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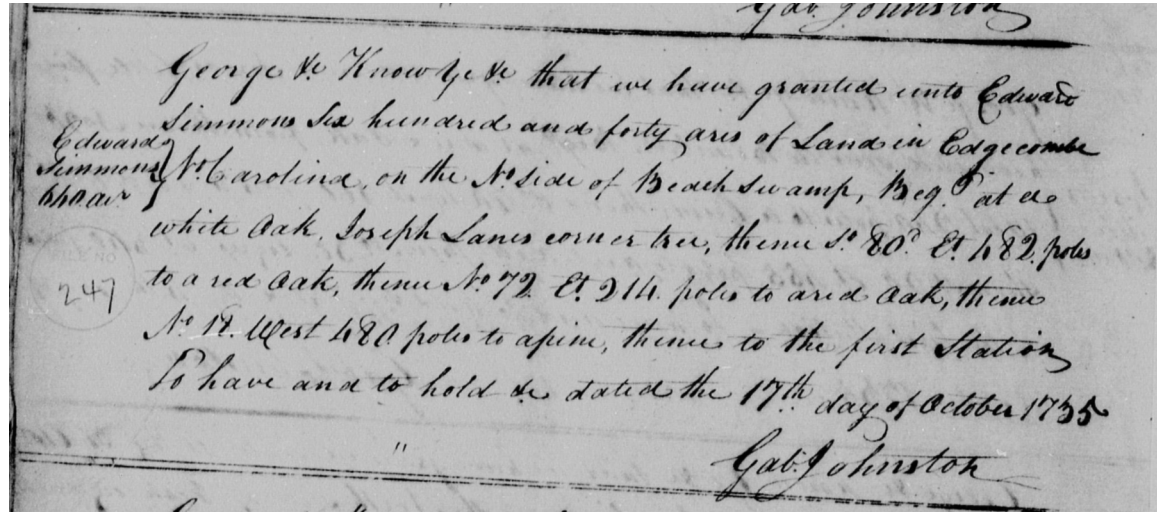
before the ink was dry on the patent Simmons dies

1735 The original Patent

NC LAND GRANT IMAGES AND DATA Edgecombe Co. File No. 247, Edward Simmons Issued 17 Oct 1735 for 640 acres "N. side of Beech Swamp" Patent Book image; Lower Documents not linked to images

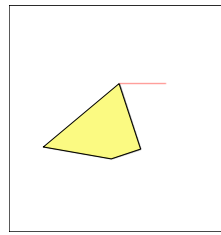
Edward Simmons 640 ac 1735

From PATENT BOOK \*Issued: 17 Oct 1735 County: Edgecombe Book: 247-30



17 Oct 1735

begin x NS Beech Swamp corner Joseph Lane S 80 E 482 N 72 E 214 N 18 W 480 then to 1st



Edward Simmons Will Dated 9 Oct 1735 Proved November Court 1735 To my wife (unnamed) - my home plantation, adjoining my daughter Jane. Daughter Elizabeth Holley - four (or forty) shillings Daughter Martha (no surname) - cows and calves, etc. Daughter Tomazin (no surname) - cows and calves, etc. Daughter Hanna (no surname) - cows and calves, etc. Grandson John Jackson - two year old heifer Granddaughter Mary Jackson - two year old heifer Residue of estate to my wife Mary Simmons Signed Edward (E) Simmons Witnesses - Andrew (X) Johnson, Francis (X) Johnston, Betty (?) Rawlins

(David Gammon synopsis... 28 July 2025)

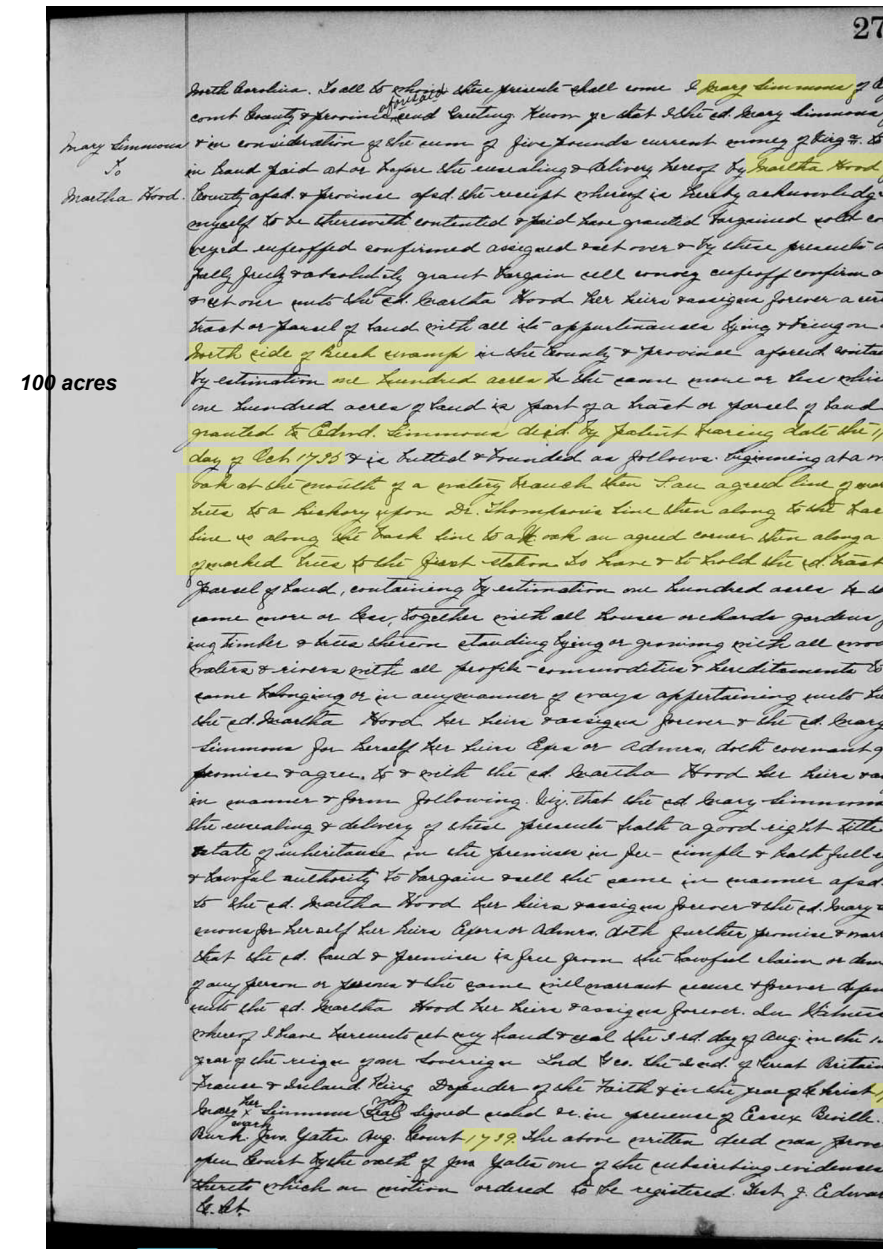
Mary's role as executrix ended by the 1740s, after which the heirs managed their portions. The 640-acre patent was fragmented through these sales, reflecting colonial patterns of estate settlement amid county changes (Edgecombe to Halifax). No further deeds by Mary were located post-1743, and she died around 1743 in Edgecombe County.

AI (Grok)

I find it difficult to believe the AI when it declares this Mary to be dead in 1743 and she noticeably sells some land to Mathew McKinne in 1750.

1739

over the next 15 years the Widow Mary dispenses out land to 3 daughters and to Mathew McKinne (McKinne getting the biggest chunk)



Mary Simmons to Martha Hood 100 acres 1739

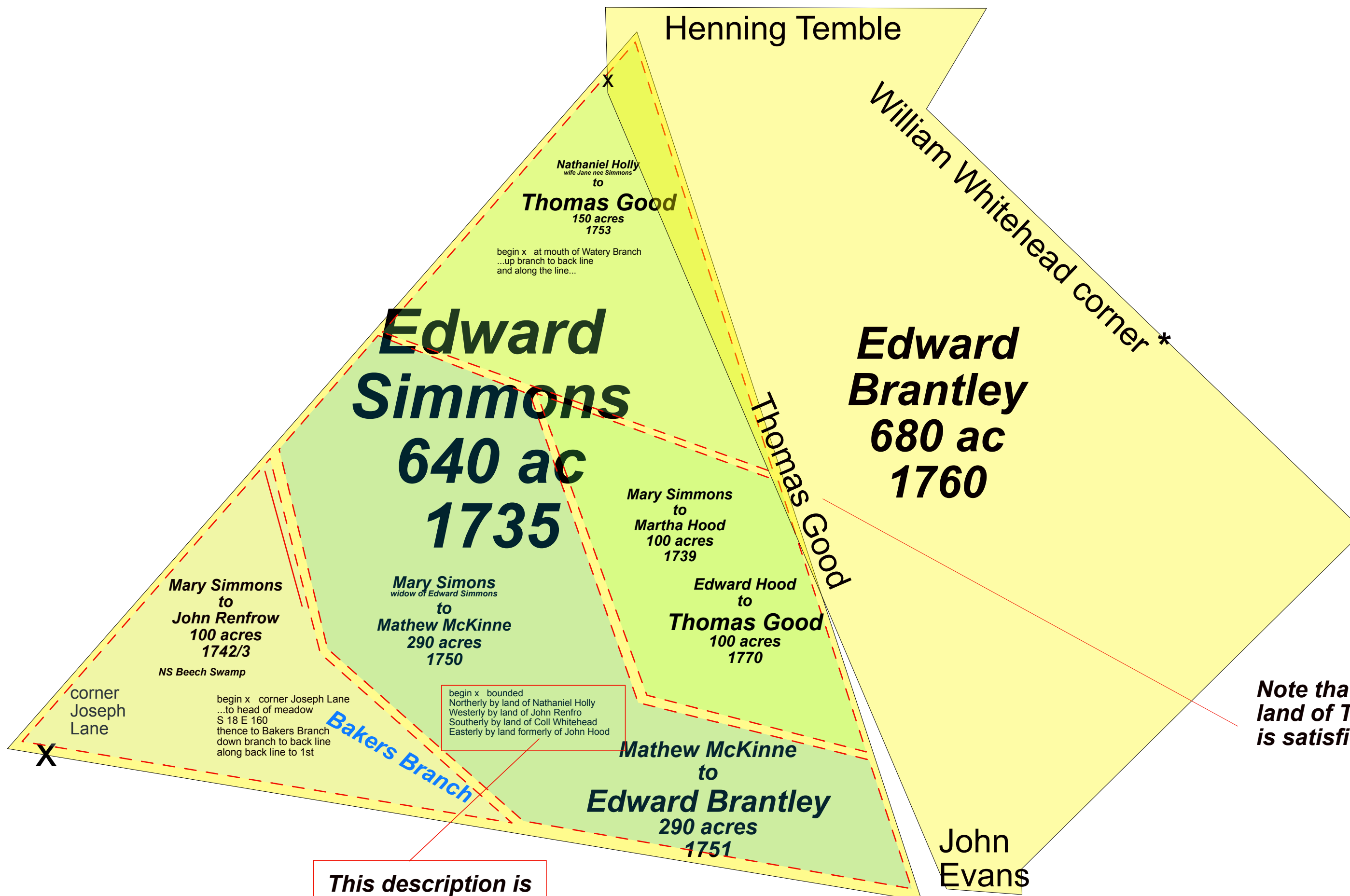
Grant of Edward Simmons 17 Oct 1735

begin x at mouth of a watery branch then S an agreed line to Dr. Thompson then to the back line & along the back line to a corner then to 1st

Dr Thompson's land was in a different area (near Connoyancy Swamp)... how to explain?

My hunch is that Martha (daughter of Mary Simmons) married John Hood (father of this Edward Hood) as mentioned in this deed of 1770...

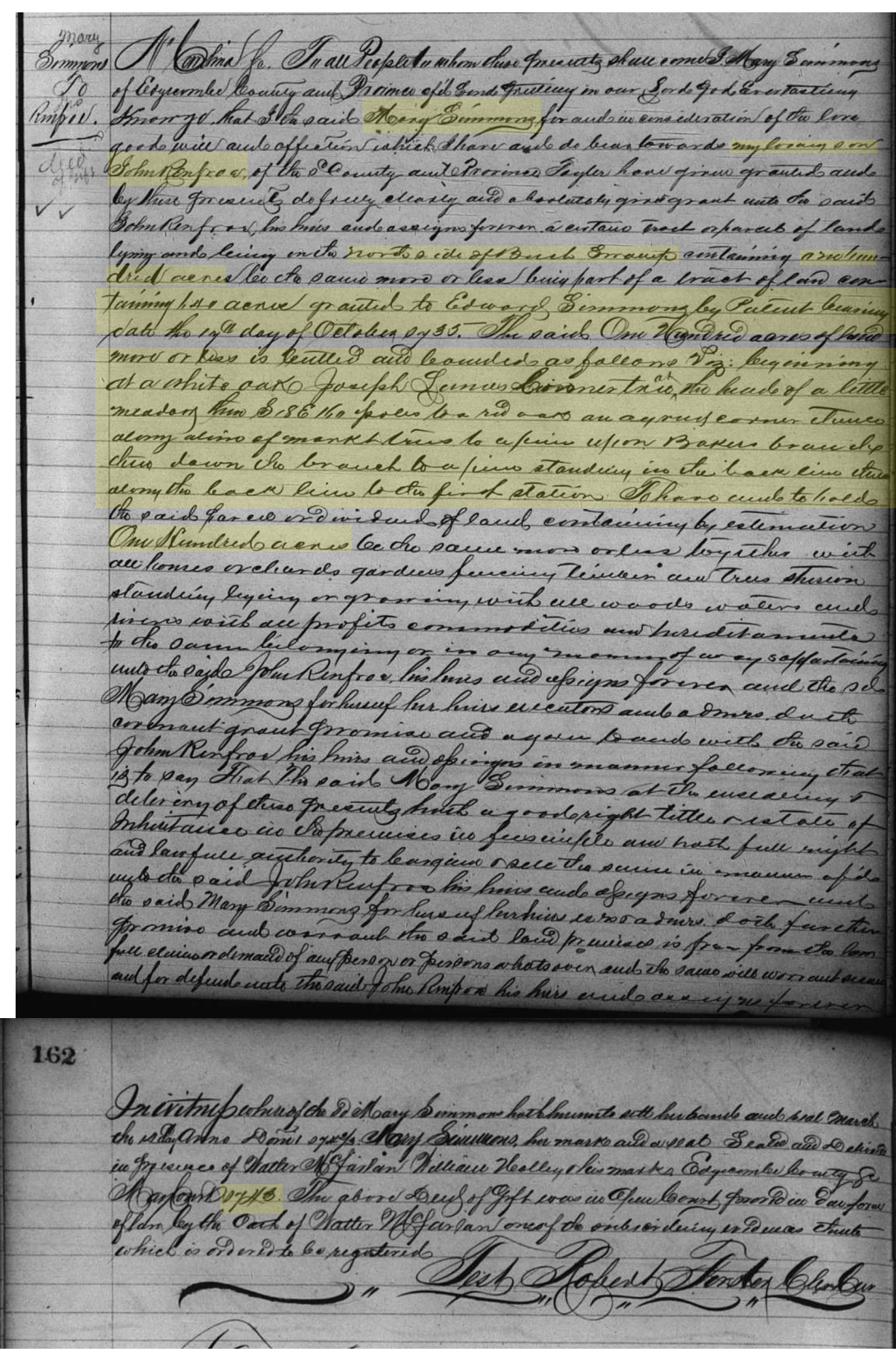
The identity of this John Hood is found in this deed Mathew McKinne 290 acres 1751



Note that the adjoining land of Thomas Good is satisfied by this division

This description is what I based this land division on...

1743



Mary Simmons to John Renfrow 100 acres 1742/3

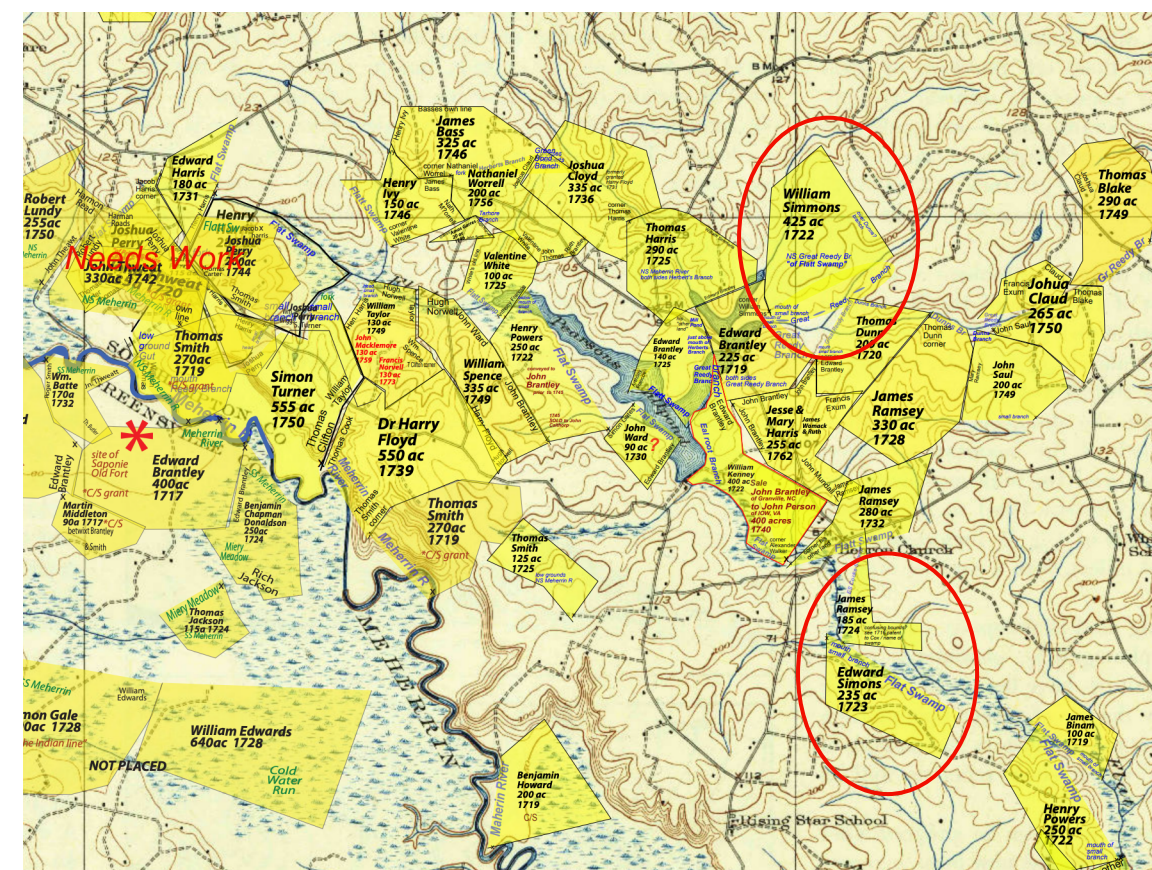
NS Beech Swamp 100 acres granted Edward Simmons 17 Oct, 1735

begin x corner Joseph Lane 1/2 head of meadow S 18 E 160 thence to Bakers Branch down branch to back line along back line to 1st

This is the mete S 18 E 160

Will of John Renfrow of Edgecombe Co. 30 May 1748 Proved August Court 1748

Son Eruch Renfrow - five shillings and no further, and he shall have no demand nor any part of my estate Son George Renfrow - five shillings and no further, and he shall have no demand nor any part of my estate Wit: Thomas Rawlins - all my land for her lifetime, and her doo as to my son, James Renfrow The rest of my estate is to be divided between my wife Tomazin and her two sons William and James Renfrow Erns, wife, Mathew McKinney Witnesses Nathaniel (X) Holley, John (X) Evans (David Gammon synopsis... 28 July 2025)



I note that an Edward Simmons had a patent near Edward Brantley in Isle of Wight in 1723...

Halifax

BC C-245, dated 19 June 1730: Joseph Joyner, Jun. To James Millikin, merchant... 300 pounds for 230 acres on SS Roanoke River where Joseph Joyner did live. By two deeds of grant (1) 5 Aug 1723. Signed by Maj. Barnabe McKinne for 150 A. of land (2) dated 25 October 1723. Signed by John Brown and Mary Brown for 80 acres of land. Wit: John Green, Edmond Simmons, James Wilkeson, Mary Simmons. 11 Aug. 1730. Thomas Hansford D. C/C

Familysearch, Film # 00754720, Image 93 Deeds 1725-1934, index to deeds and mortgages 1722-1934 Deeds, v. 5-7 1741-1760

AI (Grok)

1. August 3, 1739: Sale to Martha Hood (Edgecombe County Deed Book 1, p. 273)

- Parties: Grantor: Mary Simmons (widow/executor) of Edgecombe County; Grantee: Martha Hood of Edgecombe County. Acreage/Location: 100 acres (more or less) on the north side of Beech Swamp, joining the mouth of Watery Branch and Dr. Thompson, south side Morrocks River and southeast side Connoyancy Swamp. This was part of Edward Simmons's 1735 patent. Price: 5 pounds current money of Virginia. Description: Included all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, etc. Witnessed by Essex Belville, William Burke, and John Yates. Registered in August Court 1739. Context: Martha Hood's relationship to the family is unclear (possibly a relative or buyer; not named in the will). This deed may represent a sale to generate estate funds or settle debts, as occurred shortly after the wife's probate. A Connoyancy Swamp is not mentioned in this deed? Where did Grok pick it up? Is there another deed it is confusing?

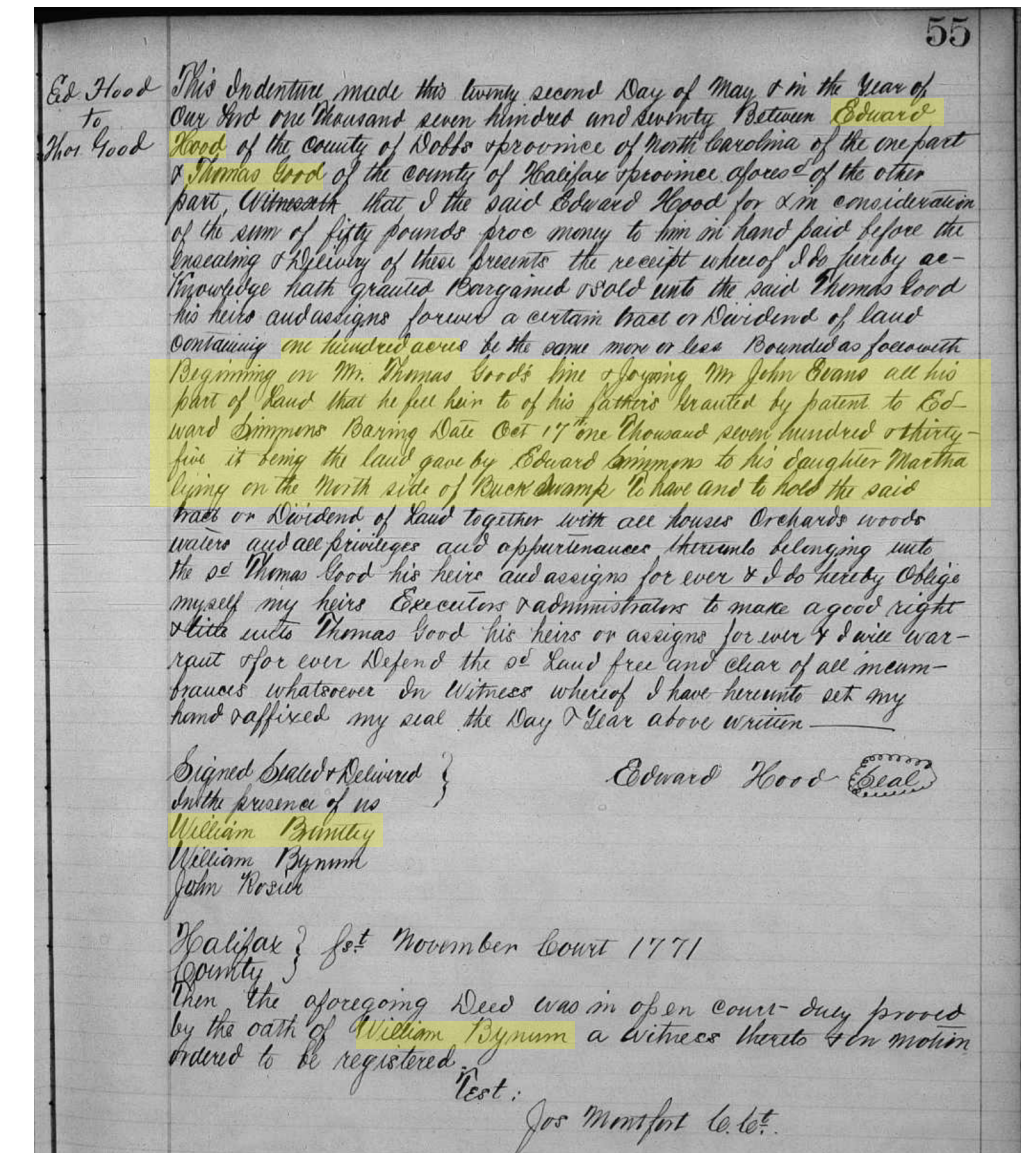
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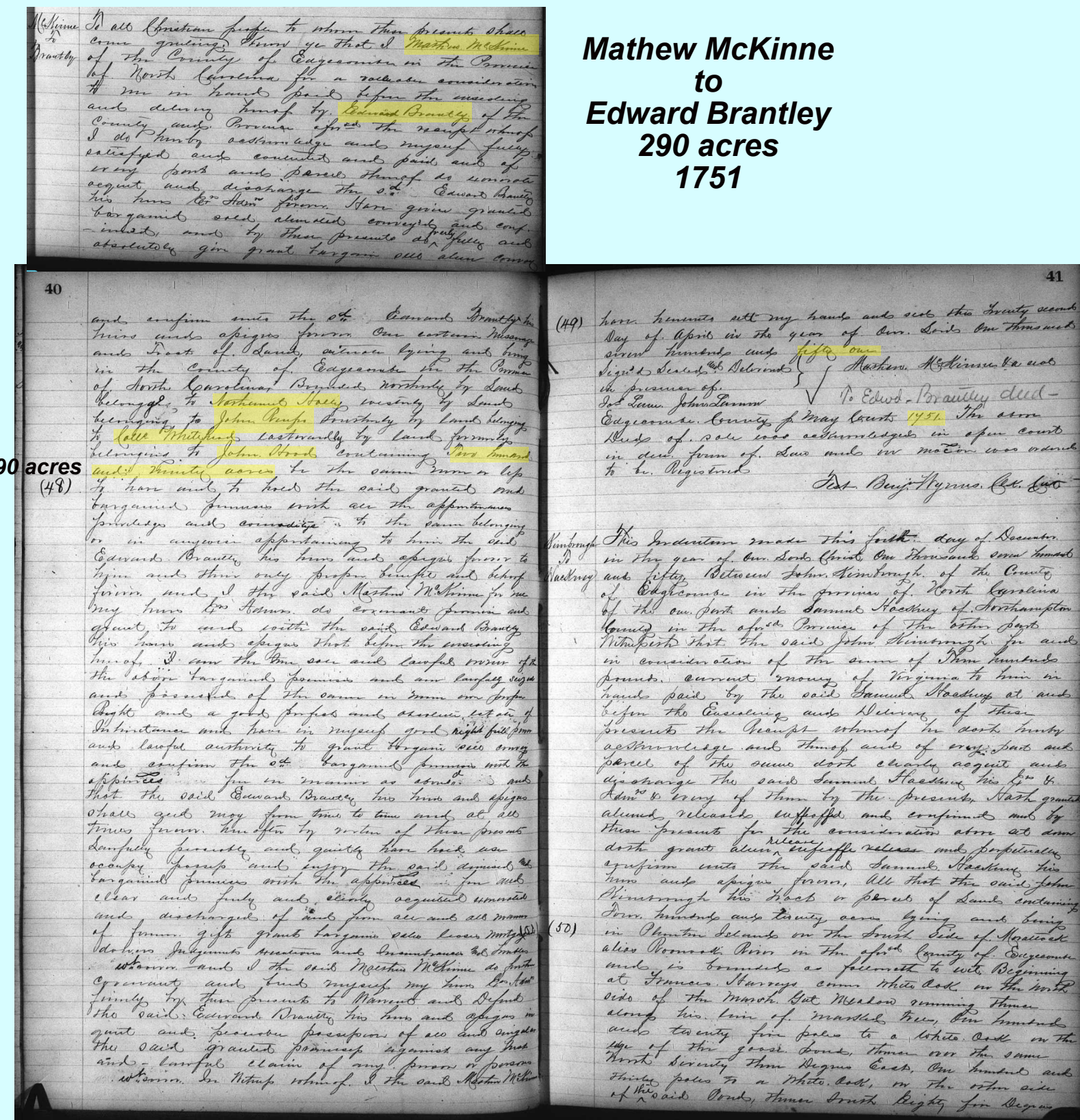
Edward Hood to Thomas Good 100 acres 1770

begin x at Mr. Thomas Goods line & Joining Mr. John Evans ... on the NS of Buck Swamp

This part of land he fell heir to of his father's - A Patent of Edward Hood... 17 Oct 1735



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Mathew McKinne to Edward Brantley 290 acres 1751

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Edward Brantley acquires almost half of this patent in 1751... and gets his main 680 acre Patent in 1760 Total 970 acres