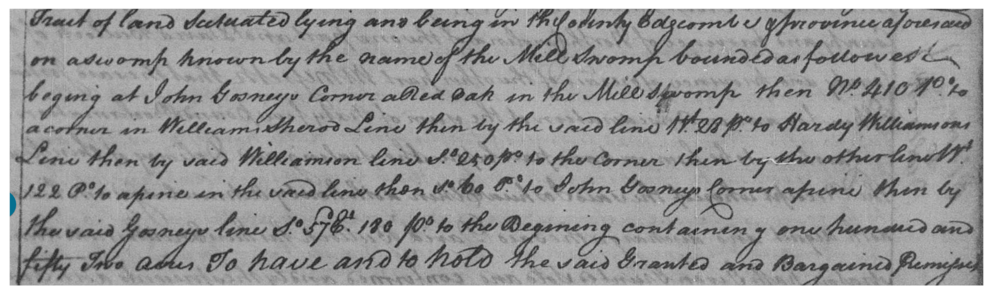
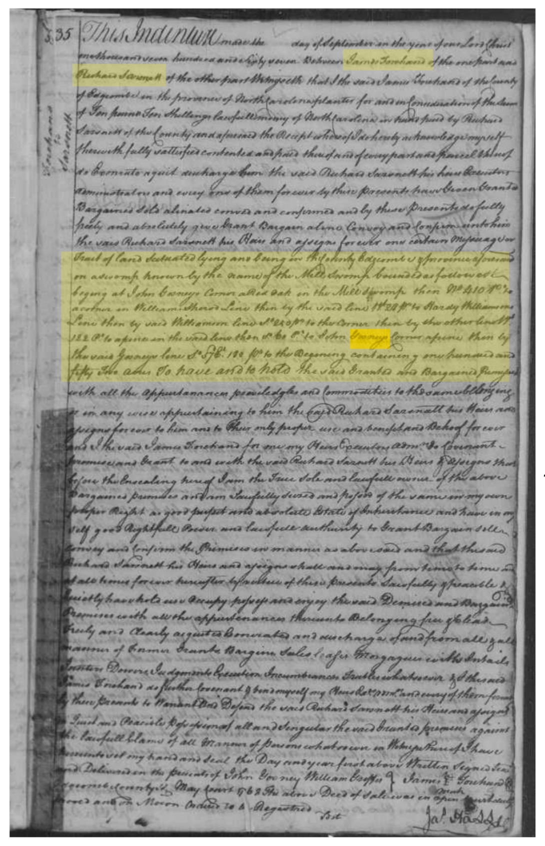


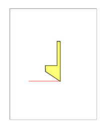
Tract of land Scituated lying and being in the County Edgecombe & province aforesaid on a swomp known by the name of the Mill Swomp bounded as followeth beging at John Gosneys Corner a Red Oak in the Mill Swomp then No. 410 Po. to a corner in William Sherod Line then by the said line W. 28 Po. to Hardy Williamsons Line then by said Williamson line S. 250 Po. to the Corner then by the other line W. 122 Po. to a pine in the said line then S. 60 Po. to John Gosneys Corner a pine then by the said Gosneys line S. 57 E. 180 Po. to the Begining containing one hundred and fifty Two acres To have and to hold the said Granted and Bargained Premises

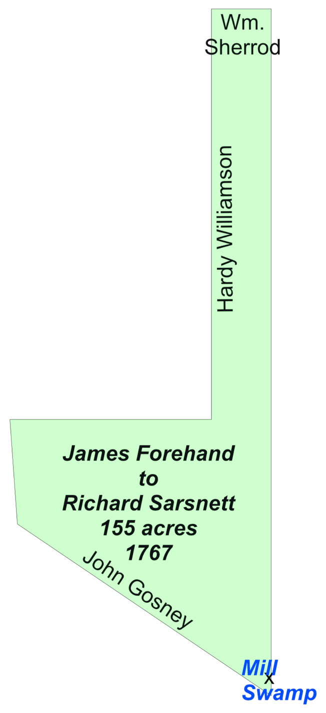


***James Forehand
to
Richard Sarsnett
155 acres
1767***

begin x at the Mill Swamp
corner John Gosney
N 410 to William Sherrod line
W 28 to Hardy Williamson
S 250
W 122
S 60 to John Gosney
S 57 E 180 to 1st

155 acres



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find deed (edgedeedsfull) for the JACKSON that purchased property next to francis Griffis circa 1790s

Found it — but with a wrinkle worth flagging: what turned up is Jackson selling the tract that borders Griffis, not his purchase of it.

Edge. Co. Db 8, p.659, deed date 10 Feb 1797, recorded Feb Ct 1797 — John I. Jackson (signs "J.J. Jackson") → Isaac Hill, 152 acres, $400 silver. Metes: "beginning at Francis Griffin's line at a red oak in Killebrews Mill Swamp then north 410 poles to a corner in William Sherrod's line then... to Hardy Williamson's line... then south 60 poles to Francis Griffin's corner a pine then by said Griffin's line south 57 east 180 poles to the beginning." Witnesses: Job E. Woodman, Jno. Grymes.

So Jackson's own tract touches Francis Griffin's (=Griffis's) patent line at two separate points, and also runs against William Sherrod's and Hardy Williamson's lines — both already-registered patents in your Walnut Creek east cluster.

**What I couldn't find: the deed by which this "John I. Jackson" (also written John Irving/Irwin Jackson, J.I./J.J. Jackson) originally acquired this specific Griffin-bordering parcel.** EdgeDeedsFull only has two purchase deeds in his name anywhere in the whole abstracted book — a 1795 buy from James Permenter (160ac, Clarys Branch/Joseph Bordon neighborhood) and a 1797 buy from Lewis Lodge (173ac, Mill Branch/Richard Sasnett Sr's line) — and neither one's metes mention Griffin, Sherrod, or Williamson by name, so neither reads as the same tract. Either his acquisition of the Griffin-bordering 152ac isn't in this abstract collection (it only covers certain deed books), or he held it by an original grant rather than a deed, which wouldn't be in EdgeDeedsFull at all.

Want me to check NCLandGrants for a Jackson patent in this neighborhood, or leave this as a citation-only note for now?

This is interesting because it may hint at land inside the R5 red GAP area on the map...this is worth chasing for that reason alone...I would like to create a deed to analyse

This is the same tract as the 1763 Deloach → Forehand 152ac deed, and it's already been fully worked through, back on 30 Jun 2026 (R5_Gap_Development.md, _Agent_Exchange). That session found this identical Jackson→Hill 1797 instrument independently in EdgeDeedsFull and used it to confirm Forehand's 152ac geometry to nous-grade (two instruments, 34 years apart, matching leg-for-leg — it even resolved a previously garbled interior leg as "W122," which the raw 1797 text confirms exactly).

But here's the part that matters for your R5 hope: when that Forehand/Gosney block was actually placed on the topo, it landed precisely inside William Deloach's own 700ac patent (1763) — Sherrod, Hardy Williamson, and "Francis Griffin's line" are all Deloach's own patent's neighbor calls too. Marc's own 30 Jun note calls this out explicitly as a falsification: "the green deeds are NOT gap-absorption... they are legitimate Deloach subdivision sales inside his own patent, NOT 'absorption' of the unpatented R5 red gap." R5 itself was left as a genuine, unresolved mystery (missing patent or fraud) — not pursued further "until new evidence appears," per your own 30 Jun call.

So: this isn't new evidence for R5, it's the same evidence already spent confirming Forehand 152 sits outside R5, inside Deloach's block. What's new is that I found the same deed independently today, cold, from a different search — a nice small corroboration, but not a fresh R5 lead.

Given that, do you still want a data sheet built for this deed — e.g. to finally get Forehand 152/Gosney 95 drawn as the green Deloach-subdivision layers that were left pending on 30 Jun — or would you rather I drop this and keep R5 itself parked as-is?

*no, but please make a rational analysis to help explain this as a possible morph... and how did forehand relate to Jackson...are there metes and bounds for the 152 acres*

Here's the chain and the metes, pieced together from both the 1763 original (found in EdgeDeedsFull, Db C p.109) and the 1797 confirming instrument.

The morph — four links, two solid, two inferred:

1763 (20 Aug), Db C p.109: William Deloach → James Forehand, "a tract on a swamp known as the Mill Swamp," consideration a token 1 pound 10 shillings, witnessed Wm. Haywood + Thomas Bryant. This is Deloach carving the tract out of his own already-patented ground (his 1763 700ac grant absorbed the underlying Griffin/Stinson patents, per your 30 Jun research) — doxa.

Somewhere after 1763: possibly Forehand → Sarsnett, 1767, 155ac — this deed exists only as an unexported Affinity file on disk, never actually read. It's the most obvious candidate for the next link but is unconfirmed.

By 1791: two independent deeds (Db 6 p.118, James Permenter → Edward Vann, and the same phrase echoed in the James Permenter Jr 600ac patent's own NW boundary call) both describe **"Forehand's line now called Wilson's line" running 391 poles.** That's a real, twice-attested boundary description — someone named Wilson had, by 1791, become the reference-owner for what was Forehand's line. OBRD that Wilson held the tract; no deed actually shows a conveyance to him.

By ≤1797: John I. Jackson owns it and sells to Isaac Hill. No instrument found anywhere in EdgeDeedsFull shows Wilson conveying to Jackson, or anyone conveying to Jackson at all, for this specific tract — I searched directly and came up empty.

So: Deloach→Forehand is doxa, Jackson→Hill is doxa, and the middle is a plausible but undocumented **"Forehand ⇒ (Sarsnett?) ⇒ Wilson ⇒ Jackson" succession,** resting only on shared metes and a repeated boundary-naming phrase, **not on any deed we've actually read.** That's the honest state of the morph.

Metes and bounds, cross-confirmed across both endpoints:

1763 (Deloach→Forehand): begin at John Gosney's corner, red oak, in the Mill Swamp — N410 to a corner in William Sherrod's line — W28 along Sherrod's line to Hardy Williamson's line — S250 along Williamson's line to a corner — W122 to a pine — S60 to Gosney's corner, a pine — S57E180 along Gosney's line back to the beginning. Stated acreage: written as "(156)" in the abstract (parenthetical = uncertain reading).

1797 (Jackson→Hill): identical leg sequence, same distances, with "Gosney's corner" now called "Francis Griffin's line/corner" instead — begin at a red oak on Griffin's line in Killebrews Mill Swamp — N410 (Sherrod) — W28 (Sherrod to Williamson) — S250 (Williamson) — W122 — S60 (to Griffin's corner) — S57E180 (Griffin's line) to beginning. Stated acreage: 152.

Running the closure on those six legs: it comes back to within about 2 poles of the starting point (essentially a clean close for a colonial survey), and the shoelace area works out to roughly 147 acres against the 152 stated — a normal-for-the-era gap, not a red flag.

One more thing worth your attention: the Permenter Jr 1779 600ac patent (still not drawn — on hold in the registry) has its own NW boundary running along this exact "Forehand's/now Wilson's line" for 391 poles. So this tract doesn't just sit near your cluster in the abstract — it's a named boundary-mate of a patent you already have full metes for and haven't placed yet.

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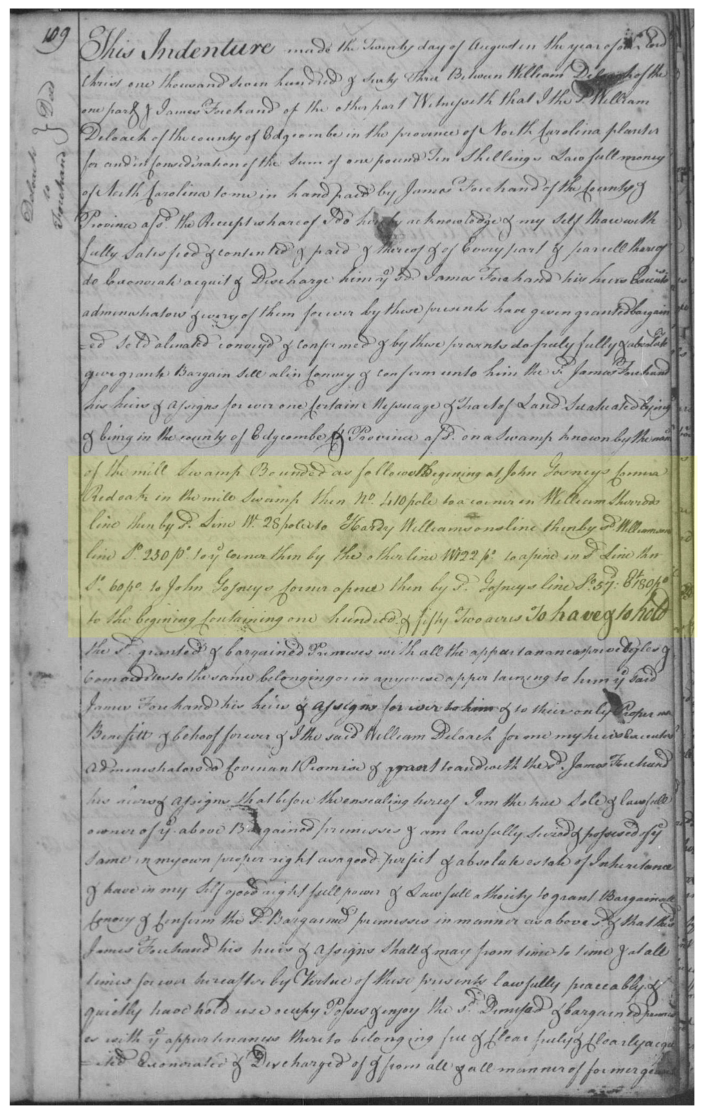
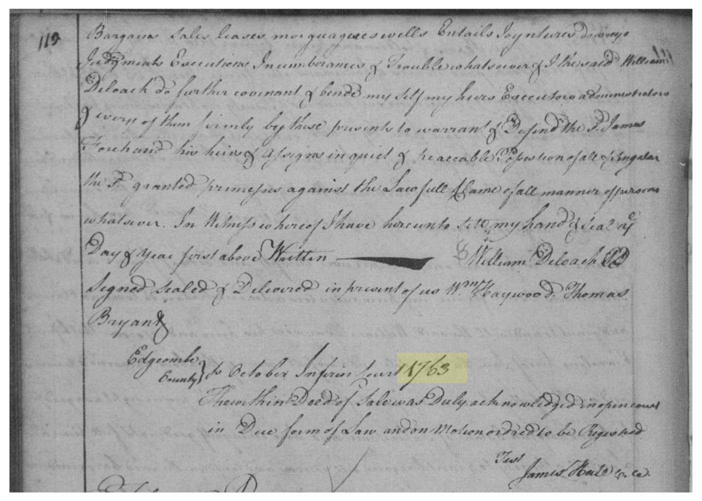
## *1763/ same land*

### *Deloach to Forehand*





begin x at the Mill Swamp
corner John Gosney
N 410 to William Sherrod line
W 28 to Hardy Williamson
S 250
W 122
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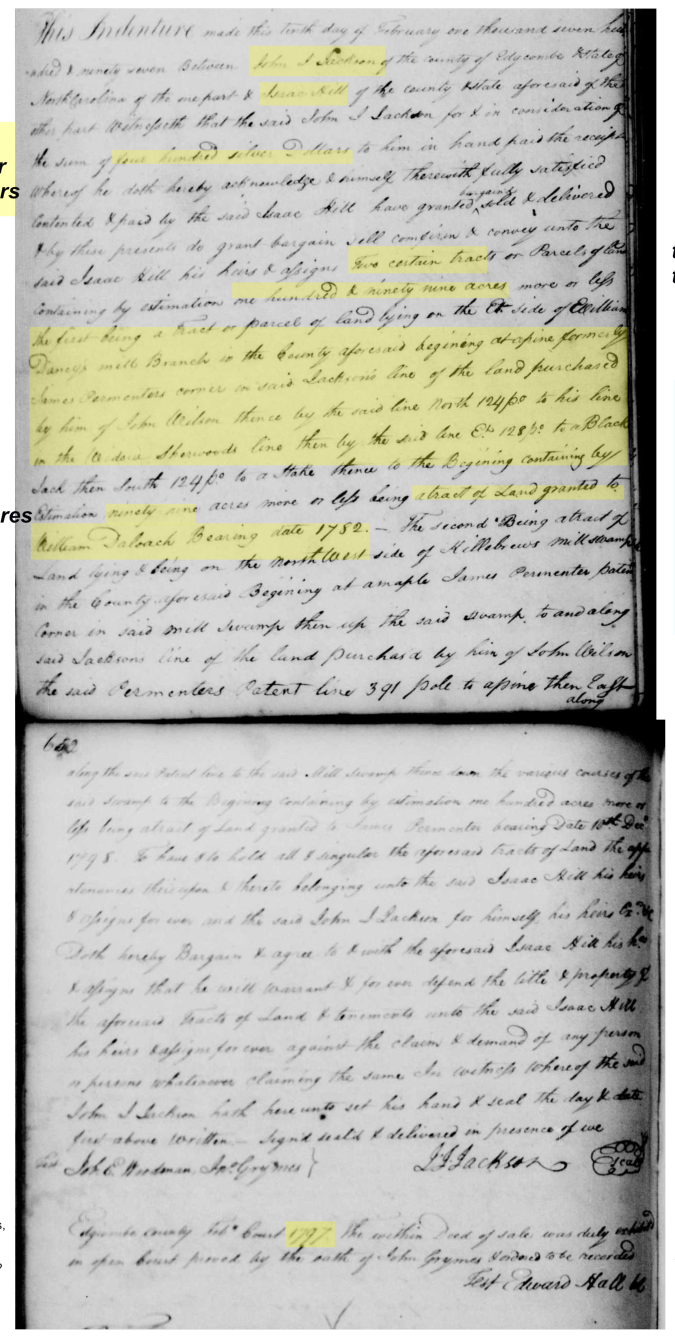
S 57 E 180 to 1st

***400 silver dollars***

*unusual*

***No1
99 acres***



This Indenture made this tenth day of February one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven Between John J. Jackson of the county of Edgcombe & State of North Carolina of the one part & Isaac Hill of the county & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said John J. Jackson for & in consideration of the sum of four hundred silver Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge & himself therewith fully satisfied contented & paid by the said Isaac Hill have granted, bargained, sold & delivered & by these presents do grant bargain sell confirm & convey unto the said Isaac Hill his heirs & assigns two certain tracts or Parcels of land containing by estimation one hundred & ninety nine acres more or less lying on the Et side of William... the first being a tract or parcel of land lying in the County aforesaid begining at a pine formerly James Permenters corner in said Jacksons line of the land purchased by him of John Wilson thence by the said line North 124 po to his line in the Widow Sherwoods line then by the said line Et 128 po to a Black Jack then South 124 po to a Stake thence to the Begining containing by estimation ninety nine acres more or less being a tract of Land granted to William Deloach Bearing date 1782. — The second Being a tract of Land lying & being on the North West side of Killebrews mill swamp in the County aforesaid Begining at a maple James Permenter patent Corner in said mill Swamp then up the said swamp to and along said Jacksons line of the land purchased by him of John Wilson the said Permenters Patent line 391 pole to a pine then East along

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along the said Patent line to the said Mill Swamp then down the various courses of the said Swamp to the Beginning containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less being a tract of Land granted to James Permenter bearing date 10th Dec 1778. To have & to hold all & singular the aforesaid tracts of Land the appurtenances thereupon & thereto belonging unto the said Isaac Hill his heirs & assigns for ever and the said John J. Jackson for himself his heirs &c doth hereby Bargain & agree to & with the aforesaid Isaac Hill his heirs & assigns that he will warrant & for ever defend the title & property of the aforesaid tracts of Land & tenements unto the said Isaac Hill his heirs & assigns for ever against the claim & demand of any person or persons whatsoever claiming the same. In witness whereof the said John J. Jackson hath here unto set his hand & seal the day & date first above written — Signd sealed & delivered in presence of us Job E. Woodman, Jno. Grymes

J.J. Jackson (Seal)

Edgcombe county Feby Court 1797 The within deed of sale was duly exhibited in open Court proved by the oath of John Grymes & ordered to be recorded
Test Edward Hall Clk

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***John J Jackson
to
Isaac Hill
199 acres
(two tracts)
1797***

***two tracts*** ***199 acres***

***No1
99 acres*** ***ES William Dancy Mill***

begin x corner "formerly" James Permenter
(in said Jackson line)
N 124 to Widow Sherwood
E 128
S 124
then to 1st

***"a tract granted William Deloach 1782"***

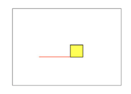
***No2
100 acres***
begin x **NW side Killebrew Mill Swamp**
at James Permenter patent corner
(in said Mill Swamp)
then up Swamp (to and along) Jackson's line
(of the land purchased by him of John Wilson
the said Permenter's Patent line) **391 poles**

then east (along said patent line to the Mill Swamp
then down said swamp to 1st

*"being a tract of land Granted James Permenter bearing Date 10, dec 1798"* ***granted by who?***

***"the aforesaid tracts of land ...belonging unto the said Isaac Hill & assigned to John J Jackson"***

***proved by John Grymes
test. Edward hall***



# Is this how you launder land in 1797?

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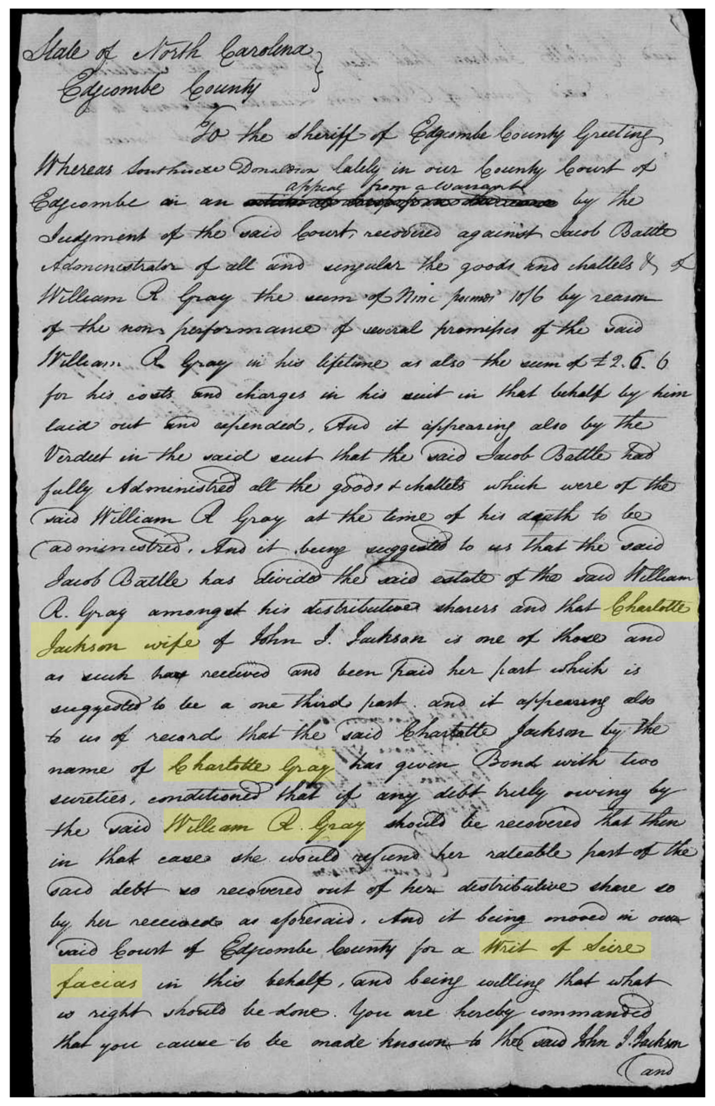
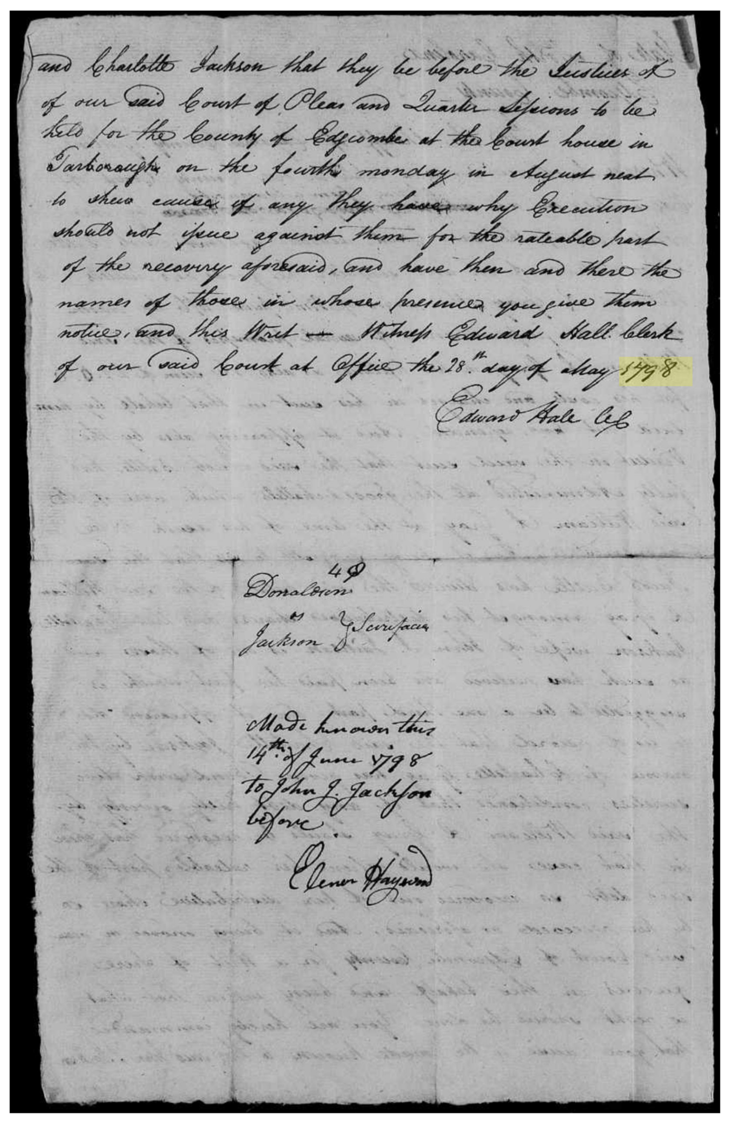


State of North Carolina
Edgcombe County

To the Sheriff of Edgcombe County Greeting
Whereas Southwick Donalson lately in our County Court of Edgcombe in an ~~[struck]~~ appeal from a warrant by the Judgment of the said Court recovered against Jacob Battle Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels &c of William R. Gray the sum of Nine pounds 10/6 by reason of the non performance of several promises of the said William R. Gray in his lifetime as also the sum of £2.6.6 for his costs and charges in his suit in that behalf by him laid out and expended, And it appearing also by the Verdict in the said suit that the said Jacob Battle had fully Administred all the goods & chattels which were of the said William R Gray at the time of his death to be administred. And it being suggested to us that the said Jacob Battle has divided the said estate of the said William R. Gray amongst his distributive sharers and that Charlotte Jackson wife of John J. Jackson is one of those and as such has received and been paid her part which is suggested to be a one third part. And it appearing also to us of record that the said Charlotte Jackson by the name of Charlotte Gray has given Bond with two sureties, conditioned that if any debt truly owing by the said William R. Gray should be recovered that then in that case she would refund her rateable part of the said debt so recovered out of her distributive share so by her received as aforesaid, And it being moved in our said Court of Edgcombe County for a Writ of Scire facias in this behalf, and being willing that what is right should be done. You are hereby commanded that you cause to be made known to the said John J. Jackson (and



and Charlotte Jackson that they be before the Justices of our said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Edgcombe at the Court house in Tarborough on the fourth monday in August next to shew cause if any they have why Execution should not issue against them for the rateable part of the recovery aforesaid, and have then and there the names of those in whose presence you give them notice. and this Writ — Witness Edward Hall Clerk of our said Court at Office the 28th day of May 1798
Edward Hall Clk

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Made known this 14th of June 1798 to John J. Jackson before
[signature]

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# *Charlotte (Gray) Jackson*

Charlotte Jackson's maiden identity, found — she was born Charlotte Gray. The 1798 writ (ark 3:1:33SQ-G1QY-4TK) is a Scire Facias out of Edgecombe County Court: a creditor ("Donaldson") had recovered a judgment against Jacob Battle, administrator of the estate of William R. Gray, for a debt Gray owed in his lifetime. The estate had already been distributed among Gray's heirs, and "Charlotte Jackson, wife of John J. Jackson, is one of those" heirs — her one-third distributive share is specifically named. The document adds that "the said Charlotte Jackson, by the name of Charlotte Gray, has given Bond with two sureties" to refund her share if the debt was later recovered against the estate — confirming Charlotte Gray is the same person as Charlotte Jackson, and that she held a one-third share (implying two other co-heirs, likely siblings, not yet identified). [doxa]

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