

Red Banks

Ok I have come up with a theory about Red Banks.

First, if the land was on the north side of Chowan Co., it has to still be in the bounds of either present-day Chowan, or Gates (which didn't exist until 1779). The only other county it could have been in was Hertford between 1759-1779, around Winton & above. If it was in Hertford we'll never know any more about it, as the deeds are burned. But I think it more likely was in Chowan.

We have:

1711, Thomas & Elizabeth Harris to Lewis Bryan, #acres "Red Banks" Chowan.

1711 to 1715, Lewis Bryan sells 400 ac "Red Banks" to Edward Howcott.

Jan 1715, Edward Howcott sells said 400 ac "Red Banks" to Edward Moseley. "N side of Chowan River, joining Thomas Bray and said Moseley.

So we have the provenance up to Edward Moseley. Notice Edward Moseley already owns land adjoining Red Banks, so RB is just added onto what he already owns. Edward Moseley made his will 1745, probated 1749. So if he sold it, it would have been before that date. I did not find a deed in Chowan County selling it.

Edward's will leaves to his son Edward Moseley Jr. "my plantation where I formerly dwelt in Chowan County [he had moved to New Hanover] and the land adjoining thereto containing by estimation 2,000 acres." He also put this land under entail. This is the only land he specifically mentions in Chowan Co., so I would think Red Banks would be included either in the 2,000 acres or whatever he considered to be "the land adjoining thereto."

So, it now belongs to Edward Jr. I looked at every deed for an Edward Moseley after 1749 in Chowan County - the only one that could be this land was a 1763 deed for 4,000 acres called "Moseley's Point" which had been rented by Edward Moseley to Francis Corbin but now sold by Moseley to Samuel Johnston. Edward also docked the fee tall on this land, another clue that this is the same land left to him in his father's will.

Moseley's Point appears on the Collet map of 1770. See: <https://ehcnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CH-Carver-Top-2.pdf>

I also think this is the likely location since Moseley, Thomas Bray, & Gov. Thomas Pollock are all associated with Edenton. Pollock's daughter Martha married Bray:

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Thomas Pollock, to Thomas Bray; Mch. 3d, 1715. Thomas Bray hath lately intermarried with Martha Pollock, my daughter; with my consent and approbation, do hereby give and grant unto him as a marriage portion, a plantation lying on Chowan Indian Town Creek, joining on dwelling plantation of James Farlow, with all the stock, cattle, hogs, etc., negro man Dewey and his wife Phillis and her child, negro man Ming, his wife Jenny and her child, Frank and her child, one Indian girl named Nanny, and one white servant girl named Dale, one silver tankard, one silver cup, six silver spoons, bed and furniture, and all horses and mares now under said Martha's mark; Mch. 3d, 1716. Test, Thos. Pollock, Jr., Cullen Pollock, John Thackeray.

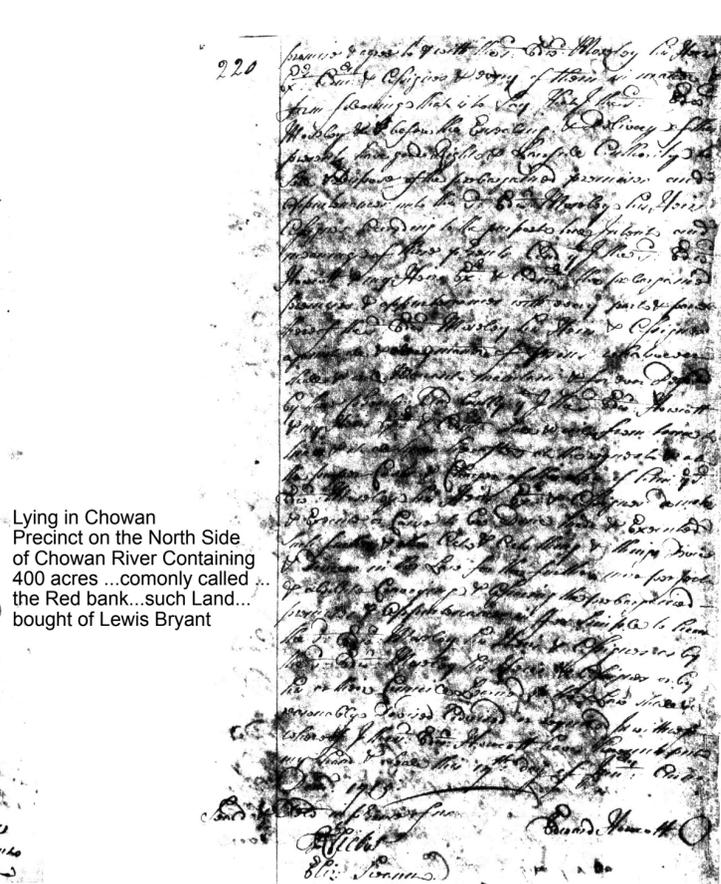
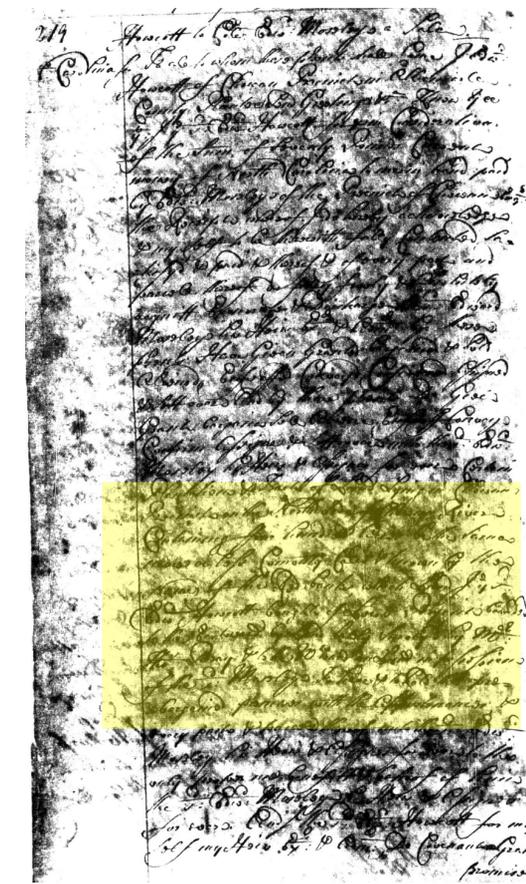
<https://www.ncpedia.org/biography/moseley-edward>

What do you think??

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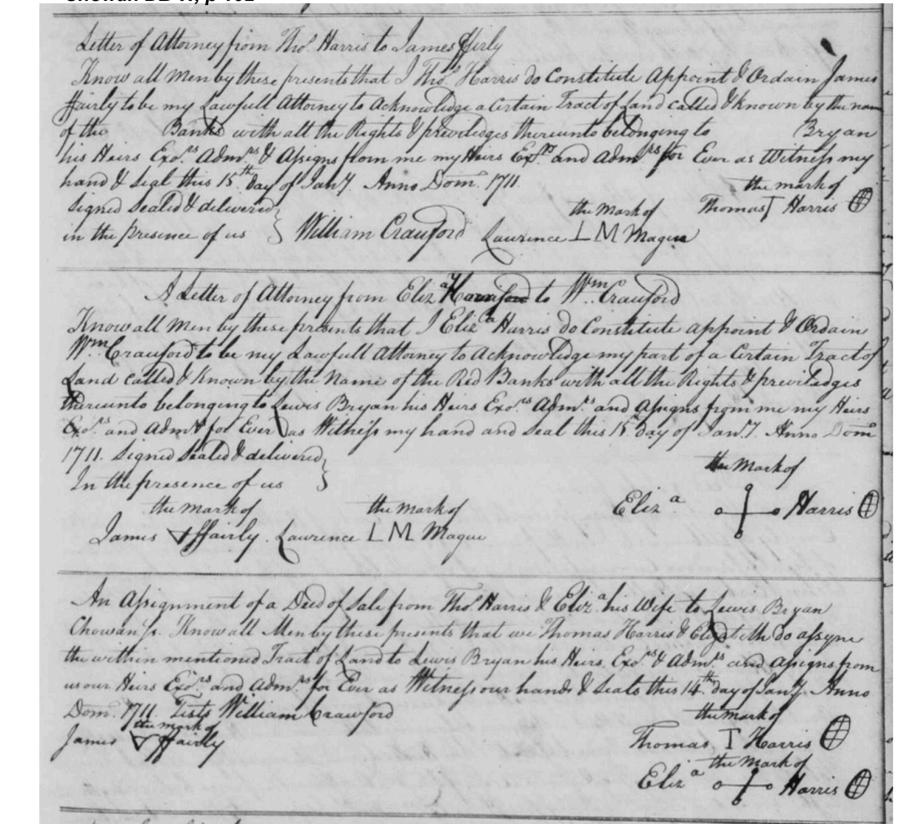
#793 pg. 219 EDWARD HOWCOTT of Chowan Prect., Planter to EDWARD MOSELEY, esquire of Chowan Prect. 17 Jan. 1715 70 ± current money of N. C. 400 acres more or less on the north side of Chowan river known by the name of the Red Bank, joining THOMAS BRAY and the sd. MOSELEY and is the land I the sd. EDWARD HOWCOTT bought of LEWIS BRYANT Wit.: ROBERT HICKS, ELIZ. SWANN Reg. 3 Apr. 1716



Lying in Chowan Precinct on the North Side of Chowan River Containing 400 acres ...commonly called... the Red bank...such Land... bought of Lewis Bryant

4162	BRYAN, JOHN	BROWNE, THOMASON	F-1	172	P/A	1721
5295	BRYAN, JOHN	TAYLOR, EDWARD	B-1	541	SALE	1718
334	BRYAN, LEWIS	HARRIS, THOMAS ETUX	W	102	ASGM	1711
3750	BRYAN, LEWIS	BRADLEY, HENRY ET UX	B-1	49	DEED	1714
3530	BRYAN, LEWIS ET ALS	KATHERINE GILES, THOMAS	B-1	30	P/A	1714
4179	BRYAN, WILLIAM	LAUGHLER, PATRICK	F-1	193	DEED	1721

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Collet, John, J Bayly, and S Hooper. A compleat map of North-Carolina from an actual survey. London: S. Hooper, 1770. Map. <https://www.loc.gov/item/83693769/>.