

NORTH OF THE BROAD RIVER

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Up Little Cedar Creek

The Robertsons

The brothers John and Alexander Robertson, with David McCreight, William Hamilton, James Gray, and John Phillips, all elders and recently come from Ireland, organized the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend John Logue of Ireland or the Reverend John Simpson of Fishing Creek as the first minister. The first meetings of the congregation were held in the home of John Robertson. Later a log cabin church was built and the church transferred to the land of John Chapman. A stone church was built and used for many years, but abandoned and Lebanon Presbyterian Church now lies a short distance away on Highway 34.

On September 1, 1767, John and William Robertson, newly arrived protestants, applied for warrants of land survey on the bounty.

JOHN ROBERTSON, brother of Alexander and probably of William and Henry Robertson, died intestate in Fairfield County in late 1793. On January 14, 1794, William Robertson and Robert Rabb signed the administrative bond for Hannah and Thomas Robertson. Thomas Robertson gave William Robertson and Robert Rabb a mortgage on several slaves to insure them against possible loss as signers of the bond. Hannah and Thomas Robertson applied for letters of administration on November 1, 1793. The sale of the personal goods of John Robertson, including ten slaves, netted 676 pounds, 14 shillings, and 5 pence. Buying at the sale were his neighbors and kinfolk William Robertson Sr., William Robertson Jr., John Mickle, Bartlee Smyth, James Kincaid, Thomas Bell, William McMorries Sr., William McMorries Jr.,

3- Howe, History of Presbyterian Church, Vol. I, Pp-415, 416.

4- Revill, Lists of Protestant Immigrants, P-82

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Joseph Shelton, Laurens District, sold John Robinson 267½ acres of land on McClure's Creek, July 21, 1830, for \$2140. Alexander W. and Minor Robinson witnessed the sale. John Robinson sold William Coleman 254½ acres out of this tract of land for \$1421.01 on January 15, 1833. This land was made up out of two separate tracts; 100 acres granted Henry Funderburg, and 150 acres that had been granted Ephraim Mitchell in 1773. Lucy, wife of John Robinson, signed her release.

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John Lucy Robinson(sic), wife of John Robinson, together with Alexander W. Robinson(a minor), Benjamin Cockrell and wife Eliza, Harriet wife of Hardy Chapman (deceased), and Amelia Robinson, all living heirs of John and Lucy Robinson, sold Robert F. Coleman the Negro girl Nelly, about 21 years of age, for \$450 on January 19, 1831. This identifies the living heirs of John and Lucy Robinson.

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Samuel Robertson (Robinson?) sold John Robinson 149 acres of land for \$223.50 in January 1823. This land came out of 1000 acres that had been granted Alexander Fotheringham, and out of 192 acres granted Ezekiel Hay on June 4, 1792. This land was located on Wolf Pit and Pitman Branch of Big Cedar Creek.

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John F. Debardelaben, Chester District, sold John Robinson, Fairfield District, 100 acres of land for \$250 on December 28, 1833. This land lay on Little River where George Nolan "now lives": bound by lands of John Robinson on the north, south and west by lands of James Brice, and east by land of

117- F.D.B., Bk.HH-2, P-257, 1830; Bk.KK, P-417, 1833.

118- Ibid, Bk.KK, P-125, 1831.

119- Ibid, Bk.KK, P-386, 1832.

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November 5, 1804. This land was part of 455 acres of land granted John Bleakley (Weakley?) on May 26, 1786: bound at the time of the sale on land of Holliday on the northwest, by land of Samuel Cork on the northeast, on the land of Joseph Chapman on the west, and by land of Henry Ackinson(sic) on the east. 22

On January 9, 1805, David Milling certified a tract of land containing 162 acres for Robert Boid (Boyd). This land was part of 300 acres that now belonged to David Camack, but originally granted to John Weakly and Hugh Milling. On December 24, 1806, David Camack sold 162 acres out of this tract to Mary Denham for \$333. This land lay on Brushy Creek, Little River, and was made up in part by the 155 acres that Hugh Milling had sold David Cammack on November 5, 1804. Hugh Milling had purchased this land at a sheriff's sale. The remainder of the 162 acres was part of the tract of land that Hugh Milling had sold David Camack in 1792. Letitia Camack, wife of David, signed her release. 23

James Russell Sr., Smith Phillips, Ellen Phillips (wife of Smith Phillips), Thomas Russell, and Robert Russell, all of Fairfield District sold David Camack, of the same district, 187 acres of land for \$131 on November 26, 1818. This land lay on Jackson Creek and was part of an original grant to James Russell. William Gibson and Fergus Russell witnessed the deed. Mary Russell and Elizabeth Russell, wives of Thomas and James Russell signed their releases. 24

22- F.D.B., Bk.Q, P27, 1804.

23- Ibid, Bk.T.P-32, 1806.

24- Ibid, Bk.AA, P-480, 1818.

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David Cammack, for \$1 and other good reasons, conveyed 3½ acres of land containing the Lebanon Presbyterian Church to the Lebanon Society on November 6, 1819. The deed included the right to use the spring, and served to confirm a previous deed made to the Lebanon Society by James Russell on August 27, 1791.²⁵

David Alexander Milling, planter of Fairfield District, sold James Camack Sr. 274 acres of land for \$223.01.9 on February 8, 1808. This land was the remainder of 400 acres granted to James Kennedy. David Camack Sr. had previously bought 100 acres of land out of the 400 acre tract. At the time of the sale to James Camack Sr., the land was bound on the northwest by the land of Samuel Camack, northeast by John Delashmet's original grant, east and south by the lands of Ralph Henry and David Thompson, and on the west by the land of James Martin. Sarah Milling signed her release. Fourteen years later, on March 2, 1822, James Camack sold this 274 acres of land, resurveyed to show 276 acres, to William McMillan for \$1907.16. The road to Winnsboro ran across this tract of land. At the time of this sale, the land was bound by the lands of Samuel Camack, John Tinkler, James Thompson and Hugh Gladney.²⁶

Some years earlier, on August 24, 1816, James Camack had sold William Siminton 977 (?) acres of land for \$300. This land had been originally granted to Hugh Milling and was bound by the lands of Burr Harrison, Joseph Quarell, Joseph Chapman, Henry Ackinson, and William McMorries.²⁷

25- F.D.B., Bk.BB, P-122, 1819.

26- Ibid, Bk.T, P-357, 1808; Bk.CC, P-336, 1822.

27- Ibid, Bk.Y, P-57, 1816.

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