**1782-1787 VA Tax List**

Name:   Pole/Slaves      County, VA       Year

Abraham Franklin          1/3                    Henry                1782

Lewis           " \*\* 0/0                    Henry                1782

Benjamin     "    1/1                    Lunenburg         1782

Owen           "    1/0                    Bedford 1782

Owen            "   1/12                  Campbell          1785

Edmund        "   1/5                    Campbell          1785

Henry           "    1/0                    Campbell          1785

Lewis            "   1/1                    Campbell          1785

Robert           "   1/0                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Daniel           "   1/0                    Westmoreland   1785

James            "  0/0                    Henrico 1785

Elisha Frankling 1/0                    Henrico 1785

Francis      "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Zachariah  "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Peter          "      0/0                    Henrico 1785

Thomas            1/0                    Henrico 1785

Susannah Franklin        3/1                    Prince Wm.       1785

\*\*s/o Edmund I of Falling River what is no Campbell County, VA.  Lewis said in pension report he enlisted in Surry (Stokes) County, NC.  Served a few months and went back to Orange, VA, enlisted for a few months and went back to Henry County, VA.  Married in Bedford and wife Mary Ann's will is recorded there.

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Henry County Virginia Records

Henry County, VA Order Books

Feb. 27, 1782  page 160            Abraham Franklin while in service had a horse taken from his home by a officer in Col. Whales Comp. of Light Dragoons.  Horse was 3 years old and worth 15 pounds.  (Note:  cousin of Edmund Sr.?)

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**Brunswick County, Virginia**

**Deed Book 4 (1750-1764)**

Indenture made 1 January 1745 between Richard Kennon of

Charles City County and William Kennon Jr. of Henrico County and

James **Franklin**g of Brunswick County, £17, 567a, near Cubb Creek.

Signed Richard Kennon, Wm. Kennon, Jr.  Wit:  James Munford,

Robt. Kennon, Cadr. Jones.  Court April 3, 1746, Indenture proved

to be the act and Deed of Richard Kennon by oaths of Robert

Kennon and Cadwallader Jones and acknowledged by William Kennon

Junr.  Court 27 March 1750, further proved by the oath of James

Munford, Gent. and together with the Commission annexed for

taking the acknowledgement and Privy examination of Anne the wife

of Richard Kennon & Elizabeth the wife of Wm. Kennon and the

Certificate of the Execution thereof & ordered to be Recorded.

Deed Book 4, Page 51.

     Commission directed to John Bolling, Richard Royall & John

Royall, Gentlemen, to conduct privy examination and take

acknowledgement of Anne Kennon, the wife of Richard Kennon and

Elizabeth the wife of William Kennon, to Indenture dated 1

January 1745, from Richard Kennon of Charles City County and

William Kennon, Jr. of Henrico County to James **Franklin**g of

Brunswick, for 567a near Cubb Creek.  Commission dated 11 April

19th yor.  Certificate of Execution dated 1 March 1748.  Signed

J. Bolling and Richd. Royall.  Deed Book 4, Page 53.

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Owen            "   1/12                  Campbell          1785

Edmund        "   1/5                    Campbell          1785

Henry           "    1/0                    Campbell          1785

Lewis            "   1/1                    Campbell          1785

Robert           "   1/0                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Daniel           "   1/0                    Westmoreland   1785

James            "  0/0                    Henrico 1785

Elisha Frankling 1/0                    Henrico 1785

Francis      "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Zachariah  "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Peter          "      0/0                    Henrico 1785

Thomas            1/0                    Henrico 1785

Susannah Franklin        3/1                    Prince Wm.       1785

Eliphuz Shelton 1/0                    Henry                1782-87

James       "       1/4                    Henry                "

Palatiah     "      1/2                    "                       "

Ralph         ", Sr.            1/0                    "                       "

Ralph         ", Jr. 1/0                    "                       "

Roger         "     1/0                    "                       "

Samuel      "      1/6                    "                       "

William      "       1/0                    "                       "

William       "      1/0                    "                       "

\*\*s/o Edmund I of Falling River what is no Campbell County, VA.  Lewis said in pension report he enlisted in Surry (Stokes) County, NC.  Served a few months and went back to Orange, VA, enlisted for a few months and went back to Henry County, VA.  Married in Bedford and wife Mary Ann's will is recorded there.

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***Amelia County Virginia Records***

Brunswick & Prince George Counties (in that area that became Amelia County, VA)

Johnson, Franklin, Shelton         ca 1734             several listings for these families

***Amelia County Order Book No. 1     1735-1746,  No. 1-A   1746-1751    and  No. 2     1751-1755***

Nov. 14, 1735    Bk 1 page 4                  Diana (Dinah) a girl belonging to Edmund Franklin (I) \*Indian Slave\*

Nov. 14, 1735    Bk 1 page 5                  Edmund Franklin held for adultery

Apr.  09, 1736    Bk 1 page 8     Our Sovereign Lord King vs. Edmund Franklin for living in Adultery with Eleanor Hodges.  James Roach swore that Eleanor was Edmund Franklins lawful wife.  The court found Edmund and Eleanor innocent of adultery.  (Eleanor Jr. or II & Eleanor Hodges)

May 14, 1736     Bk 1 page 9      Edmund Franklin appointed Surveyor of the road from the Bent Creek into Booker road.

Sep. 08, 1738     Bk 1 page 53   Edmund Franklin (II) grantor to Wm. Clement grantee, deed for land on Franklin Road.

Mar. 19, 1739     Bk 1 page 64   Eleanor wife of Edmund Franklin (II) being privately examined relinquished her right to dower on 50 acres of land conveyed by said Franklin to Wm. Clement.  (Above deed could not be recorded until dower released)

Nov. 19, 1742     Bk 1 page 223a            Lewis Franklin Jury duty.  (Lewis a s/o Edmund Franklin Sr. or I)

Jul. 16, 1743       Bk 1 page 240          James Shelton witness for George Walker against John Mullins (James Shelton born 3.23.1726 Middlesex Co., VA.  Brother of Ralph Shelton who married Mary Daniel.  Kenneth Wilde believed James Shelton father of Samuel Shelton later found on Bear Creek, Cabell County, VA.  Ralph Shelton is father of Roderick Shelton surety for Benj. Johnson & Sally Franklin in 1795 Patrick County, VA marriage)

Feb 28, 1743     Bk 1 page 262a Richard Whitten plt. vs. Ralph Shelton def. pleads nil debt and pays one lb. and ten shillings.

Nov. 16, 1745   Bk 1 page 348   Pay Harry a free Indian for one old wolf head, 14 lbs. tobacco by Wm. Watson.  (used to show tobacco was used as currency in Amelia County Order Book 1746-1751)

May 03, 1746    Bk 2 page 1b     Edmund Franklin (Jr. or II) grantor to Stephen Cox grantee.  Eleanor wife of Edmund relinquished her right to dowry in land conveyed by said deed.

May 03, 1746    Bk 2 page 7a     Lewis Franklin, Edmund Franklin and James Johnson witness again George Marshall.  Charged w/Buggery. (Note:  Edmund F. and James J. shold be grandparents of Sally Franklin and Benj. Johnson who married 1795 in Patrick County, VA)

Jan. 16, 1747    Bk 2 page 29b   Lewis Franklin grantor to John W….ford grantee.  Jane wife of Lewis F. gives up right of dowry.

Feb. 19, 1747    Bk 2 no pg #     Petition of Ralph Shelton a leave to build a mill over Great Nottoway River.  (Shows location)

Apr. 23, 1752    Bk 2 page 35     Mary Franklin wife of Thomas Franklin relinquished her dowry to 400 acres sold to Phileman Holecolm.

Sep. 26, 1753    Bk 2 page 367a         Deed Thomas Franklin to Phileman Holcolm presented to court and recorded.  (also a s/o Edmund Franklin I)

***Amelia County Order Book No. 5 1757-1760***

Aug. 24, 1758 Bk 5 page 135     An Indenture of Peoffment between Charles Johnson and Thos. Tabb.  Proved by the oarth of John Clement and by the solemn affirmation of Jesse Johnson and Ashley Johnson Quakers an dare ordered to be recorded (It was against the Quaker religion to swear an oath)

Aug. 24, 1758 Bk 5 page 138     John Cooke Junr. qui. fam &c vs. James Johnson Junr. In debt.  John Cook Junr. Qui fam &C plt. vs. Nathanial Johnson.  In debt.

                                                vs. John Johnson Sr.          "

                                                vs. John Johnson Jr.           "

                                                vs. Ashley Johnson             "

Nov. 03, 1758 Bk 5 page 162     The petition of Going Johnson agt. Peter Williams for debt is continued…

Apr. 04, 1759  Bk 5 page 203     Ordered that Peter Wm.s pay unto Jeremiah White…  … as a witness of him at the Suit of Going Johnson

Nov. 22, 1759  Bk 5 page 250    The person appointed at the last court to view the Lands whereon Charles Lewis and others proposed to have a Road Cleared from Shelton's Road to the upper new church in Nottoway Parish this day made the following report…  …Ralph Shelton, John Shelton, John Johnson… … with their male labouring Tithables attend the  said Surveyor when required in order to open clear and keep the said road in repair according to law.

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***Lunenburg County Virginia Records***

***List of Tithes Lunenburg County 1748-1783 (From "Sunlight on the Southland by Bell"***

From 1705 Taxable-all males 16 and over, all females negro, mulatto or Indian women over 16, not free

From 1777 Taxable-Every white male above age 21 years.

Done by           Page           Year                     Name                             No. Taxable

Caldwell            77                1748                  James Franklin                                  2

Phelps                85                1748                  Lewis & Edmond Franklin               2

Phelps                85                1748                  Edmund Franklin & Thos. Woods    4

Bacon                64                 1748                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Talbot                99                1749                   Daniel Franklin                                 1

Caldwell            92                1749                   Lewis & Edward Franklin                2

Caldwell            92                1749                  Edward & Thos. Franklin Thos. Woods overseer     5

Caldwell            92                 1749                 James Franklin                                   2

Bacon               107                1749                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Cargill              119                1749                 Thomas Franklin                                1

Cargill              134                1750                 Thomas Franklin                                1

Bacon               155                1750                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Caldwell           123                1750                 James & Peter Franklin (age 16?)     3

Caldwell           129                1750                 Lewis Franklin                                   1

Caldwell           129                1750                 Edmund Franklin, Jun.                       1

Caldwell           129                1750                 Edmund Franklin, Senr.                     1

Phelps               154                1750                 John Phelps & Daniel Franklin          3

Caldwell           184                1752                 James Franklin                                   2

Caldwell            184               1752                 Peter Franklin                                             1

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***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 1 or 2   1746-1750 Tax Lists***

(Includes white males over 16 and older, female negroes, mulatto's and Indians not free)

1747                  Bk 1     Edmund Franklin Sr. (I) - 3 tithes (son Owen must be one of these?)

            Edmund Franklin Jr. (II) - 1 tithe

            Lewis Franklin - 1 tithe

            James Franklin - 1 tithe

1748                 Bk 1 page 85              Lewis Franklin - 2 tithes  Philip's Tax List ( Lewis and his son Edmund who became 16 in 1748)

           Edmund Franklin (II) 4 - tithes Philip's Tax List (one is Edmund and one is Thos. Wood Caretaker.

            James Franklin - 2 tithes Caldwell's Tax List

1748               Bk 1 page 64      Owen Franklin - 1 tithe

1749               Bk 2 page 92              Lewis Franklin - 2 tithes  Caldwell's Tax List (Lewis and son Edward Franklin who is listed as Edmund in 1748)

            Edward Franklin - 5 tithes Caldwell's Tax List (Edward, son Thos., Thos. Wood overseer, 4-5 unknown.  Note listed Edmund in 1748 and Edward in 1749)

            James Franklin - 2 tithes Caldwell's Tax List ( James and his son Peter who probably turns 16 in 1749)

1749                 Bk 2 page 99     Daniel Franklin - 1 tithe Talbot's Tax List (not sure who he is?)

1749                 Bk 2 page 107    Owen Franklin - 1 tithe Bacon's Tax List  (s/o Edmund I)

1749                 Bk 2 page 119    Thomas Franklin - 1 tithe Cargill's Tax List (s/o Edmund I who later moved to Chester Co., SC and named a son Edmund)

1750                  Bk 2 page ???   Edmund and Thos. Franklin are listed on Caldwell's Tax List for 1750, but not for 1752.  It is assumed they moved to Mayo River area of now Patrick County, VA.

            James Franklin & Peter Franklinf 3 tithes

            Lewis Franklin 1 tithe

            Edmd. Franklin Junr.  1 tithe

            Edmd. Franklin Senr.  3 tithes

***Lunenburg, County, VA (in the area now part of Patrick County, VA) - grants / deeds***

Apr. 02, 1749              Lewis Franklin                  850 acres Falling River adj. Prince Edward

Aug. 16, 1756                Lewis Franklin               188 acres

Jul. 25, 1749               Owin Franklin                               400 acres Falling River adj. Prince Edward

Feb. 14, 1753                Edmund Franklin Sr  (II) 400 acres on Widgen Creek Branch of Mayo River

            "                       Thomas Franklin                                   "           "           "           "           "           "

            "                       John Rice (friend or son-in-law?)             "           "           "           "           "           "

Feb. 14, 1753                Edmund Franklin Sr.                  400 acres on North Branch of Mayo River

Feb. 14, 1753                Thomas Franklin                                   "           "           "           "           "

Feb. 14, 1753                John Rice (friend or son-in-law?)             "           "           "           "           "

Jul. 15, 1760                 Owen Franklin               134 acres Lick Branch of Grayfrey Creek

***Mecklenburg, County, VA (in the area that was Lunenburg County, VA) - grants / deeds***

May 01, 1784                Owen Franklin               204 acres adjoining his own land on Grafry Creek

May 04,  1784              Owen Franklin                 362 acres adjoining Redd, Franklin Grave

May 04, 1784               Owen Franklin                       114 acres both sides of White Lick Branch and adj. where he now lives.

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 1   1746-1748***

Dec. 02, 1746   Bk 1 page 98     To Thos. Bouldin asse. Of Harry Syman a Tributary Indian Gr. By Robt. Jones 19 Sept. 1 old wolf's head 140 lbs. Tobacco…

Nov . 03, 1747 Bk 1 page 308    Ephraim Johnson plt. vs. Christopher Gist in debt. (Note:  Chris. Gist is a brother to Nathaniel Gist claimed father of Sequoyah by a Cherokee woman.  Christopher Gist shows up in Bedford County, VA on 9.28.1757 - James Robts. Asse. Of Christopher Gist plt. vs. Joseph Greer, in debt)

Nov. 03, 1747 Bk 1 page 309     John Johnson plt. vs. Christopher Gist def. in debt

Apr. 04, 1748  Bk 1 page 409     Joseph Wilkinson petitioner against Thomas Franklin def.

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 2***

Feb. 06, 1748  Bk 2 page 121     Owen Franklin plt. vs. Edward Clark def.  In case.

Jul. 14, 1749   Bk 2 page 188     Dublin an Indian of the TUGGEBUGG NATION came into Court and petitioned for her freedon.  (She being held in slavery).  It is thereupon ordered that Benj. Hamms gent do inquie into the matter and report….

Oct. 05, 1749  Bk 2 page 231     Thos. Franklin pet. Vs. Henry Sizemore def.   On a petition.

Oct. 03, 1750  Bk 2 page 368     James Murry plt. va. Lewis Franklin, def.  In debt.

Oct. 01, 1751  Bk 2 page 452     An Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Lewis Franklin of the one part and Edmund Franklin of the other part…

???.  ??, 1751  Bk 2 page 527    An Indenture of bargain and sale between Owen Franklin of the one part and Jospeh Billups of the other part…

???.  ??, 1751  Bk 2 page 527    Robert Jones Jr. ?ent is assigned attorney for Henry Little and Indian who set up a Right to Freedom but is kept in slavery by ( left blank) and it is ordered that he have time and leave allowed him to inquire after and go to his weaknesses to prove his Right to Freedom. (further shows natives still in the area with Johnsons / Franklins/ Sheltons)

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 3***

Nov. 6, 1753     Bk 3 page 210   Edmund Franklin Sr. grantor to Edmund Franklin Jr. grantee (this may be Edmund I giving land to his grandson, s/o of Lewis Franklin.

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***Halifax County Virginia Records***

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1752-1755***

Jul. 27, 1761  page 295  Wm. MdDaniel plt. vs. Melchezedeck Johnson and john Bolling deft. On a petition.  (notice unusual first name)

Nov. 21, 1753  page 324            Wm. Booker Pet. Va. Owen Franklyn def..  On a petition.

***Halifax County, VA  Court Orders 1763-1764***

Jul 21, 1763  page 125   A deed with the several endorsements thereon from  David Callahan and Unity his wife to Ralph Shelton… (Note:  this may be first sign of Ralph Shelton in the area and the first since he came from Amelia Co.)

                      Page 127  Hugh Innes plt. against John Vann def.  On an attachment.  (Note:  this is John Joseph Vann, Indian Interpreter for the Crown. And the father of Keziah Vann Maney)

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1764-1767***

Jun. 21, 1765  page 102 Reuben Franklin plt. vs. James Legrande def.  In case.

Sep. 20, 1765  page 223            Robert and James Duncanson plts. vs. Reuben Franklin def.  In case.

Sep. 20, 1765  page 226            Ordered that the Churchwardens of the Parish of Antrim do bind Fanny, Veice and Archer three children of an Indian woman to William Thompson in such manner as the Law directs.

Aug. 28, 1766  page 363            A deed with the Indorsement thereon from Jospeh Shaw to Smith Johnson…

Aug. 28, 1766  page 375            Joseph Johnson is appointed Surveyor of the Road leading from Roberts Ferry o nthe South side of the Dan Rier to the Extent of his former order, and it is ordered…

Nov. 29, 1766  page 389            On the motion of Rober Wooding Gent is it ordered  that the following Hands be added to the Gang belonging to the Road whereof he is Surveyor, to wit, those belonging to… … Smith Johnson, Benjamin Smith…

Jul. 26, 1767  page 444  Ordered that Joseph Johnston,… … or any three of them being first swron as the Law directs, do view, lay off and mark the  nearest best and most convenient way for a Road from Robert's Ferry on Dan River into Pryons Road…

                       Page 445 Ambrose Cochram and Comp. plts. vs. Smith Johnson def.  In debt.

Aug. 21, 1767  page 530            Beede Johnson plt. vs. Benj. Hall def.  On a Petition.

                         Page 531           On the motion of John Johnson a witness for Beede Johnson in his Suit against Benj. Hall it is ordered that the said Beede pay him for two days attendance according to Law.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1767- 1770***

Feb. 19, 1768    page 38            Hampton Wade plt. vs. Ralph Shelton def.  In debt.

May 21, 1768  page 131 Peter Johnson against Nicholas Willard.  In case.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1770-72***

Aug. 16, 1770  page 12  Peter Johnson  vs. Smith Johnson.  In debt.

Apr. 28, 1771   page 100            A deed with the Endorsements thereon from Wm. Sizemore to Eleasar Andrews…

            Robert. Wms. Plt. vs. Benjamin Johnson def.  In case.  Jonathan Patterson came into Court and undertakes for the defendant.

???.??, 1771  page 280 On the motion of Wm. Owen praying leave to turn the road leading from Terrible Creek to Wades Ferry it is ordered that Smith Johnson,… … do view the said road and report here to the Curt wherhte it may be inconvenient to the public to turn the same any other way.

???.??, 1771 page 287  On the motion of John Ashlock it is ordered the … … Smith Johnson … do view the old path leading from Ashlocks into the Courthouse Road and report to the court whether the old path or a new one to be by them marked will be most convenient.

Jun. 28, 1772  page 365 Minor Winn Executor &C of Bemj. Smith…against Jeremiah Stevens, Moses Johnson… …On a Petition. (note:  This Smith Johnson may be older then the one who marries Sarah Powell and was a suspected Tory in SW Virginia w/John Robts.)

May 17, 1772  page 446 Smith Johnson is appointed surveyor of the Road from John Tuck's to Terrible Creek…  (note:  Terrible Creek is in Present day Halifax Co., Va off Banister River and above Wynn's Creek.)

Aug. 20, 1772  page 457            Benjamin Johnson plt. vs. John Deane def.   In case.

Sept. 17, 1772  page 461           Ordered the James LeGrande, Henry Hopson, Jeremiah Pate and Joseph Johnson or 3 of them being first sworn… …appraise estate of Haman Miller.

Sept. 17, 1772  page 463           Ordered that Wm. Shackleford, John Shackelford and Joseph Johnson do open  a road from Shackleford Ferry into the road leading over Lawsons Creek and that they be released from workin on any other Roads.  (Note:  Lawson's Creek is also in present day Halifax off the south side of Dan River near a place called South Boston.)

Sept. 17, 1772  page 465           WM. Lansdowns plt. vs. Benjamin Johnson def. On a petition.

Oct. 16, 1772  page 488 John Holloway plt. vs. Benjamin Johnson.  In case.

Oct. 19, 1772  page 508 Peter Bryant, Joseph Irby & William Lansdown are appointed to mark and mark off the most convenient way for a road form Hickies Road near plantation of Benjamin Johnson to this Courthouse and to make report thereof to the court.

                        Page 509            Robt. Wms. Plt. against Benjamin Johnson def.  In case.

                        Page 510            Witness for Robt. Wms. Against Benjamin Johnson:  Miles Gathwright Junr., Wm. Landsdown, Thos. Tunstall, James Johnson, Wm. Sizemore again Eleazor Andrews.  In debt.

Oct. 20, 1772  page 513 Benjamin Johnson plt. against Boardwine Water deft.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1773-74***

Feb. 18, 1773  page 25  Abraham Smith plt. against Benjamin Johnson def.  On a petition.

???.  ??, 1773  page 70 Jury:  Smith Johnson…

            Burwell Grant against Moses Street.

            Robt. Williams againt Benjamin Johnson

Apr 13, 1773  Page 87   Moses Johnson plt. vs. Mark Milner and Nipper Addams defts.  On a Replevy Bond

Aug. 19, 1775  page 199            Joseph Johnson against Wm. Robts. And Roger Shackelford.  In debt.

Aug. 20, 1773  page 216            Messrs. Young and Poor plts. vs. Benjamin Johnson.  On a petition.  This petition abates The sheriff having the defendant NO INHABITANT OF THIS COUNTY.  (Note:  This Benjamin Johnson is no longer in the County)

Oct. 21, 1773  page 277 James Johnson plts. vs. Thos. Cobbs and Epaphroditus White def.  In debt.

Oct. 21, 1773  page 295            Pete Howe Esquire plt. vs. Benjamin Johnson.  In case.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1774-86***

Apr. 03, 1774  page 52  On the motion of Moses Johnson a witness for Minor Winn at the suit of Elizabeth Butler by Samuel Butler her father and next friend…

Apr. 03, 1774  page 53  Juror:  Smith Johnson

Oct. 20, 1774  page 86  To Smith Johnson for building a bridge over Terrible Creek.

                        Page 86  On the motion of Joseph Johnson it is ordered that his list of Tithables, to wit himself, Chloe, Will and Hannah be added to the general list.  (Note:  Terrible Creek is off Banister River in Halifax Co., VA near the old Courthouse.)

Jul 16, 1778  page 327   On the motion of Moses Johnson he is appointed guardian in general to Peggy, Minor, Susannah, Wethers, John and Weedon Smith, orphans of Benjamin Smith deceased in the room of Minor Winn who was heretofore their guardian, but now dischared from the same…

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1779-83***

Jul 16, 1779  page 57    The heir at law of Joseph Johnson deceased having been heretofore ordered to be summoned to show cause why letters of administration of the Estate of the said Johnson were not taken out and for reasons now appearing to the court, it is ordered that the said process and proceedings thereon be dismissed, and that Jeremiah Pate do pay the costs hereof.

Jul 16, 1779  page 58    The Commonwealth of Virginia plt.vs Smith Johnson def.  On a presentment of the Grand Jury for concealing one Tythe.  For reason appearing to the Court this presentment is dismissed.

Dec. 27, 1779  page 114            Thos. Covington Jr. plt. vs. Francis Franklin dec.  On a petition.

Dec. 27, 1779  page 119            Moses Johnson is appointed surveyor of the road…

Nov. 15, 1781  page 226            The last will and Testament of Moses Johnson deceased was exhibited in court by Smith Johnson one of the Ecescutors therein named…  John Irby his security…

Jan. 01, 1782  page 228 An Inventory and appraisment of the Estate of Moses Johnson deceased was returned and the same was ordered to be recorded.

Apr. 19, 1782  page 248 Susannah Johnson is appointed guardian in General to Sally Wynn Johnson and Benjamin Johnson orphans of Moses Johnson whereupon she together with Smith Johnson her security entered into and acknowledged bond for the same according to law.

Sep. 16, 1782  page 298            John Smith orphan of Benjamin Smith came into court and made choice of Smith Johnson to be his guardian in general and it is ordered that he give bond for the same at the next court.

May 16, 1783  page 396 Smith Johnson is appointed  guardian in general to Weeden Smith orphan of Benjamin Smith…

May 16, 1783  page 400 Thos. Cumbo and Susannah his wife plt. vs. John Franklin Def.  In Trespass assault and battery.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1783-86***

Feb. 19, 1784  page 27  On the motion of Smith Johnson who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Admin. In the Estate of Smith Johnson deceased he givining security whereupon he together with James MCraw…  …Estate of Smith Johnson deceased…

Feb. 18 1785  page 250 Smith Johnson attorney for Minor Wynne plt. vs. Thos. Hannon…

Apr. 19, 1785  page 264            Joseph Morehead plt. vs. Moses Johnson def.  The Defendant having departed this life since the last order therein this suit abtates.

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***Bedford County Virginia Records***

***Bedford County, VA  Deed Bk references from 1770 - 1802***

***Deed Bk 2***

July 27, 1762  page 39   Edmond Frankin, Sen., and Edmond Franklin, Jun., sell one slave to Thomas Franklin , of NC

***Deed Bk 3***

Aug. 4, 1766  page 85    between Edmond Franklin and his son, Edmond Franklin, jun. of county of Bedford, and John Pleasants of Henrico…  … a deed of trust… …given on 425 acres bounded by the lands of Lewis Franklin…

Aug. 16, 1770  page 485            D.T. made… …between Edmond Franklin and Charles Patterson…

***Deed Bk 4***

Sep. 6 1770  page 59    Indenture made… …between Jane Frankin widow of Lewis Franklin, dec, and John Calwell… … for 5 shillings conveys her right in a certain trac of land conveyed to Edmund Franklin, Jun. by her lated husband… …by deed bearing date 1st Oct. 1751, on record in Lunenburg, County, VA.

Sep. 6, 1770  page 60    …between Edmund Franklin, Jun. of 1st part, and John Calwell… for f60, Franklin deeds 420 acres on "Hedd branch of Falling River", same being granted to Lewis Franklin by patent 1st April, 1749.

***Deed Bk 8***

Oct. 25, 1790  page 328 Conrad Newman and Anne his wife to Edmond Franklin… … 136 acres on Crab Orchard Creek…

***Deed Bk 9***

Feb 27, 1792  page 19   Indenture made… … Edmond Franklin of County of Bedford, and state of VA.  Of the first part, and Samuel Wilke.  Frankin convey's to Wilke 4 acreas on Crab Orchard Creek…

Feb. 24, 1794  page 294            …between Edmond Franklin and Rosanna, his wife, of Bedford County, … … to Conrad Numan… … Franklin conveys 133 acres on Crab Orchard Creek…

Feb. 24, 1794  page 295            Conrad Numan of County of Bedford to Edmond Franklin… … 138 acres on Goose Creek to Franklin…

***Deed Bk 10***

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***Henry County, VA Order Books***

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***Patrick County Virginia Records***

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***Patrick County, VA Deed Book 2***

Mar. 29, 1799  page 56  Perry Green Johnson grantee - David Rowan grantor - 100 acres on Clark Creek.  50 lbs.

***Patrick County, VA Deed Book 3***

???. ??, 1807  page 14  Burwell Johnson grantee - Eli Bellar of Stokes Co., NC grantor 220 acres on Stoney Creek of Patrick Co. for 150 lbs.  (Note:  Brother to Benj. Johnson who married Sarah "Sally" Franklin).

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**Franklin References**

**County Formations:**

***Virginia ~***

Brunswick County from Prince George / Isle of Wight / Surry Counties in 1720

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Pittsylvania from

Henry County from

Patrick County from Henry in 1791

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**1782-1787 VA Tax List**

Name:   Pole/Slaves      County, VA       Year

Abraham Franklin          1/3                    Henry                1782

Lewis           " \*\* 0/0                    Henry                1782

Benjamin     "    1/1                    Lunenburg         1782

Owen           "    1/0                    Bedford 1782

Owen            "   1/12                  Campbell          1785

Edmund        "   1/5                    Campbell          1785

Henry           "    1/0                    Campbell          1785

Lewis            "   1/1                    Campbell          1785

Robert           "   1/0                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Thomas         "  1/1                    Campbell          1785

Daniel           "   1/0                    Westmoreland   1785

James            "  0/0                    Henrico 1785

Elisha Frankling 1/0                    Henrico 1785

Francis      "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Zachariah  "      1/0                    Henrico 1785

Peter          "      0/0                    Henrico 1785

Thomas            1/0                    Henrico 1785

Susannah Franklin        3/1                    Prince Wm.       1785

\*\*s/o Edmund I of Falling River what is no Campbell County, VA.  Lewis said in pension report he enlisted in Surry (Stokes) County, NC.  Served a few months and went back to Orange, VA, enlisted for a few months and went back to Henry County, VA.  Married in Bedford and wife Mary Ann's will is recorded there.

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***Amelia County Virginia Records***

Brunswick & Prince George Counties (in that area that became Amelia County, VA)

Johnson, Franklin, Shelton         ca 1734             several listings for these families

***Amelia County Order Book No. 1     1735-1746,  No. 1-A   1746-1751    and  No. 2     1751-1755***

Nov. 14, 1735    Bk 1 page 4                  Diana (Dinah) a girl belonging to Edmund Franklin (I) \*Indian Slave\*

Nov. 14, 1735    Bk 1 page 5                  Edmund Franklin held for adultery

Apr.  09, 1736    Bk 1 page 8     Our Sovereign Lord King vs. Edmund Franklin for living in Adultery with Eleanor Hodges.  James Roach swore that Eleanor was Edmund Franklins lawful wife.  The court found Edmund and Eleanor innocent of adultery.  (Eleanor Jr. or II & Eleanor Hodges)

May 14, 1736     Bk 1 page 9      Edmund Franklin appointed Surveyor of the road from the Bent Creek into Booker road.

Sep. 08, 1738     Bk 1 page 53   Edmund Franklin (II) grantor to Wm. Clement grantee, deed for land on Franklin Road.

Mar. 19, 1739     Bk 1 page 64   Eleanor wife of Edmund Franklin (II) being privately examined relinquished her right to dower on 50 acres of land conveyed by said Franklin to Wm. Clement.  (Above deed could not be recorded until dower released)

Nov. 19, 1742     Bk 1 page 223a            Lewis Franklin Jury duty.  (Lewis a s/o Edmund Franklin Sr. or I)

Jul. 16, 1743       Bk 1 page 240          James Shelton witness for George Walker against John Mullins (James Shelton born 3.23.1726 Middlesex Co., VA.  Brother of Ralph Shelton who married Mary Daniel.  Kenneth Wilde believed James Shelton father of Samuel Shelton later found on Bear Creek, Cabell County, VA.  Ralph Shelton is father of Roderick Shelton surety for Benj. Johnson & Sally Franklin in 1795 Patrick County, VA marriage)

Nov. 16, 1745   Bk 1 page 348   Pay Harry a free Indian for one old wolf head, 14 lbs. tobacco by Wm. Watson.  (used to show tobacco was used as currency in Amelia County Order Book 1746-1751)

May 03, 1746    Bk 2 page 1b     Edmund Franklin (Jr. or II) grantor to Stephen Cox grantee.  Eleanor wife of Edmund relinquished her right to dowry in land conveyed by said deed.

May 03, 1746    Bk 2 page 7a     Lewis Franklin, Edmund Franklin and James Johnson witness again George Marshall.  Charged w/Buggery. (Note:  Edmund F. and James J. shold be grandparents of Sally Franklin and Benj. Johnson who married 1795 in Patrick County, VA)

Jan. 16, 1747    Bk 2 page 29b   Lewis Franklin grantor to John W….ford grantee.  Jane wife of Lewis F. gives up right of dowry.

Feb. 19, 1747    Bk 2 no pg #     Petition of Ralph Shelton a leave to build a mill over Great Nottoway River.  (Shows location)

Apr. 23, 1752    Bk 2 page 35     Mary Franklin wife of Thomas Franklin relinquished her dowry to 400 acres sold to Phileman Holecolm.

Sep. 26, 1753    Bk 2 page 367a         Deed Thomas Franklin to Phileman Holcolm presented to court and recorded.  (also a s/o Edmund Franklin I)

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***Lunenburg County Virginia Records***

***List of Tithes Lunenburg County 1748-1783 (From "Sunlight on the Southland by Bell"***

From 1705 Taxable-all males 16 and over, all females negro, mulatto or Indian women over 16, not free

From 1777 Taxable-Every white male above age 21 years.

Done by           Page           Year                     Name                             No. Taxable

Caldwell            77                1748                  James Franklin                                  2

Phelps                85                1748                  Lewis & Edmond Franklin               2

Phelps                85                1748                  Edmund Franklin & Thos. Woods    4

Bacon                64                 1748                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Talbot                99                1749                   Daniel Franklin                                 1

Caldwell            92                1749                   Lewis & Edward Franklin                2

Caldwell            92                1749                  Edward & Thos. Franklin Thos. Woods overseer     5

Caldwell            92                 1749                 James Franklin                                   2

Bacon               107                1749                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Cargill              119                1749                 Thomas Franklin                                1

Cargill              134                1750                 Thomas Franklin                                1

Bacon               155                1750                 Owen Franklin                                   1

Caldwell           123                1750                 James & Peter Franklin (age 16?)     3

Caldwell           129                1750                 Lewis Franklin                                   1

Caldwell           129                1750                 Edmund Franklin, Jun.                       1

Caldwell           129                1750                 Edmund Franklin, Senr.                     1

Phelps               154                1750                 John Phelps & Daniel Franklin          3

Caldwell           184                1752                 James Franklin                                   2

Caldwell            184               1752                 Peter Franklin                                             1

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***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 1 or 2   1746-1750 Tax Lists***

(Includes white males over 16 and older, female negroes, mulatto's and Indians not free)

1747                  Bk 1     Edmund Franklin Sr. (I) - 3 tithes (son Owen must be one of these?)

            Edmund Franklin Jr. (II) - 1 tithe

            Lewis Franklin - 1 tithe

            James Franklin - 1 tithe

1748                 Bk 1 page 85              Lewis Franklin - 2 tithes  Philip's Tax List ( Lewis and his son Edmund who became 16 in 1748)

           Edmund Franklin (II) 4 - tithes Philip's Tax List (one is Edmund and one is Thos. Wood Caretaker.

            James Franklin - 2 tithes Caldwell's Tax List

1748               Bk 1 page 64      Owen Franklin - 1 tithe

1749               Bk 2 page 92              Lewis Franklin - 2 tithes  Caldwell's Tax List (Lewis and son Edward Franklin who is listed as Edmund in 1748)

            Edward Franklin - 5 tithes Caldwell's Tax List (Edward, son Thos., Thos. Wood overseer, 4-5 unknown.  Note listed Edmund in 1748 and Edward in 1749)

            James Franklin - 2 tithes Caldwell's Tax List ( James and his son Peter who probably turns 16 in 1749)

1749                 Bk 2 page 99     Daniel Franklin - 1 tithe Talbot's Tax List (not sure who he is?)

1749                 Bk 2 page 107    Owen Franklin - 1 tithe Bacon's Tax List  (s/o Edmund I)

1749                 Bk 2 page 119    Thomas Franklin - 1 tithe Cargill's Tax List (s/o Edmund I who later moved to Chester Co., SC and named a son Edmund)

1750                  Bk 2 page ???   Edmund and Thos. Franklin are listed on Caldwell's Tax List for 1750, but not for 1752.  It is assumed they moved to Mayo River area of now Patrick County, VA.

            James Franklin & Peter Franklinf 3 tithes

            Lewis Franklin 1 tithe

            Edmd. Franklin Junr.  1 tithe

            Edmd. Franklin Senr.  3 tithes

***Lunenburg, County, VA (in the area now part of Patrick County, VA) - grants / deeds***

Apr. 02, 1749              Lewis Franklin                  850 acres Falling River adj. Prince Edward

Aug. 16, 1756                Lewis Franklin               188 acres

Jul. 25, 1749               Owin Franklin                               400 acres Falling River adj. Prince Edward

Feb. 14, 1753                Edmund Franklin Sr  (II) 400 acres on Widgen Creek Branch of Mayo River

            "                       Thomas Franklin                                   "           "           "           "           "           "

            "                       John Rice (friend or son-in-law?)             "           "           "           "           "           "

Feb. 14, 1753                Edmund Franklin Sr.                  400 acres on North Branch of Mayo River

Feb. 14, 1753                Thomas Franklin                                   "           "           "           "           "

Feb. 14, 1753                John Rice (friend or son-in-law?)             "           "           "           "           "

Jul. 15, 1760                 Owen Franklin               134 acres Lick Branch of Grayfrey Creek

***Mecklenburg, County, VA (in the area that was Lunenburg County, VA) - grants / deeds***

May 01, 1784                Owen Franklin               204 acres adjoining his own land on Grafry Creek

May 04,  1784              Owen Franklin                 362 acres adjoining Redd, Franklin Grave

May 04, 1784               Owen Franklin                       114 acres both sides of White Lick Branch and adj. where he now lives.

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 1   1746-1748***

Apr. 04, 1748  Bk 1 page 409     Joseph Wilkinson petitioner against Thomas Franklin def.

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 2***

Feb. 06, 1748  Bk 2 page 121     Owen Franklin plt. vs. Edward Clark def.  In case.

Jul. 14, 1749   Bk 2 page 188     Dublin an Indian of the TUGGEBUGG NATION came into Court and petitioned for her freedon.  (She being held in slavery).  It is thereupon ordered that Benj. Hamms gent do inquie into the matter and report….

Oct. 05, 1749  Bk 2 page 231     Thos. Franklin pet. Vs. Henry Sizemore def.   On a petition.

Oct. 03, 1750  Bk 2 page 368     James Murry plt. va. Lewis Franklin, def.  In debt.

Oct. 01, 1751  Bk 2 page 452     An Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Lewis Franklin of the one part and Edmund Franklin of the other part…

???.  ??, 1751  Bk 2 page 527    An Indenture of bargain and sale between Owen Franklin of the one part and Jospeh Billups of the other part…

???.  ??, 1751  Bk 2 page 527    Robert Jones Jr. ?ent is assigned attorney for Henry Little and Indian who set up a Right to Freedom but is kept in slavery by ( left blank) and it is ordered that he have time and leave allowed him to inquire after and go to his weaknesses to prove his Right to Freedom. (further shows natives still in the area with Johnsons / Franklins/ Sheltons)

***Lunenburg County, Order Book No. 3***

Nov. 6, 1753     Bk 3 page 210   Edmund Franklin Sr. grantor to Edmund Franklin Jr. grantee (this may be Edmund I giving land to his grandson, s/o of Lewis Franklin.

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***Halifax County Virginia Records***

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1764-1767***

Jun. 21, 1765  page 102 Reuben Franklin plt. vs. James Legrande def.  In case.

Sep. 20, 1765  page 223            Robert and James Duncanson plts. vs. Reuben Franklin def.  In case.

Sep. 20, 1765  page 226            Ordered that the Churchwardens of the Parish of Antrim do bind Fanny, Veice and Archer three children of an Indian woman to William Thompson in such manner as the Law directs.

***Halifax County, VA Court Orders 1779-83***

Dec. 27, 1779  page 114            Thos. Covington Jr. plt. vs. Francis Franklin dec.  On a petition.

May 16, 1783  page 400 Thos. Cumbo and Susannah his wife plt. vs. John Franklin Def.  In Trespass assault and battery.

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***Bedford County Virginia Records***

***Bedford County, VA  Deed Bk references from 1770 - 1802***

***Deed Bk 2***

July 27, 1762  page 39   Edmond Frankin, Sen., and Edmond Franklin, Jun., sell one slave to Thomas Franklin , of  NC

***Deed Bk 3***

Aug. 4, 1766  page 85    between Edmond Franklin and his son, Edmond Franklin, jun. of county of Bedford, and John Pleasants of Henrico…  … a deed of trust… …given on 425 acres bounded by the lands of Lewis Franklin…

Aug. 16, 1770  page 485            D.T. made… …between Edmond Franklin and Charles Patterson…

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Sep. 6 1770  page 59    Indenture made… …between Jane Franklin widow of Lewis Franklin, dec, and John Calwell… … for 5 shillings conveys her right in a certain trac of land conveyed to Edmund Franklin, Jun. by her lated husband… …by deed bearing date 1st Oct. 1751, on record in Lunenburg, County, VA.

Sep. 6, 1770  page 60    …between Edmund Franklin, Jun. of 1st part, and John Calwell… for f60, Franklin deeds 420 acres on "Hedd branch of Falling River", same being granted to Lewis Franklin by patent 1st April, 1749.

***Deed Bk 8***

Oct. 25, 1790  page 328 Conrad Newman and Anne his wife to Edmond Franklin… … 136 acres on Crab Orchard Creek…

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