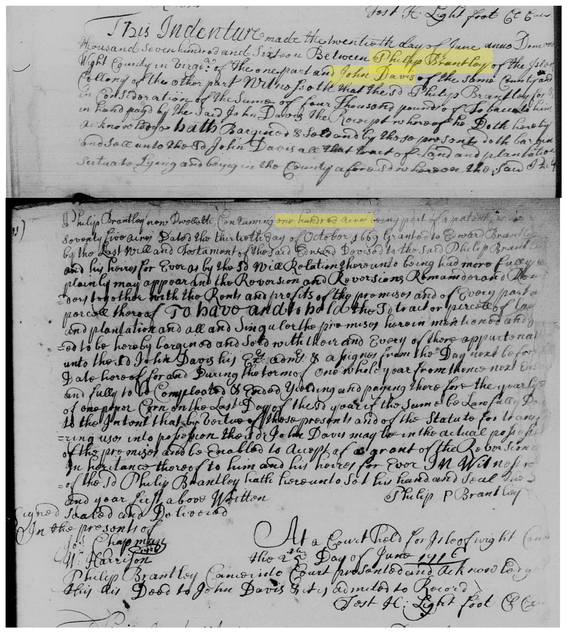

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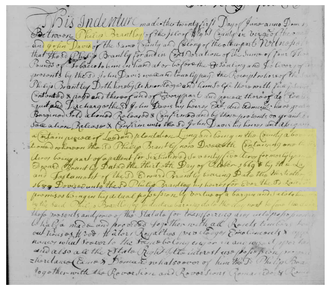
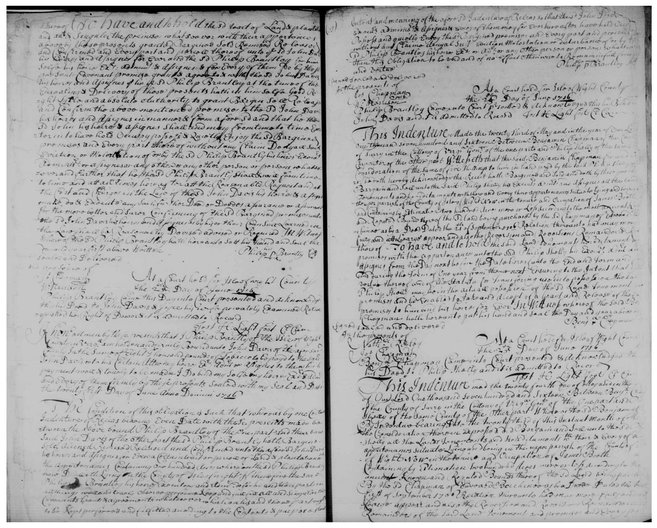


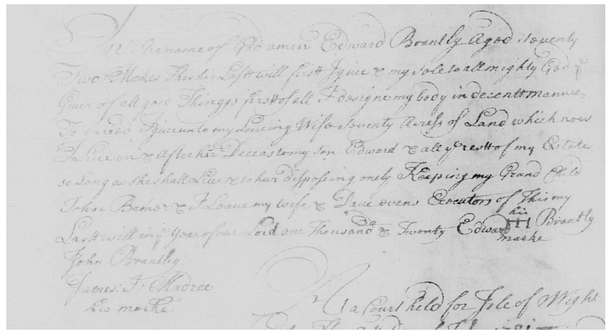


***Nowhere in these numerous pages of boilerplate legalese can I find a description of the metes and bounds of this deed of sale???***

***Deeds, Wills Great Book Vol 2 Part 2, 1715-1726, Isle of Wight County, Virginia***

***page 90***

***Will of Edward Brantley, son of the Immigrant***
***aged 72***
***1720***



In The name of God Amen Edward Brantley aged seventy two
Makes This his Last will first I give & my Sole to allmighty God
ye Giver of all good Things firstt of all I designe my body in decent manner
To buried I give unto my Loving Wife Seventy Acres of Land which now
I Live on & after her Deceas to my Son Edward & all ye restt of my Estate
so Long as she shall Live & to her disposing onely Keeping my Grand Child
John Bamer & I Leave my Wife & Dane evans Executors of This my
Last will in ye Year of our Lord one Thousand & Twenty Edward [mark] Brantly
John Brantley
James J Madree
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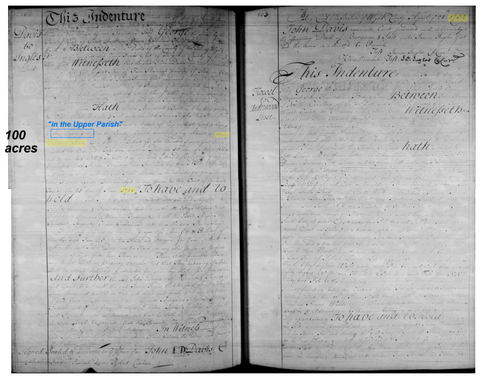
(p.162) 17 Apr 1732... John Davis to James Ingles, Gent.... 100 acres in the upper parish (being part of a patent for 625 acres granted Edward Brantley on 30 Oct (?) 1660 (1669?) who willed it to his son Philip Brantley who sold it to said Davis on 25 Jun 1716).
Wit: Mathew Jordan, Samuel Davis and Robert Cannon. John (X) Davis
Rec: 21 Apr 1732



***100 acres***
***"in the Upper Parish"***

***"being part of a Patent for 675 Acres granted to Edward Brantley ... 30 Oct, 1669 and by last Will...Bequeathed to Philip Brantley his Son sold...to the"said"John Davis...25 June, 1716..."***
***(the implication being the same man bought and sold the property... ergo, John Davis died after 1732)***

***no metes and bounds***

**Plausible Genealogy Outline for John Davis (Buyer of Brantley Land, 1716)**

**Parents:** Likely Nicholas Davis (b. ca. 1645-1655, d. ca. 1711-1712, Isle of Wight Co., VA; planter with land on Pagan Creek) and Mary (surname unknown, possibly Green; d. after 1712). Nicholas was an early settler, appearing in 1704 Quit Rent Rolls with 200 acres. This John is speculated as their son based on proximity to Brantley lands and vestry records.

**Birth/Death:** b. ca. 1680-1690, Isle of Wight Co., VA; d. after 1750 (last known in Southampton Co. deeds, formed 1749 from Isle of Wight; no will found, possibly intestate).

**Spouse:** Ann Drewe (b. ca. 1690-1700; d. unknown; daughter of William Drewe Sr.). Married ca. 1710-1715 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Some trees speculate she was a second wife, but no proof of first.

**Children** (speculative, based on deeds and wills; 3-5 known):

John Davis Jr. (b. ca. 1715, d. unknown; witnessed deeds in 1730s).

David Davis (b. ca. 1720, d. unknown; involved in 1750s Southampton deeds).

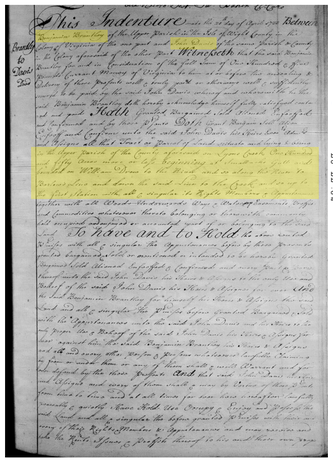
Tolaver Davis (b. ca. 1725, d. unknown; mentioned in 1779 Hanover Co. agreement with brother John over enslaved individuals).

Possible daughter Elizabeth (b. ca. 1710s; unconfirmed).

Occupation/Life: Planter and parish vestryman; compensated for caregiving to aged Philip Brantley (1727 Vestry Book); active in deeds (e.g., 1716 Brantley purchase, 1727 vestry).

*This outline is plausible but not definitive, as multiple John Davises existed in colonial VA (e.g., one d. 1721 leaving orphans; another in Surry Co.). DNA or additional deeds could confirm. No full tree on WikiTree/Geni ties directly to the 1716 deed.*

*Note the purported wife of John Davis and also note the neighboring land owner (William Drewe) in the 1733 deed of Benjamin Brantley.*



***Benjamin Brantley***
***to***
***John Davis***
***150 acres***
***1733***

***"of the Upper Parish"***

***"on Lyons Creek"***

begin x Upper Parish of IOW on Lyons Creek

beginning at Smallacks Gull ? and bounded on William Drew to the River ...along the River to Barlows Line down the said Line to the Creek and so up [the Creek] to 1st

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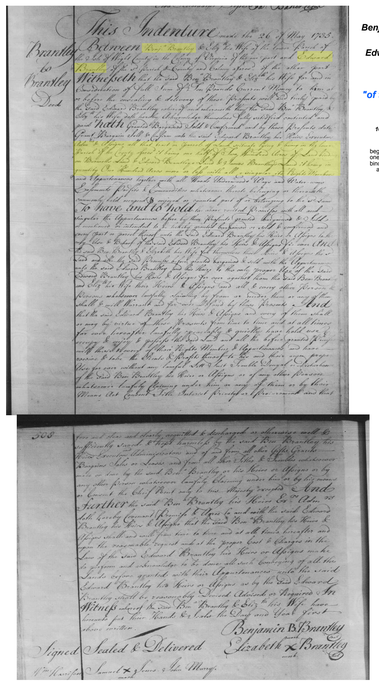
## *Lyon's Creek aka Lawne's Creek*

A 1669 land patent to **Edward Brantley Sr.** describes land "on the south side of the main Blackwater Swamp beginning at the mouth of Lyons Creek," explicitly using "Lyons Creek" for the waterway typically called Lawne's Creek. This patent, recorded in Virginia Land Office Patents No. 6 (1666-1679), confirms "Lyons Creek" as an alternative name for Lawne's Creek, likely due to scribal variations or local pronunciation.

The 1688 will of **Edward Brantley Sr.** references land boundaries "at the mouth of Lyons Creek," again using the variant spelling for the same creek. Transcribed in Isle of Wight Will Book 2, p. 301, it describes inherited tracts adjoining "Lyons Creek," aligning with Lawne's Creek's location on modern maps.

A 1716 deed from **Philip Brantley** (son of Edward Sr.) to John Davis mentions land "whereon the said Phillip Brantley dwelleth 100 acres being part of a patent for 675 acres granted to Edward Brantley on 30 October 1669," implicitly tied to Lyons/Lawne's Creek boundaries from the original patent. Recorded in Isle of Wight Deed Book 2, p. 79, this reinforces the aka usage in family records.



***Benjamin Brantley***
***wife Elizabeth***
***to***
***Edward Brantley***
***100 acres***
***1735***

***"of the lower Parish"***

***100 acres***

begin x lower parish of IOW
one half of Two Hundred Acres
binding on Burwells Land & Edward Brantleys Land
and James Brantleys Land

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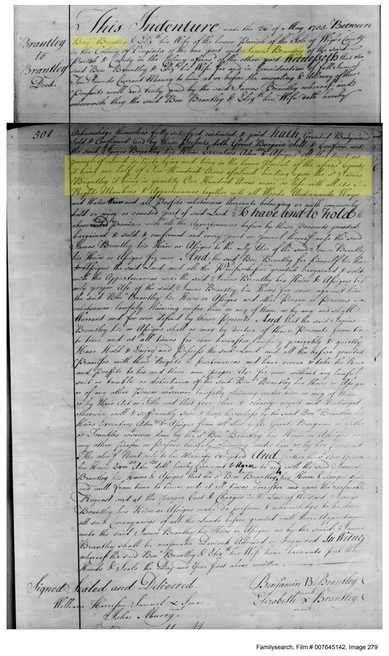

***Benjamin Brantley***
***wife Elizabeth***
***to***
***James Brantley***
***100 acres***
***1735***

***"of the lower Parish"***

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In 1734, the parish was divided by the Blackwater River:

- **Lower Parish (Newport Parish)**: East of the Blackwater River (the "lower" or coastal/Tidewater side, closer to the James River and urban centers like Jamestown).
- **Upper Parish (Nottoway Parish)**: West of the Blackwater River (the "upper" or inland/frontier side, extending toward Southampton County, formed 1749 from this area).

***Note the subtle differences in the Benjamin Brantley deed of 1733 and the two deeds of 1735... in the 1733 deed, he is described as "of the Upper parish" by 1735, he evidently moved across the Blackwater River and into "the Lower Parish". I interpret to infer that he "moved".***

***I also take this to infer that Edward Brantley Jr (Grandson of the Immigrant) and his son James remained on the property they inherited from the Will of 1720.***