

See Edmonson Family Association Quarterly (with books)

Some correspondents:

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Packets

C/ + <sup>copy</sup> not recorded  
 1748 John Edmonston no record of will  
 Hugh & David Edmonson file accounts  
 0020845 copied B/77 16 Mar 1757 James Edmeston { wife Margaret; brother Hugh  
 dau Elizabeth under age - other daughters not named  
 2 sons William & John under age (John - eldest)  
 Margaret & William Edmeston granted letters  
 0020845 E/132 31 May 1769 William Edmeston { wife Mary to David Edmeston & James Thomas  
 oldest son James; dau Grace, Elizabeth  
 sons Moses, William; grand Royal Edmeston  
 grand Abraham  
 Moses Edmeston granted letters { John Tompkins, brother in law  
 E/334 24 June 1772 David Edmeston { wife Margaret, alias Donald  
 dau. Mary Edmeston alias Edmeston  
 son David; dau Sarah, Hannah  
 son Samuel  
 David Edmeston granted letters  
 do not name Edmeston given  
 in will for children

Salt Lake City

975,5916 John Vogt & T. William Kithley, Jr. [VA]  
 V 2v Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850, Athens, GA 1986

p. 277 Edmeston

Jane + John McGill 5 Oct 1785; Edmondson?  
 d. Mathew b-William Shires met - Richard Jones &  
 James McCann min - Archibald Deatt 6 Oct 1785

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✓ Mathew Edmeston will 1790 Augusta Co., VA 0030318  
 copied

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 John Edmeston wrote will (Book 9, p 295-298, Augusta Co., Va.)  
 dated 3 Oct. 1802  
 left wife Lucy proved 1803  
 brother James  
 unmarried niece Sally Cooke  
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 sister Elizabeth  
 three brothers, William, Benjamin, George  
 exec. wife, James & John Coalter  
 wit: Geo. H. McIntosh  
 John Monroe  
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John Monreal

Edw. B Smith

Don Strong  
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27 Jan '79

Dear Mrs Pearlman:

Thank you for the information on the Gallia Co. Edmiston.

The name I have for the wife of Andrew Edmiston is Deborah Derry  
see the enclosed sheet. → SEE BACK

The names of Isaac and Jacob are found in Gallia Co. land records.  
The land records are where the estate of Matthew Edmiston was  
divided up among his heirs.

My Moore family came from the Isle of Man in the early 1900's.  
My great great grandfather Moore hired researchers in the Isle of  
Man to work on his lines and I have his records. My Moore line  
was never in Va. Tracing back on the line in the Isle of Man around  
1860 it was found that one or more members of the family came to  
America at that time but they have not been located.

BATH CO. ORDER BOOK 1791-1801 P. 11 JAMES EDMONSON  
ENSIGN IN MILITIA

BATH MAR RECORDS TO 1825

SUSAN EDMONSTON TO JAMES CALLISON 14 MAR 1797

JANE EDMONSON TO CAPT. JAMES GILLIAND 25 FEB 1819

BOTETOURT CO. MAR. BONDS —

19 MAY 1797 MARY EDMONSON + THOMAS WILSON

HIS GUARDIAN WAS JAMES PATTON

SECURITY BY HENRY EDMONSON AND NICHOLAS HAINES

14 JUNE 1797 ELINOR EDMISTON + NATHANIAL WILSON

SECURITY BY THOMAS WILSON

9 APR 1799 WILLIAM EDMONSON + JEAN WILSON DAU OF  
MARY WILSON, SECURITY BY THOMAS WILSON

28 JAN 1800 SAMUEL GILLIAND + NANCY G HAYNES DAU OF  
JOSEPH HAYNES

Ⓔ JAMES GILLIAND Will DATED 1 MAR 1810 BOTETOURT CO.  
Wife SUSANAH

SONS  
Shepard  
Joseph  
James  
John  
William  
SAMUEL

DAU  
SALLY  
BETSY  
MARY  
JENY  
NANCY  
SUZANAH

THIS FAMILY COULD POSSIBLY  
BE ANOTHER BRANCH  
THAT ALSO MTD INTO  
THE EDMISTON LINE

POCAHONTAS CO. MAR RECORDS LIST A

ISAAC EDMISTON TO ELIZABETH KINISON

19 JULY 1832 - HIS AGE COULD BE RIGHT TO BE A SON OF MATTHEW + MARY EDMISTON

COULD THIS BE HIM? IS HE WITH HIS UNCLE IN POCAHONTAS??

DO YOU HAVE 1840 + 1850 CENSUS RECORDS OF POCAHONTAS

SHOWING THIS ISAAC EDMISTON?

ISAAC HAD DAU MARY JANE WHO M + A

JOHN PHILLIPS THE JANE WOULD BE AFTER JANE

SMITH EDMISTON I GUESS.

THE OTHER DAU WAS FIDELLA WHO M + JOHN CUNNINGHAM

I DO NOT FIND ISAAC'S FAMILY IN GALLIA CO.

CHILDREN OF MATTHEW

JACOB

JAMES B. a 1802 d 1831 m + 5 JULY 1821 EMILY LEWIS

ANDREW B. a 1810 m + DEBORAH DERRY 24 APR 1833 IN GALLIA CO

WILLIAM B. a 1808 Va m + MARGARET MCGHEE 21 JULY 1833

EMILY B a 1824 m + 2nd JOSEPH WHITE 19 OCT 1860

ISAAC

MARGARET m + JOHN MILLS 5 JAN 1836 GALLIA CO.

JANE M + HALSEY LEWIS 29 MAY 1830

JAMES GILLIAND IS LISTED IN 1785 CENSUS BOTETOURT

SAMUEL GILLIAND OF PICKAWAY CO. OHIO APPOINTS

WILLIAM EDMISTON OF BATH CO. POWER OF ATTORNEY

24 JUNE 1811

THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN MATTHEW

EDMISTON AND THE GILLIAND FAMILY. I THINK

HIS WIFE MARY WAS A GILLIAND

DON

Chalkley, Lyman <sup>Augusta Co. Va.</sup>

- I 13 Dec. 1745 Mather Edmondson . . . to open road
- I 15 1745 David Edmondson claim
- I 18 1746 " "
- I 36 Aug 1748 David Edmiston app't overseer of road <sup>Tinkling Spring to</sup>  
<sub>Stuart & Christian's Road</sub>
- I 37 Feb 1748 House of worship near David Edmonson's
- I 373 May 1779 David Edmonston files suit
- I 268 Feb. 1792 George and William Edmondson laund to James Burgess
- I 41 May 1750 James Edmondson & Sarah, his wife, admx of George Hays dec'd
- I 53 Aug 1752 James Edmondson - Cap. of Troop of Horse
- I 53 Aug 1752 Mather Edmondson qualified Cornet
- I 60 Nov. 1753 Jas. Edmondson signed for road from <sup>Edmonston's Mill to</sup>  
<sub>Fork meeting House</sub>
- I 61 Nov 1753 Among road builders Thm. Edmondson
- I 61 Nov 1753 " " " James Edmondson
- I 157 June 1769 James Edmiston Constable
- I 303 ante May 1749 James Edmiston married Sarah, widow of George Hays
- I 319 1748-1757 widow Sara Hays married James Edmondson
- I 323 post 17 May 1748 " " " " " "
- I 341 1761 land on North Branch James River owned by James Edmondson
- I 426 27 Nov 1812 Deposition of James Edmondson in Fleming Co., Kentucky
- I 426 1809 Capt. James Edmondson migrated to Kentucky (25 days)
- I 408 Mar 1796 John Edmondson & Jennet, his wife
- I 29 May 1747 John Edmondson, leave to build a mill
- I 122 Aug 1765 John Edmondson about to leave the Colony
- I 164 Aug 1771 John Edmiston's death states suit
- I 370 Mar 1774 Thm. Edmondson, heir-at-law of John Edmondson, deceased
- I 21 Aug 1746 Mather Edmonston, tithable for road
- I 372 Mar 1779 Mather Edmiston, suit
- I 484 28 Apr. 1756 Mather Edmonston, Constable
- I 179 May 1774 Robert Edmondson, witness from Amherst
- I 109 Sep. 1763 Thm. Edmiston qualified Lieutenant of Militia
- I 109 Sep 1763 Samuel Edmiston qualified Ensign of Militia
- I 42 Aug 1750 Thm. Edmondson added to list of tithables

Annals of  
Chalkley, Lyman, Augusta Co., Va. Abstracts

| Vol. | Page   | Date         | Event  |
|------|--------|--------------|--|
| I    | 52     | 20 June 1752 | Thos. Edmondson, a mason   |
| I    | 71     | 17 Mar 1756  | James Hays, orphan of George Hays, de'd aged 18 <span style="float: right;">chose guardian<br/>William Edmondson</span>                                |
| I    | 80     | 14 Apr. 1758 | Thos Edmiston, reimbursed for ranging  |
| I    | 99     | 17 Aug. 1762 | Thos. Edmondson certifies Court that Mary Brewer lately died of <del>fever</del>   |
| I    | 232    | Aug 1783     | William Edmiston appointed Ensign  |
| I    | 532    | 26 May 1788  | Thos. Edmondson, witnessed will of Francis Huff  |
| II   | 23     | 25 Mar 1784  | William Edmiston witness to Andrew Duncan, Lincoln Co., Virginia [Kentucky] s  |
| II   | 23+267 | 25 Mar 1784  | Jenny Edmiston, sister to Andrew Duncan  |
| II   | 23+267 | 25 Mar 1784  | Andrew Edmiston, Jenny's son   |
| II   | 23+267 | 25 Mar 1784  | John Edmiston, brother-in-law of Andrew Duncan   |
| II   | 272    | 18 Apr. 1806 | William Edmiston deposes in Washington Co. aged 70 or 71 on 27 Apr. [born 1736 or 1735] lived between 1740 + 1745 bounded by Coulton, Stuart, Buchanan |
| II   | 400    | 1759         | William Edmondson, mason   |
| II   | 415    | 1752         | Thos. Edmiston, gone   |
| II   | 418    | 1755         | List of Robert Beechinsridge i . . . Thos. Edmiston  |
| II   | 426    | 1790         | Insolvents & Delinquents: . . . Thos. Edmondson  |
| II   | 463    | 1760         | Processioned . . . <sup>W</sup> William Edmiston   |
| II   | 5      | 1790+1792    | David Edmondson, <sup>one of</sup> executors of John Popton vs. James & John McCrea - appeal from Rockbridge   |
| II   | 440    | 1755         | Processioned for Mathew Edmiston   |
| II   | 508    | 1742         | <sup>W</sup> Capt. John Buchanan's list: John Edmiston   |
| II   | 508    | 1742         | Capt John Smith's list: Math. Edmiston   |
| II   | 267    | 1789-1793    | <sup>depositions</sup> <del>W</del> Edmondson first settled of Burdon tract  |
| II   | 433    | Sep 1747     | Processioned David Edmiston  |
| II   | 435    | 7 Mar 1747/8 | David Edmiston reports re processioning  |
| II   | 78     | 18 June 1804 | James Edmondson has tavern in Staunton   |
| II   | 275    | Mar 1749     | James Edmondson ! <span style="float: right;">marriage license</span>  |
| II   | 326    | 20 Aug 1798  | James Edmondson of Staunton, guardian to Miss Amy Gregory  |
| II   | 336    | 1801         | James Edmondson, surety  |





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- III 347 17 Mar 1757 James Edmiston (Edmiston) to Alex. Henderson  
 ,, convey by Moses Thomson to James, recorded  
 in Orange. ,,
- III 347 15 Mar 1757 Mathew Edmiston and Margaret to Jas.  
 Kichey of 32, 76 acres on a draft of Jennings's Branch
- III 412 20 June 1764 Mathew ( ) Edmiston and Margret to Samuel  
 Patterson, £ 55, 238 acres in Burdon's tract  
 and conveyed to Mathew, 28th May, 1751 ,, ,
- III 422 20 May 1765 John ( ) Edmiston and Margret ( ) to ,, ,  
 corner Thom. Edmiston. Tester: ,, Thom and  
 Samuel Edmiston. ,,
- III 434 9 Oct 1765 John Edmiston and Margaret to John Berry ,, Burdon's ,,  
 Tester: ,, Samuel Edmiston
- III 520 24 Jan 1772 witnesses to deeds of William Christall;  
 William and Margaret Edmiston
- III 10 2 Feb 1748 David Moore's will - Sister, Mary Edmiston and  
 her daughter Eleanor, all proper. Executors, Thos.  
 Beard, Ro. Ramsey. Proved, 15 Feb 1748
- III - 86 21 Aug 1764 Jas. Edmiston ,, administrator of Isaac Stoner
- III 274 22 Aug 1749 [Deed] ,, Tester: ,, James Edmiston
- III 313 15 May 1753 ,, Test ,, James Edmiston
- III 343 18 May 1755 John Berriford and Mary ( ) to James Edmiston  
 416 acres on North Branch of James
- III 353 20 Mar 1759 [Deed] ,, Tester: ,, James ( ) Edmiston
- III 385 19 May 1762 Land deeded [previously] by James Edmiston to Alex. Henderson
- III 406 8 Mar 1764 [Deed] ,, Tester: ,, James Edmiston
- III 416
- III 460 7 Oct 1767 John ( ) Huchens (Hutchens) and Martha ( ) of Johnson County,  
 North Carolina to ,, Tester: James Edmiston
- III 475 10 Aug 1768 Samuel McDowell and Mary to James Edmiston 170 acres; named  
 James Richey (or) the Mary; Archibald Alexander's line, obtained  
 from McSpadden by order James Edmiston 26 July 1774.

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- III 12 17 Mar 1748/9 David Moore's inventory . . . Jno Edmiston, decd
- III 17 29 Aug 1750 Jm. Edmondson's bond as executor of Robert Edmondson, deceased, with surety John Edmondson
- III 20 28 Feb. 1750 Robert Edmiston's appraisement by John Moore, John Edmiston, Joseph Kennedy
- III 70 17 Aug 1762 Andrew Duncan's appraisement, by Jm Edmondson, Jno. Edmondson, Paul, Buchanan, recorded
- III 224 3 Oct 1802 John Edmondson's will - To wife, Lucy, the carriage and pair of horses, and 3 children, house servants; son, John, to be educated in the Upper Country under direction of friends John Coalter; to brother, James, some property in Staunton; to niece, Sally Cooke; to sister, Elizabeth; to brothers, William, Benjamin, George. Executors, wife Lucy, brother James, John Coalter, Toste; George H. Mc Intosh, Jno Monroe, Edward B. Smith, Proved, 26 April, 1803, by McIntosh, and 25th July, 1803, by John Monroe. James Edmondson qualifies.
- III 258 19 Mar 1747 . . . [land] on the creek corner to Jno Edmiston
- III 316 14 Aug 1753 [Deed] . . . Toste. Jno Edmiston . . .
- III 343 20 May 1756 . . . [land] on Moffett's Creek, cor. Jno. Edmiston
- III 407 18 Sep. 1763 . . . " in a line of Borden's great tract now land of John Edmiston
- III 413 10 Aug 1764 [Deed] . . . Toste; James Edmiston
- III 413 10 Aug 1764 James Edmondson and Agnes to James Welch, £53.15, 140 acres on North Branch of James, part of the tract whereon James Edmondson now lives; corner McClung. Delivered; James Welch, September, 1763.
- III 413 2 Aug 1764 [Deed] . . . Toste; John and Samuel Edmiston. . .
- III 422 20 May 1765 John ( ) Edmiston and Margaret ( ) to John Stewart, £50, 132 acres in Borden's tract; corner John Stewart; corner Jm. Edmiston, Toste; Samuel Buchanan, Jm and Samuel Edmiston. Delivered; Jno Stewart, 10th December 1790.
- III 427 20 Aug 1765 [Deed] . . . Toste; . . . Jno. Edmiston

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- III 82 16 Nov 1763 William Edmondston [appraiser]
- III 84 25 June 1757 James Moffett's will . . . Teste: Thom Edmiston
- III 107 21 Mar 1769 William Wilson's appraisement (by Thom. Edmiston . . .)
- III 118 10 Oct 1770 John Berry's will . . . Executors . . . Thom. Edmiston
- III 188 19 Jan 1790 James Sany's will . . . " . . . Thom. Edmondson
- III 329 21 Aug 1754 Borden's executor to Moses Whiteside . . . Delivered  
to Thom. Edmondson, 2d June, 1758
- III 342 20 May 1756 Nathaniel Evans to James Hay . . . Delivered:  
Thom. Edmondson, 21st June, 1758
- III 349 16 Nov 1757 Francis ( ) McCorn and Margaret to Andrew Duncan  
. . . Delivered: Thom Edmondson, June, 1758.
- III 356 15 Aug 1758 Robert Lowry to Thom. Edmiston £34. 13. 4,  
130 acres in Borden's tract. Delivered: Mary Edmiston  
10th December, 1771.
- III 411 17 Nov 1763 [Dead] . . . Teste . . . Thom. Edmiston
- III 524 19 Aug 1772 William Edmiston (Admistrator) to Samuel McCheaney  
and James Wilson, Delivered: McCheaney, 21st January, 1789.
- III 555 27 Aug 1777 Priny examination of Rebecca, wife of Joseph. Kenkead, of  
Washington County, . . . before . . . William Edmiston.
- III 196 18 Mar 1791 Andrew Duncan's widow married William McCutchen  
[Janet Edmiston [among legates of Andrew]]
- III 23 27 Nov 1751 Robert Davison's appraisement by . . . James Edmondson
- III 167 29 Aug 1771 . . . indebted to the estate of Roger Neath . . .  
James Edmondson, Taylor.
- III 215 17 July 1798 Subscribers form themselves into a fire company  
— James Edmondson . . .
- III 431 20 Aug 1765 Alex. ( ) Campbell and Frances ( ) to Alex. Stewart, £62,  
100 acres on Smith River, on Red Banks, conveyed to  
Campbell by Alex. Henderson, 19th May, 1762, who  
purchased it from James Edmondson, 17th March, 1757

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Suit between Samuel Buchanan and Elizabeth, his wife; David Craig and Mary his wife; John Edmonson and Jennet, his wife; John McKenny and Jane, his wife; James Brownlee and Florence, his wife, vs. William McCutchen, John McCutchen and John McCutchen, Jr., heirs at law of Thom. McCutchen — Sp. 23d July, 1791. Suit, re-rocketing, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1793. Whereas, I, Andrew Duncan, of Lincoln County, have authorized and given to James Brownlee, Jr., of Augusta County, power of attorney to convey a tract of land on Pine Run, joining Hugh Torbet and William Brownlee and John Shields, which McCutchen claims by caveat from Andrew Duncan, heir by law, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1785. Witnesses: Alexander Brownlee, Jr., and John Brownlee, James Brownlee and Florence Brownlee, heirs-at-law of Andrew Duncan, deceased; all the above wives were daughters of Andrew Duncan, deceased, who left also a son, Andrew. Andrew, Jr.'s widow was Jennet. Andrew, Jr., was dead, 1791, intestate. Widow Jennet married William McCutchen. Alexander Douglas bought the land from Francis Beatty. William McCutchen was dead, 1791, as also Jennet. Francis Beatty first improved the land. Francis Beatty, shortly after making his entry, went to Carolina. William McCutchen entered a caveat versus Beatty and obtained judgment in 1769 and a patent in 1773. William Alexander deposes that in 1766, November, he was with William McCutchen at Williamsburg, where William McCutchen told him he had put in a friendly caveat to save the land for Andrew Duncan's children.

From J. Allen Edmiston

27005-15 Ave S.  
Kent. Wa. 98032  
3 Feb. 1983

Dear Agnes,  
Hope this is helpful

The following abstract is from a xerox copy  
of the will of Ann Patterson  
Grandson Andrew Edmondson son of William Edmondson.  
Daughter Margaret Gillespie.  
Grandson Andrew Gillespie  
son Andrew Patterson

Andrew Patterson appointed executor

Will Book 7 page 363

date 17 Dec. 1836

Witnesses Mosey E. Robinson  
Mosey Edmondson

signed by her  
mark  
□

Proven Wt County Va. 25 June 1838

*copy*  
Will of Thomas Edmiston of Washington County Va.  
Bk 2 pages 222-223 wills probated 17 Dec. 1799  
Will dated 26 Aug. 1799  
no wife mentioned  
Dau Mary Edmiston

daur Sarah Edmiston  
adopted son William Edmiston Buchanan  
(He was under age).

Executors John Edmiston  
William Buchanan

William E. Buchanan mentioned along with  
daur. to raise William Edmiston Buchanan,  
He to be taught to read and write so as to  
be capable of common business ...

Witnesses  
Samuel Edmiston  
David Snodgrass  
Matthew Buchanan

Proven by Samuel Edmiston  
Snodgrass  
Matthew Buchanan

How did you arrive at Thomas Edmiston's  
birthdate?

I don't know that the John Edmiston who  
married Pallylilan was related to  
Thomas unless it would be a  
common ancestor prior to any information I have.  
J. Allen Edmiston

BATH Co.  
eed  
BOOK  
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[511] 9 June 1818 John Smith of Bath Co. to John Gibson for \$1, 2 tracts, p/o 25a. gtd Smith by Pat. 3 Apr. 1801 adj. land of John Gibson and William Edmiston. Wit: William Edmiston, David Gibson, John Jordin, Robert Rhea, Anthony Callison. No wife signs.

[521] 6 Nov. 1820 John and Sarah Clutter to William Edmiston for \$400, two tracts at headwaters of Locust Creek.

1) 200a. p/o 400a. gtd GRiffith Evans by Pat. 30 July 1795.

2) 96a. p/o 286a. gtd David Boiler by pat. in 1801 adj. the first tract.

Wit: Isaac McNeil, John Baxter, James Kellison, James Rhea, John Gibson and James Edmiston.

ARMAN

From Don Strong

- 1 Edmiston Botetourt Co. Va tithables for 1771 list Samuel Edmiston.....  
James Edmiston is not listed. There is a James Edmiston listed in a list of  
Tithables from North side of Buffalo Creek to the county line.
- 2 Also listed in 1771 on the North side of Buffalo Creek are William Moore,  
John Poage, Samuel Moore, Hance Smith, John Moore, James Moore and Robert  
Moore
- 3 In 1771, John Edmondson and Robert Edmondson are listed in Captain Campbells  
Company. Robert Armstrong is in Robinsons and Arbuckles Co.
- 4 The line between Augusta Co. and Bote. Co. is described in Chalkley 20 April  
1770 as a line beginning on South Mountain by a Spring of Peddlar Creek on  
Amherst line where South River or Mary Creek empties into the North branch of  
the James
- 5 From there up the river to Kerrs Creek, up the Creek to its upper fork at  
Gilmore's Gap. Crosses Cowpasture River in Donnelly's place - crosses road  
between Hot and Warm Springs, crosses Jacksons River at John Dean's place and
- 6 Crosses Back Creek to Anthony's Creek Mountain.
- 7 A book, Botetourt Co. Tithables 1770-1777 lists names from various records  
Page 59 1775, tax list, pages 147-157 taken by A. Donnelly on the Greenbrier  
River Waters. Listed are James Edmiston, Joshua Ewing,
- 8 James Edmiston is listed on a 1771 list by James Trimble of those living  
North of Buffalo Creek.



from Don Strong

also in  
Moore file

Other notes:

Some Edmiston researchers believe that there is a relationship to the Thompson family. Augusta judgements 1799. Thompson vs Thompson. In a letter written by John Thompson of Louisa Co. Va. dated 30 April 1805 to John Thompson of Washington Co. Va., he mentions in the letter Richard Jones as being married. One wonders the significance of Richard Jones being md. in the suit. Richard Jones md. one of the daughters of Mathew Edmiston.

Howard Jones states in a letter that one of the sons of John Edmiston of Augusta Co. md. a daughter of David Edmiston (Cecil Co. Md.) The marriage was in Philadelphia. He ties this to the David Moore who died in Augusta in 1748 mentioning his sister Mary Edmiston and her daughter Eleanor. In 1771, Mary, widow Edmiston, of Philadelphia sold land from the estate of David Moore. The land was in Augusta Co. near the Borden and Beverly tracts, but not according to Jones in the Jennings branch area. David Moore died owing money to John Edmiston.

EDMONDSON FAMILY BULLETIN

Letter from Don .H. Strong, 239 South 2 nd West Preston Idaho 83263.

You suggested I submit something on Mathew Edmiston , Enclosed are a few thoughts on Edmiston that comes up from time to time, concerning James Edmiston of Bath Co. Va. and his wife , Jane Smith. James Edmondson (son of MathieO appears in a 27 Sept. 1771 entry in the Mathews Trading Post Ledger 1771-1779 as published in Vol. 4 number 4 of the Greenbrier Historical Society Journal. James was on the Greenbrier prior to the formation of Greenbrier County and is probably the same James dmiston listed in Botetourt County Virginia Tax records in 1771 and 1775 on Greenbrier River waters. James is listed in the index of the Botetourt County land survey book on page 9, but the first 10 pages are missing. The index shows that those surveys on the missing pages were for settlers on the Greenbrier in what is now Pocahontas County. His 1774 survey was for 250 acres.

In 1782, Greenbrier land surveys list James Edmiston's 250 acres per certificate from commissioners of Augusta, Bototourt and Greenbrier . The land was surveyed in 1774 and was adjacent to that of Charles Clendennin. Alos in 1782 James entered 250 acres which was assigned to him by Samuel Gilliland which was adjacent to Jame's other land. Other land surveys show that the land was near Mill Creek and aslo near land of Andrew Smith.

This is one of the earliest Greenbrier records placing A Smith in proximity to both James Edmiston and Sam Gilliland. In 1785 Wm Smith assigned land On Mill Creek to Andrew Donnelly and William Morris.

In August 1789 , John Ellis sold 293 Acres at Little Levels to Sam Gilliland and in September Ellis sold a adjacent 196 Acre tract to James Edmiston.

Early Bath Virginia County records list John Smith adjacent to James Edmiston and James does name his friend John Smith executor of his will.

In 1792, James land and titables are included in a Bath County Va. survey from Droop mountain to John Smith's house and to the county line.

For those still trying to determine if Samuel Gilliland's wife was a Smith or Edmiston, The addition of Andrew and William Smith to John Smith as land owners adjacent to James "dmiston and Samuel Gilliland suggest that James may have named his sons Andrew and William his Smith in-laws.

John Smith also names a son Andrew in his will.

Augusta Co. Va. land records list a William Smith with land adjacent to that of Mathew Edmiston in 1751, which is probably the same land that Mathew sold to Samuel Patterson in 1764 survey. In 1803, Mathew's heirs sold off land adjacent to John Kirk and Laudwich( difficult to read) Smith. Could there be a connection between these families?

I would be happy to hear from researchers of Mathew Edmiston of Augusta County Virginia or Samuel Gilliland.

(EDITORS NOTE)

We want to thank Don for this information and yes we have had over the years people ask about the Edmiston Gilliland intermarriages and there were several intermarriages.

Clay Co., Indiana, 1840 Census

p. 351 William Edmonson 121001 — // 20011

p. 352 Samuel Edmon 0010000001 — //

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DATE & CENSUS TYPE Virginia Tax Papers 1782-1787LOCALE See RemarksSOURCE (see above)

| page | Name                   | Year | Popl | Slaves | County             | Remarks |
|------|------------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| 39   | Edmiston, John         | 1782 | 1    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | Edmiston, Col. William | 1782 | 1    | 5      | Washington         |         |
|      | Edmondson, Ann         | 1782 | -    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Benjamin             | 1783 | 2    | 45     | Charles City       |         |
|      | " John                 | 1782 | 2    | 19     | Dinwiddie          |         |
|      | " Mary                 | 1782 | -    | 2      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Matthew              | 1782 | 1    | 5      | Augusta            |         |
|      | " Moses                | 1782 | 2    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Philip Par.          | 1783 | 1    | 5      | Charles City       |         |
|      | " Capt. Robert         | 1782 | 1    | 1      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Samuel               | 1782 | 1    | 5      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Thomas               | 1782 | 1    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | " Thomas Jr.           | 1782 | 1    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | " William, Sr.         | 1782 | 1    | -      | Washington         |         |
|      | Edmondson, Benjamin    | 1782 | 1    | 10     | Lunenburg          |         |
|      | " David                | 1782 | 1    | 1      | Rockbridge         |         |
|      | " David                | ?    | -    | -      | Fayette [Kentucky] |         |
|      | " Humphrey             | 1782 | 1    | 1      | Henry              |         |
|      | " James                | 1782 | 1    | 7      | Rockbridge         |         |
|      | " James                | 1782 | 1    | 16     | Berkeley           |         |
|      | " Richard              | 1782 | 1    | 9      | Henry              |         |
|      | " Richard, Jr.         | 1782 | 1    | -      | Henry              |         |
|      | " Robert               | 1782 | 1    | -      | Rockbridge         |         |

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| Page | Head of Family      | Free White Males             |                     | Free White Females           |          | Others | Slaves   | Dwellings | Other Bldgs. | Remarks  |
|------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------|--------------|--|
|      |                     | 16 & Up incl. Head of Family | <del>Under 16</del> | 16 & Up incl. Head of Family | Under 16 |        |          |           |              |  |
| 109  | Edmiston, Jas.      |                              |                     |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Greenbrier Co.   |
| 109  | " Thos.             |                              |                     |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Greenbrier Co.   |
| 52   | Edmondson, Edm.d    |                              | total 3 white       |                              |          |        | 4 black  |           |              | Essex Co   |
| 51   | " James             |                              | total 8 white       |                              |          |        | 1 black  |           |              | Essex Co.  |
| 85   | " James             |                              | total 3 white       |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Amherst Co.  |
| 109  | " James             |                              |                     |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Greenbrier Co.   |
| 52   | " John              |                              | total 1 white       |                              |          |        | 40 black |           |              | Essex Co.  |
| 52   | " Kally             |                              | total 3 white       |                              |          |        | 3 black  |           |              | Essex Co   |
| 97   | " Patty             |                              | total 6 white       |                              |          |        | -        | 1         | 2            | Orange Co.<br>Col. Kennedy List                              |
| 22   | " Thomas            |                              | total 6 white       |                              |          |        | 10 black |           |              | Frederick Co   |
| 109  | " Tho.              |                              |                     |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Greenbrier Co  |
| 20   | " Will              |                              | total 4 white       |                              |          |        | 1 black  |           |              | Col. Smith List<br>Frederick Co.                             |
| 51   | " William           |                              | total 8 white       |                              |          |        | 13 black |           |              | Essex Co.  |
| 109  | Edmonson, James     |                              |                     |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Greenbrier Co.   |
| 48   | Edmonston, James    |                              | 3 white             |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Amherst Co.<br>Lewis Parham List                             |
| 33   | Edmondson, Benjamin |                              | 1 white             |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Mecklenburg Co.<br>Cluverius Colaman List                    |
| 32   | " Richard           |                              | total 7 white       |                              |          |        | 2 black  |           |              | Mecklenburg Co.  |
| 32   | " Samuel            |                              | 8                   |                              |          |        | 4        |           |              | Wm. Randolph List<br>Mecklenburg Co.<br>Elisha Williams List |
| 22   | Emison, Thomas      |                              | total 16 white      |                              |          |        |          |           |              | Frederick Co   |

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| Head of Family                                       | Free white males       |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | Free white females |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | Slaves | Remarks |         |         |          |          |  |
|--|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|
|  | Under 5                | 5 - 10 | 10 - 15 | 15 - 20 | 20 - 30 | 30 - 40 | 40 - 50 | 50 - 60 | 60 - 70 | 70 - 80 | 80 - 90 | 90 - 100           | 100 & Up | Under 5 | 5 - 10 | 10 - 15 | 15 - 20 | 20 - 30 | 30 - 40 | 40 - 50 | 50 - 60 | 60 - 70 |        |         | 70 - 80 | 80 - 90 | 90 - 100 | 100 & Up |  |
|  | Edminson, James<br>nil |        |         |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |          |  |
| Edmonston, William                                   |                        |        |         |         |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |                    |          | 1       |        | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |          | * Pocahontas   |
| Edmonston, James                                     | 1                      |        |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    | 1        |         | 1      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |          | "  |
| Edmonston, Andrew<br>nil<br>nil<br>nil<br>nil<br>nil | 1                      | 1      | 2       | 1       |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |                    | 1        | 2       | 1      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |          | "<br>* Monroe<br>* Nicholas<br>* Logan<br>* Cabell<br>* Greenbrier |



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| Head of Family       | Free white males |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | Free white females |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | Slaves | Remarks |         |         |          |                   |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------|
|                      | Under 5          | 5 - 10 | 10 - 15 | 15 - 20 | 20 - 30 | 30 - 40 | 40 - 50 | 50 - 60 | 60 - 70 | 70 - 80 | 80 - 90 | 90 - 100           | 100 & Up | Under 5 | 5 - 10 | 10 - 15 | 15 - 20 | 20 - 30 | 30 - 40 | 40 - 50 | 50 - 60 | 60 - 70 |        |         | 70 - 80 | 80 - 90 | 90 - 100 | 100 & Up          |
| Edmiston, James Esq. |                  |        |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          | Pocahontas p. 100 |
| Edmiston, Andrew     |                  |        | 1       |         | 3       |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        | 2       |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          | " p. 100          |
| Edmiston, William    |                  |        |         | 1       |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         | 1       |         |        |         |         |         |          | " p. 100          |
| Edmiston, James Sen  | 1                | 1      | 1       |         |         |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        | 1       | 1       | 1       |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          | " p. 100          |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
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|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
|                      |                  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                    |          |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |         |         |         |          |                   |
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TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

| House/Family<br>Numbers | Name                         | Age | Sex | Occupation       | Value<br>Real Estate | Birthplace | Married     |             | School                  |             | Remarks               |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                         |                              |     |     |                  |                      |            | within year | within year | Cannot read<br>or write | within year |                       |
| 83/83                   | James Edmiston               | 40  | M   | Farmer           | 10395                | Virginia   |             |             |                         |             | 11 Aug 7<br>p. 266 48 |
|                         | M. F. Edmiston               | 35  | F   |                  |                      | "          |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | M. Edmiston                  | 9   | F   |                  |                      | "          |             |             | 1                       |             |                       |
|                         | E. Edmiston                  | 7   | F   |                  |                      | "          |             |             | 1                       |             |                       |
|                         | M. A. Edmiston               | 5   | F   |                  |                      | "          |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | And. J. Edmiston             | 2   | M   |                  |                      | "          |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | M. A. Brock                  | 23  | F   |                  |                      | "          |             |             |                         |             |                       |
| 387/387                 | Geo. M. G. Edmiston          | 39  | M   | Farmer & Grazier | 9300                 |            |             |             |                         |             | 30 Sep 7<br>p. 288/49 |
|                         | Nancy Edmiston               | 39  | F   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | Matthew Edmiston             | 11  | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             | 1                       |             |                       |
|                         | Andrew Edmiston              | 9   | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             | 1                       |             |                       |
|                         | Richard Edmiston             | 7   | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             | 1                       |             | p. 289                |
|                         | Abraham Edmiston             | 5   | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             | 1                       |             |                       |
|                         | John Edmiston                | 2   | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | Lewis Cass Edmiston          | 1/2 | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
| ↑                       | Andrew Edmiston              | 73  | M   | Farmer           | -                    |            |             |             |                         |             | "                     |
|                         | (Mary)<br>Mary Mary Edmiston | 60  | F   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | M. J. Mary Edmiston          | 25  | F   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | James Callison               | 21  | M   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |
|                         | Ann Brock                    | 25  | F   |                  |                      |            |             |             |                         |             |                       |

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STATE Ohio COUNTY Gallia TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

| House/Family Numbers | Name                     | Age | Sex | Occupation | Value Real Estate | Birthplace | Married within year | School within year | Cannot read or write | Remarks                              |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5/5                  | William Edmiston         | 43  | M   | Farmer     | 2000              | Va.        |                     |                    |                      | p. 382<br>Washington Twp.<br>15 July |
|                      | Margaret Edmiston        | 36  | F   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Virginia Edmiston        | 16  | F   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Francis Edmiston         | 12  | M   |            |                   | O          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                      |
|                      | Almira Edmiston          | 10  | F   |            |                   | O          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                      |
|                      | James Edmiston           | 4   | M   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
| 6/6                  | Matthew Edmiston         | 68  | M   | Farmer     | 1500              | Va         |                     |                    |                      | >>                                   |
|                      | Mary Edmiston            | 66  | F   |            |                   | Va         |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Emely Nanney             | 26  | F   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Jorden Nanney            | 7   | M   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Mary J. Edmiston         | 13  | F   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      |                          |     |     |            |                   |            |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
| 135/141              | Andrew Edmiston          | 40  | M   | Merchant   | 1000              | O          |                     |                    |                      | p. 391<br>Huntington Twp.<br>19 July |
|                      | Deborah H. Edmiston      | 37  | F   |            |                   | Mas        |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Mary M. Edmiston         | 15  | F   |            |                   | Ia         |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | John M. Edmiston         | 11  | M   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | James M. Edmiston        | 8   | M   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | William M. Edmiston      | 5   | M   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Emily M. Edmiston        | 1/2 | F   |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      |                          |     |     |            |                   |            |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
| 146/151              | Wilson S. Foster         | 44  | M   | Farmer     | 400               | Pa         |                     |                    |                      | p. 392<br>Huntington Twp.<br>20 July |
|                      | Nancy Foster             | 42  | F   |            |                   | Pa         |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | (7 Foster children 19-1) |     |     |            |                   | O          |                     |                    |                      |                                      |
|                      | Matthew Edmiston         | 21  |     |            |                   | O          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                      |
|                      | Margaret Edmiston        | 20  |     |            |                   | O          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                      |

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STATE Virginia COUNTY Nicholas TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

*all. + Edmiston families copied*

| House/Family Numbers | Name           | Age | Sex | Occupation | Value Real Estate | Birthplace | Married within year | School within year | Cannot read or write | Remarks                        |
|----------------------|----------------|-----|-----|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 255                  | James Edmiston | 57  | M   | Farmer     | 3500              | Va.        |                     |                    |                      | p. 359 / 43d<br>12 Aug / Dist. |
|                      | Margaret       | 46  | F   |            |                   | "          |                     |                    |                      |                                |
|                      | Samuel         | 22  | M   | do         |                   | "          |                     |                    |                      |                                |
|                      | William        | 16  | "   |            |                   | "          |                     |                    |                      |                                |
|                      | Christopher    | 14  | "   | do         |                   | "          |                     |                    |                      |                                |
|                      | Matthew        | 10  | "   |            |                   | "          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                |
|                      | Margaret       | 6   | F   |            |                   | "          |                     | 1                  |                      |                                |
|                      | Mary           | 4   | "   |            |                   | Missouri   |                     |                    |                      |                                |
|                      | Samuel Woods   | 28  | M   | Farmer     |                   | Va.        |                     |                    |                      |                                |



only selected deeds  
~~abstracted~~

# Bath Co., Va. Deed Books

4 - 10 ----- 1810 John McNeal + wife Martha  
Feb. 1810 to William Edmiston

3 - 406 10 Sep 1809 James Edmiston &  
William Edmiston  
4 - 49 Feb 1810 both of Bath Co Va

Jane Edmiston, wife to  
James Edmiston of Bath Co. Va.  
to William Edmiston  
for natural affection relinquishes  
dower right to 115 acres,  
part of 363 acres granted by  
patent to James Edmiston

9 Nov 1787 in Bath Co  
joining land of Jacob Hank

4 - 404 11 Apr 1814

James Edmiston + Jane his wife  
to Andrew Edmiston (all affection)  
signed Jean

4 - 56 10 Oct 1809

William Edmiston + Rebecca his wife  
to Jacob Hank — of Bath Co.

land granted by patent to James Edmiston  
9 Nov. 1787



Marriages inferred from  
Chalkley, Lyman. Annals of  
Augusta Co., Va.

| Vol. | Page       |  |
|------|------------|--|
| I    | 408        | ante July 1791 Edmonson, John & Jennet Duncan d/o & Andrew Duncan<br>Jennet                  |
| I    | 323<br>303 | post 17 May 1748<br>ante May 1749 Edmonson, James & Sarah (widow of George Hays)             |
| I    | 67         | ante 1755 Edmondson, & Agnes   |
| III  | 208        | Edmiston, Mary & Kirk, d/o Matthew   |
| II   | 359        | 13 Dec. 1781 Edmiston, Ann & Jno. Petre in Rockbridge by Rev. John Brown                     |
| III  | 208        | ante 1790 Edmiston, Ann & Jones d/o Matthew Edmiston   |
| II   | 346        | 6 Oct. 1785 Edmiston, Nancy & John McMill by Rev. Archibald Scott                            |
| II   | 277        | 1765 Robert Edmiston & — — Augusta Co. marriage license                                      |
| II   | 283        | 5 Oct. 1785 <sup>und</sup> Edmondson, Jane & John McMill d/o Andrew Edmondson                |
| III  | 208        | ante 1790 Edmiston, Jean & McMill d/o Matthew Edmiston                                       |
| II   | 90         | ? ante 1791 Edmonson, Thomas & (Matthew Ryburn's wife's daughter)                            |
| II   | 141        | ante 1809 Edmonson, Thomas & Buchanan (only dau & heir of Buchanan)<br>(Washington Co., Va.) |
| II   | 275        | Mar 1749 Edmondson, James & — — Augusta Co. marriage license                                 |
| #    | 363        | 20 Feb. 1794 Edmonson, Jno & Ester Anderson by John Walker<br>Rockbridge                     |
| III  | 426        | ante 1765 Edmiston, John & Margaret  |
| III  | 16         | ante 1750 Robert Edmiston & ? Jean   |
| III  | 412        | ante 1764 Edmiston, Matthew & Margaret   |
| III  | 10 + 521   | ante 1748 Edmiston, & Mary Moore, sister of David Moore                                      |
| III  | 356        | post 1758 Edmiston, Thom & Mary  |
| III  | 306        | ante 1752 Edmiston, David & Isabella   |

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Edmondson/Edmiston/Edmonson/Edmonston/Edmondson

Andrew b.c. 1750 d. 10-7-1780 m. Ann (Edmiston) Ens. CS Va

Archibald, 2nd: b.c. 1734 d. 4-14-1797 m. Blanchannah --- Pt MD

Benjamin: b. 6-5-1752 d. p. 1801 m. Elizabeth Haddy Lt Va.

David: b. 1750 d. 1821 m. Sarah Popton Pt. Va

Edmund: b. c. 1740 d. 1816 m. Jane --- Cpl Va

Isaac: b. 1760-2 d. p. 5-13-1809 m. Nancy Cox PS SC

James: b. 1760 d. 1845 m. Gertrude Harris Sgt NY

James: b. a. 1751 d. 1798 m. Penelope --- 2 Lt NC

James: b. 10-7-1746 d. 10-7-1817 m. Jane Smith Pt Va.

James: b. 1750 d. p. 1780 m. Ann McCarthy PS Va.

John: b. 1764 d. 1847 m. Elizabeth Robinson Pt Va.

John Montgomery: b. 1757 d. 1-22-1813 m.

1) Anna Montgomery 2) Margaret Robinson Pt. Va.

Joseph: b. c. 1756 d. p. 3-19-1822 m. X Pt PA

Ninian: b. 1735 d. 2-4-1816 m.

Dorothy Brooks Edmiston Pt PS MD

Peter: b. 9-9-1759 d. 1799 m. Eunice Isbourn PS MD

Richard: b. c. 1740 d. c. 1810 m. Elizabeth Brown Sgt Va.

Robert, Jr.: b. 3-17-1753 d. 2-16-1816

m. Isabella Buchanan Lt Va.

Samuel: b. 5-3-1738 d. 4-4-1808 m. Elizabeth Edmondson Pt Va.

Thomas: b. 1740 d. 3-1805 m. Mary Beall Lt. MD.

Thomas: b. c. 1739 d. p. 1809 m. Mary Penrose CS Pa

William: b. 1730 d. 8-11-1803 m. Jane Futherland Ens NY

William: b. 1734 d. 7-30-1822 m

1) Margaret Montgomery 2) Elizabeth Kennedy Col Va.

William: b. 1734 d. 10-7-1780 m. Elizabeth --- Capt Va.

William: b. 1759 d. 1820 m. Martha Green Sgt Va

William: b. 10-17-1750 d. 1826 m. Mary Cook Sol Va

William: b. c. 1730 d. p. 1785 m. Martha Campbell CS Va.

Craig, Reverend John. List of Baptisms,  
Augusta County, Virginia, 1740-1749  
pub. by R. B. Hathe. [Transcription]

-- Nov. 1746 Mather Edmiston, father of  
"a child baptized named James."

25 Nov. 1748 Mather Edmiston, father of  
"a child baptized named Mary."

2 Aug. 1747 David Doniston, father of  
"a child baptized named Ann."

9 Feb. 1748/9 Daniel Doniston, father of  
"a child baptized named Mary."

Two versions - spelling sometimes different

Pocahontas Co., (W) Va. Marriages Vol. I Register  
[complete for Edmiston]

- 1 Nov. 1826 Jonathan Jourdan to Rebeca Edmison John Haind
- 21 Jan 1830 Richard McKeel to Lydia <sup>Edmiston</sup> Edmison Jacob L. Brummell
- 19 July 1832 <sup>Isaac</sup> Isaac Edmison to Elizabeth Kenison Am S. Campbell
- 18 Aug. 1836 James Lilliland to Elizabeth H. Edmiston C. Hartman
- 8 Dec. 1836 Abraham <sup>Jordan</sup> Jordan to Jane B. Edmiston C. Hartman
- 19 Dec 1839 James Edmiston to Mary F. Hill Joseph Brown
- 20 Sep 1840 George M. A. Edmiston to Nancy Collison John M. Osborn
- 22 Apr 1841 Andrew J. Edmiston to Rebecca W. Edmiston Joseph Brown
- 30 Apr 1840 Franklin Jordan to Martha M. Edmiston Joseph Brown

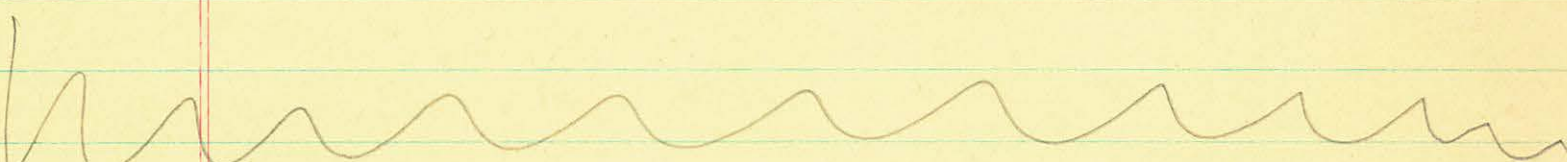
no Edmiston in Vol. II 1851 - 1854

Vol III 1865 -

# Miscellaneous Records

## Line Kanawha Co., Va., Death Register

1 3 Sep 1857 Amelia Edmondson <sup>parents</sup> John + Medora Parsons  
8. Kanawha County, Va. — <sup>occupations</sup> landlady  
died Casper's Creek of Typhoid age 26  
w/ husband: M. B. Edmondson



## County, Julia, Kanawha County Marriages

p. 37 27 Nov. 1839 Andrew Edmondson & Frances Richardson

p. 36 27 Feb. 1837 Robert Dear & Maria Edmondson

1880 Missouri Sounder

Vernon Co. - George Edmondson 69  
born Virginia

1880 Nebraska Sounder

Cass Co. - William Edmondson age 70  
born Ohio; wife Mary 69 B. Virginia

from Don Strong

This ties in with what I suspect about the Edmiston family. I am convinced that Mathew Edmiston is a brother of James Edmiston who was in Rockbridge Co. I believe that Margaret Edmiston is the eldest daughter of James and ~~Margaret~~ Jane (Smith) Edmiston and that she was ~~named~~ named after her grandmother, Margaret Patterson as would be the tradition of the scotch-Irish. I further believe that James named his son William after William Thompson, his grandfather. (James)

Son Andrew was named for Andrew Edmiston who was killed in the Rev. war. This is speculation on my part.

The Will of James Edmiston is recorded in Bath Co. Va. 17 August 1817

wife- Jane

To Margaret (daughter), a slave named Sarah  
To son William - land  
to son Andrew - money  
to son Mathew - money  
to dau Susanna - slaves  
to dau Jane - money  
to dau Rebecca - money  
to dau Anne - slave

executors are Friend, John Smith and son William Edmiston.

I turned this info into the Edmondson family bulletin for print a couple of years ago but they did not print it according to Mr. Jones.

If the records extracted by chalkly had gone to 1803, the Edmiston research would be alot farther along. The key is a deed in Chalkly 16 Sept. 1792 where William Edmiston of Bourbon Co. Ky. sells 216 acres of Augusta land to John Moore. The will of Mathew Edmiston gives to "my son William, the whole price of my land that was sold to John Moore". Another entry indicated a court case between John Moore and William Edmiston. This led to a series of deeds in deed book 2-A page 50.

David Edmondson of Pendleton Co. Ky..... Alexander Kirk and wife, Mary.... and... Richard Jones and wife, Anne (both of Montgomery Co. Ky.).....

John McGill and wife, Jean of Franklin Co. Ky. and William Edmondson of Pendleton Co. Ky deed the above land to John Moore. Another deed in this group positively identifies James Edmiston ("other wise known as James Edmondson") and his wife Jane of Bath Co. Va. as the son of Mathew Edmiston

As you can see, these deeds give the names of the children of Mathew and the names of the spouses. I am sure that this John Moore is related to George Moore. A 1764 deed in Augusta mentions that Mathew Edmiston lives adjacent to William Smith. The 1771 deed in Chalkley between Mary Edmiston, widow of David Moore is one that I feel is connected to our family. She sells land adjacent to William Thompson. I feel that William Thompson is the uncle of Mathew Edmiston. I would like to know more about this David Moore who died before 1771. This Mary Edmiston is probably a sister to Mathew.

Your further comments and suggestions are welcome.

Don Strong  
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Preston, Idaho 83263

P.S. who do you think the father of George Moore is?

per Howard Vallance Jones October 1975 Correspondence:

quoting  
Price's Pocahontas  
County History

James Edmiston { son of Matthew Augusta Co., Va.,  
b. ca. 1746 when baptized at Tinkling Springs Church  
died 1817 in Pocahontas Co. (W.) Va.

children Andrew

William → had dau. Margaret who m. George McCoy & moved to Iowa

Ann/Nancy/Nancy Ann

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Elizabeth <sup>Edmiston</sup> ~~Hilliland~~ married Samuel Hilliland  
d. ca. 1754



Pocahontas Co., W. Va. Will Book Abstracts

Edmiston, T. H. 15 Oct 1935 probate

res: Theaton, Lewis Co., W. Va.

devises: Andrew Edmiston, brother

Mathew Edmiston, brother

witnesses Frank E. Waterman + R. C. McCandlish

Edmiston, M. 13 July 1935 probate

residence: Weston

devises: Minerva, wife

Geo. B., son

M., Jr., son

T. B., son

Andrew, son

Fannie Fleming daughter

Grace Edmiston, grandchild

Matthew Arnold Edmiston, grandchild

witnesses: W. W. Brannon + N. W. Newlon

Edmiston, Philip 6 Sep. 1921 dated

5 June 1922 proved

devises: Susannah Edmiston, wife

witnesses: Levi Helford & Lettie Sutton

Edmiston, William 19 Nov. 1848 dated

Jan 1848 proved

devises: Samuel Edmiston

Thm. Edmiston

Christopher Edmiston

Mathew Edmiston

Jaine Hill

Five grandchildren (not named)

James Edmiston

Joseph Edmiston

witnesses: Marthey Dorsey + Thm Hill

Pocahontas Co., W. Va., Settlement of Accounts


p 36 M Edmiston mentioned as attorney (year 1849)

p 158-9 Thomas Hill. Ept of William Edmiston Decid. (Testate)  
1849, '50, '51 mentions James Edmiston  
'52, '53, '54, '55  
'56, to 16 Jan. 1857 recorded Nov. 1861

Pocahontas Co., W. Va., Will Book

1 - 463 8 June 1836 - Matthew and James Edmiston <sup>[+ others]</sup> - bond -  
for Matthew to be constable

1 - 464 7 June 1836 } " Know all men by these presents that  
I James Edmiston of the <sup>County of</sup> Pocahontas + State of Virginia  
<sup>Lord</sup> Manumitted emancipated and set free  
a negro man slave named William <sup>and sometimes called William Lewis</sup> <sup>whom</sup> I purchased  
from James & Jane Gilliland of the County  
of Greenbrier & I do hereby declare him the said  
William to be entirely liberated from slavery  
& entitled to all the rights and privileges of a  
free person with which it is my power to vest  
him. He the said William hereby emancipated is  
a man of dark complexion about five feet ten  
inches high and will be twenty seven years old  
on 17<sup>th</sup> of October next In Testimony whereof I  
have set my hand and affixed my seal June 7<sup>th</sup>  
1836

James Edmiston 

Pocahontas County June Court 1836

The foregoing Bond was acknowledged in Court and ordered to  
be Recorded

Teste

H M Moffett Clk

A few thoughts on Edmiston. I have never really figured out just where the lands were that Mathew Edmiston owned. The land that he sold to Samuel Patterson is supposed to be in Rockbridge Co., and I read somewhere that he probably never lived there. A William Smith had land adjacent to this land that Mathew sold to Patterson. When David McNair sold land on Jennings branch to Christian Smith of Lancaster Co., Pa., Tim Green was witness. Mathew Smith md. Milly Green in Augusta Co. on 19 Dec. 1787. You will recall that Mathew Edmiston gave POA to David to sell his land.

Another thought.... James Edmiston's widow, Jane, md. James Gilliland as you know. For a time, I thought that there must be some relation between Gilliland and Edmiston that went farther back. I now believe that the relation that goes back is Edmiston - Armstrong via Lydia Armstrong, wife of James Gilliland. Note that Mathew Armstrong gave bond as guardian of Samuel Patterson with Mathew Edmiston as surety in 1751.

Finally, did I tell you of the deed in Bath Co. Va. in 1808 where the heirs of William Smith give POA to William Poage to well land. The heirs are Jane Smith, John Hannah, Margaret Smith, Jenny Patterson Smith and Elizabeth Hannah. The land is 150 acres in Jacksons River. The land was patented in 1784. I have not yet found the deed where William Poage sold the land. This deed may further identify these heirs.

I just noticed that there is a Christian Smith in Giles Co. tax in 1806.

My daughter was in Salt Lake recently and she copied some pages from the Jackson Co., Ohio cemetery records and most interesting is the stones of James Smith and wife. Page 893. James Smith died 13 Jan. 1848, age 78y-3m-4d. Elizabeth Smith, wife of James died 25 Jan. 1846, age 73. Also is the death of Jane Smith, wife of Robert Smith, died 19 Sept. 1838 at age 25y 8m 21d. This puts James born in 1770 and he certainly came from the Bath/Greenbrier area. He may well be a brother of Jane Edmiston.

Don Strong

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AGNES B. PEARLMAN

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21 Feb. '87

William Edmundson  
E.F.A.B.

Dear Bill:

You suggested I submit something on Mathew Edmiston. Enclosed are a few thoughts on Edmiston that comes up from time to time, concerning James Edmiston of Bath Co., Va. and his wife, Jane Smith.

James Edmondson (son to Mathie) appears in a 27 Sept. 1771 entry in the Mathews Trading Post Ledger 1771-1779 as published in Vol. 4 number 4 of the Greenbrier Historical Society Journal. James was on the Greenbrier prior to the formation of Greenbrier Co. and is probably the same James Edmiston listed in Botetourt Co., Va. tax records in 1771 and 1775 on Greenbrier River waters. James is listed in the index of the Botetourt Co. land survey book on page 9, but the first ten pages of surveys are missing. The index shows that those surveys on the missing pages were for settlers on the Greenbrier in what is now Pocahontas county. His 1774 survey was for 258 acres.

In 1782, Greenbrier land surveys list James Edmiston's 250 acres per certificate from the commissioners of Augusta, Botetourt and Greenbrier. The land was surveyed in 1774 and was adjacent to that of Charles Clendennin. Also in 1782, James entered 250 acres which was assigned to him by Samuel Gilliland which was adjacent to James' other land. Other land surveys show that the land was near Mill Creek and also near the land of Andrew Smith. This is one of the earliest Greenbrier records placing a Smith in proximity to both James Edmiston and Samuel Gilliland. In 1785, William Smith assigned land on Mill Creek to Andrew Donnelly and William Morris.

In Aug., 1789, John Ellis sold 293 acres at Little Levels to Samauel Gilliland and in September Ellis sold an adjacent 196 acre tract to James Edmiston.

Early Bath Co. records list John Smith adjacent to land of James Edmiston and James does name his friend John Smith as executor in his will.

In 1792, James land and tithables are included in a Bath Co. survey from Droop mountain to John Smith's house and to the county line.

For those still trying to determine if Samuel Gilliland's wife was a Smith or a Edmiston, the addition of Andrew and William Smith to John Smith as land owners adjacent to James Edmiston and Samuel Gilliland suggest that James may have named his sons Andrew and William his Smith in-laws.

John Smith also names a son Andrew in his will.

Augusta Co. land records list a William Smith with land adjacent to that of Mathew Edmiston in 1751, which is probably the same land that Mathew sold to Samuel Patterson in a 1764 survey. In 1803, Mathew's heirs sold off land adjacent lying adjacent to John Kirk and Laudawich (difficult to read) Smith. Could there be a connection between these families?

I would be happy to hear from any researchers of Mathew Edmiston of Augusta Co. or Samuel Gilliland.

Don Strong

OVER



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 10, 1987

Mr. Don Strong  
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Dear Don:

Thank you so much for sending copy of the updated material on the Smith family. I have done very little research lately but did order Schreiner-Yantis' 1783 and 1787 Tax Lists for Greenbrier County. You would probably be interested in the following entries:

1783 Personal Property Tax Lists for Greenbrier County, Virginia

|                         |   |   |    |    |
|-------------------------|---|---|----|----|
| p. 5 -- James Edmestone | 0 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| p. 5 -- Andrew Smith    | 0 | 0 | 3  | 16 |
| p. 7 -- Martin Smith    | 1 | 0 | 4  | 7  |
| p. 8 -- Thomas Smith    | 1 | 0 | 5  | 10 |
| p. 9 -- John Smith      | 1 | 0 | 0  | 6  |

Note: Columns 1 = Polls, 2 = Slaves, 3 = Horses, & 4 = Cows

1787 Personal Property Tax Lists for Greenbrier County, Virginia

|                                   |   |   |   |   |    |          |        |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----------|--------|
| p. 156 -- Thomas Edmiston         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5  | List "A" | May 11 |
| p. 160 -- James Edmonson          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 18 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 158 -- James Smith             | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3  | List "A" | Apr 20 |
| p. 162 -- Jno. Smith              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 17 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- John Smith (Anths. Cr.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7  | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- Main Smith              | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 13 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- Thomas Smith            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 166 -- Stephen Smith           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | List "C" | May 16 |
| p. 166 -- Thomas Smith            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4  | List "C" | May 17 |
| p. 166 -- Jas. Smith              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | List "C" | May 21 |

Note: Columns for 1787 are as follows:

- 1 = White males above 16 and under 21
- 2 = Blacks above 16
- 3 = Blacks under 16
- 4 = Horses, mares, colts, & mules
- 5 = Cattle

Incidentally, I will be in Salt Lake City to attend a genealogical seminar April 18 to May 8. I will be staying at the Temple Square Hotel, where the group has made arrangements. I hope to use the opportunity to do some intensive research.

Sincerely,

COPY TO PEARIMAN

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11 Dec. '88

Dear Mrs. Burnett;

During the past two years, I have extracted every record in Greenbrier and Bath Co. Virginia up to 1825 concerning the Edmiston and Smiths. I have gone through the deed books page by page and made every attempt to find clues that have been over looked by others.

My research in Bath and Greenbrier Co. leads me to the conclusion that Mrs. Alumbaugh was right all along when she said that Jane Thompson Edmiston was the mother of Mathew Edmiston. In a letter written in 1965, Mrs. Alumbaugh stated that William Edmiston married Mary Cook in Bourbon Co. Ky. and that Mary Cook was the daughter of Margaret Blair and John Cook of Frederick Co. Va. John Cook died intestate in Kentucky. Records there show Edmiston, Cook and Blair. The connection to the Blair family caught my attention while doing research in Bath and Greenbrier Co., Va.

In 1745 John Blair Jr. and Henry Downs were among petitioners who were allowed to take up 50,000 acres of land on the Greenbrier River. This land included the Little Levels area in NOW Pocahontas Co. In researching the early records of Greenbrier Co., I found the first land entry for James Edmiston recorded in Greenbrier Co. was for land originally patented to James BLAIR. Also, the land was next to land owned by Andrew Smith and James Hanna Jr. Samuel Gilliland also assigned James Edmiston 250a. of land next to James Hanna Jr. and Andrew Smith. Remember that Samuel Gilliland and James Edmiston were both married to Smith daughters. This raises the possibility that Jane Smith, wife of James Edmiston was related to Andrew Smith and that James and Jane Edmiston's son, Andrew was probably named after Andrew Smith. This fits well with Alumbaugh's letter because you would expect to find some connection between the in-laws of Mathew Edmiston in the records of his son James.

Going back to Augusta Co. a further connection can be hinted at in the records of Henry Downs. Chalkley Vol. III page 293 3 April 1751 Henry Downs Sr. of Orange Co. sold to John Madison 330 acres dated 1747 adjacent to the land of Ludwick Francisco. This deed was witnessed by MATTHEW EDMISTON and WILLIAM ARMSTRONG. In the records of Bath and Pocahontas Co., I found deeds between the heirs of James Edmiston and George Francisco. Other deeds there show that George Francisco was a heir of Ludwick Francisco. Further study of the Augusta Co. records of Henry Downs show that he lived close to William and Alexander Thompson. In 1745 Alexander Thompson sold 300 acres to Henry Downs on the Shenandoah River. 1745 Henry Downs Jr. witnesses a deed from Moses Thompson of South Carolina to John Madison. Refer to my submission to the Edmondson Family Bulletin where I found that records in North Carolina show that Moses Thompson was from Chester Co., Pa. In 1747 Henry Downs Sr. sells to Henry Downs Jr. the 300 acres obtained from Alexander Thompson, and that same year Henry Downs sold 470a. to Ludwick Francisco. And finally, in 1758, Henry Downs sold land to Joseph Hanna, 300 acres, part of 400 acres patented to Alexander Thompson in 1742. Note that the first land of James Edmiston in Little Levels was next to James Hanna.

The Blair records in Augusta Co. show Abraham Smith as administrator of estate of John Blair in 1758. Greenbrier Co. early land records show that James Blair held land adjacent to Andrew Smith which Blair assigned to William Boggs.

William Blair, James Blair, John Thompson, Robert Thompson, James Thompson, Thomas Cook, and Francis Cook are among the early land entries in Greenbrier Co.

Jane Smith, wife of James Edmiston probably came from the family of John Smith who came from Ireland with his family prior to 1740.

Orange Co. Va. importations 1740. John Smith and Margaret his wife,  
Abraham, Henry, Daniel, John and Joseph Smith.  
Abraham Smith, 1759 as witness to deed for land surveyed by James and  
Moses Thompson.  
John Smith, 1751 witness deed William Thompson to Alexander Thompson.

In summary, one of the earliest records of Mathew Edmiston in Augusta Co.,  
in the deed of Henry Downs, reveals a association with the Thompson family and an  
interest in the new lands opening up on the Greenbrier River.  
It remains to be discovered why James Edmiston went to the Greenbrier, but it  
appears that he may have been following the interest in the new lands by certain  
in-laws, most likely the Smith family or the Blair family.

It would be interesting to see if there is a closer connection between the  
Downs family and the Thompson family.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Don H. Strong.

Ada Edmiston a twin of Ida married Henry Chate. Newton Vestich Edmiston -b- 1878 -m- Maude ??? died 1965 in Fort Worth Texas, and my grandfather John Marvin Edmiston. I am trying to get more detailed information on these children of Thomas, their children, their grandchildren, and so on. Samuel T. Edmiston went to Oregon as a young man (in 1880s) and became a farmer growing hops. He married and had a daughter named Sylvia Edmiston. Sylvia's married name was Kraps and she lived for many years in Salem Oregon. Our family never heard that she died, although she would be well over 100 today. She did research on the Edmiston and Drake families of Washington Co. Arkansas and I am quite interested in finding to whom she passed that research material upon her death, do not know if she had any children or siblings.

(Editors Note).

I goofed in the setting the type writer above.

OBITUARY

EDMISTON . Beula Bates born Sept. 29, 1909 in Montrose Colorado passed away Nov. 30, 1993.

Mrs Edmiston was graduated from UCLA in 1931 and taught elementary grades in Riverside County for 10 years before moving with her Husband to East Los Angles in 1942. For the next fifty years until her health failed recently, she was a leader in civic and conservation work in East Los Angeles and Monterey Park, she was most proud of her accomplishments as chairman of the East Los Angeles Community coordinating Council, her efforts to locate the main county jail away from residential areas, the acquisition and development by Los Angeles County of Eugene Obrigon Regional Park, and in 1978 she was honored as KNX Citizen of the Week. A unique contribution she made was the development of a toy loan program in Belvedere Park to serve low income children. Beginning in the early 1960's Beula Edmiston became known as a National leader in wildlife conservation movement. She served as secretary and principally spokesperson for the Committee for the Preservation of the Tule Elk she was awarded the Saul Feinstone National Conservation Award by the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1977.

The Tule Elk, a rare and endangered species found in California's Owen Valley. Working with her husband Tasker, who served with the group as treasurer of the committee, her efforts resulted in the passage in 1978 of federal legislation guaranteeing the survival of this rare animal.

Working with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors she was instrumental in the establishment of wildflower preserves in the Antelope Valley. She also served as a member of the board of directors of the defenders of Wildlife and was honored as the Animal Humanitarian of the year 1984, by the Animal Protection Institute.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Tasker, her son Joe, and her 2 grandchildren, William and Charles. She is buried in the Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside California.

Letter from Patricia Edmondson Brakely, Quarry Road, R D. 3, Middlebury, Vermont 05753.

When we were in England last spring we found a Church in Hawkeshead reference to a Christopher Edmondson who was Rector of church in 1657, nothing more.

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Bath Co., Va Will Bk

1-485 24 June 1811  
Samuel Hilliard of Pickaway Co,  
Ohio, appoints William Edmiston  
of Bath Co, Va. ~~attorney~~

1-347 Apr. 1806  
William Edmiston  
manumission of slave

2-46,47 19 Sep 1814 among jurors  
assessing damage of backwaters & dam  
William Edmiston  
James Edmiston  
Andrew Edmiston

to 1900

Pocahontas Co., Va. Death Register 1853-1860  
1864-

Vol I

- 3 21 Susannah Collison <sup>died</sup> 19 Mar. 1857 Trump Run James & Jane Edmiston  
77-7  
sudden cause not known from Pocahontas Co., Va  
wife of James Collison rep by J. Collison son
- 5 45 Lewis C. Edmiston 3 Dec. 1858 Little Levels H M H + Nancy Edmiston  
8-5-5  
putrid sore throat from Little Levels rep by George M. Edmiston
- 8 17 Andrew Edmiston 6 Apr. 1865 Pocahontas parents not known  
age 87  
old age birthplace unknown rep by George Edmiston  
wife Mary Edmiston
- 13 5 Nancy Edmiston 8 Aug 1873 Locust creek ---  
age 63  
Flux rep by Abram Edmiston son

[no later Edmiston found]

from "Vital Data" abstracts Pocahontas Co., W. Va.

Isaac McKeel born 1775 mar. Rachel McKeener  
son of Martha (Davis) & John McKeel  
had son Richard who mar. Lydia Edmiston

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Chester Co., Pennsylvania

P 296

1.5-6

Probate

C/ <sup>no paper</sup> + not recorded  
----- 1748

John Edmonston no record of will

Hugh & David Edmonson file accounts

0020845

copied B/77

16 Mar 1757

James Edmeston { wife Margaret; brother Hugh  
daughter Elizabeth under age - other daughters not named  
2 sons William & John under age (John - eldest)

0020845

E/132

31 May 1769

Margaret & William Edmeston granted "letters"

William Edmeston { wife Mary To David Edmeston & James Starnes  
eldest son James; daughter Jean, Elizabeth  
sons Moses, William; grand Rachel Edmeston  
grand Abraham 18  
John Templeton, brother-in-law

Moses Edmeston granted letters

E/334

24 June 1772

David Edmeston { wife Margaret, alias Donald  
daughter Mary Edmeston alias Starnes  
son David; daughter Sarah, Hannah  
son Samuel

David Edmeston granted letters

Edmeston's given children

Parties to this present Indenture and Acknowledged they had executed  
the same as their Act and Deed for the Purposes Mentioned in the  
same and desired it may be Recorded as such. The said Margaret being  
of full Age and Specially Examined, declared she executed the same of  
her own free Will and Accord without any Compulsion, Intimidation  
wherof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the 12th day of July  
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy  
three 1773. Wm. Henry

Witnessed the Eleventh day of July, in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand seven Hundred & Seventy three. 1773

Release  
James M. Connaughy  
John Culbertson

### Good People

to whom this shall come, I  
James M. Connaughy of the Manor of Springtown in  
the County of Chester Germany for divers good causes and Considerations  
and by these presents doth Give, Release and forever Quit Claim unto  
John Culbertson in behalf of John Elliott Minor of the Township  
of East Galloway in the said County of Chester of and to one undivided  
Moiety or half part of a certain Plantation or Parcel of Land which  
I now knowly Formerly John Elliott did grant and Convey unto  
me by her Deed bearing date the Twentieth or Twenty seventh day of  
April last past, said to contain One Hundred and eighty two Acres  
and forty four perches of Land, as by Reference to the said Deed may  
more fully appear.

### to have and to hold

all and singular my Right, Title, Interest, Use, & Claim, Property, Possession  
and Demand of in & to the said One Undivided Moiety or half part  
of the said One Hundred & Eighty two Acres & forty four perches of Land,  
and every part thereof with the Appurtenances unto the said John Cul-  
bertson for the Use of the said John Elliott, his Heirs and Assigns forever  
Under a Proportionable part of the yearly Quit Rent hereafter accruing  
& to grow due for the same to the Chief Lord or Lords of the Fee thereof. The  
said James M. Connaughy only Reserving one Undivided Moiety  
or half part of the said One Hundred and Eighty two Acres and forty  
four perches of Land. Together with all and singular the Appurten-  
ances thereto belonging to himself. Provided nevertheless that  
if the above named John Elliott should be called of by Death before he  
should arrive to the years of Majority, that then the said One Undi-  
vided Moiety or half part of the said One Hundred & Eighty two Acres  
& forty four perches of Land hereby granted or Intended so to be, is to  
become the Property of Robert Elliott & Margt. Elliott if then living, a brother  
& sister to the said John Elliott in as full and simple a Manner as com-  
mon is hereby granted or conveyed to the said John Culbertson or to the  
said John Elliott, his Heirs or Assigns, at this present Time. In Witness  
wherof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, Dated the 12th Day of  
July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three. Jm. Connaughy  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered, my Presence of us, Jm. Denny, Wm. Denny  
Jury are William Clinger Esquire Judge of His Majesty's Justice  
of the Peace for the County of Chester, came James M. Connaughy the  
Grantor within named and Acknowledged the within written Deed  
to be his Act and Deed, to the intent & Purpose the same may  
be Recorded as such. In Witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand  
and Seal this 12th Day of July, One Thousand, Seven  
Hundred and Seventy three. William Clinger

Witnessed the Eleventh day of July, in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand seven Hundred & Seventy three. 1773

David  
John Denny

### I do acknowledge

to have and of David  
David Lamonon & Lamonon the sum of fifty pounds here  
unto in full for Two Hundred and Seventy Acres of Land in the  
County of Chester and now conveyed to him, being the Division  
made between him & the said Wm. Edmeston and Hugh Richpaul  
of the same and Divided between them in the following manner

...noting that, Chester County and Township of Berks...  
ing at a corner of Hugh Kirkpatrick's Land and thence West One Hundred  
and fifty nine perches to a corner white Oak of the said Land thence North  
by Henry Sherps Land Two Hundred and seventy five perches to a white  
Oak in the Eastern Shore back to a Stake One Hundred and fifty nine  
perches thence South by Wm. Earnest's Land Two Hundred and seventy  
five perches to the place of Beginning containing as above recited. Wm. said  
Land Singage and will warrant & defend from me my Heirs, Execu<sup>rs</sup>  
and Administrat<sup>rs</sup> or any others by Law or word me forever. As  
Witness my hand & Seal this 26th. March 1786. In the Sixty first  
Year of the said King's Majesty King George the Third.

Hugh Kirkpatrick Tho: Sison Juro. 1786  
I, Hugh Kirkpatrick or his Attorney at Law do hereby declare that he fully believes that  
the within Hugh Kirkpatrick's name as Evidence to the above writing  
is really his Father's hand writing & further saith not. Sworn  
before Alex Johnston. ———— Chas. Co. May 26: 1778. Shown  
before Patrick Peate and on his solemn Oath declared that he believes  
that the first Witness of the within Paper is the hand  
writing of Wm. Earnest's and further saith not. Sworn before  
Alex Johnston. ———— Chas. Co. the 20. 1778. I do witness

my own Sight and Touch of the within Instrument of Writing to  
my son David Earnest and to his Heirs for ever for the consider  
ation of the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to me in hand paid  
As Witness my hand and Seal this day and year above written  
David Earnest's True. Witness Patrick Peate, Edmund Scott, James  
McMillan. ———— Lancaster County ss. the 22th day of May  
1778. Came y<sup>e</sup> above named Samuel Scott Witness to y<sup>e</sup> above  
Assignment before me y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber one of his Majesty's Justices of the  
Peace for y<sup>e</sup> County of Lancaster and made Oath on y<sup>e</sup> holy Evan  
gelist of Almighty God that he was present and saw y<sup>e</sup> above named  
David Earnest Sign, Seal and Delivered y<sup>e</sup> above Assignment of  
y<sup>e</sup> within Instrument of Writing to his son David Earnest and  
y<sup>e</sup> name Samuel Scott subscribed thereto as Witness in this Depo  
nents hand writing and that he y<sup>e</sup> above named James McMillan  
also signed as a witness and further y<sup>e</sup> Deponent saith not. James  
Scott. Sworn before Isaac Sanders. ———— Chester Co. 7th

Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace James McMillan  
did make Oath that he was personally present and did see David  
Earnest Sign, Seal and as his Act and Deed deliver the Assign  
ment entered on the back of the Inward and Collected Writing  
and that his name subscribed as a Witness thereto is of his own  
hand writing. As Witness my hand & Seal this 24th day of May  
1778. Wm. Linnhart True.

the 13th day of July, in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand seven Hundred and seventy three. ———— 52

**His Indenture** Made the Twenty  
fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand  
seven hundred and seventy three, in the thirteenth year  
of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Third by the grace of God  
King of Great Britain &c. Between Eliza Price of the Town of Lancaster  
in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania Sober and  
single Lucia his wife of the one part, and George Wilson of the City of  
Philadelphia in the said Province Sister of the other part. Witness  
that the said Eliza Price and Lucia his wife for and in  
consideration of the Sum of four Hundred and Twenty Pounds  
lawful Money of Pennsylvania unto her said hand well and  
truly paid by the said George Wilson ahead before the sealing  
and Delivery hereof the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge  
and thereof do acquit and forever discharge the said George  
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written, sealed, signed, witnessed, returned and performed

...the said Eliza Price and Lucia his wife for and in  
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and by these presents Do Grant, Bargain, Sell, Give, Convey, Release and confirm unto the said George Wilson and to his Heirs and Assigns **ALL** that Messuages or Tenement, Plantation and Shack or parcel of Land thereunto belonging Situate lying and being in the Township of Lower Chesapeake in the County of Kent aforesaid, which upon a late Survey thereof made is better and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at the corner of John Brice's land by the River Delaware at low Water mark, thence North Twenty one Degrees West by the said John Brice's land forty perches to a post, thence North Twenty six Degrees West by the same land Three Hundred and forty seven perches to a post, by Concord Road being a corner of William Clark's land, thence by the said William Clark's land along the said Road the courses thereof Thirty eight perches to a post in the line of the said late of William Horne, thence South Twenty six Degrees East by the same and by land belonging to James Howard, the Heirs of George Chapman deceased, John Marshall, the aforesaid William Horne and William Peters Three Hundred and eighty nine perches to a post to a post by Discord Lane being a corner of Thomas Robinson's land thence North Sixty Degrees East along the said Lane by the said Lot eight perches and six feet to a post another corner of said Lot, thence by the same lot about Thirty perches to the said River Delaware to low Water mark, thence up by low Water mark to the place of Beginning containing Fifty seven Acres and a Quarter be the same more or less, or here or ever otherwise the same is or ought to be described, better, bounded or being. It being nearly the one third or half part of John Hendrickson's One sixth part of One thousand Acres of Land formerly granted unto the said John Hendrickson and five others in 1756, by Edmund Andros Esquire late Governor of Maryland, and which the said John Hendrickson by Deed Poll duly executed and acknowledged in Court dated the eighteenth day of June 1764 granted unto one Roger Search in fee, whose Heirs by Deed Poll of the Eleventh of September 1760, Recorded at Chester in Book A. Vol. 4. Page 274. Granted the same unto Richard Beyer in fee, whose Executors by Virtue of a Power granted them by his Will did by Indenture of the thirteenth day of March, Anno Domini 1762, duly acknowledged, grant and convey the same Land and Premises unto Peter Valleau in fee. And John Horton Esquire High Sheriff of the said County of Chester having seized and taken the same Land and Premises in execution as the property of the said Peter Valleau, did by his Deed Poll dated the sixth day of January, Anno Domini 1768, duly acknowledged in Court and recorded at Chester in Book P. Vol. 45. Page 408. Grant and convey the same Land and Premises unto the said John Brice party hereto in fee. **TOGETHER** with all and singular the Houses, Buildings, Gardens, Orchards, Woods, Meadows, Pastures, Ways, Passages, Waters, Watercourses, Landings, Landing places, Lights, Usances, Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Improvements, Revenues and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or remaining and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, both then and hereafter, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Benefit, Profit, Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said John Brice in or to the same. And all Deeds, Writings and Writings whatsoever touching or concerning the same or any of the same to be had and taken as the proper books and charges of the said George Wilson his Heirs and Assigns. **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said Messuages or Tenement, Plantation and Shack or parcel of Land hereunto and hereafter hereby granted or mentioned to be granted, Except as is before

...with the Assurances unto the said George Willson his Heirs and Assigns, to the only proper Use and behoof of him the said George Willson his Heirs and Assigns forever. Under the Great Seal of the said Province and Territories adjoining for the same unto the chief Lord or Lords of the fee thereof. And the said Elisha Price and his Heirs the said Assurances or Assurances, Plantations and Tracts or Parcels of Land hereinafore and Premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted, except as is before accepted, with the Assurances unto the said George Willson his Heirs and Assigns, against him the said Elisha Price and Lydia his Wife and his and their Heirs, and against all and every other persons and Persons whomsoever having or lawfully claiming or to claim by force or under him them or any of them shall also with Warrant and force defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto. Dated the day and Year for above written. Elice. Price. Lydia Price. Seal of Elizabeth In the presence of Wm. Mahan. Miles. County.

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture of a good and lawful man George Willson the sum of four hundred and seventy Pounds, being the full consideration Money for the within granted Land and Premises. We say received, by us Elice. Lydia Price. Witnesses for each signing. Wm. Mahan. Miles. County.

On the fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1773, Before me Henry Hall Esquire one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Chester Personally appeared the above named Elisha Price and Lydia his Wife and Acknowledged the above written Indenture to be their Act and Deed and desired the same may be recorded as such, the said Lydia being of full Age, Separately and apart Examined, and the full contents of the said Indenture made known unto her, and Declared that she did Voluntarily and of her own free Will and Accord Seal and as her Act and Deed deliver the said Indenture with necessary Execution or Compulsion from her said husband. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year aforesaid. Wm. Mahan.

Attest the thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three. ————— (114)

Mortgage  
 Elisha Price  
 Lydia Price

**His Indenture**

Made the Twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three.

Between George Willson late of the City of Philadelphia but now of Lower Merion Pennsylvania hatter and in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania hatter and Sarah his Wife of the one part, and Elisha Price of the Town of Chester in the County and Province aforesaid scrivener of the other part.

Whereof the said George Willson and by a certain Obligation in Writing Obligatory under his hand and Seal duly executed bearing date herewith is and standeth bound unto the said Elisha Price in the sum of Six Hundred Pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania conditioned for the Payment of Three Hundred Pounds lawful Money aforesaid on the Twentieth day of March which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy six together with lawful Interest for the same to be paid yearly and every year without any fraud or further delay aforesaid by the said Sarah together with the said Elisha Price being hereunto bound by the said Obligation and Condition thereof. Relation being hereunto had may more fully and at large appear. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said George Willson and Sarah his Wife as well for

and in consideration of the aforesaid Debt or sum of three Hundred Pounds and for the better securing the Payment thereof with its Interest and for the better securing the said Elisha Price his Executors Administrators and Assigns in discharge of the said aforesaid Obligation as of the full and true sum of Six Shillings unto them in hand well and truly paid by

... and the said money to be equally divided between the aforesaid children  
by the direction of their Father Thomas Davis I have given and bequeath  
unto my son Thomas Davis the sum of Six Pounds to be paid to him or  
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Will. ... } In the presence of God, I, the said ...  
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and calling to mind the mortality of the Body, and that it is appointed  
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of just and honest dealing, and that I shall be bound to the  
debtors of my estate, being fully persuaded I shall be raised again  
from the dead by the power of God my Saviour, and as to that portion of  
Worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I dispose of the same in the  
following manner & form. First I appoint and order all my legal debts  
to be paid out of the whole of my Estate truly and faithfully, Secondly  
I give and Bequeath unto Margaret my dearly beloved wife one hundred  
Pounds lawful money of this Province to be paid out of my Estate, together  
with a Horse & Saddle, a Bed and Furniture, with such other moveables  
as she shall chuse these in all not exceeding the value of Forty Pounds.  
Thirdly I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Sedmore  
a Horse & Saddle, a Bed and Furniture, with such other moveables as my  
Executors & Guardians shall judge most convenient for her when she comes  
to age, not exceeding the value of Forty Pounds, together with one hundred  
Pounds lawful money of this Province, one half whereof is to be paid to, or  
put to interest for said my daughter when she comes to the age of twenty  
one years, or if she should marry before she comes to 21. age, then to be  
paid one year after her marriage, the other Fifty Pounds to be paid to, or  
put to interest for her two years after the first half becomes due, all which  
is to be paid out of my Estate. Fourthly I give and Bequeath unto my  
beloved son William Sedmore my Clock & Clock case, and I give & Bequeath  
unto my beloved son John Sedmore my writing Desk, and further I give  
and Bequeath unto these my two sons all and singular my lands Deeds  
Wills of Sale or Conveyances Mesuages and Tenements to be equally di-  
vided between my said two sons, and by them freely to be possessed and en-  
joyed, (excepting only the Saw Mill & Watercourse, which I order and  
allow to be kept in repair at the equal charge of both, and they to share  
both alike in the benefit thereof) and that the benefit of each of 21.  
my Childrens Share shall be allowed for their Education & maintenance  
untill each Child comes to age. Sixthly, I order the Wheat on the Farm  
to be threshed and sold to defray the most urgent debts, and all my  
other Moveables and Chattels to be Appraised by three honest men  
such as my beloved wife & Guardians shall chuse (except the above  
Bequeathments) and that my wife shall have 21. moveables & Chattels  
at 21. Appraisement if she shall chuse to live with 21. my Children,  
and take care of their Education till they come to age, and shall be  
accountable for no more than 21. Appraisement, the benefit of  
each Childs Share and the benefit of the Servants to assist in labour  
as formerly being allowed her for discharging debts & Education &  
maintaining 21. my Children until they come to age, and when  
my eldest son William comes to age his Mother shall be then accountable  
to him & the Guardians for one half of 21. Appraisement in such  
and qualified as shall be proper for 21. my Son in his part of the  
Plantation, and likewise to my son John for the other half when  
he comes to age, and it is my Will that if either of my two sons should  
die or marry, that then his part of the Land descend unto my  
other surviving Child, he paying unto his Mother (if alive and in  
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and if either of my daughters or any other, then her share to be equally  
divided among the said daughters. Verily I appoint these and others aforesaid  
to be my well-beloved and trusty friends Mr. John Steel my present Pastor,  
James Porter, Hugh Edmeston my brother & John May, hoping that God  
will enable them to undertake & enable them faithfully to manage the  
trust I have committed to them. Lastly I appoint my dearly beloved  
wife & my well beloved son William sole Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament; and so commending and recommending my dear wife and  
Children to the special care & protection of Almighty God, who is able to  
provide for them Counsel, guide and direct them, (and may the Lord  
take them under his special care & grant them an Interest in his blessed  
Covenant) I do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and I do,  
hereby utterly disannul & revoke any other heretofore by me ordained,  
made or made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the  
day and Year above written. James Edmeston seal, Sign'd Seal  
Publish'd Pronounc'd & Declar'd by the s<sup>d</sup> Jas<sup>d</sup> Edmeston the Testator as and  
for his last Will & Testament, in presence & face the Subscribers, vizt,  
Abraham Scott, Robert Moore. in Chester, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1757. ~~Edmeston~~  
personally appeared Abraham Scott and Robert Moore the subscribing Witnesses  
to the within written Will. And on their Oaths in the holy Evangelists of  
Almighty God did depose and say that on or about the twelfth day of April  
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty three,  
they these Deponents were at the dwelling House of the within named James  
Edmeston deceased, and the said James Edmeston there told these deponents  
that as they were there he had an Intention of making his Will, and  
that then the said James Edmeston invited these deponents into an inner  
Room in his dwelling House, and there produced the within Writing to these  
Deponents and told them that Writing contained his last Will and Testament,  
and desired them to set their hands as Witnesses thereto, which these deponents  
accordingly did, and that the within Writing is the very Identical Writing,  
which the said James Edmeston did declare to these deponents contained his  
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ask'd) say that they cannot be positive whether they did or did not see the  
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Deponents, to wit, Abraham Scott thinks he saw the deceased lift an  
Oath of Fealty, and further these deponents say not. Sworn for J<sup>o</sup> Baskerville  
at Chester, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1757. The  
last Will and Testament of James Edmeston late of West Cheshire deceased, was  
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Court at Chester, or before the Court on the day of April next following,  
and to render a true and just Account of their Administration in due  
form, and when legally thereunto required, sworn under the great Seal of the  
High Court at Chester, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1757.

On application of Geo. Moore please to  
Issue a Marriage License for him to be  
Married to my daughter Margaret  
Edmonson and this shall be your cause  
Witness my hand and seal Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1791

Witness  
J<sup>o</sup> White

James Edmonson Seal

Know all men by these presents that we George Moore &  
John White are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth  
of Virginia in fifty pounds current Money to be paid to the Commonwealth  
to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our  
Heirs Exors. and adms. jointly and severally firmly by these presents seal  
with our seals and dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1791

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if there be no lawful  
Cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be had and solemnized between  
the above bound George Moore and Margaret  
Edmonson then the above Obligation to be void else to remain  
in full force

Signed Sealed and  
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George Moore Seal  
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In the name of God Amen. June 22th 1790. I. Mathew  
Comiston of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia. Farmer  
being in health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be  
given to God and calling to mind the mortality of <sup>my</sup> body knowing that it  
is appointed for all men once to die. do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give  
and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it  
and my body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in decent Christian  
Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the  
General resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of  
God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased  
God to bless me with in this life I give desire and dispose of the same  
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shall duly account for and pay the same to the Treasurer of this Com-  
-monwealth for the Time being for the use of the Commonwealth in like  
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other things truly and faithfully execute the said office of Sheriff during his  
continuance therein, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain  
in full force and virtue.

Alex. W. Clair (Seal)

Joseph Bell jr (Seal)

Jacob Kinney (Seal)

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At a Court held for Augusta County the 19th day of January 1796  
This Bond was acknowledged in Court by the Subscribers thereto and ordered to be  
recorded.

pay, and the remainder of my Estate to be devised in the following manner  
 Item I Bequeath unto my well beloved son James my Negro boy named  
 Jo, to him and his heirs forever on his paying to my grandson Mathias  
 Six the sum of Eight pounds in a young Mare after my decease  
 Item I Bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary Six my Negro  
 French named Tab to her and her heirs forever, I am I Bequeath  
 unto my beloved son William the whole price of my Lane that was  
 sold to John Moor, and my Molata Boy called James to him and  
 his heirs forever, by his paying unto my grandson Mathias Commen  
 Mougill the sum of Eight pounds in each or in a young Mare, I  
 I Bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann Jones my Negro Boy  
 named Anthony and my be and sister and soon and look to her  
 and her heirs forever, I am I Bequeath unto my beloved son David  
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bills Discharge against them but if his Creditors refuse to comply  
with the same it is then to be his and his heirs forever I Be-  
queath unto my Beloved Daughter Jean Magill the negro girl she  
hath in possession named Mincie to her and heirs forever I Bequeath  
unto my grand daughter Margel Jones one Cow and calf to her  
and her heirs forever and I hereby Disannul all other wills or  
Testaments whatever and Constitute and appoint this to be my last  
will and Testament and I likewise appoint my son James and William  
Edmiston to be my Executors, given under my hand this 29th day  
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety

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sum of ten pounds to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> at the Expiration of five years  
after my Decease Item I leave to my Grandson Sam<sup>l</sup> Steele Luningham  
the full sum of five pounds to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> when my said Grandson comes  
of age Item I leave to my Daughter Jenny the full sum of five pounds  
to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> ten years after my Decease Item I leave to my Grand  
son Samuel Steele Rankin the full sum of five pounds to be paid by my  
Ex<sup>rs</sup> when my said Grandson comes of age Item I leave to my other two Daughters  
Kitty & Nancy the full sum of forty pounds a Piece to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> at  
the Expiration of five years after my Decease or Sooner if convenient Item  
I leave to my son William his heirs or assigns the Plantation whereon I now  
live with all my Plantation Utensils & all my Smith Utensils or Tools  
As for the remaining part of my Personal Estate I order to be disposed of  
at the Discretion of my Ex<sup>rs</sup> Lastly I constitute and ordain my well





January Augusta Court 1796 Emondston  
This last Will & Testament of Matthew Emondston was proved by the oaths of  
David McNaair & John Kirk two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
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In the name of God Amen I Matthew Emondston of Augusta County State  
of Virginia being sick & weak of Body yet of sound mind & perfect memory thanks to God  
therefor, knowing my mortality, that it is appointed for all men once to die, I suffer that  
the judgment ——— Impremis I recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my Body  
to the earth to be buried in a Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors  
And as touching what worldly Estate it has pleased God to endow me with in this life  
I leave & Bequeath in the following manner (Viz) first I give & leave unto my


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grandson Math  
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Nam I Bequeath  
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Matha Emondston  
young Mare, I  
my Nagro Boy  
to be left to her  
son David  
to be sold  
his hands or

to duly account for and pay the same to the Treasurer of this Com-  
monwealth for the Time being for the use of the Commonwealth in like  
manner as is or shall be directed in Case of public Taxes and shall in all  
things truly and faithfully execute the said office of Sheriff during his  
continuance therein, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain  
full force and Virtue.

Alex. S. Clair 

Joseph Bell jr 

Jacob Kinney 

Arch. Stuart 

A Court held for Augusta County the 19th day of January 1796  
This Bond was acknowledged in Court by the Subscribers thereto and ordered to be  
recorded.

In the name of God Amen. June 28th 1790. I Mathew  
Comiston of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia. Farmer  
being in health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be  
given to God and calling to mind the mortality of body knowing that it  
is appointed for all men once to die. do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give  
and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it  
and my body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in decent Christian  
Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the  
general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of  
God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased  
God to bless me with in this life I give desire and dispose of the same  
in the following manner and from first and foremost it is my will  
that my funeral Expences and all my just and Lawfull debts be

paid, and the remainder of my Estate to be decer'd in the following  
 Now I Bequeath unto my well beloved son Justice my Negro Boy  
 Jo, to him and his heirs forever on his paying to my grandson Matha  
 Kirk the sum of Eight pounds in a young Mare after my Decease  
 Nam, I Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Kirk my Negro  
 Wench named Sab to her and her heirs forever, Nam I Bequeath  
 unto my beloved son William the whole price of my land that was  
 sold to John Moor, and my Melate Boy cated James to him and  
 his heirs forever, by his paying unto my grandson Matha Coman  
 Muggill the sum of Eight pounds in Cash or in a young Mare, Nam  
 I Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Ann Jones my Negro Boy  
 named Antony and my bro and sister and Loom and teckel to her  
 and her heirs forever, Nam I Bequeath unto my beloved son David  
 wearing Apparel and the land which he formerly lived on to be sold  
 to pay his debts after his Creditors having given up his bonds or  
 lease Discharge against them but if his Creditors refuse to comply  
 with the same it is then to be his and his heirs forever Nam I Be-  
 queath unto my Beloved Daughter Jean Magill the Negro girl she  
 hath in possession named Mince to her and <sup>her</sup> heirs forever Nam I Be-  
 queath unto my granddaughter Margel Jones one Cow and calf to her  
 and her heirs forever, and I hereby Disannul all other wills or  
 Testaments whatever and Constitute and apoint this to be my last  
 will and Testament and I likewise apoint my son James and William  
 Comiston to be my Executors, given under my hand this 29th day  
 of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty


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 David M. Nax  
 John Kirk  
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 James Kirk  
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his  
 Matha Comiston  
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Augusta County, Virginia  
Will Book 8  
pp. 213 + 214 + 215

...duly account for and pay the same to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth for the Time being for the use of the Commonwealth in like manner as or shall be directed in Case of public Taxes and shall in all things truly and faithfully execute the said office of Sheriff during his Continuance therein, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain full force and Virtue.

Alex. McClair 

Joseph Bell jr 

Jacob Kinney 

Arch. Stuart 

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This Bond was acknowledged in Court by the Subscribers thereto and ordered to be recorded.

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Compton of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia. Farmer  
being in health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be  
given to God and calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it  
is appointed for all men once to die. do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give  
and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it  
and my body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in decent Christian  
Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the  
general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of  
God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased  
God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same  
in the following manner and from first and foremost it is my will  
that my funeral Expences and all my just and lawfull debts be

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I Bequeath unto my well beloved son James my Negro Boy  
Jo, to him and his heirs forever on his paying to my grandson Math  
Kirk the sum of Eight pounds in a young Mare after my Decease  
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his heirs forever, by his paying unto my grandson Matha Comma  
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and her heirs forever, I Bequeath unto my beloved son David  
wearing Apparel and the land which he formerly took on to be sold  
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hath in possession named Minca to her and <sup>her</sup> heirs forever I Bequeath  
unto my grandaughter Margot Jones one Cow and calf to her  
and her heirs forever, and I hereby Disannul all other wills or  
Testaments whatever and Constitute and appoint this to be my last  
will and Testament and I likewise appoint my son James and Matha  
Comma to be my Executors, given under my hand this 29th day  
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty

Teste  
David M<sup>re</sup> Magill  
John Kirk  
James Kirk  
mark

his  
Matha Comma  
mark

In the name of the Lord Amen June 29th 1796. J. Walker  
 Executor of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia. former  
 being in health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be  
 given to God and calling to mind the mortality of body knowing that it  
 is appointed for all men once to die. do make and create this my last  
 will and testament. that is to say principally and first of all I give  
 and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it  
 and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian  
 burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but of the  
 general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of  
 God as as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased  
 God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same  
 in the following manner and form first and foremost it is my will  
 that my funeral expenses and all my just and lawfull debts be

The Court held for Augusta County the 19th day of January 1796  
 The Court was attended by the subscribers hereto and intended to be  
 signed.

- Allen W. Blair
- Joseph Bell
- Jacob Kemy
- John Stuart

It was ordered that the above bequeathments be paid or delivered to the  
 said heirs and lawfully execute the said office of sheriff during his  
 term of office. It is also ordered that the above bequeathments be  
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 bequeathments be paid or delivered to the said heirs and lawfully  
 execute the said office of sheriff during his term of office.



January August Court 1776

Concord

The said Will & Testament of Matthew was proved by the oaths of  
D<sup>n</sup> McNeil & John Kirk two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be

CC  
1776

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Steele of Augusta County & State  
of Virginia being sick & weak of Body of some mine & perfect memory Thanks to God  
knows my mortality that it is appointed for all men once to die, & after that  
his judgment — I therefore recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my Body  
to be buried in Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors  
according to what way they shall please God to order me with in this life  
I leave & bequeath in the following manner (Viz) first I give & leave unto my  
well beloved wife Margaret all my house furniture a bed & bed cloaths with all her  
apparel to be at her disposal Item I leave to my Daughter Mary the full  
sum of ten pounds to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> at the Expiration of five years  
after my Decease Item I leave to my Grandson Sam<sup>l</sup> Steele living here  
the full sum of five pounds to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> when my said Grandson comes  
of age Item I leave to my Daughter Nancy the full sum of five pounds  
to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> ten years after my Decease Item I leave to my Grand  
son Samuel Steele Rankin the full sum of five pounds to be paid by my  
Ex<sup>rs</sup> when my said Grandson comes of age Item I leave to my other two Daughters  
Kitty & Nancy the full sum of forty pounds a Piece to be paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> at  
the Expiration of five years after my Decease or sooner if convenient Item  
I leave to my son William his heirs or assigns the Plantation whereon I now  
live with all my Plantation Utensils & all my Son's Utensils or Tools  
As for the remaining part of my Personal Estate I order to be disposed  
at the Discretion of my Ex<sup>rs</sup> Lastly I constitute and ordain my wife



To all whom it may concern know ye, that I William Edmiston of the County  
of Bath and State of Virginia being in possession of one Negro man slave now  
about twenty one years of age named Jesse Grant son of Nathaniel and Peggy  
Grant and feeling it my indispensable duty to liberate him as I fully expect to  
stand with him in judgment before that God that will not do inequity where he  
that has done wrong shall receive for the wrong and every man according to  
his works whether they be good or whether they be evil for the cause and several  
other good causes and considerations I have determined to emancipate said Negro  
man and by these presents do emancipate him and declare him free  
and no longer a slave from and after the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty and I hereby further  
declare

declare that from and after the expiration of s<sup>d</sup> time, neither myself nor any other person or persons shall compell him to stay or labour longer than s<sup>d</sup> negro man should of his own free will and Accord please so to stay and labour but that s<sup>d</sup> negro man shall in all things enjoy all the liberties allowed to free black men by the law of the State and lest any might attempt to enslave him contrary to the intent of this Act I bind myself my heirs executors or administrators jointly by these presents in the sum of one thousand dollars to be recovered of any person so offending before any Court of Record in this Commonwealth given under my hand and seal this day of April in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and six

William Edmonson (Seal)

Bath county April Court 1806

This deed of Emancipation from William Edmonson to Jesse Grant was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be recorded

Wm. Brock

Teste Charles Cameron Clk

from Don Strong

Pocahontas County, (West) Virginia

Book 1836 to 1844 not indexed out is typed. Book 1822 to 1835.

Page 307 William Smith and Hannah h/w still to Daniel Kellison for \$1- land that belonged to Hannah's father, David Jaycox. Land first granted to David Kinnison 17 July 1793. 19 Aug. 1826

P. 379 2 June 1827 James H. and Sydney F. Smith h/w sell land which was owned by her grandfather Elisha Williams of Winchester. This is a good deed for someone. Note that William Smith estate of Bath Co. comes from Shenandoah county.

P. 436 William W. and Hannah Smith sell more of the Cox land. 1828. Isaiah Jaycox is listed with adjacent land. David Jaycox got the land in 1786 by settlement from John Wheal.

P. 465 William and Hannah Smith sell more land to Daniel Kellison. 1828. Checked for Harper Wills in Pocahontas Co.-None. (John Smith-Margaret Harper) 1834, James Smith attended estate sale of Robert Rhea of Pocahontas Co.

1849, James Smith bought at the estate sale of William Edmiston. Robert Smith md. Jane Buckley 5 Jan. 1832. Jackson Co., Ohio Pocahontas Buckleys?? Co.

Harper Smith md. Mary Brown 11 Feb. 1847, Jackson Co., Ohio Greenbrier Co. Va. land entries. John Moore and Martin Smith entitled to 150 acres between the lands of James Warren and John Dougherty. by settlement right. \*\*would like your comments on this one.

Commissioners of Augusta, Bote, and Greenbrier counties - William Ewings is intitled to 170 acres by settlement right prior to 1778. The Inad part of a survey made for James Smith in 1774 on the Greenbrier adjacent to the lands of William Fincher? Tincher? This is little levels land. Comments? These land entries are around 1780 to 1782.

There are two Smiths located near Mathew Edmiston. William Smith has land adjacent to Mathew Edmiston and William Cowden in a 1751 survey.

In 1764, William Smith is listed adjacent to land that Mathew Edmiston sold to Samuel Patterson. This land then would not be at Jennings as wasn't the land Mathew sold to Samuel Patterson in Rockbridge county?

In 1803, Mathew's Augusta Co. land is adjacent to John Kirk and Laudawich Smith. This may be meaningful, but in 1799, David McNair sold land to Christian Smith of Lancaster Co., Pa. This land could be very near the Kirk land.

Going on the assumption that James Edmiston is with Smith in laws on the Greenbrier, one would have to consider John Smith who has land adjacent to James at Little Levels in 1791. Have you noticed that the James Edmiston line held close to traditions of naming children. If I was going to take a guess, I would choose William as father of Jane Smith. Mathew Edmiston of Gallia Co., Ohio names first son James after his father. Second son is Jacob after his wife's father. The next son is William. James Edmiston and Jane named their second son William. This son should belong to the wife's family. This Smith research is going to take some time.

Don Strong

Smith File

A few thoughts on Edmiston. I have never really figured out just where the lands were that Mathew Edmiston owned. The land that he sold to Samuel Patterson is supposed to be in Rockbridge Co., and I read somewhere that he probably never lived there. A William Smith had land adjacent to this land that Mathew sold to Patterson. When David McNair sold land on Jennings branch to Christian Smith of Lancaster Co., Pa., Tim Green was witness. Mathew Smith md. Milly Green in Augusta Co. on 19 Dec. 1787. You will recall that Mathew Edmiston gave POA to David to sell his land.

Another thought.... James Edmiston's widow, Jane, md. James Gilliland as you know. For a time, I thought that there must be some relation between Gilliland and Edmiston that went farther back. I now believe that the relation that goes back is Edmiston - Armstrong via Lydia Armstrong, wife of James Gilliland. Note that Mathew Armstrong gave bond as guardian of Samuel Patterson with Mathew Edmiston as surety in 1751.

Finally, did I tell you of the deed in Bath Co. Va. in 1808 where the heirs of William Smith give POA to William Poage to well land. The heirs are Jane Smith, John Hannah, Margaret Smith, Jenny Patterson Smith and Elizabeth Hannah. The land is 150 acres in Jacksons River. The land was patented in 1784. I have not yet found the deed where William Poage sold the land. This deed may further identify these heirs.

I just noticed that there is a Christian Smith in Giles Co. tax in 1806.

My daughter was in Salt Lake recently and she copied some pages from the Jackson Co., Ohio cemetary records and most interesting is the stones of James Smith and wife. Page 893. James Smith died 13 Jan. 1848, age 78y-3m-4d. Elizabeth Smith, wife of James died 25 Jan. 1846, age 73. Also is the death of Jane Smith, wife of Robert Smith, died 19 Sept. 1838 at age 25y 8m 21d. This puts James born in 1770 and he certainly came from the Bath/Greenbrier area. He may well be a brother of Jane Edmiston.

Don Strong

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21 Feb. '87

William Edmundson  
E.F.A.B.

Dear Bill:

You suggested I submit something on Mathew Edmiston. Enclosed are a few thoughts on Edmiston that comes up from time to time, concerning James Edmiston of Bath Co., Va. and his wife, Jane Smith.

James Edmondson (son to Mathie) appears in a 27 Sept. 1771 entry in the Mathews Trading Post Ledger 1771-1779 as published in Vol. 4 number 4 of the Greenbrier Historical Society Journal. James was on the Greenbrier prior to the formation of Greenbrier Co. and is probably the same James Edmiston listed in Botetourt Co., Va. tax records in 1771 and 1775 on Greenbrier River waters. James is listed in the index of the Botetourt Co. land survey book on page 9, but the first ten pages of surveys are missing. The index shows that those surveys on the missing pages were for settlers on the Greenbrier in what is now Pocahontas county. His 1774 survey was for 258 acres.

In 1782, Greenbrier land surveys list James Edmiston's 250 acres per certificate from the commissioners of Augusta, Botetourt and Greenbrier. The land was surveyed in 1774 and was adjacent to that of Charles Clendennin. Also in 1782, James entered 250 acres which was assigned to him by Samuel Gilliland which was adjacent to James' other land. Other land surveys show that the land was near Mill Creek and also near the land of Andrew Smith. This is one of the earliest Greenbrier records placing a Smith in proximity to both James Edmiston and Samuel Gilliland. In 1785, William Smith assigned land on Mill Creek to Andrew Donnelly and William Morris.

In Aug., 1789, John Ellis sold 293 acres at Little Levels to Samauel Gilliland and in September Ellis sold an adjacent 196 acre tract to James Edmiston.

Early Bath Co. records list John Smith adjacent to land of James Edmiston and James does name his friend John Smith as executor in his will.

In 1792, James land and tithables are included in a Bath Co. survey from Droop mountain to John Smith's house and to the county line.

For those still trying to determine if Samuel Gilliland's wife was a Smith or a Edmiston, the addition of Andrew and William Smith to John Smith as land owners adjacent to James Edmiston and Samuel Gilliland suggest that James may have named his sons Andrew and William his Smith in-laws.

John Smith also names a son Andrew in his will.

Augusta Co. land records list a William Smith with land adjacent to that of Mathew Edmiston in 1751, which is probably the same land that Mathew sold to Samuel Patterson in a 1764 survey. In 1803, Mathew's heirs sold off land adjacent lying adjacent to John Kirk and Laudawich (difficult to read) Smith. Could there be a connection between these families?

I would be happy to hear from any researchers of Mathew Edmiston of Augusta Co. or Samuel Gilliland.

Don Strong

OVER



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 10, 1987

Mr. Don Strong  
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Dear Don:

Thank you so much for sending copy of the updated material on the Smith family. I have done very little research lately but did order Schreiner-Yantis' 1783 and 1787 Tax Lists for Greenbrier County. You would probably be interested in the following entries:

1783 Personal Property Tax Lists for Greenbrier County, Virginia

|                         |   |   |    |    |
|-------------------------|---|---|----|----|
| p. 5 -- James Edmestone | 0 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| p. 5 -- Andrew Smith    | 0 | 0 | 3  | 16 |
| p. 7 -- Martin Smith    | 1 | 0 | 4  | 7  |
| p. 8 -- Thomas Smith    | 1 | 0 | 5  | 10 |
| p. 9 -- John Smith      | 1 | 0 | 0  | 6  |

Note: Columns 1 = Polls, 2 = Slaves, 3 = Horses, & 4 = Cows

1787 Personal Property Tax Lists for Greenbrier County, Virginia

|                                   |   |   |   |   |    |          |        |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----------|--------|
| p. 156 -- Thomas Edmiston         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5  | List "A" | May 11 |
| p. 160 -- James Edmonson          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 18 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 158 -- James Smith             | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3  | List "A" | Apr 20 |
| p. 162 -- Jno. Smith              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 17 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- John Smith (Anths. Cr.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7  | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- Main Smith              | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 13 | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 162 -- Thomas Smith            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | List "B" | ??? ?? |
| p. 166 -- Stephen Smith           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | List "C" | May 16 |
| p. 166 -- Thomas Smith            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4  | List "C" | May 17 |
| p. 166 -- Jas. Smith              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | List "C" | May 21 |

Note: Columns for 1787 are as follows:

- 1 = White males above 16 and under 21
- 2 = Blacks above 16
- 3 = Blacks under 16
- 4 = Horses, mares, colts, & mules
- 5 = Cattle

Incidentally, I will be in Salt Lake City to attend a genealogical seminar April 18 to May 8. I will be staying at the Temple Square Hotel, where the group has made arrangements. I hope to use the opportunity to do some intensive research.

Sincerely,

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P22t

Names from Clayton Terrence's Virginia Mills & Administrations  
1632-1800

Associations  
master index  
0033748

Smith, John - mill 1756 - Augusta Co., VA

" " ad 1757 "

" " ad 1760 "

" Andrew mill 1762 "

" William mill 1756 "

" John mill 1770 "

" Zachariah mill 1788 "

Smith, John mill 1783 - Botetourt Co., VA

" James ins. 1780 "

" David " 1782 "

" William " 1786 "

Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850, Athens, GA, 1986  
by John Vogt & T. William Kithley, Jr.

p. 188 Smith Francis & ----- - Aug 1761; license only

" Fred & ----- 23 Mar 1754; license only

" Thomas T ----- 14 Jul 1771; " "

" William & ----- 11 Jul 1751 " "

" William & ----- 14 Jul 1759 " "

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Pearlman:

Greenbrier Co. land surveys show that in 1782, Andrew Smith held land next to William Boggs, Lazarous Bartley Joshua Ewing and Nathan Gilliland. In 1782 Samuel Gilliland held land next to that of James Edmiston. We know that James Edmiston md. Jane Smith. We believe that Samuel was md. to Elizabeth Smith.

Bath Co.

- 1809 Thomas and Mary Brock held land on Stoney Creek. John Smith witnessed a deed by Thomas and Mary.
- 1799 Jonas Smith land survey next to James Naylor on Stoney Creek.
- 1808 Jonas and Naomi Smith sell land on Stoney Creek to Thomas Brock. Deed witnessed by John Smith. Jonas md. Naomi McNeil in 1796
- 1809 John Burnsides will names daughter, Isabella Smith. Will is witnessed by John Gibson and John Jordin.
- 1804 James Stephenson who md. Margaret Smith enters land survey next to lands of David Jacox on Fryers Hole on Sinking Creek.
- 1807 David Jacox buys land at Fryers Hole from Grittith and Martha Evans. Note that David Jacox md. Lilly Smith.  
In 1785 John Smith weighed 69 pounds of Ginsing for Samuel Gilliland due to John Brown and delivered to Lily Smith.
- 1811 David and Lilly Jaycox sell land next to James Stephenson.
- 1792 John Smith to survey road from Droop Mtn. to his house then to county line including James Edmonson and James Stephenson.
- 1795 John Smith has land next to James Edmiston at Little Levels.
- 1799 John Smith land next to John Gibson and James Edmsiton.
- 1796 John Smith 173 acres of land at head waters of Stoney Creek.
- 1802 John Smith land adj. to Isaac Hawk.
- 1804 John Smith buys land from Wm. Poage next to James Edmiston, Isaac Hawk.
- 1806 John Smith sells land to John Jordin.
- 1807 John and Jonas Smith are meeting house trustees.
- 1809 John Smith buys 180 acres on Stoney Creek from James and Nancy Naylor.
- 1812 John Smith sells land to Wm. Oldham adj. his own and Isaac Hawk.
- 1813 John Smith sells to John Gibson part of land he got from Wm. Poage in 1804 which is adj. William Edmiston and Wm. Oldham
- 1818 John Smith sells land that he got in 1801 which is next to William Edmiston and John Gibson; witnessed by John Jordin.
- 1804 Robert Smith buys land from John Johnson
- 1804 Robert Smith buys land from John Jordin at Locust Creek
- 1809 Robert Smith proves deed from Catherine Gilliland to John Gilliland.
- 1814 Robert Smith of Champaign Co., Ohio sells land to Abraham Hawk.  
Robert died in Champaign Co. in 1834, age 55, so he was born about 1779



Pocahontas Co.

1826 William and Hannah Smith sell land. Hannah is widow of David Jacox.  
The land is at Fryers Hole.

1833 Will of John Smith of advanced age. Wife - Sarah. Daus. Hannah and Sarah who are living at home. Son Andrew to have 230 acres. Son, John who is not yet age 21 gets land known as the NAYLOR PLACE. Other dausi are Elizabeth, Martha, and Rebecca.

1843 John and Francis Smith sell their share of the Nailor land.

There may be two John Smiths in Bath Co. I suggest that John Smith is father of Robert Smith and that John may be a brother of Jane Smith. Andrew Smith who appears early next to James Edmiston and Gilliland may be another brother. Is Andrew Edmiston named after Andrew Smith? It is not clear if David Jacox had two wives, Lily Smith and then Hannah Smith. A David Jacox appears in Jackson Co., Ohio later on.

Andrew Smith appears in Greenbrier Co. in 1787 adjacent Morris. John Smsith appears on Anthoney's Creek in 1787 also. In 1786 John Smith of Greenbrier Co. sold a horse to Wm. Shanks and to money to be paid to James Burnside Sr.

Greenbrier Co.

The land William Poage sold John Smith at Little Levels was part of a survey that was next to Nathan Gilliland. Both James and Samuel Gilliland had land next to Nathan.

Samuel and Elizabeth Gilliland held land on Spring Creek wich they sold to James Stephenson. They held land on Sinking Creek also.

They held land on Locust Creek and sold some of it to David Stephenson.

Samuel Gilliland testified for James Stephenson in 1791. (Smith connection?)

Samuel sold 100a. next to James Edmiston to John McNeil. Remember Jonas Smith md. Naomi McNeil.

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COPY TO PEARLMAN

11 Dec. '88

Dear Mrs. Burnett;

During the past two years, I have extracted every record in Greenbrier and Bath Co. Virginia up to 1825 concerning the Edmiston and Smiths. I have gone through the deed books page by page and made every attempt to find clues that have been over looked by others.

My research in Bath and Greenbrier Co. leads me to the conclusion that Mrs. Alumbaugh was right all along when she said that Jane Thompson Edmiston was the mother of Mathew Edmiston. In a letter written in 1965, Mrs. Alumbaugh stated that William Edmiston married Mary Cook in Bourbon Co. Ky. and that Mary Cook was the daughter of Margaret Blair and John Cook of Frederick Co. Va. John Cook died intestate in Kentucky. Records there show Edmiston, Cook and Blair. The connection to the Blair family caught my attention while doing research in Bath and Greenbrier Co., Va.

In 1745 John Blair Jr. and Henry Downs were among petitioners who were allowed to take up 50,000 acres of land on the Greenbrier River. This land included the Little Levels area in NOW Pocahontas Co. In researching the early records of Greenbrier Co., I found the first land entry for James Edmiston recorded in Greenbrier Co. was for land originally patented to James BLAIR. Also, the land was next to land owned by Andrew Smith and James Hanna Jr. Samuel Gilliland also assigned James Edmiston 250a. of land next to James Hanna Jr. and Andrew Smith. Remember that Samuel Gilliland and James Edmiston were both married to Smith daughters. This raises the possibility that Jane Smith, wife of James Edmiston was related to Andrew Smith and that James and Jane Edmiston's son, Andrew was probably named after Andrew Smith. This fits well with Alumbaugh's letter because you would expect to find some connection between the in-laws of Mathew Edmiston in the records of his son James.

Going back to Augusta Co. a further connection can be hinted at in the records of Henry Downs. Chalkley Vol. III page 293 3 April 1751 Henry Downs Sr. of Orange Co. sold to John Madison 330 acres dated 1747 adjacent to the land of Ludwick Francisco. This deed was witnessed by MATTHEW EDMISTON and WILLIAM ARMSTRONG. In the records of Bath and Pocahontas Co., I found deeds between the heirs of James Edmiston and George Francisco. Other deeds there show that George Francisco was a heir of Ludwick Francisco. Further study of the Augusta Co. records of Henry Downs show that he lived close to William and Alexander Thompson. In 1745 Alexander Thompson sold 300 acres to Henry Downs on the Shenandoah River. 1745 Henry Downs Jr. witnesses a deed from Moses Thompson of South Carolina to John Madison. Refer to my submission to the Edmundson Family Bulletin where I found that records in North Carolina show that Moses Thompson was from Chester Co., Pa. In 1747 Henry Downs Sr. sells to Henry Downs Jr. the 300 acres obtained from Alexander Thompson, and that same year Henry Downs sold 470a. to Ludwick Francisco. And finally, in 1758, Henry Downs sold land to Joseph Hanna, 300 acres, part of 400 acres patented to Alexander Thompson in 1742. Note that the first land of James Edmiston in Little Levels was next to James Hanna.

The Blair records in Augusta Co. show Abraham Smith as administrator of estate of John Blair in 1758. Greenbrier Co. early land records show that James Blair held land adjacent to Andrew Smith which Blair assigned to William Boggs.

William Blair, James Blair, John Thompson, Robert Thompson, James Thompson, Thomas Cook, and Francis Cook are among the early land entries in Greenbrier Co.

Jane Smith, wife of James Edmiston probably came from the family of John Smith who came from Ireland with his family prior to 1740.

Orange Co. Va. importations 1740. John Smith and Margaret his wife,  
Abraham, Henry, Daniel, John and Joseph Smith.  
Abraham Smith, 1759 as witness to deed for land surveyed by James and  
Moses Thompson.  
John Smith, 1751 witness deed William Thompson to Alexander Thompson.

In summary, one of the earliest records of Mathew Edmiston in Augusta Co.,  
in the deed of Henry Downs, reveals a association with the Thompson family and an  
interest in the new lands opening up on the Greenbrier River.  
It remains to be discovered why James Edmiston went to the Greenbrier, but it  
appears that he may have been following the interest in the new lands by certain  
in-laws, most likely the Smith family or the Blair family.

It would be interesting to see if there is a closer connection between the  
Downs family and the Thompson family.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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