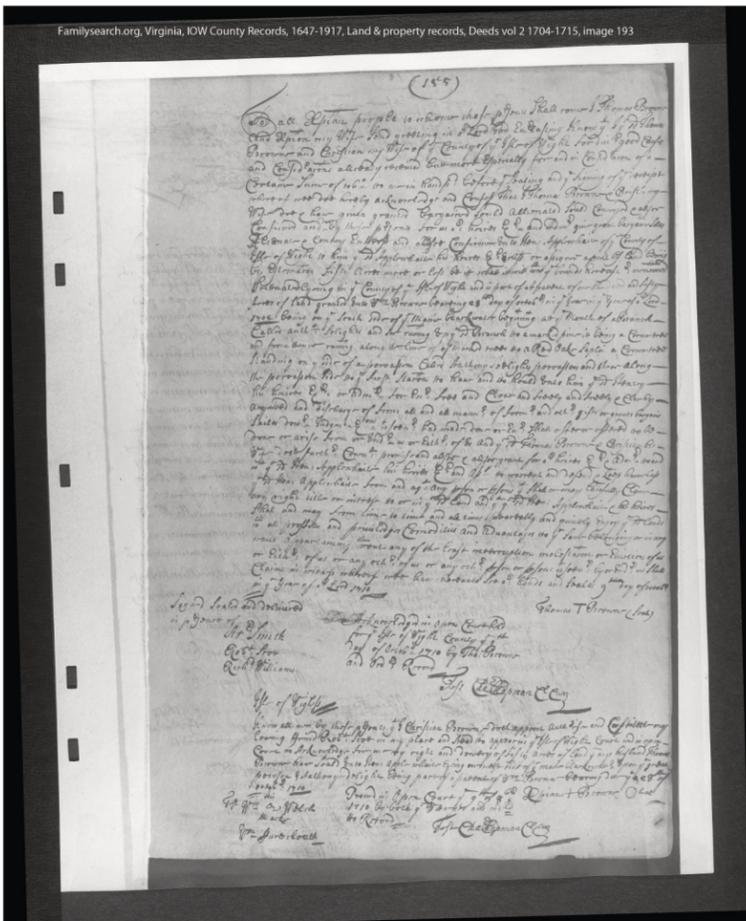
**I contend these  
are step-brothers**

**And they are busying themselves witnessing each other's deeds.**

**George  
Smith**

**Note William Browne is dealing property on the Meherrin River. On the other side of the Meherrin is his and Anthony Lewis's Isle of Wight properties.  
Also note the fact in the deed above that William Browne is identified as "surveying" his own property.  
See previous page...**





Thomas Brown and wife Christian  
of Isle of Wight  
sell to Henry Applewhaite  
of Isle of Wight  
"being by estimation **50 acres**"  
part of a patent of 150 acres  
granted to Wm [William] Brown  
dated 28 October 1702

South side of Mane Blackwater at the  
mouth of a branch called Anth o/i Golightes  
running up the branch...to corner...along a  
branch...to first station.

9 October 1710

proved in open court  
IOW

Wit  
Atr. Smith  
Robt. Scott  
Rich. Williams

**William Browne sold this 50 acres  
to Thomas Browne "of Nansemond"  
in 1703**

WILLIAM and MARTHA BROWN to THOMAS BROWN of Nansemond County, for "a  
certeyn sume",

50 acres of the same patent of 156 acres to WILLIAM BROWN that is mentioned  
above,

this tract to begin "at the mouth of a Branch called ANTHONYS GOLIGHT Branch . . .

to a Red Oak Saplin a corner tree standing on ye side of a pocoson, called  
ANTHONYS GOLIGHT

corner tree standing on ye side of a pocoson, called ANTHONY GOLIGHT Pocoson . . .

Signed October 22, 1703 and witnessed by RICHARD EXUM and ROBERT GUILS  
(?).

IOW Deed Bk 1, 1688-1704, Hopkins

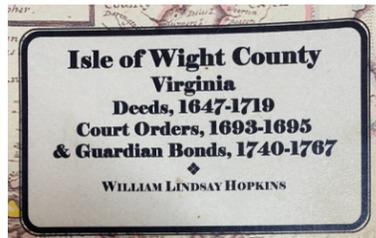
**My point here is to show interactions between William and Thomas Browne...**

(p.29) 20 Oct 1716.... William Brown, Yeoman, and wife, Martha Brown, of Chowan Parish in Albemarle County in  
North Carolina to **Anthony Lewis, Sr.**, Yeoman, of the lower parish of Isle of Wight... 366 acres in two surveys  
(being all of two patents except 50 acres) in the lower parish on the south side of the main Blackwater at a Branch  
called "Anthonys Delight". 106 acres was granted to said William Brown on 28 Oct 1702 and 260 acres was  
granted him on 16 Jun 1714. **50 acres has already been sold by said Brown to Henry Applewhaite.**

Wit: William (X) Hukman and Thomas (X) Lush.

William Brown

**This 2nd patent of "366 acres in two surveys" is missing...  
one dated 28 Oct 1702 for 106 acres (156 ac originally)  
the other dated 16 Jun 1714 for 260 acres (missing)**



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16 Jun 1714. 50 acres has already been sold by said Brown to Henry Applewhaite.  
Wit: William (X) Hukman and Thomas (X) Lush.  
Rec: 22 Oct 1716  
William Brown

(p.323) 8 Dec 1719.... Anthony Lewis and wife, Elizabeth Lewis, to Matthew Jones.... 156 acres on the south side of  
main Blackwater Swamp (being land granted on 28 Oct 1702 to William Brown) and another parcel containing 260  
acres granted said William Brown on 16 Jun 1714 and "bought by me of the aforesaid Jones".  
Rec: 28 Dec 1719  
Anthony (X) Lewis

(p.34) 20 Sep 1729.... William Johnson of Barte Precint in North Carolina to Anthony Lewis of Isle of Wight County....  
150 acres on the south side of Blackwater (being part of a patent for 478 acres granted William Johnson on 28 Oct  
1702 ?).  
Wit: John Johnson, Richard (X) Bell and Benjamin Johnson.  
William (X) Johnson

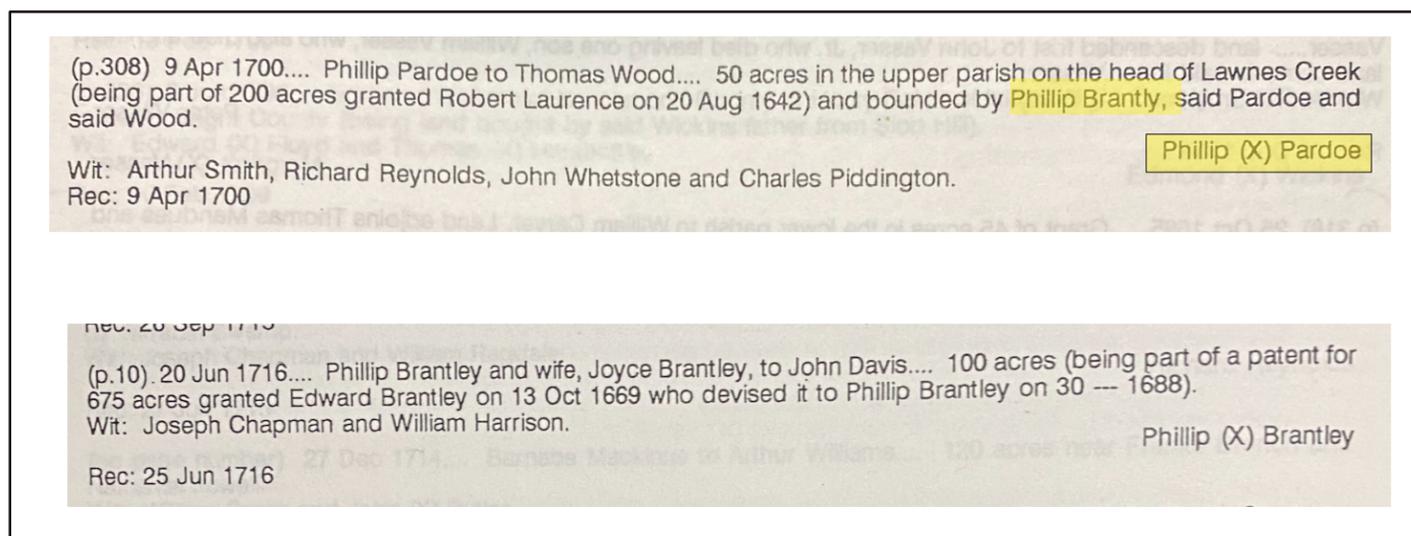
**Anthony Lewis continues to buy and sell...**

***Bridgett Lewis and Joyce Lewis were contemporaries... first cousins I suppose... each daughters of fathers who were brothers and mothers who were sisters.***

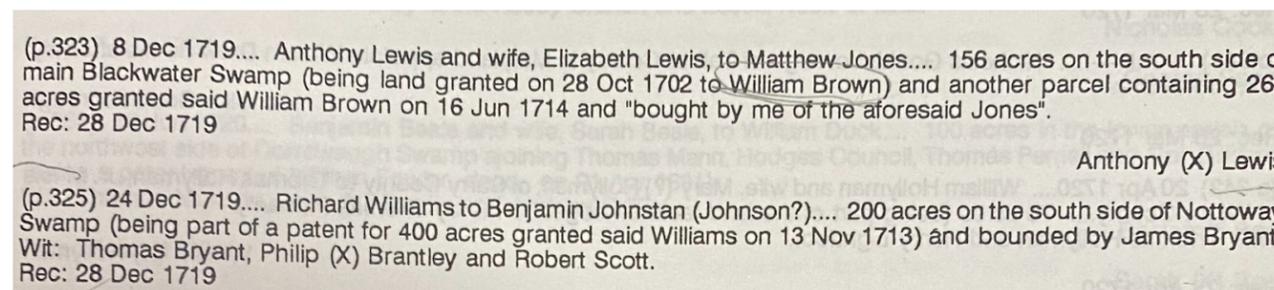
***Joyce Lewis married Phillip Brantley.***

***Remember that the mother of Joyce Lewis remarried to Philip Pardoe***

***These two references are merely to show relationships... this area of Isle of Wight is the part where these families grew up... it is next to Surry County and on the north side of Blackwater River***



***The two below deeds demonstrate that Phillip Brantley and wife Joyce (Lewis) Brantley had sold out of the old family homesteads in Isle of Wight “north” of the Blackwater River and relocated “south” of the Blackwater to within a few miles of Anthony Lewis.***



**Will and Inventory  
of  
Anthony Lewis  
1739  
Isle of Wight**

36  
At a Court held for Isle of Wight County  
July 23. 1739  
The last Will & Testament of James Hunter deceased was presented in Court by Joshua Hunter the Executor therein named who made oath there to as by Law and being proved by the oath of John Morris one of the Witnesses there to is admitted to Record  
Test James Baker Clerk  
Vice Record. J. P. Baker Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Anthony Lewis of Isle of Wight County being in good health of body and of sound & perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make & ordain this my present last Will & Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) first I give & commend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting life and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching all such temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth  
I will that my just debts & funerals charges be paid and discharged  
I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Thomas Lewis & Anthony Lewis all that Tract of Land of Three hundred & forty Seven Acres Situate on the South side of Black Water to be Divided by a line of markt-trees in my son Anthony Lewis to have the manner plantation whereon I first settled them & their heirs for Ever  
I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Tho. Lewis and Anthony Lewis a Tract of Land lately bought of William Browne three hundred Acres to be Divided by a line of Markt-trees my son Thomas Lewis the upper part with manner plantation whereon I first settled them and my son Anthony Lewis the lower part with manner plantation whereon I first settled them  
I give the use of my only manner plantation I give the use of it to my Wife during her Natural life I give unto my two sons and their heirs for Ever  
I give bequeath all my Personall Estate to be Equally Divided between my Loving Wife Elizabeth and my two sons Thomas Lewis & Anthony Lewis each of them a third part Lastly I nominate and Appoint my loving Wife Elizabeth and my two sons Thomas Lewis and Anthony Lewis to be my whole & sole Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testament utterly Revoking all other wills or Wills that hath been made or done by me heretofore & do further Declare and pronounce this to be my last will and Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fast my Seal this 30. Day of September Anno Domini 1739  
Signed sealed in presence of us  
Richard W. Butler John Butler  
Anthony Lewis

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At a Court held for Isle of Wight County  
August the 27. 1739  
The Inventory of the Estate of Robert Day Deceased was presented in Court by the Executors and admitted to Record  
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August 16. 1739 Pursuant to an Order of Isle of Wight Court bearing Date July the 23. 1739 We the Subscribers being thereby appointed & first sworn to Appraise the Estate of Anthony Lewis Deceased have proceeded as followeth  
viz.

2 the year Old Steers	21 10s	26 puster	15s
3 4 year Old Steers	24 5s	11 D <sup>o</sup>	24 5s
9 Cows & Calves	94	22 D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	114 5s
7 Barren Cows	5 12s	a parcel of spoons	1 1s
2 Bulls	11	2 Peap hooks	2s
11 Hifers	5 10s	1 p <sup>o</sup> house Belows	11s
1 Two year Old Steer	11 10s	4 broad hous & Two spouting	11s
5 Yearlings	14 5s	a p <sup>o</sup> of Old Carpenter	12s
1 Old horse bridle & Saddle	2 10s	Tools & Old Iron	12s
1 Gray horse bridle & Saddle	5s	2 Iron pots & one kettle & 2 shill	15s
1 young young horse	10s	2 bags & a wallet	3s
1 Old Negro fellow	12s	1 p <sup>o</sup> of Small M <sup>o</sup> yard	6s
1 Old Negro Woman	20s	1 New bed Cord	11s
1 young Negro fellow	20s	6 Sides Tanned Leather	15s
1 Feather bed & furniture	4s	1 Old Gun	15s
1 D <sup>o</sup>	3s	1 p <sup>o</sup> of Old Cards & Old spinning	2s
1 D <sup>o</sup>	2s	wheel & Old hatch	2s
27 New feathers	14 7s	4 Sides Casks	10s
1 Suit Druggert Cloths	2 10s	2 Chests	10s
3 yards of Worn Dignabrigs	1s	Cask in the house	3 10s
1 hatt & waded Stockings	10s		
3 p <sup>o</sup> of Old Sheets	15s		
1 piece of Garls	1 10s		
7 p <sup>o</sup> Dignabrigs	1 8s 6		
10 p <sup>o</sup> Negro Cotton	10s		
1 Suit of Worn Cloths	10s		
24 of puster	14 4s 6		

I am<sup>ly</sup> Persons Richard  
Lewis Bryan

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County  
Sept. 24. 1739  
The above Appraisement of the Estate of Anthony Lewis Deceased was presented in Court by the Executors and is ordered to be recorded  
Test James Baker Clerk  
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