

**Abstracts & Transcriptions of Albritton Records  
in Eastern North Carolina  
1709-1900**

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## Introduction

Family researchers began studying the Albrittons in the American South at least by the early 1960s, when several interested descendants formed a research group. They studied the family of [Ralph Albritton](#) (1656–1702), primarily focusing on the descendants of his son, [Thomas Albritton](#) (1 Aug 1682–1731), and grandson, [James Albritton Sr.](#) (17 Sep 1705–c1773). This Albritton research group actively continued their investigations throughout the 1960s and 1970s, and the family information they accumulated resulted in publications of Albritton books in 1979 and 1984. This was followed two decades later by another Albritton publication [1].

While the efforts of these researchers that resulted in the 1979 and 1984 publications laid the foundation for what we know of the family today, they were privately printed and had a limited distribution. The 2004 work was widely disseminated across the United States. Unfortunately, this latter book contained numerous inaccuracies and inconsistencies, and these have now proliferated on internet records frequently shared and copied without verification.

Counteracting the resulting misinformation has required a reexamination of the records documenting the life of James Albritton Sr., who left the Colony of Virginia in late 1744 and settled along the Tar River in eastern North Carolina. After a brief foray along coastal North Carolina, he lived on the south side of the Tar River in Pitt County between 1750 and his death about 1773. His sons all accumulated farms near him, and his progeny spread from Pitt County throughout the southern United States. Accurately identifying the family background of these Albrittons requires documenting their descent from James Albritton Sr., a task that would ordinarily necessitate a careful analysis of the probate records of Pitt County, North Carolina.

However, on Thursday night, 7 January 1858, an arsonist with a vendetta to settle struck the Pitt County Courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina. The following Saturday, the newspaper in nearby Tarboro reported that the building “*was entirely consumed by Fire...and but few papers saved*” [2]. Although officials estimated the loss at \$6,000, it is incalculable in terms of the lost documentation, as the villain’s heinous act destroyed a century’s worth of accumulated wills and probate records.

The loss of Pitt County’s wills and probate records makes it exceedingly difficult for modern researchers to sort the numerous Albrittons there into their accurate family groups and glean their precise line of descent from James Albritton Sr. Luckily, in North Carolina, each county’s deed books are maintained by the Register of Deeds, and in early 1858, the Pitt County Register situated

his office in a separate building from the courthouse. As a result, the deed books escaped the conflagration [3].

The Pitt County land records serve as the only documentation of Albritton ancestry prior to 1858, making them an essential tool for Albritton research. A handful of deeds specify precise familial relationships. However, an equally invaluable aspect of these early land records lies with their land descriptions. Although the wording used by the court clerks in these land descriptions is often cryptic and vague, comparing them over the decades provides us with a means to verify descent, thereby documenting certain Albritton family relationships. The purpose of these notes is to provide abstracts of these land records, including verbatim transcriptions of the vital land descriptions. The abstracts allow for easy comparison of land descriptions over wide time periods.

The bulk of the abstracts and transcriptions given in these notes come from the surviving deed records of Pitt County, North Carolina between 1761 and 1857. However, for completeness, they also include most of the known records in eastern North Carolina made by James Albritton Sr., his father, Thomas Albritton, and James' descendants through about 1900. These people primarily left records in these three eastern North Carolina locations:

**Currituck Precinct** – located in the northeastern corner of the North Carolina Province

**Onslow County** – located along coastal southeastern North Carolina

**Beaufort/Pitt Counties** – located along the Tar River in east central North Carolina

In addition to abstracts of all known Albritton legal records in eastern North Carolina during the eighteenth century, these notes also include almost all known Albritton records made in Pitt County, North Carolina between 1800 and 1857, along with many Albritton court records from the 1858–1900 period. These notes do specifically exclude the following nineteenth century Pitt County Albritton records:

1. Howell and Burton Green Albritton, great-grandsons of James Albritton Sr., both served as the Pitt County Sheriff between 1830 and 1860. In fulfillment of their official duties, they engaged in extensive transactions involving their seizure and sale of property as directed by the County Courts. I have not included such records below.
2. The Index to Deeds maintained by the Pitt County Register of Deeds includes only land deeds and does not list deeds for the sale of slaves. Published abstracts have included the earlier slave deeds, and all Albritton slave deeds found there are included in the notes below. However, the slave deeds for the 1830–1865 period are not indexed and have not been abstracted. There are many such records in Pitt County Deed Books GG, HH, II, KK, LL,

MM, NN, OO, PP, and QQ, the books covering this time period. These records include Albritton slave deeds. While I have located and included a few of them herein, I have not personally examined these books page-by-page, which is the only way to definitively locate all possible Albritton slave transactions.

3. Original probate packets survive beginning in 1857, and they often include extensive papers. These notes do not include these original probate records.

I have used a variety of means to access the original Pitt County, North Carolina deed records abstracted herein, including:

- notes made while personally viewing the original record books in the Pitt County Courthouse
- photocopies made from the original record books in the Pitt County Courthouse
- images currently available from the Pitt County Register of Deeds' website
- images available from the Latter-day Saints' website, FamilySearch.org
- images of original records housed in the North Carolina State Archives

A few of the earlier Pitt County deed books have significantly deteriorated, making them extremely difficult to decipher. For these, I have cross-referenced the above records with the four-volume set of abstracts published by Judith DuPree Ellison in 1968 [4].

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### Surname Spellings

By 1800, the Albritton family name had become well established in eastern North Carolina, especially in Pitt County. Generally, the Pitt County court clerks during the nineteenth century accurately spelled the Albritton surname. However, Pitt County court clerks of the eighteenth century often spelled the surname as "*Albrittain*," "*Allbritain*," or "*Albriton*," in addition to the modern spelling.

In early Onslow County, the court clerks frequently recorded the "*Albritton*" surname as "*Alberton*." In several instances, James "*Alberton*" is recorded as purchasing a tract of land, while James "*Albritton*" sold the identical land a few years later, thus proving the error.

In Pitt County, a distinct Alberson (also Albertson/Alberton) family lived in the region as early as 1772. In that year, Solomon Alberson gave land to his mother, Elizabeth Alberson (Pitt County NC Deed Book E, p. 254), and he continued to reside in Pitt until after 1810. Solomon Alberson has no known connection to the family of James Albritton Sr., and his records in Pitt County, North Carolina are not included in the abstracts below.

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### **Pitt County, North Carolina Albritton Reference Guides**

Multiple men by the name of "*James Albritton*" lived in what is now Pitt County, North Carolina between 1745 and 1900. This name repetition constitutes a severe impediment to Albritton research, as it proves exceedingly difficult to distinguish between them in the surviving records. A separate article, [The Various James Albrittons of Pitt County, North Carolina](#), discusses the seven men by this name who lived to adulthood between 1745 and 1864.

The following lists are not complete family charts listing all known descendants of James Albritton Sr. during the time periods of 1760–1808 and 1800–1900. Instead, these lists are intended as reference guides to the known descendants of James Albritton Sr. who left records in Pitt County, North Carolina during these periods. These reference guides serve to help identify the Albrittons and allied families whose records are transcribed in these notes.

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**1760–1808: Sons and Grandsons of James Albritton Sr.****1. Thomas Albritton** (1726/1735–1781/1784)

Sons:

- a. **John Albritton** (1750/1755–1815)
- b. **Matthew Albritton** (1756/1761–1832/1835)

**2. James Albritton Jr.** (1728/1738–c1795)**3. Matthew Albritton** (1730/1739–aft. 1784)

Presumed son:

- a. **James Albritton** (13 July 1765–29 Sept 1827)

Probable son:

- b. **Zachariah Albritton** (1765/1770–1820/1825)

**4. Peter Albritton Sr.** (1740/1742–c1798)

Children:

- a. **Samuel Albritton** (2 Apr 1759 – ?)
- b. **James Albritton** (2 Jul 1761–1797/1798)
- c. **Elizabeth Albritton** (2 Mar 1763–aft. 1800) married **Gardner Moye** (c1755–1820/1830)
- d. **William Albritton** (1760/1770–c1830)
- e. **Mary Albritton** (24 Jan 1767–aft. 1800) married **Matthew James** (1755/1765–1801/1806)
- f. **Adam Albritton** (10 Apr 1769–c1835) married **Eleanor Cason** (1770/1775–aft. 1833)
- g. **Enoch Albritton** (c1771–14 Feb 1834) married **Penelope Frizzle** (27 Jan 1772–aft. 1860)
- h. **Jonathan Albritton** (19 Mar 1771–fall 1845)
- i. **Joel Albritton** (9 Jun 1773–1830/1839)
- j. **Peter Albritton Jr.** (2 Jan 1776–1845)
- k. **Luke Albritton** (8 May 1778–5 Oct 1853)

**5. George Albritton** (1742/1745–1810)**6. Richard Albritton** (1747/1755–1817)**7. Henry Albritton** (1755/1759–c1815)

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**1800–1900: Descendants of Henry & Peter Albritton Sr.**

I. **Henry Albritton** (1755/1759–c1815), the youngest son of James Albritton Sr. It appears that he married **Unice**, who survived until after 1820. Their presumed children:

1. **Cloey Albritton** (18 Mar 1784–22 Mar 1873) married **Zachariah Haddock** (10 Jun 1779–2 Jul 1842)
2. **Richard Albritton** (1790/1795–aft. 1820)

II. These descendants of **Peter Albritton Sr.** (1740/1742–c1798), son of James Albritton Sr.

1. **James Albritton** (2 Jul 1761–c1797)
  - a. **Samuel Albritton** (1783–1831) married **Tabitha Bell** (1787–1865)
  - b. **Susannah Albritton** (c1784–1820s) married **John Bowers Jr.** (1774/1780–aft. 1830)
  - c. **Dorothy Albritton** (1780/1785–1817/1820) married **Abel Moore** (1770s–1820s)
  - d. **Nancy Albritton** (c1790 – aft. 1850) married **Allen Moore** (1775/1784–c1830)
  - e. **Peter Albritton** (c1797–1860) moved to Georgia in the 1830s and later to Louisiana
2. **Elizabeth Albritton** (2 Mar 1763–aft. 1824) married **Gardner Moye** (c1755–1821)
3. **William Albritton** (c1765–c1830) moved to Georgia in early 1800
4. **Mary Albritton** (24 Jan 1767–aft. 1800) married **Matthew James** (1755/1765–1801/1806)
  - a. **Joel James** (c1787–Jul 1866) married **Lydia A. ?** (c1784–Jan 1870)
  - b. **Henry James** (1790/1794–1829/1830) married **Nancy Whichard** (c1794–1870/1879)
  - c. **Clifton James** (c1801–Nov 1849) married **Lydia Moore** (1800/1810–1840/1842)
5. **Adam Albritton** (10 Apr 1769–c1835) married **Eleanor Cason** (1770/1775–aft. 1833)
  - a. **John C. Albritton** (17 Jun 1792–aft. 1839)
  - b. **Thomas Albritton** (24 Nov 1796–27 Mar 1858) married **Lucina Moore** (1804–1877)
  - c. **Luke Albritton** (14 Jan 1799–13 Jan 1876)
  - d. **Samuel Albritton** (5 Dec 1801–14 Jan 1885)



- e. **Adam Albritton Jr.** (1804–1839)
- 6. **Enoch Albritton** (c1771–14 Feb 1834) married **Penelope Frizzle** (27 Jan 1772–aft. 1860)
- 7. **Jonathan Albritton** (19 Mar 1771–fall 1845)
  - a. **James Albritton** (c1795–c1835)
  - b. ? **Albritton** (1794/1804–1820/1835) married **Harmon Mayo** (1794/1804–1821/1830)
  - c. **City Albritton** (1800/1810–c1840) married **John Stanley Daniel** (c1803–1870)
  - d. **Asia Albritton** (1810/1815–1830/1840) married **George Daniel Jr.** (c1801–after 1860)
- 8. **Joel Albritton** (9 Jun 1773–1830/1839)
  - a. **Howell Albritton** (c1795–1842/1850)
  - b. **Levina Albritton** (c1810–1850/1860) married **John Stanley Daniel** (c1803–1870)
  - c. **Talitha Ann Albritton** (c1819–1850/1858) married **Ivey Fleming** (c1814–2 Nov 1890)
- 9. **Peter Albritton Jr.** (2 Jan 1776–1845) moved to Georgia about 1808
- 10. **Luke Albritton** (8 May 1778–5 Oct 1853)
  - a. **William Albritton** (c1805–1846/1850)
  - b. **Mary Ann Albritton** (c1808–1865/1870) married **John Cherry** (c1805–25 Jul 1839) and **Rippon Ward** (26 May 1805–5 May 1883)
  - c. **James C. Albritton** (c1810–1864) married **Nancy ?** (c1819–1860/1865)
  - d. **Burton Green Albritton** (c1814–Nov 1865) married **Alvania S. Parker** (c1833–1883)

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## Abstracts of Albritton Records from Eastern North Carolina 1709–1898

### 12 Nov 1709 Bond between **William Reed** and **John Northen**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Wm Reed** of the County of Albemarle in the Colony of North Carolina Doe [sic] owe and firmly Stand bound unto **John Northen** of Charles Parish in the County of York and Colony of Virginia in the sum of Two hundred pounds of Lawfull [sic] money of England to be paid to the said **John Northen** or his Sertain [sic] attorney his Exer<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or assigns To which payment will & Truly to be made I Bind me my heirs Exer<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>rs</sup> firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seale...The condition of this obligation is such that if the above Bounden **Wm Reed** together with **Christain** his wife and their heirs Exer<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>rs</sup> Doe [sic] & Shall well and truly obey observe accomplish perform fullfill [sic] and Keep all & Every the covenants articles and agreements which on his her and their parts & behalf are and ought to be obeyed observed performed fulfilled [sic] accomplished & kept Mentioned and comprised in Sertain [sic] Indentures of Grant Release & confirmation made or mentioned to be made by and Between the above Bounded **Wm Reed** together with **Christain** his wife on the one part and the above **John Northen** on the other part Baring [sic] Equall [sic] Date with these presents and that in all things according to the purport true intent and meaning of the S<sup>d</sup> Indentures that this obligation to be void otherwise to Remain in full force and virtue.*

Witnesses: **Henry Baradale** [his mark], **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark], **James Shelton**

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, p. 110. "This above Bond was acknowledged in open court by the above **Wm Reed** and **Christain** his wife the 10 Day of July 1711."

Comments:

1. This is the earliest known record of Thomas Albritton in North Carolina, made just 2.5 years after the birth of his daughter, Agnes, in Charles Parish, York County, Virginia on 13 March 1707. On 17 May 1712, a 50-acre tract of land in Charles Parish, *late in y<sup>e</sup> occupation of Thomas Albritton*, was sold in York County, Virginia (York County VA Deeds and Bonds No. 2 (1701–1713), pp. 384–386).
2. The North Carolina Provincial Government created the vast Albemarle County in 1664, including what is today the northeastern region of the state. In 1668, they divided Albemarle into four precincts, with Currituck Precinct including the northeastern-most tip of the province. Albemarle County had ceased to function as a governmental unit in 1689, with all legal business transacted within the individual precincts. Later, these precincts themselves became counties.

### 13 Nov 1709 **William** and "**Christain**" **Reed**, "of the County of Albemarle in the Collony [sic] of North Carolina" make a lease of a tract of land to **John Northen** "of Charles parish in the County of York and Colony of Virginia:"

*This Indenture made the Thirteen [sic] Day of November in the Eight Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God Queen of Great Brittain [sic], France & Ireland, Defender of the faith, Ex<sup>a</sup> Anna Dom 1709...*

For "the Sum of five Shillings of Lawfull [sic] money of England," **Wm Reed** and **Christain** [sic] his wife lease to **John Northen** a 560-acre tract of land

*...lying and being in the prec<sup>t</sup> of Currituck in N<sup>o</sup> Carolina afs<sup>d</sup> Called or known by the name of Powills [sic] Poynt Begining [sic] at a Stake Standing by the Side of Currituck Sound...to a Cypress Standing by the Side of Albemarle Sound..*

The tract had been granted to **William Reed**. The **Reeds** leased to **John Northen**

*...all and Every the above Granted & Bargained premises together with all houses Edifices buildings yards Gardens orchards with all Rights Innuities [sic] profits priviledges [sic] woods under woods ways waters Eastats [sic] comodities [sic] and appurtenances whatsoever to the same Belonging or in any ways appertaining Except as by the said patent is Ecepted unto the said **John Northen** his heirs and assigns from the Day of the Date of these presents unto the full and end term of one whole year from thence next Ensueing [sic] and fully to be complete and Ended...*

Witnesses: **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark], **Wm Russell** [his mark], **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, pp. 102–103. William Reed acknowledged receipt of five shillings from John Northen on 17 November 1709.

### 14 Nov 1709 **Wm Reed** "of the County of Albemarle in the Colony of North Carolina" and **Christian**, his wife, make a lease and release of a tract of land to **John Northen** "of Charles Parish in the County of York and Colony of Virginia:"

*This Indenture made the fourteenth Day of November in the Eight Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God Queen of Great Brittin [sic], France & Ireland, Defender of the faith, Ex<sup>a</sup> Anna Dom 1709...*

For "the Sum of one hundred pounds of Lawfull [sic] money of England," **Wm Reed** and **Christain** [sic] his wife lease to **John Northen** a 560-acre tract of land

*...lying & being in the Prec<sup>t</sup> of Curricuck in North Carolina afs<sup>d</sup> called or known by the Name of Powills Point... and further...that they the said **Wm Reed** and **Christain** his wife shall will within the space of one Year at a Court to be*

*beheld for the s<sup>d</sup> Prec<sup>t</sup> of Currituck acknowledge these presents wrighting [sic] of lease and Release unto the said **John Northen** his heirs & assigns forever...*

Witnesses to the signature of William Reed: **Henry Bradle** [his mark], **James Shelton**, **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark]

Witnesses to the signature of Christian Reed: **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark], **W<sup>m</sup> Russell** [his mark], **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, pp. 104–105. William Reed signed his name to the transaction, whereas Christian made her mark to it.

*November the fourteenth 1709. Rec<sup>d</sup> then of the within name **John Northen** the Sum of one hundred pounds being the consideration money within Mentioned. I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me **W<sup>m</sup> Reed**.*

Witnesses to William Reed's receipt: **Henry Barradle** [his mark], **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark]

Comment: This lease and release is similar to those used in Virginia records of that era.

**10 Jan 1711** **John Northen** gives his power of attorney to his wife, **Elizabeth Northen**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **John Northen** of the Prec<sup>t</sup> of Currituck in North Carolina Doe putt assign ordain authorize constitute in my Stead and place appointed and Depute my Loving wife **Elizabeth Northen** to be my true and Lawfull attorney & Deputy for me and in my name and to my own proper use benefit & behoof...*

Witnesses: **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark], **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, p. 103. "The within power of atty was proved in open court the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1711 by the Oaths of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** & **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**."

**10 July 1711** For £25 "currant money," **W<sup>m</sup> Russell** and **Margarett** his wife sell to **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**, both "of the County of Albemarle in the Prec<sup>t</sup> of Currituck in North Carolina," a 300-acre tract of land

*...lying Situate near that Poynt commonly known by the name of Powels Poynt in the Prec<sup>t</sup> County and province afs<sup>d</sup> and lying or Joyning upon Albemarle Sound...*

Witnesses: **James Dauge**, **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** [his mark],

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, pp. 106–107. William Russell made his mark to the document.

**10 July 1711** Transaction between **W<sup>m</sup> Russell** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **W<sup>m</sup> Russell** of the Prec<sup>t</sup> of Currituck in the County of Albemarle and in the province of North Carolina for an in consideration of the Sum of [blank space] currant money of the province in hand paid to me by **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** of the Same County and Province have Granted assigned and Sett [sic] over unto the said **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton** his heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> and assigns as well this present patent and all the messuage Tenement and hereditaments within mentioned or to be Demised as also my Estate Title Right and Intrust [sic] of and unto the same Either by force virtue or means of this present patent or otherwise however.*

*The above assignment was by the above named **W<sup>m</sup> Russell** acknowledged in open court the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1711 unto the above Named **Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton**.*

Witnesses: **Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith**, **James Dauge**, **Obediah Rich** [his mark],

Reference: Currituck County NC Deed Book 3, p. 107. William Russell made his mark to the document.

Comment: This is the last known record that Thomas Albritton made in the North Carolina Province. The Tuscarora War began just two months after this transaction, with a series of raids on settlements beginning on 22 September 1711. It appears that the threat of attacks prompted Albritton to return to Virginia. He crossed the provincial border into Princess Anne County, Virginia, where he spent the remainder of this life.

**11 Mar 1745** "North Carolina. To All to whom these presents Shall come I **William Stafford** & **Elizabeth** my wife of the County of Beaufort in the Province afs<sup>d</sup> Planter Send Greeting." For £320, **William** and **Elizabeth Stafford** sell **James Albritton**, Planter, of Beaufort County, North Carolina

*...a certain plantation or tract of land containing 128 acres, lying and being on the North side of Tar River, begining [sic] at a white Oak on **George Moyes** line on the So. Side of Grindal Creek and run So. 35 Wt. 176 to a pine, thence So. 20 Est. 110 pole to a red oak & **George Duks** line, thence East 80 pole to the Creek to a red Oak, thence up the Creek No. 6 Et. 183 pole to a red oak to the first Station, which land was pattented [sic] the twelvth [sic] day of March in the year of our Lord 1740, and granted unto the said **William Stafford**.*

Witnesses: **Joseph Barrow**, **Thomas Pineket**, **James Barrow**

Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 2, pp. 427–428. In March Court 1744 (1745, new style), **William Stafford** acknowledged his deed to **James Alberton** [sic], and the oaths of **James Barrow** and **Penekett** "proved the Sealing & delivery from **Elizabeth Stafford** wife of **William Stafford**."

Comment: This is the earliest known record made by James Albritton in the North Carolina Province. He had only arrived there recently, for on November 6–7, 1744, he and his wife, Elizabeth had sold their last known property in Princess Anne County, Virginia (Princess Anne County VA Deeds & Wills Book 6 (1740–1747), pp. 325–326).

**16 Jan 1750** For £35, **Zachariah Field**, gunsmith, sells **James "Alberton"** a tract of 90 acres on Harris' Creek.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book C, p. 47.

Comment: Several hurricanes destroyed the Onslow County Courthouse, leaving the records in a confused state. Early court officials attempted to re-record many of the earliest ones, and it seems this left the deed books with duplicate numbers. The references here to Onslow County deeds come from abstracts published by Zae Hargett Gwynn from Onslow County records in the North Carolina State Archives, and not from those currently in the Onslow County Register of Deeds Office. See Gwynn, Zae Hargett. *Abstracts of the Records of Onslow County, North Carolina, 1734–1850*. Vol. I., 1961.

**20 Nov 1750** “North Carolina. To All to whom these presents Shall come **James Alberton & Amy** wife of the County of Beaufort & Province afsd. Send Greeting.” For “the Sum of forty pounds Virginia money,” **James Albritton & Amy** wife sell **John Wichard** of Beaufort County, North Carolina the 128 acres he purchased from William Stafford in 1745.

Witnesses: **Blake Baker, Wm. Baldridge, William Lavis**

Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 3, p. 63. James and Amy Albritton made their mark to the transaction.

Comment: James Albritton paid £320 for this tract in 1745 but sold it five and one-half years later for £40 “Virginia money.” Did the market value of his land depreciate that significantly, or did he perhaps not pay in Virginia money in 1745?

**8 Oct 1751** For £40, **Zachariah Field** sells **James “Albriton”** a tract of 110 acres on Harris’ Creek, “joining plantation where said **Albriton** now lives.”

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book C, p. 55.

**3 Apr 1752** For £80, **James Albritton** sells **John Christian Heidleborg** a tract of 110 acres on Harris’ Creek, “being part of land granted **Zachariah Field** joining Wood Plantation, where said **Albriton** lately lived.” **Albritton** purchased land from **Field**.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book C, p. 58.

**3 Apr 1752** For £80, **John Christian Heidleborg** sells **James Albritton** a tract of 320 acres on Stones Creek Bay and the New River.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book C, p. 63.

**15 July 1754** **Thomas Rodes** gave property to his son, **Solomon Rodes**, and daughter, **Christian Rodes**.

Witnesses: **James Alberton** [his mark], **Richard Keen, Henry Rodes**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book D, p. 32.

**2 Aug 1754** For £25, **Zachariah Field**, gunsmith, sells **Daniel Hicks** 70 acres of land on Harry’s Creek on **James Albriton** line.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book D, p. 34.

**4 Jan 1755** For £20, **Daniel Hicks** sells **Aron Prescoat** (Prescot) 70 acres of land on Harry’s Creek, “being lower part of tract at **James Albriton’s** line.”

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book D, p. 35.

**10 July 1755** For £80, **James Albritton Sr.** of Onslow County, North Carolina sells **James Gray** of Maryland 320 acres of land on the New River near the mouth of Stone’s Creek.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book D, p. 43.

**1756** For £47, 10 shillings, **Samuel Alexander** sells **Thomas Alberton**, “Sadler,” 250 acres of land on the southwest branch of the New River.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book E, p. 11.

Comments:

1. This deed carried no date, but all surrounding deeds were made in the year 1756.
2. The clerk recorded Thomas’ surname as “*Alberton*,” a somewhat common mistake by the Onslow County clerks. Subsequent records showing that Thomas **Albritton**, a saddler, sold this land show that Thomas **Albritton** actually made this purchase.

**27 Feb 1756** For “the Sum of one hundred pounds Current money of Virginia,” **David Cannon**, Planter, sells **James “Alberton” Sadler**, of Beaufort County, North Carolina a tract of 500 acres of land on the south side of the Tar River, originally granted to **David Cannon** on 11 March 1741:

...beginning at a beach between him & **John Mills Jun<sup>r</sup>** runing [sic] So. 282 poles to a pine, then No. 69 W<sup>t</sup> 282 pole to a Small black oak, thence N<sup>o</sup> 282 poles to a red oak, thence So. 69 E. 282 pole to the beginning...

Witnesses: **John Price, Ann Mills**

Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 3, p. 243. “Beaufort County March Court 1756. The within deed was exhibited into court & proved by the oath of **John Price** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto ordered to be registered.”

Comments: The clerk initially recorded the grantee’s name as “*Samuel Alberton*,” but thereafter throughout the document, he wrote it as “*James Alberton*.” James **Albritton Sr.** sold this identical 500-acre tract on 4 March 1769 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book D, pp. 67–68).

**27 Sept 1756** **Thomas Albritton** receives a grant of 160 acres in Onslow County

*...on the No. Wt. Branch of New River between the lines of Zachariah Field and John Brinson beginning at a white Oak by Thomas's Branch thence running So. 27 Et. 40 chains to a Stake in a Savannah No. 53 Et. 40 chains to a Gum No. 27 Wt. 40 chains to a Beach near the said So. Wt. Branch of New River and So. 63 Wt. 40 chains to the first Station.*

Reference: Onslow County NC Land Grant Book A, p. 149. The document states that it was also recorded in "State Records Book 13, Page 119."

**13 Dec 1756** For £20, **Thomas Allbritton** sells **William Richards** 160 acres of land on a southwest branch of the New River, adjoining **Zachariah Field** and **John Brinson**, land granted to **Albritton** on 13 September 1756.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book E, p. 24.

**25 Apr 1757** For £20, **Adam Brinson** sells **Thomas Allbritton**, Sadler, 200 acres of land on a southwest branch of the New River.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book E, p. 31.

**Mar 1758** The Beaufort County Court approves the petition of **John Simpson** to build a grist mill on two acres of land, and they appointed "**James Alberton**" and **Isaac Buck** to appraise the land:

*John Simpson moves to build a Water Grist Mill upon the South Side of Tar River on the School Branch Granted whereupon it is ordered that the Surveyor or his Deputy lay out for the sd. John Simpson two Acres of Land of the property of James Shield a minor And William Spier, Simon Jones, Isaac Buck, and James Alberton [sic] are hereby appointed to make an Appraisalment of the said land and return the same to the next court.*

Reference: Beaufort County NC Court Minutes, Appearance Prosecution, & Trial Docket, Vol. 1 (1756-1761), LDS Film #8655725, Image #127 (March 1758), #130 (John Simpson petitions Court to build water grist mill).

## Comments:

1. Although the clerk recorded his name as "*James Alberton*," this man is undoubtedly our James Albritton Sr. We know he lived on the south side of the Tar River near the lands of John Simpson and Isaac Buck. In fact, in 1764, Peter Albritton Sr. bought land originally granted to Buck.
2. This shows that John Simpson had a connection to the family of James Albritton Sr. from about the time Albritton settled on the south side of the Tar River in 1756. A native of Boston, Simpson arrived in North Carolina in the 1750s and served as a lieutenant in the Beaufort County Militia beginning in 1757. Citizens elected him as one of Beaufort County's representatives to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1759, and in 1760, he petitioned the Assembly to create Pitt County. Throughout the 1760s, he served as one of Pitt County's representatives to the General Assembly, the Pitt County Register, colonel of the Pitt County Militia, and a merchant. He played a pivotal role in Pitt County politics between 1769 and the 1780s during the War of the Regulation and Revolutionary War. Simpson received numerous land grants in the 1760s along Cow and Cross Swamps, and he engaged in numerous land transactions with the Albrittons between 1760 and the 1780s. He lived on land that adjoined that of James Albritton Sr. and Peter Albritton Sr.

**19 Oct 1758** North Carolina issues a warrant to the Surveyor General to survey 250 acres of land in Onslow County to **Thomas "Alberton"**, land located in "*Onslow on the Wt. Side of the North St. Branch of New River between John Evans & Amy Listers Land.*" The actual survey was for 106 acres of land adjoining **Jno. Williams, Parkers, and "Widdow Lesters"** lands, with **Williams'** land now owned by **Evans**.

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 18, p. 405, Entry #89, Folder #692.

**22 Feb 1759** **John Evans**, blacksmith, makes a mortgage of £200 to **Thomas Allbritton**, Sadler, by entering into a surety bond. **Thomas Albritton** had obtained the rights to a grant of 300 acres on the New River from **Zacheus Evans, dec'd.**, father of **John Evans**, who "*binds himself not to molest or interrupt Albritton.*"

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book E, p. 58.

**Jun 1759** The Beaufort County Court ordered the construction of a road from the landing on the Tar River to the main road from Chicod Bridge to the land of **John Simpson**, and it appointed "**James Alberton**" and others to determine the road's route:

*Ordered that a road be laid out from William Speirs ferry beginning at the landing place on the South side of the River and from thence out to the main road. The following persons are appointed Jurymen to lay out the same viz. John Hardee Esq., Robert Hardee, Isaac Stokes, James Alberton [sic], John Simpson, Isaac Buck, John Dixon, William Dixon, William Moore, William Dan Pinket, Martin Nelson junr, Simon Taylor, George Moye, John Watkins, William Watkins or any [illegible word] of them...The Inhabitants that live on the Main Road from Chicod Bridge to Simpsons.*

Reference: Beaufort County NC Court Minutes, Appearance Prosecution, & Trial Docket, Vol. 2 (1756-1761), LDS Film #8655725, Image #193 (p. 122b, June 1759), #198 (p. 125b, "*James Alberton*," John Simpson, and Isaac Buck appointed jury to determine the path of a road from the landing on Tar River to the Chicod Bridge).

## Comments:

1. Again, although the clerk recorded his name as "*James Alberton*," this man is undoubtedly our James Albritton Sr., given the connection with John Simpson and Isaac Buck.
2. The original document is exceedingly faint, with portions nearly impossible to decipher. After listing the men appointed to help determine the route of the road, it appears that the Court ordered inhabitants living along the road to work on it.

**Jun 1759** The Beaufort County Court appointed **John Simpson** overseer of the Tar River near Chicod Creek:

*John Simpson is appointed Overseer of the River from Pilkington's Landing to Chicod Creek all the Inhabitants from the said Landing and on the upper side of Chicod Creek to the bounds of the County are to report to clear and maintain the same.*

Reference: Beaufort County NC Court Minutes, Appearance Prosecution, & Trial Docket, Vol. 2 (1756–1761), LDS Film #8655725, Image #193 (p. 122b, June 1759), #199 (p. 126a, John Simpson appointed overseer of the Tar River from Pilkington's Landing to Chicod Creek).

Comments: This record does not specifically involve any Albrittons, but it further shows Col. John Simpson's residence along Chicod Creek in the latter 1750s.

**25 Jan 1760** For "*the Sum of twenty five pounds proc. money*," **Edward Cannon** sells **Matthew Albriton**, both of Beaufort County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land on the south side of the Tar River

*...begining [sic] at black gum Robert Hardee's corner, runing [sic] with his line S 25 W 152 pole to a red oak, S 85 E 124 pole to David Kinsons line N 160 pole to the river, then with the river 70 pole to Hardees Corner the first Station as by Patent dated September 25 1741, transferred by Calahan to Cannon & by Cannon to his son Edward...*

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Isaac Stokes**

Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 3, pp. 459–460. "*Beaufort County June Court 1760. This deed was proved in court by the oath of John Simpson one of the Subscribing Witnesses. Ordered to be registered.*"

Comments:

1. The clerk initially wrote Matthew Albritton's surname as "*Albriton*" (p. 459), but later in the document, he wrote it as "*Alburton*" (p. 460).
2. Note the connection of Col. John Simpson to the Albrittons.

**30 Jun 1760** **James Ellison Sr.** fulfills a survey warrant issued on 7 September 1757 and surveys a 700-acre tract of land in Beaufort County, North Carolina for **Ebenezer Folsom**, with **George Moore** and **James Alberton** as chain carriers:

*Surveyed June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1760 for Ebenezer Folsom a Tract of Land Containing 700 Acres Lying in Beaufort County Within his Lordship's District Beginning at a Pine on the great Pond Running No. 62 Pole to a Pine on John Cason's Line then East 102 Pole to a Pine then S70 Et. along the Sassafrass [sic] Pole Pocason & Samuel James' Line then With Said Line East 66 Pole to s<sup>d</sup> James' Corner a Pine then With the Said Line North 180 Pole to his other Corner a Pine on Grindall Creek then Down the Said Creek East 160 Pole to a Pine then South 200 Pole to a Pine on the great Meadow then N85 Wt. 112 Pole to a Pine on the said Meadow then S40 Wt 28 Pole then S 20 Et 32 Pole then S38 Et. 83 Pole then S69 Et. 48 Pole then East 192 Pole James Barrow's Line to a Pine then S45 Et 160 Pole to Whichards Line a Pint then along the said Line South 52 Pole to Cherry's Line Red Oak then S 53 Wt. 52 Pole to a Maple in the Great Swamp then up the said Swamp & Wm. Daniel Pinketts Line N57 Wt. 161 Pole then along the Said Swamp & Edward Cannon's Line N. 68 Wt. 162 Pole & N77 Wt. 240 Pole to George Moy's Line thence along the said Line N70 Wt. 260 Pole to his Corner then West 102 Pole to the first Station as the above Plan Represents.*

North Carolina issued a patent to **Ebenezer Folsom** for this 700-acre tract on 4 March 1761.

Chain Carriers: **George Moore, James Alberton**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 11, p. 53, Grant #87, #491. Date entered in the Office of the Earl Granville: 6 September 1757.

Comment: The "*James Alberton*" who served as chain carrier is undoubtedly James Albritton Jr., as he purchased a portion of this land from Ebenezer Folsom the following year. James Albritton Jr. remained on the north side of the Tar River on Grindle Creek, while his father and brothers settled on the south side of the Tar, on tributaries of Chicod Creek.

**1761** **Ebenezer Folsom** sells **James Albritton Jr.** a tract of land on "*Grindal*" Creek.

Witnesses: unknown

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book A, p. 240.

Comment: Deed Book A disappeared from the Pitt County Courthouse many years ago, before the LDS microfilmed the deeds and perhaps a century or more prior to that. However, the Pitt County Index to Deeds lists the transactions from Book A.

**20 Feb 1761** **James Cason** receives a grant of 229 acres in Beaufort County from the North Carolina Province:

*James Cason Two hundred and twenty nine acres of land in Beaufort County on the South Side of Grindall [sic] Creek beginning at a pine on the Creek pocason [sic] Arch<sup>d</sup> Addams corner running with his line S<sup>o</sup> 200 pole to a*

*pine one of the said line [illegible word] E 260 pole to a pine **Lemuel James** line thence N 80 pole along his line to the Creek pocoson [sic] thence up the various courses of the Creek to the first Station...*

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 11, p. 49, Grant #106, #475 (James Cason, Beaufort County, "On the South Side of Grindall Creek beginning at a pine.").

Comments:

1. James Cason was a neighbor of James Albritton Jr. on Grindle Creek. He is a presumed brother of John Cason, whose daughter, Eleanor, married in 1791 to Adam Albritton, a nephew of James Albritton Jr. Reportedly, James Cason's daughter, also named Eleanor, married Adam's older brother, James Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr., but this is not documented. It is certainly possible, but no known records give the name of the wife of James Albritton, son of Peter, even though he seems to have a connection to John Cason.
2. Lemuel James' son, Matthew, married in the mid-1780s to Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**28 Apr 1761** For £20, **Thomas "Albriton"** sells to **William Alfin** 106 acres of land on the northwest branch of the New River granted to **Thomas "Albriton"**, known as the Old Evans Place. Document signed by **Thomas "Albriton"** and **Margaret "Albriton."**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book F, p. 25.

Comment: This is the only known document that gives the name of Thomas Albritton's wife. Also, this document proves that the 106 acres of land in Onslow County granted by the North Carolina Province to "Thomas Alberton" in 1759 was actually made to Thomas Albritton.

**1762** "A True Copy of the List of Taxables for the County of Pitt for the Year 1762," p. 1:

#1: <b>Albritton, James</b>	1 white poll,	3 Negros	Total: 4
#2: <b>Albritton, Mathew</b>	1 white poll		
#3: <b>Albritton, Thomas</b>	1 white poll		
#6: <b>Albritton, James</b>	1 white poll	1 Negro	Total: 2

Reference: State Archives of North Carolina, Secretary of State Records. SSXVIII, Recordkeeping (Misc.): Tax Lists, Box 2.

Comment: The original 1762 Pitt County NC Tax List does not include George Albritton. However, George Albritton is listed as appearing on this tax list in Ratcliff, Clarence E., compiler. *North Carolina Taxpayers, 1701-1786*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 1984.

**6 Aug 1762** **John Speir Jr.** surveyed a 325-acre tract of land for **Thomas Albritton** in Pitt County, North Carolina, with **James Albritton** serving as one of the sworn chain carriers:

*Surveyed Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1762 for **Thomas Albritton** a Tract of Laned cont 325 Acres lying in Pitt County on both sides of Juniper Run Begining [sic] at a Red Oak on **John Brooks** Line and **John Edwards** runing [sic] along s<sup>d</sup> **Edwards** Line N<sup>o</sup> 70 W<sup>t</sup> 68 Pole to a Pine Thence S<sup>o</sup> 20 W 74 Pole to a Pine Thence W 124 Pole to a Pine Thence S<sup>o</sup> 20 W 260 Pole to a Pine Thence East 192 P<sup>o</sup> to a Pine Thence along the s<sup>d</sup> **Brooks** Line to the first Station.*

Sworn Chain Carriers: "**James Albritton**," **George Moore**

Reference: State Archives of North Carolina, Secretary of State, Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records, Pitt County, Thomas Albritton, File No. 1, 1763, Record ID: 12.14.101.1, 1763 (Survey, 325 acres on both sides of Juniper Run, surveyed 6 August 1762, granted 7 January 1763).

**1763** "A List of the Table in Pitt County for the Year 1763," p. 1:

<u>p. 1</u>	#1: <b>Albritton, Mathew</b>	1 white poll
	#4: <b>Albritton, James</b>	
	<b>George Albritton</b>	2 white polls
<u>p. 2</u>	#3: <b>Albritton, James Junr.</b>	1 white poll
	#6: <b>Albritton, Peter</b>	1 white poll

Reference: State Archives of North Carolina, Secretary of State Records, SSXVIII, Recordkeeping (Misc.): Tax Lists, Box 2.

Comment: Thomas Albritton is not listed as a taxpayer for this year. It appears that slaves were not taxed for the year 1763 as they were in 1762 and 1764.

**7 Jan 1763** On a standard, preprinted form at the Granville Office in Edenton, **Alexander Stewart** and **John Speir**, surveyor, acting as representatives of the Granville District, signed a deed to "**Thomas Albritton of Pitt County in the Province of North Carolina Planter**" for 325 acres lying on both sides of Juniper Run, in exchange for 13 shillings "Yearly Rent:"

*...Between the **Right Honourable John Earl Granville**, Viscount Carteret, and Baron Carteret, of Hawnes in the County of Bedford, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, Lord President of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, of one Part; and **Thomas Albritton** of Pitt County in the Province of North Carolina Planter, a tract of 325 acres...*

The land description was the precise one given in the survey made 7 August 1762. Thomas Albritton made his mark to the document.

"Exam<sup>d</sup> by": **Tho. Blount, W. Churton**

Witnesses: **"Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart," "John Speir Jun<sup>r</sup>"**

Reference 1: State Archives of North Carolina, Secretary of State, Granville Land Grants, Pitt County, Thomas Albritton, 7 January 1763, Record ID: SR.12.8.3, SS.LG.109-A (325 acres on both sides of Juniper Run, granted 7 January 1763, Deed #45).

Reference 2: North Carolina Patent Book 6, p. 80, Grant #45 (North Carolina to Thomas Albritton, 7 January 1763).

Reference 3: Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 457–461 ("*August Court 1763. Ordered to be Registered*"). The above Granville Deed was also transcribed into the Pitt County deeds.

**7 July 1763** For "*the Sum of Twenty pounds proclamation money*," **Thomas Albritton**, "Plantor," sells to **John Brooks**, "Plantor," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 140 acres of land

*...on the So. Side of Tarr [sic], in and about the Juniper Runn [sic] beginning at a red oak on **John Brooks** and **John Edwards** lines, Runing [sic] along said **Edwards** line North 70° West 68 pole to a pine, Thence South 20° West about 340 pole to the said **Albrittons** Line, Thence East along s<sup>d</sup> line about 70 pole to said **Brooks** line Thence along s<sup>d</sup> **Brooks** line to the first station...it being part of a Tract of Land Granted Unto **Thomas Albritton** by Deed from **Thomas Childs Esqr** agent for the Earl Granville Bearing date January 7<sup>th</sup> 1763...*

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Henry Couper**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 441–442. "*Pitt August 29: 1763. Reced The Consideration money within Mentioned. **Thos. Albritton**. Test: **John Simpson, Henry Couper**. August Court 1763. Ordered to be registered.*" The clerk indicated that Thomas Albritton made his mark to both the document signed in July and the receipt signed in August, rather than signing them.

**20 July 1763** For "*the Sum of Sixty pounds proclamation money*," **John Dixon**, Inholder, sells **Mathew Albriton**, "Houseright," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 140 acres of land on the south side of the Tar River and

*...on the Uper [sic] side of Chicod Creek, on a Branch that makes out on the South side of Chicod Creek, above a Plantation Called and known by the name of Salters Beaverdam plantation, Containing by Estimation one hundred and forty acres be the same more or less, it being all the upper [sic] part of a Tract of land Granted to **Edward Salter** which lies in the Kings Part on the same side of the Branch that Salters plantation is on, from said branch or runs of sd. Branch by a line of marked Trees to the Back line, Thence up the line to the Branch thence Down the Various Courses of the run to the first Station, it being part of a Tract of Land Granted to **Edward Salter** as by patent bearing Date October 1: 1750 and by a Deed Conveyd to **Charles Finnakin** and by **Charles Finnakin** Conveyd by Deed unto **John Hodges** and by **John Hodges** Conveyed by Deed Bearing Date September 10: 1756 to **John Dixon**...*

Witnesses: **George Moye, Isaac Hardee**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 425–427. "*Pitt July 20: 1763. Receivd of **Mathew Albriton** Sixty pounds y<sup>e</sup> Consideration herein mentioned. **John Dixon**. Test: **Isaac Hardee, George Moye**. August Court 1763. Ordered to be registered.*"

Comment: The clerk wrote Matthew Albritton's surname as "Albriton" throughout this document.

**26 July 1763** For "*the Sum of Sixty pounds proclamation money*," **Mathew Albriton**, "Houseright," sells to **John Dixon**, Inholder both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land on the south side of the Tar River,

*Begining [sic] at a black Gum **Robert Hardees** Corner Tree Near the River, runing [sic] along his line South 25° West 152 pole to a red Oak, Thence So. 85 East 124 pole to **David Kennions** Line Thence along **Kennon's** Line No. 166 pole to the river thence the Meanders of the River 70 poles to the first Station, it being a Tract of Land Granted Unto **Robert Callahan** as by patent Bearing Date Sept. 25: 1741, and by **Robert Callahan** Conveyd by deed dated September 12:1752 Unto **David Cannon**, and by **David Cannon** Conveyd unto his son **Edward Cannon**, by Deed dated June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1756 and by **Edward Cannon** Conveyd by Deed unto the s<sup>d</sup> **Mathew Albriton** bearing date January 25: 1760.*

Witnesses: **George Moye, Isaac Hardee**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 450–452. "*Pitt July 26: 1763. Reced of **John Dixon** the Consideration money within Mentioned. **Matthew Albritton**. Test: **Isaac Hardee, George Moye**. August Court 1763. Ordered to be registered.*"

**1764** "A List of the Taxables in the County of Pitt for the Year 1764," p. 1:

#1: <b>Albritton, James Senr.</b>	2 white polls	3 Negroes	Total: 5
<b>George Albritton</b>			
#2: <b>Albritton, Thomas</b>	1 white poll		
#3: <b>Albritton, Matthew</b>	1 white poll		
#5: <b>Albritton, Peter</b>	1 white poll		
#8: <b>Albritton, James</b>	1 white poll	1 Negro	Total: 2

Reference: Secretary of State Records, State Archives of North Carolina. SSXVIII, Recordkeeping (Misc.): Tax Lists, Box 2.



- 14 Feb 1764** **James Albritton** files an "entry" (or application) for a survey of 100 acres of land in Pitt County "Lying on the head of Taylors Swamp."
- Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 22, p. 237, Entry #153, Grant #548, #162. The land was not surveyed for Albritton until 1772.
- Comment: After William and John Taylors' deaths or departure from the region, the swamp then known as "Taylors Swamp" became known as "Cow Swamp." The man making this entry was James Albritton Sr., for in his will, he bequeathed the 62 acres granted to him in 1772 based upon this land entry to his son, Henry, who sold it in 1780.
- 20 Jun 1764** For "the sum of Twenty pounds proclamation money," **Francis Buck**, planter, sells to **Peter "Albrittain,"** "plantor," of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...on the South side of Tar River on a prong of Chicod Creek Butted and Bounded as follows viz. begining [sic] at an Elm a Corner Tree in the Swamp running then West 20 pole to a pine near **John Taylors** path, Thence with **John Taylor's** path (about WSW Course) to whare [sic] the Line Crosses the path in **John Taylor's** [illegible word] Thence with the Line N<sup>o</sup> 40° East and N<sup>o</sup> 45 deg<sup>e</sup> E to a pine a Corner Tree thence S<sup>o</sup> 40° East 560 pole to a Corner Tree, Thence S<sup>o</sup> 80 pole to the path Near the first Station Containing two hundred Acres be the Same more or less it being part of a Tract of Land Granted unto **Capt. Isaac Buck** as by pattent [sic] bearing date May 23<sup>d</sup> 1757...*
- Witnesses: **John Simpson, Elizabeth Simpson**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 134–135. These two statements were written on the original: "Pitt June 20 1764 reced. The Consideration money within mentioned. **Francis Buck**." "August Court 1764 Ordered to be Registered."
- Comments:
1. Peter Albritton owned this 200-acre tract until 1797, when he sold it to his son, William, who sold it to his brother, Peter Albritton Jr. in 1800.
  2. The "prong" of Chicod Creek on which the land lay soon became known as "Taylor Swamp" after a local landowner, but after he moved away, it became known as "Cow Swamp," the name it retains today.
  3. Col. John Simpson witnessed the transaction along with his wife, the former Elizabeth Hardee.
- 11 Sept 1764** "To All Christian people to whom these presents shall Come Greeting. Know ye that I **James Cason**, Plantor," for "the Sum of Fifty Nine pounds proclamation money" sell to **James "Albritain, Junr,"** Plantor," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "One Certain plantation and Tract of land" consisting of 200 acres in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...on the South side of Grindall [sic] Creek Bounded as follows Begining [sic] at a pine on the said Creek being a Corner of a Tract of Land Secured by **Archibald Adams** runing [sic] with his line South 200 pole to a pine one of the said line trees thence East to **John James** line thence North 10 Degrees East 80 pole to the Creek at a Gum thence up the Creek to the first station...it being part of a tract of 229 Acres of Land Granted and Confirmed Unto me the said **James Cason** by Deed From the right Honorable **John Earl Granville** Bearing Date February the 20<sup>th</sup> 1761...*
- Witnesses: **John Cason** [his mark], **Thos. Pinkett, Matthias Moore**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 148–149. "November Court 1764. Ordered to be Registered."
- 11 Sept 1764** "To All Christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that I **James Albritton, Junr,** Plantor," for "the Sum of Thirty pounds proclamation money" sell to **Matthias Moore,** "Plantor," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "one plantation and Tract of land" consisting of 50 acres in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...Begining [sic] at a pine at the Great Pond runing [sic] North 62 pole Thence East to the said **Matthias Moor** [sic] line then along the said line to **Samuel Moors** [sic] Northwest Corner Tree being a White Oak Thence West to the first Station...*
- Witnesses: **John Cason** [his mark], **Thos. Pinkett, James Cason**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 187–188. "November Court 1764. Ordered to be Registered." According to the clerk, James Albritton signed the transaction as "James Albritton, Junr."
- Comments:
1. Matthias Moore Sr. was a longtime neighbor of James Albritton Jr. on Grindle Creek, and his descendants married many of the descendants of James' brother, Peter Albritton Sr. Matthias' younger sons, Allen and Abel, married daughters of James Albritton, son of Peter. Matthias' son, Matthias Moore Jr., lived next to Samuel Albritton, son of James and grandson of Peter Sr., and two of Matthias Jr.'s daughters married Peter's grandsons.
  2. John and James Cason are supposedly brothers, and Thomas Pinkett is probably a relative of John's wife, Eleanor Pinkett. Although James Cason reportedly died in Duplin County about 1769, his presumed brothers John, Henry, and Hillory Cason continued to live near James Albritton Jr. for the next half-century.
- 7 Oct 1765** For "the sum of Seventy five pounds proc<sup>m</sup> money," **John Barber** sells to **Lemuel James,** Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 128 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...on the North Side of Tarr [sic] River and on the South Side of Grindell [Grindle] Creek Butt<sup>d</sup> & Bound<sup>d</sup> as Follows. Begining [sic] at a White Oake [sic] on **George Moyes** Line on Grindal [Grindle] Creek and Runs South 35<sup>d</sup> Wt. 176 pole to a pine thence South 20<sup>d</sup> East 110 poles to a Red Oake [sic] on **George Dikes** Line thence East 80 poles to the*

*Creek to a Red Oake [sic] thence up the Creek N<sup>o</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> E<sup>t</sup> 183 pole to a Red Oake [sic] thence to the First Station Containing one hund<sup>d</sup> and Twenty Eight Acres of Land Being Granted by Pattent [sic] to Will<sup>m</sup> Stafford Bearing Date Marth the 12<sup>th</sup> 1740 and s<sup>d</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Stafford Conveyed to James Albritton and by the s<sup>d</sup> James Albritton Conveyed to John Whichard and by the s<sup>d</sup> John Whichard Conveyed to me the s<sup>d</sup> John Barber...*

Witnesses: **John James, Thom. Pinkett, Henry Cooper**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 278–280.

Comments:

1. This document proves that the land that James Albritton Sr. purchased when he first arrived in North Carolina in 1745, lay along Grindle Creek in the portion of Beaufort that became Pitt County upon its creation effective 1 January 1761. Although James Albritton Sr. settled south of the Tar River upon his return to the region in 1756, his son, James Albritton Jr., settled on Grindle Creek on the north side of the river by 1760.

2. Lemuel James' son, Matthew, married in the mid-1780s to Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., son of James Sr.

**11 Dec 1765** **James "Alberton"** makes an "Entry" or request for a survey for 100 acres of land in Pitt County, on the "S. side of Tarr River," as the first step to receive a land grant. Deputy Surveyor **Will<sup>m</sup> Ormond** prepared the survey on this day:

*Survey'd Decem. 11<sup>th</sup> 1765 for James Alberton a Plantation containing One hundred Acres of Land lying in Pitt County on the South side of Tarr [sic] River & on the South side of the three-Mile branch Beginning at a pine in the branch below James Brooks's Path Running North 80 poles then East 200 poles then South to the three Mile branch then up the windings of the branch to the beginning as the plan above Represents.*

Reference: North Carolina Land Surveys, #02. This land was never officially granted.

Comment: Although the land was surveyed for "James Alberton," given the location of the land on the south side of the Tar River and the connections between James Albritton Sr. and James Brooks, "James Alberton" was almost certainly our James Albritton Sr. On 7 January 1763, James' son, Thomas Albritton, received a grant of land adjoining that of John Brooks (Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 457–461), and on 7 July 1763, Thomas sold a 140-acre tract of land to John Brooks (Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 441–442). John Brooks was James' father (relationship proved in Pitt County NC Deed Book C, p. 222, 22 February 1765). Later, Thomas received land grants adjoining Isaac Brooks in 1778 (North Carolina Grant Book 38, p. 234, Grant #38) and 1779 (Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 1, Grant #38). Isaac's precise connection to James and John Brooks is unclear.

**3 Nov 1766** For "the sum of twenty two pounds proclamation money," **John O'Brian**, "Plantor," of Craven County, North Carolina sells to **George "Albrittain"**, "Plantor," of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on Tar River (in Pitt County) on both sides the Cabbin [sic] Branch adjoining on Chicod Creek. Beginning at a White Oak Runing [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 10d West 179 poles to a Water oak thence south 80° East 179 pole to a White Oak Thence south 10° East 179 pole to a Maple thence N<sup>o</sup> 80° West 179 pole to the Begining [sic]...granted to David Obrian as by patent Bearing date March 3<sup>d</sup> 1738 and by the Death of my Father David Obrian desended [sic] to me as heir at Law...*

*North Carolina*

*Craven County*

*Recd. Of Mr. George Albrittain Twenty two pounds proclamation money in full Consideration the sum mentioned Witness my hand this third day of November 1766.*

*Test. Henry Couper*

Witnesses: **Henry Couper, Mathew Albriton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 356–357. "Novembr Court 1766. Ordered to be Registered." The clerk wrote George Albritton's name as both "Albrittain" and "Albritton." The clerk indicated that John O'Brian made his mark to both the main document and to the receipt acknowledging payment at the end.

**20 Apr 1767** For "the sum of twenty five pounds Ten Shillings proc. money," **Jacob Taylor**, "Plantor," of Duplin County, North Carolina sells to **Mathew Albritton**, "Plantor," of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the So. Side of Tar River & on the lower side of the Cross Swamp & south side of Chicod Swamp, Begining [sic] at a pine on the So. Easterly side line runing [sic] thence No. Westerly, along a Dividing line of mark<sup>d</sup> trees untill [sic] it Strikes the No. Westerly side line thence runing [sic] North 60° East down the Line to a Corner tree, thence South 30° East 160 pole to another Corner Tree, thence south 60 West to the first Station, it being about one half of a tract of Land Granted to Simon Burney as by Patent Bearing Date April 5<sup>th</sup> 1749 & Conveyd by Deed to Willm. Taylor Bearing date Janry 9, 1749 & by him Convyd to Jacob Taylor by Deed bearing date Sept 5 1760.*

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Simon Taylor**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C, pp. 464–465. "May Court 1767. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments:

1. The deed did not specify the precise acreage Albritton bought, but Simon Burney's 4 April 1749 grant of land in Beaufort County was made for 400 acres (North Carolina Grant Book 10, p. 165, #400, 400 acres "On the So. Side of Tar River and

on the lower side of Cross Swamp.”), so since Albritton purchased “about one half” of the Burney grant, he bought about 200 acres of land.

2. Again, note the connection of Col. John Simpson to the Albrittons.

**28 Mar 1768** For “the Sum of Twenty five Pounds Proclamation Money,” **John Williams (Wrestler)**, “Plantor,” sells **John Simpson**, Merchant, both of Pitt County, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County “in the fork for the North Prong of Swift Creek,” adjoining lines of **Joseph Hardee**, **Matthew Pollard**, and **John Mayes**, and originally granted to **John Williams**.

Witnesses: **John Cleaver**, **Mathew “Alberton,” John Williams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book E, pp. 73–74. “July Court 1772. Ordered to be Registered.” The clerk indicated that “John Williams Wrestler” made his mark to the transaction.

Comments:

1. It appears that the man selling the land is a different man than the one who witnessed it, with the designation of “wrestler” a means of distinguishing the men.
2. Although Solomon Alberton lived in Pitt County from before 1772 and after 1810, there is no other reference to a “Matthew Alberton” living in Pitt County. It is most likely that the man who witnessed this transaction was actually “Matthew Albritton,” especially since Matthew Albritton witnessed another deed of John Simpson’s in 1772.

**8 Apr 1768** For “the sum of Twenty five pounds proclamation money,” **Robert Webb**, Planter, of Tyrrell County, North Carolina, sells to **Peter “Albrittain,”** Planter, of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County

...on the South side of Tarr [sic] River begining [sic] on the SW side at Cross Swamp at a gumm [sic] runing [sic] thence No. 80 pole to an Elm Then runing [sic] with **William Taylors** road to a pine in **John Taylors** race [?] paths thence So. 40 West to a Red Oak 320 pole, thence No 86 east 440 pole to the begining [sic] containing 200 acres more or less it being part of a tract of land granted unto **Isaac Buck** by pattent [sic] bearing date May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1757 & by the Sd. **Isaac Buck** conveyd [sic] unto **Francis Buck** by deed and by the Sd. **Francis Buck** conveyd. [sic] unto me by deed bearing date October 30<sup>th</sup> 1764...

Witnesses: **John Simpson**, **John Perritt**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, pp. 31–32. “Recd. At Same time the consideration money above mentioned. **Robert Webb.**” “April Court 1768 Ordered to be Registered.”

Comments:

1. The reference to “William Taylors road” refers to the original landowner, the namesake for Taylors Swamp. It soon became known as Cow Swamp, the name it retains today.
2. Again, note the connection of Col. John Simpson to the Albrittons.

**26 May 1768** In fulfillment of a warrant issued on 28 April 1768 to prepare a grant of 100 acres for **Col. John Simpson**, Pitt County, North Carolina Surveyor **William Armond** surveyed the tract:

Survey’d May 26 1768 for **Coll<sup>l</sup> John Simpson** Sixty one Acres of Land lying in Pitt County the South side of Tar River on the East side of Cow Swamp making out from Checod [sic–Chicod] Creek, & on both sides of Cross Swamp, beginning at an Elm in Cow Swamp at the mouth of Cross Swamp one of **Peter Alberton’s** [sic] Corner’s formerly Bucks, & Running South with said **Alberton’s** line 80 poles to a Gum the beginning Corner tree of Said **Alberton’s** Land then with **Alberton’s** other line S86W 106 poles to said **Simpson’s** line in Frank’s Branch then with his line S.7.E. 71 poles to **W<sup>m</sup> Taylor’s** line, then with his line N.58.E. 200 poles through Cross Swamp to said **Simpson’s** line of the Land formerly **Taylor’s**, then with his line N.30.W. 80 poles to the low Grounds of Cow Swamp & then a direct line to the beginning...

Reference: Secretary of State Records, Land Grant Section. Warrants, Surveys and Related Documents (ca. 1735–1957). S.108.970: Pitt County Land Grant Files. File #068, Warrant #550, 100 acres, entered 28 April 1768. This grant was never issued.

Chain Bearers: **Peter “Alberton,” Daniel Edwards**

Comments: The chain bearer was Peter Albritton Sr. Although the warrant was for 100 acres, the survey revealed it to be only a 61-acre tract.

**10 Feb 1769** For “the Sum of twenty five pounds Proclamation Money,” **Mathew “Albrittain,** Plantor,” sells to **Nathaniel Pettit,** “Plantor,” both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County

...on the South Side of Tarr [sic] River on the lower Side of the Cross Swamp & So. Side of Chicod Swamp, begining [sic] at a pine on the So. Easterly Side line runing [sic] Thence North Westerly along a dividing line of Marked Trees until it Strikes the No. Westerly side line, thence runing [sic] No. 60 East down the line to a corner Tree Thence So. 30° East 160 pole another Corner Tree thence So. 60° West to the first Station it being about one half of a tract of land granted to **Simon Burney** as by patent bearing date April 5<sup>th</sup> 1749, and by him conveyed to **William Taylor** by deed bearing date June 9<sup>th</sup> 1749 & by him conveyd to **Jacob Taylor**, by deed bearing date Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1760 & by **Jacob Taylor** Conveyd to me by deed bearing date April 20 1767...

Witnesses: **John Simpson**, **Charles Forbes**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, pp. 65–66. “Pitt Feby. 1769 Recd of **Nathaniel Pettit** Twenty five pounds proc. Money in full the above Consideration Money. **Mat. Albriton**. April Court 1769. Ordered to be Registered.” The clerk indicated that Matthew Albritton signed his name to both the original document and the receipt for the purchase price.

**4 Mar 1769** For “the Sum of Three hundred pounds proclamation Money,” **James “Albrittain,”** Saddler, sells to **John Simpson**, Merchant, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 500 acres of land in Pitt County on the south side of Tar River granted to **David Cannon** on 11 March 1740, “and by him conveyd unto **James ‘Albrittain’** by deed bearg [sic] date Feby 27; 1756,” described as

...begining [sic] at a beach tree Between him and **John Mills Junr.** runing [sic] south 282 pole to a pine thence North 69 West 282 pole to a small black oak, thence north 282 poles to a red oak, thence S<sup>o</sup> 69 East 282 pole to the begining [sic]...

Witnesses: **George Albritton, Nathan Pettit**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, pp. 67–68. James “Albrittain” signed both the deed and this receipt: “Recd. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 of **John Simpson** the consideration money within mentioned” with his mark, which the clerk appears to have recorded as “J.A.” The deed was recorded at the April Court 1769.

**4 Mar 1769** For “the Sum of Fifteen pounds proc Money,” **John Simpson**, Merchant, sells **James “Albrittain,”** Saddler, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County granted to **John Simpson** on 16 November 1764, described as

...on the S.W. side of **Taylor's** Swamp begin<sup>n</sup> at the mouth of Watery Branch runing [sic] up S<sup>d</sup> Y<sup>e</sup> branch with Y<sup>e</sup> Windings thereof 160 pole to a pine on the side of **Phipps** Pocosin then S<sup>o</sup> 15 West 51 pole then N<sup>o</sup> 28 West to **Taylor's** Swamp thence with the Swamp to the begining [sic]...

Witnesses: **George Albritton, Nathan Pettit** (his mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, p. 68. John Simpson signed both the deed and this receipt: “Recd. March 4<sup>th</sup> of **Mr. James Albrittain** the consideration Money Within Mentioned.” The deed was recorded at the April Court 1769.

**4 Mar 1769** For “the Sum of five pounds cash,” **John Simpson**, Merchant, sells **James “Albrittain,”** Saddler, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 400 acres of land in Pitt County granted to **John Simpson** on 28 April 1768, described as

...on both sides of **Taylor's** Swamp & on the east side of Watery Branch, begining [sic] at S<sup>d</sup> **Simpsons** formerly **John Taylor's** line on said **Taylor's** Swamp, runing [sic] along the Windings of said Swamp across the mouth of Watery branch 160 pole to a pine in the pocoson [sic] then 70 E<sup>t</sup> 345 pole to a pine near **Sparks Branch** then North 60 West to **Bucks** line then with **Bucks** line West 46 pole thence North to said **Simpsons** line formerly **John Taylor's**, thence to the begining [sic]...

Witnesses: **Soloman Bareses, Cason Caps** (his mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, p. 69. John Simpson signed both the deed and this receipt: “Recd. March 4<sup>th</sup> of **Mr. James Albrittain** Y<sup>e</sup> consideration Money above Mentioned in full my right & title to the above land.” The deed was recorded at the April Court 1769.

**4 Mar 1769** For “the Sum of one hundred & twenty pounds proclaim money,” **John Simpson**, Merchant, sells **James “Albrittain,”** Saddler, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land on the “S<sup>o</sup> Side of Tarr [sic] River & lower side of Cross Swamp & S<sup>o</sup> Side Chicod Swamp” described as

... begining [sic] at a Chesnut Oak on one of the Swamps of Chicod Runing [sic] out S<sup>o</sup> 30 E<sup>t</sup> 160 pole to a pine then N<sup>o</sup> 60 E<sup>t</sup> 200 pole to a Stake at the Out side of a pond thence N<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>d</sup> West 160 pole to a pine then S<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> 200 to the first station it being part of a tract of land granted unto **Simon Burney** by patent & by him Conveyd. to **Willm. Taylor** & by **Willm. Taylor** Conveyd to his son by deed bearg [sic] date Sept. 10, 1751 & by **Willm Taylor Junr.** Conveyd unto **John Hathuck Junr.** by deed Jan'y 22: 1767 & by **John Hathuck Junr.** Conveyd unto **John Simpson** by deed January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1767.

Witnesses: **George Albritton, Nathan Pettit** (his mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, p. 70. John Simpson signed both the deed and this receipt: “Recd. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 of **Mr. James Albrittain** the consideration Money within Mentioned.” The deed was recorded at the April Court 1769.

**4 Mar 1769** For “the Sum of eighty pounds proclamation money,” **John Simpson**, Merchant, sells **James “Albrittain,”** Saddler, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 280 acres of land on the

... S<sup>o</sup> Side of Tarr [sic] River on the north side of Chicod Creek & on one of the Swamps of the Creek begining [sic] at a pine on a pond near **Bucks** line runing [sic] thence North 67<sup>d</sup> West to the Swamp, thence S<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> with the meanders of the Swamp 116 pole thence South 12<sup>d</sup> East with Y<sup>e</sup> Swamp 150 pole thence S<sup>o</sup> 84 East 44 pole, thence S<sup>o</sup> 81 East 202 pole, thence to the begining [sic] it being all that part of the tract of land granted to **John Taylor** by pattent [sic] bearing date Dec<sup>m</sup> 12: 1757, that lyes [sic] on South easterly side of Cow Swamp containing by estimation 280 acres more or less & by **John Taylor** Conveyd<sup>d</sup> to **John Simpson** by deed bearg. Date April 1<sup>st</sup> 1765...

Witnesses: **George Albritton, Nathn. Pettit**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D, p. 71. John Simpson signed both the deed and this receipt: “Receiv<sup>d</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 of **Mr James Albrittain** the consideration Money within Mentioned.” “April Court 1769. Ordered to be registered.”

**5 Nov 1771**

Pitt County, North Carolina Deputy Surveyor **J. G. Blount** surveys two tracts in fulfillment of warrants issued to prepare grants for **Col. John Simpson**, a local merchant. Simpson filed entries for grants in two distinct locations, one for 100 acres on the east side of Swift Creek on **John Haddock's** line, and the other for 118 acres on Cow and Cross Swamps. **James Albritton** and **Peter Albritton** served as chain bearers, apparently for both surveys:

1. On the East side of Swift Creek:

*Surveyed for Col<sup>o</sup> John Simpson a Plantation Containing One Hundred Acres of Land agreeable to his Warrant bearing date 8 Dec 1770, on the E<sup>t</sup> side of Swifts Creek, Beginning at a Pine **Nasbey Mills** second Corner and runs N<sup>o</sup> 54 W<sup>t</sup> 164 pole to a pine said **Simpsons** Corner and runs N<sup>o</sup> 50 E<sup>t</sup> 180 pole along **John Haddocks** Line to **John Haddocks Junr.** Line then with his Line S<sup>o</sup> 77 E<sup>t</sup> 16 pole then to the Beginning.*

2. Beginning at a Chesnut Oak:

*Surveyed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1771 for Col<sup>o</sup> John Simpson a Plantation Containing One Hundred and Eighteen Acres of Land Beginning at a Chesnut [sic] Oak **James Albritons** Beginning tree & runs with his Line S<sup>o</sup> 30 E<sup>t</sup> 160 pole to his back Line then with **William Dixons** Line S<sup>o</sup> 30 E<sup>t</sup> 180 pole to a Pine on the S<sup>o</sup> side of the Cross Swamp thence down the Cross Swamp the various Courses to **Peter Albritons** Line & with his Line to the Mouth of Cross Swamp then with Cow Swamp to the Beginning.*

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 20, p. 708, Grant #119, #141; Grant Book 20, p. 709, Grant #121, #143. Issue date on both grants: 14 November 1771.

Chain Bearers: **Ja<sup>s</sup> Albriton, Peter Albriton**

Comments: The chain bearer was probably James Albritton Sr., since the land surveyed adjoined his own plantation.

**1 July 1772**

Acting upon the entry of **James Albritton** for a grant of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, a tract of 62 acres was surveyed for **Albritton** on this date:

*Survey'd for **James Allbriton** [sic] Sixty two Acres of land in Pitt County on the Cow Swamp Beginning at a Pine the second Corner of said **Allbritons** Land whereon he now lives and runs with his line S<sup>o</sup> 67 E<sup>t</sup> 106 pole to a Pine then N<sup>o</sup> 16 W<sup>t</sup> 80 pole to a Pine by the Branch side then N<sup>o</sup> 50 W<sup>t</sup> 100 pole to a Sweet Gum by the side of the Cow Swamp then S<sup>o</sup> 45 W<sup>t</sup> 80 pole to a Black Jack then to the Beginning.*

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 22, p. 237, Entry #153, Grant #548, #162. The grant was officially issued to Albritton for this 62-acre tract on 4 February 1773.

Comments:

1. The man obtaining this land was James Albritton Sr., and in his will, he left this 62-acre tract to his son, Henry. On 20 April 1781, Henry Albritton sold the tract (see Pitt County NC Deed Book H, p. 140).
2. The warrant for which James Albritton Sr. applied in 1764 to order a survey for this tract of land described it as "Lying on the head of Taylors Swamp," but the survey described it as lying on Cow Swamp. This shows that what had been referred to as "Taylors Swamp" in the early records became known as "Cow Swamp" after the Taylors moved away.

**24 Nov 1772**

For "the Sum of forty Pound Proc. Money," **John Simpson**, "Marchant," sells to **John Fulford**, Planter, both of Pitt County, a tract of 185 acres of land.

Witnesses: **George Moye, Mathew Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book E, pp. 269–270.

**11 Jan 1773**

**Peter Albritton** entered an application for a grant of land in Pitt County, North Carolina consisting of 200 acres, "On the W. side of Cow Swamp on the Mouth of the Long Branch."

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 22, p. 367, Entry #350, Grant #252, #175 (entered 11 January 1773, surveyed 2 November 1773, granted 22 July 1774).

**2 Nov 1773**

Acting on a warrant issued the previous January for a survey of a 200-acre tract in preparation for a land grant to **Peter Albritton**, the Pitt County Surveyor surveyed the tract this day:

*Surveyed for **Peter Albriton** [sic] two Hundred Acres of Land in Pitt County On Cow Swamp Beginning at a Water Oak in the mouth of the Long Branch in **Isaac Bucks** Line and runs N<sup>o</sup> 45 E<sup>t</sup> 79 pole to a Pine then N<sup>o</sup> 45 W<sup>t</sup> 260 pole to a Lightwood Stake then S<sup>o</sup> 45 W<sup>t</sup> 174 poles to a Black Jack then S<sup>o</sup> 45 E<sup>t</sup> 120 pole to **Isaac Bucks** Line then with his Line N<sup>o</sup> 45 E<sup>t</sup> 95 pole then to the Beginning.*

North Carolina issued a patent to **Peter Albritton** for this 200-acre tract on 22 July 1774.

Chain Bearers: **Geo. Albriton, Benj<sup>n</sup> Buck**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 22, p. 367, Entry #350, Grant #252, File #175 (entered 11 January 1773, surveyed 2 November 1773, granted 22 July 1774).

**21 Feb 1774**

For "the Sum of Fifty five pounds proclamation money," **Mathew Albritton**, Inholder, sells **Benjamin Buck**, both of Pitt County,

*...one messuage or parcell [sic] of land situated Lying & being on the South side of Tar River & on the upper side of Chicod Creek on brach [sic-branch] That Makes out of the South Side of Checod Creek about Plantation Called and knows [sic] By Salters Beaver Dam Plantation Containing by estimation one hundred & forty acres be the same more or less it Being all the upper part of a track [sic] of land granted unto **Edward Salter** which lies in the Kings*

part on the same Side of the Branch that **Salters** plantation is on from s<sup>d</sup> branch or run of s<sup>d</sup> Branch by a line of marked trees to the back line thence up the line to the branch thence Down the various Courses of the Run to the first Station it being part of a track [sic] of land Granted to **Edward Salter** as by Pattent [sic] Bearing Date October 1 1751 and by deed conveyed to **Charles Finnakin** and by **Finnakin** Conveyed by deed to **John Hodges & John Hodges** Conveyed by deed bearing Date September the 10 1756 to **John Dixson** & by **John Dixson** Conveyd by deed to **Marthew** [sic] by deed bearing Date July the 20<sup>th</sup> 1763...

Witnesses: **Edward Salter, John Salter**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, pp. 73–75. "October Cour [sic] 1774 Order for Rigestration [sic]." The Clerk indicated that "Marthew Albritton" signed the document. Elsewhere in the document, his name is written as "Matthew Albritton."

**25 May 1774** For "the Sum of Ninety pounds proclamation money," **Thomas Albritton, James Albritton, & Peter Albritton** of Pitt County and **Mathew Albritton** of Onslow County, Province of North Carolina, Planters, sell **George Albritton**, Planter, of Pitt County,

...one messuage or track [sic] of land situate [sic] lying & being in Pitt County on the South Side of Tarr [sic] River and on the Lower Side of the Cross Swamp on the South Side of Chicod Swamp Containing 200 acres more or less Begining [sic] at a Chesnut oak on one of the Swamps of Chicod Runing [sic] out S<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>d</sup> E<sup>t</sup> 160 pole to a pine then N<sup>o</sup> 60 E<sup>t</sup> 200 pole to a Stake at the out Side of a pond thence N<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 160 pole to a pine then S<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> 200 poles to the first station it being part of a track [sic] of land granted unto **Simon Burney** by patent and by him Conveyd by deed by **William Taylor Sen<sup>r</sup>** and by **William Sen<sup>r</sup>** Conveyd by deed to his Son **William Taylor Jun<sup>r</sup>** dated Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1751 and by **W<sup>m</sup> Taylor Jun<sup>r</sup>** Conveyd by deed bearing date January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1767 to **John Hattock Jun<sup>r</sup>** and by **John Hattock Jun<sup>r</sup>** Conveyd by deed Bearing date January 23 1767 to **John Simpson Esq<sup>r</sup>** and by **John Simpson Esq<sup>r</sup>** Conveyd by deed bearing date March 14 [sic–March 4] 1769 to **James Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** and by **James Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** Conveyd by his last Will and testament to us his four Sons to Wit. **Thomas James Peter** and **Mathew Albritton**...

Witnesses: **Robert Salter, Richard Albritton, John Simpson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, pp. 75–77. The deed was recorded at the October Court 1774. James, Peter, and Mathew Albritton signed the document, whereas Thomas Albritton made his mark to it.

Comments: The two non-Albritton participants in this transaction suggest that politically, the Albritton brothers had very strong Patriot leanings. When "the freeholders of the County of Pitt" met the following October 4<sup>th</sup> at Martinborough to elect their Safety Committee, they elected both John Simpson and Robert Salter to serve on the Committee. The following December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Pitt County Safety Committee elected Col. Simpson as their chairman (see Saunders, William L., ed. *The Colonial Records of North Carolina*. Vol. IX. Raleigh, NC: Josephus Daniels, 1890, pp. 1075, 1100).

**1775** The Continental and Provincial Congress ordered a list of inhabitants of every county, now filed as a tax list. It appears that Pitt County was divided into militia districts. The heading for Capt. Lanier's District is: "A List of the Inhabitants of Pitt County Taken by order of the Continental & Provincial Congress August 25<sup>th</sup>: 1775." The back of **Capt. William Burney's** list reads, "**Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Burney** List of Inhabitants, 1775." From the front page:

"A list of all of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Burney's Company"

#1: **Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Burney**

#2: **James Brooks**

#6: **Archibald Adams**

#7: **John Hardee**

#9: **Nesby Mills Jun<sup>r</sup>**

#10: **Nesby Mills Sen<sup>r</sup>**

#13: **Rich<sup>d</sup>. Albritton**

1 white male of age

1 white female of age

1 male slave under age

Household total: 3

#16: **Isaac Buck**

#30: **Isaac Brooks**

#31: **John Brooks**

#33: **John Cannon**

#45: **Simon Burney**

#65: **John Robinson**

1 white male of age

1 white female of age

1 male slave of age

1 white female of age

2 female slaves under age

Household total: 6

#66: **Thomas Tuton**

#68: **Thomas Albritton**

2 white males of age

1 white male under age

1 white female of age

1 white female under age

1 female slave of age

Household total: 6

#71: **Abraham Adams**

#74: **John Simpson**

Reference: Secretary of State Records, State Archives of North Carolina. SSXVIII, Recordkeeping (Misc.): Tax Lists, Box 2.

Comments: This is a partial list of inhabitants of Pitt County, as not all districts in Pitt County have survived. It is filed with the North Carolina State Archives as the *1775 Pitt County Tax List*, but this is an inaccurate cataloging. It is not a tax list, but rather a *"List of Inhabitants."* Ironically, the names on this list happen to be recorded in Clark, Walter, ed. *The State Records of North Carolina*. Vol. XXII., Goldsboro, NC: Nash Brothers, 1907, p. 415 under the heading *"A List of Capt. William Burney's Company,"* immediately following a 1771 list of militia officers from Dobbs County in the Regulator's War, pp. 411–414. Many have interpreted this to justify claims that Thomas and Richard served in the Pitt County Militia, but this is an inaccurate interpretation of this document. It is clearly marked as a list of inhabitants, making it a census of sorts, not a militia roster (Margaret Tanner is even listed, and woman did not openly serve colonial militias).

**6 Jan 1775** For *"the Sum of Forty five pounds proclamation money,"* **George Albritton** sells to **Francis Buck**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...One Messuage or trac [sic] of land Situate [sic] lying and Being on the South the of Tar River in Pitt County on both Sides of Cabbin [sic] Branch adjoining on Chicod Creek Begining [sic] at a White oak Runing [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 10 W<sup>t</sup> 179 pole to water oak thence S<sup>o</sup> 80° E<sup>t</sup> 179 pole to a white oak thence S<sup>o</sup> 10° E<sup>t</sup> 179 poles to maple thence N<sup>o</sup> 80° W<sup>t</sup> 179 poles to the Begining [sic] it being a tract of land Containing two hundred acres of land Granted to **David Obrian** as by patent bearing Date 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1738 & by **John Obrian** Conveyed by deed unto the S<sup>d</sup> **George Albritton**...*

Witnesses: **Sampson Pittman, Benjamin Bowers**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, pp. 87–88.

**25 Mar 1775** For £70, **James Kibble, Esq.** sells **Matthew "Albreton"** 50 acres of land on Mashburns Great Branch on the southwest branch of the New River.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book J, p. 59.

**10 Sept 1775** **John Robinson & Ami Robinson** sell to **George "Albrittain"** Guardian of **Henry "Albrittain"** (Minor), their interest in the plantation left to her by her former husband, **James Albritton Sr.**:

*...Between **John Robinson & Ami Robinson** of the One part and **George Albrittain** Guardian of **Henry Albrittain** (Minor) of the other part. Witnesseth, That for an in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds proclim [sic] Money...the said **John Robinson & Ami Robinson** hath Given granted bargained Sold... unto the said **Geo. Albrittain** Guardian of **Henry Albrittain**, in Trust for the s<sup>d</sup> **Henry Albrittain** a (Minor) all and singular our Right of Dower or otherwise in a certain tract or parcel of Land, Lying and being in the county aforesaid, on the S<sup>o</sup> Side of Tarr [sic] River on the N<sup>o</sup> side of Chicod Creek and on one of the swamps of the creek, begining [sic] at a pine on a pond near **Bucks** line, Runing [sic] thence N<sup>o</sup> 67<sup>d</sup> West to a red oak at the Entrance of the swamp, thence S<sup>o</sup> 60<sup>d</sup> West with the Meandors [sic] of the Swamp 116 pole, thence S<sup>o</sup> 12<sup>d</sup> East with the Swamp 150 pole, thence S<sup>o</sup> 84<sup>d</sup> East 44 pole thence S<sup>o</sup> 81<sup>d</sup> E<sup>t</sup> 202 pole thence to the beginning Containing 280 Acres more or Less, it being the tract of Land whereon we now live which said land & premises was by the Last will & testament of my former Husband **James Albrittain** decease<sup>d</sup> Left Unto **Ami Albrittain** (Now **Ami Robinson**) for & during her Natural ~~Life~~ Right.*

Witnesses: **Ch<sup>o</sup> Hynson Crabbin, Thoms Tuten**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, pp. 140–141. *"October Court 1775 Orderd to be Registered."* John Robinson signed the document, but *"Amay Robinson"* made her mark to it.

Comments: This document proves that Amy, widow of James Albritton Sr., remarried a year or two after his death to John Robinson, and that George served as the guardian of his younger brother, Henry. It also proves that James Albritton left his 280-acre home plantation to his youngest son, reserving for his wife a lifetime use of the property.

**6 Dec 1775** For £2, **William Loyd** sells **Jesse Gurganus** 75 acres of land granted to **Benjamin Hicks**, on Marshburns Great Branch on southwest branch of the New River.

Witnesses: **Mathew Albritton**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book K, p. 10.

**18 Nov 1776** For *"the Sum of twenty pounds proc. money,"* **Richard Albritton**, Merchant, sells to **Nehemiah Tuten**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County

*Begining [sic] at **Peter Albrittains** seventh corner & runing [sic] with **Peter Albrittains** Line to the Pocason, Then with the Pocason, near **Franks** Branch, then Runing [sic] to **Peter Albrittains** Line, then with **Peters** Line to the Begining [sic] a tract of Land containing one hundred acres more or less Granted to me by Pattent bearing date April 28: 1768.*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, p. 208. *"July Court 1777. Order for Registration."* The clerk indicated that both Richard and Peter Albritton signed the document.

Comments:

1. The clerk spelled Richard's surname as *"Albrittain"* throughout the body of the document, but when he recorded the signatures of both Richard and Peter, he spelled it *"Albritton."*

2. The description of the land that Richard Albritton sold contains a mistake that could allow for an inaccurate estimate of Albritton's birth. The description states that the 100 acres sold was "*Granted to me by pattent [sic] bearing date April 28: 1768.*" If correct, to have received a land grant in April 1768, Richard Albritton must have been born by 1748. However, there is no record of any land grant in North Carolina to Richard Albritton other than his 1784 grant. In fact, the only land grant issued in Pitt County on 28 April 1768 was to John Simpson, who received 400 acres of land "*On both sides of Taylors Swamp,*" land that Simpson sold to James Albritton in 1769 (North Carolina Grant Book 23, p. 211, Grant #149, File #194). The mistake can be seen in the description of the land given when Nehemiah Tuten sells this land in February 1788 (see below). That document describes the 100-acre tract as "*Granted to John Simpson Patent bearing date April 28, 1768 and by him sold to James Albritton.*"

**15 Oct 1777** For "*the sum of One hundred & fifty four dollars,*" **Nesby Mills Junr**, planter, sells to **John Simpson**, Merchant, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County "*on the West side of Indian Well Swamp*" originally granted to **John Simpson**, who sold it to **James Brooks**, who sold it to **Mills**.

Witnesses: **John Albritton, Samuel Simpson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F, p. 323. "*October Court 1777. Order for Registration.*" The clerk indicated that John Albritton signed the document as a witness.

Comment: Samuel Simpson was a son of Col. John Simpson, then a member of the Provincial Safety Committee.

**4 May 1778** The State of North Carolina Entry Officer for Pitt County Land Claims issues Entry #100 to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 300 acres of land in Pitt County for **Thomas "Alberton,"** "*joining Thomas Albertons line on the south & west side.*" From the survey:

*Surveyd July 6<sup>th</sup> 1778 for Thomas Alberton Three hundred Acres of land in Pitt County in North Carolina Begining [sic] at a pine in his own line thence South Two hundred and Twenty poles Crossing a branch to a pine on North side of Phipps Branch about Thirty poles from the Branch Thence West one hundred and Sixty Two poles to a pine in or Near Isaac Brooks line Near a pond thence North forty poles to a pine thence west sixty nine poles Crossing a branch to a pine thence North one hundred and Eighty poles to a pine in a pond Thence East to first Station.*

Surveyor: **George Evans**

Chain Carriers: **Jn<sup>o</sup> Alberton, Rich<sup>d</sup> Alberton**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 38, p. 234, Grant #38. Issued 1 July 1779 to "*Thomas Alberton.*"

Comment: In the identical record of this grant in the Pitt County Deed Book G (see below), we see that the surname was actually "*Albritton,*" not "*Alberton*" as recorded in the State records.

**3 Oct 1778** For "*the Sum of four Hundred pounds Carolina Currency,*" **George Albritton**, Planter, sells to **Edward Dixon**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County, on the south side of Tar River and

*...on the Lower Side of the Cross Swamp & on the S<sup>o</sup> Side of Chicod Swamp. Begining [sic] at a chestnut oak on one of the Swamps of Chicod Runing [sic] out S<sup>o</sup> 30° E<sup>t</sup> 160 poles to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 60° E<sup>t</sup> 200 pole to a Stake at the out side of a pond, thence N<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 160 pole to a pine thence S<sup>o</sup> 60<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 200 pole to the first Station it being part of a tract of Land Granted to Simon Burney by pattent [sic] & by him conveyed by deed unto William Taylor Sen. & Since conveyed to Sundry others...*

**George Albritton** and **Lydia Albritton** signed the document, with the implication that Lydia is George's wife.

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, Abraham Dixon**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, p. 9. "*October Court 1778. Order for Registration.*" According to the recording clerk, **George Albritton** signed his name to the transaction, whereas his wife, **Lydia Albritton**, made her mark to it.

Comment: This is the only known document that gives the name of George Albritton's wife. Some Albritton researchers have claimed she was "*Lydia Pettit,*" perhaps suspecting she as the daughter of Nathan Pettit who had witnessed deeds of James Albritton Sr. in 1769. No known documentation or even circumstantial evidence supports this claim.

**19 Oct 1778** For £3, **Abraham Jarrott** sells to **Matthew Albritton** 125 acres of land on Rocky Ford Bridge and up the branch to **Jesse Gurganus'** path.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book L, p. 14.

**10 Apr 1779** The State of North Carolina Entry Officer for Pitt County Land Claims issues Warrant #100 to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey for **Thomas Albritton** a tract of 300 acres of land in Pitt County "*Bounded by his own Lines, George Williams & John Hardy Junier [sic] and John Simpsons Lines or Land.*" Albritton died before his land was surveyed, with the survey transferred to **Levi Nobles**.

Reference: North Carolina Warrant #240, Number #090.

**Apr 1779** On the 12<sup>th</sup>, **Matthew "Allbritton"** was appointed road overseer in place of **Mat. Green**, and on the 13<sup>th</sup>, **Obed. Williams** and **William Jenkins** were appointed overseers of another road in place of **Matt. Albritton**. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, **Matthew Albritton** was appointed as one of the jurors to attend the Wilmington Court

Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, April 12–14, 1779.



**8 May 1779** **William Robson**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 150 acres of land for **Peter Albritton**, with the land described as lying "On south side of Tarr [sic] River Joining his own Line on the North side of Long Branch on or Near **William Edwards** Entry." The warrant was issued in the name of "**Peter Albritton**," but when Surveyor **Jesse Proctor** surveyed the tract for him on 5 September 1782, he wrote "**Peter Alberton**." The official survey reads:

*Sept. 5 1782. Then Survey<sup>d</sup> For **Peter Alberton** [sic] One hundred & Fifty Acres of land Situated in No. Carolina and in Pitt County and on the South Side of Tar River and North Side of the Cow Swamp. Beginning at a pine **Moure** [sic] Corner a pine thence South Seventy Degrees East forty [sic] pole to a Sorrell Read [sic] oak Saperling [sic] on the Side of a Branch and in **Alberton** line thence with his line North Forty [sic] degrees East Seventy Six pole thence with his other line North forty [sic] five Degrees East Sixty [sic] Six pole to a pine **Alberton** Corner of his other Survey thence with Said line North Forty [sic] five degrees West [sic] One Hundred and Twenty [sic] pole to a Black Jack his other Corner thence with his Other line North Forty [sic] five Degrees East One Hundred and Seventy [sic] four pole to a lightwood Stake thence north forty [sic] five degrees West [sic] Twenty [sic] five pole in **Edwards** line thence With his line South Eighty [sic] Seven degrees West [sic] Twenty [sic] Six pole To a white oak **Edwards** Corner thence To **Moure** Corner a lightwood Stump thence with his other line to the Beginning...*

North Carolina issued a patent to **Peter Albritton** for this 150-acre tract on 13 October 1783.

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 54, p. 229, Entry #345, Grant #523, #745.

**1 July 1779** Upon payment of fifty shillings for every hundred acres, the State of North Carolina issues a grant of 300 acres of land in Pitt County to **Thomas Albritton**. The land was described as

*Beginning at a pine in his own line, thence South two hundred & twenty poles crossing a branch to a pond on the No. side of **Phipps** branch about thirty poles from the branch, thence West one hundred & sixty two pole to a pine in or near **Isaac Brooks** line near a pond, thence North forty poles to a pine thence West sixty nine poles crossing a branch to a pine, thence North one hundred & eighty poles to a pine in a pond thence East to the first station...*

Surveyor: **George Evans**

Chain Carriers: **Richd. Albritton, John Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 1, Grant #38.

Comment: Thomas and Richard Albritton were sons of James Albritton Sr. Records below prove that John was Thomas's son.

**13 Oct 1779** **Matthew Albritton** was one of the jurors appointed to attend the Onslow Court in January 1780.

Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 13 October 1779.

**8 Jan 1780** For £100, **Thomas Albritton**, Saddler, sells to **John Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 300 acres of land in Pitt County

*Begining [sic] at a pine in his own Line thence South two Hundred & twenty poles crossing a branch to a pine on the North Side of **Phillips** branch about thirty poles from the Branch then W<sup>st</sup> 162 pole to a pine in or near **Isaac Brooks** line near a pond thence N<sup>o</sup> 40 pole to a pine then W<sup>st</sup> 69 pole crossing a branch to a pine thence North 180 pole to a pine in a pond thence E<sup>st</sup> to the first station...which said Land I obtained by Grant from the State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina bearing date July 1<sup>st</sup> 1779...*

Witnesses: **George Evans, George Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, p. 42. The clerk indicated that Thomas Albritton made his mark to the document.

Comment: Thomas and George Albritton were sons of James Albritton Sr. Records below prove that John was Thomas's son.

**18 Feb 1780** **Richard Albritton** entered an application for a grant of land in Pitt County, North Carolina consisting of 150 acres "On the South Side of Tarr [sic] River, Joining **Ephraim Brooks** Line and **Isaac Brooks's** Line.." The land was surveyed for Albritton on 22 May 1783:

*For **Richard Albritain** One hundred and fifty acres of Land Sittuated [sic] in No. Cara. and in Pitt County and on the South Side of Tar River & South side of the Cow Swamp Beginning [sic] at a Sweat [sic] Gum in **Simpson** line in Said Swamp and **Albritain** Corner of his Former Lands thence with Said line South forty five degrees West [sic] Sixty Two pole To a pine his other Corner thence West [sic] thirty [sic] three pole To a pine On the Readey [sic] meadow [sic] thence North Twenty pole To a pine thence West [sic] One hundred and Eighty Six pole To **Brooks** line thence With his line North forty Five degrees East One hundred And Seventy Two pole To a pine On the side of a Little Branch thence East To Said Cow Swamp thence down the vearis [sic] Couse [sic] of said Swamp to the Begining [sic]...*

Chain Carriers: **William Brooks, Henry "Albritain"**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 57, p. 291, Entry #621, Grant #573, Folder #793. Grant issued 6 November 1784.

Comments:

1. Richard and Henry Albritton were the two youngest sons of James Albritton Sr.
2. The grant cover gave his name as "**Richard Alberton**," with "[**Albritain?**]" written underneath. The actual survey gave his name as "**Richd. Albritain**."

**17 Mar 1780** For £140, **John Butler** sells to **William Johnston** 40 acres of land granted to **Adam Luton** on Mill Run.

Witnesses: **Mathew "Alberton"**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book M, p. 25.

**5 Jun 1780** For "*the sum of two Thousand pounds Lawfull [sic] money of this Estate,*" **John James**, Planter, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, sells to **George Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Onslow County on the southwest of the southwest Branch of New River.

Witnesses: **"Marthow Albritton"** [sic], **Thos. Burton**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book B-1, p. 2. "*Proved in open Court by the Oath of Martha Albritton. Ordered to be Registered October Court 1781.*"

Comments:

1. The clerk wrote John James' name as "*Games*" at the beginning of the document, but thereafter as "*James*."
2. The witness who proved the document in court was clearly recorded as "*Matthew Allbritton*" in the court minutes (see below, 8 October 1781). In the list of witnesses in the original deed, the witness' name was written as "*Marthow Albritton*," but the clerk recorded below this on the original that "*Martha Albritton*" proved the deed in court. Clearly, this confusion was a clerk's error, and the notation in the court minutes implies that it was actually George's brother, Matthew Albritton, a known resident of Onslow County at that time, who witnessed the deed.
3. This confusion has led to incorrect statements regarding the wife of George Albritton Sr., with two sources claiming that this proves that his first wife, Lydia, had died by 1780 and he remarried to Martha. This confusion is found in two published works on the Albritton family, i.e., McSwain, p. 143, and Albritton, pp. 41–43.
4. The discussion above shows that a clerk's error appears to have led to an inaccurate recording of the witness. There is no justification for arguing that Lydia died by 1780 and George Sr. remarried. Records of George and Martha Albritton in Georgia years later are for George Albritton Jr. and his wife.

**11 Oct 1780** **Mattw. Albritton** was one of the jurors appointed to attend the Court in January 1781.

Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 11 October 1780.

**14 Nov 1780** For "*the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling,*" **Thomas Albritton**, Saddler, sells to **Henry Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on both sides of the Juniper Run in the Fork of the Juniper run beginning at a pine the second corner then in the plat running thence west 124 pole to a pine thence So. 20 Wst. 260 pole to a pine then East 124 pole to a line of marked trees that divides between myself and John Brooks thence No. Easterly with that line to the beginning...it being part of a tract of Land granted unto me by deed from the right Honr. The Earl of Granville Agent bearing date January 7<sup>th</sup> 1763...*

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Samuel Simpson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, pp. 85–86. The clerk indicated that Thomas Albritton made his mark to the document.

Comments:

1. Thomas and Henry Albritton were sons of James Albritton Sr.
2. Note that Col. John Simpson and his son, Samuel, witnessed the transaction. A military leader and political figure in Pitt County, Col. Simpson lived near the old plantation of James Albritton Sr. on Cow Swamp, near modern Grimesland.

**20 Apr 1781** For "*the Sum of Twenty five pounds Hard Money,*" **Henry Albritton**, Planter, sells to **Joshua Martin**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the Cow Swamp Beginning at a pine the second Corner of S<sup>d</sup> Albertons Land Whereon he now lives and runs with his line S<sup>o</sup> 67 East 106 poles to a Pine then N<sup>o</sup> 16 W<sup>st</sup> 80 poles to a Pine by the Branch side then N<sup>o</sup> 50 W<sup>st</sup> 100 poles to a Sweet Gum by the side of the Cow Swamp Then S<sup>o</sup> 45 W<sup>st</sup> 80 pole to a Black Jack then to the begining [sic] it being patented by James Alberton [sic] and by him conveyed or given to his Son Henry Alberton as will appear containing Sixty two acres of Land...*

Witnesses: **Will Buck, Richar<sup>d</sup> Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, p. 140.

Comments:

1. Henry and Richard Albritton are the younger sons of James Albritton Sr.
2. James Albritton Sr. received a grant for this 62-acre tract in 1773. The description of the land is verbatim from the survey made for James Albritton on 1 July 1772, with the grant officially issued on 4 February 1773.
3. Throughout the body of the deed, the clerk wrote Henry and James' surname as "*Alberton*," but the signatures of both Henry and Richard to the document were clearly written as "*Albritton*."

- 8 Oct 1781** **Matthew Allbritton** appeared in court to prove a deed from **John James** to **George Allbritton** for 200 acres of land.
- Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 8 October 1781.
- 25 Oct 1781** For "*the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Lawfull [sic] Money,*" **Henry "Albritain,"** Planter, sells to **Moses Moore**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 280 acres of land in Pitt County
- ...on the south side of Tar River on the North side of Chicod Creek and on one of the Swamps of the Creek, Beginning at a pine on a pond near Bucks line thence N<sup>o</sup> 67<sup>d</sup> W<sup>e</sup> to the Swamp thence S<sup>o</sup> 50<sup>d</sup> W<sup>e</sup> with the Meanders of the Swamp 116 pole thence S<sup>o</sup> 12<sup>d</sup> East with the Swamp 150 pole thence S<sup>o</sup> 84<sup>d</sup> Est 44 poles thence S<sup>o</sup> 31<sup>d</sup> Est 202 poles thence to the Beginning it being all that part of a Tract of land granted to **John Taylor** by patent bearing date December 12<sup>th</sup> 1757 that lies on the North side of Cow Swamp...and by **John Taylor** Conveyd to **John Simpson** by Deed bearing date April the first 1765 & Conveyd by **John Simpson** by a Deed bearing date March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 to **James Albritain** and Conveyd by **James Albritton** by a Will to the said **Henry Albrittain**...*
- The clerk indicated that the document was signed by "**Henry Albritton**."
- Witnesses: **William Buck, Henry Moore** [his mark]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 333–335. "October Court 1784. Order for Registration."
- Comment: In this transaction, Henry Albritton sells the 280-acre home plantation that his father, James Albritton Sr., left him in his will. Moses Moore Sr. and his family now became neighbors of James' son, Peter Albritton Sr., whose land had adjoined his father's.
- 29 Oct 1781** For "*the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawfull [sic] Money,*" **Henry "Albritain,"** Planter, sells to **Moses Moore**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 20 acres of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North side of Cow Swamp Beginning at a Chesnut [sic] Oak at the Run of the Swamp and from thence up the Various courses of the Swamp to the s<sup>d</sup> **Moses Moores** line thence South 84 East along the said **Moors** [sic] line 138 poles by the side of a Small Branch and from thence to the first Station it being part of a Tract of Land Granted by Patent to **John Simpson** bearing date 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1768 that lies on the North side of Cow Swamp...by **John Simpson** conveyed to **James Albritain** by a Deed Bearing Date March 4<sup>th</sup> day 1769 and conveyd by **James Albritain** to **Henry Albritton** by Will and conveyd by **Henry Albrittain** to the said **Moses Moore**...*
- Witnesses: **George Williams, Samuel Williams**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 332–333. "October Court 1784. Order for Registration."
- 12 Nov 1781** **William Robson**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 100 acres of land for **Peter Albritton** for this land:
- Begining [sic] at the s<sup>d</sup> **Albrittons** Corner Tree a black Gum on the No. Side of Cross Swamp Running to **Will<sup>m</sup> Dixon** Corner tree a read [sic] Oak then with s<sup>d</sup> **Dixon** Line to the Last Corner to a Straight Course **Miah Tutons** Line and with **Tutons** Line a bout N<sup>o</sup> Course to **Peter Albrittons** to the Begining [sic]...*
- The warrant was issued in the name of "**Peter Albritton**," but when Surveyor **Jesse Proctor** surveyed the tract for him on 5 September 1782, he wrote his name as "**Peter Alberton**." The official survey reads:
- Sept. 5 1782. Then Survey<sup>d</sup> For **Peter Alberton** [sic] One hundred Acres of Land Situated in No. Carolina and in Pitt County and on the South Side of Tar River and Weast [sic] Side of the Cross Swamp and South Side of the Cow Swamp Beginning at a Gum On the Swamp Side and **Alberton** Corner thence up the Swamp South Twenty five degrees East fourteen pole to a Read [sic] Oke [sic] **Dixon** Corner thence With his line South forty [sic] Two degrees Weast [sic] One Hundred and Sixty [sic] pole to the Center of three pine Mark [sic-marked] Inwards thence Running Agreed line South Eighty [sic] degrees Weast [sic] fifty [sic] five pole Crossing a Branch To a pine thence agreed line North Seventy Six degrees Weast [sic] forty [sic] six pole into a line Formerly **Simpson** thence With his line North Six degrees Weast [sic] Six pole To a pine thence With the Other line Weast [sic] Forty [sic] Six pole thence With the Other line North forty [sic] To [sic-two] pole into **Alberton** line thence With [his] line to the Beginning...*
- North Carolina issued a patent to **Peter Albritton** for this 100-acre tract on 23 September 1785.
- Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 69, p. 299, Entry #61, Grant #739, #987.
- 14 Nov 1781** **Henry Albritton** sells **Thomas Albritton** 100 acres of land for £30.
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, pp. 170–171.
- Comments:
1. Thomas and Henry Albritton were sons of James Albritton Sr.
  2. The latter pages of Deed Book H, pp. 170–191, are now practically illegible. The information given here comes from the abstracts published in Volume I of the work by Judith DuPree Ellison, *Index and Abstracts of Deeds of Record of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume I (1761–1785)*. See the notes for the full reference.
  3. Thomas Albritton's executors sold this land in 1785 according to his will, and then his brother, Peter Albritton, purchased it on 1 March 1785. That transaction gives a description of the 100 acres.

- 1782** For love and affection, **John Moye Sr.** gives 180 acres of land to his son, **Gardner Moye**.  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H, p. 174.  
 Comment: The latter pages of Deed Book H, from pp. 170–191, are nearly illegible. The information given here come from the abstracts published in Ellison, Judith DuPree. *Index and Abstracts of Deeds of Record of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume I (1761–1785)*. Miami Beach, FL: Atlantic Printers, 1968.  
 Comment: About 1780, Revolutionary War soldier Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. and granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
- 10 Apr 1782** **Matthew Allbritton** was one of the jurors appointed to attend the Onslow Court for the July 1782 court term.  
 Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 10 April 1782.
- 8 July 1782** **Matthew Allbritton** appointed as a grand juror by the Onslow County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions.  
 Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 8 July 1782.
- 10 July 1782** **Geo. Allbritton** was one of the jurors appointed to attend the Onslow Court for the October 1782 court term.  
 Reference: Onslow County NC Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 10 July 1782.
- 6 Oct 1782** Pursuant to Warrant #130 issued by William Robson, Pitt County Entry Officer for Land Claims to the Pitt Surveyor on 5 May 1778, ordering him to survey for **Henry Cason** a tract of 600 acres of land “*Begining [sic] on James “Albertons” line Joining Mathias Moors [sic] line, John Leggetts line, Keley Tuckers line, John Hattons line then aCross [sic] to John Casons line,*” on this day, Pitt County Surveyor **Jesse Proctor** prepared the following survey for **Henry Cason**:  
*October the 6 1782. then Surveyd For John Henrey [sic] Cason Six hundred Acres of Land Situate [sic] in N<sup>o</sup> Carolina and in Pitt County and on the North side of tar River and South Side of Grindall [sic] Creek Beginning at a pine James Alberton Corner thence South Two hundred pole to a pine in a pocoson [sic] and Mathias Moure [sic] line thence With his line and Lagets [sic–Legget] line North Eightey [sic] Three degrees Weast [sic] two hundred and Ninetey [sic] Two pole To a pine Leagets [sic–Legget] Corner Thence with his Other line South Sixtety [sic] four pole To a pine in the Edge of the Great Pond thence South Sixtety [sic] Two degrees Weast [sic] Sixtety [sic] Eight pole To a Read [sic] oke Thence South Sixtety [sic] five Degrees Weast [sic] Thurty [sic] Two pole To a Read [sic] oke thence No. Eightey [sic] degrees Weast [sic] One hundred and Twenty pole along Tuckers line to a Corner not marked thence North Through the Posocon [sic] One hundred and ninetey [sic] pine To a pine John Casons Corner thence With his line East One hundred and Eightey [sic] Six pole To a Corner in the Cypress Pond thence North Thurty [sic] Eight pole To a pine James Alberton Corner thence With his line East To the Beginning...*  
 Chain Carriers: **Richard Moore, Cannada Moore** [sworn]  
 Surveyor: **Jesse Procter**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Warrant #130, File #095, Entered 5 May 1778.  
 Comments:  
 1. The state officials apparently erred and failed to record this grant in the state grant books, but they did issue the grant the following year. It was recorded the Pitt County records, but not in the state records.  
 2. This is a key document for Albritton research in the nineteenth century, and Albritton descendants occupied this property for the next century. Henry Cason was a neighbor of James Albritton Jr. and Matthias Moore Sr., and John Leggett’s name appeared as an adjoining landowner in many later land descriptions. Richard and Canada (Kennedy) Moore were Matthias’ sons.
- 21 Oct 1782** The State of North Carolina issues a grant to **John Cason** for 550 acres of land. **Cason** entered the land on 5 May 1778, when **William Robson**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issued a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey this 550-acre tract for **Cason**:  
*Beginning on the North side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek thence to the hunting Run, Through the said Runn [sic] to the North side of the said Runn [sic] & down the Runn [sic] a Distance thence aCross s<sup>d</sup> Runn [sic] to John Jordans Back line with the said line to Grindal [Grindle] Creek.*  
 Surveyor **Jesse Proctor** surveyed the tract for **John Cason** on 14 February 1781:  
*February the Fourteenth One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eightey [sic] One Then Surveyed For John Cason Five Hundred and Fiftety [sic] Acres of land Situated [sic] in North Carolina And in Pitt County And on the North Side of Tar River and North Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek Begining [sic] at a Gum in Grindall [Grindle] Creek and Lamuel James [Lemuel James] Corner Thence With his line North Twenty Pole to his Other Corner a Gum thence With his Other Line North Twenty Degrees East Seventy five pole To a pine in the Mashue Person [sic–Marsh Pocosin], and James Corner thence North One Hundred Pole To a Small & a Lightwod [sic] Stake and the Devideing [sic] line Between Henery [sic] Cason & John Cason thence North Fortey [sic] five Degrees East one Hundred Pole To a pine Through the Person [pocosin] and the Devideing [sic] line Between [sic] the Said Casons thence South fiftety [sic] Five Degrees East one Hundred Pole To a pine on the North Side of a Branch and the Devideing [sic] line Between John Cason & Lamuel James [Lemuel James] thence the Devideing [sic] line Between Said James and John Cason North Thurtey [sic] Degrees East fortety [sic] Pole To a pine on Hunting Runn [sic] thence East one*

*Hundred Pole and Crosing [sic of Said Runn [sic] To a pine thence South Sixtey [sic] Two Degrees East Nintey [sic] Pole To a pine and it is the Devideing [sic] line Between [sic] Joshua James and John Cason thence South one Hundred and Fiftey [sic] six Pole Crosing [sic] of the Said Hunting Run to a pine thence Running the Devideing [sic] line Between [sic] Robert Daniel and Said John Cason South Thurtey [sic] five Degrees Weast [sic] One Hundred and Sixteen Pole into John Jordan line Thence With his line North Sixtey [sic] Degrees Weast [sic] One Hundred and Twenty Pole To Jordan Corner a pine on the South Side of the Fox Person [sic-Fox Pocosin] thence with his Other line South Twenty one Degrees Weat [sic-west] one Hundred and fifty Pole To a Gum in Grindall [Grindle] Creek Thence up the Vearias [sic] Couse [sic] off Siad [sic-said] Creek and Windings Thereof To the Beginning...*

Chain Carriers: **William James, Eanuck [sic] Daniel [sworn]**

Surveyor: **Jesse Procter**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 43, p. 143, Entry #155, Grant #357, #577, entered 5 May 1778. Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 179.

Comment: Between 1784 and 1789, John Cason sold 486 acres of this grant to James Albritton Jr., selling him 236 acres in March 1784 and 250 acres in 1789. Cason sold the remaining 64 acres to William James in March 1784, the same day as his transaction with Albritton. The location of this grant, lying between Grindle Creek and Hunting Run helps pinpoint precisely where the nineteenth century Albrittons lived, as well as the location of James Albritton Jr.'s plantation during the eighteenth century. John Cason's existing plantation adjoined that of James Albritton Jr., so from the description of the land granted, it is clear this new land lay close to Albritton's.

**21 Oct 1782** Upon payment of fifty shillings for every hundred acres, the State of North Carolina issues a grant of 200 acres of land in Pitt County to **Edward Dixon**. The land was described as

*...on the South side of Tarr [sic] River and both sides of the Cow Swamp beginning at his corner a holley [sic] and runs south sixty four poles to a persimmon on Peter Albrittains line and runs with his line West twenty pole to an ash in the swamp thence North with his other line Eighty pole to an Elm thence with his line north forty five poles to a pine the said Albrittains corner thence with his line north forty five West one hundred and eighty pole to a stake thence north sixty five degrees East one hundred & thirty pole to a pine, Richard Powells corner thence with his line South thirty three East two hundred and thirty six poles to the Cow Swamp, thence to the beginning...*

Surveyor: **Elias Godley, D.S.** (surveyed 25 October 1781)

Chain Carriers: **Lemuel Golding, John Dixon**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 265.

Comment: Edward Dixon has no known Albritton connection other than living next to Peter Albritton Sr. on Cow Swamp. He and Lemuel Golding were involved in various transactions with the Albrittons in the latter 1780s and 1790s.

**14 Jan 1783** For "the Sum of One hundred & forty pounds Sterling," **John Buck**, Planter, sells to **Rolin Dixon**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County, on the south side of the Tar River and on the west side of Chicod Creek, originally granted to **Isaac Buck** on 6 April 1745.

Witnesses: **Levi Noble, Henry "Albritain"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 121-122. "April Court 1783. Ordered for Registration." The clerk indicated that "Henry Albritain" signed the transaction.

Comment: Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton was the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.

**14 Jan 1783** For "the Sum of One Hundred and fifty five pounds Sterling," **Henry Albrittain**, Planter, sells to **Levi Noble**, Wheel Right, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...on both Sides of the Juniper Run in the fork of s<sup>d</sup> Run. Beginning at a pine the Second Corner Tree on the plot Runing [sic] thence W<sup>t</sup> 124 poles to a pine thence S<sup>o</sup> 20 W<sup>t</sup> 260 poles to a pine thence Es<sup>t</sup> 124 poles to a Line of Marked Trees that Divides Between myself and John Brooks thence N<sup>o</sup> Easterly with that Line to the Beginning...it being part of a Tract of Land Granted to Thomas Albrittain by Deed from the Right Hounourable [sic] Earl of Granvill [sic] Agent bearing Date Janr. 7<sup>th</sup> 1763...*

Witnesses: **Simon Jones, Robert Dixon**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 198-199. "October Court 1783. Ordered for Registration." The clerk indicated that Henry Albrittain made his mark to the transaction. This seems odd, for the clerk indicated that Henry signed his name on that same day when he witnessed another transaction, as he did on all other known transactions he made. This must have been a clerk's error.

**28 Jan 1783** For "the Sum of fifty pound [sic] Specia," **Ephraim Moss** sells to **Richard Albritain**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County,

*Beginning at Richard Albritains Line running thence S<sup>o</sup> 63° W<sup>t</sup> 30 poles to apine [sic] Tree Mosses Corner Thence N<sup>o</sup> 48 W<sup>t</sup> 120 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 27° W<sup>t</sup> 244 poles Then N<sup>o</sup> 40 E<sup>t</sup> 60 pole To Cow Swamp and from thence to Richard Albritains Line then with the s<sup>d</sup> Richard Albritains Line to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Thomas Ringgold, James Handcock**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 72-73. "January Court 1783. Ordered for Registration."

Comment: Revolutionary War veteran Richard Albritton was the son of James Albritton Sr.

**7 Apr 1783** For "*the Sum of One Hundred Pounds*," **John Albritton**, Sadler, sells to **Henry Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a plantation and Tract of Land Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land Lying and being in Pitt County Afores<sup>d</sup> Beginning at a pine in his own line thence S<sup>o</sup> 220 poles Crossing a Branch to a pine on the North side of Phipp's Branch about Thirty poles from the Branch thence W<sup>t</sup> 162 poles to a pine in or Near Isaac Brook's Line near a pond thence N<sup>o</sup> 40 poles to a pine thence W<sup>t</sup> 69 poles Crossing a Branch to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 180 poles to a pine in a pond thence E<sup>t</sup> to the first Station, Containing and now laid out for Three Hundred Acres of Land...*

Witnesses: **Richard Albritton, Joseph Smith** (his mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 97–98. "April Court 1783. Ordered for Registration." The clerk indicated that John signed the transaction as "John Albritton."

Comments:

1. Revolutionary War veterans Richard and Henry Albritton were sons of James Albritton Sr., while John is their nephew, the son of their oldest brother, Thomas Albritton.
2. In this transaction, John sells his uncle the 300-acre grant that Thomas Albritton received from the State of North Carolina in 1779 and sold to his son, John, on 8 January 1780.

**18 Aug 1783** For "*Sum of Thirty Pounds Specia*," **John Morse**, Planter, sells to **Richard "Albrittain"**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...lying & being in Pitt County on the East Side of Indian Well Swamp, Beginning at a pine on the said Indian Well running N<sup>o</sup> 6 E<sup>t</sup> 80 poles to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 18 W<sup>t</sup> 100 pole to a pine thence due N<sup>o</sup> 80 pole to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 47 W<sup>t</sup> 80 pole to a Gum in the Great Branch that makes out of the S<sup>d</sup> Indian Well thence N<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 80 pole to a pine in the Rudy Meadow thence N<sup>o</sup> 20 W<sup>t</sup> 100 pole to a pine thence S<sup>o</sup> 85 W<sup>t</sup> 100 poles to a pine on a Little Pond on the W<sup>t</sup> side of the S<sup>d</sup> Indian Well thence a Direct line on the said Indian Well to the first Station. It being a Tract of Land sold to me by **John Brooks** patten [sic] Dated December 12<sup>th</sup> 1757 for Two Hundred and Sixty Six Acres more or Less...*

Witnesses: **Henry "Albrittain," Matthew "Albrittain"** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 172–173. "October Court 1783. Order for Registration."

Comments:

1. Revolutionary War veterans Richard and Henry Albritton are sons of James Albritton Sr.
2. The Matthew Albritton who witnessed this document appears to have been the nephew of Richard and Henry, the son of their brother, Thomas Albritton. We know that Richard and Henry's brother, Matthew, lived in Onslow County between 1774 and 1784. Their brother, Matthew, could have witnessed this transaction while in Pitt County on a visit. However, the clerk clearly indicated that, unlike Henry, Matthew made his mark to the document as opposed to signing it. All records of Matthew Albritton, son of James Albritton Sr., show that he was literate and routinely signed his name to his documents, whereas the only other verified document of Thomas' son, Matthew, shows that he made his mark to it. Thus, it appears that the man who witnessed this document was most likely the son of Thomas.
3. The precise acreage sold was not mentioned in the transaction, only that the original grant had been for 266 acres. From Albritton's sale of the land a few months later, it seems that Morse only sold Albritton 216 acres.

**13 Oct 1783** For the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina grants to **Peter "Albritian"** a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:

*...on the south side of Tarr [sic] River and north side of Cow Swamp beginning at a pine **Mores** corner a pine then South seventy degrees East forty poles to a small red oak sapling on the side of a branch and in **Albritains** own line then with said line north forty degrees East seventy six poles then with his other line north forty five degrees East sixty six poles to a pine **Albritains** corner of his other survey then with said line north forty five degrees West one hundred & seventy pole to a black Jack his other corner then with his other line No. forty five degrees East one hundred and seventy four to a lightwood stake then No. forty five degrees West twenty five pole to a pine in **Edwards** line then with his line south eighty seven West twenty six poles to a white oak **Edwards** corner then to **Moore's** corner a lightwood stump then with his line to the beginning.*

Chainbearers: **Nehemiah Tuten, Jacob Moore**

Surveyor: **Jesse Procter**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 337, Grant #523.

**13 Oct 1783** For the sum of ten pounds for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina grants to **Henry Cason** a tract of 600 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:

*On the North side of Tar River and South side of Grindal [sic] Creek. Beginning at a pine **James Abertons** [sic] corner then South two hundred pole to a pine in a pocoson **Matthew Moores** line then with his line **Legets** line North eighty three degrees West two hundred & ninety two pole to a pine **Legats** corner then his other line South sixty four pole to a pine in a pond then South Sixty two degrees West sixty eight pole to a Red oak then South Sixty*

*five degrees West thirty two pole to a Red oak then North eighty degrees West one hundred & twenty pole along Tuckers line to a corner not mark [sic] then North thro [sic] the pocoson one hundred & ninety pole to a pole to John Casons corner then with his line East one hundred & eighty Six pole to a corner in the Cypress pond then North thirty Eight pole to a pine James Albertons corner then with his line East to the Beginning.*

S.C.C.: **Richard Moore, Cannada Moore** [sworn chain carriers]

Surveyor: **Jesse Procter**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 358, Grant #448.

**27 Jan 1784** For £30, **Richard "Albrittain"** sells to **John "Albrittain,"** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 216 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the East and West Sides of the Indian Well Swamp, Beginning on the Said Line of the patent at Nesby Mills Corner on the East Side of Flat Branch runing [sic] thence due North with the Line of the Patent to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 47<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 84 pole to a Gum on the Great Branch that makes out of said Indian Well Swamp, Thence N<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 84 pole to a pine in the Reedy Meadow thence N<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 100 pole to a pine thence S<sup>o</sup> 85<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> 100 pole to a pine on a little pond on the W<sup>t</sup> side of s<sup>d</sup> Indian Well Swamp thence a Direct Line over s<sup>d</sup> Indian Well Swamp to Flat Branch to Nesby Mills Corner Thence with his Line up the Various Courses and windings of Flatt [sic] Branch to the Beginning. Containing by Estimation Two Hundred and Sixteen Acres more or Less. It being all the Remainder of a Tract of Land Granted to John Brooks by Patent Bearing Date December 12<sup>th</sup> 1757 and by him Conveyd unto John Morse by Deed Bearing Date October 26<sup>th</sup> 1779 and by John Morse Convey'd unto me by Deed Bearing Date August 18<sup>th</sup> 1783...*

Witnesses: none listed

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 212–213. "This Deed was Acknowledged in January Court 1784. Order for Registration." The clerk indicated that Richard "Albrittain" signed the document.

Comment: Revolutionary War veteran Richard Albritton was the son of James Albritton Sr., while John was James' grandson, the son of Thomas Albritton.

**18 Mar 1784** For "One Hundred and fifty pounds Specia," **Richard Albritton** of Pitt County sells to **Joshua Kemp** of Craven County, North Carolina, three tracts of land in Pitt County totaling 300 acres:

1. *...Beginning at Richard Albrittains line Runing [sic] thence S<sup>o</sup> 63 W<sup>st</sup> 30 poles to a pine tree Moses Corner then N<sup>o</sup> 48 W<sup>t</sup> 120 poles thence N<sup>o</sup> 27 W<sup>t</sup> 244 poles thence N<sup>o</sup> Forty Es<sup>t</sup> 60 poles to Cow Swamp and from thence to Richard Albrittains then with the S<sup>d</sup> Albritains line to the first Station Containing one hundred Fifty Acres More or less being part of a Tract of Land Granted unto Ephraim Moss by patent dated February 28<sup>th</sup> 1775 and by the S<sup>d</sup> Moss conveyd unto me by Deed bearing date January 28<sup>th</sup> 1783.*
2. *Also Another Tract butted and bounded as follows To Witt. Beginning at the mouth of the Watery Branch Runing [sic] up Watery Branch with the windings thereof 160 poles to a pine on the side Phips Pocoson then S<sup>o</sup> 15 W<sup>t</sup> 55 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 28 W<sup>t</sup> to Taylors Swamp then with the windings of Taylors Swamp to the first station Containing One Hundred Acres More or Less it being a Tract of Land Granted unto John Simpson by patent bearing date November 16<sup>th</sup> 1764 and by him Conveyd unto James Albrittain by Deed bearing date March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 by my fathers last will and Testament Bequeathed unto me.*
3. *Also another parcel of Land Beginning on the Cow Swamp in Peter Albritains line Runing [sic] with his line to the Pocoson thence with the Pocoson to the Watery Branch a pine a Corner Tree then with Watery Branch to the Swamp thence down the Cow Swamp to the Beginning, Containing Fifty Acres more or less it being part of a Tract of land granted unto John Simpson by patent bearing date April 28<sup>th</sup> 1768, and by him Conveyd to James Albritain by Deed bearing date March 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 and by my father's last will and Testament Bequeathed unto me.*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, James Albritton, Robert Dixon**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 253–255.

Comments:

1. This document proves that in his will, James Albritton Sr. made a bequest to his son, Richard Albritton.
2. Presumably, the James Albritton who witnessed this deed was Peter and Richard's brother, James Albritton Jr., and not Peter's son.
3. The clerk spelled Richard and his father's surname as "Albrittain" or "Albritain" throughout the body of the document, but when he recorded the signatures of both Richard, Peter, and James, he spelled it "Albritton."

**23 Mar 1784** For £15, **John Cason**, Planter, sells to **William James**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 64 acres of land in Pitt County, part of the 500 acres he was granted in 1782 and described as

*...on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek, Beginning in the Creek at the mouth of a small Branch at a Cypress and Runing [sic] with the s<sup>d</sup> Branch...*

Witnesses: **Saml. Barrow, James "Albritain"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 256–257. "April Court 1784. Order for Registration."

Comment: Presumably, the man who witnessed the deed is James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr. Pitt County officials appear to attach identifying suffixes only if one of the younger James Albrittons (sons of Peter or Matthew) were involved in the transaction. Cason sold land on the north side of Grindle Creek, and by comparing this description to the original survey, we see that the "*small Branch*" must have been Hunting Run.

**23 Mar 1784** *"For and in Consideration of fortieith [sic] Pounds Currant money," John Cason, Planter, sells to James "Albriton," Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a "certain Plantation and parcel of land" in Pitt County consisting of 236 acres of land*

*...lying and being in Pitt County on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek, Beginning at a Gum in the Creek John Jordans Corner tree and Runing [sic] with the s<sup>d</sup> line to the North Corner a pine Runing [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 5 Degrees W<sup>t</sup> 86 pole to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 50 Degrees W<sup>t</sup> 36 pole to a pine thence Runing [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 25 Direct Course to John Casons Back line thence up the s<sup>d</sup> line to William James Corner a pine thence with the s<sup>d</sup> line to the Creek and thence the Various Courses of the s<sup>d</sup> Creek to the Beginning...part of a tract of five hundred acres of Land grant to John Cason by Patent bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1782...*

Witnesses: **Saml. Barrow, William James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 260–261. *"April Court 1784. Order for Registration."*

Comments:

1. It appears that the man making this purchase was James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr.
2. James Albritton Jr.'s nephew, Joel Albritton, had acquired title to this 236-acre tract of land by 1821, when Joel sold it to his nephew, Henry James (Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 78).
3. The clerk spelled James Albritton's surname as "*Albriton*" on p. 260, but in two places on p. 261, he spelled it as *Albrittain*."

**1 April 1784** In reference to North Carolina Warrant #240 issued in the name of **Thomas Albritton** for a grant of 300 acres of land, to the Pitt County Surveyor, **Matthew Albritton** makes this transfer of the warrant:

*In presuance [sic] of this Warrant Granted unto Thos. Albriton No. 240 and by the Death of him the said Albritton have Given & Devised unto his Son Matthew Albritton by will 250 Acres & fifty Acres unto John Albritton and [illegible first name] Matthews. & John Albritton Do heareby [sic] indorse [sic] the within Warrant unto Levi Nobles and Request the Surveyor to make a Return in the Name of Levi Nobles this 1 day Aprial [sic] 1784.*

*Test: Jesse Proctor*

**Matthew Albritton** [his mark]

Reference: North Carolina Warrant #240, Number #090, entered 10 April 1779.

**8 Apr 1784** For "*the Sum of 60 Pounds Lawfull [sic] money," Matthew "Allbritton" [sic], Sadler, sells to W<sup>m</sup> Sanders, "Wheelrite" [sic], both of Onslow County, North Carolina, a tract of 125 acres of land in Onslow County on the west of the southwest Branch of New River originally granted to Abraham Jarrott*

*... Begining [sic] at the Rockford Bridg [sic] thence up S<sup>d</sup> Branch to the first big branch thence up S<sup>d</sup> Branch to Jessey Gurganious's path thence by a Line of marked trees to the two [illegible word] Post on the main Road & thence along the pattent [sic] Line to Jessey Garganouses Pattent [sic] and thence His Patten [sic] line to the Corner the Pattent [sic] mentioned in his Corner & from thence to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **William Wheeler, William Loyd**

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book B-1, pp. 273–274. *"Proved by the Oath of Wm. Loyd & ordrd [sic] to be Registered. July Term 1784."* The clerk indicated that Matthew signed the document as "*Mathew Albriton*." Elsewhere throughout the document, the clerk recorded his name as "*Matthew Allbritton*" or "*Albritton*."

**10 Apr 1784** For £60, **Matthew Albritton**, Sadler, sells to **William Sanders**, both of Onslow County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land in Onslow County on the southwest of New River

*...Begining [sic] at a Stake at the mouth of the Rockaford Branch thence [running] up the S<sup>d</sup> Branch to the pattent [sic] Line thence along the pattent [sic] Line to the Sw<sup>t</sup> Corner to a Long [illegible word] tree Corner Standing on the Side of Marshborns Great Branch & thence Down the Various Courses of [the] Branch to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **William Loyd, William Wheeler** [sic]

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book B-1, pp. 272–273. *"Was proved by the Oath of Wm. Loyd, & ordred [sic] to be Registered. July Term 1784."* The clerk indicated that Matthew signed the document as "*Mathew Albriton*." Elsewhere throughout the document, the clerk recorded his name as "*Matthew Allbritton*" or "*Albritton*."

**18 Apr 1784** For £20, **Henry Cason**, Planter, sells to **John Legate** [Leggett], Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County on the South side of Grindle Creek

*Beginning at John Legates line at a red Oak thence to James Albritains Corner a pine thence along the s<sup>d</sup> line to a Gum on Henry Casons line and along the s<sup>d</sup> line to John Legates line a pine a Corner tree thence down the s<sup>d</sup> line to the Begining [sic]...being part of a Tract of Six Hundred Acres of Land Granted to Henry Cason by patent bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783...*

Witnesses: **Saml. Barrow, James "Albrittain"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 259–260. *"April Court 1784. Order for Registration."*



## Comments:

1. Presumably, the man who witnessed the deed is James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr.
2. The surname written here as "*Legate*" is generally spelled as "*Leggett*."
3. On 4 December 1838, Jacob Harris sold this 50-acre tract of land to Howell Albritton, son of Joel and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. (Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 318).

**18 Apr 1784** *"For & in Consideration of one Hundred Pounds Currant Money," Henry Cason, Planter, sells to "James Albrittain Junr," Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "a Certain Plantation and Parcel of Land lying and being in Pitt County on the South Side of Grindal Creek" consisting of 250 acres of land*

*Beginning at a pine on James Albrittons Senr. Line thence Runing [sic] a line of markd. Trees to a pine on a branch on the South Side of the s<sup>d</sup> [line] and Runing [sic] up the Agreed upon by Henry Cason and the s<sup>d</sup> James Albrittain s<sup>d</sup> [James Albritton Senr] to a pine thence a line of markd trees to a Gum on Henry Casons line thence along the s<sup>d</sup> Line to John Casons Corner tree and along the s<sup>d</sup> Line to James Albrittans Corner tree and down the s<sup>d</sup> line to the Beginning...being part of a Tract of Six Hundred Acres of Land Granted to Henry Cason by patent bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1783...*

Witnesses: **Sam<sup>l</sup> Barrow, James "Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 268–269. "*April Court 1784. Order for Registration.*"

Comment: Land descriptions from deeds in 1817 and the 1840s prove that the man referred to here as "*James Albrittain Junr*" is James, son of Peter Albritton. This land remained in possession of the younger James's descendants until the 1840s. It was the plantation on which Samuel Albritton lived until his death, and he willed it to his son, Elder Benjamin B. Albritton. Deeds from 1799 and 1817 prove that Samuel was the son of James (Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 469; Deed Book AA, pp. 70–71), deeds from 1838–1839 prove that Samuel willed the land to his son, Benjamin (Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 481; Deed Book II, p. 293), and one in 1842 proves that this same land on which Samuel Albritton formerly lived was that patented to Henry Cason in 1783 (Deed Book KK, p. 38).

**Apr 1784** In this transaction dated only 1784, but filed in court in April 1784, for £50, **John Albrittain** sells to **James Speir**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina the precise 216 acres of land that he purchased on 27 January 1784 from **Richard Albritton**.

Witnesses: **John Munden, Lucrey Munden** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 272–273. "*April Court 1784. Order for Registration.*"

Comment: The description of the land that John Albritton sold to James Speir is precisely (word for word) the same description given when Albritton purchased the tract in January 1784 from Richard Albritton.

**20 Oct 1784** *"Know all Men by these presents that I Edward Dixson in the County of Pitt and State of No. Carolina Planter for and in Consideration of the love good will and Affection which I have and do bear towards my loving Daughter Sally Golden and Samuel Golden," Edward Dixson gives the Goldens a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County, "lying upon Cow Swamp,"*

*Beginning at the Pops Gum from thence with a Straight Course to the Sweet Gum from thence to a pine over a little Meadow then to Campble corner Tree from thence with a Straight Course Peter Albrittains line at a pine near Clay Hill along the said Albrittons Line to Albrittons Corner then Running with Albrittons line to a sweet Gum from thence with a straight course to Buck Bush Joining to the Run then with the Various Courses of the Run to the footway then with a Straight course to the Beginning at the apopo Gum...*

Witnesses: **Abraham Dixson** [his mark], **James Sims**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 342–343. "*October Court 1784. Order for Registration.*"

**6 Nov 1784** For the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina issues a grant of 150 acres of land in Pitt County to **Richard Albritton**

*On the South side of Tar River and South side of the Cow Swamp Beginning at a Sweet Gum in Simpsons said swamp and Albertons [sic] corner of his former land thence with his line South forty five degrees West Sixty two poles to a pine his other corner thence West thirty three poles to a pine on the Reedy Meadow then North twenty poles to a pine then West One hundred and eighty six poles to Brooks line then with his line North forty five degrees East One hundred and Seventy two poles to a pine on the side of a little branch then East to said Cow Swamp thence down the various [courses] of said Swamp to the Beginning.*

Chain Carriers: **William Brooks, Henry Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 92, Grant #573. Surveyed 22 May 1783.

**1 Mar 1785** For £20, **Abraham Adams** sells **Peter Albritton**, Saddler, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*A Certain Tract or parsel [sic] of Land lying and being in Pitt County on the North side of Taylors Swamp. Beginning at a pine in Moses Moores line thence by a line of Marked Trees to Taylors Swamp then down the Swamp to Peter Albritton line thence with Peter Albrittains line to Moores line thence with Moores line to the Beginning. Containing by Estimation One hundred Acres more or less it being part of a tract of land granted to John Simpson by patent bearing date April 28<sup>th</sup> 1768 and by him Conveyd to James Albrittain who by his last Will bequeath<sup>d</sup> it*

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to **Henry Albrittain** who by deed bearing date Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1781 Conveyd it to **Thomas Albrittain** who by his last Will and Testament left it to be sold by the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of whom I purchased by Deed bearing date March 1<sup>st</sup> 1785...

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Mary Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 487–489. "April Court 1785. Order for Registration." The clerk spelled Peter's surname as both "Albritton" and "Albrittain."

**1 Mar 1785** For £28 10s, "Know all Men by these presents that we **James "Albritain"** & **Peter "Albritain"** Executors of the last will and Testament of **Thomas "Albriton"** of the County aforesd. By Virtue of his Last will & Testament have Bargained & Sold at public Venue..." to **Abraham Adams** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of 100 acres of land described as lying:

*On the North side of Taylors Swamp Beginning at a pine on **Moses Moores** line thence by a line of marked Trees to **Taylors Swamp** to **Peter Albritains** line thence with **Peter Albritains** line to **Moores** line thence with **Moores** line to the Begining [sic]...it being part of a Tract of Land Granted unto **John Simpson** By patent bearing date April 28<sup>th</sup> 1768. And by him conveyd unto **James Albritain** who by his Last Will & Testament Gave it to **Henry Albritain** who sold it to **Thos Albritain** as by deed Novr. 14<sup>th</sup> 1781...*

Witnesses: **John Simpson, Mary Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 495–496. "April Court 1785. Order for Registration." According to the clerk, James and Peter Albritton signed their names to the transaction.

**23 Sept 1785** For the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina grants to **Peter Albritton** a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:

*On the South side of Tar River and West side of Cross Swamp and South side of Cow Swamp. Beginning at a gum on the Swamp side and **Albertons** [sic] corner then up the swamp south twenty five degrees East fourteen poles to a red oak **Dixions** corner then up his line South forty two degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to the center of three pines marked inwards then runing [sic] agreed South eighty degrees West fifty five poles crossing a branch to a pine then agreed line North seventy six degrees West forty six poles into a line formerly **Simpsons** then with his line North six degrees West six poles to a pine then with the other line West forty six poles then with the other line North forty two poles into **Albrittons** then with his line to the Beginning.*

Chain Carriers: **Nehemiah Tuten, Jacob Moore**

Surveyor: **Jesse Procter**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 107, Grant #739. Surveyed 5 September 1782.

**26 Oct 1785** For "the sum of Twenty pounds current money," **Richard Albritton** sells **Joshua Kemp**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County

*Beginning at a sweet Gum in **Simpsons** in said swamp and **Albrittons** Corner of his former Land thence with his line So. 45° Wt. 62 poles to a pine his other line then Wt. 33 poles to a pine on the Reedy Meadow then No. 20 poles to a pine then Wt. 186 poles to **Brooks** line then with his line No. 45° East 172 poles to a pine on the side of a little branch then Est. to said Cow Swamp then down the Various Courses of said swamp to the Beginning...a Tract of land granted unto **Richard Albrittain** bearing date 6<sup>th</sup> of November [year not given]...*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book L, p. 6. "October Court 1785. Order for Registration." The clerk indicate that Richard Albritton signed the document.

Comment: It is not entirely clear which James Albritton witnessed this document with Peter, but presumably, it was his and Richard's brother, James Albritton Jr.

**25 Jun 1786** For "Sum of Ninety pounds Current money," **Thomas Shepherd** sells to "**James Albriton Jr.**," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "a Certain Negro Girl Named **Hanner**."

Witnesses: **Josiah Little, Ann Chislom** (her mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 170. "Apl. Court 1788. Ordered to be Registered"

Comments: We believe that the man making this purchase was James Albritton, son of Peter. The man known as "**James Albritton Junr.**" during the 1760s and 1770s, the son of James Albritton Sr., had upon the death of his father in 1773 become the older man by this name. Based upon the documents dated 18 April 1784, the elder man was now known as "**James Albritton Senr.**," and the younger man, referred to as "**Junr.**," was his nephew, the son of Peter Albritton. This indicates that it was Peter's son who purchased this slave.

**20 Oct 1786** For "the Sum of forty pounds Specie," **Henry Albriton**, Planter, sells to **Thomas Judkins**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...on the South Side of Tar River & South side of Juniper Swamp begining [sic] at a pine Running S<sup>o</sup> 220 poles to a pine Corner Tree thence West to the Long Pond thence with the Windings of Said pond to the last line of the s<sup>d</sup> Land thence East with the s<sup>d</sup> Line to the first Station...it being part of a Tract of Land Granted to **Thomas Albritain** by*

*his Excellcy. Richard Caswell Esqr Bearing date 1779. Conveyd by Thomas Albritain to John Albritain from John Albritain to me Henry Albritain from Albritain to Thomas Judkins...*

Witnesses: **John King, Mary King** (her mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book L, pp. 121–122. "October Court 1786. Ordered for Registration." The clerk indicated that Henry signed the transaction as "Henry Albritain."

**1 Jan 1787** For £100, **George Albritton** of "Burk County, Georgia" sells to **William Humphrey, Junior**, of Onslow County, North Carolina, 200 acres of land on the southwest branch of the New River.

Reference: Onslow County NC Deed Book O, p. 50.

**15 Dec 1787** For "the Sum of fifteen pounds Specie," **Henry Albriton**, Planter, sells to **Levi Noble**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...a Certain part of a Tract of Land Granted to Thomas Albritton by his Excellency Richard Caswell, the Grant Bearing Date July the first 1779, which Land lies on the South Side of Tar River, west side of Juniper Run & North Side of a Prong of s<sup>d</sup> Run, which Runs on the South side of my house & with the Course of said Prong or Branch to the Indian Well Swamp, Including all the Land I hold on the North Side of Said Branch...*

Witnesses: **Charles Tinsley, Giles Nelson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 15. "July Court 1788. Orderd for Registered." The clerk indicated that Henry signed the transaction as "Henry Albriton."

**30 Jan 1788** For £25, **Lemuel Goldin**, Planter, of "Hide" County, North Carolina, sells to **James Moss**, a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County

*...Begining [sic] and lying on Cow Swamp...Begining [sic] at a Papa Gum from thence with a Straight Course to a Sweet Gum from thence to a Pine over a little Meadow thence to Cambles Corner tree from thence a Straight Course to Peter Albritons Line to a pine near Clay hill along the Said Albritons Line to Albritons Corner, thence running with Albrittons Line to a Sweet Gum, from thence with a Straight Course to Timber branch Joining to the Run then with the Various Courses of the Run to the footway then with a Straight Course to the begining [sic] to the Papa Gum.*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 95. "July Court 1788. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: The precise identification of the James Albritton who witnessed this transaction is problematic, but we believe it is James, son of Matthew and grandson of James Albritton Sr., and man who was listed next to Peter and his son, William, on the 1790 Federal Census. Peter Albritton's own son, James, had left his father's plantation on Cow and Cross Swamps about 1783 or 1784 and settled across the river on Grindle Creek, beside his uncle and Peter's brother, James Albritton Jr. Moreover, records show that James Albritton, son of Matthew and grandson of James Sr, joined his uncle, Peter, on his plantation by 1789. Based upon this, the man who witnessed this transaction of 50 acres on Cow Swamp was probably Peter's nephew.

**Feb 1788** For £100, **Nehemiah Tuten** sells **Nesby Mills Sen<sup>r</sup>**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the South side of Tar River and South side of Cow Swamp, Begining [sic] at Peter Albritons seventh corner and Runing [sic] with Peter Albritons line to the Pocason then with the Pocason Near Franks Branch then Runing [sic] to Peter Albritons line then with Peters line to the Begining [sic]...it being part of a patent which was Granted to John Simpson Patent bearing date April 28, 1768 and by him sold to James Albritton...*

Witnesses: **John Brooks, Mary Dudley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 188–189. "July Court 1789. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: This land description clears up confusion caused when Richard Albritton sold this land to Tuten in 1776. The description given in the 1776 transaction stated that the land was granted to Albritton on 28 April 1768. The description given here corrects that, stating accurately that the land was granted to Simpson on that date, then sold to James Albritton.

**28 Apr 1788** For £15, **John Salter, Ju<sup>r</sup>** sells to **William Eastwood, John King, Guardner [sic] Moye, Isaac Carrel**, all of Pitt County

*...one Messuage or Tract of Land Situate [sic] lying and being in Pitt County...Begining [sic] at a Willow on the South Side of Tar River, about one Quarter of a Mile Below Red Banks Ferry and Runing [sic] South three pole, then Easterly fifty Pole down the Said River to an Oak, then three Pole, then three pole to the River then up the River to the Begining [sic] Containing One Acre more or less it being for the use of a Sein hole [sic—seine-haul] and Known by their Charing [sic] of it...*

Witnesses: **Geo. Falconer, Redding Blount**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 54. "July Court 1788. Ordered to be Registerd [sic]"

Comment: Gardner Moye was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moye, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 4 Sept 1788** For £50, **John Taylor** sells to **William Arnold**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 80 acres of land:  
*...on the west Side of Chicod Creek and on the Cow Swamp Beginning at a water Oak on the Swamp running North 7 West one Hundred poles to a Pine then East one Hundred & Thirty poles to a red Oak then East Twenty eight pole to a Gum in the edge of the Swamp then South along said Swamp sixty pole to a Cypress in the said Swamp thence the various Courses of said Swamp to the first Station*
- Witnesses: **Benja Buck, Thomas Armstrong**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 246.
- Comment: The point of included this document is to compare to the deed on 1 December 1793 in which William "Arnell" sells a portion of this 80-acre tract on Cow Swamp to Urias Elks. That document leaves the impression that the man selling may have been "William Arnett," but this record shows that it was "William **Arnold**" who actually purchased the land, and the clerk in 1793 recorded his name incorrectly. This helps to confirm the lack of any Arnett families in Pitt County in the eighteenth century after 1762.
- 20 Sept 1788** **John Cason** gives his grandson, **Robert Daniel**, a tract of 100 acres of land:  
*...for the Love favour [sic] & Affection which I have to my Beloved Grandson **Robert Daniel** of the said County & State afforesd [sic] Have given Granted Aliened enfeofd [sic] Conveyd [sic] and Conformed...unto the said **Robert**...one Tract or Parcel of Land lying and being in the County & State aforesd. Bounded as follows...Beginning on the South Side of Grindal [sic] Creek at a pine Running South to the Old Road then Running with the Old Road by a line of Markd Trees by the s<sup>d</sup> Road to a Red Oak, thence a North Ward Course A Line of Marked Trees to Grindall [sic] Creek thence down the Creek to the First Station...it being part of a Tract of Land Purchased by me from **Archibald Adams**...*
- Witnesses: **Thos. Daniel, Eleanor Cason**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 112.
- Comment: John Cason's wife was reportedly Eleanor Pinkett. It is unclear if the woman who witnessed this document was John Cason's wife, or if it were his daughter who married Adam Albritton shortly afterwards.
- 16 Dec 1788** For "the Sum of five pounds specia," **David Williams Sen<sup>r</sup>** sells **Henry Wrotten**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 330 acres of land in Pitt County on the east side of Laurel Swamp
- Witnesses: **Gardner Moye, Simon Williams**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 442–443. "July Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered."
- 19 Jan 1789** For "the Sum of Eighty Pounds Specie," **John Cason**, Planter, sells to **James "Albriton"**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 250 acres of land  
*...lying and being in the County of Pitt North Side Grindall [Grindle] Creek Beginning at a pine the North Corner of **John Jordans** line Runing [sic] North five Degrees West 86 Poles to a pine then North 15 Degrees a Direct Course to **John Casons** back line, thence Down the Said line thence East to a pine then through the Pocosin thence South to a pine thence Running the Dividing line between **Rober Daniel** [sic] and s<sup>d</sup> **John Cason** to **Gordans** [sic–Jordans] line thence up the s<sup>d</sup> Line to the begining [sic]...being part of a Tract of Five Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land Granted to **John Cason** By Pattent [sic] Bearing Date the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1782...*
- Witnesses: **Adam Albritton, "Hillery Cherrey"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 114–115. "January Court 1789. Ordered to be Registered." The clerk indicated that John Cason made his mark to the document.
- Comment: It appears that the man making this purchase was James Albritton Jr., the elder man by this name then living in Pitt County. The Pitt County clerks appear to have not used a suffix unless one of the younger James Albrittons was a participant in the transaction.
- Feb–Mar 1789** **Absalom Carney** assumes the land warrant filed by **George Cannon** and has a 53-acre tract of land surveyed in preparation for receiving a North Carolina land grant for the tract:  
**10 Feb 1789** – **Jesse Moye**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 53 acres of land for **George Cannon** described as:  
*On the north Side of Tarr [sic] River Joining of **Edward Moors** [sic] line and my own line and **James Albrittons** line...*  
 On the back of the warrant, **George Cannon** signs this statement:  
*I here by In Dose [endorse] the with in warrent [sic] to **Absalom Carney**.*
- 2 Mar 1789** – Pitt County Deputy Surveyor **Jesse Moye** completed a survey of this tract:  
*Surveyed March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1789 for **Absalom Carney** Fifty three Acres of land as assignee of **George Cannon** Situate in Pitt County on the north Side of Tarr [sic] River Begining [sic] at a pine Said **Cannons** Corner and Runs South ninety Six pole to a pine then west Sixty pole to a pine **James Albrittons** Corner then North Forty Four degrees west Twenty Eight pole to a pine **Edward Moors** Corner then north Eighty Eight pole to a pine in Said **Cannons** old line then with his line to the Begining [sic].*

Chain Bearers: **John Cason, James Albritton**

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moye**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 75, p. 501. Entry #70, Grant #961, File #1054. Grant issued 10 April 1792.

Comment: The fact that John Cason also served as a chain bearer is a good indication that the James Albritton referred to here is James Albritton Jr. The pair were neighbors on Grindle Creek from the 1760s until Cason moved to Georgia about 1792.

**Feb-Mar 1789** **Absalom Carney** assumes the land warrant filed by **George Cannon** and has a 53-acre tract of land surveyed in preparation for receiving a North Carolina land grant for the tract:

**10 Feb 1789** – **Jesse Moye**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 51 acres of land for **George Cannon** described as:

*On the north Side of Tarr [sic] River Joining said Cannon line and Jones branch and James Albrittons line...*

On the back of the warrant, **George Cannon** signs this statement:

*I here by indose [endorse] the with in warrent [sic] to Absalom Carney.*

**2 Mar 1789** – Pitt County Deputy Surveyor **Jesse Moye** completed a survey of this tract:

*Surveyed March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1789 for Absalom Carney Assignee of George Cannon Fifty one Acres of land Situate in Pitt County on the north Side of Tarr [sic] River and north Side of grindall [Grindle] Creek Begining [sic] at a pine in James Albrittons line and Runs South thirty pole to a pine William James and James Albrittons Corner then west one hundred and Sixty pole to a pine in Said Cannons line then north Eighty pole to a pine in Joneses Branch then with the Run of Said Branch to the Beginning [sic].*

Chain Bearers: **John Cason, James Albritton**

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moye**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 75, p. 501. Entry #69, Grant #962, File #1055. Grant issued 10 April 1792.

**28 Apr 1789** “...for Divers Good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving,” **John McDearman** conveys to **John Cason** a tract of 200 acres of land

*...One Certain [illegible word] or parcel of Land being part of the land that Thos. Nobles had surveyd on Briery Swamp and is Conveyd unto John Cason by John McDearman this said Land is lying and being on Briery Swamp in the sd. Province and County and is Bounded as is Expressly set forth: Beginning at a pine on the Cowford Branch Running down the sd. Branch to Briery Swamp up the sd Swamp to the first gust Branch I have with the sd. Branch to the back line then to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Rich<sup>d</sup> Blackledge, Colson Adams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 179.

Comment: Colson Adams was John Cason's son-in-law, as he married Cason's daughter, Rachel (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 509). The “Divers Good Causes and Considerations” that led John McDearman (or John M. Dearman) to give this 200-acre tract to John Cason is unclear. That phrase typically means a familial relationship.

**29 July 1789** For “the Sum of Sixty Pounds Specia,” **James Moore**, Planter, sells to **James Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the North side of Cross Swamp beginning at the mouth of the muscadine branch, the branch across the Road to back line, then [illegible word] with the Courses of the Pattent [sic] to the Begining [sic] containing by Estimation One hundred & fifty Acres more or less it being part of a Tract of Land Granted to William Taylor by Patent bearing date Feby. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1764 & by him Conveyd. unto Thomas Tuten Conveyd. to John Simpson Conveyd. to me by Deed bearing date Feby. 8<sup>th</sup> 1774.*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, William Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 211–212. “Oct. Court 1789. Ordered to be Registered.”

Comment: The transaction itself contains no hint to indicate which James Albritton made this purchase, but later records show that he is James Albritton, son of Matthew, making him the nephew of Peter Sr., and grandson of James Sr. Peter's son, James, had left his father's plantation on Cow and Cross Swamp by April 1784 and settled across the Tar River on Grindle Creek with his uncle, James Albritton Jr. The 1790 Federal Census implies that James, son of Matthew Albritton, lived on Peter's plantation that year. Moreover, James Albritton, son of Matthew, sold this precise land in January 1799, all indicating that he is the man making this purchase.

**22 Oct 1789** For “the Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Lawfull [sic] money,” **Gardner Moye** sells to **Gideon Moye**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 180 acres “Situating in Pitt County and on the South Side of Tar River,”

*Begining [sic] at an Oak by the side of the Little Run runing [sic] So. 20 Et. 206 poles to a pine John Moye Junr line thence with the sd. line West 178 poles to a pine John Moyes Corner, thence with the said John Moye other Line West 119 Pole to John Moye Junr. Corner, thence with his line No. 33 Et. 120 Pole to a [illegible tree] James Quoturmas Corner thence with the Quoturmas Line No. 50 Et. 110 Pole to the Little Run, thence Down the Run to*

*the first Station...it being part of a Tract of Land that was Patened [sic] by **John Moye** bearing Date of One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Nine...*

Witnesses: **John Moye, Henry Wrotten**; witnessed on October 25<sup>th</sup>

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 657. "Oct. Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered."

**12 Jan 1790** For "*the Sum of Twenty pounds Specie*," **Joshua James** sells to **Shadrack Perry**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the North side of Tar River & on the North side of Grindle Creek. Begining [sic] at **James Albritons Junr.** Corner tree a pine Thence Runing [sic] an Easterly Course through or with the Bog Pocason to the head of the said Pocason to a pine an agreed on line marked thence Runing [sic] East Sixty Degrees South, for **Robert Lanier Daniels** line thence with the sd. **Daniels** and **James** line to **John Casons** Corner. Thence West one hundred & twenty poles with sd. **Casons** line to a pine thence North Forty poles to a Gum **Samuel James** Corner in the Hunting Run, thence West Sixty pole to a pine thence North One hundred & Eighty poles to a pine, then North with the said **Albrittons** and **James's** line to the Begining [sic]...*

Land part of a 640-grant to **Samuel James** made on 21 October 1782.

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Little, Jordon Shepherd, Joseph Donnly**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 415. "January Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: The James Albritton mentioned here is James, son of Peter, who had bought a 250-acre tract of land on Grindle Creek in April 1784.

**30 Jan 1790** For "*the Sum of fifty pounds Specie*," **Henry Albriton**, Planter, sells to **John Edwards**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...a part of a tract of Land Granted to **Thomas Albriton** by his Excellency **Richard Caswell** the Grant bearing date July the first 1779 which land lies on the South side of Tar River Including all the Remaining Part of said Tract of Land besides which I have before now Sold to **Thomas Judkins** and **Levi Nobles** Containing One hundred and fifty Acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Levi Noble, Alexander Whitefield** (his mark)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 342–343. "July Term 1790. Ordered to be Registered." The clerk indicated that Henry signed the transaction as "*Henry Albriton*."

**26 Feb 1790** For "*the Sum of Forty Pounds Specie*," **James Moore** sells to "**Jesse Albriton**"  
*One Negro Girle named **Ann** about Three Years Old.*

Witnesses: "**Peter Albriton**," **William Albritton, Foreman Hodges**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 244. "April Court 1790. Orderd. to be Registerd."

Comment: The name "*Jesse Albriton*" was written a total of four times in this document, but this is the only known reference to an Albritton with the given name of "*Jesse*" in Pitt County, North Carolina. The document recorded immediately after this one, on Deed Book M, pp. 244–245, is between Lewis Pipkin (of Dobbs County) and Jesse Duning, witnessed by Solomon Alberson and Ezekiel Duning, and was also recorded in the April 1790 Court. The Dunnings and Solomon Alberson are all found on the 1790 Pitt County NC Federal Census living near James Moore (p. 455/32, column 2, #67: James Moore; #70: Ezekiel Dunning; #71: Jesse Dunning [column 2 has 73 names]; column 3, #2: Solomon Alberson). Since James Moore sold **James Albritton** land seven months prior to this transaction, with both transactions witnessed by Peter and William Albritton, I think it likely that the clerk who recorded this document wrote the name of "*Jesse*" when he should have written "*James*." In addition, the final witness, Foreman Hodges, provides a link to James Albritton (son of Matthew), since James married a daughter of Robert Hodges. Thus, it appears virtually certain that the man who purchased the slave was James Albritton, son of Matthew, who had, in 1789, purchased a 150-acre tract of land adjoining the plantation of his uncle, Peter. This explanation would fit, given that the 1790 Federal Census shows that James, son of Matthew, owned three slaves that year.

**1 Jun 1790** For "*the Sum of one hundred pounds Current money*," **James Moss**, Planter, sells to **James Buck**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the North side of the Cow Swamp and Bounded as follows, Begining [sic] at a Pappaw Gum from thence a Straight Course to the Sweet Gum then to a pine over a Little Meadow, then to **Cammels** Corner tree from thence with a Straight Course to **Peter Albritons** line a pine near the Clay hill [Mill?] then with the said line to **Albritons** Corner, then Runing [sic] with **Albritons** Line to a sweet Gum, thence Straight Course to **Bucks** Beach Joining to the Run, thence with the Various Courses of the Run to the footway thence a Straight course to the begining [sic] at the Pappawah Gum...*

Witnesses: "**Henry Albriton**," **Benj<sup>n</sup> Buck**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 414. "January Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Henry Albritton is the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.

**20 Dec 1790** For “the Sum of Twenty pounds specia,” **George Falconer**, Planter, sells **William Eastwood**, Taylor, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 45 acres of land in Pitt County on the south side of Tarr [sic] River “upon the north prong of the meeting house branch,” adjoining lands of **John Fry** and **W<sup>m</sup> Eastwood**.

Witnesses: **James Nelson, Gideon Moye, Frederick Porter, Gardner Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 249.

**1 Jun 1791** **John Cason** of Pitt County, North Carolina gives slaves to his grandchildren and daughter:

*...I John Cason...for the Great Love favour [sic] and Affection I have and do bear unto the four Eldest Children of Peter Adams Decd. Viz., Benjamin Adams, Levi Adams, Lewisa Adams & Summer Adams Do Give Grant Alien Convey and Confirm unto the before mentioned Children of Peter Adams Decd. Three Negroes Viz. Chain, and Sam, and the Child that Edy is now with Child with and then the Negro Woman Edy I Give to my Daughter Jane Adams...*

Witnesses: **John Presson, Thos. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 470. “October Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered.”

Comment: John Cason was a longtime neighbor of James Albritton Jr. on Grindle Creek, north of the Tar River. Cason’s youngest daughter, Eleanor, married in 1791 to Adam Albritton, son of Peter Sr. It is also possible that another of his daughters married Peter’s older sons, James Albritton.

**6 Jun 1791** **Lemuel James** gives his son, **Mathew James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County:

*This Indenture made this Sixth day of June one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one Between Lemuel James and Marthew [sic] James Son of Said Lemuel James...Witnesseth that the said Lemuel James as well for and inconsideration of the Natural Love and affection which he hath and beareth unto the said Marthew [sic] James his Son as also for the better Maintenance and preferment [sic] of the said Marthew James [sic] Hath given granted aliened infeoffed and Confirmed...unto the said Marthew [sic] James all that Messuage or Tenements &c. of Land Pattened [sic] by William Cason bearing Date March 11<sup>th</sup> 1748 which I Purchased from Hillery Cason Including the Improvements and plantations where I now live Likewise all the Lands Improvements &c. Granted from the State aforesaid to me by pattent [sic] bearing Date October 21<sup>st</sup> 1782 as also Seventy Acres of Land deeded to me by Henry Cason and the Residue of Eighty Acres of Land granted to me by Pattent [sic] Bearing Date October 21<sup>st</sup> Day 1782 Part of Said Tract of Land being deeded to Henry Cason being in the whole by Estimation three Hundred and Ten Acres by the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **J<sup>n</sup> Moye, William James** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 439–440. “July Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered.” The clerk indicated that Lemuel James made his mark to the document.

Comments:

1. Matthew James married Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Their marriage probably occurred in the mid-1780s.
2. Although the year 1781 (“Eighty one”) is clearly written out in the deed, the transaction could not have occurred that year, since it involves a transfer of land not granted until October 1782. It was filed in the July 1791 Pitt County Court, so the actual date was undoubtedly 6 June 1791.

**29 Aug 1791** “...for and inconsideration of the Natural Love and affection which I have and bear unto my Beloved Daughter **Francis Hatton & John Hatton** her husband and for Divers others good Causes an [sic] Considerations me hereunto moving...,” **John Cason** of Pitt County, North Carolina “have given and Granted and by these presents do give & Grant unto the sd. **Francis Hatton and John Hatton** her husband a Negro Boy named **Moses** and Negro Girle [sic] Named **Ranor**.”

Witnesses: **Matt. Moore, Colston Adams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 496. “January Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered.”

**7 Oct 1791** For £10, **John Cason** sells to **Jane Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 20 acres of land in Pitt County:

*Beginning at a pine on the Round Pocason [sic] the s<sup>d</sup> John Casons Corner Tree and Runing [sic] aCross [sic] his Plantation [illegible word] line to a pine, then South four poles to James Albritons Corner and with his line South Nineteen poles to s<sup>d</sup> John Casons line, then with his line to the Begining [sic]...being part of a Tract of Land Conveyed by Arch<sup>d</sup> Adams to the said John Cason by a Deed of Bargain and Sale bearing date the twenty first day of March One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One.*

Witnesses: **Jacob Little, “Jonathan Albriton”**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 471–472. “October Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered.”

**7 Oct 1791** For “the Sum of Fifteen pounds currant money,” **John Cason** sells to “**James Albriton Jun<sup>r</sup>**,” both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 15 acres of land in Pitt County described as

*Begining [sic] at a pine on s<sup>d</sup> John Casons line, and Running North Nineteen Poles to a Pine then a Direct Course to his Lower line, then South Nineteen poles, to the said James Albritons Line, then with his line to the Begining*

[sic]...being part of a Tract of Land Conveyed by Deed of Bargain and Sale to the s<sup>d</sup> **John Cason** by **Archibald Adams**, by a Deed bearing date the Twenty first Day of March, One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one...

Witnesses: **Jacob Little, "Jonathan Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 473. "October Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: The James Albritton who purchased this 15-acre tract of land was James, son of Peter Albritton. He had left his father's plantation on Cow Swamp and moved north of the Tar River, settling on Grindle Creek beside his uncle, James Albritton Jr., by April 1784.

### **7 Oct 1791**

For "the Sum of Two hundred pounds Current money," **John Cason** sells to "**Eleanor Albritton**," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 181 acres of land in Pitt County, described as

*Begining [sic] at the Mouth of the Mill Branch and Runing [sic] a line of Marked Trees between the said **John Cason** and **Archibald Adams** to the s<sup>d</sup> **John Casons** back line thence with that Line to **James Adams** line then with the s<sup>d</sup> **James Adams** line to **James Albrittons** line, then with **James Albrittons** line to the s<sup>d</sup> **John Casons** lower line thence North to the main Road, then up the s<sup>d</sup> Road to an oak to **Robert Daniels** Corner, from thence a North West Course, to the Creek to a Water Oak, then up the Various courses of the Creek to the first Station...it being part of a Tract or parcel of Land Conveyed from **Archibald Adams** to the said **John Cason** by a Deed bearing Date the Twenty first day of March One Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty One, Including the whole of the Land and plantation on which the s<sup>d</sup> **John Cason** now lives not included in any other Deed.*

Witnesses: **Jacob Little, "Jonathan Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 483-484. "January Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Many sources claim that John Cason's daughter, Eleanor, married Jonathan Albritton. However, evidence indicates that she actually married Adam Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr.

### **7 Oct 1791**

**John Cason** sells "**Jonathan Albritton**" a 200-acre tract of land in Pitt County on Briary Swamp:

*North Carolina Pitt County. To all people to whome [sic] these presents shall Come Greeting. Know ye that I **John Cason** of the County and State afor<sup>s</sup> For Divers Good Causes an [sic] Considerations Hath this day...made and Executed a Deed under my hand and Seal unto **Jonathan Albritton** [sic] of the County and State afor<sup>s</sup> For the Consideration of the Sum One hundred and fifty Hard Spanish milled Dollars in hand paid unto the s<sup>d</sup> **John Cason** By **James Albriton Sn<sup>r</sup>** it being part of a Tract of Land That **Thomas Nobles** had Surveyd on Briery Swamp...*

*...and the said Land is lying and being on briery Swamp...and is bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a pine on Cow ford Branch Runing [sic] down s<sup>d</sup> branch to Briery Swamp up the s<sup>d</sup> Swamp to the first Great Branch then with the s<sup>d</sup> branch to the back line then to the first station...*

Witnesses: **Colston Adams, "Adam Albriton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 495-496. "January Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: The man referred to here by the Pitt County Clerk as "**James Albriton Sn<sup>r</sup>**" is the man we consider James Albritton Jr., by then the older man by this name in Pitt County. The fact that he paid for the land purchased by Jonathan Albritton has been used by past researchers as "proof" that James Albritton Jr. was Jonathan's father. A careful analysis of Pitt County federal census records shows only one Jonathan Albritton during this period, and we know that Peter Albritton Sr. had a son, Jonathan, so it must be that James Albritton Jr. was paying for his nephew's land. John Cason sold 200 acres that he had purchased from John McDearman (or John M. Dearman) on 28 April 1798 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 179).

### **7 Oct 1791**

**John Cason** of Pitt County, North Carolina gives slaves to his grandchildren and daughter:

*...I **John Cason**...for Divers Good Causes and Valuable Considerations me thereto moving unto Have Given granted and Confirmed and by these presents do fully freely and Absolutely give grant and confirm unto the sons and Daughters of **Colston Adams** which **Rachel** his wife my Daughter bare unto him all and Singular the increase of a Certain Negro woman named **Celia** now in the Possession of him the s<sup>d</sup> **Colston Adams** not only what in future she may have but already hath had to whom the said Sons and Daughters of the s<sup>d</sup> **Colston Adams** to be equally [sic] divided among them at the Time the Youngest living Son or Daughter shall Come to years of maturity to act for themselves. And the Body of the s<sup>d</sup> Negro woman **Celia** I the said **John Cason** do by these presents give grant and Confirm to the s<sup>d</sup> **Colston Adams** his heirs and Assigns for ever to his and their own proper use and uses...*

Witnesses: "**Adam Albriton**," "**Jonathan Albriton**," **J. Little**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 509. "January Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: This transaction proves that Colson Adams married John Cason's daughter, Rachel. Adam Albritton is also Cason's son-in-law, having married Eleanor Cason, and Jonathan is Adam's brother, both sons of Peter Albritton Sr.

### **25 Oct 1791**

For £100, **Silvanus Pumphrey** of Franklin County, North Carolina sells **William Speir** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of 100 acres of land on the north side of Tar River, adjoining the river and on Mill Branch, adjoining **Salter**.

Witnesses: **Shad. Perry, "Adam Albriton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 458. "October Term 1791. Ordered to be Registered."



**10 Nov 1791** For "*the Sum of Two hundred pounds Current money of this State,*" **Hillory Cason** sells **James Langley**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County on the south side of Grindal Creek and north side of Tar River, adjoining the lands of **James Barrow**, **John Jones**, and **Eleazer Cherry**.

Witnesses: **"Jonathan Albritton," "William Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 493–494. "*January Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered.*"

Comment: This is the only known transaction involving William Albritton and his relatives north of the Tar River on Grindle Creek. Jonathan and William were brothers, both sons of Peter Albritton Sr.

**12 Nov 1791** For "*the Sum of Two hundred pounds Current money of the s<sup>d</sup> State,*" **Colson Adams**, Planter, sells **Obediah Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the North side of Tar River, including the Plantation whereon **Gardiner** [sic] **Moye** now lives an is Bounded as follows. Beginning at a Chinquapin Post Standing in the Stump of the beginning of the Old Patent Near **Huley Tucker** runing [sic] down a line of Marked Trees Agreed upon between **Obediah Moore** and **Bull John Jones**, to the s<sup>d</sup> **Obediah Moores** line at the Mouth of the Cross Branch, thence Runing [sic] down the Middle of the Middle Swamp to the back line of a Tract of Land taken up by old **Captain George Moye** now in possession of the said **Obediah Moore** thence Runing [sic] up the said line to a sweet Gum, in **Cannons** Swamp, thence up the Swamp to **Cannons** Old line then across the Ridge and through the Middle Swamp to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **"Joel Albritton," "Gardner Moye"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 599–600. "*July Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered.*"

Comment: Joel Albritton was a son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Gardner Moye was Peter's son-in-law, having married Peter's daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton. Colson Adams was the brother-in-law of Adam Albritton, another of Peter's sons.

**29 Nov 1791** For £75, **Lewis Jones** of Craven County, North Carolina sells **William Grimes** of Pitt County, North Carolina "*a Certain Negro Man Named **Dolphin.***"

Witnesses: **"Henry Albritton," "William Boyd"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 543. "*April Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered.*"

Comment: Revolutionary War soldier Henry Albritton was the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.

**15 Dec 1791** "*I **John Cason** of Pitt County and State of North Carolina, for the Love favour [sic] and Affection which I have to my Beloved Daughter **Eleanor Albritton** [sic] have given Granted aligned Enfofed [Enfeoffed] Conveyed and Confirmed...unto the said **Eleanor Albritton**...One Certain Negro Girle [sic] Named **Lucy** also one Negro Boy named **Medam** Likewise Six Head of Cattle...*"

Witnesses: **Robert Hatton, "James Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 484–485. "*Jany. Term 1792. Ordered to be Registered.*"

Comments:

1. The court clerk did not include any suffix on James Albritton's name, which seems to have been his standard if the elder man by this name was involved in the transaction. Thus, it appears that the man witnessing this document was John Cason's longtime neighbor, James Albritton Jr., son of James Sr.
2. Eleanor Cason Albritton was the wife of Adam Albritton, son of Peter, and Robert Hatton was Cason's grandson, the son of Frances Cason and John Hatton. Robert Hatton's daughter, Catherine, would later marry Benjamin Bell Albritton, grandson of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr.

**15 Dec 1791** For "*the Consideration Sum of one hundred & fifty pounds Current money of the State,*" **John Cason** sells to "**James Albritton Jr.**," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "*Certain Negroes named **Jain, Simon, Silvey** and **Abraham.***"

Witnesses: **Rob<sup>t</sup> Hatton, "Adam Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 533. "*July Court 1792. Ordered to be Registered.*"

Comments:

1. It appears that the James Albritton who purchased these slaves was James, son of Peter Albritton. He had left his father's plantation on Cow Swamp and moved north of the Tar River, settling on Grindle Creek beside his uncle, James Albritton Jr., by April 1784.
2. Adam Albritton was James' brother, with both sons of Peter Albritton Sr. See above for Robert Hatton's identity.

**16 Dec 1791** **John Cason** sells to **Colson Adams** a tract of 75 acres of land:

*"I **John Cason** of the province and County aforesaid for Divers good Causes and Considerations me hear [sic] unto moving But more Especially for the Value of the Sum of Twenty five pounds lawfull [sic] money to me in hand paid by **Colson Adams** of this province and County of North Carolina..."*

Cason sells Adams, his son-in-law, this tract of land:

*...lying on the South Side of Bryer Swamp on the North Side of the Great Pocosin in the Province and County aforesaid and is Bounded as is Expressly set forth, Beginning at a pine on the Road thence with a line of Marked*

*treess [sic] nearby with the said Road to **John Spears's** line thence with the Said [two illegible words] to **Richard Moores** line thence with the said **Moores** line to the first Station Containing Seventy five akers [sic] of land...*

Witnesses: **John James** [his mark], **Lamuel James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 409–410. "Pitt County October Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."

**10 Apr 1792** For payment of £10, North Carolina granted to **Absalom Carney** a tract of 53 acres of land in Pitt County

*On the North side of Tar River. Beginning at a pine said **Cannons** corner and runs South ninety six poles to a pine then West sixty poles to a pine **James Albrittons** corner then North forty four degrees West twenty eight poles to a pine **Edward Moores** corner then North eighty eight poles to a pine in said **Cannons** old line then with his line to the Beginning.*

Chain Bearers: **John Cason, James Albritton**

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 240, Grant #961. "Surveyed March 2<sup>d</sup> 1789."

Comment: The James Albritton referenced here appears to be James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr. First, the fact that John Cason and James Albritton served as chain bearers suggests Albritton was the elder man by that name, as Cason and James Albritton Jr. were longtime neighbors. Moreover, in this record, the clerk gave no suffix, and during this time-period, in records involving Grindle Creek lands, Pitt County clerks typically omitted the use of suffices unless the younger James, son of Peter Albritton Sr., was involved.

**10 Apr 1792** For payment of £10, North Carolina granted to **Absalom Carney** a tract of 51 acres of land in Pitt County

*On the North side of Tar River and North side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek. Beginning at a pine in **James Albrittons** line and runs South thirty poles to a pine **William James** and **James Albrittons** corner then West one hundred and sixty poles to a pine in said **Cannons** line then North eighty poles to a pine **Jones'es** [Branch] then with the run of said Branch to the Beginning.*

Chain Bearers: **John Cason, James Albritton**

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 241, Grant #962. "Surveyed 2<sup>d</sup> March 1789."

**28 Nov 1792** For £10, the State of North Carolina granted to **John Cason** a tract of 76 acres of land:

*On the North side of Tarr [sic] River and South side of Briers Swamp. Beginning at a Pine **Richard Moores** line thence North fifty four West a contract line between **John Cason** and **John Whitehead** Seventy two poles to a pine thence another contract line between **John Cason** and **John Whitehead** North forty d West Sixty poles to a pine thence South fifteen West One hundred twenty four poles to a pine in **Richard Moores** line thence with his line to the Beginning.*

Chain Bearers: **Richd. Hubanks, Thomas Daniel**

Deputy Surveyor: **Jesse Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 357. Grant #909. "Surveyed the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1790."

Comment: John Cason was a long-time neighbor of James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr.

**31 Dec 1792** For "the sum of One Hundred and fifty pounds Hard money," **John Moyer, Senr., Gardiner Moyer, and Jesse Ennis** sell to **John Holland**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...One Messuage or Tract of Land lying in Pitt County & on the south side of Tar River Begining [sic] at a Maple in the Laurell [sic] Swamp Runing [sic] North One Hundred and Eighty pole to a Black Jack, then North 30d East 120 Pole to a pine thence North 80d Est. 46 pole to a pine then South 30d East 206 pole to a Lightwood Stake by the side of the Bear pon [pond] thence south 50 West to a pine in **John Moyer, Senr.** Granted Land then west with said Grant to the Beginning [sic]*

Witnesses: **John King, Starkey Bell** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 59. "Octob. Court 1793. Ordered to be Registered." According to the clerk who recorded the deed, John Moyer Sr. made his mark to the document, but Gardiner Moyer and Jesse Ennis signed their names.

Comment: Gardner Moyer married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. and granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Gardner's father was John Moyer Sr.

**4 Jan 1793** For "the sum of One Hundred & fifty pounds," **Frederick Mills** sells to **John Holland**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...One Negroe Fellow by name Noroe [or Nuroe] about thirty Seven Years of Age...*

Witnesses: **Redick Moore, Gardner Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 8. "Ordered to be Registered. July Term 1793."

**16 May 1793** For "the sum of One Hundred pounds Specie," **Jonathan Albritton**, Planter, sells to **Colson Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land in Pitt County,

*It being Part of a Tract of Land that **Thomas Nobles** Had Surveyd. on Briery Swamp and Conveyed by the sd. **Nobles** to **Jonathan Jolly** and by the said **Jolly** to **John Jolly** & by the said **John Jolly** to **John M. Dearman** & by the said **M. Dearman** to **Jonathan Cason** & by s<sup>d</sup> **Cason** to **Jonathan Albritton** & the said **Albritton** to **Colson Adams** the*

*said Land is Lying and being on Briery Swamp and is Bounded as followeth Beginning [sic] at a pine on the Cowford Branch Runing [sic] down the s<sup>d</sup> Branch to Briery Swamp up the said Swamp to the first great Branch thence with the said Branch to the Back line thence to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Carney, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 54. "Ordered to be Registered. Octobr. Court 1793."

Comment: Jonathan Albritton bought this 200-acre tract from John Cason on 7 October 1791, with his uncle, James Albritton Jr. (referred to in the transaction as "James Albriton, Snr.") paying for the land. Cason had himself bought the land on 28 April 1789 from John McDearman (or John M. Dearman; see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 179, 495–496).

**16 May 1793** For "One Hundred Pounds Specie," **Colson Adams** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land:

*...on the South side of Grindal [sic] Creek...Begining [sic] at a Gum on the Run of the said Creek Runing [sic] thence a line west to a pine a Corner, thence runing [sic] South a line to the Center of the Mill Branch to a pine a Corner tree, thence Runing [sic] the Various Courses of the said Branch to the County Road, thence Runing [sic] down on the South side of the said Mill Branch Including of the said Branch to the Dividing line between the said **Adams** and **John Cason**, thence runing [sic] down the said Dividing line to the Run of the said Creek to a Gum a Corner Tree, thence, thence up the Various Courses the Run of the s<sup>d</sup> Creek to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Carney, Jonathan Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 199–200. "Ordered to be Registered. July Term 1793."

Comment: Adam and Jonathan Albritton were sons of Peter Albritton Sr. Colson Adams was Adam's brother-in-law, as Adams married Rachel Cason and Albritton married Eleanor Cason.

**25 May 1793** For "the sum of One Hundred pounds Specie," **James Albritton** sells to **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 250 acres of land in Pitt County, consisting of

*...all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate [sic] lying and being on the North side of Grindal [sic] Creek. Begining [sic] at a pine the North Corner of **John Jordans** line Runing [sic] North 5 Degrees Ws<sup>t</sup> 86 Pole to a pine then North 5 Degrees a Direct Course to **John Casons** Back line, thence Down the s<sup>d</sup> line, thence East to a pine, through the Pocason, thence South to a pine, thence Runing [sic] the Direct line between **Robert Daniels** and **John Cason** to **Jordans** line, thence up the s<sup>d</sup> line to the Begining [sic]...being part of a Tract of Five hundred fifty Acres of Land granted to **John Cason** by patent bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1782...*

Witnesses: **David Perkins, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 169. "Ordered to be Registered. October Term 1794." The clerk indicated that James Albritton made "his mark" to the document.

Comment: This tract is precisely that purchased by James Albritton Jr. from John Cason in 1789. The clerk did not list James' name with a suffix on either document, as he typically did for records involving the younger James Albritton during this period (James, son of Peter). It appears that it was James Albritton Jr. who purchased it from John Cason in 1789 and who sold it here to his nephew.

**10 Aug 1793** For "the Sum of thirty Pounds Current Money of this State," **William Edwards**, Planter, sells to **Benjamin Buck**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, consisting of

*...a Sertain [sic] Peas [sic] or Parsel [sic] of Land lying in Pitt County on the Long Branch and bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a Poast [sic] Oak and runs South 81 West 192 Pole to a read [sic] Oak [sic] thens [sic-thence] North 20 West 90 Pole to a Small Read [sic] oak thens [sic] North 81 East 102 Pole to a Black oak then to the Begining [sic] it Being Part of a track [sic] of land Granted to **William Edwards** by a grant bearing date athills bor [sic-at Hillsborough] the thirteen [sic] day of October one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three and is Dimed [sic-deemed] to be one hundred Eacres [sic] of land...*

Witnesses: **William Albritton, James Buck**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 163–164. "Pitt County. October Term 1798. This deed was Exhibitted [sic] into Open Court and proved by the Oath of **William Albritton** a Witness thereto be Registered."

Comment: William Albritton was a son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**11 Dec 1793** For £30, **William Arnell** sells to **You Rias Elks** [also "Urias Elks"] of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land on Cow Swamp:

*...on the North Side of The Cow Swamp and bounded as follows BeGinning [sic] at a Read [sic] Oak on the East Road and in my lands line and Runs East With my Lands line 48 poles to a Read [sic] Oak then South 45 East 21 Poles to a pine then East 28 pole to a Gum in the Edge of the Swamp then South along the s<sup>d</sup> Swamp to Cypress on the Side of the Run of the Cow Swamp then up the s<sup>d</sup> run to the mouth of a little Branch By the mill dam then up the Branch To the East Road and So. to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **Henry Albritton, William Elks** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 224–225. "Pitt County. January Term 1799. This deed was Exhibited into Open Court and proved on Oath by **William Elks** a witness there to let it be Registered."

## Comments:

1. Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton is the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.
2. The recording clerk wrote the grantor's name as "Arnell" in the body of the document but indicated that he signed it as "William arnel," which opens the possibility that this could be a deed of "William Arnett." Comparison to the 4 September 1788 deed from John Taylor to William Arnold for the identical land (except that the 1793 document failed to specify the acreage) shows that the man selling this land was actually William **Arnold**, not "Arnell" as recorded here. This verifies that there are no Arnett deeds in the Pitt County records during the eighteenth century.

**26 Dec 1793** **Jesse Moye**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 114 acres of land for **James "Albriton"** and **John Cherry** described as:

*Lying in the County aforesaid on the South Side Grindal Creek Joining of **James Jones** Line and **Joel Albritons** Line and the Run of the Creek.*

Through sloppy writing, a clerk wrote on the cover that the entry was for James "Abriton," and the entry was initially filed under that name but later changed to "Albriton." From the survey by Jesse Moye:

*Survey<sup>d</sup> January the 5 Day 1794 for **James Albriton** [sic] and **John Cherry** one hundred and fourteen acres of Land Situated in Pitt County on the South Side of Grindal Creek Begining [sic] at the main Run of the Said Creek a Gum and Runs South Eightey [sic] four pole to a Pine **James Albritons** Corner thence a long his line North Sixtey [sic] five D west two hundred and sixtey [sic] pole to said **Albritons** Corner a Read [sic] Oak thence north fifty [sic] poles to the Run of the Creek to a Cypress thence with the main Run of the Creek to the Begining [sic]...*

Chain Bearers: **Adam Albriton, John James**

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moye**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 84, p. 383. Entry #268, Grant #1147, File #1177. Grant issued 1 December 1794.

Comment: Deeds from years later indicate that James Albritton Jr. is the man who obtained the joint grant with John Cherry. The motivation behind their obtaining the land jointly is unclear. It is the last known record of James Albritton Jr. The document in which Cherry and Albritton transfer their ownership of the tract is not recorded. Later documents show that by 1799, James Albritton Jr.'s brother, Peter Albritton Sr., had come into possession of at least a portion of the tract. See the article on Peter Albritton's land on Grindle Creek.

**28 Dec 1793** **Jesse Moye**, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 73 acres of land for **Adam Albriton** described as:

*Lying in the County aforesaid on the South Side Grindal [sic] Creek Joining my Lines and **James Abritons** Lines and the Run of the Creek...*

From the survey by Jesse Moye:

*Survey<sup>d</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Day 1794 For **Adam Albriton** Seventy three acres of Land Situated in Pitt County on the South Side of Grindal [sic] Creek Begining [sic] at Cypress on the Run of the Creek **James Albritons** Corner Tree with his Line South Forty Seven pole to a Read [sic] Oak near **James Albritons** Corner thence with **Adams Albritons** old Line north Seventy west two hundred and Fifty pole to a gum **Archibal** [sic] **Adams** Corner thence North Sixty Est. Fortey [sic] four poles to a holey [sic] on the Run of the Creek thence with the main Run of the Creek to the begining [sic]...*

Chain Bearers: **Robert Hatton, Jonathan "Albriton"** [sworn]

Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moye**

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 84, p. 381. Entry #270, Grant #1143, File #1173. Grant issued 1 December 1794.

Comment: Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. The land for which he obtained a grant adjoined that of his uncle, James Albritton Jr.

**29 Dec 1793** **Robert Hodges** and **James "Alberton"** [Albritton] made the following transaction:

*To all people to whom [sic] these presents shall come we **Robert Hodges** & **James Alberton** both of Pitt send greeting. Know ye that we the afore mentioned **Robert Hodges** & **James Alberton** for an [sic] in Consideration of the natural love and affection which we have and bear unto our beloved Grandson Child and Son **John Hodges Alberton** of the above mentioned County and for diverse other Good causes and Considerations us hereunto Moving have given and granted and by these presents do give & grant unto the said **John Hodges Alberton** a Negro wench by the name of **Lucy** with her increase Likewise a Negro boy by the name of **Lewis** and an other negro Boy by the name of **Joseph** with this proviso that the said negro boy **Lewis** shall be Hired out ten years previous to the above mentioned **John Hodges Alberton** arriving to the age of Twenty one...*

Witnesses: **James Stewart, John Hodges**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 79. "Ordered to be Registered. January Term 1794." The clerk indicated that both Robert Hodges and "James Alberton" signed their names to the document.

Comment: This document involves James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 11 Jan 1794** For £30, **Ambrose Crofton**, farmer, sells to **William Elks**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 30 acres of land on Cabin Branch.
- Witnesses: **William Arnell, Henry Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 481. *"Pitt County. April Court 1796. Ordered to be Registered."*
- Comments:
1. Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton is the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.
  2. Cabin Branch is a tributary of Cow Swamp, where James Albritton Sr., and his sons, Peter, Richard, and Henry, lived.
  3. Documents from 4 September 1788 and 1 December 1793 imply that the witness to this document was actually "*William Arnold*," not "*Arnett*," which could be inferred from the way the clerk recorded this man's name.
- 6 Feb 1794** "Know Ye that we **Colson Adams & Thos. Daniel** of the State & County aforesaid for Divers Good Causes And Consideration [sic] we have Unto moving," and for £75 paid by **Wm. Clements** "unto *s<sup>d</sup>* **Colson Adams**" a tract of 200 acres of land:
- ...it Being Part of a tract of land that Thos. Nobles Had Surveyed. on Briery Swamp & Conveyed by the *s<sup>d</sup>* Nobles to said Jonathan Jolly & by the said Jonathan Jolly to John Jolly & by him to John McDearman & by the *s<sup>d</sup>* McDearman to John Cason & by him to Jonathan Albritton & by *s<sup>d</sup>* Albritton to Colson Adams & by *s<sup>d</sup>* Adams & Thos. Daniel to Wm. Clement And the *s<sup>d</sup>* land is lying & Being in the State County Afores<sup>d</sup> on Briery Swamp & Is bounded as follows beginning on the [illegible word] Branch Running with *s<sup>d</sup>* Branch to Cowford Branch then down *s<sup>d</sup>* Branch to Briery Branch then up Briers Key Branch to the mouth of first Greate Branch & with *s<sup>d</sup>* Branch to the Back Line then with the Back line to the Beginning.*
- Witnesses: **Charlton Clements, George Clements**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 394. *"Pitt County. October Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."*
- Comment: Colson Adams and Thomas Daniel were brothers-in-law, both having married daughters of John Cason.
- 16 May 1794** For "Forty five Pounds Current money of this State," **Thom<sup>s</sup> Daniel** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 30 acres of land:
- ...Begining [sic] at a red Oak Robert Daniel & said Albritton Corner Runing [sic] thence a north west course to Mill Branch thence down run of said Branch to the main Run of Grindal [sic] Creek, then down the Main run of Grindal [sic] Creek to a Black Gum on the run of *s<sup>d</sup>* Creek opposite to the mouth of Trims [?] Branch, then by a Greed [sic-agreed] line of marked Trees to the first Station...*
- Witnesses: **Jonathan Albritton, Benjamin Adams**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 200–201. *"Ordered to be Registered. July Term 1794."*
- Comment: Adam and Jonathan Albritton were sons of Peter Albritton Sr., while Adam and Thomas Daniels were brothers-in-law, as Adam married Eleanor Cason and Thomas married an unknown daughter of John Cason. Benjamin Adams was Adam and Thomas' nephew, the eldest son of Jane Cason and Peter Adams.
- 29 Sept 1794** For £500, **William James**, "Black Smith," sells **Simon Keel**, "Planter," a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek begining [sic] at the Run of the Creek at a Water oak runing [sic] North with the division line that divides Mathew James's plantation from said line runing [sic] to the back lines which was formerly William Casons thence down the back line to a pine in the pocsin thence along the said line to the run of the Creek then up the Creek to the begining [sic] containing by estimation thirty-six acres more or less which is part of a tract or parcel of land purchased of Hillory Cason which will appear by deed joining a travt or parcel of land that the said William James bought of John Eason containing Sixty four Acres be the same more or less being part of a tract of five hundred Acres of land granted to John Cason by patent bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1782 begining [sic] in the Creek at the mouth of a small Branch at a Cypress...to a pine in John Casons line ...*
- Witnesses: **John Jordan Jr, Joshua James**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 514–515. *"Pitt County January Term 1797. Ordered to be Registered."*
- 1 Dec 1794** For payment of thirty shillings for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina granted to **Adam Albritton** a tract of 73 acres of land in Pitt County
- On the South side of Grindal [sic] Creek. Beginning at a Cypress on the run of the Creek James Albrittons corner Runs with his line South forty seven poles to a Red Oak near James Albrittons corner then Adam Albrittons old line North seventy West two hundred and fifty poles to a Gum Archibald Adams corner then North Sixty east forty four poles to a Holley on the run of the Creek then with the main Run of the Creek to the Beginning.*
- Chain Bearers: **Robert Hatton, Jonathan Albritton** Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moyer**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 277. *"Surveyed Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1794." Grant #1143.*
- Comment: Adam and Jonathan Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr. It is not clear if the James Albritton mentioned here is their uncle, James Albritton Jr., a brother of Peter Albritton Sr., or James Albritton, son of Peter.

- 1 Dec 1794** For payment of thirty shillings for every hundred acres granted, the State of North Carolina granted to **James "Albrittain"** and **John Cherry** a tract of 114 acres of land in Pitt County
- On the South side of Grindal Creek Beginning in and at the Main Run of the said Creek at a Gum and runs South Eighty four poles to a pine **James Albrittains** corner thence along his line North Sixty five Degrees West Two hundred and sixty poles to the said **Albrittains** corner a Red Oak then North fifty poles to the Run of the Creek to a Cypress then with the main Run of the creek to the Beginning.*
- Chain Bearers: **Adam "Albrittain," John James** Dep. Surveyor: **Jesse Moye**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book K, p. 305. "Surveyed Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1794." Grant #1147.
- 3 Jan 1795** For "Three Hundred pounds currant money," **Absalom Carney** sells to **Josiah Carney**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 400 acres of land:
- ...begining [sic] at a sweet Gum on the North side of Grindal [sic] Creek near the **Widow Moore** bridge runing [sic] out agreed line of marked trees to the Ready Branch with the said Branch to a pine in **Simon Keel** line with **Keels** line to **Henry Cason's** line & with **Henry** line to a Gum a corner tree on the run of the Creek thence of the meanders of said Creek to the first Station...*
- Witnesses: **Jonathan Albritton, Mores** [his mark], **Thomas Carney**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 240–241. "Ordered to be Register'd. April Term 1795." The full name of the second witness was not written on the original document.
- 25 Apr 1795** For "the Sum of One Hundred pounds," **Abraham Dixson**, Planter, sells to **Edward Dixson, Senr.**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County,
- ...on the North side of Cross Swamp Beginning at a red Oak **Francis Bucks** corner tree on said swamp runing [sic] South 32 East to the Muscidine [sic] Branch then with the sd. Branch to a marked line, then with sd. line to the back line then with the old line to a pine on **James Albrittons** line then to the first Station...It being granted unto **William Taylor** as patent bearing Date 16<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1769...*
- Witnesses: **Amos Evans, Edward Dicson** [sic]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 308–309. "Ordered to be Registered. July Term 1795."
- Comment: This record references the boundary of an old grant to James Albritton Sr. on Cross Swamp, a tributary of Cow Swamp and Chicod Creek.
- 23 May 1795** For "Fifty Pounds Current money of this State," **Henry James** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land:
- ...Begining [sic] at the Mouth of the Percoson [sic] Swamp at a Gum thence down the run of [missing word] a poplar my own Corner, thence runing [sic] my own line to a pine near **Copers** path thence agreed to the Center of the swamp to a pine, thence down the Water Course to the first Station...*
- Witnesses: **John Presson, James Presson**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 201–202. "Ordered to be Registered. January Term 1796." The clerk recorded that Henry James made his mark to the transaction rather than signing it.
- Comment: Adam Albritton was a son of Peter Albritton Sr. Adam's sister, Mary, had married Matthew James in the 1780s, but the connection between Matthew and Henry James is unclear.
- 23 May 1795** For "Fifty Pounds Current money of this State," **Henry James** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land:
- ...Begining [sic] at a Maple Runing [sic] at a Greed [sic-agreed] line Between the said **Henry James** & **Joshua James** North Forty five degrees East One Hundred and Forty poles to a pine thence North Eighty poles to a pine, thence west One Hundred & ninety poles to a poplar in the Hunting run, thence down the Various Courses of the Hunting run to the Begining [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **John Presson, James Presson**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 205. "Ordered to be Registered. January Term 1796." The clerk recorded that Henry James made his mark to the transaction rather than signing it.
- 25 May 1795** For "One Hundred Pounds current money," **Christopher Leaden** of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells to **Gideon Moye** "a certain Negro Girl named **Suse**."
- Witnesses: **John Moye, Gardner Moye**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 315–316. "Ordered to be Registered. October Term 1796."
- Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Gideon, Gardner, and John Moye Jr. were all sons of John Moye Sr. It is unclear which John Moye witnessed this transaction.

- 30 May 1795** For £10, **Archibald Adams Senr.** sells to **Isaac Carel Senr.** [also Carrel], both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 10 acres of land:  
*...on the South side of Tar River near the head of Simpson's Mile run begining [sic] at a post Oak runing [sic] to a maypole in the Branch thence up the s<sup>d</sup> Branch with the various courses of said Branch to Archibald Adams line at a black Gum then down the said line to the first Station standing in the forke [sic] of Simpson's Mile Run and the long Branch...it being part of a Tract of Land granted to myself bearing Date the first Day of July 1779...*
- Witnesses: **Thom. Addams [sic], Jonathan Albritton**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 306. "Ordered to be Registered. July Term 1795."
- 30 May 1795** For £10, **Isaac Carel Senr.** sells to **Thomas Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 10 acres of land:  
*...on the South Side of Tarr [sic] River Near the Mouth of Simpsons Mill Run Begining [sic] at a White Oak in the Long Branch runing [sic] with Archibald Adams line to a light Wood Stump thence South to Gum in the s<sup>d</sup> Branch, thence down the Said Branch with its Various Courses to the first Station...it being part of a parcel of land I purchased of Peter Moore by deed Bearing date 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1786...*
- Witnesses: **Archibald Adams, Jonathan Albritton**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 474–475. "Pitt County. April Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."
- 20 Aug 1795** For "the Sum of Five Pounds Corant [sic] Money of this State," **Edward Dixon**, Planter, sells to **Abraham Dixon**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 5 acres of land in Pitt County,  
*...on the North Side of the Cow Swamp and bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a maple in a branch in the old line and Runs in the Swamp S<sup>o</sup> 30 E<sup>o</sup> 20 Pole then North 55 W<sup>o</sup> 54 pole then N<sup>o</sup> 30 W<sup>o</sup> 10 Pole to the Old line then to the begining [sic] the saim [sic] in deemed [?] to be five Acres of land be the Saim [sic] more or less and in part of a tract of land granted to Simon Burney by a patton [sic] bearing date this 5 day of August 1742 and know [sic] to the sd. Abraham Dixon to have hold occupy poses [sic] and injoy [sic] together with all Woods Wayters and mineals profits and priviledges [sic] and Clar [sic] of all in Cumbrances [sic] What Ever...*
- Witnesses: **James Albritton, Zakra Albritton**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 456. "Pitt County. January Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."  
 Comment: The first witness is undoubtedly James Albritton, son of Matthew, as he is the only man by this name living on Cow Swamp at that time (the other man lived on Grindle Creek, north of the Tar River). Zakra (Zachariah) Albritton is undoubtedly a grandson of James Albritton Sr., and this is one of the very few pieces of evidence to show that he originated in Pitt County (he moved to Georgia by 1799). Since he witnessed this transaction with James, son of Matthew Albritton, it seems possible that Zakra was also Matthew's son. Compare with the document made on 25 April 1795.
- 9 Sept 1795** For "the Sum of Forty Pounds," **Edward Dixon**, Planter, sells to **James Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County,  
*...on the north Side of Cross Swamp Beginning at a red oak Frances Bucks corner tree on the Cross Swamp runing [sic] thence S<sup>o</sup> 32<sup>o</sup> East to the Muskedine [sic] Branch thence with the s<sup>d</sup> Branch to a marked line thence with new line to the back line thence with the old line to a pine on James Albritton line thence to the first station...it being part of a Track [sic] of land granted unto William Taylor by patten [sic] bearing date Febr. 16 1769 and by him conveyd. unto Thomas Tuten by Deed bearing Date March 7 1769, and by Thomas Tuten convoid [sic] to John Simpson by deed bearing Date October 10, 1771, and by John Simpson convoid [sic] to William Dixson by Deed bearing Date February 18, 1774, and by William Dixson convoid [sic] to Abraham Dixson by Deed bearing Date September the 12, 1788, thence convoid [sic] to Edward Dixon by Deed bearing Date July 1799 [sic] by Edward Dixson convoid [sic] to me by Deed bearing Date September 9, 1795...*
- Witnesses: **Zakra Albritton, A. Dixon**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 334–335. "Ordered to be registered. October Court 1795."  
 Comments:
1. The grantee in this transaction is undoubtedly James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr. In this transaction, he purchases 150 acres that adjoined the property he purchased in 1789. He sold this 300-acre tract in January 1799.
  2. The precise identity of Zakra Albritton is unclear, although he is undoubtedly a grandson of James Albritton Sr. This document, plus the one on 20 August 1795, shows a connection to James Albritton, son of Matthew. This suggests that Zakra is possibly (probably?) a son of Matthew.
  3. This document gives the incorrect date for the patent made to William Taylor, as no land grant was made to a man by this name in Pitt County in the year 1769. However, on 15 February 1764, North Carolina officially awarded a patent for 300 acres to William Taylor: "...On the S<sup>o</sup> Side of Cross swamp Beginning at a red oak Francis Bucks Corner on Cross Swamp Runing [sic] S<sup>o</sup> 32 E<sup>o</sup> 232 poles..."
  4. Although the deed states that Albritton purchased land on the north side of Cross Swamp, the description matches the grant issued to Taylor on the south side of Cross Swamp (on the same day Taylor received a 300-acre grant on the south

side of Cross Swamp and also a 248-acre grant on the north side of Cross Swamp). See North Carolina Land Patent Book 17 p. 35, Grant #20.

**Mar 1796** For £112, **Walter Dixon** and **Thomas Dixon** sell to **John Dixon**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, "all the land which feel to our Shares of the [illegible word] of our Brother **Robert Boyd Dixon deacd.**" **Walter** and **Thomas Dixon** sold "our two thirds of the lands that was **Robert B. Dixons** and that is the land & plantation whereon our Father **Walter Dixon** lived & died...also two thirds of the low Grounds over the River that our Father purchased of **James Gorham**, which is one hundred Acres...also two thirds of that tract of the white marsh given by our Father to **Robt. Boyd Dixon decaed...**"

Witnesses: **Absalom Dixon, Henry Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 470–471. "Pitt County. April Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton is the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.

**12 Sept 1796** For "the sum of eighty pounds currency," **Gardner Moye** sells to **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, three tracts of land totaling 126 acres in Pitt County, all three tracts lying on the south side of Tar River and south side of Laurel Swamp:

1. *Begining [sic] at a gum **David Williams's** begining [sic] tree runing [sic] S<sup>o</sup> 32 degrees W<sup>t</sup> to an Oak in said Laurel Swamp 30 pole thence East 118 pole to a pine in said patent line thence north 30 pole to a corner of said pattent [sic] to the begining [sic] Containing Twenty one Acres more or less...*
2. *Begining [sic] at a Maple in Laurel Swamp and runs south sixty pole to a pine **Sampson Slaughters** corner thence W<sup>t</sup> his line 44 pole to a pine on Laurel Swamp thence down s<sup>d</sup> swamp S<sup>o</sup> 20 Degrees W<sup>t</sup> 27 pole to a laurel Tree in **David Williams** line thence his line E<sup>t</sup> 36 pole to a pine his corner thence his other line S<sup>o</sup> 116 poles to a pine thence E<sup>t</sup> with **Archibald Adams** line 51 pole to a pine thence W<sup>t</sup> 130 poles to a pine on **John Moyes** line thence his line to the begining [sic] containing one hundred acres of land more or less...*
3. *Begining [sic] at a pine **Sampson Slaughters** corner & from thence with **Sampson Slaughters** to **Redick Moores** line in the Laurel Swamp thence down the Swamp to my own line and from thence to the Begining [sic] Containing five acres be the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **William Eastwood, Archibald Adams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 434–435. "Pitt County July Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited unto Court and proved by the oath of **William Eastwood** a witness then soe [sic] Ordered to be Registered." According to the clerk, Gardner Moye signed his name to the document.

Comments:

1. Jonathan Albritton and Gardner Moye were brothers-in-law, as Moye married Elizabeth Albritton, with Jonathan and Elizabeth children of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. This document shows that Jonathan Albritton had left the Grindle Creek area by about 1795 and moved south of the Tar River.

**12 Sept 1796** For "the sum of sixty pounds Currency," **Gardner Moye** sells to **Jonathan Albritton** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 127 acres of land in Pitt County,  
*...on the south side of Tar River and on the south side of the Lalar [sic-Laurel] Swamp Begining [sic] at a gum and Runing [sic] near the little Lalar [sic] Swamp then Runing [sic] up the said swamp to **David Williams** line then with the said **David's** line to first station...*

Witnesses: **William Eastwood, Gideon Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 432. "Pitt County. July Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited unto Court and proved by the oath of **William Eastwood** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: The clerk recorded Jonathan Albritton's name as "Albertson" in several places, and as "Albritton" in another.

**17 Sept 1796** For "the sum of two hundred fifty pounds current money of this State," **Jonathan Albritton** sells to **Benjamin Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 250 acres of land in Pitt County, on the north side of Grindal Creek, described as

*Begining [sic] at a pine the north corner of **John Jordans** line runing [sic] north five degrees west Eighty six pole to a pine thence N<sup>o</sup> 5 degrees a direct course to **John Casons** back line thence down the said line thence East to a pine Through the Pocason thence South to a pine, thence the Dividing line between **Robert Daniel & John Cason** to **Jordans** line thence up the said line to the begining [sic]...being part of a tract of five hundred and fifty acres of land granted to **John Cason** by pattent [sic] bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1782...*

Witnesses: **Adam Albritton, Eleanor Albritton** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 196–197. "August term 1802. This Deed was acknowledged in Open Court by **Jonathan Albritton** to be his act & deed ordered to be Registered."

Comments:

1. Jonathan and Adam Albritton were sons of Peter Albritton Sr., and Eleanor Cason Albritton was Adam's wife. Benjamin Adams was Eleanor's nephew, the eldest son of Jane Cason and Peter Adams.



2. This document shows Jonathan disposing of his lands along Grindle Creek north of the Tar River, as he had moved south of the river.

**18 Oct 1796** For £300 "Current Money," **Henry Cason** sells 300 acres of land to **Matthias Moore Senr**:

*To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting. Know ye that I Henry Cason...do fully freely and Absolutely Give Grant Bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto the Said Matthias Moore Senr his Heirs and Assigns a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying and being in Pitt County on the North Side of Tarr [Tar] River and South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Beginning at a Pine James Albrittons corner then South 200 Pole to a Pine in a Pacoson [Pocosin] Matthias Moores line then with his line and Leggetts line North 83 Degrees West to a Red Oak in Leggetts line thence along an agreed line to James Albritton Senr line thence with his line East to the Beginning Containing by Estimation three Hundred Acres...part of a Tract of Six Hundred Acres Granted to Henry Cason Grant bearing Date the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1783...*

Witnesses: **Jesse Moore, Matthias Moore Juner**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 397–398. "Pitt County. October Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments:

1. This document involves land patented by Henry Cason in 1783 that adjoined the land of James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr. Pitt County officials referred to him as as "James Albritton Senr" to distinguish him from his nephew by the same name (the son of Peter Albritton Sr.).
2. Matthias Moore Jr. was the father of Penelope Moore who married James B. Albritton, grandson of James Albritton, son of Peter and nephew of James Jr. Penelope purchased a portion of the land sold here in 1855 from her brother, Wedigan Moore, and she and her son, Edmond M. Albritton, farmed it until their deaths in the mid-1880s. Penelope left her land to her grandchildren.

**25 Oct 1796** For £175, **Samuel Simpson** "have Bargained Sold and Delivered in open Markett [sic] Unto" **Nathan Cherry**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "One Negroe [sic] man named **Abram** about Twenty Years of Age."

Witnesses: **Adam Albritton, "Hillerry" Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N, p. 429. "Pitt County. October Term 1796. Ordered to be Registered."

**19 Nov 1796** For "a Valuable Consideration of the Sum of One hundred and fifty Spanish Milld [sic] dollars to me in hand paid," **Moses Dean** sells **Willie Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land on the "North Side of Tar River and on the North Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek" and adjoining the lands of **James Barrow**.

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Jordan, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 48–49. "Pitt County. April Term 1797. Ordered to be Registered."

**4 Feb 1797** For "the Sum of fifty pounds," **Peter Albritton** sells to **William Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, *...a track [sic] or parcel of land granted to Peter Albritton by patten [sic] Bearing date July the twenty Second day of 1774 when Said land lies on the South Side of Tar River and on the North Side of Cow Swamp Beginning a water Oak in the mouth of the long Branch in Isaac Bucks line...to a light Wood Stake then north forty five degrees West twenty five pole to a pine Edwards line then with his line South...to a white oak Edwards corner then to Moors Corner a light Wood stump then on the Great Pond with the said Pond to the south prong of the long Branch then with the Various Courses of the Branch to the Beginning Witness that land is part of three Surveys of land...*

Witnesses: **Moses Moor, "Petar" Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 40. Deed registered in April Term 1797.

Comment: This document contained no designations of "Sr." or "Jr." like those made two days later did. Peter Albritton signed the deed, and presumably, his son, Peter Albritton Jr., witnessed it (the witness written as "Petar Albritton").

**6 Feb 1797** For "the Sum of ten pounds N<sup>o</sup> Carolina Currency," **Peter Albritton, Senr**, Planter, sells to **Peter Albritton, Junr**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a piece of land in the Same pattent [sic] and Joining a piece before given to his Sun [sic] James Albritton and runs as follows beginning at the South Corner of Peter Albrittons pattent [sic] Deeded to him Self and runs W<sup>t</sup> 40 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 42 poles to the Old line running the Old line to the last Corner the pattent [sic] Granted to Isaac Buck then trace the Old Pattent [sic] line to the Cow Swamp then up the Swamp to Moores Corner tree on the Swamp a White Oak from this Corner tree with a line of Marked trees to Moores Old line then with Moores line to Mariners branch down the branch to the Swamp with the Swamp to the beginning being part of three patents...*

Witnesses: **James Albritton, William Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 17. Deed registered in April Term 1797.

**6 Feb 1797** For "the Sum of ten pounds N<sup>o</sup> Carolina Currency," **Peter Albritton Snr**, Planter, sells to **Enoch Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a certain tract or parcel of land be the same more or less running as follows begining [sic] at a water Oak in the Mouth of the long branch runing [sic] up the South prong of the long branch to a lightwood Stump at the head of*

*the great pond **Moses Moores** Corner with his line to **Mariners Branch** then with the Branch to the Cow Swamp then down the Cow Swamp to **Peter Albrittons** Old Line with the Old line to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **James Albritton, Peter Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 85–86. *"Pitt County October Term 1797. Ordered to be Registered."* The deed was signed as *"Peter Albritton"* with *"Peter Albritton"* witnessing it (no "Sr." or "Jr." designations except in the body of the deed).

Comment: It is not entirely clear which James Albritton witnessed this and the previous transaction. We could assume it was James, son of Peter, although he lived along Grindle Creek north of the Tar River while his brothers, Peter Jr. and Enoch, appear to have remained on Cow Swamp, south of the river. Given that Peter deeded land to his son on this same day, he was perhaps present and witnessed the transactions to his brothers this same day.

**6 Feb 1797** For *"the Sum of ten pounds,"* **Peter Albritton, Sen<sup>r</sup>**, Planter, sells to **James Albritton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a parcel of land out a pattent [sic] known by **Isaac Brooks** lying on the S<sup>o</sup> Side of Tarr [sic] River being on the S. W<sup>e</sup> Side of the Cross Swamp now belonging to **Peter Albrittons** and deeded to His Sun **James Albritton** and runs as follows beginning at a Gum the corner of the Aforesaid pattent [sic] and runs N<sup>o</sup> 80 poles to an Elm the corner tree in the Swamp then the Various courses of the Swamp to a marked Sipress [sic-Cypress] then across to **Peter Albrittons** Sixth Corner of a pattent [sic] granted to him and beginning at the corner of the pattent [sic] before deeded to him by **Isaac Buck** then tracing of the pattent [sic] Granted **Peter Albritton** back to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, William Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 155–156. The deed was signed as *"Peter Albritton"* with *"Peter Albritton"* witnessing it (no "Sr." or "Jr." designations except in the body of the deed itself). *"Pitt County April Term 1797. This deed was Exhibitted [sic] into open Court and proved by **William Albritton** a Witness thereto. Let it be Registered."*

**2 Mar 1798** For *"the Sum of fifty Pounds Current Money,"* **"John Moyer Jun<sup>r</sup>** of the County of Pitt Planter" sells to **Gideon Moyer**, Blacksmith, also of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 25 acres of land

*...lying and Being in the County of Pitt And on the South Side of Tar River and on the Little Runn [sic] Beginning at a pine **John Moyes Sen<sup>r</sup>** Corner on the said Run then Runing [sic] with his Old line North 80 East one hundred And fourteen poles to a Stake Said **John Moyes Sen<sup>r</sup>** other Corner then North 25 East thirty poles to a Black Oake [sic] in **James Quarter Mosses** line then with said Line West Sixty Eight poles to a Red Oake [sic] **Nuten Moores** Corner on said Little Run then with the Various Courses of Said Run to the Beginning...which Said land was Granted unto the said **John Moyer Jun<sup>r</sup>** by the Authority of the State...*

Witnesses: **"Gardiner Moyer," George Magons**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 171. *"Pitt County October Term 1798. This deed was acknowledged in Open Court by **John Moyer** to be his Act & deed Ordered to be Registered."* The deed was signed merely as *"John Moyer."*

Comment: Gardner Moyer married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Gardner, Gideon, and John Moyer Jr. are all brothers, son of John Moyer Sr.

**14 May 1798** For £50, **William Hardee Senior** sells to **Gardener Moyer**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County on the

*South Side of Tarr [sic] River and in the Fork of Swift Creek Swamp. Beginning at a Red Oak in **Hellens** line now **Stephen Brooks** and Runs N<sup>o</sup> 108 poles to a pine thence East 34 poles to a pine **Thomas Slaughters** corner then with his line N<sup>o</sup> 40 Poles to a pine then East 84 poles to an Oak and pine in or near **Frederick Mills** line then with his line South 148 poles to a pine in **Thomas Hardees** line then with his line to the beginning....which said land was granted to me by his Excellence **Alexander Markin** Esquire by Grant at Fayetteville 16<sup>th</sup> November 1790.*

Witnesses: **Hardee Smith, Archibald Adams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 292. *"Pitt County. April Term 1799. This deed was Exhibitted [sic] into Open Court & proved on Oath of **Hardee Smith** a Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."*

**17 Jan 1799** For *"the Sum of three hundred pounds,"* **James Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells to **James Barfield** of Glasgow County, North Carolina

*...A Certain tract or parcel of land lying on the south side of Tar River and on the South West side of Cross Swamp and south side of Cow Swamp lying in Pitt County Containing by Estimation four hundred Acres and bounded as followeth...*

The 400 acres Albritton sold consisted of two tracts, one of 100 acres and the other of 300 acres:

100 acres:

*...one hundred acres of said land being part of two patent one granted to **Isaac Buck** bearing date May the 23<sup>rd</sup> one thousand Seven hundred and fifty seven Begining [sic] at Gum in the Edge of Cross Swamp and runs North 80 pole to a Elmn [sic] the corner tree in the Swamp then up the Cow Swamp to the mouth of the Pocason Branch then up the said branch to the east line of s<sup>d</sup> patent then with the line to the beging [sic] the Other part of said hundred Acres being part of a patent Granted to **Peter Albritton** bearing date September the 23<sup>rd</sup> one thousand seven hundred & Eighty five begining [sic] at a gum on the swamp side then up the swamp 25 E<sup>t</sup> 14*

*Pole to a red Oak **Dixons** Corner thence up his line South 42 West 160 poles to the center of three pines marked inwards thence south 80 W<sup>t</sup> to the Pocason Branch then down the said branch to **Bucks** patent line then with his line to the begining [sic]...*

**300 acres:**

*...and the other three hundred Acres granted by patent to **William Taylor** bearing date February 15<sup>th</sup> 1764 Begining [sic] on the south side of Cross Swamp at a red oak **Frances Bucks** corner runing [sic] S<sup>o</sup> 32 E<sup>t</sup> 232 poles to a pine then S<sup>o</sup> 4 E<sup>t</sup> 88 poles then S<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> 119 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 32 W<sup>t</sup> 253 poles thence N<sup>o</sup> 13 E<sup>t</sup> 80 poles to **Bucks** line then with his line to the first station...*

Witnesses: **Newel Edwards, John Pope**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 399. "Pitt County January Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited into open Court and Acknowledged by **James Albritton** to be his Act & deed. Ordered to be Registered." The clerk indicated that James Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comments:

1. Evidence indicates that the man selling the land was James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. John Pope was the father-in-law of James Albritton, son of Matthew, as a Bible record states that he married Sarah Pope, son of John Pope.
3. This transaction proves crucial in distinguishing between the multiple James Albrittons living in Pitt County in the latter 1790s. In particular, based upon this transaction, we are able to draw three significant conclusions:

**Conclusion #1:** Since the James who sold this land appeared before the Pitt County Court in January 1800 to acknowledge the transaction, a date after we know that James Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr., was dead (see Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 469), we know this James could not be Peter's son.

**Conclusion #2:** The 300 acres sold here from the 1764 grant to William Taylor was purchased by James Albritton in July 1789 (Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 211–212) and September 1795 (Pitt County NC Deed Book N, pp. 334–335). Assuming that the same man who made these purchases is the one who sold it, since we know that Peter Albritton Sr.'s son, James Albritton, had moved north of the Tar River and settled along Grindle Creek by 1784, the man who made these transactions is probably James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr. This strongly suggests that James Albritton, son of Matthew, is also the man who witnessed the 1788 transaction with Peter Albritton (Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 95), who purchased the slave in 1790 (Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 244), and whose household was listed next to Peter and William Albritton on the 1790 Federal Census.

**Conclusion #3:** Part of the 100-acre tract sold here is that sold by Peter Albritton Sr. to his son, James on 6 February 1797, who died between then and July 1799. This means that, in the latter 1790s, either Peter's son sold the land to his first cousin land prior to his death, or else Matthew's son purchased the property from the estate of James Albritton, son of Peter.

**21 Jan 1799** For £50, **Gardener Moye** sells to **Abraham Canon**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County on the

*South Side of Tar River and in the Fork of Swift Creek Swamp. Begining [sic] at a Red Oak in **Hekens** line near **Stephen Brookes's** [sic] and Runs No. 108 poles to a pine thence East 34 poles to a pine **Thomas Slaughters** Corner with his line No. 40 Poles to a pine East 84 pole to a noak [sic—an oak] and pine in or near **Frederick Milses** [sic—Mills] line thence with his line South 148 pole to a pine in **Thomas Hardees** line then with His line to the beginning....which said land was granted to me by his Excellence **Alexander Markin** Esquire by Grant at Fayetteville 16<sup>th</sup> November 1790.*

Witnesses: **Lemuel Cherry, George Magons**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 297. "Pitt County. April Term 1799. This deed was Exhibited into Open Court and proved on Oath by **Lemuel Cherry** a Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**29 Jan 1799** **Matthias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** gives land to his son **Matthias Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>**:

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come I **Matthias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** Send Greeting. Know ye that I the Said **Matthias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** of Pitt County and State of North Carolina for and in Consideration of the love Good Will and Affection which I have and do bear towards my loving and dutiful son **Matthias Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>** of the County and State before Mentioned have given and Granted and by these Presents do freely and clearly and Absolutely give...and Grant unto the said **Matthias Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>** his heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup> Administrators or Assigns a Certain Piece of land and Plantation Situate [sic] lying and being on the North Side of Tarr [sic] River and Bounded as follows viz. Begining [sic] at a pine **James Albrittons** Corner then South 200 pole to a Pine in a Picoson [sic—pocosin] **Matthias Moores** line then with his line and **Leggets** line North 33 degrees West to a Red Oak on **Legetts** line, thence along an Agreed line to **James Albrittons Sen<sup>r</sup>** line thence wih his line East to the Begining [sic] Containing by Estimation Three Hundred Acres be the same more or less being part of a Tract of Six Hundred Acres Granted to **Henry Cason** by*

*Grant bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783 and Conveyed by deed from **Henry Cason** to me bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1796.*

*To Have and to Hold the said three Hundred Acres of land to s<sup>d</sup> the **Matthias Moore Junr** His Heirs Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns henceforth as his proper Right Absolutely without any manner of Condition...*

Witnesses: **E. Chamberlain, John Pisson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 247–248. “Pitt County. January Term 1799. This deed was Exhibitted [sic] into Open Court and Acknowledged by **Matthias Moore** to be his Act and deed let it be Registered.” The clerk recorded that the deed was signed as “**Matt Moore**”

Comments:

1. This document and the one of 18 October 1796 involve land patented by Henry Cason in 1783 that adjoined the land of James Albritton Jr., son of James Albritton Sr. Pitt County officials referred to him here as “*James Albritton Senr*” to distinguish him from his nephew by the same name who also owned adjoining land.
2. Matthias Moore Jr. was the father of Penelope Moore who married James B. Albritton, grandson of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr. and nephew of James Jr. Penelope purchased a portion of the land sold here in 1855 from her brother, Wedigan Moore, and she and her son, Edmond M. Albritton, farmed it until their deaths in the mid-1880s, after which it was divided among Penelope Moore Albritton’s grandchildren.

**28 Apr 1799** The Pitt County Court issues this order to divide the lands of **Peter Albritton**, Deceased:

*To the Sheriff of Pitt County Greeting. We Command you to Summon **George Daniel, Lanier Daniel, John Hatton, John Cherry, and Henry Cason** Commissioners with the County Surveyor to meet on a day by you to be appointed on the premises [sic] then and there to divide all the lands of **Peter Albritton** Deceased Amongst his legal representatives according to act of Assembly and when having so done to make an accurate return of their proceedings to Court. Here in fail not.*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 469.

**1 July 1799** The commissioners appointed to divide the lands of “**Peter Albritton, Dec<sup>d</sup>**” met and made their division:

*Persuant [sic] to an order of Pitt Court April Term 1799 to us Directed to lay off & set a part to the Heirs of **Peter Albritton Dec<sup>d</sup>** all the land of said deceased in the following manner, to Vizt. We have laid off & sett [sic] apart to the Heirs of **James Albritton Jr. Dec<sup>d</sup>** twenty three & a half acres of aforesaid Land they being legatees Intitled [sic] to one seventh part which is 23½ Acres. Beginning at a Gum on the Run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and runs south sixteen degrees wt. one hundred & seventy four poles to a small Oak and pine in the old line which Corse [sic] is the Course of a ditch a dividing line made between sd. decd. and his father **James Albritton** then running with the old Pattent [sic] line Est twenty two pole to a small oak in said line then a parrellel [sic] Course with the ditch line North sixteen degrees East to the run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek then with said run to the Beginning [sic]*

*Also we have laid off & set apart to **Adam Albritton, Jonathan Albritton, Joel Albritton & Luke Albritton & Elizabeth Moyer** (wife of **Gardner Moyer**) and **Mary James** (wife of **Mathew James**) being the balance of the Representatives of said Deceased, in the following manner to Vizt. Beginning at a black Gum the lower Corner of the Heirs of **James Albritton dec<sup>d</sup>** then runing [sic] the Reverse of their line south sixteen degrees west one hundred and seventy four pole to a red oak their Corner in the old pattent [sic] line then runing [sic] with the old pattent [sic] line East one hundred & thirty eight pole to **John Cherrys** line then with his line north ten degrees East one hundred and Eighty eight pole to the run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek then with the run of said Creek to the begining [sic].*

*Pitt County February Term 1801.*

*The Commissioners appointed to divide the lands of **Peter Albritton Dec<sup>d</sup>** Amongst the legal Representatives of the Decd. have made the within division & returned the same to Court ordered to be registered.*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 469.

Comment: See the biography of Peter Albritton Sr. for a thorough analysis of the background of his 164½ acres.

**22 July 1799** For “the Sum of Two Hundred and twelve pounds ten Shillings,” five legatees of **Peter Albritton, Dec<sup>d</sup>**, sold their portion of the 141 acres they received in the land division completed a few weeks earlier to their brother, **Joel Albritton**, including **Gardner Moyer** and his wife, **Betsey Moyer**, **Matthew James** and his wife, **Mary James**, **Adam Albritton**, **Jonathan Albritton**, and **Luke Albritton**. They sold to **Joel Albritton**

*...all that Tract or parcel of land belonging to **Peter Albritton Dec<sup>d</sup>**. Situated lying and being in the County of Pitt Aforesaid Beginning at a Gum on the South Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek thence South 10 West 114 Pole [to a] Post Oak thence East 138 pole to a pine thence North 10 East 188 Pole to a Gum on the Run of the Creek thence up the Run of S<sup>d</sup> Creek to the first Station.*

Witnesses: **Josiah Carney, Matthias Moore, Junr.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 335–336. Court Clerk made this note of when the deed was proved and recorded: “Pitt County July Term 1799. This deed was Exhibitted [sic] into Open Court and proved on Oath by Josiah Carney a

Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered." Adam, Jonathan, and Luke Albritton all signed their names to the transaction, as did Gardner Moye, but Matthew James, Betsey Moye, and Mary James all made their marks to it.

Comment: The next day, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, John Bowers, Esqr, one of the Pitt County Court Justices privately examined Betsey Moye and Mary James in regard to "relinquishing their Right to the Lands herein annexed," and he certified that "they declare that they assigned the Within deed of their own free will and With out being Constant to it."

**27 July 1799** For £302, **Moses Moore** sells **Benjamin Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 302 acres of land  
*Begining [sic] at a water Oak then a line of marked trees out of the Back line then that line south south [sic] Sixty East 103 pole to a pine **Moore** Corner then South 30 pole to a pine **Moore**s Corner N<sup>o</sup> 75 E64 pole to a pine **Adams** Corner then N<sup>o</sup> 88 E104 pole to a Gum **Adams** Corner then with **Adam Albrittons** line to a holly on the Run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek then up the Creek with the main Water Course of said Creek to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Carney, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 375. "Pitt County. October Term 1799. This deed was Exhibited into Open Court & Acknowledged by **Moses Moore** to be his Act & Deed Ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that Moses Moore made his mark to the document instead of signing it.

Comments:

1. Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

2. About 1829, Benjamin Moore's son, Enoch Moore, married Elizabeth Eleanor Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**19 Dec 1799** For £32 10s, **John Mooring** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, "a certain negro boye [sic] named **Jim** about two years old to him his heirs..."

Witnesses: **John Mooring Junr.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 418–419. "Pitt County April Term 1800. This Bill of Sale was Exhibited into Open Court & acknowledged by **John Mooring** to be his act & deed Ordered to be registered."

**8 Jan 1800** For £130, **John Haddock** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **James Albritton** "one Molatto [sic] man named **Bob** which said Molatto [sic] man **Bob** I warrant & defend against the lawfull [sic] I claim of any person or persons."

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, Charles Haddock** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 387. "Pitt County April Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited into Open Court and acknowledged by **Peter Albritton** to be his act & deed Ordered to be registered."

Comments: The only adult man by the name of James Albritton living in Pitt County, North Carolina after 1799 was James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr. This is one of his last transactions in Pitt County, for after he married Sarah Pope, he disposed of his Pitt County property and moved to Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina.

**8 Jan 1800** For £130, **Peter Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells to **John Haddock** a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*Begining [sic] at a gum in the middle of the Cow Swamp & runing [sic] with the swamp by the name of Mariners branch to **Moses Moores** line then with his line to the corner then with his lines to the branch then with his line Round to the Cow Swamp thence down the middle of the Swamp to the Begining [sic] it is part of two patents of **John Simpson** and **Peter Albritton Decd**...*

Witnesses: **James Albritton, Charles Haddock**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 407. "Pitt County April Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited into Open Court and acknowledged by **Peter Albritton** to be his act & deed Ordered to be registered."

Comments: This is Peter Albritton Jr., the son of Peter Albritton Sr. The man witnessing this transaction is James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Jan 1800** For fifty pounds, **James Albritton** sells to **Peter Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land:

*...a Tract or parsel [sic] of land lying and being in the County aforesaid to Wit. Begining [sic] at a Cypress in the Cow Swap [sic-swamp] runing [sic] down the various Courses of the swamp to **Barfields** corner in the Mouth of the Pocason Branch then up the said branch to the back line of the land granted to **Peter Albritton Senr** by Pattent [sic] then with the Line to a Gum in **Mills** [or Miles] branch thence to a pine & from thence down a Marked line to the begining [sic] it Part of two Tracts one granted to **Isaac Buck** & other **Peter Albritton Senr**. it being fifty Acres of land more or less...*

Witnesses: **Moses Moore Senr., Henry Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, p. 35. "Novr. Term 1801. This Deed was Exhibited into Open Court & acknowledged by **James Albritton** to be his act & deed Ordered to be registered."

Comments: The Peter Albritton involved in this transaction is Peter Albritton Jr., the son of Peter Albritton Sr., while the man selling land is James Albritton, son of Matthew and nephew of Peter Albritton Sr. James had recently married Sarah

Pope, daughter of John Pope of Greene County, North Carolina. With this transaction, James disposed of his property in Pitt and moved to Greene County.

**31 May 1800** For "twenty two pounds ten shillings," **John Brooks** sells to **Robert Dixon**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 34 acres of land:

*...on the south side of Tar River and on the south side of Hardee Run it being a tract granted unto me by Pattent [sic] bearing date November 26<sup>th</sup> day 1799 Begining [sic] at a sweet gum at the side of said Hardees run in the line of Samuel Tison's Pattent [sic] and line of the land surveyed for the Heirs of William Moore So. 80 Et. 40 pole to a red oak then the other line south 10 West 126 pole to a pine then the other line No. 80 Wt. 126 pole to a pine then No 10 Wt. three pole to a small red oak said Tison old Pattent [sic] corner then No. 80 Et. 126 pole to a black oak with the old line then the other old line to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Jonathan Albritton, James Brooks Sen<sup>r</sup>** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 458–459. "Pitt County. October Term 1800. This Deed was Exhibited into Court and proved by oath **Jonathan Albritton** a subscribing Witness. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. This document further indicates his move to the south side of the Tar River about 1795.

**25 Dec 1800** For £4, **Josiah Carney** sells to **Richard Carney**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 400-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...begining [sic] at a sweet gum on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek runing [sic] out agreed line of marked trees to the Ready Branch with the said branch to a pine in Simon Keels line with Keels line to Henry Casons line & with Henry Casons line to a Gum a Corner tree on the run of the Creek thence of the Meanders of the Creek to the first station...*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 480. "Pitt County February Term 1801. This Deed was Exhibited into Court and acknowledged by **Josiah Carney** to be his act & deed Ordered to be registered."

Comments: Josiah Carney purchased this 400-acre tract from Absalom Carney in 1795. The land lay near that of James Albritton Jr. They both lived in Bertie County, North Carolina in 1790, but they settled along Grindle Creek in Pitt County about 1791. A later record proves that Josiah was a son of Richard Carney, but Absalom's connection to Richard and Josiah is unclear. It is not known where Richard Carney lived during this period. He may have been the man by this name enumerated in Halifax County in 1800.

**5 Jan 1801** For three pounds, **Peter Albritton**, Planter, sells to **James Buck**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of three acres on the south side of the Tar River and the north side of Cow Swamp,

*Begining [sic] at a pine James Bucks Corner thence West 43° to the middow [meadow] thence with the meddow [meadow] to the branch thence with the branch to James Bucks line thence with sd. line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Benjamin Paxton, Matthew Enofton** [probably should be "Crafton"]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 73. "Feby Term 1820. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved on oath of **Hosea Buck & Noah Buck** who Swore that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of **Benja. Paxton decd.** one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within deed that they had frequently seen him write and that they verily [sic] believed the signature to be in the proper hand writing of the said **Benja. Paxton decd.**"

Comment: This document involves Peter Albritton Jr., the second-youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Jan 1801** For fifty pounds, **William Albritton** sells to **Peter Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a tract or parcel of land Granted to Peter Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup> and by him by a deed to his son William Albritton the pattent [sic] bearing date July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1774 which said land lies on the south side of Tar River and on the north side of the Cow Swamp. Begining [sic] at a Water Oak in the Mouth of the long branch in Isaac Bucks line & runs north 45 E<sup>st</sup> 79 Pole to a pine thence W<sup>t</sup> 45 260 poles to a lightwood Stump thence North 45 W<sup>t</sup> 25 pole to a pine in Edwards line then with his line south 87 W<sup>t</sup> 26 pole to a white oak Edwards corner then to Moores corner a lightwood stump then to the great pond then with said pond to the south prong of the long branch then with the various courses of the branch to the beginning [sic] Witnesseth that this part of three surveys of Land... this parcel of land is two hundred Acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Benjm. Paxton, James Buck**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 48–49. "Novr. Term 1801. This Deed was Exhibited Into Open Court & on Oath by **Benjm. Paxton** a subscribing witness thereto let it be Registered."

Comments:

1. Although the date written in the deed is "This Indenture Made this Eighth day of January 1801," it seems more likely that it was made on 8 January 1800, the same exact day that James Albritton sold land to Peter Albritton Jr. Both deeds were filed with the Pitt County Court in the November Term 1801, and the recording clerk could easily have written the current year (1801) as opposed to the actual year the transaction was made.
2. This document states that William Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. The original 1797 deed in which Peter Sr. sold the land to William did not specifically give their relationship.

- 26 May 1801** For "one hundred & twenty seven pounds Ten shillings Current Money of this State," **James & William Barrow** sells to **Jacob Moore**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...one Negro Boy Named **Cain** to have and to hold the said Negro Boy unto him the said **Jacob Moore** his Heirs and assigns forever and we the said **James Barrow & William Barrow** for ourselves our Heirs Executors Administrators shall & will warrant & defend the said Negro boy named **Cain** unto **Jacob Moore** his Heirs and assigns Clear & free from all Incumbrances [sic] whatsoever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Barrow, Samuel Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, p. 120. "May term 1802. this Bill of Sale was prove [sic] in open Court on oath by **Samuel Albritton** a witness thereto. Ordered that it be Registered."
- Comment: This is the earliest-known document involving Samuel Albritton, the eldest known son of James Albritton (1761–1798), grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. A family Bible gives his birth in April 1783, putting him at eighteen years of age when he witnessed this transaction.
- 26 Sept 1801** For £50, **Peter "Albrittain"** sells **James Barfield**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land
- ...a certain peice [sic] or parcel of Land granted to **Peter Albrittain Sen<sup>r</sup>** & by him A Deed to son **William Albritton** the patent bearing date July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1774 which said Land Lyes [sic] on the South side of Tar River and on the North side of Cow Swamp beginning at a Water Oak in the mouth of the long branch in **Isaac Bucks** Line & runs North 45 E<sup>t</sup> 79 poles to a pine thence west 45 W<sup>t</sup> 260 to a lightwood stake thence north 45 W<sup>t</sup> 25 poles to a pine in **Edwards** Line thence with his Line South 87 W<sup>t</sup> 26 pole to a White oak **Edwards** corner thence to **Mores** corner to Lightwood stump thence to the Great pond thence with the said pond to the south prong of the long branch thence with the Various Courses of the branch to the beginning [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **Wm. Abrams, Enuck Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, p. 33. "November Term 1801. This Deed was Exhibited Open Court and Acknowledge [sic] by **Peter Albritton** to be his Act & deed ordered to be registered."
- Comment: This document involves Peter Albritton Jr., the second-youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. Enoch is Peter Jr.'s brother, another son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 26 Sept 1801** For £75, **James Barfield** sells **Peter "Albrittain,"** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 400 acres of land in Pitt County "Lying on South Side of Tar River and on South West side of Cross Swamp and South Side of Cow Swamp," with the land part of several grants, with 100 acres from the first two grants the 300 acres from the third:
- Patented to **Isaac Buck** on 23 May 1757:
- Begining [sic] at a Gum in edge of Cross Swamp and runs north 80 poles to elmn [sic] the corner tree in the Swamp then up the Cow Swamp to the mouth of the Pocosin Branch then up the said branch to the last line of the said pattent [sic] then with that line to the beginning [sic]...*
- Patented to **Peter "Albrittain"** on 23 September 1785:
- Begining [sic] at a Gum on the Swamp Side then up the Swamp 25 E<sup>t</sup> 14 pole to red Oak **Dixons** corner thence up his line South 42 West 160, to the Center three pines marked inwards then south 80 west 70 the Pocosin Branch then down the said branch to **Bucks** Pattent [sic] lie then with his line to the beginning [sic]...*
- 300 acres patented to **William Taylor** on 15 February 1764:
- Begining [sic] on the south side of Cross Swamp at a red oak **Francis Bucks** corner runing [sic] south 32 E<sup>t</sup> 232 pole to a pine then south 4 E<sup>t</sup> 88 poles then South 60 W<sup>t</sup> 110 poles then North 32 W<sup>t</sup> 253 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 13 W<sup>t</sup> 80 poles to said **Bucks** line then with his line to first station...*
- Witnesses: **Wm. Abrams, Enoch Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 243–244. "Pitt County Novr. Term 1802. This Deed was Acknowledged In open Court by **James Barfield** to be his act and Deed ordered to be Registered."
- Comment: Enoch and Peter Albritton Jr. are sons of Peter Albritton Sr. In this transaction, Peter Jr. buys back 400 acres that had originally belonged to his father.
- 3 Oct 1801** **Isaac Knox** gives to **William Clements**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:
- To all people to whome [sic] these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that I **Isaac Knox**...for Divers good causes & considerations Me here unto moving hath the day of the Date of these presents made & Executed a Deed under my own hand & seal unto **William Clements**...for a certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being...on the south side of Flatt Swamp...*
- Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Patten Knox**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, p. 145. "May term 1802. This Deed was Exhibited Into Court and proved on oath by **Patton Knox**. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 Nov 1801** For £450, **Arthur Forbes**, "Planter," sells to **Simon Keel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 320-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina "on the north side of Contentney Creek Begining [sic] at the north prong, Minery Branch..."

Witnesses: **Joel Dickinson, Luke Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 300–301. "Pitt County February term 1803. This Deed acknowledged by **Arthur Forber** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**4 Nov 1801** For \$250, **Simon Keel** sells to **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 130 acres of land in Pitt County on the north side of Grindal Creek

...Begining [sic] at **Carneys** Corner at the lower end of the long ridge pond runing [sic] with a Line of marked trees to the mouth of **Moore's** Branch thence north to **Mathew James** corner thence Et. 60 pole to a corner thence North 100 pole to a corner thence Wt. 120 pole to a corner thence South 100 pole to the begining [sic] which land being part of a tract of land pattent [sic] by **John Jordan** baring [sic] date 1783...

Witnesses: **Thomas Daniel, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 125–126. "May term 1802. This Deed was proved in Open Court by **Adam Albritton**. Ordered to be registered."

Comment: Luke and Adam Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr., and Matthew James is Peter's son-in-law. James married Peter Albritton's daughter, Mary, in the 1780s.

**4 Nov 1801** For \$250, **Simon Keel** sells to **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

...a plantation or tract of land containing by Estimation one Hundred Acres be the same more or less lying and being in Pitt County on the North side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Begining [sic] at the run of the Creek at a Water Oak running North with the Dividing line that Divides **Mathew James** plantation from the said land runing [sic] to the Back line which was formerly **William Coons** line thence down the Back line to a pine in the Bare pocoson [sic] then along the said line to the run of Creek then up the Creek to the Begining [sic] Containing by Estimation thirty Six acres more or less which part of a tract or piece of land purchased of **Hilry** [sic] Cason which appears by a Deed Joining a tract or parcel of land that the said **William James** Bought of **John Cason** containing Seventy five Acres of land be the same more or less being part of a tract of five Hundred Acres of land granted to **John Cason** by pattent [sic] Baring [sic] date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1782 Begining [sic] in Creek at the mouth of the small Branch at a Cypress runing [sic] with the said branch No. 35 Et. 178 pole to a pine thence No. 5 Wt. 142 pole in **John Casons** line thence with his line South 45 Wt. 36 pole to a pine with the course of the pattent [sic] to the run of the creek then with the run of the Creek to the begining [sic] Containing as before mentioned two tracts of land Containing One Hundred Acres by Estimation be the same more or less...

Witnesses: **Tho<sup>s</sup> Daniel, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 165–166. "May term 1802. Then was this Deed was proved in Open Court by **Adam Albritton**. Ordered to be registered."

Comments:

1. Luke and Adam Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr., and Matthew James is Peter's son-in-law. James married Peter's daughter, Mary, in the 1780s.
2. The two transactions made on this day suggest that Matthew James was still alive in November 1801. He was the husband of Mary Albritton, sister of Luke. In 1820, Luke Albritton sold this tract of land to Henry James, son of Mary Albritton and Matthew James.

**20 Feb 1802** For \$550, **Enoch Albritton**, planter, sells **Moses Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>**, planter, a tract of 51 acres of land described as:

Begining [sic] at a water oak in the mouth of long [branch] runing [sic] up the south prong of the long branch to a lightwood stump at the head of the great pond **Mosses Moores** corner and with his line to Mariners branch then with the branch to the mouth of the branch into Cow Swamp to the run of the Cow the swamp to **Peter Albrittons** old line and with the old line to the Begining [sic]...

The deed was signed by **Enoch Albritton** and "**Peny**" **Albritton** made her mark to it.

Witnesses: **James Barfield, Henry Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 126–127. "May Term 1802. This Deed was proved in open Court by **Henry Moore** ordered to be Registered."

Comment: This tract is clearly the same land that Enoch had purchased from Peter Albritton in 1797.

**3 May 1802** For £100, **John Haddock** sells **Zachariah Haddock**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two 100-acre tracts of land, with the first one

Begining [sic] at a Gum in the middle of the Cow Swamp runing [sic] with the branch by the name of Marins branch to **Moses Moores** line then with his line to the corner then with his line to the branch then with his line round to



*the Cow Swamp then down the middle of the Cow Swamp to the Begining [sic] it is part of two pattents [sic] one of John Simpson and Peter Albritton Deceased...*

Witnesses: **Henry Smith, Liscom Hadduck** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 145–146. *"May Term 1802. Then was this Deed acknowledged In open Court by John Hadduck to be his act...& Deed. ordered to be Registered."*

Comments: This appears to be the land that Peter Albritton Sr. sold to his sons, James and Peter Jr., on 6 February 1797, and that Peter Jr. sold to John Haddock on 8 January 1800 (Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 407). The branch was written as *"Mariner's Branch"* in the earlier deeds.

**15 Apr 1802** **John Salter**, Entry Officer of Land Claims for Pitt County, North Carolina, issues a warrant to the Pitt County Surveyor to survey a tract of 100 acres of land for **Adam Albritton** described as, pursuant to his Entry dated 24 December 1801, recorded in Entry Book 272:

*To the Surveyor thereof Greeting you are hereby required to survey and measure according to Law for Adam Albritton one Hundred Acres of Land in our said County Pitt on the north side of Cannons Swamp Joining of the lines of Mathias Moore Esq<sup>r</sup> and Mathias Moore Ju<sup>r</sup> lines and Leggets lines...*

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 120, p. 193. Entry #272, Grant #1469, File #1503. Grant issued 18 December 1804.

**20 July 1802** For £100, **William Wilson** sells **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 120 acres of land:

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the north side of Grindal [sic] Creek being part of a tract of land patented for William Willson [sic] bearing date the fourth day March in the 24 year of Independence & in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and is bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a pine on William Wilsons old pattent [sic] land in the center of the Cypress arm thence with said Cypress arm branch to the fore mentioned pattent [sic] line in the said pocoson to a pine then with said [missing word] to second corner then west with said pocoson two hundred pole a pine then south one hundred pole to said Wilsons corner line thence with the said lien to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Thos. Daniel, Daniel James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, p. 188. *"August Term 1802. This Deed was exhibited into open Court & proved on oath by Thomas Daniel Subscribing witness thereto ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Thomas Daniel was the son-in-law of John Cason, Adam Albritton's father-in-law. Daniel had married a daughter of John Cason who apparently died about 1788, about the time her son, Robert Daniel, was born.

**13 Nov 1802** For *"the Sum of twelve pounds ten shillings,"* **Gardner Moye** sells **John Anderson**, planter, both of Pitt County, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...on south side of Tar River one quarter of a mile below the red bank ferry It being the eighth part of a tract which John Salter Jun<sup>r</sup> sold to William Eastwood, John King, Gardner Moye & Isaac Carrell Supposed to be one acre more or less for the use of a Scein [sic] hole Known by there [sic] clearing of it to have and to hold the said one eighth part of the aforesaid acre of land with all and Singular the rights titles & claims there unto belonging...*

Witnesses: **James Herenton** [his mark], **Rachel Moye** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 267–268. *"Pitt County February Term 1803. This deed was then Exhibited Into Open Court and acknowledged by Gardner to be his act and deed."*

Comments:

1. Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy), daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. and granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Records indicate that their marriage occurred in the late 1770s or early 1780s, and so Rachel Moye is likely the daughter of Betsy Albritton and Gardner Moye, making her a granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. The *"scein hole"* mentioned in the deed on this one acre of land on the Tar River is undoubtedly a *"seine-haul,"* a method of fishing that uses a net, called a *"seine,"* with floats on the top and the bottom of the net held down towards the bottom of the stream with weights. This design holds the net vertically in the river or creek. The one acre that Gardner Moye jointly owned probably lay along a bend on the river where seine-hauls were constructed.

**1 Dec 1802** For *"the Sum of four hundred Spanish Milled Dollars,"* **Newton Moore** sells **Isaac Knox**, both of Pitt County North Carolina, a tract land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the south side of Tar River, and on the Little Run, Begining [sic] at an oak on the side of said Run Runing [sic] South 20 E<sup>t</sup> 206 pole to a pine in John Moye Sen<sup>rs</sup> line thence with said line West 178 pole to a pine In the Wooly Island Branch then south to a pine in John Moyes begining [sic] pattent [sic] corner thence west with said pattent [sic] line to a pine the contract corner between John Moye and Gardner Moye then with said contract line to a stake James Quatermas's Corner North thirty two East to the Little Run then down the run to the beginning it being a part of a tract of land pattent [sic] by John Moye Sen<sup>rs</sup>...*

Witnesses: **George Knox, Patten Knox**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 270–271. *"Pitt County February term 1803. this Deed was acknowledged in Open Court on Oath by Newton Moore to be his act & Deed. Ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 12 Dec 1802** For "divers good causes to me hereunto moving" and for £225, **William Cherry** of Edgecombe County, North Carolina sells **Reddick Tucker** [Readick] a tract of 300 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...on the north side of Tar river and on the South Side of the Bryery Swamp and is bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a poppaw Gum runing [sic] thence South 39 East to a pine **Hilry Cherry**<sup>s</sup> Corner. Thence runing [sic] with Said **Cherry's** Line an agreed Line of marked trees to said **Hilery Cherry**<sup>s</sup> Corner is a pine in a large pocoson [sic-pocosin], thence runing [sic] by agreed line of marked trees to Said Briery Swamp thence down the run of the said Swamp to the beginning [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **"Hilery" Cherry, Adam Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 354–355. "May term 1803. this Deed was proved in open Court on Oath by "**Hilery" Cherry** a Subscribing witness thereto let it be Registered."
- Comment: Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 20 Dec 1802** For \$600, **James Barfield** and **Winiford Barfield** sell to **Moses Moore** a tract of 200 acres of land
- ...a certain peice [sic] or parcel of Land granted to **Peter Albritton Senr** and by him a Deed to **William Albritton** pattent [sic] bearing date July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1774 which said Land Lying on the South side of Tar River and on the north side of Cow Swamp. Begining [sic] at a water Oak in the mouth of the long branch **Isaac Bucks** Line and runs north 45 Et. 79 pole to a pine then west 260 pole to a lightwood Stake thence North 45 Wt. 25 poles to a pine in **Edwards** line thence with his line South 87 Wt. 26 pole to a White oak **Edwards** corner thence to **Moore's** corner a lightwood stump thence to the great pond thence with the great pond to the South prong of the long branch thence with the Various Courses of the said branch to the beginning [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **Henry Moore, Mosses Moore**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 307–308. "Pitt County. Feby Term 1803. this Deed was then proved In Open Court by the Oath of **Moses Moore** a subscribing Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."
- Comment: This is the tract of land Peter Albritton Sr. sold his son, William Albritton, in February 1797, with William selling it to his brother, Peter Albritton Jr. in 1800, and Peter Jr. selling it to James Barfield in 1801.
- 30 Dec 1802** In fulfillment of his duties as High Sheriff of Pitt County North Carolina, **Gideon Moye** seized property of **Tubman Woolford** to satisfy a judgement against him in favor of **Joseph Brickle**. **Sheriff Moye** seized "one negro boy named **Dick**" belonging to **Tubman Woolford**, and after advertisement, sold the slave at public auction to **Lamuel Cherry**, who bid \$56.
- Witnesses: **Gardener Moye**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 132. "Pitt County February Term 1806. This Bill of Sale Exhibited into Open Court and proved in due form of law On Oath by **Gardener Moye** a subscribing witness thereto. Order To be Registered."
- Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 7 Feb 1803** "For and inconsideration of fifty Spanish milld [sic] dollars in hand paid," **Shadrack Perry** sells **Luke "Albrittain,"** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:
- ...on the north side of tar river and on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek. Begining [sic] at **James Albrittains Junr**<sup>s</sup> Corner to [a] pine thence runing [sic] an Easterly course through in with the Bay pocoson [pocosin] to the head of said pocoson [pocosin] to a pine agreed [agreed] of line marked thence runing [sic] eastwardly sixty degrees South for **Robert Lanier Daniels** line thence with the said **Daniels** and **James's** line to **John Casons** Corner thence west one hundred and twenty pole with the said **Casons** line to a pine thence north forty pole to a gum to **Samuel James** Corner in hunting run thence west sixty pole thence north one hundred and eighty pole to a pine thence north with the said **Albrittains** and **James's** line to the beginning [sic] being part of 640 Acres Granted to the said **James** by Grant being date the 21 of October 1782...*
- Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel, Moses Hatton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 405–406. "Pitt County Novr. term 1803. This Deed was proved In open Court on Oath by **Lanier Daniel** a witness thereto ordered to be Registered."
- Comments:
1. Luke Albritton and the James Albritton referenced here are sons of Peter Albritton Sr. James purchased land at this location in April 1784 (Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 268–269). James died about 1797 or 1798.
  2. The land grant made on 21 October 1782 was to John Cason, not Samuel James. See North Carolina Grant Book 43, p. 143, Entry #155, Grant #357, #577, entered 5 May 1778. Pitt County NC Deed Book G, p. 179.
- 18 Mar 1803** For £130, **James Langley** sells **Benjamin Adams**
- ...a Negro girl by name of **Fanny** about the Age of Eleven years old...*
- Witnesses: **Adam "Albritan"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 152. "Pitt County February Term 1806. This bill of Sale was exhibited into Court & proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Adam "Albritan"** a Subscribing witness thereto ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Benjamin Adams was Adam Albritton's nephew, as Benjamin was the son of Peter Adams and Jane Cason Adams, a sister to Adam's wife, Eleanor Cason Albritton. See Pitt County NC Deed Book M, p. 470 for documentation.

**7 Apr 1803** "Know all men by these presents that I **Joel Dickinson** as Agent for **Grove Wright** of the City of New York for and in consideration of hundred dollars..." sell to **Enoch Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 412 acres of land on the south side of Tar River,

*Begining [sic] in the run of Swift Creek Swamp at the mouth of the bridge branch, and runs up the various Courses of the said bridge branch to a maple in the back line of the patent then with the back Line South 202 pole to Several marked pines in the Huckelberry branch then up the said Huckelberry branch with the run thereof to a pine in the head of said branch **John Stocks** corner, then with said **Stocks** line South 66 Wt. 66 pole to the Old Field branch then with the various Courses of the Old field branch to the run of Swift Creek then with the run of Swift Creek to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **William Futen, Wm. S. Holmes**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 381–382. Deed proved in court by oath of William Futen and registered in August Court 1803.

Comment: Enoch Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. Swift Creek is located south of the Tar River.

**14 July 1803** For \$25, **Lanier Daniel** sells **William James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County ...on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek *Begining [sic] at a pine **James Langleys** corner then running East one hundred and twenty poles to a pine **James Langleys** Corner thence North Seventy poles to a pine thence west one hundred and twenty poles to a pine thence to the begining [sic] containing fifty Acres...*

Witnesses: **Adam Albritton, James Barrow**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 243–244. "Pitt County May Term 1806. This Deed was Exhibited into open Court and Acknowledged By **Lanier Daniel** to be his Act and Deed ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**12 Oct 1803** For \$501.48, **Lewis Davis** of Pitt County North Carolina sells **Joshua Barns** ...one Negro woman Called **Rose** aged Twenty one years, one Negro boy called **Peter** aged four years, one Negro Boy called **Daniel** aged three years old...

Witnesses: **Gardener Moye, Gilead Thigpen** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 409–410. "Pitt County November term 1803. This Bill of Sale was then exhibited into Open Court and proved by the Oath of **Gardner Moye** a subscribing witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Nov 1803** **Samuel Barrow Sen<sup>r</sup>** gives a slave to his son-in-law, **William Hardee**, both residents of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Samuel Barrow Sen<sup>r</sup>**...have for the good love favor and affection I have and do bear towards my son in law **William Hardee**...as well as for the Consideration of one hundred Silver Dollars to me in hand paid by the said **William Hardee**...I have given granted bargained and Sold unto the said **William Hardee** his heirs and assigns forever three negro Slaves, viz. one known by the name of **Sylvia** a Girl about fourteen years of age another known by the name of **Riley** a boy about Ten years of age, and the other a Girl known by the name of **Lucinda** about four years of age to have and to [hold] the aforesaid Negroes together with their increase unto the aforesaid **William Hardee**...*

Witnesses: **Jonathan "Albrittain," Nathan Cherry** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P, pp. 408–409. "Pitt County Nov<sup>r</sup> term 1803. This Deed of Sale was then proved In Open Court on oath by **Jonathan Albrittain** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is a of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 Dec 1803** **Enock Albritton** sells to **John Stocks**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, 412 acres of land, described as *Begining [sic] of Swift Creek Swamp at the mouth of the Bridge Branch and runs up the various Courses of said Branch to a maple in the back line of the Patton [sic] then with the back line south two hundred & two poles to several marked pines in the Huckelberry branch then up the said Huckelberry with the Run thereof to a pine in the head of said branch, **John Stokes** corner then with said **Stokes** line South Sixty Six West fifty six pole to the Old field branch then with various Courses of the old branch to the run of Swift Creek then with the Run of said Creek to the Begining [sic]...it being a Certain Tract of land that I the said **Enuck Albrittain** [sic] Bought of **Joel Dickinson** as agent of **Grove Wright** and the said **Albrittain** [sic] acknowledges myself fully Satisfied Contented and paid...*

Witnesses: **Hardee Handcock, James Ringold**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 14. "Pitt County February term 1804. This deed was then In Open Court on Oath by **Hardee Handcock** a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be Registered."

Comment: The document failed to specify the consideration for this sale. Enoch Albritton is a son of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 26 Dec 1803** For \$10, **Ephraim Moss** of Anson County, North Carolina, "planter," sells to **Jacob Moore**, "planter, of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...do by these presents acquit the said **Jacob Moore** his heirs Executors administrators and assigns every part thereof fully Discharged them of the same and by these presents have given granted bargained and sold unto the aforesaid **Jacob Moore** his heirs and assigns for ever all the Remainder part of that pattent [sic] of Land that I the aforesaid **Ephraim Moss** sold to **Richard Albritton** in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty three...*
- Witnesses: **Henry Moore, J. Douglas**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 41. "Pitt County February term 1804. This Deed was then exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **Henry Moore** a Subscribing witness thereto ordered to be Registered."
- Comment: On 28 January 1783, Ephraim Moss sold Richard Albritton a 150-acre tract of land (Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 72-73). Evidently, Moss had moved west to Anson County, and in this transaction, he sold Moore whatever acreage remained in his original grant minus the 150 acres he sold Albritton two decades earlier.
- 2 Jan 1804** For \$125, **Archibald Cammel Sen<sup>r</sup>** [Campbell], planter, sells **Richard Cambell** [Campbell], planter, a tract of 65 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina
- ...on the South side of Tar River & on the north side of Cow Swamp. Begining [sic] on **Moore's** line at **William Cammels** [Campbell] Corner runing [sic] north forty five West thirteen pole then north forty east ninety three pole to **William Edwards** Corner then South Seventy Seven east to **William Cammels** [Campbell] Corner then south three east one hundred & forty nine pole to the Beginning [sic]...I have here unto Set my hand & fixt my Seal Only before I assign this deed I do Except my life time & my wifes life time in the land...*
- Witnesses: "**Moses Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>, James Buck**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 23. "Pitt County February term 1804. this deed was exhbited [sic] Into Open Court and proved on oath by **James Buck** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."
- Comment: Moses Moore, Sr. had purchased the old home plantation of James Albritton Sr. from Henry Albritton in 1781, thereby becoming a neighbor of Peter Albritton Sr. and his sons, as Peter's plantation had adjoined his father's. In 1800, Moore lived near Enoch Albritton. James Buck was another neighbor, having purchased land that adjoined Peter Albritton's plantation in 1790. Richard Albritton purchased this 65-acre tract in 1820, and his proximity to the home plantations of James Albritton Sr. and Peter Albritton Sr. suggests he was a close relative. Richard's residence on Cow Swamp suggests that he was a son of Henry Albritton.
- 9 Jan 1804** For £300, **Jessee Moore** [sic] of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **Abel Moore** a 99-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North side of Tar river and on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and bounded as follows: vizt. Begining [sic] at a pine in **John James** line & running with his Line west one hundred and twenty pole to a pine said **James** corner thence his other line north one hundred and twenty four pole to a pine thence West Eighty poles to a pine **Henry Cason** Corner thence South two hundred poles to a pine n the pocoson [sic-pocosin] said **Mathias Moores** line then South sixty degrees East sixty eight pole to his Corner a red oak thence with another of said **Moore's** lines to the beginning Contaaing by Estimation ninety nine Acres of land more or less being a tract of land held by said **Mathias Moore** [sic] by grant bearing date 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1788...*
- Witnesses: "**Hilry**" **Cherry, Nathan Cherry** [his mark]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 1-2. "Pitt County. February Term 1804. this Deed was then acknowledged In Open Court by **Jesse Moore** to be his act & deed. Ordered to be Registered."
- Comments:
1. About 1805, Abel Moore married Dorothy, daughter of James Albritton, who was the son of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. Jesse Moore is a documented son of Mathias Moore Sr. (see Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 366). Abel Moore witnessed the October 1799 transaction in which Mathias gave Jesse the 99 acres of land sold here. Although Mathias Moore lived until about 1821, there is no recorded deed in Pitt County showing him giving land to Abel and Allen Moore, reputedly his younger sons.
  3. A much older Abel Moore lived in Pitt County in the 1700s, but his connection to the younger Abel, and to Jesse and Mathias Moore Sr., is unknown.
- Jan 1804** For \$500, **Robert Hatton** sells **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...three negroes one negro woman and two Children named **Eade, Sela, Judy** to have and to hold unto the said **Luke Albritton** his Heirs and assigns forever the before named negroes **Eade, Sela, Jude** and I the said **Robert Hatton** do warrant and defend the said negroes to be free and Clear from any other Right title or claim of any person whatsoever...*
- Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel, Samuel Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 298. "Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Lanier Daniel** and **Samuel Albritton** subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: All participants in this transaction have Albritton connections:

1. Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Samuel Albritton was Peter's grandson, the son of James Albritton, son of Peter.
2. Robert Hatton was the son of John Hatton and Frances Cason, daughter John Cason, a longtime Grindle Creek and neighbor of James Albritton Jr. and several sons of Peter Albritton Sr. Cason's daughter, Eleanor, married Peter's son, Adam Albritton. In 1834, Robert Hatton's daughter, Catherine, married Benjamin Bell Albritton, son of Samuel, grandson of James Albritton, son of Peter, making him the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. Lanier Daniel was another longtime resident of the Grindle Creek region. His son, John Stanley Daniel, married two granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr.: City, daughter of Jonathan Albritton, and Levina, daughter of Joel Albritton.

**12 Oct 1804** For £10, **John Pinket** sells **Zachariah Pinket**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina a 20-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...Lying and being on the north Side of Tarr [sic] River Begining [sic] at a Stake in the Centre [sic] of Several trees on a branch it being a [illegible word]ing Corner between said **Zachariah & John Pinckett** then running along **Jonathan Albritton's** [sic] line South nineteen and one half of a degree East one hundred and fifty five poles to a hycory [sic] in **John Spear** line then along the same South forty one degrees west forty nine poles to **John Spears** Corner then along **John Pinketts** line North five & one half of a degree west one hundred and Eighty Six poles to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Jonathan "Albriton," "Sherd" Hines**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 21. "Pitt County. May Term 1805. this Deed was acknowledge [sic] in Open Court by **John Pinkett** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be Registered."

**13 Oct 1804** For \$200, **John Pinkett** sells **Zachariah Pinkett**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina a 50-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...Situating lying & being on the north Side of Tar River...Joining of the land whereon he now lives...*

Witnesses: **Jonathan Albritton, "Sherd" Hines**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 68. "Pitt County. May Term 1805. This Deed was acknowledged in Open Court by **John Pinkett** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**18 Oct 1804** **Sher. Hines**, Pitt County Surveyor, prepares a survey for **Adam Albritton** pursuant to a warrant for a survey issued in 1802:

*Surveyed October the 18 day 1804 for **Adam "Albriton"** Eighty Eight acres of land situated in Pitt County and on the South side of grindal [sic] creek by a warrant granted said "**Albriton**" Entred [sic] in our Entry Office the 24 Day of December 1801 and Numbered on Entry Book 272. Begining [sic] at a pine **John Leggets Decd.** corner then runing [sic] north one half of a Degree west sixty two pole to a pine then north eighty nine Degrees East to and along **Matthias Mores** line one hundred and thirty six pole to a pine in a pond said **Mores** Corner then a long **Matthias Moore Esqr.** Line South two degrees west one hundred and thirty three pole to a white Oak his Corner by his field then a long said **Mores** and **Tuckers** line to the begining [sic]...*

Chain Bearers: "**Matthias More Junr,**" "**Sammuel Albriton**"

Reference: North Carolina Grant Book 120, p. 193. Entry #272, Grant #1469, File #1503. Grant issued 18 December 1804.

Comment: Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. Samuel Albritton is the son of James Albritton, son of Peter, making him the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Matthias Moore Jr. is the father of Penelope Moore, who later married Samuel's son, James B. Albritton.

**12 Jan 1805** For £75, **Jacob Harris** sells **Thomas Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...on the north Side of Tar River containing by Estimation twenty five Acres bounded As follows Begining [sic] at Run of the Mill Swamp at a gum thence Runing [sic] down a Row marked Trees to **Frances Bond** line One Acre wide Thence Runing [sic] with said **Bond** line to **Thomas Adams** line with The Said line to the Mill Swamp thence the various courses of the Swamp to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Thomas Harris**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 245-246. "May Term 1806. This Deed was Exhibited into open Court and [proved] in due Form of law on Oath by **Samuel Albritton** a Subscribing witness Thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: Samuel Albritton is the eldest known son of James Albritton (1761-1798), grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**16 Jan 1805** For £50, **Peter Albritton** sells **Mathew Crafton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land:

*Beginning [sic] at a Cypress in the Cow Swamp runing [sic] down the various Courses of the Swamp to **Barfields** Corner in the mouth of the Pocosin branch then up the Said branch to the back line of the Land Grant to **Peter Albritton Senr** by Pattent [sic] then with the line to a gum in Mill branch then to a pine & from thence down a*

*marked line to the beginning [sic] it being part of two tracts of Land one granted to **Isaac Buck** and the other to **Peter Albritton Senr**....*

Witnesses: **"Herritton Albrittan," Benjamin Cox**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 154–155. *"Pitt County February Term 1806. This deed was exhibited into open Court & acknowledged by **Peter Albritton** to be his act & Deed ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: The grantor here is Peter Albritton Jr., son of Peter Albritton Sr. The identity of the witness, recorded as *"Herritton Albrittan,"* is unknown. No person by a name similar to this has been located in Pitt County during this or any other period. Some have speculated that it could have been Peter's wife, but it is uncommon for a wife to witness her husband's land transactions.

**15 Feb 1805** For £12, **Daniel Venters**, Planter, sells **Benjamin Paxton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 12 acres of land

*...it being part of tract or parcel of land Divided amongst the hiers [sic] of **David Nelson** by order of Court being Lot Number four as by the Surveyors return...on the South Side of Tar River and on the West Side of the Crooked Run...*

Witnesses: **Martin Nelson, Henry "Albriton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 57–58. *"Pitt County May Term 1805. this deed was proved in open Court by the oath of **Martin** [sic] **Nelson** a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be Registered."*

**15 Feb 1805** **Peter Albritton** sells **Noah Tison**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 200 acres of land,

*Witnesseth that for and inconsideration of the Sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds to me in hand paid by **Noah Tison Decd** before ensealing [sic] and delivery of these presents do give grant bargain Sell Convey & Confirm unto **Noah Tison** his heirs and assigns for ever a Certain tract or parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County aforesaid begining [sic] at a Cypress in the Cow Swamp runing [sic] South 13 W<sup>t</sup> 146 pole to a pine thence west 47 [67-?] pole to a pine thence North 42 pole to the old line of **Bucks** patent thence with the said line South 84 W<sup>t</sup> 200 pole to a pine the last corner of said **Bucks** line thence North 45 East the agreed line between **Peter Albritton** and **Charles Smith** 180 pole to an Elm in the Cow Swamp thence with the various Courses of the Cow Swamp to the begining [sic] Containing by Estimation two hundred acres more or less it being the [land] which **Noah Tison decd** purchased of said **Peter Albritton** in his life Time and devised the same in his last will & Testament to his Son **Noah Tison** his heirs & assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Martin L. Brooks, Richard Evans, Thomas English, Mathew Crofton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 33. *"Pitt County May Term 1805. This deed was acknowledged in open Court by **Peter Albritton** to be his act and deed ordered to be Registered."*

Comments:

1. This curious transaction proves that prior to his death (reportedly in January 1805), Noah Tison Sr. purchased this 200-acre tract from Peter Albritton Jr. There is no known Pitt County deed showing Peter Albritton Jr.'s acquiring this land.
2. Several measurements in this land description match those of the 150 acres granted to Peter Albritton Sr. in October 1783. This shows that Peter Albritton Jr. somehow acquired this land granted to and owned by Peter Albritton Sr. The elder Peter may have left it to Peter Jr. in his will, which does not now exist.
3. Noah Tison Jr. sold this land to William Britt on 23 August 1810 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 136–137).

**25 Feb 1805** For £100, **William Perry** and **Sarah Perry**, his wife, and **William Barrow** and **Lydia Barrow**, his wife, sell **John Salter**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...one third Part of a Certain Mill & two acres of Land belonging to the Mill situated in Said County and lying across Red Bank Creek that is now Commonly Called **Barbers Mill**...*

Witnesses: **Obediah Moore, Abel Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 77–79. *"Pitt County August Term 1805. This deed was exhibited into open Court & proved In due form of Law by the oath of **Obediah Moore** a Subscribing witness Thereto. Ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Abel Moore married between about 1804–1805 to Dorothy, daughter of James Albritton (1761–1798) and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**9 Mar 1805** For £262, **Benjamin Adams** sells **Somer Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 250-acre tract of land

*...on the north Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Begining [sic] at a pine the north Corner of **John Jordans** line runing [sic] 5 degrees W<sup>t</sup> 86 pole to a pine thence north 5 degrees a direct Course to **John Casons** back line thence down the said line thence East to a pine through the Pocoson [sic-pocosin] thence South to a pine thence runing [sic] the dividing line between **Robert Daniel** & **John Cason** to **Jordan** line thence up the Said line to the begining [sic]...being part of a tract of Land of five Hundred & fifty acres Granted to **John Cason** baring [sic] date the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1782...*

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Watson, Adam "Albritan"**

- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 141. *"Pitt County February Term 1806. this Deed was exhibited into open Court & proved In due form of Law on Oath by Adam "Albritan" a Subscribing witness Thereto. Ordered to be Registered."*
- Comment: The two Adams men were brothers, sons of Peter Adams and Jane Cason, and grandsons of John Cason. This makes them nephews by marriage to Adam Albritton, as he had married Eleanor Cason, their aunt (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 470, 484–485). John Cason sold this 250-acre tract to James Albritton Jr. on 19 January 1789, who sold it to his nephew, Jonathan Albritton, on 25 May 1793, who sold it to Benjamin Adams on 17 September 1796 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 114–115; Deed Book N, p. 169; Deed Book P, pp. 196–197).

**10 Apr 1805** For *"One Hundred Pounds Specie," "Isaac Carrel Sen"* of North Carolina, Bricklayer, sells **Adam Albritton**:  
*...one Quarter or fourth part of Ten Acres of Land Lying on the South side of Tarr [sic] River adjoining said River and in Pitt County and is know [sic] by Moores Sain Hold [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Thomas Carney**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 10. *"Pitt County. August Term 1807. This deed was proved in [sic-missing word] on oath by Thomas Carney ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. The term written in the deed as *"Moores Sain Hold"* probably is a reference to his *"seine-haul,"* a method of fishing that uses a net, called a *"seine,"* with floats on the top and the bottom held down towards the bottom of the stream with weights. This is designed to hold the net vertically in the river or creek. The ten acres Adam Albritton purchased probably lay along a bend on the river that made this method of fishing successful.

**May 1805** The Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Benjamin Bell Dec<sup>d</sup>** filed their report of the division to the Court, which approved and ordered it to be recorded:

*In Obedience of an Order Pitt Court February Term 1805 To the undersigned Commissioners directed to lay off devide [sic] and appropriate the lands of Benjamin Bell Dec<sup>d</sup> among the Legal Representatives of Said decd. after being convened and qualified agreeable to law we have devided [sic] and appropriated the land as followeth,...*

*"Lott [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 1 we have Laid off and appropriated to William Bell he being one of the hiers [sic] of said dec<sup>d</sup>" – 110 acres on the Lockers Swamp, valued @ \$440, "and William Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$8 – 60<sup>ct</sup>"*

*"Lott N<sup>o</sup> 2 we have Laid off and appropriated to John Bell one of the hiers [sic] of said Dec<sup>d</sup> his Share as follows..." – 110 acres adjoining W<sup>m</sup> Bells line and on Lockers Swamp, valued @ \$550*

*"John Bell to pay James Bell .... \$89.40*

*John Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$29.20"*

*"Lott [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 3 we have Laid off and appropriated to Kinchen Bell one of the hiers [sic] of Said dec<sup>d</sup> his Share as follows..." – 110 acres adjoining John Bell and on Lockers Swamp, valued @ \$440,*

*"Kinchen Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$8 – 60<sup>ct</sup>"*

*"Lott [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 4 we have Lade [sic] off and appropriated unto Benjamin Bell one of the hiers [sic] of said Dec<sup>d</sup> as followeth..." – 110 acres adjoining Kinchen Bell and on Lockers Swamp, valued @ \$385,*

*"W<sup>m</sup> Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$8.60*

*Kinchen Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$8.60*

*John Bell to pay Benjamin Bell \$29.20"*

*"Lott N<sup>o</sup> 5 we have Laid off and appropriated to James Bell he being one of the hiers [sic] of Said dec<sup>d</sup>" – 110 acres adjoining Benjamin Bells line, and adjoining Robersons and Willis Randolph land, and on Mill Branch and Lockers Swamp, valued @ \$342*

*"John Bell to pay James Bell .... \$89.40*

*\$437.40*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 59–61. *"Pitt County May Term 1805. This Division of the land belonging to the Estate of Benj. Bell dec<sup>d</sup> was Returned into Open Court by the commissioners appointed to devide [sic] the same ordered to be Registered."* Those appointed to make the division included Pitt County Surveyor Sherwood Hines, Godfrey Stancill, Allen Atkinson, Jacob Grimmer, Geor. A. Sugg, and Peter Sugg.

Comment: On 1 September 1803, Tabitha Bell married Samuel Albritton, son of James, and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Tabitha was the daughter of Benjamin Bell Sr. This document proves that Bell's will divided his land only among his sons. See Jones County GA Will Book B, pp. 393–396 for the will of James Bell, son of Benjamin Bell Sr., who named Tabitha Albritton as his sister.

**11 Jan 1806** For £75, **Zachariah Haddock & Cloe Haddock** sell **Nesby Mills**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 45 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the South Side of Chicod Creek Begining [sic] at a Cypress On the edge of said Creek then Runing [sic] South Eighty West one hundred and four pole to a black Oak Paxtons corner then South twenty East ninety pole to a pine near the long Pond Branch then down the said Branch then and winds thereof to the said Creek thence up the said Creek the Various courses thereof to the begining [sic] Containing by Estimation forty Five Acres be the same more or less it being part of a Pattent [sic] granted to Simon Taylor, to have and to hold the said bargained Land and Premises with all Priviledges [sic] and commodities thereunto Belonging or in any wise appertaining To him the said Nesby Mills his Heirs and assigns for ever one third part During the life Unice Albritton only excepted and with said Zachariah Haddock & Cloe Haddock do covenant to warrant and for every defend the said Bargained*

*Land and Premises together with all its members thereto belonging The said Dower of **Unice Albritton** only excepted to him the said **Nesby Mills** His Heirs and assigns against the Lawfull [sic] Claim of any person or persons whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **"Wm Broom," "Benj" Paxton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 296–297. *"Pitt County November Term 1806. This deed was Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **William Broom** one of the Subscribing Witnesses Thereto ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that Cloe Haddock signed the deed first, followed by Zachariah, with both making their marks to the document.

Comments:

1. The male Albritton who married Unice and fathered Cloe Albritton Haddock is unidentified, although it is believed to have been Henry Albritton, youngest son of James Albritton Sr.
2. The patent for this land was issued to Simon Taylor on 7 January 1763.

**15 Jan 1806** For \$500, **Peter Albritton** sells **Matthew Crafton**, Planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two separate tracts of land totalling of 400 acres, all in Pitt County, North Carolina:

100 acres of land:

*...being part of two Pattents [sic] one granted to **Isaac Buck** Bearing date May ye 23<sup>rd</sup> 1757 begining [sic] at a gum in the edge of the Cross Swamp thence North eighty poles to a [sic] Elm the corner tree in the Swamp them up the Swamp to the mouth of Pocosin Branch Then up the said branch to the last line of the said Patten [sic] then with that line to the Begining [sic] the other part of Said land being Part of a Pattent [sic] granted to **Peter Albritton** bearing date September The 23–1785 begining [sic] at a gum on the Swamp side thence up the Swamp twenty five East fourteen pole to a red Oak **Dixsons** corner Thence up his line South forty two West one hundred & sixty pole the center of three pines marked inwards then south eighty West to the Pocosin Branch then down the branch to **Bucks** patten [sic] line Then with his line to the Begining [sic]...*

300 acres of land:

*...Granted by patten [sic] to **William Taylor** bearing date February the 15<sup>th</sup> 1764 Begining [sic] on the South side of Cross Swamp at a red oak **Francis Bucks** corner runing [sic] South thirty two East two hundred and thirty Two Poles to a pine thence four East eighty eight poles then South Sixty West one hundred & nineteen poles thence North twenty three West two and fifty three poles thence North thirteen East eighty poles to said **Bucks** line thence with his line to the firstaion [first station]...*

Witnesses: **Benjamin Paxton, Henry Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 139–140. *"Pitt County February Term 1806. This Deed was Exhibited into open Court & Acknowledged by **Peter Albritton** to be his Act and Deed ordered to be Registered."*

Comments:

1. Revolutionary War Veteran Henry Albritton is the son of James Albritton Sr., and Peter Albritton is Henry's nephew, the son of Henry's older brother, Peter Albritton Sr.
2. It appears that with this sale, Peter Albritton Jr. attempted to retain possession of the 400 acres his father had formerly owned. However, in April, Pitt County Sheriff seized this land and sold it at a public auction.

**4 Feb 1806** For \$325, **Josiah Carney** sells **Joel Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...a negro Girl named **Betty** to have and to Hold said negro by Said **Joel Albritton** his Heirs Executors or assigns and I do warrant and defend Said negro against all Lawful claims whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **Moses Hatton, David Hatton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, p. 324. *"Pitt County February Term 1807. This Bill of Sale was exhibited into open Court and Acknowledged by **Josiah Carney** to be his act & Deed ordered that it be Registered."*

Comment: Joel Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**13 Mar 1806** For "the Sum of five hundred Pounds Current money," **Henry Cason** sells **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 450 acres of land:

*...Begining [sic] at a white oak on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Runing [sic] out agreed line of marked Trees Between myself and **Richard Carney** to a black Bay in the upper end of the Burnt Pocoson [sic] thence north with said **Carney** line to the Long Ridge Branch to a gum thence with said **Carney** line to a pine at the lower end of the long Ridge pond thence on agreed Line Between myself and **Luke Albritton** to a pine in the mouth of **Moore's** Branch then a line of marked Trees Between myself and **Matthew James Dec<sup>d</sup>** to a pine in the persimon [sic] pond then a line of marked Trees between myself and said **James** to a stake on the South side of Marsh Pocoson [sic] thence down the south side of said pocoson [sic] to **Abrams** Branch, with said **Abrams** Branch to a black Bay with said Branch to the Run of Grindal [sic] Creek thence with the meanders of said creek to the Firstation [sic—first station]...*

Witnesses: **R. Carney, Joel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 332–333. *"Pitt County. February Term 1807. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved In due form of Law on oath by **Joel Albritton** a witness thereto ordered to be Registered."*



## Comments:

1. Adam, Joel, and Luke Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Matthew James married Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and this document proves that Matthew James had died prior to March 1806.
3. Henry Cason is Adam Albritton's uncle, as he is the brother of John Cason, father of Eleanor Cason, Adam Albritton's wife.

**15 Apr 1806** In fulfillment of an order issued by the Pitt County Court directed to Pitt County Sheriff **Cannon Smith**, to seize and sell property of **Archibald Capbell** [Campbell] and **Peter Albritton**:

*I Cannon Smith Sheriff of the County of Pitt by Virtue of an [sic] writ of Vanditiona Exponas [sic-venditioni Exponas] to me directed in their words we Command you that of the Goods & Chattles Lands & Tenements of Archibald Capbell [sic-Campbell] & Peter Albriton you Cause to be made the Sum of Thirty two pounds Eight Shillings & four pence which Lately in our Court held for the County of the Pitt the Executors of John Spear dec<sup>d</sup> Recovered against Said Archibald & Peter for debt as also the Sum of four pounds nine Shillings & six pence and your own fees for this Service for the Cost & Charges in Said Suit have this day exposed to Sale two Certain pieces or parcels of Land the property of Peter Albriton due Notice having been first given at which Time & place William Adams appeared & bid the Sum of six pounds ten Shillings being the greatest Sum that was bid for said Land which Land is bounded as follows. – Begining [sic] at a gum in the Edge of Cross Swamp and runs N<sup>o</sup> 80 poles to an Elm in the Swamp then up the Cow Swamp to the mouth of the pocosin branch then up the branch to the Last line of the pattent [sic] then with that line to the beginning [sic] – also one other tract beginning [sic] at a gum on the Swamp Side then up the Swamp 25 East 14 poles to a red Oak Dickinson Corner thence up his line South 42 West 160 poles to the Center of three pines marked inwards thence S<sup>o</sup> 80 W<sup>t</sup> to the pocoson [pocosin] branch then down the said branch to Bucks pattent [sic] line then with his line to the beginning [sic]. Also one other tract containing three Hundred acres. Begining [sic] on the South Side of Cross Swamp at a red oak Francis Bucks Corner running S<sup>o</sup> 32 E<sup>t</sup> 232 poles to a pine then S<sup>o</sup> 4 E<sup>t</sup> 88 poles then S<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> 119 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 32 W<sup>t</sup> 253 poles then N<sup>o</sup> 13 East 80 poles to Said Bucks line thence with his line to the first Station – also one other tract containing 100 Acres. Beginning at a gum on the Swamp Side Albritons Corner then up the Swamp S<sup>o</sup> 25 E<sup>t</sup> 14 poles to a red oak Dickinsons Corner then up his line S<sup>o</sup> 42 W<sup>t</sup> 160 poles to the Center of three pines then running an agreed line S<sup>o</sup> 80 W<sup>t</sup> 55 poles to a pine then an agreed line N<sup>o</sup> 76 W<sup>t</sup> 46 poles into a line formerly Simpsons then with his line N<sup>o</sup> 60 W<sup>t</sup> 6 poles to a pine then with the other line W<sup>t</sup> 46 poles then with the other line N<sup>o</sup> 42 poles into Albritons line then with his line to the beginning [sic]...*

Witnesses: **David Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 208–209. "Pitt County May Term 1806. This Deed was acknowledged in open Court by **Cannon Smith** to be his act & Deed ordered to be Registered."

## Comments:

1. Peter Albritton mentioned here is Peter Albritton Jr., the son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. The description of the land appears to have some duplication, but it appears that Sheriff Smith sold the 400 acres of land that Peter had himself attempted to sell exactly three months earlier, on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2 Aug 1806** "Whereas there was a Judgement obtained against **Phelen Braxton** in favour of **Peter Cannon** by warrant and served on the Land was by **James Tyer** constable of Pitt County and the said **Cannon Smith** High Sheriff did give Legal notice according to Law and sold the Land at per block sale to the Highest bidder **Peter Cannon** being the highest Bidder bought the said Tract or parcel of Land for ten pounds the same Begin one hundred and ten Acres of Land...which Land was willed to said **Phelen Braxton** by his father **Thomas Braxton** Decd. which said **Thomas Braxton** Decd. excepted when He gave his son **John Braxton** his Land the Land lying on the north side of Lucksey Branch Bounded by the Lines of **Jesse Roundtree**, **Sherwood Hines**, **Aaron Cox**, **John Braxton**, and **Theopholas Suttons** Lines..."

Witnesses: **"Enuch Albrittan," Gardner Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 341–342. "Pitt County February Term 1807. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved In due form of Law on oath by **Gardener Moye** a witness hereto ordered to be Registered."

Comment: This is the last known record placing Enoch Albritton in North Carolina. Peter Albritton's 1799 land division proves that Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**1 Nov 1806** For £40, "**Henry Smith Senr**" sells **Sarah Mills**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land:

*...I have Bargained and sold a certain Parcel or Tract of land that I Henry Smith Son Harry Purchased of Cannon Smith Sherrif [sic] of the County aforesaid Which he sold by virtue of an execution now I Bargain and Sell Unto Sarah Mills her Heirs and assigns for ever a Tract of Land lying on the East Side of the Indian Well Joining the Land of Gideon Pillet and Abraham Cox including the plantation whereon Sarah Mills now lives...*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, Cannon Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 328–329. "Pitt County February Term 1807. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Cannon Smith** a witness thereto ordered that it be Registered."

Comment: The man witnessing is Peter Albritton Jr., the second-youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 5 Dec 1806** For \$100, **Willie Daniel** sells **Lanier Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- ...a Certain Negro girl named **Charity** about the age of Two Years and Six months old and I the Said **Willie Daniel** do warrant and forever defend the Said Negro **Charity** unto the Said **Lanier Daniel** his Hiers [sic] and assigns free from all the lawfull [sic] Claims of any person or persons Whatever...*
- Witnesses: **Lamuel Perkins, Samuel "Albritan"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 328. "Pitt County November Term 1809. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Samuel "Albritan"** a Subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be Registered."
- Comment: Samuel Albritton was the eldest known son of James Albritton (1761–1798), grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 9 Mar 1807** For £150 "Currency Paid to them," "**Zacriah**" **Haddock** and **John Hadduck** sell **William Bright**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land:
- ...beginning at a Gum in the middle of the Cow Swamp running with the branch by the name of Marens [sic] branch to **Right Tuckers** Line then with his line to the corner then with his line to the branch then with his line Round to the Middle of Cow Swamp then down the middle of the said Cow Swamp to the Beginning it is a part of Two pattents [sic] one of **John Simpson** and **Peter Albritton dec<sup>d</sup>**"...*
- Witnesses: **Henry Smith, William Elks** [his mark]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 327 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "November Term 1828. Then this Deed from **Zachariah Haddock** and **John Haddock** to **William Bright** for one Hundred Acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved by the oath **Hardee Smith** (son of **Henry**) who swore that he was well acquainted with his father **Henry Smith** whose signature appears as a Witness to said Deed and that he believed the same to be in the proper hand writing of the said **Henry** his father and that he believed it to be his Writing. ordered to be registered."
- Comments:
1. Peter Albritton Sr. sold this land to his son, Peter Jr., on 6 February 1797, and Peter Jr. sold it to John Haddock on 8 January 1800 (Pitt County NC Deed Book O, p. 407). The branch was written as "Mariner's Branch" in the earlier deeds.
  2. Zachariah Haddock was the husband of Cloe Albritton Haddock, believed to have been the son of Henry Albritton.
- 6 Mar 1807** For \$350, **William Clements** sells **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...one negro woman named **Ranah** unto **Luke Albritton** and his heirs forever...*
- Witnesses: **John Youbanks, John Pinckett**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 305–306 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "August Sessions 1828. Then the above Bill of Sale from **William Clements** to **Luke Albritton** for negro woman **Ranah** was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **John Youbanks** a Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."
- Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 10 Mar 1807** For \$600, the heirs of **Moses Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** sell **Moses Moore Junior**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...a Certain Tract or parcel of land Granted to **Peter Albriton** by Paten [sic-patent] baering [sic] Date July the twenty Seventh day 1774 which Said land lies on the South Side of Tarriver [sic] And and [sic] on the north Side of Cow Swamp Begining [sic] A water Oak in Mouth of the long Branch in **Isaac Bucks** line And No. runs No. 45 Est 77 poles to a pine then West 45 west 160 poles to literwood [sic] Stake then No 45 west 25 poles to a pine in **Edwards** line then with his line South Eighty Seven west 26 poles to a white Oak **Edwards** corner then to **Moses Moore Senior Dec<sup>d</sup>** own Corner a lightwood Stump on the Great Pond Side then with the Great Pond to the South prong of the long branch then with various courses of the branch to the begining [sic] Witness That this Is part of three Surveys of land...Note this parcel of land is two hundred Acres Moore [sic] or less...we the Said heirs of **Moses Moore Dec<sup>d</sup>** Doth hereby Sign over all our Rights to the Said **Moses Moore Ju<sup>r</sup>** In witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands Seals the day and Year above written...*
- Jacob Moor** [sic]  
**James Newmans**  
**William Boyde** [his mark]  
**Henry Moore**  
**Aless Moore** [her mark]  
**Elizabeth Moore** [her mark]  
**Chloe Moore** [her mark]  
**Lidia Moore** [her mark]  
**David Moore**  
**Sarah Newmans** [her mark]  
**Catey Boid** [her mark]
- Witnesses: **Henry Smith, "W<sup>m</sup> Smith"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 295. "Pitt County. August Term 1809. This Deed was exhibited into open Court And proved in due form of law on oath by **Henry Smith** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be registered."
- Comments:

1. Peter Albritton Sr. sold this 200-acre tract to his son, William Albritton, in 1797, with William selling it to his brother, Peter Albritton Jr. in 1801, Peter then selling it to James Barfield, who sold it to Moses Moore in 1802.
2. Moses Moore Jr. died by 23 March 1815, leaving seven heirs. They sold this 200-acre tract on that date to James Buck Jr.; see Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 293–294.

**23 Mar 1807** For \$550, the heirs of **Moses Moore decd.** sell **Henry Moore** a tract of 150 acres of land:

*...Begining at a water oak in the mouth of the Long branch runing up the south prong of Long branch to a lightwood stump at the head of the great pond **Moses Moores** Corner and with his line to Mariners branch then with the Branch to the mouth of the branch into Cow Swamp to the run of the Cow Swamp to **Peter Albrittons** old line and with the old line to the Beginning [sic]..."*

**Lydia Moore** [her mark]  
**David Moore**  
**Sarah Newman** [her mark]  
**Catey Boyde** [her mark]

**Jacob Moore**  
**James Newman**  
**William Boyd** [his mark]  
**Moses Moore** [his mark]  
**Aless Moore** [her mark]  
**Elizabeth Moore** [her mark]  
**Chloe Moore** [her mark]

Witnesses: **Henry Smith, William Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 173. *"Pitt County. Nov<sup>r</sup> Term 1808. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **William Smith** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be Registered."*

Comments:

1. This tract of land is the same that Peter Albritton Sr. gave to Enoch Albritton in February 1797, with Enoch selling it to Moses Moore Sr. in 1802.
2. Moses Moore Sr.'s daughter, Lydia, later married Joel James, the son of Mary Albritton James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**10 Jun 1807** For "*and inconsideration of the Sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money,*" **Josiah Carney, George Eason, Ann Eason** his wife, and **Mary Carney** sell **Thomas Carney**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...three fourths of a Tract of land that **Richard Carney** gave to us by will situate [sic] lying and being in the County of Pitt aforesaid begining [sic] at a sweet gum on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek runing [sic] out an agreed line of marked trees to the Reedy Branch runing [sic] with the said branch to a pine in **Luke Albritans** line with **Albrittons** line to **Adam Albrittons** line and with **Adam Albrittons** line to a gum a corner Tree on the Run of the Creek thence up the Run of the Run of the Creek to the firstation [sic-first station] containing by estimation four hundred acres be the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **J. Baldwin, John Speir**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 27–28. The clerk indicated that all four grantors signed their names to the document.

Comment: This deed verifies that Luke and Adam Albritton lived on adjoining farms on Grindle Creek, and that their farms adjoined Richard Carney's. It also proves four of the children of Richard Carney, including Thomas Carney, who married Susannah, daughter of Adam Albritton. Richard Carney had obtained this tract from Josiah in 1800.

**8 Sept 1807** For \$380, **Elizabeth Tison** sells **Thomas Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...on the south side of Tar River and both sides of Hardees Run containing three eights of the land Land devised by the Last will and Testament of **Noah Tison** to his son **James Tison** and by the death of **James Tison** descended to his Brothers and Sisters equally the whole of the Tract so devised containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Adams, Jonathan Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 110–111. *"Pitt County May Term 1808. This deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **William Adams** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Dec 1807** For £600, **Gideon Moyer** sells **Jordan Anderson**, both of Pitt County North Carolina, four separate tracts of land all in Pitt County on the south side of the Tar River, a total of 498 acres:

1. *Begining [sic] at a red oak on the Little Run runing [sic] west two South one hundred and forty four pole to a pine on said run then south six East one hundred and twenty poles to a pine thence East eighty poles to a briary on the mill run then the various courses of said run to the Beginning [sic].*
2. *Also another Tract of land granted to **John Moyer** by patent conveyed to me the said **Gideon** by will said to be one hundred and thirty three acres*

3. *Also another Tract of Land Conveyed by a Deed from Isaac Knox to me the said **Gideon Moyer** the courses as follows Begining [sic] at an Oak on this side of Little Run runing [sic] South twenty East two hundred and six pole to a pine in **John Moyes Senr** line thence with Said line West one hundred and seventy Eight pole to a pine in Woolf Island Branch then South to a pine in **John Moyes** Begining [sic] patent Corner then West with said Patent line to a pine The Contract corner between **John Moyer Junr** and **Gardner Moyer** to a Stake **James Cartermous'** [sic-Quatermus] Corner then north thirty two East to the Little Run then down Said Run to the begining [sic]*
4. *Also another Tract of Land...Begining [sic] at a Stake in **John Moyes Senr** Corner then Runing [sic]...with his ole [sic] line one hundred and fourteen pole to a pine the said **Moyes** other Corner then north twenty five East thirty pole to a black oak in **James Cartermues'** [sic-Quatermus] line then with said line West sixty eight poles to a red oak **Newton Moores** Corner on the said little Run then with the said various Courses of said Run to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Robt. Willis, Tom. Harris**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 60–62. *"Pitt County February Term 1808. This Deed was proved in open court on oath by **Thomas Harris** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered."*

Comments:

1. This document proves that Gideon Moyer was a son of John Moyer, Sr., making him the brother of Gardner Moyer.
2. Gardner Moyer married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**7 Jan 1808** **Henry Cason** publishes the following advertisement about his lost pocketbook that contained a note from **Adam Albritton** for \$500 payable 1 January 1808:

ADVERTISEMENT.

*LOST, near Fayetteville, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 1807.*

*A POCKET-BOOK, containing a Note given to me by **Adam Albritton** of this County, for five hundred Dollars, payable the first Day of January, 1808, and a Note given to me by **John Morning**, for forty-two Dollars and fifty Cents, with some other small Notes and other Papers, of no value to any Person but the Owner. I do hereby forwarn all persons from trading for the said Notes, as the necessary steps have been taken to stop the payment of them.*

HENRY CASON

*Pitt County, Jan. 1, 1808.*

Reference: *"Raleigh Register, and North-Carolina State Gazette" (Raleigh, NC), 7 January 1808, p. 3, column 3.*

Comment: Henry Cason was Adam Albritton's uncle, as he was the brother of John Cason, father of Eleanor Cason, Adam Albritton's wife. The \$500 note may have been the purchase price that Albritton paid Cason for the 450-acre tract of land he purchased from him on 13 March 1806.

**7 Jan 1808** For *"and inconsideration of the Sum of Two hundred & sixty two pounds ten shillings Current Money,"* **Somer Adams**, of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells **Henry Cason** a 250-acre tract of land, the precise tract of land **Adams** purchased on 9 March 1805.

Witnesses: **John Anderson, Adam "Albriton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 196–197. *"Pitt County February Term 1809. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Adam "Albriton"** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that Somer Adams made his mark to the document.

Comment: Somer (Summer) Adams was Adam Albritton's nephew, as Somer was the son of Peter Adams and Jane Cason Adams, the sister of Eleanor Cason Albritton, Adam's wife (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 470, 484–485). John Cason sold this 250-acre tract to James Albritton Jr. on 19 January 1789, who sold it to his nephew, Jonathan Albritton, on 25 May 1793, who sold it to Benjamin Adams on 17 September 1796, who sold it to his brother, Somer Adams, on 9 March 1805 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 114–115; Deed Book N, p. 169; Deed Book P, pp. 196–197; Deed Book Q, p. 141). The description of the land given here is identical to that given in these previous deeds.

**21 Jan 1808** For \$500, **William Joyner** (also referred to as **Billy Joyner**), sells **William May**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...on the South Side of Little Contentnea Creek Begining [sic] at a pine in **Moores** Branch a dividing line between me and **Benjamin Forbes** then West along a line of marked Trees to a pine **Aaron Joyners** Corner then along **Joyners** line to Little Contentnea Creek run then down the said run to the mouth of **Moores** Branch then up the Branch to the Beging [sic] Containing one hundred acres of Land...*

Witnesses: **James May, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 190–191. *"Pitt County February Term 1809. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **James Albritton** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: The man witnessing this document was James Albritton, believed to have been the son of Matthew Albritton and grandson of James Albritton Sr. He had left Pitt County about 1799 or 1800 and moved to a farm near Snow Hill, in Greene County, North Carolina, where the family of his second wife, Sarah Pope, lived. She died within a few years and Albritton remarried to Martha (Pattie) May, daughter of Benjamin May. The property sold here lay on

Little Contentnea Creek, the dividing line between Pitt and Greene Counties, thus placing it in close proximity to where James Albritton lived outside of Snow Hill. Note the connection of James Albritton to William and James May, undoubtedly relatives of his third wife, Pattie May.

**Feb 1808** For \$97, **Peter Albritton**, **Matthew Crofton**, and **Nehemiah Dixon** sell to **Williams Mills** "*Son of Narby*," a tract of 97 acres of land

*Begining [sic] at a water Oak on the marked Line where William Taylors line crosses Said branch then Runing [sic] up the Muskadine [sic] Branch South forty degrees West sixty two pole to a pine at the fork of said Branch then runing [sic] a Dividing line between Albrittons & Henry Smith South fifty two degrees West one hundred and four pole to a pine then along the patent line South thirty two degrees East ninety four pole to a lightwood stake In center of several pines then the reverse of said line north sixty degrees East the reverse of said Patent north four degrees East eighty eight pole to a Stake in centre of several Trees then north thirty two degrees west to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Sherw. Hines, Henry Moore, Lewis Mills**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 112–113. "*Pitt County May Term 1808. this Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in Due form of Law on oath by Henry Moore a Subscribing witness thereto ordered to be Registered.*"

Comments:

1. The clerk only recorded the date as February 1808, with no day of the month given. The 1800 Pitt County NC Federal Census (p. 246, lines #4, 10) included households headed by "*Nareby Mills, Senior*" and "*Nareby Mills, Junior*."
2. This is the last known record of Peter Albritton Jr. in Pitt County, North Carolina. He moved to Georgia soon after this.

**20 Oct 1808** Pitt County Sheriff **Cannon Smith** announces a sheriff's sale for land seized for nonpayment of taxes:

*Sheriffs Sale.*

*WILL be sold at the Court-House in Greenville, Pitt county, on the 17th December next, so much of the following Lands as will pay the taxes and expenses...*

*15 acres "Henry Albrittain" Capt. Nelsons [district] 1806 & 1807 [taxes]*

*In Capt. Sherwood Hine's district, tax due for 1807, only...*

*50 acres "Enock Albrittain"*

Reference: "*The Minerva*" (Raleigh, NC), 20 October 1808, p. 3, column 4.

Comments:

1. Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton was the youngest son of James Albritton Sr. He seems to have lived a meager existence after disposing of the 462 acres of land left to him by his father in his will and the 500 acres that Henry bought himself, all by the time he reached his early thirties. In addition to his failure to pay his 1806 and 1807 taxes, Henry also did not pay his 1815 taxes, presumably an indication that he had died.
2. We have no record that Enoch Albritton still owned Pitt County land after December 1803, when he sold 412 acres of land on Swift Creek (Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 14). Enoch remained in Pitt until at least August 1806, when he and his brother-in-law, Gardner Moye, together witnessed a deed. Enoch Albritton moved his family from Pitt County to Georgia sometime after that, probably before he paid his 1807 taxes.

**10 Nov 1808** For \$125, **Richard Cammell** [Campbell], planter, sells **Fanny Cammell** [Campbell], planter, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 65 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the South Side of Tar River and on the north side of Cow Swamp Begining [sic] on Moores line at William Cammels [Campbell] Corner Runing [sic] north forty five West ninety three pole north forty east ninety three pole to William Edwards Corner then north Seventy Seven East to William Cammels [Campbell] Corner then south three east one hundred & forty nine pole to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **James Buck, Nancy Buck** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 71–72.

Comments: This is the tract of land that Archibald Campbell Sr. sold to his son, Richard Campbell, in 1804, and that Fanny Campbell sold to Richard Albritton in 1820.

**6 Jan 1809** For £250, **James Stanton** "*of the County of Edgecomb*," North Carolina sells **Benjamin May** of Pitt County, North Carolina

*...a certain negro Boy named Cato aged sixteen years of age which negro Cato I do for myself my heirs Executors administrators &c do warrant and defend to the said May...*

Witnesses: **William May, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 191. "*Pitt County February Term 1809. This Bill of Sale was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by William May one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered.*"

Comment: The man who witnessed this document was James Albritton, son of Matthew and grandson of James Albritton Sr. He had left Pitt County about 1799 or 1800 and moved to a farm near Snow Hill, in Greene County, North Carolina,

where the family of his second wife, Sarah Pope, lived. She died within a few years and Albritton remarried to Martha (Pattie) May, daughter of Benjamin May.

**22 Jun 1809**

For \$20, **Rebekah Jordan** of "Green" [sic-Greene] County, North Carolina sells **William May** of Pitt County, North Carolina

*...a certain Piece of land it lying & Begin in the County of Pitt and on the N<sup>o</sup> Side of little Contentnea it Begin undivided in the lot of lands that was laid off [sic-off] and let a part in the Division of my Father's land To My Brother **Arthur Jordan** then after the death of my brother **Arthur Jordan** five and a half acres fell to me which Said five & half acres of land I do warrant and forever defend to the Said **William May**...*

Witnesses: **James Albritton, "Patsey Albritton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, p. 291. *"Pitt County August Term 1809. This Deed was exhibited into open Court And proved in due form of law on oath by **James Albritton** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: The male witness to this document was James Albritton, son of Matthew Albritton and grandson of James Albritton Sr. He had left Pitt County about 1799 or 1800 and moved to a farm near Snow Hill, in Greene County, North Carolina, where the family of his second wife, Sarah Pope, lived. She died and within a few years, Albritton remarried to Martha (Patsy) May, daughter of Benjamin May.

**Nov 1809**

Pitt County, North Carolina High Sheriff **Cannon Smith** seized property of **Francis Bond** to sell and raise money to satisfy a judgement. Sheriff **Smith** seized 25 acres of land on the north side of Tar River and sold it at the "Court House in Greensville" on 30 July 1808, with **Richard Evans**, attorney, making the highest bid. On this day, Sheriff **Smith** makes the official deed.

Witnesses: **Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 14-15. *"State of North Carolina Pitt County. County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1810. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **Cannon Smith** to be his act & Deed ordered to be Registered."*

**8 Nov 1809**

For £250, **James Barrow** sells "**Thomas James Jun**," both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek. Begining [sic] at a Red Oak **Willie Daniels** Corner runing [sic] with a line of marked trees to **Harts** pond thence with a line of marked trees to **John Moores** line then down the Said **Moore** line to a red Oak then runing [sic] Said **Mores** [sic] line to the Main Road to a pine **William Jordans** Corner then down Said **Jordans** line to the Middle of the Laural Branch thence up Said branch with a line of marked trees to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Joel Albritton, Saml. Ralston**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book R, pp. 422-423. *"Pitt County February Term 1810. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **James Barrow** to be his act & Deed ordered that it be Registered."*

Comment: In the original document, the date was written out as "8<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight hundred & ten," but the deed was filed in the Pitt County Court, February Term 1810. The surrounding deeds are all filed in the February 1810 court term, so that date is accurate. Presumably, the original document was signed the previous November, in the year 1809, with the clerk writing the present year.

**9 Feb 1810**

**Thomas Daniel** gives land to **Robert Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*To All People to Whome [sic] these Shall Come Greeting. Know ye that **Thomas Daniel** of the State and County aforesaid for divers good Causes me hereunto moving hath this day of the date of these presents made and executed a deed under my hand & seal unto **Robert Daniel** of the County & State aforesaid for a Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the State and County aforesaid and As bounded as follows (to wit) Begining [sic] at water Oak in the Otter Pond **Dauid Perkins** [sic-David Perkins?] & **Joseph Grays** Corner and in Briery Swamp runing [sic] down Said Swamp to a Sweet Gum then runing [sic] with agreed line of marked Trees between said **Thomas Daniel** & **Robt. Daniel** to a Cypress in the Cypress pond then with a line of marked Trees to a maple in the percason [sic-pocosin] then with percason [sic-pocosin] and bridge branch and Briery Branch to the first Station containg [sic] one hundred and seventy five acres...*

Witnesses: **Adam "Albriton," Luke "Albriton"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 110-111. *"Pitt County May Term 1811. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on Oath by **Adam "Albriton"** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be registered."* The clerk indicated that Thomas Daniel signed his name to the document.

Comment: Robert Daniel was Adam Albritton's nephew, being the child of a deceased sister of Albritton's wife, Eleanor Cason Albritton. Thomas Daniel was Robert's father, Adam Albritton's brother-in-law.

- 9 Feb 1810** For \$300, **Robert Daniel** sells **Adam "Albrittain,"** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land  
*...on the south side of Grindal [sic] Creek Begining [sic] at a Gum aGreed [sic] corner Between **Luke "Albrittain"** and **Adam "Albrittain"** Runing [sic] a line of marked trees to a red oak on the main Road then a line of marked trees to the mouth of hams branch to a Live Oak thence the various courses of the Said Creek to the first station...*
- Witnesses: **Luke "Albrittain," Thos. Daniel**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, pp. 150–151. *"Pitt County November Term 1813. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on Oath by **Luke "Albrittain"** a subscribing witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."*
- Comment: Robert Daniel was Adam Albritton's nephew, being the child of a deceased sister of Albritton's wife, Eleanor Cason Albritton. Thomas Daniel was Robert's father, and Adam Albritton's brother-in-law.
- 9 Feb 1810** For \$300, **Robert Daniel** sells **Luke "Albrittain,"** both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land  
*...which Shall begin at a Red Oak on the road a corner Tree of said **Danniel** [sic] and **Adam "Albrittain"** corner running thence with agreed Line of marked trees to a Gum in Grindal [sic] Creek thence down the Creel to a Cypress to said "**Albrittains**" corner thence with his Line to a pine on the old road thence with the said road to the Begining [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **Thos. Daniel, Adam "Albrittain"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, p. 159. *"Pitt County November Term 1813. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on Oath by **Adam "Albrittain"** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto Ordered to be Registered."*
- Comment: Robert Daniel was Adam Albritton's nephew, being the child of a deceased sister of Albritton's wife, Eleanor Cason Albritton. Thomas Daniel was Robert's father, and Adam Albritton's brother-in-law.
- 4 May 1810** For \$300, **Miles Chauncy** of Beaufort County, North Carolina sells **Joel Albritton** "*a negro girl named **Rose** to hzve and to hold said negro by said **Joel Albritton** his heirs Executors or assigns...*"
- Witnesses: **Samuel Chauncy**
- Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 12, p. 473. *"December 1818. Beaufort County Court. Then the execution of the within Bill of Sale from **Myles Chauncy** to **Joel Albritton** was proved in Court by the oath of **Samuel** Chauncy a Subscribing witness thereto let it be registered."*
- 22 May 1810** For \$250, **James Bell** sells **Summer Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...a certain negro girl Slave by the name of **Harty** about five years of age with her furtur [sic-future] Increase And Likewise a Certain Negro boy By the name of **Pass** About three years of age to have and to hold the said Bargained Slaves unto them forever...*
- Witnesses: **Adam Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 57–58. *"Pitt County February Term 1811. This Bill of Sale was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on Oath by **Adam Albritton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto Ordered that it be Registered."* The clerk indicated that James Bell signed his name to the transaction.
- Comment: Summer Adams was the nephew of Adam Albritton, his being the son of Jane Cason Adams, sister to Eleanor Cason Albritton, Adam's wife. James Bell was the brother of Tabitha Bell Albritton, wife of Samuel Albritton, another of Adam Albritton's nephews.
- 20 Mar 1811** For \$400, **George Knox & Patten Knox**, both of Pitt County North Carolina, sell **Benjamin H. Martin** a town lot #30 in Greenville "*where on he now lives.*"
- Witnesses: **Gardener Moye**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 209–210. *"Pitt County May term 1813. This deed was exhibited into open Court & acknowledged by **George Knox & Patten Knox** to be their act & deed. Ordered that it be registered."*
- Comment: Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 6 May 1811** For \$150, **Thomas Ames** and his wife, **Sarah**, both of Martin County, North Carolina, sell to **Abraham Congleton** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of land  
*...on the South Side of Briery Swamp containing by estimation one hundred acres...being lott [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 6 lade [sic-laid] off to **Thomas Ames Sarah** his wife She being one of the Hiers [sic] of **Thomas James dec<sup>d</sup>**...*
- Witnesses: **Samuel "Albritan," Lamuel Perkins**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 106–107.
- Comment: Samuel Albritton was the eldest known son of James, son of Peter, making Samuel the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. Samuel's connection to Lemuel Perkins is unknown, but they also witnessed a deed together in December 1806.

**16 May 1811** For £200, **Abel Moore** sells to **Allen Moore** 99 acres of land that had belonged to **Matthias Moore Sr.:**

*To all persons to whom these presents shall come I **Abel Moore** Send greeting. Know ye that I the s<sup>d</sup> **Abel Moore** of Pitt County and State of North Carolina for and in Consideration of two hundred pounds paid in hand by **Allen Moore** I have bargained granted and sold unto the s<sup>d</sup> **Allen Moore** his heirs and assigns a certain track or parsel [sic] of land being in the County afore s<sup>d</sup> on the North Side of Tar river and on the South Side of Grandal [Grindle] Creek and bounded as follows viz. begining [sic] at a pine in **John James** line and runing [sic] with his line west one hundred and twenty poles to a pine s<sup>d</sup> **Jameses** corner thence his other line North one hundred and twenty poles to a pine thence west Eighty poles to a pine **Henry Casons** Corner thence South two hundred poles to a pine in the percuson [sic] in **Matthias Moores Sener** [sic] line thence South Sixty degrees East Sixty eight poles to his corner in a red oak thence with other of s<sup>d</sup> **Moores** lines to the begining [sic] containing by estimation ninety nine acres of land...being a track of land helt [sic] by s<sup>d</sup> **Matthias Moore Sener** [sic] by grant bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand Eight hundred and Eleven [sic-wrong date]...*

Witnesses: **"Hillery" Cherry, Nathan Cherry** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 380. *"Pitt County February term 1822. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved by **Hillery** [sic] **Cherry** a witness thereto ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that Abel Moore made his mark to the document rather than signing his name to it.

## Comments:

1. Abel and Allen Moore were brothers, sons of Matthias Moore Sr. They married sisters, Dorothy and Nancy Albritton, daughters of James, granddaughters of Peter Sr., and great-granddaughters of James Albritton Sr.
2. This document contains a mistake, in that the land description gave the date that Abel Moore sold the land to Allen for the date on which Matthias Moore received this grant of 99 acres. In fact, Matthias received this grant on 11 July 1788 (North Carolina Grant Book 64, p. 444. Entry #64, Grant #819, File #938. Entered 1 June 1784, issued 11 July 1788).

**25 Jan 1812** For £50, **James Barrow** sells **Robert Lanier**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 200-acre tract of land on the north side of Tar River and on both sides of Pea Branch Pocosin.

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 222–223. *"Pitt County February Term 1812. This Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Luke Albritton** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto Ordered that it Be Registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Samuel Albritton was the eldest son of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr.

**29 Apr 1812** For \$150, **Ann Courean** sells **Jonathan Albritton**

*...all my right title or claim to a certain tract or parcel of land that I the said **Ann** have a life estate in bounded as followeth beginning at a sweet gum the beginning corner of said **Albrittons** deed then running along his line south nineteen and one half degrees East one hundred and fifty five pole to a hickory in **Hon. Vannordens** line then along said line north forty one degrees East to a certain branch that runs through **Albrittons** field then with said branch to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Sherrod Hines, Luke Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 290. *"Pitt County November Term 1818. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved on oath by **Luke Albritton** a witness thereto Ordered that it be Registered."*

Comment: Jonathan and Luke Albritton were the sons of Peter Albritton Sr.

**21 May 1812** For "and in consideration of three hundred pounds Current money of this State," **William Bauldree** [Baldree] sells **Richard Baldree**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 120-acre tract of land on the north side of the Tar River and south side of Grindle Creek, adjoining the lines of **Henry Harrington**.

Witnesses: **Adam Albritton, Lewis Hatton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 353–354. *"Pitt County November Term 1812. This Deed was exhibited into open court and Acknowledged by **William Baldree** to be his act and Deed Ordered to Be Registered."*

Comment: Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. Henry Harrington's son, Henry Harrington Jr., later married Tabitha B. Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 Aug 1812** For \$600, **Franklin Gorham** sells **Noah Buck**, both of Pitt County, a 250-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the west side of Beaverdam run which makes out of Chicod Creek begining [sic] on **William Edwards** line on Cabin Branch runing [sic] S<sup>o</sup> fourteen W. Sixty one poles to a pine then S<sup>o</sup> forty one E. two hundred poles then by **Matthew Albritons** line seventy E. one hundred & thirty two poles then N<sup>o</sup> one hundred and forty one poles and from then to the first station...*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book S, pp. 305–306.

Comment: This tract of land south of the Tar River off Chicod Creek adjoins the "Salters Beaverdam plantation" that Matthew Albritton, son of James Albritton Sr., purchased on 20 July 1763 and sold on 21 February 1774 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book B, pp. 425–427; Deed Book F, pp. 73–75).



**31 Aug 1812** **Lemuel Cherry** gives a tract of land to his son, **John Cherry**, both residents of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Lemuel Cherry**...for & inconsideration of the Natural love & affection I have for my Son **John Cherry** have given granted bargained Sold aligned enfeoffed released conveyd [sic] & confirmed...unto him the Said **John Cherry** his heirs & assigns the Whole of that tract or parcel of land which I purchased of **Jonathan Albritton** & being the Same where **John Cherry** now lives together with all & singular the buildings rights privileges & appurtenances...thereunto belonging...*

Witnesses: **James Sheppard, Reading Sheppard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 237. "Pitt County May Term 1815. This deed was exhibited into open Court & Proved in due form of law on oath by **James Sheppard** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be Registered."

Comment: The transaction in which Jonathan Albritton sold his land to Lemuel Cherry was presumably not recorded in Pitt County. The record does not give a description of the land.

**14 Sept 1812** For \$400, **Sarah Cason** sells to **Henry Cason**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek beginning at the North Corner of **John Whitchard** land running north five degrees west eighty six poles to a pine thence with the main road to **John Cason** back line thence down his line to a pine his corner thence down his said line through the little pocosin to **Robert L. Daniel** Corner a pine thence with his line agreed between the said **Daniel** & **John Cason** thence up the Said **Whitchard** line to the first beginning containing by estimation two hundred Acres of land be the Same more or less being part of a tract of land granted to **John Cason** bearing date the 21 of October 1782...*

Witnesses: **Tho<sup>s</sup> James, Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 254–255. "Pitt County November term 1813. This deed was exhibited into open court & Proved in due form of law on oath by **Thomas James** a subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be registered."

Comment: Samuel Albritton was the eldest known son of James Albritton (1761–1798), grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. Samuel inherited the 250-acres his father purchased from John's brother, Henry Cason, on 18 April 1784, land that adjoined that John Cason's (Pitt County NC Deed Book I, pp. 268–269; Deed Book KK, p. 38). Sarah Cason's identity is uncertain; she may have been Henry's sister-in-law, the widow of his brother, Hillery Cason. The land Sarah Cason sold Henry Cason is the same tract he sold to her a few years earlier, actually a 250-acre tract that John Cason had sold to James Albritton Sr. on 17 January 1789, who then sold it to his nephew, Jonathan, on 25 May 1793, who sold it to John Cason's grandson, Benjamin Adams, on 17 September 1796. The land went to Benjamin to his brother, Summer Adams, then to their uncle, Henry Cason (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 114–115; Deed Book N, p. 169; Deed Book P, pp. 196–197; Deed Book Q, p. 141; Deed Book R, pp. 196–197, 349).

**1811–1812** One hundred seven Pitt County residents, including brothers **Adam Albritton**, **Joel Albritton**, and **Luke Albritton**, and their nephew, **Samuel Albritton**, signed this petition against the construction of a bridge across the Tar River at Washington in Beaufort County, some twenty miles downstream from their plantations on the Tar River in Pitt County:

*To the Honourable [sic] the General Assembly  
The Petition of the Subscribers living in Pitt County Humbly Sheweth  
That they have been informed that application will be made by a company of Individuals to build a bridge across Tar River at Washington which the subscribers are apprehensive will be injurious to them, by scaring and driving back the Fish which annually ascend the River to deposit their Spawn and are caught at various places on the River and distributed so as to become a general blessing whereas should that Bridge ever be erected the continual noise of people passing or made by design for the express purpose of alarming and driving back the Fish that they may be taken in Nets & Seins below the Bridge which no doubt numbers will be and others from the alarm will run back and take up Chocowinity Bay and many large Creeks which are below the contemplated Bridge and there be either caught or deposit their Spawn so that few will be taken above the Bridge when ever the same shall be erected. This we believe not to be mear [sic] matter of conjecture as we understand there are much fewer Fish taken of late Years high up the Rivers than formerly which must be owing to the Bridges erected across and the increased obstructions from the passage of Boats &c. And if so; why authorise [sic] the building a bridge an additional obstruction for the doubtful good of a few Speculators to the certain injury of the many sucscribers [sic] and others who know nothing of this intended application for a Bridge and amongst whom are many poor & needy. As a further proof of the correctness of our Fears we beg leave to refer to the case of the Bridge across Scuppernong River where a late erected Bridge has given all the Fish to one individual. Your Petitioners therefore confidently hope that the Legislature will not Authorise [sic] by Law the building said Bridge And they as in duty bound will pray.*

In addition to the Albrittons their neighbors **Thomas Carney**, **Robert Hatton**, **Lewis Hatton**, **Gideon Moye**, **Lanier Daniels**, **Nelson James**, and **Benjamin Moore**.

Reference: North Carolina General Assembly Session Records, November 1811–January 1812, Box 3, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC (1812 Petition against Washington Bridge).

- 7 Feb 1814** For \$120, **James Powell** sells **Elias Cox**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, 40 acres of land
- ...lying in the County aforesd & east Side of Little Contentney Creek & South prong of the Hencoop Swamp beginning at the old **Hous** corner on the South Side of sd Swamp running east with Said **Cox's** line Eighty pole to a stake thence North with his line Eighty pole to a pine thence east one hundred & twenty poles with sd **Cox's** line to the corner dwelling **W<sup>m</sup> Wooten** & the [illegible] which was the land he bought of **Elizabeth Jackson dec<sup>d</sup>** Heirs from thence Noth with Said line to the Said Hencoop Swamp about forty poles thence down & with the run & various discharges of Said run to the first line of Said **Houses** [illegible word] thence Continuing down the said Swamp where **Cox** line intersects with said **Powels** where sd line Crosses said Swamp nearly east to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **Winston Powell, James Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 146. "Pitt County November Term 1815. This Deed was exhibited into open Court & acknowledged by **James Powell** to be his act & deed ordered that it be registered."
- Comments: In 1814, two adult James Albrittons lived in or near Pitt County. One was James Albritton, son of Matthew Albritton, who had left the Cow Swamp region east of Greenville about 1799 or 1800 and moved to Snow Hill, in neighboring Greene County. The other was James, the son of Jonathan Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The latter man was born about 1795 and lived north of the Tar River, near Pactolus. Since the land described lay on Hencoop Swamp, in southwestern Pitt County near Little Contentnea Creek, the county line between Pitt and Greene Counties, the man who witnessed this deed is most probably James Albritton, son of Matthew. He then lived in Greene County, located much closer to the Hencoop Swamp location of the property than the other James.
- 9 Aug 1814** For £200, **Allen Moore** sells to **John Cherry** 99 acres of land that had belonged to **Matthias Moore Sr.:**
- To all persons to whom these presents shall come I **Alen** [sic] **Moore** send greeting. Know that I the **sd Alen** [sic] **Moore** of Pitt County & State of North Carolina...have bargained granted & sold unto the **sd John Cherry**...a certain tract or parcel of Land being in the County aforesaid on the North side of Tar River & on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek & bounded as follows Viz...*
- Allen Moore sells the precise land he bought from his brother, Abel Moore, in 1811.
- Witnesses: "**Hillerey**" **Cherry, Joel "Albreton"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, pp. 167-168. "Pitt County May Term 1815. This Deed was exhibited into open Court & proved in due form of law on oath by **Hillerey** [sic] **Cherry** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto ordered that it be registered." The clerk indicated that Allen Moore signed his name to the document.
- Comments: This document repeats a mistake made in the 1811 deed regarding the date Matthias Moore Sr. received this grant of 99 acres (see above transaction on 16 May 1811). Joel Albritton was a son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Allen Moore was the husband of Joel's niece, Nancy Albritton Moore, the daughter of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr.
- 10 Nov 1814** For \$260, **Jesse Hennington** [sic-Harrington] sells **Enoch Dudley** a tract of 49.75-acres tract of land "on the North side of Tar River" and adjoining the lands of **John Tucker** and **Henry Herrington** [sic-Harrington].
- Witnesses: **Lewis Hatton, "Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 147. "Pitt County November term 1815. This deed was exhibited into open Court & Proved in due form of law on oath by **Lewis Hatton** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be registered."
- Comments:
1. The clerk's writing is very sloppy and difficult to decipher. The surnames of Jesse and Henry appears to have been written as "Hennington," but it should have been "Harrington." Henry Harrington Sr. lived in this region during this period, and he had sons Jesse and Henry Harrington Jr., with the latter marrying Tabitha B. Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. Thomas Albritton (1796-1858) is the son of Adam Albritton, making him the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 22 Jun 1815** For "one hundred pound [sic]," **Adam "Albriton"** sells **Matthias Moore Sen.** a tract of 88 acres of land:
- ...begining [sic] at a pine **John Leggit Decd** corner then runing [sic] North one half degree West seventy two pole to a pine then North eighty nine degrees East to and along **Matthias Moores** line one hundred and thirty six pole to a pine in said **Moore** corner then along **M. Moores** east line south two degrees west one hundred and thirty three pole to a white oak his corner by the pole then along said **Moore & Tuckers** line to the begining [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel, Joel "Albriton"**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 113. "Pitt County Court of Plea [sic] & Quartter [sic] Sessions May Term 1816. This deed was exhibited into open Court & proved in due form of Law on oath by **Lanier Daniel** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered that it be registered."
- Comments:
1. Adam and Joel Albritton were sons of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. Mathias Moore Sr. was a longtime resident of the Grindle Creek region north of the Tar River and neighbor of James Albritton Jr. and many of Albritton's nephews, sons of Peter Albritton Sr., including James, Adam, Joel, and Luke Albritton. Two of Moore's sons married daughters of James, and two of Moore's granddaughters married Albrittons as well.

**15 Nov 1815** For \$3500, **Benjamin Evans** of Greene County, North Carolina sells **Robert Williams** of Pitt County, North Carolina a 600-acre tract of land "whereon **George Evans dec<sup>d</sup>** formerly lived," on the south side of Tar River and on both sides of Tisons Creek.

Witnesses: **Joseph B. Judkins, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 161. "Pitt County Court August Term 1817. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **James Albritton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be registered."

Comment: James Albritton was the son of Jonathan, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**8 Dec 1815** **Richard Baldree, Samuel Albritton, and Benjamin Moore**, appointed as commissioners by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Henry Harrington**, deceased made this report of their division:

*Division of The land of Henry Harrington*

*In obedience to an order of said County Court issued from November Term 1815 appointing us the undersigned commissioners to divide and appropriate the real estate of **Henry Harrington Dec<sup>d</sup>** amongst the legal heirs of <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> **dec<sup>d</sup>** we the said commissioners after being duly sworn agreeable to law have divided the land of the aforesaid **dec<sup>d</sup>** as follows (to wit)...*

Lot No. 1 – Allotted to **Henry Harrington** – 88 acres on the north side of the Tar River and south side of Grindle Creek, adjoining the lands of **Adam Albritton**

Lot No. 2 – Allotted to **Abraham Harrington** – 88 acres adjoining **Richard Baldree, Franklin Gorham, Adam Albritton**

Lot No. 3 – Allotted to **Isaac Harrington** – 84½ acres adjoining **John Hatton, John Buck, Enoch Dudley**

Lot No. 4 – Allotted to **Jesse Harrington** – 84½ acres adjoining **John Hatton, Richard Baldree**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 427–429. "Pitt County Court February Term 1816. The commissioners appointed to make partition in the land of **Henry Harrington Dec<sup>d</sup>** have returned their report which was concurred with and ordered to be registered."

Comment: Henry Harrington Jr. later married Samuel's daughter, Tabitha B. Albritton. Samuel Albritton was the eldest son of James Albritton (1761–1797/1798) and the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**30 Dec 1815** For \$300 "current money," **Joel James** sells **Cason Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a slave:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Joel James**...have bargained sold and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver and confirm to **Cason Moore**...one negro Boy named **Primas** of the age of Eight years...*

Witnesses: **Warren Moore, James Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 79–80. "Pitt County May Term 1817. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in open Court on oath by **James Moore** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be registered." The clerk indicated that Joel James made his mark to the transaction.

Comment: Joel James is reportedly the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, making Joel the grandson of Peter Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**8 Jan 1816** **John Nelson, James Campbell** and **Tisha** his wife sell a tract of land to **Nasby Mills**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina.

*Witnesseth that We **John Nelson James Campbell & Tisha** his wife for an inconsideration of the Sum of ninety Dollars to us Well and Truly Paid by the Said **Mills** it being the full amount Due from Said **Mills** to **James Nelson Deced.** and by Bargain when the Said **Mills** Did pay the Sum of ninety Dollars to the Said **Nelson** he were bound to give the Said **Mills** a Lawful Deed for Certain piece or parcel of Land lying and being in the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt the Said **James Nelson** Dying before the Mortgage were [sic] fully Satisfied he had raised 70 dollars and Since his death his Estate raised the Balance the Sum of 20 Dollars his Last will & Testament that the Said **Mills** Satisfied the mortgage for **John Nelson** and **Tisha** his wife of the Said Decd. to give the Said **Mills** Lawful deed for the Said land and therefor the Land Mortgage being Satisfied the money paid and reserved it Becoming our Duty to comply with the Will Set over a part and Inconsideration of the Sum of ninety Dollars To **John Nelson James Campbell** and **Tisha** his wife by the Said **Mills**, Doth Bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto the Said **Mills** a certain Piece or parcel of Land lying & Being in the County & State aforesaid and on the South Side of Tar River & South Side of Chicod Creek and on White the Said **Mills** Do now Live Beginning at a Cypress...on the edge of Said Creek then running South eighty west one hundred and four pole to a black oak **John Allens** Corner then South twenty East ninety poles to a pine near the Long Pond Branch then down the run & winds then up to the Said Creek the various Courses thereof to Beginning containing by Estimation forty five acres be the Same more ore less it being part of a Patten [sic] granted to **Simon Taylor** to have & to hold the Said Bargained Land and premises with all privileges and commodities thereto Belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the Said **Nasby Mills** his heirs and assigns for ever one third part of **Unice Albritton** only excepted and we the Said **John Nelson James Campbell** and **Tisha** his wife doth warrant & will for ever defend the Said Bargained Land and premises together with all its members thereunto Belonging the Said Dower of **Unice Albritton** Excepted...*

Witnesses: **Obediah Legget** [his mark], **John Allen**

- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 171–172. *“Pitt County May Term 1816. this deed Exhibited into open Court and proved in Due form of Law on oath by **John Allen** one [of] the Subscribing Witnesss thereto ordered to be registered.”*
- Comment: This is the second deed referencing Unice Albritton; see Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 296–297 for the sale of this land in 1806 by Unice’s daughter, Cloe Albritton Haddock. The husband of Unice and father of Cloe is not clearly documented, but it appears to have been Henry Albritton, son of James Albritton Sr.

**15 Feb 1816** For \$250, **Matthew James** sells a slave to **Adam Albritton**:

*Received this 15 of February 1816 of **Adam Albritton** of Pitt County & State of North Carolina In the Sum of two hundred & fifty dollars it being in full for one Negro woman by the Name of **Elvy** & for above consideration I defend all costs [?] & make good all rights the Said [?] unto the said **Adam Albritton** his heirs & assigns forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seale...* [signed] **Matthew James**

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 187. *“Pitt County August term 1816. this deed was proved in due form of law on oath by **Samuel Albritton** & witness thereto ordered that it be registered.”*

Comments:

1. Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Samuel is the son of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr.
2. Mary Albritton James, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., married Matthew James in the mid-1780s, but he died between 1801 and 13 March 1806 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book Q, pp. 332–333). The identity of the man selling this slave to Adam Albritton is unknown. The clerk clearly indicated that this Matthew James signed his name to the deed, while we know that Mary Albritton James’ husband made his mark to a July 1799 land transaction rather than signing it.

**1 Apr 1816** For \$600, **William James** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **James Barrow** a 200-acre tract of land

*...beginning at a pine in **John Jordans** Corner then with his line West forty Eight poles to **James** Corner a pine on the Griffin Road then with his line South forty degrees east ninety poles to **Congletons** Corner then with his other Line north twenty five degrees Seventy One poles to **Keels** Corner a pine then along **Keels** line South Sixty five degrees East One hundred and Seventy Six poles to a pine then agreed line between **James** and **Dudley** South ten degrees one hundred and fifty poles to a new marked Line then North Seventy West Two hundred and Twenty Poles with a new marked Line to a pine in **Jordans** line then with **Jordans** line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **David Smith, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 122. *“Pitt County Febry Term 1823. this deed was Exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **William James** to be his act and deed ordered to be registered.”*

Comments: Adam Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**9 May 1816** For \$250, **James Sheppard** sells “**Allin**” **Adams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the South Side of Tarr [sic] River and on the West Side of Juniper Swamp bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning the mouth of the branch leading from the great pond running up the various courses of the said branch to the great Pond thence through the middle of the said pond to the back line of the old pattent [sic] then South twenty pole to a pine **Henry Albriton** and **Levy Nobles** Corner thence South one hundred and fifty pole to the back line of the pattent [sic] then East along the back line to the Swamp thence down the various courses of the Swamp to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Thomas Adams, David A. Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 239–240. *“North Carolina, Pitt County Febry Term 1821. This deed was Exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **James Sheppard** to be his act and deed let it be Registered.”*

Comments: Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton, the son of James Albritton Sr., had died about 1815.

**1 Aug 1816** For \$1200, **James Barrow**, of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells **Hillery Cherry** a 100-acre tract of land.

*...beginning at a pine in **Canndy Moore** line & running down the dividing line [illegible word] to the land **Hillery Cherry** & **James Barrow** to Grindal [Grindle] Creek to a gum thence to the Said Creek to **Reuben James** line thence the dividing line between the s<sup>d</sup> **James Barrow** to **Kenedy Moores** line thence with Said line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T, pp. 178–179. *“Pitt County August Term 1816. this deed was exhibited into open Court & Proved in due form of law on oath of **Lanier Daniel** a Subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be registered.”*

Comments:

1. Adam Albritton was a son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Lanier Daniel was a neighbor of the Albrittons on Grindle Creek, and the father of John Stanley Daniel (born 1803) who later married two granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. There is no clear explanation for why Cherry, by then an elderly man, would pay such an exorbitant price for a mere 100 acres of land.

**20 Aug 1816** Wyot Moye, Luke Albritton, Joel Albritton, and Samuel Albritton appointed as commissioners by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **William Kinsal**, deceased made this report of their division:

*The Division of The lands of William Kinsal*

*In obedience to an order issued from August Term 1816 to us the subscribing commissioners to divide and set apart the real estate of William Kinsaul Dec<sup>d</sup> among the legal heirs of or representatives of said deceased we the undersigned after being duly sworn agreeable to law have divided the same as follows (to wit)...*

They divided the lands into four lots for each of the four sons: **John Kinsaul, Henry Kinsaul, Reuben Kinsaul, William Kinsaul.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 178. "Pitt County November Term 1816. The commissioners appointed to make partition in the land of **William Kinsaul dec<sup>d</sup>** have returned their report. ordered that it be registered."

**1 Feb 1817** Summer Adams, Robert "Roggers," and Robert Hatton, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, give Adam "Albrittain," also of Pitt County, their power of attorney:

*...for divers good causes and considerations we hereunto moving, have made ordained authorized nominated and appointed and by these presents do make, authorize, nominate, and appoint Adam "Albrittain" our True and lawfull [sic] attorney for us and in our name and for our own proper use and benefit to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from the Executors administrators or other person or persons who may be in possession of the Estate either real personal or any part thereof of John Cason decd. all such sum or sums of money debts whatsoever to which we may be entitled as heirs of the said John Cason decd. and to have ask and take all lawfull [sic] ways and means in our names or otherwise for the recovery thereof...and to do all other lawfull [sic] acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and in every respect as we ourselves might or could do were we personally present at the doing thereof and allowing one or more under him for the purposes to make and again at his pleasure to revoke nullifying and confirming and by these presents allowing whatsoever our said attorneys shall in our names lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the premises by virtue of these presents.*

Witnesses: **John House**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, p. 177. "This deed was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **John House** the subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be recorded...."

Comments: The three people giving their power to attorney to Adam Albritton were all legatees of John Cason, formerly of the Grindle Creek neighborhood (now Pactolus) in Pitt County, but who had moved to Burke County, Georgia:

**Summer Adams** – the son of Jane Cason Adams and her husband, Peter Adams, who had died by June 1791. The 1810 Pitt County, North Carolina Federal Census proves that Summer was male, and it indicates that he was still single in 1810 at the age of between twenty-six and forty-five years. Summer remained in Pitt County through January 1826, when he sold a male slave by the name of "Reuben" to Cornelius Johnson (Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 201).

**Robert Hatton** – John Cason's daughter, Frances, married John Hatton, but Frances was then alive and made her own separate power of attorney. Robert Hatton was Frances' son and apparently, was himself specifically mentioned as a legatee in his grandfather's will.

**Robert Rogers** – a Robert Rogers married Mary Hatton, daughter of Robert Hatton, making Mary Hatton Rogers the granddaughter of Frances Cason Hatton and great-granddaughter of John Cason (see the division of Robert Hatton's lands in February 1841, Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 7–8). It is unclear if Mary Hatton Rogers was herself a legatee of John Cason, or if, perhaps, this Robert Rogers giving his power of attorney to Adam Albritton were a different man (although that scenario would be an unusual coincidence).

**1 Feb 1817** Frances Hatton appoints Adam "Albrittain," as her power of attorney:

*Know all men by these presents that I Frances Hatton of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt, Daughter of John Cason who died in the State of Georgia for divers good causes and considerations me here unto moving, have made ordained authorized nominated and appointed and by these presents do make, ordain, authorize, nominate, and appoint Adam "Albrittain" of the State of North Carolina and and [sic] County of Pitt my true and Lawfull [sic] attorney for me and in my name and for my own proper use and benefit to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from the executors Administrators or other person or persons who may be in possession of the estate either real personal or merit or any part thereof of the said John Cason deceased all such sum or sums of money debts and demands whatsoever to which I may be entitled as one of the heirs of the said John Cason deceased and whave [sic] use and take all Lawfull [sic] ways in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof and acquitances [sic] or other sufficient discharges for me and in my name to make seal and deliver and to do all other Lawfull [sic] acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and in every respect as I myself might or could do were I personally present at the doing thereof and attorneys one or more under him for the purposes to make and again at his pleasure to revoke ratifying and confirming and by these presents allowing whatsoever my said attorney shall in my name Lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the premises by notice of these presents.*

Witnesses: **Lewis Hatton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, p. 178. The clerk recorded that Frances Hatton made her mark to the document rather than signing it. "State of North Carolina. Pitt County. County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February 1817. This

*Power of attorney was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on Oath by **Lewis Hatton** the subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be Registered...."*

Comment: That Frances Cason Hatton made this power of attorney in her own name indicates that her husband, John Hatton, had already died. It is not known who Lewis Hatton was, but probably a son of Frances.

#### **4 Feb 1817**

**James Barrow** appoints **Adam "Albrittain,"** as his power of attorney:

*Know all men by these presents that I **James Barrow** of the State of No. Carolina and County of Pitt for divers good causes and considerations me here unto moving, have made ordained authorized nominated and appointed and by these presents do make, ordain, authorize, nominate, and appoint **Adam "Albrittain"** of the State and county aforesaid my true and Lawfull [sic] attorney for me and in my name and for my own proper use and benefit to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from the Executors Administrators or other person or persons who may be in possession of the estate either real personal or merit or any part thereof of the said **John Cason deceased** all such sum or sums of money debts and demands whatever to which I may be entitled as one of the Legatees Heirs of the said **John Cason dec<sup>d</sup>** and whave [sic-waive] use and take all Lawfull [sic] ways in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof and acquitances [sic] or other sufficient discharges for the same for me and in my name to make seal and deliver and to do all other Lawfull [sic] acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and in every respect as I myself might or could do were I personally present at the doing thereof and attornies [sic] one or more under him for the purposes to make and again at his pleasure to revoke ratifying and confirming and by these presents allowing whatsoever my said attorney shall...in my name do or cause to be done in and about the premises.*

Witnesses: **Lewis Hatton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book V, p. 179. "State of North Carolina. Pitt County. County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February 1817. This Power of attorney was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on Oath by **Lewis Hatton** the subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be Registered...."

Comment: The identity of this James Barrow and his relationship to John Cason is unclear. He is likely a son or grandson of the man by this name who witnessed James Albritton Sr.'s 1745 purchase of 500 acres on the north side of the Tar River when he first arrived in North Carolina. The 1790 Federal Census listed two James Barrow households near James Albritton, with one listed in 1800. John Cason's daughter, Jane, had married Peter Adams, who had died by June 1791. Jane could have later married James Barrow, or perhaps a granddaughter of Cason married him.

#### **14 Mar 1817**

For \$700, **William Cleming [Clemmons]** sells to **Jesse Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 200-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the North side of Brire [sic] Swamp beginning at a gum in Briery Swamp at the run of said Swamp thence North thirty nine East Eighty two & an half pole to a pine in the head of the Great Wiregrass thicket thence south forty five East two hundred and twenty pole to a foard [sic] in a branch and near the mouth of said branch thence with the various courses of said branch to the mouth in Bryear [sic] Swamp thence up the various courses of said Swamp to the first station...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, William Clements**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 94. "Pitt County, May Term 1817. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Luke Albritton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be registered."

#### **15 Mar 1817**

For \$50, **James Barrow** sells to **Allen Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and bounded as follows beginning at a lightwood stake it being the corner of **Samuel Moors** land, he formerly lived, upon running along said line West to a lightwood stake in said line in the middle of the Race paths to a lightwood stake in **Samuel Moors** line & from thence along the said line to the first station containing by estimation ten acres more or less it being the last part of a grant bearing date one thousand seven hundred and eighty four...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, "Mathias Moore Junr"**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 95. "Pitt County, May Term 1817. This deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **James Barrow** to be his act and deed. Ordered that it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. Two brothers of Mathias Moore Jr., Allen and Abel, married Luke's nieces, daughters of his older brother, James Albritton, son of Peter Sr. A few years after this, Mathias Moore Jr.'s eldest daughter Lucina, married Luke's nephew, Thomas Albritton, son of Adam Albritton. In the 1830s, Mathias' daughter, Penelope, married Luke's grandnephew, James B. Albritton, son of Samuel, son of James, son of Peter Albritton Sr.

#### **15 Mar 1817**

For \$350, **James Barrow** sells to **Allen Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River bounded as follows beginning at the sassafras pole at pine running st 20 Wt to **Samuel Moors** line thence along said line to the north West corner thence north to the sassafras pole pocoson [sic-pocosin] thence down said pocoson [sic] to the first station containing 9 acres be the same more or less it being a tract of land deeded from **Ebenazar Folson** to **Matthias Moore Senr**...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Mathias Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 104. *"Pitt County, May Term 1817. This deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **James Barrow** to be his act and deed. Ordered that it be registered."*

Comment: Allen Moore married Nancy Albritton, daughter of James and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Luke Albritton was thus Allen's uncle, being the younger brother of his wife's father. Matthias Moore Jr. was a neighbor, and his daughter, Penelope, would later marry James B. Albritton, nephew of Nancy and Allen Moore. For a tract of nine acres to carry a value of \$350, the land must have contained a mill or some other valuable improvement.

**6 May 1817** For \$93, **Samuel Albritton, John Bowers, Susannah Bowers** his wife, **Abel Moore, Dorothy Moore** his wife, **Allen Moore, Nancy Moore** his wife sell **Joel Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a certain peace [sic] of land the property of **Peter Albritton dec'd** lying and being in the County of Pitt & said State Beginning at a gum on the south side of Grindal Creek thence up the various courses [sic-courses] of s<sup>d</sup> creak [sic] to **Luke Albrittons** line at the end of a ditch [sic-ditch] thence with the said ditch south to the back line a pine thence with the back line to a post oak thence north Ten East 188 pole to the beginning containing by estimation twenty five acres...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Peter Albritton, Jesse Dudley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 70–71. *"Pitt County Court, May Term 1817. Then was this deed proved in open court as to the execution thereof by **Abel Moore, Samuel Albritton, John Bowers, & Allen Moore** and ordered that **John Mooring Esquire** be appointed to take **Dorothy Moore, Susanna Bowers, and Nancy Moore** separate and apart from their respective husbands they being all attending the Court & examine them privately & a part from their said husbands as to their free consent in executing this deed."*

Comments:

1. This critical document involves a portion of the land on Grindle Creek that Peter Albritton Sr. left to some of his children. When they divided the land in July 1799 between the heirs of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr., and Peter's other heirs that held interest in the land, the Pitt County Commissioners allotted this tract to James' heirs. When taken with the 1799 division, this transaction proves the adult heirs of James Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr., in May 1817.
2. Although he witnessed the transaction, Peter Albritton did not sign it as an heir of James Albritton, perhaps because he was still under the legal age of twenty-one years. However, in 1839, he sold his interest in the 25 acres as one of James' heirs to Joel's son, Howell Albritton.
3. Joel and Luke Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr., so Joel is purchasing this tract from his nephew, Samuel, and nieces.

**15 May 1817** For \$300, **Isaac Knox** sells **Reuben James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land, one

*...lying North of Tar River beginning at a white oak a corner of **John Spears** land thence South forty five degrees West seventy two poles to a pine **Jonathan Albrittons** corner thence West sixty five degrees North with the said **Albrittons** line one hundred and eighty six poles to an oak thence north forty five degrees East seventy two poles to a gum from thence to the beginning containing twenty six acres...the other peice [sic] or parcel beginning at a pine in the above named **Jonathan Albrittons** line and in the line of the above described piece of land and running West sixty five degrees North with the said **Albrittons** line one hundred and forty poles to a pine in **Albrittons** corner then running **John Pinkets** line north sixty five degrees west seventy two poles to a pine in the sassafras pole Swamp running down the aforesaid Swamp East sixty five degrees South one hundred and fifty poles to a gum from thence to the place beginning containing sixteen acres...*

Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel Jr., Thomas Holliday**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 396.

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is a son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**22 Sept 1817** **Gardner Moyer** sells slaves to **David Sutton**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Gardner Moyer** hath bargained sold unto **David Sutton** a negro woman by the name of **Caty** and a negro boy child by the name of **Francis** which said negroes **Caty & Frank** I the said **Gardner Moyer** for myself my Heirs executors administrators & assigns doth warrant and forever defend the Rite [sic] of s<sup>d</sup> negroes **Caty & Frank** unto **David Sutton** him his Heirs and assigns forever...*

Witness: **Simon Nobles**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 482. *"May Sessions 1838. Then this bill of sale was exhibited into open court and the signature of **Simon Nobles** the subscribing witness thereto was duly proved by the oath of **Goold Hoyt** was sworn said signature was the Hand writing of said Witness let it be registered."*

Comment: Gardner Moyer married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moyer, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**23 Dec 1817** For "the sum of one dollar," **Thomas Adams** mortgages to **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land totaling 1000 acres and slaves **Jim, Lucy, Captain, Rose, Cherry, Jenny, and Violet**. The purpose of this mortgage:

*The condition of the above obligation is such that whereof the said **Thomas Adams** has this day borrowed and received from **Amos Evans** the sum of Three thousand dollars and for the payment of which sum the aforesaid*

*Adam and Samuel Albritton have bound themselves as security now if the said Thomas Adams his heirs Executors or Administrators or any other person for him shall will and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Amos Evans his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns the aforesaid sum of Three thousand dollars with such interest as may come due on the same so that the said Adam Albritton and Samuel Albritton shall not come to any loss or damage in consequence of their having become bounded as hereinbefore mentioned then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue...*

Witnesses: **John Norcott, F. Gorham**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 54–55. At the February Term 1818, Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Franklin Gorham swore that he witnessed Thomas Adams sign the document.

**6 Jan 1818** For \$150, "**Sarey**" **Tucker** and **Lydia Tucker** sells to **Wilks Brooks**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...a negro boy by the name of Anston aged about four years of age...*

Witness: **Joel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 180. "State of North Carolina Pitt County Court May Term 1818. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Joel Albritton**, a witness thereto. Ordered that it be registered."

Comment: Joel Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**6 Jan 1818** For \$100, **Wilks Brooks** sells to **Lydia Tucker**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...all my right to a girl by the name of Doll aged about three years old. To have and to hold all of my right to the aforesaid negro...*

Witness: **Joel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 183–184. "State of North Carolina Pitt County Court May Term 1818. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Wilks Brooks** to be his act and deed.. Ordered that it be registered."

Comment: Joel Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Mar 1818** **William Moyer** gives a slave to his son, "**Wyott**" **Moye**:

*State of North Carolina Know all men by these presents that I William Moyer of the County of Pitt for the natural love and affection I have and bear for my Son Wyott [sic] Moye of the County aforesaid and for the further consideration of ten cents to me in hand paid...have given and granted bargained and sold unto the aforesaid Wyott Moye a certain negro boy named Jacob about sixteen years of age the title of which said negro I the aforesaid William Moyer do warrant and defend unto him the aforesaid Wyott Moye his heirs and assigns...*

Witnesses: **Irwin Moye, Macon Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 182. "Pitt County Court May Term 1818. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Irwin Moye** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be Registered." The clerk indicated that William Moye signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: This document proves the parentage of Wyatt Moye, presumably the same person to whom Gardner Moye would sell a slave the following year. Gardner was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moye, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. This record verifies that Wyatt was not a son of Betsy and Gardner Moye.

**2 May 1818** For \$100, **Eldridge Moore** sells to **Richard Baldree**, **Adam Albritton**, **Samuel Albritton**, and **Thomas Carney**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of ten acres

*...on the north side of Tar river beginning at a gum stump on the river bank in the line of the patent in which the land is contained thence along the patent line south fifty eight degrees East one hundred and forty eight poles to a stake in said line thence South thirty three degrees West seven poles to a gum on the river bank thence up the various windings of the run of said river to the beginning containing ten acres it being part of a patent granted to General John Simpson decd...*

Witnesses: "**Arch<sup>d</sup> Parker**," "**Mathias Moore, Jun<sup>r</sup>**"

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 233. Proved by Archibald Parker at the August Term 1818.

**4 Aug 1818** For \$1428, **Archibald Adams** sells to **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the South side of Tar river being the land and plantation whereof the late Archibald Adams lived untill [sic] his death containing by estimation three hundred acres be the same more or less said land adjoining the land of Samuel Williams, Jordan Anderson, and John Moye...I the said Archibald Adams as Executor of the said Archibald Adams decs<sup>d</sup> do hereby agree to warrant & defend the same to the said Adam & Samuel or their assigns...*

Witnesses: **Saml. Ralston, F. Gorham**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 365. Acknowledged by Archibald Adams at the February Term 1819.



**10 Aug 1818** For \$800, **Gardner Moye** sells **Walter Hanrahan Jr.**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, four tracts of land in Pitt County totaling 500 acres:

1. One tract of 255 acres  
*...on the south side of Tar River on the Laurel Swamp beginning at a maple in said swamp running north one hundred and eighty poles to a black Jack thence North thirty degrees East one hundred and twenty poles to a pine thence north eighty degrees West forty six poles to a pine thence south thirty degrees East two hundred & six poles to a lightwood stake by the side of a bare pond thence running south fifty degrees West to a pine **Jno. Moys** patten [sic] line thence west with said patten [sic] ninety one poles to the first station...*
2. One tract of 50 acres  
*...on the south side of Tar River beginning at a pine in **Archibald Adams's** [sic] line thence running that line north forty six poles to a pine said **Adams** corner then along another of said **Adams's** lines twenty six poles to a white oak his other corner thence his other line thirty seven poles to his other corner thence along his other line West one hundred and twenty poles to a lightwood stump and black Jack **Gardner Moyes** corner thence south fifty five East eighty one poles with said **Moys** [sic] line to a pine thence to the first station...*
3. One tract of 100 acres  
*...on the south side of Tar River & on the south side of Piney Pocason beginning at a lightwood stump **Gardner Moys** old line running with **John Cherrys** old line to **George McGowases** corner at a pine thence with **Charles Smiths** line to a short-tag pine near the Piney Pocason thence to the beginning...*
4. One tract of 100 acres  
*...on the south side of Tar River...beginning at a short-tag pine **Benjamin Evans** corner near the mouth of the Great Island running with **Benjamin Evans** to **Thomas Adamses** line then along said **Adams** line to a short-tag pine his corner in the Piney Pocason thence to **Charles Smiths** line thence South to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Lewis Bond, John M. Johnson Jr.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 403-404. "Pitt County Court May Term 1819. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **John M. Johnson** a witness thereto Ordered that it be registered."

**22 Sept 1818** For \$9925, **Kinchen Cobb** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 827 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the North Side of Tar River and bounded as follows begining [sic] at a red oak on the river bank **Summer Adams** corner formerly **Benjamin Brileys** and runing [sic] North twenty five East along said **Adams** line to **Shaws Branch** thence along Said branch and Said **Adams** line to the head of it thence the various Courses of said **Adams** line to **Ben Ashley Atkinsons** Corner formerly **Benjamin Atkinsons** thence down the various Courses and Windings of the River to the begining [sic] Containing by estimation eight hundred and twenty Seven Acres be the Same more or less Including all my fathers home tract of land my **Edward Cobb** land my **Isams Cobb** land **Hearn** land my **Downs** land to have and to hold the Said land and premises with all the appertenances [sic] thereunto belonging unto him the said **Adam Albritton** his heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Howell Hearn, Peter Rives**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 156. Proved in Court by Howell Hearn (Court date not given on this document, but the deeds on pp. 155, 157 were proved at the August 1820 Court Term).

**22 Sept 1818** For \$2700, **Kinchen Cobb** sells to **Adam Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 225 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...on the North Side of Tar River and on the South Side of Coneto Creek and bounded as follows begining [sic] at a hickery [sic] on the South Side of **Hearns** Mill pond runing [sic] North Seventy Degrees West to **Ben Ashley Atkinsons** line formerly **Benjamin Atkinsons** then along said **Atkinsons** line to small persimmon tree on the road **Peter Reives's** [sic] Corner then along said **Rives** line to the mouth of the big branch then along said branch to the Creek then down the various Courses of the said Creek to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Howell Hearn, Peter Rives**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 160. Proved in August 1820 Court by Howell Hearn.

**3 Mar 1819** For \$500, **James Langley** sells **John Tucker** "...for one Negro Girl by the name of **Eliza**..."

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, L. Perkins**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 334. "Pitt County Court August Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath By **Samuel Albritton** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

**7 May 1819** For \$1000, **Adam Albritton, Thomas Adams**, and **Samuel Albritton** sold **Archibald Adams** three slaves:

*Recd...of **Archibald Adams** one thousand dollars in full for three negroes, to wit. **Rosy** about twenty one years old **Vilet** about five years old **Anaky** about eighteen months old all of said negroes we **Adam Albritton, Thomas Adams**, and **Samuel Albritton** our heirs Executors administrators & assigns do warrant and forever defend the title of the above negroes to be free and clear of all manner of dispute and to make good the same at anytime unto **Archibald Adams** his heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Wyatt Moye, William Adams**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, p. 382. *"Pitt County Court May Term 1819. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by **Wyatt Moyer** a witness thereto. Ordered that it be registered."*

**11 Jun 1819** For \$500, **Isaac Briley** sells **Ellenor James**, both residents of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 188-acre tract of land on the "edge of the Mill Swamp at **Abner Smiths** log landing," adjoining land of **Abner Smith**.

Witnesses: **W. Hanrahan, Luke Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 265. *"Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Luke Albritton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**11 Jun 1819** For \$1800, **Isaac Briley** sells **Luke Albritton**, both residents of Pitt County, North Carolina, several tracts of land:

1. *...one tract of land situate in the County of Pitt...Beginning [sic] at a stake near **Hardee Smith's** Black Smiths shop on the south side of the road thence with the main road to two small post oaks in a bottom thence south 10 West 233 poles to three small black oaks in the old patent line thence north 50½ East 258 poles to the beginning [sic] containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less called the orchard land*
2. *one other piece of land situate on the west side of **Hardee Smiths** Mill Run being part of the mill seat and bounded as follows To wit. Beginning [sic] at a white oak and Chinquapin on the edge of the mill pond above the mill seat thence north 38 East 17 poles to a stake on the north side of the road thence south 57 East to a water oak below the mill dam thence up the various courses of the mill pond to the Beginning [sic] containing two acres*
3. *one other piece of land situate on the East side of the mill seat and adjoining the piece last mentioned bounded as follows To wit: Beginning [sic] at a water oak on the edge of the mill pond above the road thence north 57 East 15 poles to a gum thence north 25 west to the mill run thence up the various courses of the said Mill Run to the beginning [sic] containing two acres including the mill seat.*

Witnesses: *"Edw<sup>d</sup> Hanrath,"* **W. Hanrahan**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 280–281. *"Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **W. Hanrahan** a subscribing witness thereto. Ordered that it be Registered."*

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. A later survey revealed that Isaac Briley did not possess ownership of the latter two tracts of land, and on 5 August 1828, Luke Albritton made a bond to two of his descendants agreeing to not file a lawsuit over the matter after they paid him the value of the land (Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 301).

**28 July 1819** For \$500, **Gardner Moyer** sells **Wyatt Moyer** a slave he describes as a  
*...negro boy by the name of **Lenox** which will be Sixteen years old the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October next which Sum is full consideration for aforesaid negro and I **Guardner** [sic] **Moyer** do for myself and heirs and assigns warrant and forever defend the title of the aforesaid negro as a slave for life to the aforesaid **Wyatt Moyer** his heirs and assigns free and clear of all incumbrance [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Macon Moyer, Starling Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 414. *"Pitt County May Term 1822. This bill of sale was exhibited into open Court and proved by **Macon Moyer** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that Gardner Moyer signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: Gardner Moyer was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moyer, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**2 Aug 1819** For \$400, **Moses Moore** sells **Joel James** a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina  
*...Beginning at a Water Oak in the head of the Bushey Iland Branch **John Clements** Corner in **Benjamin Crawfords** line then Running in the said **Crawford** line to a Lightwood post **William Clements** Corner thence Running the **Clements** line to a Pitch pine **William Clements** and **Edmond Andrews** Corner thence with the same **Andrews** line to the huckleberry branch to a short Straw red [strawed?] pine thence down the huckleberry branch to a black gum agreed corner Between the said **Moore** and **James** thence Running along a path agreed line Between the said **Moore** and **James** to the Bushy Iland Branch to a Short Strawed in **John Clements** line thence up the said Bushy Iland Branch in the **Clements** line to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **Edmund Andrews, Arden Andrews**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 19–20. *"Pitt County Aug<sup>t</sup> Term 1819. This deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **Moses Moore** to be his act and deed ordered that it be Registered."*

Comment: Joel James is reported the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, making Joel the grandson of Peter Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

- 7 Sept 1819** For \$260, **John Campbell** sells **Richard Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 65 acres of land in Pitt County
- ...on the South Side of Tarr [sic] River and bounded as follows to wit: beginning at **Richard Powells** beginning Corner thence South 77 West Sixty Eight Poles to a pine thence South East One hundred & fifty nine Poles to **Moore's** line thence with his line to **Bucks** Corner then with his line to another Corner of **Bucks** formerly **Goldens** Corner near the piney Pond at the Old Cart road thence north 41 West to **Richard Powells** second Corner thence north 14<sup>o</sup> East to the beginning...which piece of land was Given to **William Campbell** by his father **Archibald Campbell** by deed dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year 1804...To Have and to hold to the said **Richard Campbell** [sic – Richard Albritton]...that he the said **John Campbell** is the true and lawful owner of the said tract of land the same having been Conveyed to him by deed from the said **William Campbell** recorded in the Registrars office...*
- Witnesses: **James Buck, Garrison Tucker**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 20. According to the clerk who recorded the deed, John Campbell made his mark to the deed
- Comment: No known documentation clearly proves the identity of Richard Albritton's parents, but based upon the location of his lands, he was probably the son of Henry Albritton, the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.
- 27 Sept 1819** For "the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty pounds," **Jordan Anderson** of the State of Georgia & County of Pulaski sells to **Adam Albritton & Samuel Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, several tracts of land in Pitt County on the South Side of Tar River totaling 498 acres.
- Witnesses: **L. Hatton, J. S. Brown**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 52–53. "Pitt County Nov. Term 1819. This Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Lewis Hatton** a witness thereto ordered that it be Registered."
- 2 Nov 1819** For \$1260, **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton** sell to **Robert P. Gwattney**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 420-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the South Side of Tar River and West Side of Hardees Run...Beginning at a hickory near Hardees Run also near the Mill...to a Small branch thence down the Various courses of the Same to Little Run then down the Various Courses of Said Little Run to a dogwood that Stands on the North Side of the Said Run **Lewis Smiths** corner...to Hardees Run thence up the Various Courses of the Said run to the beginning...*
- ...The Whole of the before Mentioned land is all of a pattent [sic] Granted from the Earl of Granville to **Isaac Stocks** dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 1755 and a part of Six hundred and forty acres survey and the Whole of a pattent [sic] of twenty five acres lying on both Sides of Little Run granted to **John Moyer Senr** also the Whole of a twenty five acres Survey that lies between the above named **Stocks** pattent [sic] and the last Mentioned Six hundred and forty Survey the before mentioned land was conveyed from **John Moyer Senr** to his Son **Gideon Moyer** and from him conveyed by deed to **Jordan Anderson** and by s<sup>d</sup> **Anderson** conveyed by deed to **Adam & Samuel Albritton** deed bearing date 27<sup>th</sup> September 1819. One acre reserved to us the s<sup>d</sup> **Adam & Samuel Albritton** for the use of the Mill...*
- Witnesses: **Amos Evans, Benja<sup>a</sup> Evans**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 85–86. "Feby Term 1820. This Deed was proved by **Amos Evans** a witness thereto ordered to be Registered." The clerk indicated that Adam and Samuel Albritton both signed their names to the transaction.
- Comments: Adam and Samuel Albritton clearly purchased this tract as a business venture, for its location on Little Run, in southwestern Pitt County, lay far from their home plantations on Grindle Creek, north of the Tar River in the Pactolus community. This property lay near the home of their sister, Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moyer, wife of Gardner Moyer, another son of John Moyer Sr.
- 9 Nov 1819** For \$1960, **Robert Rives Gwattney** sells **Amos Evans Senr**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 245-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the north side of Tar River, adjoining lands of **Ivy Foreman** and **William Gwatney**.
- Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Benja. Evans**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 94.
- Comment: Samuel Albritton is the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 13 Jan 1820** For \$40, **Fanny Campbell** sells **Richard Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 65 acres of land
- ...in Pitt County on the South Side of the River and bounded as follows towit: Beginning on **Moore's** line at **William Campbells** Corner Running N<sup>o</sup> 45 W<sup>t</sup> 93 Poles N<sup>o</sup> 40 E<sup>t</sup> 93 to **William Edwards** Corner thence N<sup>o</sup> 77 E<sup>t</sup> to **William Campbell's** Corner thence S<sup>o</sup> 3 E<sup>t</sup> 149 Poles to the beginning Called Sixty five Acres be the Same more or Less which piece of land was given to **Richard Campbell** by deed dated January 1814 [sic–1804] and Conveyed by the said **Richard Campbell** to me by deed dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1818...*
- Witnesses: **Hansel Hodges, Reubin Rollings**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 13. According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Fanny Campbell signed the deed, but Richard Campbell made his mark to it.

Comment: No known documentation clearly proves the identity of Richard Albritton's parents, but based upon the location of his lands, he was probably the son of Henry Albritton, the youngest son of James Albritton Sr.

**19 Feb 1820** For \$400, **Luke Albritton** sells **Henry James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a

*...plantation or part of land Containing by estimation one hundred acres be the same or less lying and being in Pitt County on the north side of grindal Creak [sic-Grindle Creek] beginning at the run of the said Creak [sic] at Warter [sic-water] Oak Runing [sic] north with the Division line that dividis [sic] Clifton James the heir of Matthew James Decs plantation from Said Land Runing [sic] to the back line which was formerly William Casons thence Down the back line to a pine in the percason [sic] thence along the said Line to the run of the Creak [sic] then up the Creak [sic] to the begining [sic] Containing by Etimation [sic] thirty Six acres more or less which is part of a tract or parcel of Land purchsd [sic] of Hillery Cason which will appear by Deeds Joining a tract or parcel of land that the said William James bought of John Cason Containing six for acres be the same more or less being part of a tract of five hundred acres of land granted to John Cason by patent baring [sic] Date the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1782 beginning in the Creeke [sic] at the mouth of a small branch at a Cypress and Runing [sic] with the said branch north 35 Et. 178 to a pine thence north 5 Wt. 142 pole to a pine in John Casons line thence with his line S<sup>o</sup> 45 W 36 pole to a pine with the Course of the pattern [sic-patent] to the Run of the Creak [sic] to the Begining [sic] Containing as before mentioned the two tracts of land Containing one Hundred acres be the same more or less being a track [sic] of land Deed from Simon Keel to Luke Albritton...*

Witnesses: **Solomon Whitchard, John Whitchard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 217-218. "State of N. Carolina Pitt County this Deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and Deed ordered that it be Registered." According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Luke Albritton signed his name to the deed.

Comments:

1. This document proves that Clifton James is a son of Matthew James, and it implies that Henry James is another son. Matthew James married Mary Albritton, a sister of Luke Albritton, youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. The clerk who recorded this deed had an extremely limited grasp of written English, writing the year as "one thosan Eight hundred" and using "promis" for the word "promise," "Creake" for "Creek," etc.

**24 Mar 1820** For \$500, Pitt County High "Sherriff" **Jesse Rountree** sells **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...by virtue of Sundry writs of fieri facias from the County Court of Pitt obtained by Guilford Murphy for the sum of two hundred and fifty eight dollars and eight cents, one by David & Jesse Adams Executors for A. Adams for Eight hundred and ten Dollars forty cents and one in favour [sic] Edward Laughinghouse to use of F. McDowell for three hundred and Eighty nine Dollars thirty cents together with various other writs of fieri facias all recoverable to November Term...[1818]...the said Sherriff [sic] levied on a piece of Land the property of Hardee Smith and after duly advertising the same did on the...[6 November 1818]...expose the same to public sale at the Court house in Greenville at which sale it was Struck of [off] to Luke Albritton at five hundred Dollars being the Highest bid that was made which land is Situate in the County of Pitt on the south side of Tar River...Lying on the west prong of Smiths Mill Pond in the fork of Two Branches of said Mill Run Beginning at the fork point of the said two Branches where they Part and runs up the Branch which divides the said Land from Starkey Bells land to the Back line of the old Pattent [sic] in which this Land is contained then with the said Back line of the old Pattent [sic] South twenty East to the other prong of said Mill Creek thence down the meanders of Branch to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **C. Jenkins, W<sup>m</sup> Rountree**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 16 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "February Sessions 1827. The above Deed from **Jesse Rountree** Sherriff [sic] to **Luke Albritton** was then exhibited into Open Court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **Jesse Rountree** to be his Act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., making him a grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**5 Apr 1820** For \$2010, **Luke Albritton** sells **Robert Williams**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the south side of Tar River...Lying on the west prong of Smiths Mill Pond formerly but said Albrittons beginning at the fork point of the two branches of said Mill Run where they part & runs up the branch which divides that divides the lands formerly owned by Starkey Bell and to the back line of the old Pattent [sic] Supposed to be about or near a fence of Knoxes it being the back line of the old Pattent [sic] in which this land is contained then with the back line of the old Pattent [sic] South twenty East to the other prong of said Mill Creek thence down the meanders of said branch to the beginning...and which said Land was conveyed to said Luke Albritton by a Deed from the Sherrif [sic] of Pitt County bearing date the Twenty fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty...*

Witnesses: **E. B. Harrell, Geo. Bowers**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 11 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "February Sessions 1827. The above Deed from **Luke Albritton** to **Robert Williams** was then Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath

by **Elisha B. Harrell** a Witness thereto. ordered to be registered." According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Luke Albritton signed his name to the deed.

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., making him a grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**19 Apr 1820** Mortgage between **Gardner Moye, Josiah Griffin, and Walter Hanrahan**. For \$5.00, **Gardner Moye** sells **Josiah Griffin**

*...the following Negro Slaves to wit. **Vilet** a girl about fifteen years of age, **Gilly** a Girl about fourteen years of age & **Sabrina** a girl about Twelve years of age with their increase...*

**Gardner Moye** sells the slaves to indemnify his debt to **Walter Hanrahan**:

*Upon Trust and in confidence Nevertheless for whereas the said **Gardner Moye** is justly indebted to the said **Walter Hanrahan** in the Sum of Two hundred dollars the Payment whereof the Said **Gardner Moye** is disposed honestly to Secure and provide for Now if the Said **Gardner Moye** his Executors or administrators shall within Twelve Months from the date of these presents or Sooner if he Shall be thereunto required by the said **Walter Hanrahan**...Well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Said **Walter Hanrahan**...the aforesaid Sum of Two hundred dollars with legal interest thereon from the date of these presents and all other debts that the Said **Gardner Moye** may hereafter contract or enter into with the Said **Walter Hanrahan** either by note or book accounts together with all expenses...in that case that the said **Josiah Griffin**...*

will return to **Gardner Moye** the slaves. But if **Moye** does not pay, then after advertising, the slaves will be sold at public auction to satisfy his debt to **Hanrahan**, with **Josiah Griffin** paying the remainder, if any, to **Gardner Moye**.

Witnesses: **Thos. Hanrahan**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 139–141. "This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Thomas Hanrahan** a Witness thereto Ordered That it be Registered."

Comments:

1. This agreement is not listed in the Pitt County Index to Deeds.
2. Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Sr. and granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**24 Apr 1820** **Mathias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** gives slaves to his daughter, **Mary Ann Absla Henrahan Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Know All men by these presents that I **Mathias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** of Pitt County...for the love favour & affection which I have and do bear unto my daughter **Mary Ann Henrahan Moore** of the County of Pitt & State aforesaid do give grant and deliver unto her **Mary Ann Absla Henrahan Moore** her heirs and assigns forever the following Negroes to wit. **Phoebe, Edmond, Stephen** with their Increase and I the said **Mathias Moore Sen<sup>r</sup>** for myself my heirs Executors & administrators do covenant and agree to warrant and defend for ever from the lawfull [sic] Claim right or title of any person or persons whatsoever the above named negroes unto the said **Mary Ann Absla Henrahan Moore** and her heirs forever...*

Witnesses: **Peter Albritton, Howell Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 283. "Pitt County Court May Term 1821.

Comments:

1. Peter and Howell Albritton are first cousins, both grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. The witness, Peter Albritton, was the youngest son of James Albritton, whereas Howell was the son of Joel Albritton, with both James and Joel sons of Peter Sr.
2. Matthias Moore Sr. was a longtime resident of the Grindle Creek region, a neighbor and associate of James Albritton Jr. Four of his descendants married descendants of Peter Albritton Sr. Moore's sons, Abel and Allen Moore, married Dorothy and Nancy, daughters of James Albritton, son of Peter Sr. (and sisters of the Peter Albritton who witnessed this transaction). Two daughters of Matthias Moore Jr., Lucina and Penelope, married Albrittons as well.

**24 Apr 1820** For \$100, **David A. Smith** sells **Kinchen Cobb**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land on the south side of the Tar River and west side of Ready Branch, formerly land of **Col. John Hardee Esq<sup>r</sup>**.

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Obadiah Cobb** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 285. "August Term 1826. Then the above Deed from **David A. Smith** to **Kinchen Cobb** was Exhibited into Open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Luke Albritton** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered."

**25 Apr 1820** For \$97.50, **Luke Albritton** sells **Samuel Stone** a tract of 9¾ acres of land:

*...lying in the County of Pitt aforesaid on the North Side of Tar River & on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Bounded as follows. Beginning at two Read [red] Oaks **Adam Albrittons** corner on the Main Road thence running said **Albrittons** line North 12 poles to a black gum in **Sam's** Brance thence running with the middle of said Branch & a marked line to a forked cypress in **Adam Albrittons** line thence South 70½ degrees east 20 poles to a Small Read [red] Oak thence South 9½ West to a Persimon on the Main Road thence with the Main Road to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Griffin, Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 118. *"Pitt County May Term 1820. This deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and deed ordered to be Registered."* According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Luke Albritton signed his name to the deed.

**1 May 1820** **William Moyer** gives a slave to his son, "**Wyott**" **Moye**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **William Moyer** of the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt for the Natural Love & affection I have & bear for my Son **Wyott** [sic] **Moye** of the Same State & County aforesaid give unto the said **Wyott Moye** one Negro boy by the Name of **Charles** about thirteen years old which above negro I the aforesaid **William Moyer** do Warrant the title from me & my heirs...*

Witnesses: **Irwin Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 110. *"Pitt County May Term 1820. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved by **Irwin Moye** a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that William Moyer signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: This document proves the parentage of Wyatt Moye, the same person to whom Gardner Moye sold a slave the previous July. Gardner was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moye, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and this record verifies that Wyatt was not a son of Betsy and Gardner Moye.

**1 May 1820** **William Moyer** gives a slave to his son, **Irwin Moye**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **William Moyer** of the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt for the Natural Love & affection I have & bear for my Son **Irwin Moye** of the Same State & County aforesaid give unto **Irwin Moye** one Negro boy by the Name of **Wade** about eighteen years old which negro I the aforesaid **William Moyer** do Warrant the title from me & my heirs...*

Witnesses: "**Wyott**" **Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 111. *"Pitt County May Term 1820. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by "**Wyott**" **Moye** a Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that William Moyer signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: This document proves that Irwin and Wyatt Moye are brothers, sons of William Moyer. Irwin was a Baptist preacher and served as pastor of the Red Banks Baptist Church in the early 1820s, the same church to which Gardner Moye and his wife, Elizabeth Albritton Moye, belonged. It is unclear what the relationship between Wyatt and Gardner Moye was, but in July 1819, Gardner sold a slave to Wyatt.

**1 May 1820** **William Moyer** gives a slave to his daughter, **Elizabeth Cherry**, wife of **Jesse Cherry**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **William Moyer** of the State of North Carolina and of the County of Pitt for and in consideration of the Natural Love I have for my Daughter **Elizabeth Cherry** wife of **Jesse Cherry** of the Same State & County aforesaid I give unto the aforesaid **Elizabeth Cherry** wife of **Jesse Cherry** one Negro girl by the Name of **Viney** Seven years old to her her heirs & assigns forever and I said **William Moyer** for myself my heirs do warrant the title of the above Negro Slave from me my heirs & assigns...*

Witnesses: **Irwin Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 111. *"Pitt County May Term 1820. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved by **Irwin Moye** a Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that William Moyer signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: This document proves that Elizabeth Moye Cherry was a daughter of William Moyer and sister to Wyatt, Macon, and Moye. Their precise relationship to Gardner Moye, husband of Elizabeth Albritton Moye, is unclear.

**2 May 1820** For \$1500, **Kinchen Cobb** sells **Josiah Griffin**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 243-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the south side of Tar River, between Ready Branch and Forbes Branch, called "**Crawford land**," adjoining **Charles Smith**, **Jesse Brand**, and **James Shepherd**.

Witnesses: **Wyott Moye**, **Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 123–124. *"Pitt County Court May Term 1820. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Wyott Moye** a subscribing witness thereto ordered that it be Registered."*

**28 Jun 1820** Mortgage between **Gardner Moye** and **Gideon Moye**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*This Indenture...that whereas the above Named **Gideon Moye** stands bound to boath [sic] the banks of New bourn [sic–New Bern] in the Sum of one hundred and fifty Dolars [sic] in each bank [sic–only one bank named] by a certain Note or obligation in each bank which was made and executed by the said **Gideon Moye** a Security & and for the benefit of the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] and dated Same time about the first of the present month and payable in Ninety days from the date thereof and it is mutually agreed by the parties hereunto that the said **Gideon Moy** [sic] be indemnified against any loss on account of the above mentioned Debts now Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of premises and for the further consideration of ten Dollars to the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] paid before the Signing and Sealing hereof he the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] hath given granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doath [sic] give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said*

**Gideon Moy** [sic] the following Negros [sic] Slaves to wit. **Silva** and **Ealox** and **fanny** to have and to hold to the said **Gideon Moy** [sic] his heirs executors Admr. and assigns...and it is a part of the present contract that the said Slaves should remain in the possession of the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] for the term of three months from the date hereof and said **Gardner Moy** [sic] doath [sic] agree that on the expiration [sic] of the term of three months the said Slaves Shall be dived [sic-delivered] to the said **Gideon Moy** [sic] free and clear of any encumbrance [sic] [illegible word] provided that if the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] shall pay or cause to be paid the before mentioned debts to the banks of Newbourn [sic] so as to same extricate & release the said **Gideon Moy** [sic] from the same not only on account of said Notes but also from any note bond or any other obligation which may hereafter come against the said **Gideon Moy** [sic] as Surety for the said **Gardner Moy** [sic] for this instrument and any other expense the aforesaid **Gideon Moye** may be at [illegible word] the aforesaid **Gardner Moye** then the present Conveyance [sic] and every part thereof to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue...

Witnesses: **J. Griffin**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 162-163. "This mortgage [sic] was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Jas. Griffin** a Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."

Comment: This agreement is not listed in the Pitt County Index to Deeds. Gardner and Gideon Moye were brothers, sons of John Moye Sr. Gardner Moye married Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**20 Oct 1820** For \$150, **John Gowns** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **John Tucker** two tracts of land in Pitt County  
...on the North Side of Tarr [sic] River and South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek

Witnesses: **L. Hatton, Adam Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 221-222. "State of North Carolina Pitt County Feby Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Adam Albritton** a witness thereto. Ordered that it be Registered."

**21 Jan 1821** For \$178.90, Pitt County Constable **Reuben Whitehurst** sells **James Albritton** "negro Slaves **Peter Stephan Seal** & **Patience** and...articles of property" belonging to **Harmon Mayo** to satisfy several executions for debts **Mayo** owed:

Whereas three Executions dated the tenth day of January 1821 issued under the hand & seal of **Edmond Andrews** Esquire one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Pitt directed to any lawful officer of said County Commanding him to execute & sell the property of **Harmon Mayo** Sufficient to satisfy the Sum of Fifty dollars & Interest & costs in one case and the Sum of fifty dollars & Interest & cost in another case and the Sum of forty dollars & Interest & Cost in the other Case which **Adam Albritton** to the use of **James Albritton** recovered against the said **Harmon** before the Said **Edmond Andrews** and also another Execution issued from **John Bowers** Esqr. another Justice of the Peace for the said County Directed in like manner and dated the fourth day of December 1820 for the Sum of thirty Dollars & Interest & cost which **James Perkins** Recovered against the said **Harmon** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of said December before **Roderick Cherry** Esquire another of the Justices of the peace for said County which said Several Executions were by **Reuben Whitehurst** a lawful Counstable [sic] of Said County levied on the property herein after described (to wit) the last mentioned Execution was levied on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1820 and the other three Executions levied on the said 10<sup>th</sup> day of January instant and whereas the said **Reubin Whitehurst** advertised the same according to law and pursuant thereto sold the said property on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January Instant to **James Albritton** as follows he being the highest bidder (to wit) a negro man named **Peter** at thirty Dollars **Stephen** at one hundred dollars negro girl **Seal** at ten dollars negro woman **Patience** as she runs at five dollars one bed bed Stead and furniture at Ten dollars one Table [illegible word] five cents one Book case at one dollar & fifty cents Chest one dollar one other Bed bedstead & furniture at Ten dollars one lot of barrels at two dollars & seventy five cents one Table at two dollars & ten cents one beaufot [sic] at two dollars & fifty cents nine chairs one table 10 cents one pot fifty cents one tea kettle at Seventy cents one dutch oven at Seventy cents three tubs at fifty & one paid twenty cents the Whole amounting to the Sum of one hundred & Seventh eight dollars & ninety cents...

Witnesses: **Reading Bell, M. Dickinson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 253-254. "State of Northcarolina [sic] Pitt County Feby Term 1821. This Bill of Sale was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Marshal Dickinson** a Witness thereto ordered that it be Registered."

**Jan 1821** For \$500, **Robert Hatton** sells **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, several slaves

...three negroes one negro woman and two Children named **Eade, Sela, Judy** to have and to hold unto the said **Luke Albritton** his Heirs and assigns forever before the named negroes **Eade, Sela, Jude** and I the said **Robert Hatton** do warrant and defend the said negroes to be free and clear from any other Right title or claim of any person whatsoever...

Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel, Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 298. "Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Lanier Daniel** and **Samuel Albritton** subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered to be Registered." According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Robert Hatton signed his name to the deed.

## Comments:

1. Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr., and Samuel was Luke's nephew, the son of Luke's older brother, James, son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Robert Hatton was a son of Frances Cason Hatton and grandson of John Cason, making Robert Hatton the nephew of Adam Albritton, Luke's older brother.

**21 Feb 1821** For \$1.00, **Nelson James** mortgages to **Joel Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton**, all of Pitt County North Carolina, two tracts of land, both on the north side of "Grindall Creek":

- a 100-acre tract on "the low ground joining the Mill Branch" adjoining **Charles Rollins, John Page, Highsmith, and Lewelling Bowers**
- a 94-acre tract on Highsmiths Branch adjoining **Bowers, Highsmith, John Page, Jeffy Jolly**

The mortgage served two purposes. First, it secured the bond to the Pitt County Court by **Nelson James** as *Guardian to the Heirs of Miller James dec'd*,

*...and the said Joel Albritton and Samuel Albritton are further bound as securities for sundry debts due by the said Nelson James to sundry persons amounting in the whole to four hundred dollars. Now if the said Nelson James fulfills the conditions of the above mentioned Guardian Bonds so as to save harmless the said Samuel Albritton and also to pay all such debts for which the said Samuel Albritton and Joel Albritton or either of them are in any way bound so as to save and Keep them harmless then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. It is also further conditioned and agreed that in case the said Joel Albritton and Samuel Albritton or either of them, their heirs executors or administrators should be warranted or sued as security or securities for all or any part of the aforesaid bonds or debts they may then and in that Case at any time thereafter enter or and take possession of the aforesaid land or any part thereof and the same to sell on such terms and Conditions as they may think fit for the payment of all or any part of the aforesaid debts.*

Witnesses: **Reubin James, Solomon Whitehead**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 265–266. "Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proven in due form of law on oath by **Reubin James** one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments: Joel Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Samuel was the son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**21 Mar 1821** For \$9924, **Adam Albritton** sells to **Kinchen Cobb**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County

*...Containing by Estimation Eight hundred and twenty Seven Acres be the same more or less in cluding [sic] all David Cobb Sen. home plantation or tract of Land, the Edward Cobb Tract of Land, the James Cobb Land, Hearn Land and the Downs Land...*

The land sold was described as

*...lying and being in Pitt County and on the north Side Tar River and Bounded as follows Begining [sic] at a red Oak on the river Bank Summer Adams Corner formerly Benjamin Brileys & runing [sic] North twenty five East a Long [sic] said Branch and said Adams line to the head of it thence the various Courses of said Adams line to Ben Ashley Atkinsons Corner formerly Benjamin Atkinsons thence up the Various Courses of said Atkinsons line to the River thence down the Various Courses and Windings of the River to the Begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Howell Hearn, Robert Alford**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 168. "State of North Carolina, Pitt County. This deed was exhibited into open Court and Acknowledged by **Adam Albritton** to be his act and deed ordered to be Recorded." The clerk recorded that Adam Albritton signed his name to the deed.

**21 Mar 1821** For \$2700, **Adam Albritton** sells to **Kinchen Cobb**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 225 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the north Side of Tar River and on South Side of Conet Creek and Bounded as follows. Beginning at a hickary [sic] on the South Side of hearn's Mill's Pond running North Seventy degrees west to Ben Ashley Atkinsons line formerly Benjamin Atkinsons then along said Atkinsons to a Small persimmon tree on the road Peter Reaves Corner then a long said Reeves'es [sic] line to the mouth of the big Branch then along said Branch to the Creek then down the Various Coursers of the Said Creek to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Howell Hearn, Robert Alford**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 172. "Pitt County. May Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed Acknowledged by **Adam Albritton** Let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Adam Albritton signed his name to the deed.

Comment: Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.



- 24 Mar 1821** For \$155, **James Knox** sells **Luke Albritton Esq<sup>r</sup>**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 31-acre tract of land in Pitt County known as the "*Sandy Hill Tract*" described as  
*Beginning at a short strawed pine on Ready Branch Josiah Griffins & Amos Evanes Corner thence running Evanes line south thirty one & one half poles to a stake Reading Bells corner thence running Bells line East one hundred & twelve poles to a stake in the centre [sic] of several pines in the back line thence along the same...to a large slash pine in a small branch thence west...to Ready Branch thence with the various courses of the same to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **Reading Bell, L. Hatton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 2. "*November Sessions 1842. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by oath of Reading Bell a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.*"
- Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 14 Apr 1821** For \$325, **Gardner Moye** sells to **Warren Wallace**  
*...two negroes Silvy about twenty years old & Rose her child which said negroes I Gardner Moye do warrant and defend the title to be free & clear of all manner of dispute whatever...*
- This acknowledgement was included in this record:  
*April 14<sup>th</sup> 1821. This may certify that I Gideon Moye do this day release all my right title & interest in the above named Silvy & Rose to Warren Wallace his Heirs and assigns for ever witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal.*
- Witnesses: **Jn<sup>o</sup> Cherry**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 301. "*Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by Jn<sup>o</sup> Cherry a subscribing witness thereto. Ordered that it be registered.*" The clerk indicated that Gardner and Gideon Moye signed their names to the transaction.
- Comment: Gardner Moye is the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 24 May 1821** For consideration of debts due by **Allen James**, he and his wife, **Ellender [Ellen] James** sell **Josiah Griffin**, all residents of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land sold to her by **John James**  
*...for her sole separate & exclusive use and also in Consideration that the said Josiah Griffin will relinquish a claim which he hath against the said Allen James & John James as his surety & another claim against said Allen James and Joshua James & Simon Keel sureties that she will convey the fee simple in the said tract of land to the said Josiah Griffin...*
- In consideration for this, **Allen James** and his wife, **Ellen James**, sell to **Josiah Griffin** a 188-acre tract of land  
*Beginning at a stake at the edge of Luke Albrittons Mill Swamp at Abner Smith's Log Landing running with the edge of said Swamp to Abner Smiths & Brooks Corner a pine in or near the edge of said Mill Swamp then North...to the other Mill Fork called Moyes thence with the edge of said Swamp round to the Beginning [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **L. Hatton, John James**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 287. "*Pitt County Court May Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath by Lewis Hatton a subscribing witness thereto.*"
- Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. This shows that Luke Albritton had begun operation of a mill on the property he purchased of Isaac Briley in 1819.
- 1 July 1821** For \$800, **Gardner Moye** sells to **Elias & Arnold Taft**, all of Pitt County North Carolina,  
*...a certain parcel or lot of Negroes by their names Vilet about seventeen years old and her child Hetty one year old, Gilly fifteen years old, Sabry thirteen years old all young negroe Girls which Negroes I the said Moye do warrant and defend the write [sic] and title to be free and Clear from the lawful claims of any person or persons whatever...*
- Witnesses: **Zachah Andrews**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 331. "*Pitt County Court August Term 1821. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved by Gardner Moye to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be Registered.*" The clerk indicated that Gardner Moye signed his name to the transaction.
- Comment: Gardner Moye is the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moye, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. This is the last known record made by Gardner Moye, as he had died by 2 January 1822 (see below).
- 8 Aug 1821** For \$163.10, Pitt County Sheriff **Peter Sugg** sells **James Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina  
*...all the said Harmon Mayo's [sic] Interest in the lands left him by his father Pater Mayo and adjoining the lands of Luke and John Rollings, Luckey Mayo, & others containing by estimation five hundred and fifty acres...*
- The sale resulted from a writ issued by the Clerk of the Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to the Pitt County Sheriff, dated the first Monday of February 1821, commanding him that  
*...of the Goods and Chattels lands and tenements of Harmon Mayo, he cause to be made the sum of one hundred thirty nine dollars and ten cents with interest from 1<sup>st</sup> Jany 1820 till paid which Walter Hanrahan in said court*

lately recovered against said **Harmon Mayo** for a certain debt and the further sum of four pounds and three pence for [illegible word] charges in said Suite [sic] expended and that he should have the said money before the worshipful the Justices of said Court at the next Court to be held for said County on the third Monday of May to render the said **Walter Hanrahan** the debt and interest aforesaid...I **Peter Sugg** Sheriff of said County for want of goods and Chattles levied the said execution on said **Harmon Mayo** Interest in the lands of said **Harmon Mayo** and after advertising the same agreeable to law did offer the same at publick sale at the Court house in Greenville the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1821 when **James Albritton** of said County appeared and offered for the same the sum of One hundred sixty three dollars & ten cents it being the highest and best bid it was struck off to him at and for the above price...

Witnesses: **John Rollings**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 417–418. "Pitt County May term 1822. This deed was exhibited into open court and proved by **John Rollings** a Witness thereto ordered that it be registered."

**24 Sept 1821** For "the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Specie," **Joel Albritton** sells to **Henry James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 236 acres in Pitt County

...lying & being on the north side of Grindal Creek Beginning [sic] at a gum in the Creek **John Whiteheads** Corner tree and Running with the s<sup>d</sup> line to the north Corner a pine Running N<sup>o</sup> 5 Degrees Wt. 86 poles to a pine thence North N<sup>o</sup> 50 Degrees Wt 36 poles to a pine thence Running N<sup>o</sup> 25 Direct Course to the Back line up to that Line to **Clifton James** Corner then with **Clifton James** line to **Henry James** own line thence with his own line to the Creek then the Various Courses of the Creek to the Beginning [sic]...being part of a tract of five hundred and fifty Acres of Land Granted to **John Cason** by patent Bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1782...

Witnesses: **Willoughby Whitehead, Henry James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 78. "Novm. Term 1822. This deed Was exhibited into Open Court and acknowledged by **Joel Albritton** to be his act and deed Ordered to be Recorded."

Comments:

1. Joel Albritton is selling land to his nephew, Henry James, son of Joel's sister, Mary Albritton James. Joel and Mary are children of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. This document proves that Joel Albritton acquired title to the 236-acre tract of land that John Cason sold to Joel's uncle, James Albritton Jr., on 23 March 1784. It also suggests that Clifton James obtained title to the 64 acres sold by John Cason to William James on the same day.
3. Parties involved in a land transaction are never appropriate witnesses to the document, and so it is unclear if the second witness's name was a recording error or there were two adults by this name in Pitt County in 1821. There was an older Henry James in Pitt County in the 1790s (see the two deeds in 1795 abstracted above, Deed Book N, pp. 201–202, 205), but it is not clear that this man survived until 1821. In 1820, Joel Albritton is living in the household that adjoined Henry James, apparently his nephew, the son of Joel's sister, Mary Albritton, and her husband, Matthew James.

**24 Sept 1821** For \$500, **Henry James** sells to slaves to **Joel Albritton**:

*Rec<sup>d</sup> of Joel Albritton* Five hundred dollars in full for two Negroes woman named **Pat** thirty Eight years old and boy **Stephen** Six years old and I do warrant and forever defend the said negroes to the said **Joel Albritton**.

Witnesses: **Henry Carney**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 105. "This bill of Sale was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **Henry James** to be his act and deed Ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that Henry James signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: Joel Albritton is buying a slave from his nephew, Henry James, son of Joel's sister, Mary Albritton James. Joel and Mary are children of Peter Albritton Sr.

**Oct 1821** Due to a lost deed that could not then be found, **Allen Moore** now sells to **Nancy Cherry**, widow of **John Cherry**, 99 acres of land that had belonged to **Matthias Moore Sr.**:

To all persons to whom these preasents [sic] shall Come I **Allen Moor** [sic] send greeting. Know ye that I the said **Allen Moor** [sic] of Pitt County and State of North Carolina for and inconsideration of the sum of two Hundred pounds paid in hand by **John Cherry** som [sic] years before his Death I give him a Deed for a certain piece of land which Deed was proven in court but by Some maens [sic] cannot be found recorded nor the Deed which I give him and by sd **Cherry** Last Will and testament he Did Lend the sd land to **Nancy Cherry** his wife during Life or widowhood and then Did give it to his son **John Cherry** name in the will by the **Allen Moor** [sic] tract of Land and I **Allen Moor** [sic] for the above Consideration mentioned I do grant unto **Nancy Cherry** During her Life or widow hood as the above mentioned will Directs and then I do grant to **John Cherry** his heirs and assigns the certain tract or parcel of Land being in the County afore sd on the North side of Tar river and on the south side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and bounded as follows beginning at a pine in **John James** Line and runing [sic] with his line west one hundred and twenty pole to a pine s<sup>d</sup> **Jameses** Corner thence his other line North one hundred and twenty four poles to a pine thence with Eighty pole to a pine **Henry Cason** Corner thence South two hundred poles to a pine in the pocoson [sic-pososin] in **Matthias Moors Senr** line thence south sixty degrees East sixty Eight poles to his Corner in a red oak thence with other of sd. **Moors** lines to the begining [sic] Containing by estimation ninety nine

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*acres of Land be the Same more or less being a tract of Land held by s<sup>d</sup> Matthias Moor Sen<sup>r</sup> by grant bearing Date the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May one thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven...*

Witnesses: **Matthias Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>, "Wililam" Moore** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 355. *"February Term 1822. This Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in Due form of law by Matthias Moore ordered that it be registered."* The clerk indicated that Allen Moore made his mark to the document rather than signing it (as opposed to the 1814 deed when he originally sold this 99 acres to Cherry, when the clerk recorded that he signed his name to it).

Comments:

1. Allen Moore married Nancy Albritton, daughter of James and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Allen and Mathias Moore Jr. were sons of Mathias Moore Sr., but the identity of William Moore is uncertain. Two of Mathias Jr.'s daughters married Albrittons, with Lucina Moore marrying Thomas, son of Adam Albritton and grandson of Peter Sr. Penelope Moore married James B., son of Samuel, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. This document repeats a mistake made in the 1811 deed regarding the date Matthias Moore Sr. received this grant of 99 acres (see above transaction on 16 May 1811).

**7 Nov 1821** For \$600, **Joseph Mares**, Surveyor of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, sells **James Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of 125 acres in Pitt County

*...beginning at John Pinket's upper line in the Road and running down the road to Jonathan Albrittons line then with Albrittons line to Brinkley's line and with Brinkley's line to the road or beginning including all the lands that the said John Pinket owned on the north side of the road Leading from Tarborough to Washington...*

Witnesses: **James Barrow, Jonathan Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 141. *"Pitt County February term 1823. Acknowledged in open Court by Joseph Mares."*

Comment: James Albritton was the son of Jonathan Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**30 Dec 1821** For \$700, **John Bowers Jun<sup>r</sup>** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **Samuel Albritton** three slaves:

*Know all men by these presents that I John Bowers Jun<sup>r</sup> for an in consideration of the Sum of Seven Hundred dollars paid to me in hand have Bargained and sold to Samuel Albritton three Certain negroes named Charity an [sic] one negro Boy named Garrard and one named Jim which the negroes I John Bowers Jun<sup>r</sup> do Warrant [and] defend unto the said the said [sic] Samuel Albritton his heirs administrators or assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Solomon Whitchard, Reubin James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 501. *"Pitt County February Sessions 1825. This was this Bill of Sale from John Bowers Junr. to Samuel Albritton exhibited into open Court an [sic] proven by Reubin James a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."*

Comment: Samuel Albritton and John Bowers Jr. were brothers-in-law, for John Bowers married Susannah Albritton, Samuel's sister. Samuel and Susannah were children of James Albritton, grandchildren of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandchildren of James Albritton Sr. (see Pitt County Deed Book AA, pp. 70–71).

**2 Jan 1822** For \$305, **Simon Nobles** "Executor of **Gardner Moyer dec<sup>d</sup>**" sells to **Elias Taft**

*...a negro Girl Slave named Sabra of the Goods and Chattles of said Gardner Moyer dec<sup>d</sup> to have and to hold to the said Elias Taft his Executors administrators and assigns...*

Witnesses: **John Willoughby**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 1. *"State of North Carolina Pitt County. This Bill of Sale was Exhibited and acknowledged into open Court in due form of law by Simon Nobles to be his Act and deed. Ordered to be Registered."*

Comments: Gardner Moyer was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moyer, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. This proves that Gardner Moyer died between July 1821 and 2 January 1822.

**8 Jan 1822** For \$900, **Nelson James** sells to **Adam Albritton & Samuel Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land,

*...Lying & being on the North side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek on the Mill Branch Bounded as follows Beginning at a pine Charles Rollins Corner thence running the Low grounds Joining the said Branch their various Courses as much Dirt & Timber as the Mill Requires down to a white Oake [sic] on the olde [sic] line called pages thence with the various Courses of said line to highsmiths line thence with his line to Lewelling Bowers line a Corner thence with said Bowers line to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **L. Hatton, Joel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 413. *"August Term 1824. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by L. Hatton a witness thereunto ordered that to be registered."*

- 8 Jan 1822** For \$35, **Nelson James** sells to **Adam Albritton & Samuel Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 94 acres of land,  
*...Beginning in the County & State aforesaid & on the north side of Grindal [sic] at a pine Bowers Corner on the South Side of Highsmiths Branch & runs with his line North forty Eight Poles to Bowers Corner a pine then with his line East Sixty Seven pole to John Pages Corner a pine then with Pages line North one hundred & forty four poles to a Stake then west fifty five poles to Jesse Jollys Corner a pine then with his line North Seventy degrees west thirty eight poles to a pine then South two hundred and eight poles to said Bowers line then with his line East to the Beginning...*
- Witnesses: **L. Hatton, Joel Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 418. "August Term 1824. Then was this deed Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **L. Hatton** a witness thereto Ordered that to be registered."
- 25 Feb 1822** For \$880, **James Blow** sells to **Alley May**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina  
*...five Negroes Celiar a woman aged Thirty nine years, Lewis a boy seven years, Sary a Girl five years, Ben a Boy four years and Casen a boy two years which Said negroes I warrant to be sound health negroes and further warrant and defend the title against the lawful Claim of any person whatever Lawfully Claiming the same...*
- Witnesses: **Gideon Bynum, Clary Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 21. "State of North Carolina Pitt County. This Bill of Sale was exhibited into open [Court] and acknowledged by **James Blow** to be his act and deed. Ordered to be Registered."
- Comments: The identity of Clary Albritton is unknown.
- 9 Mar 1822** For \$500, **Richard Albritton** sells to **Samuel Corbin**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...Two Certain Tracts or parcels of Land Lying in the County of Pitt on the South side of Tar River and bounded as follows*
1. *...beginning at Richard Powlls Begining [sic] Corner thence South 77 west Sixty eight poles to a pine thence South East One hundred & fifty nine poles to Moores line thence with his line to Bucks Corner thence with his line to another corner of Bucks formerly Goldens Corner near the Piney Pond at the old Cash road thence north 41 West to Richard Powells second Corner thence north 14 East to the beginning called sixty five acres be the Same more or less which piece of land was Given to William Campbell by his father Archibald Campbell by deed dated 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year of 1804...*
  2. *The Second tract of Land Lying and being in Pitt County on the South Side of Tar River and bounded as follows: Beginning on Moore's line at William Campbells Corner Runing [sic] N<sup>o</sup> 45 West 93 Poles N<sup>o</sup> 40 A 93 to William Edwards Corner thence 77 E<sup>t</sup> to William Campbell's Corner thence South 3 E 149 Pole to the beginning Called Sixty five Acres be the Same more or Less which piece of land was Given to Richard Campbell by his father Archibald Campbell by deed dated January 1814 [sic-1804] to have and to hold to the said Samuel Corbin his heirs and assigns the two described Tracts or parcels of Land...*
- Witnesses: **Arnold Taft, James Edwards**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 126. "Pitt County July Term 1823. This Deed was exhibited into Open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **James Edwards** a Witness thereto Ordered that to be registered."
- Comments:
1. Richard Albritton is believed to be the son of Henry Albritton, youngest son of James Albritton Sr. We only have circumstantial evidence, as no document proving the names of Henry's wife or heirs is known to exist. Richard Albritton's land lay near Henry's on Cow Swamp; see the deed of 2 January 1804 from Archibald Campbell to Richard Campbell.
  2. The clerk recorded that Richard Albritton made "his mark" to the document, making him one of the very few illiterate male Albrittons of his era.
- 10 Apr 1822** For \$2387, "**Luke Albritton, Senior**" sells **Luke Ward**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 2243-acre tract of land in Pitt County  
*...on the north Side of Tar River and immediately on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek bounded as follows (to wit) begining [sic] at two Cypresses on the aforesaid Grindal [Grindle] Creek Adam Albritton Corner thence runing [sic] said Albrittons line South nineteen degrees west Sixty eight pole thence...runing [sic] another of his lines through the bear pond South thirty Six pole thence with his line South twenty four west twenty pole thence South five and...three fourths poles to a small holly in [illegible words] of pond thence runing [sic] with the middle of Said pond to a forked Cypress Samuel Stones corner thence runing [sic] Said Stones line South Seventy one and one half east twenty pole and two feet to a white oak Said Stones corner thence runing [sic] another of his lines South twelve west thirty Seven and three fourth [sic] pole to a Small persimmon on the main road then running Adam Albrittons line South Eighty three and one third east forty Six and one half pole to a lying down pine near the Corner of the fence thence runing [sic] Adam Albrittons line South two and one half east Sixty four pole to a pine near the Cypress pond Samuel Albrittons line thence runing [sic] Samuel Albrittons line North eighty eight and one half east ninety eight pole to read [sic] oak thence runing [sic] through the plantation and with Joel Albritton line north Seventeen and one half East one hundred and eighty four pole to the run of the aforesaid*

*Grindal [Grindle] Creek thence with the various Courses of the aforesaid Grindal [Grindle] Creek to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **James Daniel, Rippon Ward**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 450. *"Pitt County May Term 1822. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved by **James Daniel** a witness thereto ordered to be Registered."*

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. The clerk referred to him here as *"Luke Albritton, Senior"* to distinguish him from his namesake nephew, the son of his older brother, Adam Albritton.
2. Rippon Ward was the son of Luke Ward, and he later married Luke Albritton's daughter, Mary Ann Ward.

**23 Apr 1822** For \$55, **James Albritton** sells **George Williams**

*...one negro Woman named **Patience** which negro I oblige myself to warrant and forever defend unto the said **George Williams** from the Quit Claims of all persons whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **G. Evans**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, p. 436.

Comment: James was the son of Jonathan Albritton, making him a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. James had obtained Patience from his brother-in-law, Harmon Mayo, the previous year after some of Mayo's property was seized and sold at auction to pay his debts (Deed Book BB, pp. 253-254). This document is written in an extremely sloppy manner that is nearly impossible to decipher.

**8 Jun 1822** For \$410.25, **Simon Nobles** *"Executor of **Gardner Moye dec'd**"* sells to **Absalom Sanders**

*...a negro Girl Slave Named **Gilley** of the Goods and Chattles of said **Gardner Moye deceased** To have and to hold to the said **Absalom Sanders** his Executors administrators and assigns...*

Witnesses: **Geo. Evans**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 386. *"Pitt County. Then was the above acknowledged by **Simon Nobles** to be his Act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."*

Comments: Gardner Moye was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moye, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**27 Aug 1822** Transaction made between **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton**, of the first part, **John S. Easton**, of the second part, and **John Hardee** and **Sally** his wife, of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, involving the **Albrittons** selling a male slave, **James**, to **Sally Hardee** for \$400. The **Albrittons** convey the slave to **Easton** to hold in trust for **Sally Hardee**, and **Easton** promises to later convey the slave to **Sally Hardee's** children and grandchildren:

*Witnesseth Whereas Previous to the intermarriage of the said **John** and **Sally Hardee** certain property was partially secured to the said **Sally** which property together with other property has since their intermarriage been secured to the said **Sally** in such manner as to deprive the said **John** of any estate or interest therein and the said **Sally** believing that it would promote her interest to dispose of a part of said property and to apply the money arising from such sale to the purchase of a negro man named **James** the property of said **Albrittons** and to have him so secured to her that shea [sic] may have the sole entire and separate property in the same free from the control of her said husband and of any Claim to his creditors or of any charges or incumbrance [sic-encumbrance] by him executed or to be executed now the said **Adam Albritton** by and with the assent of the said **John Hardee** which assent is signified by his becoming a party to and signing and sealing these presents for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to him paid by said **Sally Hardee** and also in consideration of Five dollars paid by him the said **John S. Easton** hath bargained sold transferred assigned and set over...to the said **John S. Easton** the said negro **James** to hold the said negro to the said **John S. Easton** his Executors and administrators free from the Claim of any person whatever. In trust and confidence nevertheless that the said **John S. Easton**...shall and will permit and suffer the said **Sally Hardee** to use either in her own service or by hiring to others the said negro hereby conveyed without any hindrance by the said **John S. Easton**...to the sole separate and exclusive use of the said **Sally Hardee** free from the control of the said **John Hardee** or the Claim of his executors that he the said **John Hardee** or the Claim of his creditors...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Hardee Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 99-100. *"November Term 1822. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Luke Albritton** a witness thereto. Ordered that it be registered."* The clerk indicated that Adam and Samuel Albritton both signed their names to the transaction, along with John S. Easton, whereas John Hardee made his mark to it.

Comments: Adam and Luke Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel was Peter's grandson, the son of Peter's son, James Albritton.

**24 Sept 1822** **James Barrow** gives his son **Beazar Barrow** a 100-acre tract of land

*...for and in Consideration of the Natural Love and affection which he hath and beareth unto the said Party of the Second part his son as also for the better maintainance and preferment of the said party of the Second part hath*

*given Granted and Confirmed...unto the said party of the Second part all that messuage or tenement being on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek...*

Land adjoined the lands of **John Barrow** and **James Langley**.

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Edmond A. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 169. "*Pitt County May Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed Acknowledged in Open Court by **James Barrow** to be his Act and deed. Signed Sealed and delivered for the purposes therein Mentioned. Let it be registered.*"

**16 Oct 1822** For \$450, **James Barrow** sells **Beazar Barrow** "*Two negroes Slaves named **Bristor** and **Cuff**, **Bristor** about Thirty Two & **Cuff** about Nine Years of age...*"

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Edmond A. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 186. "*Pitt County May Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed Acknowledged in Open Court by **James Barrow**. Let it be registered.*"

Comment: Samuel Albritton was the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**21 Oct 1822** For \$500, **Harmon Mayo** sells **James Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...a Certain Negro Man Named **Peter** about Twenty One years of age And I the said **Harmon Mayo** do by these presents bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to warrant and defend the said Negro **Peter** unto the said **James Albritton** his heirs Executors administrators and assigns against the Lawfull [sic] Claim or Claims of all and every person whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **F. Gorham**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 311. "*Pitt County February Sessions 1824. Then was the above deed Acknowledged in open Court by **Harmon Mayo**. Let it be registered.*"

Comment: James was the son of Jonathan Albritton, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. Harmon Mayo married a daughter of Jonathan Albritton, making him James' brother-in-law.

**2 Jan 1823** For \$325, **Allen Adams** sells **William Stokes**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the South Side of Tar River and on the west Side of Juniper Swamp bounded as follows beginning in the mouth of the Branch leading from the Great Pond running up the various courses of the said Branch to the Great Pond thence through the middle of the said Pond to the back Line of the old Pattent [sic] then South Twenty Poles to a pine **Henry Albritton** and **Leavy Nobles** Corner then South One hundred and fifty poles to the back Line of the Pattent [sic] then east along the Back line to the Swamp then down the various Courses of the Swamp to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Arnold Taft, Elias Taft**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 241. "*Pitt County August Sessions 1823. Then the above deed was Acknowledged by **Allen Adams** to be his Act and deed. Let it be registered.*"

Comments: Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton, the son of James Albritton Sr., had died about 1815.

**13 Feb 1823** For \$275, **Luke Albritton** sells **John Newton**  
*...One negro Girl **Silva** about eleven years old...and I **Luke Albritton** do Warrant and defend to **John Newton** the Right of said **Silvey** to be free and clear from any claim or claims of any persons Whatsoever to him an dhis heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Lanier Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 185. "*Pitt County May Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed proved by the oath of **Lanier Daniel** a Subscribing Wittness [sic] thereto. Let it be registered.*"

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. Lanier Daniels was a longtime resident of the Grindle Creek region and neighbor to James Albritton Jr. and his nephews. Several years later, Daniels' son, John Stanley Daniels, married two Albritton first cousins, both nieces of Luke Albritton.

**26 Feb 1823** For \$400.35, **Walter Hanrahan** Administrator of **Newman Dunn deceased** sells **Daniel Wilson**  
*...a negro boy Slave named **Ben** of the Goods and Chattles of said **Newman Dunn deceased**...*

Witnesses: **W. Cherry, Luke Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 190. "*Pitt County May Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed proved by the Oath of **W. Cherry** a Subscribing Witness there to. Let it be registered.*"

Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

- 1 Mar 1823** For \$953.20, **Luke Albritton** Executor and Guardian of **Josiah Griffin dec.** sells **Lewis Smith** a 188-acre tract of land described as
- ...One Section tract or parcel of Land Lying in the fork of **Luke Albritton** Mill Pond and on the south side of Tar River...Beginning...at the Edge of **Luke Albrittons** Mill Swamp at **Abner Smith** Log Langing [landing]...Runnign with the edge of the said Swamp to **Lewis Smith's** own corner and **Francis Brooks**...which was descended from **Allen James** and wife to **Josiah Griffin & Luke Albritton** Executor and Guardian to said **Decd** hath bargained and sold the above Mentioned Land and premises to the said **Smith**...all the Right and Title of the Said **Decd. Marthy Griffin** do Sell and deliver up to **Lewis Smith** my right of Dower in the above Mentioned Land and Premises for the Sum of One hundred and fifty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Six Cents...*
- Witnesses: **Redding Bell, James Knox**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 219–220. "August Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed proved by the oath of **James Knox** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."
- Comments: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 15 Mar 1823** For \$336.60, **Simon Nobles** Executor of **Gideon Moye** sells **Absalom Sanders** several slaves:
- ...Negro Boy **Solomon** aged about eight years and also one negro Boy named **Blount** about the age of six years to Have and to hold the said **Absalom** all the interest which vest in me as Executor of **Gideon Moye decd**...*
- Witnesses: **George Evans**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 392. "May 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1824 proved by the oath of **George Evans**. Pitt County May Sessions 1824. Then was the above deed proved in due form of Law by the Oath of **George Evans** who was Sworn by **John Bowers** Chairman. Let it be registered."
- Comments: Gideon Moye had no direct Albritton connection himself, but his brother, Gardner Moye, married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 26 Mar 1823** For £30, **Zachariah Pinkett**, Planter, of Edgecombe County, North Carolina sells **Mary Jamon** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North side of Tar River and on the south side Medow [sic] or Could Cal [sic-cold] Spring Branch Estimated at Six Acres...Beginning at the **Spear** Deed Corner...Running along the **Spear** Deed line now **Telfair** line In to **Jonathan Albrittons** line a ling with **Jonathan's** line a pine on the South side of Medow or Cold Spring Branch along the winds of said Medow or Spring Branch in to **John Pinketts** line a gumb [sic-gum] a deviding [sic] line between **Zacharias** [sic] & **John Pinkett** and from thence to the first Station...*
- Witnesses: **Claradicha Whithad** [her mark], **John Pinkett**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 94 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD).
- Comment: Jonathan Albritton is a son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 5 Apr 1823** For \$1000.07, **Luke Albritton**, Executor and Guardian to **Josiah Griffin dec<sup>d</sup>** sells **Benjamin Tucker**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 243-acre tract of land "...on the South Side of Tar River & between the Reedy and Forbes Branch," including the Crawford Land and bounded by lands of **Charles Smith**, **Jesse Brands**, and **James Sheppard**,
- ...reserving a life Estate of Eighty One acres to **Martha Griffin** during her natural life being her wright [sic] of dower, Including the house of and plantation...*
- Witnesses: **W. Wallace, Thomas Gaskins**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 179. "Pitt County Sessions 1823. Then was the above deed proved in due form of Law by **W. Wallace** a Subscribing Witness there to. Let it be registered."
- 5 Apr 1823** For \$500, **Archibald Adams** purchases a 300-acre tract of land purchased on 16 October 1806 by **George Tyre**, now deceased. The sale was made by **James Tyer**, Guardian to the heirs of **George Tyer**, deceased, whose estate was insolvent.
- Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Samuel Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 18–19. "Pitt County Court of Please [sic] and Quarter Sessions May Term 1825. Then was this Deed exhibited in open Court & proven in due form of Law by the Oath of **Luke Albritton** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered."
- Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel is Luke's nephew. Samuel was the son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 25 Apr 1823** For \$500, **Archibald Adams** sells **James Tyer**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 300 acres,
- ...on the East side of little Contentnea Creek & on the North west side of the Long Branch...it being the lower part of a tract of Land which **George Tyer** bought of **Joel Moye** in his life time which the said **George** sold in his life time sold out of the three Hundred Acres of land fifty Acres of said land unto the said **James Tyer**....*
- Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Sam<sup>l</sup> Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 12. *"Pitt County Court Please [sic] & Quarter Sessions May term 1825. Then was this Deed from Archibald Adams to James Tyer Exhibited into open Court and proven in due form of Law by the oath of Luke Albritton a Subscribing Witness thereto Ordered to be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel is Luke's nephew. Samuel was the son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**29 May 1823** Matthias Moore, as Administrator of Hillery Cherry Dec<sup>d</sup>, signs a receipt for \$230.25½ from Ormand Cherry  
...in full for one negro Girl named Nancy aged about Twelve Years...

Witnesses: L. Hatton, Adam Albritton

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 418. *"August Term 1824. This deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by L. Hatton a witness thereunto. Let it be registered."*

Comment: Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**11 Aug 1823** Pitt County Sheriff James Sheppard sells to James Barrow property he seized of Zachariah Pinkett and John Pinkett to satisfy writs issued by the Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to satisfy judgement won by Jonathan Albritton.

*Witnesseth that whereas Several Writs of Execution or Venditionie Exponas issued from the Court of Please [sic] and Quarter Sessions for the said County of Pitt Commanding the said Sheriff to Expose to Sale the lands of John Pinkett, or so much thereof that he should Cause to be made the several Sums in the said Writs respectively mentioned which had been recovered in the said Court against the said John Pinkett whereof the said lands were liable (to wit),*

- \$7.00 – writ dated first Monday in November 1822, due Conner Ewell, with interest from 26 Dec 1819, plus "cost and charges therein Expended" of £2 1s 3p
- \$600.33 – writ dated first Monday of February 1823, due Joseph Moses, with interest "which Joseph Moses recovered against said Pinkett for debt and damages," plus "the Sum of Eighteen Shillings and nine pence for costs"
- \$100 – writ dated first Monday of February 1823, plus damages of \$12.04, plus "Eighteen Shilling & nine pence for costs," recovered against John Pinekett & Josiah Griffin & Luke Albritton by the President & Directors of the State Bank
- \$85 – writ dated first Monday of February 1823, plus "one pound nineteen Shillings for costs," recovered against Pinkett by William Whitehead
- £16 18s – writ dated first Monday of May 1823, "with Interest for debt or Judgement," plus "three pounds Sixteen Shillings & three pence for costs," recovered against Pinkett by Bernard & Norcott

*For the payment of which Several Sums Contained in the said Writs of Venditionie Exponas the lands of the said John Pinkett were liable and whereas a Certain other writ of Execution or [illegible Latin term] issued from the said County, Commanding the said Sheriff, that of the Goods & Chattels Lands & Tenements of Zachariah Pinkett & John Pinkett he cause to be made the Sum of three hundred & Ninety One dollars & thirty Cents which Jonathan Albritton in Said Court recovered against them for debt & the Sum of fourteen pounds fifteen Shillings & One penny for costs and charges therein Expended, which last Execution the said Sheriff levied on the same lands of John Pinkett, and whereas the said Sheriff, duly proceeded on the Said several write of Execution advertised the lands of the said John Pinkett for sale to the highest bidder for the payment of the foregoing Sums, and in Pursuance thereof on the first Monday of July 1823 at the Court house in Greenville in said County of Pitt he Exposed the same to Sale...when the said James Barrow having bid the sum of Thirteen hundred dollars and being the highest bidder became the purchaser of said Lands. Now therefore in consideration of the said Sum of Thirteen Hundred dollars to the said James Sheppard Sheriff in hand paid, and appropriated to the payment of the said Several Executions the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said John Sheppard, Sheriff as aforesaid hath Given, Granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, set over, Conveyed, and confirmed unto the said James Barrow a Certain tract or parcel of Land Lying in the County of Pitt on the North side of Tar River and South side of the road leading from Greenville to Washington and bounded by the lands of Jonathan Albritton, Edwin Gorham and William Little and by the said road being the same whereon the said John Pinkett resides and all that he has or possesses between those boundaries containing by estimation Three hundred acres be the same more or Less...*

Witnesses: Mosses [sic] Herrington

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 299–300.

Comment: Jonathan and Luke Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandsons of James Albritton Sr.

**3 Nov 1823** Simon Nobles to Nancy Moye:

*Know all men by these presents that I, Simon Nobles Executor of Gideon Moye Dec<sup>d</sup> have rec<sup>d</sup> of Nancy Moye Two hundred ninety one Dollars in full for the Negro boy named Moses aged about nine Years for the consideration of which I do as Executor to the estate of said Moye Dec<sup>d</sup> Warrant and Defend all wright [sic] and Tittle [sic] that the said Gideon Moye would have had at this time.*

Witnesses: L. Hatton



- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 464. *"November Term 1824. Then was this Deed Exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **Simon Nobles** to be his Act and Deed. Let it be registered."*
- Comment: Gideon Moye was the brother of Gardner Moye, husband of Elizabeth Albritton Moye, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. This document implies that the wife of Gideon Moye was Nancy Moye, which helps identify the Elizabeth Moye in the Red Banks Baptist Church minutes as the wife of Gardner.

**3 Dec 1823** The Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Benjamin Fleming**, deceased, reported their division to the Court, which approved it:

*Division of the Lands of **Benjamin Flemmings** [sic], **Decd***

*In Pursuance of an order issued from the County Court aforesaid November Term 1823 To us the under Signed Commissioners directed empowering & requiring us to make distribution of the real Estate of **Benjamin Flemming decd** amongst the legal representatives of the aforesaid decd. we the under Signed have according done the same in the following manner as the above plan represents...*

- Lot No 1 – Allotted to **Benjamin Flemming** – 46 acres on the Great Swamp and adjoining **John House**, valued @ \$140, needs to receive \$20 from **Adam Flemming**
- Lot No 2 – Allotted to **Peter Flemming** – 46 acres *"including the dwelling house and other buildings,"* on Great Swamp, adjoining **John House**, valued @ \$160
- Lot No 3 – Allotted to **Ivey Flemming** – 70 acres on Great Swamp adjoining **John House**, including all 50 acres of a land grant to **Benjamin Flemming decd**, plus 20 acres *"out of the old land,"* valued at \$140, he receives \$20 from Lot No 5 **Luke Flemming**
- Lot No 4 – Allotted to **Adam Fleming** – 59 acres adjoining **Willis Flemming, James Shivers**, valued @ \$180, he pays \$20 to Lot No 1, **Benjamin Flemming**
- Lot No 5 – Allotted to **Luke Fleming** – 67 acres adjoining **James Shivers, James Flemmings** valued @ \$180, he pays \$20 to Lot No 3, **Ivey Flemming**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 337–338.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**6 Jan 1824** For \$400, **Luke Albritton** sells **James Smith Senr**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...one negro boy named **Ned** To have and to hold unto the said **Smith** his heirs and assigns forever the before mentioned Negro boy **Ned** and I the [said] **Luke Albritton** do warrant and defend the said Negro to be free and Clear from any other wright [sic] title or Claim or Claims of any person or persons whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **Caleb Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 382. *"Pitt County May Sessions 1824. Then was the above acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to [be] his Act and Deed. Let it be registered."*

Comments: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**16 Jan 1824** For \$250, **Samuel Moore** of Jefferson County, Georgia sells **William Moore** of Pitt County, North Carolina  
*...One piece or parcel of Land Lying in the County of Pitt and on the North Side of Tar River Beginning at the South Corner of **William Moores** Land then running the said **William** line to **Abel Moores** line thence his line to **Martin Moores** line thence with his line to **Stanley Moores** line thence with his line to the Beginning Containing by estimation forty three and a half acres it being a part of the land belong to the Heirs of **Richard Moore, decd** which Land was lotted of [sic] to his heirs at Law the above Lott is Number two...*

Witnesses: **L. Hatton, Samuel Albritton Senr**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 430. *"August Term 1824. Then was this deed exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Samuel Albritton Senr** a Witness thereto Ordered that it be registered."*

Comments: Samuel Albritton is the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. The clerk referred to him as *"**Samuel Albritton Senr**"* to distinguish him from his first cousin with the same name, Samuel, son of Adam Albritton.

**16 Jan 1824** For \$155, **Luke Albritton** sells **Reading Bell**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 31-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...it being apart of...the Sandy Hill tract bounded as follows viz, beginning at a short strawed pine on Ready Branch **Josiah Griffins & Amos Evans** corner thence running **Evans** line South thirty one & a half Poles to a stake **Reading Bells** corner thence running **Bells** line East...to a stake in the centre [sic] of several pines in the back line thence along the same north twenty three degrees east forty four poles to a large slash pine in a small branch thence west one hundred & twenty three poles to Ready Branch thence with the various courses of the same to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Warren Nobles, W. Brooks**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 36–37. *"August Sessions 1836. Then this deed was Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Warren Nobles** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."*

Comments: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**21 Jan 1824** For \$80, **Samuel Moore**, attorney in fact for **Caswell Moore** and **Clemmy Barrow** "widow" of **William Barrow**, all of Jefferson County, Georgia, sell **Shaderack Rogers** of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land in Pitt County, both for 6½ acres, and located on the north side of Tar River, and drawn in the division of the lands of **James Stewart Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** made 1 June 1822,

...begin the fourth and Eighth lots of the lands formerly owned by **James Stewart Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** and drawn by the said **Caswell Moore** and **Clemmy Barrow** widow [sic] of **William Barrow** as their distributive Shares of the land of the said **James Stewart Moore dec<sup>d</sup>**...

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Eleazar Rogers**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 482–483. "Pitt County February Sessions 1825. Then was this Deed from **Samuel Moore** and **Clemmy Barrow** proven in open Court by the oath of **Samuel Albritton** A Subscribing Witness thereto ordered that it be registered."

**29 Jan 1824** A mortgage between **Lewis Hatton** of the first part, **Adam & Samuel Albritton** of the second part, and **Luke Albritton** of the third part:

Witnesseth that whereas the said **Adam Albritton** is Security for the said **Lewis** for divers Sums of money owing by the said **Lewis** to Sundry persons, towit, to **John Brown** Executor of **David Flemming** about fifty nine dollars and to **Turner House** Executor of **William House** Executor of **William House** about Sixty dollars, all of which are evidenced by notes or Bonds executed by the said **Lewis & Adam**, the dates whereof are not now ascertained, and the said **Samuel** is also Security for the said **Lewis** to **John Anderson** Guardian to the Heirs of **Christ Leading** [sic—almost illegible] for about Ninety dollars which is evidence by a note or Bond the date of which is not ascertained and the said **Adam & Samuel** having requested to be indemnified against any Injury which may arise from the Security above mentioned the said **Lewis** had consented to [illegible word] them in the property herein after mentioned therefore Know all men by these presents that the said **Lewis Hatton** for & inconsideration of the premises and also of the Sum of one dollar to him in hand paid before Signing thereof hath Bargained and sold released Conveyed & confirmed and by these presents doth bargain & sell release convey & confirm unto the aforesaid **Luke Albritton** Two Certain tracts of land Lying in the County of Pitt on the North Side of Tar River...

The first tract consisted of 120 acres adjoined lands of **James Flemming** and **James "Robbinston" Sen<sup>r</sup>**, while the second tract contained 70 acres and was granted to **Lewis** by patent from North Carolina dated 27 December 1822. **Lewis Hatton** also mortgaged "Five Head of Cattle, three Horses, Thirteen Sheep, two Sows, & thirteen pigs, twenty Two Shoats, one chair & Harness, one still, one set of Blacksmiths Tools, twenty five Barrels of corn, one thousand pounds of fodder, and all the House Hold and Kitchen furniture now owned and in the possession of the Said **Lewis**."

To have and to hold to the said **Luke Albritton** the aforesaid Tracts of Land and other articles of property forever Subject nevertheless and it is under stood that the same are hereby Conveyed for the following uses and Trusts, viz., to Secure and indemnify the said **Adam** and **Samuel** against any injury by reason of their being Security for the said **Lewis** as aforesaid and it is agreed that the said property shall remain in the sue and possession of the said **Lewis** for the term of Six Months from this date and after expiration of that time if the aforesaid debts or any part of them shall remain unpaid by the Said **Lewis** so far as its respects their security of the said **Adam & Samuel** it shall be Lawfull [sic] for the said **Luke** to advertise for the term of twenty days the aforesaid tracts of Land & other property for sale for cash and to sell the same or So much thereof as may be necessary to pay all Such Sum or Sums as the said **Adam & Samuel** may have paid or may remain liable for on account of the foregoing Security and all costs attending the same and after paying the same and having them harmless the balance arising from Such Sale to be paid to the said **Lewis** and the remaining part of the property to be restored to the right of the said **Lewis** Provided however that if the said **Lewis** shall die before the Expiration of the said Six Months then the aforesaid Lands & other property may immediately possessed by the said **Luke** who is hereby authorized to advertise the same in the manner aforesaid, and dispose of on a credit of Six Months of the whole of the said Land & property or so much thereof as may be necessary to save the said **Adam & Samuel** harmless and the balance of money & property after paying all costs to be delivered over & released to the representatives of the said **Lewis** and in case of the sale of any part of the said property in the manner above described the said **Luke** is hereby authorized to make & execute good & valid titles of the same to the purchaser his heirs and assigns forever provided as a condition on which this Conveyances is made that if the said **Lewis** or his heirs shall pay or cause to be paid all the aforesaid Sums of money for which the said **Adam & Samuel** are bound as his Securitys [sic] and save them harmless therein before any sale shall be made of the said property by the said **Luke** then this Deed is to be void otherwise to remain in full force...

Witnesses: **Richard Balderee**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 523–524. "Pitt County February Sessions 1824. Then was the above Deed proven in due form of Law by the Oath of **Richard Balderee** the Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."

**3 Feb 1824** For \$785, **Lewis Hatton** sells **Floyd Hodges**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 157-acre tract of land on the north side of Tar River, adjoining **Richard Balderee**, **Reubin Hatton**, **John Hatton**, **John Buck**, **Lydia Moore**, **John Tucker**, and **Lewis Hatton**.

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, John Buck**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 365. "Pitt County May Sessions 1824. Then was the above Deed Acknowledged by **Lewis Hatton** to be his Act and Deed. Let it be registered."

- 7 Feb 1824** **John Kennedy**, in right of his wife **Elizabeth**, and **John S. Easton**, brother of **Elizabeth Easton Kennedy**, divide slaves left to them by their grandmother, **Elizabeth Simpson**, according to her will dated 27 April 1804, and their mother, **Ann Easton**, according to her will dated 9 July 1811.
- Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, G. Eason**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 416. *"This deed was Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by **Luke Albritton** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered that it be registered."*
- 9 Feb 1824** For \$300, **John Rollings** sells **Joel James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County:
- ...Beginning in the Marsh Branch at the Mouth of the Bushey Iland Branch in **William Clements** line thence running up the Bushey Iland Branch to **Benjamin Crawford** line formerly **William Crawford Senr.** Line thence running in the said **Benjamin Crawford** line to a Short Strawed pine in the Marsh Branch in **William Clements** line thence to the Beginning...*
- Witnesses: **Edmund Andrews, Charlotte Andrews**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 452. *"State of North Carolina, Pitt County, November Term 1824. Then was this Deed Exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **John Rollings** to be his act and Deed. Let it be registered."*
- Comment: Joel James is reportedly the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, making Joel the grandson of Peter Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 4 May 1824** For \$550, **Luke Albritton** signs the following receipt to **John Moore**
- ...I do hereby Acknowledge myself fully satisfied contented and paid and do by these presents bargain sell convey and Confirm unto the said **John Moore** a certain Negro Woman by the name of **Nancy** about Twenty Years of age and her child a negro boy by the name of **Henry** about Six Months of age...*
- Witnesses: **Edmond Evans, William Little**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 392. *"Pitt County May Sessions 1824. Then was the above Deed acknowledge in open Court by **Luke Albritton** to be his Act and Deed. Let it be registered."*
- 4 May 1824** For \$200, **Luke Albritton** sells **George McGowns** a slave:
- ...a Negro boy by the name of **Bryan** Supposed to [be] about four Years of age*
- Witnesses: **John Moore, William Little**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 396. *"Pitt County May Sessions 1824. Then was the above acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his Act and Deed. Let it be registered."*
- Comments: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 21 May 1824** For \$200, **Adam Albritton** sells to **James Perkins**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, three tracts of land
- ...Lying and being in Pitt County and on north side of Tar River and on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek the whole containing Three Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land More or less Bounded as follows...*
- 1. ...the first Tract Beginning at a Maple on the run of the hunting run running agreed line between **Henry James** and **Joshua James** North forty five Degrees East one Hundred and forty poles to a pine thence north Eighty pole to a pine then west one Hundred and ninety poles to a poplar in the Hunting run thence down the various Courses of the hunting run to the Beginning containing One Hundred Acres more or less one...*
  - 2. ...one other Tract Beginning at the mouth of the pocoson [sic] swamp at a Gum thence running down the run of the Swamp to a poplar my own Corner thence running my own line to a pine near **Coopers** Path thence running an agreed line to the Centre [sic] of the Swamp to a pine thence down the water Courses to the first Station Containing by Estimation one Hundred Acres of land be the same more or less...*
  - 3. ...one other Tract of Land Beginning at a pine on **William Willsons** [sic] ole pattent [sic] Land in the Centre [sic] of the Cypress arm thence with said Cypress Branch to a pine in the Pocoson [sic] the Back line of the pattent [sic] then with said line to the second corner thence west with s<sup>d</sup> percason [sic] two Hundred poles to a pine thence south one Hundred poles to said **Willsons** [sic] corner a pine thence to with said line to the Beginning containing one Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land...*
- Witnesses: **Alexander James, John James** [his mark]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 163–164. *"February Term 1826. The above Deed from **Adam Albritton** to **James Perkins** was then proven in open Court by the Oath of **John James** Witness thereto Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk recorded that Adam Albritton signed his name to the document.
- Comments: Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. Henry James is Adam's nephew and Peter's grandson, the son of Peter's daughter, Mary Albritton James.

**20 Aug 1824** For \$200, **Luke Albritton** of the first part, **Thomas Langley** of the second part, and **Lewis Hatton** "who is made a third party to express his Consent hereunto,"

Witnesseth that whereas the said **Lewis** by Deed dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1824 duly proved & recorded in the Registers office for the County of Pitt conveyed to **Luke Albritton** Certain tracts of Land among other things in Trust to dispose of in the manner therein expressed and for purposes therein described and the said **Luke** having with the consent of the said **Lewis**, sold the said Tracts of Land which are Herein after described to the said **Thomas Langley** for the purposes & uses mentioned in the said Deed Now Know all men by these presents that I the said **Luke Albritton** for and in consideration of the sum of Hundred & fifty dollars to me in hand paid and applied accordingly to the terms of the said Deed have bargained & sold released conveyed and confirmed unto the said **Thomas Langley**...two certain Tracts of Land Lying in the County of Pitt on the north side of Tar River the one being a tract conveyed to the said **Lewis** by **James Robinson** by deed duly recorded in the registers office of the County of Pitt...containing One Hundred and Twenty Acres...the other Tract Containing Seventy Acres being the same which was granted to the said **Lewis** by Patent [sic] or Grant from the State bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1822...

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Clifton James** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 155–156. "February Term 1826. The above Deed from **Luke Albritton & Lewis Hatton** to **Thomas Langley** was then proved in open Court by the Oath of **Samuel Albritton** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that both Luke Albritton and Lewis Hatton signed their names to the document.

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Samuel Albritton is the son of James, and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., making him Luke's nephew.

**1 Nov 1824** For \$647.50, **Samuel Hudleburg [Hidleberg]** and his wife, **Mary Ann Hudleburg**, his wife sell **Allen Blount**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land on the east side of Little Contentnea and South Side of Gollberry, adjoining **Kittrel, Lazarus Bruewer, Allen Blount, Lacy Roberts, Richard Moye, Jesse E. Joab Smith, William Moye**, and **Lucy Robertson**. Land sold included one 80-acre tract and one 330-acre tract.

Witnesses: **Jas. Tyer, Samuel Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, pp. 455–456. "Pitt County November Sessions 1824. Then was a Deed from **Samuel Hidleberg & Mary Ann Hidleberg** his wife proved in Due form of Law by the oath of **James Tyer** a Subscribing Witness thereto..."

Comment: Samuel Albritton is the son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**Dec 1824** For \$50, **Dempsey Moore** of Jefferson County, Georgia sells **John Bland** of Pitt County, North Carolina a 6½-acre tract of land:

...Land Lying and being in the County of Pitt...on the north side of Tar River the said piece of Land **Maginsey Moore** Got by the Death of **Stewart Moore** Beginning at Black gum in Sandy Branch...

Witnesses: **W. Cherry, Peter Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 513. "Pitt County February Sessions 1825. Then was this Deed Exhibited into Open Court from **Dempsey Moore** to **John Bland** and proven by the Oath of **William Cherry** in Due form a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."

Comments:

1. Peter Albritton is the youngest known son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The younger Peter left Pitt County in the 1830s and joined relatives in Muscogee County, Georgia. He later moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
2. The day in December on which this transaction was signed was left blank in the original document.

**11 Jan 1825** **Allen Atkinson** gives **Betsey Albritton**, wife of **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 290-acre tract of land:

*Allen Atkinson To Luke Albritton & wife Deed Gift*

Witnesseth that the aforesaid **Allen Atkinson** for and in Consideration of the Great love and affection I bare [sic] my Daughter **Betsey Albritton** and in further Consideration of the Sum of One dollar to him in hand paid...have given Granted bargained and Conveyed...unto the said **Betsey Albritton** her heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the County aforesaid and in the fork of Moys Mill Creek and Coneto Creek Beginning at the run of Coneto Creek at the flan [?] ford and running the various Courses of the road as it now is to a Cherry tree near the road Little Berry Thiggins Corner thence south eighty eight degrees west eighty poles to a stake at the road side thence along the road to the end of the Mill Dam thence Down the various Courses of the Mill Creek to the fork of said Creek and Coneto Creek thence up the Various courses of said Coneto Creek to the first Station...

Witnesses: **Allen A. Smith, John Bradley** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 505. *"Pitt County February Sessions 1825. Then was this Deed exhibited into open Court and proven in due form of Law by the oath of **Allen A. Smith** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered."*

Comment: Although the record does not specify, Betsy Atkinson Albritton was the wife of the younger Luke Albritton who lived in Pitt County at this time, the son of Adam Albritton. Death certificates of their children verify that the younger Luke's wife was Elizabeth Atkinson.

**22 Mar 1825** For \$1118, **Lewis Smith** sells **Francis Brooks**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 188-acre tract of land:

*...on the South Side thereof and Bounded as follows, vizt., Begining [sic] at a Stake at the edge of **Luke Albrittons** Mill Swamp at **Abner Smiths** log Landing called running with the edge of Said Swamp to **Lewis Smiths** own corner and **Francis Brooks** pine in or near the edge of said Mill Swamp...to the other Mill fork called **Moyes Run**, thence with the edge of the said Swamp round to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **Dempsey Gladson** [his mark], **John Gladson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 33. *"May Sessions of Pitt County Court 1825. Then was this Deed from **Lewis Smith** to **Francis Brooks** Exhibited into open Court and Acknowledged by **Lewis Smith** to be his Act and Deed in due form of Law. Ordered to be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**6 Apr 1825** **William Moyer** gives a 200-acre tract of land to his son, **Macon Moyer**:

*Witnesseth that I the aforesaid **William Moyer** for the natural love and affection I have and beare [sic] for my Son **Macon Moyer** I give him the following Tract of Land lying on the South side of Little Contentnea Creek and in Pitt and Greene Countys [sic] taken of the south end of the Tract whereon I now live adjoining **Michjah Hart**, **Allen Stansill**, **Ephraim Spivey**, and the Land willed to **Irwin Moyer** to be divided from the remainder of the Trct by an East and West line Containing Two Hundred Acres...*

Witnesses: **Alfred Moyer**, **Elbert Moyer**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 81. *"Pitt County August Term 1825. This Deed was then proven in Open Court by the Oath of **Alfred Moyer** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be Registered."* The clerk indicated that William Moyer signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: This document proves the parentage of Macon Moyer, one of the witnesses to the deed in which Gardner Moyer sold a slave to Wyatt Moyer in July 1819. Gardner was the husband of Elizabeth (Betsy) Albritton Moyer, eldest known daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and this record verifies that Wyatt and Macon Moyer were not sons of Betsy and Gardner Moyer.

**3 Aug 1825** For \$200, **James Albritton**, Administrator of **James Barrow dec<sup>d</sup>** sells **John Myers** of Beaufort County, North Carolina, two slaves

*...**Cupid**, a negro man about 50 or 55 Years of age, **Minerva** a woman supposed to be 55 or 60 years of age formerly of s<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup> and sold at Auction by me as Administrator the right and Title of s<sup>d</sup> negros as far as the right of **Mr. Barrow** I do warrant and will ever Defend unto the s<sup>d</sup> **John Myers** his heirs and assigns forever*

Witnesses: **John Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 87. *"Pitt County August Term 1825. Then Deed was then Acknowledged in open Court by **James Albritton** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."*

Comments:

1. James was the son of Jonathan Albritton, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. James Barrow had lived in the Grindle Creek vicinity for many years. In 1817, Barrow gave his power of attorney to Adam Albritton, husband of Eleanor Cason and uncle of James Albritton, to collect whatever money was due to Barrow from John Cason's estate in Burke County, Georgia. Barrow's exact connection to John Cason is unclear. He may have married a daughter of John Cason, or he could have married one of Cason's granddaughters.

**9 Feb 1826** For \$100, **Reuben James** of Anson County, North Carolina sells **Elijah Langley** of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land, one for 26 and the other for 16 acres,

*...Lying North of Tar River Beginning at a White Oak a Corner of **John Spears** land thence South forty five degrees west Seventy two poles to a pine **Jonathan Albrittons** Corner thence west sixty five Degrees North with the said **Albrittons** line one hundred and Eighty Six poles to an Oak thence North Forty five degrees East Seventy two poles to a Gum from thence to the Beginning [sic] Containing Twenty Six Acres...the other piece or parcel Beginning [sic] at a pine in the above named **Albritton** line and in the line of the above Named piece of Land and runing [sic] west Sixty five degrees north with the said **Albritton** line one hundred and forty poles to a pine in **Albrittons** Corner then runing [sic] **John Pinketts** line North Sixty five degrees Seventy two poles to a Pine in the Sassafrass [sic] Pole Swamp Runing [sic] down the aforesaid Swamp East Sixty five degrees South one hundred and fifty pole to a Gum from thence to the place Beginning [sic] containing sixteen Acres...*

Witnesses: **Norcott Moore**, **William Langley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 238.

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**18 May 1826** For \$1400, **Samuel Taylor** sells **Elias Taft** and **Arnold Taft** three tracts of land in Pitt County, including this one:  
*...on the south side of Tar River Bounded as follows (to wit), Begining [sic] at a pine in the said **George Williams** line now **Jesse Wilsons** and runs east Sixty two poles to a pine his corner thence north with his other line Seventy two pole to a pine **Levy Nobles** corner thence East with said **Nobles** line Sixty Seven pole to a pine in **Henry Albrittons** line thence south with his line one hundred and fifty pole to a pine thence west through the Indian Well One hundred and forty pole to a pine thence North to the Begining [sic] by Estimation One hundred Acres...*

Witnesses: **F. Gorham, Joseph Emerson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 345–346. “August Term 1826. Then the above Deed from **Samuel Taylor** to **Elias** and **Arnold Taft** was Exhibited into open Court and proved in Due form of Law on oath by **Franklin Gorham** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered to be recorded.”

Comments: Revolutionary War veteran Henry Albritton, the son of James Albritton Sr., had died about 1815.

**Aug 1826** Pitt County Sheriff **James C. Clark**, acting on writs from the Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions that  
*...commanding him that of the goods and chattles Lands and Tenaments of **Edmond A. Daniel** he should cause to be made as well as the sum of Four Hundred Seventy seven dollars 25¢ with the Intrest on Two Hundred dollars from February Term 1826 untill [sic] paid and Interest on other Two Hundred dollars from May Term 1826 untill [sic] paid which **James Albritton Adm<sup>r</sup>** of **Ja<sup>s</sup> Barrow dec<sup>d</sup>** recovered against him for damages as the sum of nineteen dollars 12½¢ for Cost & charges in said writs...and in obedience thereto I levied the same on Negroes (viz:) **Sam** his wife **Sarah** and Two Children **Phillis & Ned** and after having made due advertisement sold **Edmond A. Daniels** Interest in Said Slaves for ready money to **James Albritton** who bid for the Same five Hundred dollars and became highest bidder for said Slaves...*

Witnesses: **C. Greene**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 545.

Comment: James Albritton is the son of Jonathan, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**12 Aug 1826** To complete a bill of sale for an 1819 transaction in which **Franklin Gorham** sold **Samuel Ralston** his interest in several slaves, and for \$1, **Franklin Gorham** sold **Samuel Ralston**  
*...a negro woman named **Unice** a Negro man named **Sam** and a negro man named **Reubin**...*

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Sen<sup>r</sup>**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 350.

Comment: Samuel Albritton is the son of James and the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. He is called “Senior” to distinguish him from his first cousin who was eighteen years younger, the son of Adam Albritton.

**28 Aug 1826** **Samuel Albritton** served as security on several notes by **Samuel Stone**, and as collateral, **Stone** mortgages 9¾ acres of land to **Albritton**. The land mortgaged lay

*...on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek adjoining **Adam Albritton & Luke Ward** where the said **Stone** now lives...*

The terms of the mortgage:

*Provided however and it is the understanding of the Parties hereunto that whereas the said **Samuel Albritton** is the security of the said **Samuel Stone** to **Simon Nobles** in a note for forty Dollars & ten cents, and to **Edward Cobb** for the sum of Sixty dollars now if the said **Samuel Stone** shall pay or cause to be paid the aforesaid Sums of Money to the said **Nobles & Cobb**, or their assigns and all accruing interest and save the said **Albritton** harmless thereon & from all expenses herein within one year from the date hereof then this Deed of conveyance to become void Otherwise to remain in full force and it is further understood & agreed that on the expiration of the aforesaid term of Twelve Months or one year if the full payment and satisfaction of the foregoing shall not have been made it shall be lawfull [sic] for the said **Samuel Albritton**, as soon thereafter as he may think proper first giving twenty days notice by advertisement in the Public Place of the Districk [sic] to expose for sale on a credit of Six Months the aforesaid tract of Land to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof after paying necessary expenses to be appropriated towards indemnifying the said **Albritton** for the aforesaid Sums of Money due to **Nobles & Cobb**, and if there should be any over plus the same to be paid to the said **Samuel Stone** or to his assigns and the said **Samuel Stone** doth hereby authorize the said **Albritton** to make and execute a good Deed of Conveyance for the aforesaid tract of Land whereon the same shall be sold in Pursuance hereof which shall be good and valid in law...It is further understood that the said **Samuel Stone** shall in the mean time have the use and occupation [sic] of the said land and buildings...*

Witnesses: **M. Dickinson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 348–349. “November Term 1826. Then the above Mortgage Deed from **Samuel Stone** to **Samuel Albritton** was exhibited into open court and proved in Due form of Law on Oath by **Marshal Dickinson** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered.”

Comment: Presumably, this is the elder Samuel Albritton living in Pitt County in 1826, son of James, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and husband of Tabitha Bell Albritton. The younger Samuel, the son of Adam Albritton and first cousin of the older man, was born on 5 December 1801, and so was at that time a newly married young man of twenty-five years.

**3 Nov 1826** *"Elizabeth Carney Dower"*

*State of North Carolina Pitt County. In obedience to the annexed Writ I Jas. S. Clark Sheriff of the County aforesaid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1826...attended by Shadrack Shivers, Benj. Tison, Manuel Flake, Jas. Fleming, Noble Stancel, Godfrey Stancel, Solomon Ewell, Nathaniel Nobles, Henry Barnhill, Riley Barnhill, Daniel Highsmith, Arden Moore, Freeholders unconnected with Elizabeth Carney widdow [sic] of Thomas Carney deceased or the heirs or devisees [of] Thomas Carney by consanguinity or affinity and entirely disinterested by me duly summoned came in property person to a certain plantation whereof the said Thomas Carney Deceased died seized and possessed mentioned in the annexed writ lying on Grindal [Grindle] Creek in the County aforesaid containing thirteen hundred and fifty nine acres more or less and the freeholders aforesaid being duly sworn and required to allot and set off to the said Elizabeth Carney the part or portion off the aforesaid plantation included and comprised within the following limits and bounds to wit. Beginning at an [sic] mouth of small branch where it in [sic] Grindal [sic] Creek thence up the various wines of said branch to the main road to Redding Moores line thence with his line North to a Stake then with Moores linds [sic] to Nathaniel Nobles line thence with his line to Creek thence with the various winds of Grindal [sic] Creak [sic] to the beginning containing four hundred and twenty acres be the same more or less, etc., and including the dwelling house or mansion of said Thomas Carney deceased in which he most Generally dwelt neat [sic] before his Decease and all the offices out houses buildings and improvements thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining which being done the said Sheriff and freeholders aforesaid put the said Elizabeth Carney in possession of the premises...*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 59 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD).

Comments:

1. Stephen Carney, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carney, married Susannah Albritton, daughter of Adam Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
2. Family tradition indicates that the maiden name of Thomas Carney's wife, Elizabeth, was "Elizabeth Albritton." Some sources claim that her father was James Albritton Jr. While she may have been an Albritton, there is no documented evidence to support this.

**22 Nov 1826** For \$350, Isaac Harrington sells Henry Harrington, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, an 88-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River & Cannons Swamp Begining [sic] at a Gum in Franklin Gorhams line to the Dividing corner between Lot N<sup>o</sup> one and two and runs with said Gorhams line South forty poles to said Gorhams Corner then east forty two poles to John Tuckers corner then along said Tuckers line south thirty four west forty poles to the aforesaid Tuckers corner then south Twenty four East seventeen poles to Richard Balderees corner thence with his line south eighty six east eighty eight poles to another of said Balderees corners then along the aforesaid Balderees line south sixty six east Twenty three poles to another of said Balderees corners then along another of said Balderees lines North Seventy Nine east twenty two poles to another of the aforesaid Balderees corners then along another of said Balderees lines North eighty five east twenty Poles to another of Balderees corners then along another of Balderees lines south Seventy nine East Sixty nine Pole to another of Balderees corners then along another of said Balderees lines South eighty four east thirty Seven Poles to Adam Albrittons Corner then along said Albrittons line North Eleven east twenty five Pole to a Stake the Beginning corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> one from thence to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: L. Hatton, William B. Hatton

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 85 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). *"May Term 1827. Then the above Deed from Isaac Harrington to Henry Harrington for Eighty Eight acres of Land was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by Isaac Harrington to be his act and Deed to be registered."*

Comment: In the latter 1820s, Henry Harrington Jr. married Tabitha Albritton, daughter of Samuel Albritton, granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Henry and Tabitha Harrington lived their lives on Grindle Creek. In this deed, Henry Harrington Jr. buys from his brother, Isaac, the portion of the lands that Isaac inherited from their father, Henry Harrington Sr. (see the division of Harrington's lands dated December 1815).

**11 Dec 1826** For \$100, John James sells John Whichard, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 100-acre tract of land in Pitt County on Little Beaver Branch, Great Beaver Branch, Horse Pen Pocosin and the cypress arm off Horse Pen Pocosin, bounded by Moore's Cart Path and the County Road, and adjoining lands of David Congleton, Simon Wollard, and Enoch Wollard.

Witnesses: Samuel Albritton, Daniel Ward

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 44 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD).

**11 Dec 1826** For \$150, John James sells John Whichard, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 220-acre tract of land in Pitt County sold by Joshua James to William Wilson, then from William Wilson Dec<sup>d</sup> to Mary Gilford and John

**Gilford**, heirs of **William Wilson, Dec<sup>d</sup>**, and from the **Gilfords** to **John James**. The land lay on the north side of the Tar River and on the north side of Grindle Creek, on "*Bair Branch*," adjoining the lands of **John Wallis**.

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Daniel Ward**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 55 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD).

**11 Dec 1826** For \$150, **John James** and **Margarett** his wife sell **John Whichard**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 276-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the north side of the Tar River and on the north side of Grindle Creek, adjoining the lands of **Luke Albritton**.

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton, Daniel Ward**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 57 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD).

Comments: Samuel Albritton is the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**20 Feb 1827** For \$400, **John Buck** and **Nancy Buck** his wife sell **James Barrow**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, *...all their Rite [sic] title and Interest in the lands where James Barrow now lives and we the said John Buck and Nancy Buck his wife for themselves their heirs and assigns do warrent [sic] and forever defend the rite [sic] title and Interest of the above bargained premises unto the said James Barrow his Heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Joshua Herrington, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 74 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*May Term 1827. Then the above Deed from John Buck and Nancy Buck his wife to James Barrow for their Interest in the lands where said Barrow lives was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by Joshua Herrington a Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered.*"

Comments:

1. James Albritton is the son of Jonathan Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. This James Barrow is a younger man than the one who gave his power of attorney to Adam Albritton, James Albritton's uncle, in 1817 to collect his portion of the Estate of John Cason (see Pitt County NC Deed Book V, p. 179), as it appears that this James Barrow died by 1825, when James Albritton served as his administrator (see Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, p. 87).

**20 Feb 1827** For \$585, **James Barrow** sells **Joshua Herrington**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 117-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the North side of Tar River Bounded as follows Beginning in the Road near James Albrittons House thence Runing [sic] South 27 pole to the [illegible word] of three Trees, Jonathan Albrittons Corner thence South 19½ degrees East 130 pole to a pine in said Albrittons line thence North 80 degrees West 37 poles to a Corner Gum thence south 8 degrees West 63 pole to a Water Oak thence south 41 degrees West 66 pole to an Ash to the Run of Road Creek thence up the various Courses of said Creek to a black Gum on the side of Moyes Run thence North 142 pole to the road thence with said Road to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **John Buck, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 75 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*May Term 1827. Then the above Deed from James Barrow to Joshua Herrington for one Hundred and fourteen acres of Land [117 acres] was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by James Barrow to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered.*"

Comments: James Albritton is the son of Jonathan Albritton, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**26 Feb 1827** Transaction made between **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton**, parties of the first part, **William Little**, party of the second part, and **Ellen James** (wife of **Allen James**) of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina.

*Witnesseth whereas a certain tract of land Lying in said County of Pitt was conveyed by John James by deed dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1821 to the aforesaid William Little in trust for the sole separate & exclusive use & benefit of the said Ellen James, free from the control debts or engagements of her said husband and whereas in pursuance of a condition of said deed in trust the said William Little with the consent of the said Ellen James hath sold & conveyed so much the said tract of Land as remained unsold to Noah Jolly for the Sum of five hundred Dollars in Notes of hand against various persons, for the purpose of investing the same in a certain other tract of Land Lying in said County of Pitt owned by the aforesaid Adam Albritton & Samuel Albritton, who have agreed for the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars being part of the said Sum of five hundred Dollars in Notes of hand as aforesaid to convey the said land to the said William Little in trust for the use of the said Ellen James on the same condition that the former tract of Land was held and no other.*

For \$450 "*in Notes of hand as aforesaid,*" **Adam Albritton** and **Samuel Albritton** sell **William Little** a 180-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina on the south side of Tar River, on Hardees Run, adjoining **Gwaltrey**, **Ben Evans**, and **Taylor**, the same tract of land sold to the **Albrittons** by **Archibald Adams**, deceased.

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Whitehead, Thomas House**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 411–413 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*August Sessions 1829. Then the above Deed from Samuel Albritton Senr. and Adam Albritton to William Little for the benefit of Ellen James wife of Allen*



**James** for one Hundred and Eighty acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Thomas House** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that Samuel Albritton, Adam Albritton, and William Little all signed their names to the document.

Comment: Adam Albritton was Samuel's uncle, the brother of Samuel's deceased father, James Albritton (son of Peter Sr.). Adam and Samuel engaged in numerous business ventures and activities together.

**4 Sept 1827** For \$600, **Joshua Herrington** sells **James Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 117 acres of land,

*...on the North side of Tar River Beginning at the road near s<sup>d</sup> Albrittons house runing [sic] south 27 poles to the centre [sic] of three Trees in s<sup>d</sup> Albrittons corner thence So 19½ Ea 130 poles to a pine in s<sup>d</sup> Albrittons line thence North 80 degrees west 37 poles to a corner Gum thence So. 8 degrees west 63 poles to a water oak thence south 41 degrees west 66 poles to an ash on the main run of Broad Creek thence up the various courses of said Creek to a black Gum on the side of Moyes run thence North 142 poles to the road thence with s<sup>d</sup> road to the first station...*

Witnesses: **John Moore, Samuel Dudley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 295. "February Sessions 1835. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **John Moore** a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered that to be registered."

Comments: James Albritton is the son of Jonathan, grandson of Peter Sr., and the great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**3 Nov 1827** Prior to their marriage, **Josiah Barrett** and **William Selina May** entered into a marriage contract with **James Blow** as trustee. **William S. May** owned a 1100-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina adjoining lands of **James Blow** and **Benjamin Streeter**, and another 260-acre tract adjoining lands of **John Joiner** and **Aaron Joiner**, plus fifteen slaves, as well as promissory notes and bonds valued at \$5000. The contract stipulates that if **May** dies without heirs, then **Barrett** will not inherit all of her property.

Witnesses: **Benjamin May, William M. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 164–165. "February Term 1828. Then this Marriage Contract between **Josiah Barrett** [and] **William Selina May** and **James Blow** was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Benjamin May** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto ordered that to be registered." The clerk indicated that the contract was signed by Josiah Barrett, William Selina May, and James Blow.

Comments: William May Albritton is the son of James Albritton, son of Matthew Albritton, and grandson of James Albritton Sr. William M. Albritton was the son of James' third wife, Martha May. Although details of her family structure are unclear, both William Selina May and Benjamin May are probably close relatives.

**12 Jan 1828** "Luke Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup> To Bunn & Atkinson & B&J Atkinson Bill Sale"

In this document, **Luke Albritton "Jun<sup>r</sup>"** mortgages property to secure his payment of several debts:

*Know all men by these presents that whereas I **Luke Albritton** am Justly indebted to **Bunn & Atkinson** by note bearing Interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1827 for the sum of Seventy nine Dollars and forty four cents and also to **B. & J. Atkinson** in two notes the one bearing Interest from the 16 February 1827 for the sum of fifty nine Dollars and Thirty three cents the other bearing interest from the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1828 for the sum of Two hundred Dollars all of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina and for and inconsideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged have granted bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do bargain grant sell and deliver to **Bunn & Atkinson & B. & J. Atkinson** as creditors of record Three negroes (to wit), Negro man **Hope** supposed to be aged about Twenty five years, Negro woman **Jinny** aged about Twenty Years & child **Maria** aged about one year. –*

*To have and to hold the said negroes unto the said **Bunn & Atkinson & B. & J. Atkinson** their Heirs Executors administrators and assigns. Provided Nevertheless that if I the said **Luke Albritton** my Executors Administrators or assigns do and shall well and truly pay unto the said **Bunn & Atkinson & B. & J. Atkinson** their Executors Admrs. Or assigns the aforesaid Moneys on or before the fifteenth day of February next with lawfull [sic] interest for the same for the redemption of said negroes then this Bill of Sale to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue...*

Witnesses: **Jos. W. Atkinson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 175–176 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "February Sessions 1827. Then the above Deed of Trust from **Luke Albritton** to **Bunn & Atkinson** and **Ben A. & John Atkinson** was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and Deed. ordered to be registered." According to the clerk who recorded the deed, Luke Albritton signed his name to the deed.

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the son of Adam Albritton, and thus a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The clerk refers to him as "**Luke Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup>**" to distinguish him from his uncle by the same name, the youngest son of Peter Sr. The younger man moved to Graves County, Kentucky in the 1830s with his siblings, perhaps to escape his debts.
2. The date written in the record is "12 day of January one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty," but this is undoubtedly a mistake, as the document refers to debts due in 1827 and 1828. Given that the mortgage was filed in the February 1828 term of the Pitt County Court, the clerk who recorded the instrument undoubtedly made a mistake and omitted the final "eight."

**12 Jan 1828** *"Luke Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup> To Benashley Atkinson & others"*

In this document, **Luke Albritton "Jun"** mortgages property to secure his payment of several debts:

*Whereas I **Luke Albritton** hath this day executed to **Bunn & Atkinson** & to **B & J. Atkinson** an Instrument of Conveyance to secure unto them the true and faithful payment of certain monies therein specified now know all men that I **Luke Albritton** for myself my Exec<sup>rs</sup> & assigns do hereby assign over in consequence of my Father's claiming **Hope** as his property he never having given a title though I claim under three years possession in consequence of this & of the true & Just Debts above recited Know all men that I hereby assign over transfer relinquish convey & quit claim any & all equity of Redemption right title Interest claim or demand whatever I may possibly have by virtue equity of Redemption to & in the other slaves therein conveyed namely The negro woman **Jenny** aged about 25 years and her child **Maria** aged about one year. To have and to hold the said slave as therein conveyed though free from any Redemption whatever...*

Witnesses: **Jos. W. Atkinson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 365 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). *"February Term 1829. The above Release from **Luke Albritton** to **Benashley Atkinson** was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Jos. W. Atkinson** a Witness thereto. ordered to be registered."* According to the clerk who recorded the deed, the deed was signed by *"**Luke Albritton Jun.**"*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Adam Albritton, and thus a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The clerk refers to him as *"**Luke Albritton Jun.**"* to distinguish him from his uncle by the same name, the youngest son of Peter Sr. The younger man moved to Graves County, Kentucky in the 1830s with his siblings.

**5 Feb 1828** **Lanier Daniel, Jas. Perkins, Thos. Shivers, Samuel Albritton, and Joel Albritton**, Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Thomas Carney**, deceased, returned their division to be recorded:*Division of the Lands of **Thomas Carney** Dec<sup>d</sup>*

*Pursuant to an order of Pitt County Court Issued at November Term 1827 to us the under Signed Commissioners Directed to Divide and appropriate the real Estate of **Thomas Carney** Dec<sup>d</sup> Between the Claimants or heirs at Law of Said Dec<sup>d</sup> Report we met and after meeting we with the assistance of the Surveyor proceeded to day of and divide the same after Surveying the Land find there to be one thousand five hundred and Six acres according to Survey plot hereunto annexed...*

Lot No. 1 – **Thomas Carney**, land on Grindle Creek, adjoining **Nobles** and *"**Reading**"* **Moore**, containing 130 acres, valued @ \$266.60.

Lot No. 2 – **Elizabeth Carney**, land on Grindle Creek and Paster Branch, adjoining **Redding Moore**, containing 129 acres, valued @ \$266.60

Lot No. 3 – **Readick Carney**, land on Grindle Creek, adjoining **Benjamin Moore** and **Redding Moore**, containing 130 acres, valued @ \$266.60.

Lot No. 4 – **Blount Carney**, land on Grindle Creek, adjoining **Benjamin Moore** and **Edmond Moore**, containing 130 acres, valued @ \$266.60.

Lot No. 5 – **Henry Carney**, land on Grindle Creek, adjoining **Edmond Moore**, containing 184 acres, valued @ \$450.

Lot No. 6 – **Eliza Carney**, land on Grindle Creek and Jones Branch, containing 212 acres, valued @ \$350.

Lot No. 7 – **Richard Carney**, land on Grindle Creek and Jones Branch, adjoining **Samuel Albritton**, containing 208 acres, valued @ \$350.

Lot No. 8 – **Mary Ann T. Carney**, land on Grindle Creek and Jones Branch, adjoining **Adam Albritton, Samuel Albritton, and Luke Albritton**, containing 218 acres, valued @ \$436.

Lot No. 9 – **Stephen Carney**, land on Hunting Run, adjoining **Edmond Moore**, containing 87½ acres, valued @ \$262.50.

Lot No. 10 – **Josiah Carney**, land on Hunting Run, adjoining **Edmond Moore**, including the *"upper seine hole"* on Tar River, valued @ \$312.50.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 209–212 (incorrectly indexed as Book DD).

## Comments:

1. Joel Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. Samuel Albritton is the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
3. Stephen Carney, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carney, married Susannah Albritton, daughter of Adam Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
4. Lanier Daniel is a longtime resident of the Grindle Creek region and lived near James Albritton Jr. and several of his nephews, sons of Peter Albritton Sr. In the early 1820s, Lanier's son, John Stanley Daniel, married City, daughter of Jonathan Albritton. After her death about 1840, he married her first cousin, Levina, daughter of Jonathan's brother, Joel Albritton.

5. Family tradition indicates that the maiden name of Thomas Carney's wife, Elizabeth, was "*Elizabeth Albritton*." Some sources claim that her father was James Albritton Jr. While she may have been an Albritton, there is no documented evidence to support this, nor any indication of the identities of her father.

**22 Mar 1828** For \$700, **John Cherry** of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a 260-acre tract of land to the Wardens of the Poor for Pitt County, North Carolina: **James Tyer, Simon Nobles, Edward Laughinghouse, Samuel Vines, Lanier Daniel, Joseph Brooks, and Willis Randolph**. **John Cherry** sells:

*...a certain tract of Land in said County on the south side of Tar River and on the south side of Laurel Swamp the Land and plantation whereon I now live containing Two Hundred and Sixty Acres be the same more or less Bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a Gum in the run of Laurel Swamp it being a dividing corner of **George McGowens** and myself then running said dividing line south forty five degrees East twelve poles to a pine by the field then south forty nine east one Hundred and fifteen Poles to two Black Jacks said **McGowens** corner, then North Fifty nine degrees east One Hundred and eighty Seven Poles to a black Jack in the centre [sic] of Three Pines then North One Hundred and Eighty Poles to a pine near a Branch called the Bedstead Branch it being formerly **John Moyes** corner now **Walter Hanrahans** corner, thence along said **Hanrahans** and the [illegible] of **W<sup>m</sup> Cherry** Corner in the Laurel Swamp then down the Run and Windings of said Swamp and said **Cherrys** line to the Beginning.*

Witnesses: **Chas Greene, Jas. S. Clark**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 284 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*August Sessions 1828. Then the above Deed from **John Cherry** to the Wardens of the Poor for Two Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Charles Greene** a witness thereto ordered to be registered.*"

Comments:

1. About 1830, John Cherry married Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, the only known daughter of Luke Albritton, the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. John Cherry's parents are not identified, but this transaction suggests that William Cherry may be John's brother. Lemuel Cherry had a son, John Cherry, but he appears older than the man who married Polly Albritton. Lemuel's son, John Cherry, was the husband of Nancy and had died by 1821 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book T, p. 237 and Deed Book BB, p. 355).

**5 Aug 1828** **Luke Albritton** makes a \$250 bond each to **Emanuel Baker** and **Chalton Briley**

*The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas **Isaac Briley dec<sup>d</sup>** late of said County gave a warrantee title to the said **Luke Albritton**, for a certain quantity of Land, Situate on the south side of Tarr [sic] River & on the west side of the Mill Creek known at this time by name of **Albrittons Mill** & immediately on the south side of the main road leading from Greenville to Washington adjoining **John S. Eastons Bell** & others [illegible word] in certain boundaries, as the Deed from **s<sup>d</sup> Briley** to the **s<sup>d</sup> Albritton** will more readily express. And it has been ascertained by actual Survey that four & one fourth acres of Land does belong to another tract of Land which said **Isaac Briley** had no right to convey, & the above mentioned **Emanuel Baker & Chalton Briley** being two of the lawfull [sic] heirs of the aforesaid **Isaac Briley**, hath agreed to & with the aforesaid **Luke Albritton** and to avoid a Law Suit hath actually paid to him the purchase money which he gave for the said four & one fourth acres of Land, with the interest thereon to this time making the Sum of Sixty two Dollars.*

*Now in case the said **Emanuel Baker, Chalton Briley** & others [sic] heirs of **Isaac Briley dec<sup>d</sup>** with their heirs Executors, administrators or assigns shall hereafter forever remain free from all claims, actions, suits or demands of any Kind whatsoever, as touching or concerning the said four & one fourth acres of Land, from the above bounden **Luke Albritton** his Heirs Executors or administrators, or from all persons claiming by or under him, then the above obligation to be void otherwise remain in full force & virtue.*

Witnesses: **Alfred Moye, Howell Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 301 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*August Sessions 1828. Then the above Bond from **Luke Albritton, Emanuel Baker, and Chalton Briley** was exhibited into open court and Proved in due form of Law on oath by **Howell Albritton** a witness thereto ordered to be registered.*"

Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr., and Howell Albritton is Luke's nephew, the son of Joel and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**5 Aug 1828** **William Crawford** and **Edmund Andrews** entered into a mortgage to secure payment of debts that **Crawford** owed to **Benjamin Crawford, William Cockburn, Allen Stancil, Kenneth Page, Robinson Jinkins, and Walter Hanrahan**.

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Sam. W. Lucas**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 282-283 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "*August Sessions 1828. Then the above Deed of Trust from **William Crawford** to **Edmund Andrews** and **Benjamin Crawford** was exhibited into open court and proved in Due form of Law on oath by **Luke Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup>** a witness thereto ordered to be registered.*"

Comment: This Luke Albritton is the son of Adam Albritton, and thus a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The clerk refers to him as "*Luke Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup>*" to distinguish him from his uncle by the same name, the youngest son of Peter Sr. The younger Luke moved to Graves County, Kentucky in the 1830s with his siblings.

**5 Aug 1828**

In fulfillment of several writs of execution issued by the Pitt County Court, Pitt County Sheriff **James S. Clark** seized lands of **Major Harris** and offered for sale at public auction. **Sheriff Clark** sells several tracts of land totaling 250 acres to **Ichabod Harris** for \$185.25:

*Witnesseth that whereas a writ of fieri facias or Execution issued from the Court of Pleas [sic] and Quarter Sessions for the said County of Pitt, returnable to August Term 1828 of said Court directed to the Sheriff of the County of Pitt aforesaid commanding him that of the goods & chattles [sic] Lands & tenements of **Major Harris** and **Luke Albritton** he cause to be made the sum of one hundred and Two dollars & fifty five cents with interest from the 5 July 1825 which **Willie Bell** to the use of **Stephen Herrington** lately in the said Court recovered against them for debt & damages and also the sum of Nine dollars & twenty two & an half cents for costs; and also another writ of the same nature issued from the same court returnable as the same term & directed in like manner to the Sheriff of said County, commanding him, that of the goods & Chattles [sic] Lands & Tenements of **Major Harris** & **Samuel Albritton Senior** he cause to be made the sum of One Hundred & Sixty four Dollars & eighty seven cents with interest from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1824 which **Mary Nobles** to use of **John Whitehead** lately recovered against them for debt & damages, and also the sum of Nine dollars twenty & an half cents for costs, which said several executions were by the said Sheriff duly levied on all the lands of **Major Harris** two hundred & fifty acres more or less lying joining **Archibald Parker** and others...*

Witnesses: **John Bowers Jur., Joshua Hussey**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 357–358 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "February Term 1829. Then the above Deed from **James S. Clark Sheriff** to **Icabod Harris** for two Hundred & fifty acres of Land was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **John bowers Junr** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered."

## Comments:

1. Two men each by the names of "Luke Albritton" and "Samuel Albritton" lived in Pitt County at this time. The elder Luke, born in 1778, was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., and the elder Samuel, born in 1783, was the son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. The younger pair by these names were sons of Adam Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr. Thus, the younger Luke (born 1799) was the nephew of the elder Luke, and the younger Samuel (born 1801) was the first cousin of the older Samuel.
2. The clerk did not include a suffix on the name of Luke Albritton in this record like he did on Samuel's name. The identity of Major Harris and his connection to Luke and Samuel Albritton is unknown. However, the fact that the sheriff seized the land of Major Harris to sell to satisfy these writs of execution suggests that Luke and Samuel Albritton served as Harris' security on his debts.

**6 Aug 1828**

For \$2205, and "by virtue of a Deed Tripartite from **Allen Atkinson** to me in Trust for **Benashley Atkinson** bearing date" 24 July 1823, **Joseph B. Judkins**, Trustee, of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells to **Samuel Vines** and **Benashley Atkinson** these slaves formerly owned by **Allen Atkinson**:

*Negro man named **Saul**, one Named **Henry**, one named **Cuff**, one named **Stephen**, one boy named **Hosea**, one named **Virgil**, one named **Cesar**, a negro woman **Clary**, one negro woman **Kitty**, & Two children Named **Felisha** & **Stephen** & one named **Carry** and two children **Hester** and **Lucy**.*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton Junr, Peyton R. Tunstall**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 274 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "August Sessions 1828. Then the above Bill of Sale from **Joseph B. Judkins** to **Benashley Atkinson** for Certain negro Slaves was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Peyton R. Tunstall** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton Jr. is the son of Adam Albritton and the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. About 1822, Luke Jr. married Elizabeth (Betsy) Atkinson, son of Allen Atkinson. It appears that Benashley (or Ben Ashley) Atkinson was the brother of Elizabeth Atkinson Albritton. During the 1830s, Luke and Betsy Albritton moved to Kentucky.

**6 Aug 1828**

For \$775, **Joseph B. Judkins**, Trustee, of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells to **Samuel Vines** and **Benashley Atkinson** three tracts of land in Pitt County, North Carolina that were formerly owned by **Allen Atkinson**.

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton Junr, Peyton R. Tunstall Junr**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 281–282 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "August Sessions 1828. Then the above Deed from **Joseph Judkins** to **Benashley Atkinson** for three tracts of land was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Peyton R. Tunstall Junr** a witness thereto ordered to be registered."

**8 Sept 1828**

For \$540, **Benashley Atkinson** sells **Godfrey Stancel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 90-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*...a certain Tract or parcel of Land purchased by **Benjamin Atkinson Decd** of **Simon Jones** being the tract which fell to said **Simon** in the Division of the Lands of his Father **Henry Jones Decd** and Deeded by said **Simon** to **Benjamin Atkinson**...adjoining the lands of **Richard Rieves** & **Godfrey Stancel**...*

Witnesses: **Luke Albritton Junr, Jos. W. Atkinson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 353 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "February Term 1829. Then the above Deed from **Benashley Atkinson** to **Godfrey Stancel** for ninety acres of Land was Exhibited...into open court and acknowledged in due form of Law on oath by **Benashley Atkinson** to be his act and deed. ordered to be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton Jr. is the son of Adam Albritton and the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. He married about 1822 to Elizabeth (Betsy) Atkinson, son of Allen Atkinson. It appears that Benashley (or Ben Ashley) Atkinson was the brother of Elizabeth Atkinson Albritton. During the 1830s, Luke and Betsy Albritton moved to Kentucky.

**27 Oct 1828** For \$100, **Adam Albritton** sells **Thomas Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 225-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...Beginning at a white oak on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek running out agreed line of marked trees between [sic-names missing] to a black bay in the upper end of the burnt pocosin thence W with said **Carneys** line to the long ridge Branch to a gum thence with said **Carneys** line to a pine at the Lower end of the long ridge pond thence an agreed line between **Adam Albritton** and **Luke Albritton** to a pine in the mouth of **Moore's** branch thence a line of marked trees between **Adam Albritton** and **Matthew James Decd** to a pine in the persimon [sic] pond thence a line of marked trees between **Adam Albritton** and said **James** to stake and pine thence agreed line of marked trees to Grindal [Grindle] Creek to water oak in the run of the Creek thence up the various courses of said Creek to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Samuel Albritton Senr**, **Ormond Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 325 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "November Term 1828. Then this Deed from **Adam Albritton** to **Thomas Albritton** for two Hundred and twenty five acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Ormond Cherry** a witness thereto ordered to be registered."

Comments:

1. Adam Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel and Thomas are first cousins and grandsons of Peter. Samuel is the son of James Albritton, son of Peter, while Thomas is Adam's son. Samuel is referred to here as "*Samuel Albritton Senr*" to distinguish him from Adam's son with the same first name.
2. Matthew James mentioned in the land description is Adam's deceased brother-in-law, the husband of his sister, Mary Albritton James.
3. Adam sells Thomas Albritton half of the 450-acre tract of land that he purchased from Henry Cason on 13 March 1806 (Deed Book Q, pp. 332-333).

**27 Oct 1828** For \$100, **Adam Albritton** sells **Samuel Albritton, Junr**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the South side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and is bounded as followeth. Begining [sic] at a Gum on the run of the said Creek running thence a line west to a pine a corner thence Running south a line to the Centre [sic] of the Mill branch to a pine Corner tree thence running the various Courses of said Branch to the County Road thence running down on the South side of the said Mill Branch Including of the said Branch to the dividing line between the said **Adams** and **John Cason decd** thence running down the <sup>s</sup>d dividing line to the run of the said Creek to a Gum a Corner tree thence up the Various Courses of the run of said Creek to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Thomas Albritton**, **Ormond Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 325-326 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "November Term 1828. Then this Deed from **Adam Albritton** to **Samuel Albritton Jr.** for one Hundred and fifty acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Ormond Cherry** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered."

Comment: Although the deed does not mention their relationship, evidence indicates that Samuel Albritton Jr. is Adam Albritton's fourth son to survive infancy. He was referred to as "Jr." to distinguish him from his older first cousin, the son of Adam Albritton's older brother, James Albritton (son of Peter).

**6 Feb 1829** Transaction made between **William Little**, party of the first part, and **Godfrey Stancill**, party of the second part, with the record made in fulfillment of a deed of trust made 26 February 1827 between **Samuel Albritton** and **Adam Albritton** and **Ellen James**:

*Witnesseth that the party of the first part in performance of the trusts expressed in a deed from **Samuel Albritton** and **Adam Albritton** to the party of the first part bearing date the twenty sixth day of February in the Year eighteen Hundred and twenty Seven, and **Ellen James** the ceshuque [sic-illegible] Trust therein ordered having in writing under her hand and seal attested by three witnesses is directed the party of the first part to sell and convey the Land and appurtenances therein named to **Godfrey Stancil**, his heirs and assigns...*

For \$334, **William Little** sells **Godfrey Stancill** a 180-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the south side of Tar River on Hardees Run, adjoining **Gwaltney**, **Ben Evans**, and **Taylor**.

Witnesses: **Ben Bell**, **Luke Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 391 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "May Sessions 1829. Then the above Deed from **William Little** to **Godfrey Stancel** for one Hundred and Eighty acres of Land was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Luke Albritton** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered."

Comment: Adam and Luke Albritton were brothers, and Samuel Albritton was their nephew, the son of their deceased brother, James (son of Peter). While Samuel had no identifying suffix in this deed, the original one made in 1827 listed him as "*Samuel Albritton, Senr.*," proving he was the elder man by that name, i.e., Adam Albritton's nephew and not his son.

- 6 Feb 1829** Release made between **Ellender James** and **William Little**, giving him authorization to handle money related to a deed between **Samuel Albritton** and **Adam Albritton** and the sale of her land to **Godfrey Stansel**:
- Know all men by these presents that I **Ellender James** do authorise [sic] and direct **William Little** Trustee for my use as expressed in a Deed from **Samuel Albritton** and **Adam Albritton** to said **William Little** bearing date the Twenty Sixth day of February 1827 to sell and convey the Land mentioned in said Deed to **Godfrey Stansel** his heirs and assigns for such price as he may think in his discretion the said Land is worth and to appropriate the purchase money for said Lands in the purchase of said property as I may hereafter direct to be holden [sic] by him on the same Trusts and expressed in the afore said Deed. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal this [blank] day of February 1829.*
- Witnesses: **Luke Albritton, Kinnia Teal, Ben Bell**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 391–392 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). “*May Sessions 1829. Then the above release from from **Ellen James** to **William Little** was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath by **Luke Albritton** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered.*” The day of the month was blank, but presumably, the parties transacted this record on the same date as the previous deed.
- Comments:
1. Adam Albritton was Samuel’s uncle, the brother of Samuel’s deceased father, James Albritton, son of Peter. Adam and Samuel engaged in numerous business ventures and activities together.
  2. Luke Albritton is Adam’s younger brother, both sons of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 10 Feb 1829** For \$500, Pitt County Sheriff **James S. Clark** sells **Howell Hearn** Administrator to **Drury Grimmer** of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land in Pitt County:
- ...that whereas a certain writ of Execution...from the Court of Please [sic] & Quarter Sessions of the County of Pitt bearing date the first Monday of May 1828 Commanding the Sheriff of the said County that of the goods and Chattles [sic] Lands & Tenements of **Allen Atkinson & Luke Albritton Junr** he cause to be made the Sum of fourteen Hundred & Sixty One Dollars & 8/100 for Debt & Damages which Twelve Hundred Dollars is principal & carries Interest from February Term 1828 until paid and a further Sum of Twenty five Dollars & 3/100 Cost and Charges which **Drury Grimmer** [illegible word] of them the said sheriff duly proceeding thereon Levied the same Execution on the land of the said **Allen Atkinson & Luke Albrittons**...sells the land of **Allen Atkinson** Situated...on the north side of Tar River...beginning at a pine in the edge of Coneto Creek near a noted Hole in the said Creek called the Cat Hole..*
- Witnesses: **Sam<sup>l</sup> S. White, Reading B. Johnson**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 418–419. “*February Term 1830. Then the above Deed from **James S. Clark** Sheriff to **Howell Hearn** administrator of **Drury Grimacy** for three Hundred acres of Land was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **James S. Clark** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered.*”
- Comments:
1. Luke Albritton Jr. was the son of Adam Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. The clerk referred to him as “Jr.” to distinguish him from his uncle, Luke Albritton, youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. Allen Atkinson was the father-in-law of the younger Luke Albritton, as he married Elizabeth Atkinson in the early 1820s.
- 16 Feb 1829** For \$1100, **Howell Hearn** sells **Godfrey Stansell**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...the tract which said **Hearn** purchased at Sheriffs sale in August last recently in the possession of **Luke Albritton Jr.** and bounded by the lands of **Thigpen, Mobley, Stokes** and others...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> J. Stansell, Benashley Atkinson**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 416–417. “*February Term 1830. Then the above Deed from **Howell Hearn** to **Godfrey Stancell** for three Hundred acres of Land was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **Howell Hearn** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered.*”
- Comment: Luke Albritton Jr. was the son of Adam Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. The clerk referred to him as “Jr.” to distinguish him from his uncle, Luke Albritton, youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 11 Apr 1829** For \$14, **Allen Moore** of Pitt County, North Carolina sells **Willoughby Moore** a 2-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North side of Tar River Beginning at a gum stump **Canady Moores, Seth Wilson, & Richard Moores** corner thence with **Canady Moore** Line to a [illegible word] Stake and corner thence a strate [sic] line to a post oak near the corner of said **Willoughby Moores** fence and corner thence a strait [sic] line to a pine in **Richard Moores** line near the path and corner thence with **Richard Moores** line to the beginning...being in part of the tract of land that **Allen Moore** now owns at this time...*
- Witnesses: **Howell Albritton, Martin Moore**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 425 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). “*August Sessions 1829. Then the above Deed from **Allen Moore** to **Willoughby Moore** for two acres of Land was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form*

of Law by **Howell Albritton** a witness thereto Ordered to be registered." The clerk recorded that Allen Moore made his mark to the document rather than signing it.

## Comments:

1. Howell Albritton was the son of Joel Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. Allen Moore married Nancy Albritton, daughter of James, son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**25 May 1829 Adam Albritton mortgages property to William Clark to indemnify Walter Hanrahan:**

*This Indenture made and entered into this twentieth [sic] day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twentynine [sic] between **Adam Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** of the first part, **William Clark** of the second part, and **Walter Hanrahan** of the third part all of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. Witnesseth, that the said **Adam Albritton** for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said **William Clark**...**Adam Albritton** hath bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said **William Clark** his executors administrators and assigns the following negro slaves, to wit, one negro fellow named **Simon** about twentione [sic] years of age, one negro boy named **Pompey** about Sixteen years of age, one negro boy named **Samuel** about Twelve years of age, and one negro boy named **Greene** about eight years of age to the said **William Clark**...Upon Trust and Confidence nevertheless for whereas the said **Adam Albritton** is justly indebted to said **Walter Hanrahan** in the following sums due by Notes, vizt....*

- Note for \$310.50, dated 5 Mar 1824, signed **Adam Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>**, **Samuel Albritton**, and **Luke Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>**, endorsed on 1 Apr 1827 with payment of \$283.55, leaving balance due including interest, about \$95.35
- Note for \$150.70, dated 10 Feb 1824, signed **Adam Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** and **Luke Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>**
- Two notes, both for \$86.55, dated 1 June 1828, signed by **Moses Hatton** with **Adam Albritton**, security, with the total of these two notes \$173.10 principal
- Note for \$389.15, dated 25 May 1829, signed by **Adam Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>**

*Now if **Adam Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** his heirs executors or administrators shall within the space of twelve months from the date of these presents, or sooner if he shall be thereunto required by the said **W. Hanrahan** his executors administrators or assigns well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said **W. Hanrahan**...the amount of the notes as above described with legal interest thereon and all other Sums that I now owe, or may hereafter owe to the said **W. Hanrahan**...then that the said **William Clark** his executors administrators or assigns shall at the request of the said **Adam Albritton** his executors administrators or assigns recovery [sic] to the said **Adam Albritton**...all the right and interest which the said **William Clark** shall have in the negroe [sic] slaves herein before mentioned by virtue of these presents. But if the said **Adam Albritton** his executors or administrators shall not within the aforesaid space of Twelve Months from the date of these presents or sooner if he shall be thereunto required...well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said **W. Hanrahan**...the amounts as aforesaid due by notes as above described together with legal interest on the same as aforesaid and all other sums that the said **Adam Albritton** now owes or may hereafter owe to the said **W. Hanrahan**...then it shall and may be lawfull [sic] and this deed is upon express trust that the said **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** having first advertised the negro slaves as aforesaid by giving twenty days notice at three public places in the County of Pitt shall sell the same or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy the purposes of this trust at public auction to the highest bidder for ready money and out of the money arising from said sale shall pay to the said **W. Hanrahan**...the aforesaid Sums due by notes as aforesaid with interest...and all other Sums that the said **Adam Albritton** now owes or may hereafter owe to the said **W. Hanrahan**...and the balance of the money if any shall pay to the said **Adam Albritton** his executors or administrators. And lastly the said **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** for himself his executors and administrators doth covenant with the said **Albritton Sen<sup>r</sup>** his executors and administrators that until the said **W<sup>m</sup> Clark**...shall advertise the negro slaves as aforesaid for sale in pursuance of the object of this trust it shall and may be lawfull [sic] and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the parties hereunto that the said **Adam Albritton** may hold and possess the negro slaves as aforesaid without any interruption from the said **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** his executors administrators or assigns...*

Witnesses: **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hanrahan**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 435–436 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "November Term 1829. Then the above deed intrust [sic] from **Adam Albritton** to **William Clark** for the benefit of **Walter Hanrahan** for four negroes was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath by **Thomas Hanrahan** a Witness thereto ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that Adam Albritton, William Clark, and Walter Hanrahan signed their names to the record.

Comment: Adam and Luke Albritton are sons of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandsons of James Albritton Sr. Samuel Albritton is their nephew, the son of their deceased brother, James.

**20 July 1829 For \$1000, James Barrow sells Howell Albritton, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 121-acre tract of land in Pitt County**

*...Lying on the north side of Tar River and south side of the road leading from Greenville to Washington Beginning in the road **John Bowers** corner and runs with his line South three degrees west Twenty four poles to a post oak s<sup>d</sup> **Barrows** corner then with **Barrows** line south fifty two and a half degrees East nineteen and a half poles to a read [sic] oak said **Barrows** other corner then with another of said **Barrows** lines south seven degrees west Twenty two*

poles to the run of **Moyes** Run then down the various courses of **Moyes** Run to **James Albrittons** corner a black gum then with said **Albrittons** Line North one Hundred and forty two poles to the main road then up the courses of said road to the beginning...

Witnesses: **Warren Nobles, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, p. 419 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "August Sessions 1829. Then the above Deed from **James Barrow** to **Howell Albritton** for one Hundred and twenty one acres of Land was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **James Barrow** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."

Comment: Howell and James Albritton are first cousins, grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. and great-grandsons of James Albritton Sr. Howell is the son of Joel, whereas James is the son of Joel's brother, Jonathan.

**28 July 1829** Transaction made between **John Brinkley**, of the first part, **Archibald Parker**, of the second part, and **Alexander Brinkley, Luke Albritton, and Thomas Jordan**, of the third part. **John Brinkley** owes various debts, with the parties of the third part serving as security on the notes. To indemnify **Alexander Brinkley, Luke Albritton, and Thomas Jordan**, **John Brinkley** conveys the following property to **Archibald Parker** to hold in trust to secure his payment:

...namely, a certain tract of land lying in the County of Pitt, on the north side of Tar River bounded as follows, beginning at a Stake in the main road leading from Washington to Tarborough **James Albrittons** corner, then with his line to **Kennedy Moores** line, then with said line to **Seth Wilsons** line, then with **Wilson's** line to **William Little's** line, then with **William Little's** line to **James Barrow's** line, then with **Barrow's** line to the beginning, containing by estimation one hundred & Sixty Seven acres...being the same land whereon the said **John Brinkley** now resides...Also three feather Beds, Steads & furniture, two tables, one Desk, ten chairs, and all the household & Kitchen furniture now owned by him, one Riding chair & harness, one cart, two head of Horses & two head of Cattle and one negro named **John** for the life of the wife of the s<sup>d</sup> **John**...

The mortgaged property secures the payment by **John Brinkley** for notes he owes on which the parties of the third part served as security:

- \$300 plus interest, due **James Perkins** as Guardian for the Heirs of **James Staton**, with all three of **Brinkley, Albritton, and Jordan** are security
- \$23.50 plus interest and costs, due **William Bernard** with only **Alexander Brinkley** liable as security
- \$190 plus costs, due **Walter Hanrahan**, with only **Alexander Brinkley** liable as security
- \$40 due **Alexander Brinkley**, secured by **John Brinkley** himself

If **John Brinkley** pays said debts within twelve months of this date, the transaction to be null and void. If he fails to pay, then upon request of any of the securities, parties to the third part, **Archibald Parker** is authorized to sale any of the property after advertisement "at the Court House and at Telfairs Landing for at least twenty days."

Witnesses: **M. Dickinson, Saml S. Whitley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book EE, pp. 414-415 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD). "August Sessions 1829. Then the above Deed in trust from **John Brinkley** to **Archibald Parker** to the benefit of **Alexander Brinkley, Luke Albritton and Thomas Jordan** for one Hundred and Sixty Seven acres of Land and other property was exhibited into open court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **John Brinkley** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr., whereas James Albritton is Luke's nephew, the son of his brother, Jonathan Albritton.

**12 Nov 1829** For \$250.90, **Joel James** and **Cason Moore**, Executors, sell a slave of **Nathaniel Keel**:

Whereas a Certain negro Slave Girl named **Providence** now Called **Patsey** belongs to the estate of **Moses Moore deceased** was duly advertised for sale, on a credit of Six Months on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November inst. And was sold on that day to **Nathaniel Keel** for the Sum of two hundred and fifty dollars and ninety cents, he being the highest Bidder. Now, Know all men by these presents that we **Joel James** and **Cason Moore** Executors of **Moses Moore deceased** for & in Consideration of the said Sum...have bargained and Sold and by these presents do bargain & sell unto the said **Nathaniel Keel** the aforesaid negro girl **Providence** or **Patsey**...

Witnesses: **Kinchen Barnhill**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book CC, p. 553. "February Term 1830. Then the above Bill of Sale from **Cason Moore** and **Joel James** Executors of **Moses Moore Dec<sup>d</sup>** to **Nathaniel Keel** for negro Girl **Providence** or **Patsey** was exhibited into open court and acknowledged in due form of law by **Joel James** to be his act and Deed ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that Cason Moore and Joel James made their marks to the transaction.

Comments:

1. Joel James is reportedly the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, making Joel James the grandson of Peter Sr. and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. Joel James married Lydia Moore, daughter of Moses Moore Sr. who died about 1805. It is unclear if the Moses Moore mentioned here is Moses Sr. or his son, Moses Moore Jr.



- 5 Feb 1830** For \$1352, **Levin Bland** and **Elizabeth Ann Bland**, his wife, sell **John Cherry Junr**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 169-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...Lying on the North side of Tar River and on both sides of the Main road leading from **George Easons** to Washington...*
- Witnesses: **Howell Albritton, Josiah Daniel**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book DD, pp. 414–415.
- Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 1 Feb 1831** For \$77, **John Cherry** sells **Eleazar Rogers**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 6½-acre tract of land in Pitt County:
- ...on the north side of Tar River and on both side of the main rode [sic] leading from **George Easons** to **Washington** and bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a black Gum in Sandy Branch the fourth corner of Lot number two in the Division of the Lands of **Stewart Moore decd.** and runs out with the third line of said Lot north ten west to the black line a small red oak on or near **Shadrack Rogers** line then along said line north seventy five degrees east twelve and a half poles to a small water oak thence south ten degrees east to a Black Gum in Sandy Branch thence the various courses of said Branch to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **William Moreslander, Luke James** [his mark]
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 478. *"February Sessions 1836. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged in due form of Law by **John Cherry** to be his act and Deed. Let it be registered."*
- Comment: About 1830, John Cherry married Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, only known daughter of Luke Albritton, the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 5 Oct 1831** For \$75, **Sally Swanner & John Swanner** of Martin County, North Carolina sells **Luke Short** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of land in Pitt County
- ...which was formerly the Land...Belonging to **Sally Williams decd** which being the one third part of forty seven ½ acres being the same more or less...*
- Witnesses: **D. B. Harrison, Thomas Harris**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 27. *"February Sessions 1833. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Thomas Harris** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered"*
- Comment: Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughter of James, great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
- 9 Dec 1831** For \$260, **Luke Short** sells to **Lemuel Perkins, Junr**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the North Side of Tar River being Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 set apart to **William Williams, Sally Williams, Arena Williams** heirs of **Brittain Williams Decd** which Tract of Land descended to the aforesaid heirs by the death of **Sally Williams widow** [sic] of **George Williams Decd**...Beginning at a Gum in the Read Bank Creek...containing forty seven and three fourths acres of land...*
- Witnesses: **John S. Rollings, Henry Herrington**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 140. *"November Sessions 1833. Then This Deed was Exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on the oath of **John S. Rollings** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered."* The clerk indicated that Luke Short signed his name to the document.
- Comment: Luke Short married Lydia Albritton, while Henry Harrington married Lydia's sister, Tabitha B. Albritton. Lydia and Tabitha were daughters of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughters of James, great-granddaughters of Peter Sr., and great-great granddaughters of James Albritton Sr.
- 9 Dec 1831** For \$330, **Luke Albritton**, Executor of **Samuel Albritton decd.**, sells slaves to **Tabitha Albritton**:
- Know ye that I **Luke Albritton** Executor of **Samuel Albritton decd.** have Bargained and sold to **Tabitha Albritton** one negro woman named **Charity** one Boye named **Simon** for the sum of three hundred and thirty Dollars to me in hand paid by the said **Tabitha Albritton** and I **Luke Albritton** as the executor of said **Samuel Albritton** to him and her Heirs forever....*
- Witnesses: **James Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 149 [this is book "double I," as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven]. *"August Sessions 1839. Then this Bill of Sale was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and Deed let it be registered."* The clerk indicated that **Luke Albritton** signed his name to the transaction.
- Comments:
1. Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel Albritton was the son of James Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. This document proves that Samuel, Luke's nephew, named his uncle as his executor in his will.

2. Tabitha Bell Albritton was Samuel's wife, so this document perhaps served as more of a transfer of title rather than a literal sale. Later documents show that Tabitha had a lifetime estate to the land and slaves belonging to her husband's estate.
3. James Albritton is presumably the son of Jonathan, another son of Peter Albritton Sr. While Luke himself had a son, James C. Albritton, Luke's son almost uniformly used his middle name in transactions. In addition, Luke's son was born about 1810, making him only twenty-one years by this time. Jonathan's son, born about 1795, was more active in witnessing transactions by this time.

**23 Apr 1832** For \$640, **James Barrow** sells **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 75-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the north side of Moyes Run and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a chinquapin Stake **Howell Albrittons** corner thence running by a line of marked trees said **Albrittons** line to the run of Moyes Run **Edwin Gorhams** line thence up the various courses of said run and with said **Gorhams** line to **William Littles** line thence with said **Littles** line to **Howell Albrittons** line thence with said **Albrittons** line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Daniel, Peter Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, pp. 62–63. "May Sessions 1832. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Howell** [sic-Peter] **Albritton** a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be registered." The clerk erred in recording the witness who proved the deed. Howell was a participant in this transaction, and it was witnessed by Peter Albritton, his first cousin.

Comment: Howell and Peter Albritton are first cousins, grandsons of Peter Sr., and great-grandsons of James Albritton Sr. Howell was the son of Joel Albritton, while Peter was the son of James Albritton, Joel's older brother.

**4 May 1832** Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Abel Moore**, deceased made this division:

*Division of The Lands of **Abel Moore Decd***

*In obedience to an order of court from February Term 1832 to us the under signed directing us to make Partition in the Lands of **Abel Moore Decd** between the heirs at Law of said decst. after being duly qualified we have proceeded to make Division in the Lands of said Decd as the above plan represents, and as follows...*

Lot No. 1 – "allotted and set apart to **Absley Moore** daughter of the said **Abel Moore decst.**," 53 acres valued at \$150

Lot No. 2 – "allotted and set apart to **Nancy Moore** daughter of the sd dest [deceased]," 63 acres valued at \$150

Lot No. 3 – "allotted & set apart to **Patsey Keel** wife **Churchill Keel** daughter of the said **Abel Moore decst.**," 53 acres valued at \$150.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, pp. 84–85. The commissioners included **James Speir, Noah Jolly, Shadrach Rogers, and John Cherry**.

Comment: Abel Moore married Dorothy Albritton, daughter of James, granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Dorothy was alive in 1817 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 70–71), and so this document proves that Dorothy's only heirs were these three daughters of Abel Moore.

**10 Aug 1832** For \$286, **Adam Albritton, Junr** sells **Ichabod Harris**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...Lying and being on the north side of Tar River and north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and on the Mill Branch Bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a pine **Charles Rollings** corner thence running the Low grounds Joining of the said Branch and Running their Various courses and as much Dirt and Timber as the Mill Requires down to a white oak on the old line called **Pages** line then with the Various courses of said Line to **Highsmiths** line then with his line to **Lewelling Bowers** [Llewellyn Bowers] line & corner thence with said **Bowers** line to the Beginning [sic]...*

Witnesses: **John S. Rollings, Reubin Philpot**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 37. "February Sessions 1833. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **John S. Rollings** a subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be registered." The clerk indicated that **Adam Albritton, Junr.** signed his name to the transaction.

**27 Jan 1833** **Luke Ward** of Edgecombe County, North Carolina gives four slaves to his son, **Rippon Ward**, of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*To all people unto whom these presents shall come. I **Luke Ward**...send Greeting: Know ye, that I the said **Luke Ward**, for and in Consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my son, **Rippon Ward**,...and for divers other good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have given & granted and by these presents do give & grant unto the said **Rippon Ward** all and singular the negroes belonging 4 in Number viz. **Benjamin** aged about fifteen years, **Jessee** aged about Eleven years to have and to hold and enjoy all and singular the said negroes unto the said **Rippon Ward**, his executors administrators and assigns to the only proper use and behoof to him the aforesaid **Rippon Ward**...*

Witness: **Wedigan Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 67. *"May Sessions 1833. Then this deed of Gift was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Weddgeon** [sic] **Moore** a subscribing witness thereto ordered to be registered."* The clerk recorded that Luke Ward signed his name to the document.

Comment: In 1842, Rippon Ward married Mary Ann Albritton (Polly), daughter of Luke Albritton Sr., granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Although the original document stated in two places that Luke sold his son four slaves, the document only listed two of them by name.

**1 Mar 1833** For \$200, **Eleanor Albritton** sells to **Ormond Cherry**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all my interest in the following described tract or parcel situated lying and being in the county and State aforesaid and bounded to wit: Beginning at the mouth of the Mill Branch and running along a line of marked trees between **John Cason & Archibald Adams decd.** to the said **John Casons** Back line thence with that line to **John Adams** line then with said **John Adams** line to **James Albrittons** line to a pine **Luke Wards & Samuel Albrittons** thence north along a line of Marked trees to **Luke Wards** corner a pine on the said road leading from **Noscotts** Bridge to **Speirses** Landing then along said road to red Oak **Samuel Stones** corner then North to a gum in the centre [sic] of **Sams Branch** then with said Branch along a line of marked trees to **Luke Wards** corner a cypress then along an agreed line of marked trees to a cypress in the run of Grindal Creek then with the run of Grindal Creek to the begining [sic] containing by Estimation two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **Clifton James** [his mark], **Thomas Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, pp. 72-73. *"May Sessions 1833. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Clifton James** a subscribing witness thereto ordered to be registered."*

Comments:

1. Eleanor Cason Albritton is the wife of Adam Albritton, and in this transaction, she sells the plantation her father, John Cason, gave her in 1792. It appears that Eleanor and Adam had separated and lived apart by this time.
2. The clerk indicated that Eleanor Albritton signed her name to the transaction, rather than making her mark to it as she did when witnessing a deed in 1796.
3. Thomas Albritton was the son of Eleanor and Adam Albritton.

**18 Apr 1833** For \$325, **John Barrow** sells **Adam Albritton, Junr**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*...which land is on the North side of Tar River and North side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek begining [sic] at a Stake **Hugh Telfairs** corner runing [sic] east to a pine **John Barrows** own corner then North three Degrees west one hundred and forty poles the dividing line between the said **Barrow** and **Albritton** to **Littles** line thence west to the Gum Swamp then up the Gum Swamp to **Telfairs** line then with his line to **Henry Tools** line then with **Tools** line to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Willie Clements, C. Perkins**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 59. *"May Sessions 1833. Then this Deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Churchill Perkins** a subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be registered."*

Comment: Adam Albritton Jr. was the son of Adam Albritton Sr. and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**12 July 1833** For \$915, in pursuance of a Pitt County Equity Court decree, **William Clark**, Clerk & Master of the Pitt County Court of Equity, sells **Luke Albritton** a tract of land in Pitt County adjoining the lands of **Luke Albritton**. The land belonged to the heirs of **James Sheppard decd**, and the sale resulted from a decree made by the Equity Court at its September Term 1832.

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 508. *"August Sessions 1833. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **William Clark** in due form of Law to be his act and deed ordered to be registered."*

Comment: When the Equity Court made this decree, the family believed that James Sheppard died intestate. Later, his will was discovered and filed in the Pitt County Court. This discovery invalidated this sale, so his executor made another on 19 September 1835; see Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 424.

**15 Oct 1833** **Howell Albritton**, Sheriff of Pitt County, North Carolina, summons freeholders to award dower to **Susan Barrow**:

*In obedience to the annexed writ I **Howell Albritton** Shff of the County aforesaid on the 15 day of October 1833 and in the fifteth eight [sic] year of the independence of the States aforesaid attend [sic] by **Jonathan Albritton, James Albritton, George Moore, John Cherry, George Daniel, William Little, Obediah Moore, Howell Whitehead, Irwin Dudley, Josiah Daniel, Ormond Cherry** and **William Whitehead** freeholders unconnected with **Susan Barrow** widow of **John Barrow Decd.** or the heirs or devisees of said **John Barrow decd.** by consanguinity of affinity and entirely disinterested by me duly summoned came in proper persons to a certain plantation whereof the said **John Barrow decd.** died seized and possessed mentioned in the annexed writ lying on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creeke [sic] in the county aforesaid containing of Sixty acres more or less and the freeholders aforesaid being duly sworn and required to allot and set off to her the said **Susannah Barrow** one*

third part of the plantation did allot and set off to her the said **Susan Barrow** the portion of the aforesaid plantation including and comprised within the following limits to wit. Beginning at a chincapin [sic] in a branch **Crandle Littles** line thence north twelve and a half west forty poles to a black gum thence north seventy three west twenty nine poles to a maple thence south thirty west sixty nine poles to a Stake thence west twenty two poles to a maple thence south eighteen west twenty poles to a black gum thence with the various courses of the [illegible word] to the beginning containing of sixteen acres & two thirds more or less And including the dwelling house or mansion of said **John Barrow** deceased in which he most Generally dwell next before his decease and all the offices out houses buildings and improvements thereto belonging...

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 159. The clerk indicated that Howell Albritton signed the document as sheriff.

Comments:

1. Sheriff Howell Albritton was the son of Joel Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr., whereas James was Jonathan's son and Howell's first cousin.

**10 Jan 1834** For \$1000, "**Genl. Saml. Simpson**" of Fort Barnhill, Craven County, North Carolina sells "**Luke Albritton Esq**," of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 269-acre tract of land in Pitt County

...on the South Side of Tar River & South side of Hardees Creek...this deed was intended to convey **Simpsons** part of the Land formerly owned by **Col. John Hardee** agreeable to the division made by the commissioners appointed by court to divide [sic] said land between **Saml. Simpson** and **James Sheppard** and the aforesaid **Saml. Simpson** hereby excepting [accepting] one quarter of an acre of Land which is to include burying Ground of **Col. John Hardys** family.

Witnesses: **Saml. S. Beddle, Jno. Norcott**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 383. "August Sessions 1835. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **John Norcott** a Subscribing Witness thereto. let it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**24 Sept 1834** For \$200, **James Langley** sells **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land lying north of the Tar River:

...beginning at a White Oak a corner of **Godfrey Langley's** land thence South forty five West Seventy two pole to a pine, **Jonathan Albrittons** corner thence west 65 North with his line, one hundred and eighty six pole to an [sic] oak thence north 45 East Seventy two poles to a gum from thence to the beginning, containing Twenty six acres more or less. The other piece or parcel of land beginning at a pine in the said **Albrittons** line and in the line of the above named tract and running west 65 north with the said **Albrittons** line one hundred and forty poles to a pine in **Albrittons** corner then running with said **Albrittons** line one hundred North 65 west seventy two poles to a pine in the Sassafras pole Swamp running down the aforesaid swamp East 65 South one hundred and fifty pole to a gum from thence to the beginning containing seventeen acres more or less...

Witnesses: **Thomas Langley, James Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 342. "May Sessions 1835. Then this deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law on oath of **Thomas Langley** a subscribing witness thereto."

Comment: The records indicate that James Albritton was the son of Jonathan Albritton.

**24 Nov 1834** **James Albritton** and **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, establish a dividing line between their adjoining property:

...we the said **Jas. Albritton** and **Howell Albritton** for our selves our heirs and assigns have made and agreed to a dividing line between our lands in said County and the said dividing line begins as follows {vz} beginning at a black gum on the north sid [sic] of Broad Creek on Moyes Run known to be the said **Howell Albritton** cor. [corner] on said Creek or run thence running a strait [sic] line to a short leaf pine in a branch in the field near the main road thence a strate [sic] line to a chinchewpin stake the senter [sic] of the main road leading from Greenville to Washington up the senter [sic] of the said road to **John Brinkley** line and make a corner at a chinchewpin Stake this line as we have made we do agree and a stablish [sic] this to be the dividing line between ourselves & our heirs and assigns now and forever here after and do aquit all title and claim and interest that have with our selves or our heirs or assigns...

Witnesses: **Jas. S. Clark, McGilberry Jolly**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 334. "May Session 1835. Then the above agreement respecting the lines & c was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath of **Jas. S. Clark** a subscribing witness thereto."

Comments: Howell and James Albritton are first cousins, grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. Howell is the son of Joel and James the son of Jonathan Albritton. At this time, Howell Albritton served as the Pitt County Sheriff.

**2 Mar 1835** "...in consideration of the sum of one dollar and divers other good and valuable consideration," **James Albritton**, Planter, sells to **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

...a certain tract of Land in Pitt County on the Conetoe Road leading from Washington to Tarborough known as the **Harmon May** Tract adjoining the lands of **William James, Edmund Andrews, John Rollins, &c.** containing about

five Hundred acres and also the following slaves **Selah, Amarilla, Albert, Kenches, Jane, Arden and Lucy**. To have and to hold to the said **Jonathan Albritton** his heirs assigns forever. In Trust however and to the intent and purpose that whenever **James May, Albritton May and Allivana May** children of **Harmon May** deceased shall pay unto the said **Jonathan Albritton** his heirs executors administrators or assigns the sum of Two hundred and fifteen that then the said **Jonathan Albritton** his heirs executors administrators or assigns shall by instrument of writing valid for that purpose convey to the said **James May, Albritton and Allivina May** a good and sufficient title to the said Land and Slaves, and shall pay over to the said **James Albritton** his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns the said sum of Two hundred and fifteen dollars...

Witnesses: **H. Y. Toole, Josiah Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 336. "May Sessions 1835. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Henry Toole** and **Josiah Daniel** subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. James Albritton is the son of Jonathan Albritton.
3. Later records show that Harmon Mayo married a daughter of Jonathan Albritton, making him James' brother-in-law.
4. This document gave the surname as "May," but other documents prove the correct surname was "Mayo." Later records show that the Harmon Mayo heirs were Jonathan Albritton's grandchildren, proving that his daughter married Mayo. The 1840 Federal Census shows several young males living in Jonathan's household, undoubtedly James and Albritton Mayo. The latter two disappear after 1840, but Alvania married John G. Little about 1837 and moved to Crawford County, Arkansas by 1848.

**7 Mar 1835** For \$100, **William Clark**, Guardian sells **Adam Albritton, Jun<sup>r</sup>**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina

*Know all men by these presents that I **William Clark** Guardian to **James Barrow** and **Bennett Barrow** which minors is [sic] Heirs at Law of **John Barrow dec<sup>d</sup>** In pursuance to an order of the county court of Pitt of Please [sic-Pleas] and Quarter Sessions issued from August Term 1834 and said **William Clark** Guardian is aforesaid in obedience to said order did advertise a certain tract of Land supposed to contain Fifty acres be the same more or less which said Land a part of or one third part is subject to a Dower or life Estate of **Susannah Barrow** Widdow [sic] of said **John Barrow dec<sup>d</sup>** Bounded as follows vizt. Bounded by the Lands of **Adam Albritton** the Lands of **Lewis Gray Little** the Lands of **Thomas Little** & others did sell the same at public sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1834 at which time **Adam Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup>** appeared and bid the sum of one Hundred Dollars which was the last and highest bid said Land was truck off to said **Adam Albritton Jun<sup>r</sup>**...*

Witnesses: **Edmond Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 42. "August Sessions 1836. Then this Deed was exhibited into open Court and acknowledged by **William Clark** to be his act and Deed let it be registered."

**5 Aug 1835** Agreement made between **James A. Dixon, Peter Reeves**, and **Olive Hardee** and **Charles S. Hardee**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina. Agreement involves property **Olive** inherited from her father, **Peter Reeves Sen<sup>r</sup>**, as outlined in his last will and testament, and it specifies that **Peter Reeves** will act as trustee to oversee **Olive's** property, beyond the control of her husband, **Charles S. Hardee**.

Witness for **Dixon**: **H. Albritton**

Witness: **W<sup>m</sup> Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, pp. 393-394. "August Sessions 1835. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oaths of **Howell Albritton** & **William Albritton** Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. "H. Albritton" was undoubtedly Howell Albritton, the son of Joel Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Howell Albritton at that time served as the Pitt County Sheriff.
2. William Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**19 Sept 1835** For \$915, in pursuance of a Pitt County Equity Court decree, **Henry R. Sheppard** Executor of **Jas. Sheppard Dec<sup>d</sup>** sells **Luke Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 200-acre tract of land in Pitt County adjoining the lands of **Luke Albritton, Reading Bell**, and others.

Witnesses: **James C. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 424. "November Sessions 1835. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Henry R. Sheppard** to be his act and Deed. Ordered to be registered."

Comment: James C. Albritton was the son of Luke Albritton, who was himself the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**9 Oct 1835** For \$350, **Edmond C. Moore** sells **James Biggs**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 250-acre tract of land

*...lying & being on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Beginning at a pine the north corner of **John Jordans** line running north 5 degrees west 86 poles to a pine then north 5 degrees a direct course to **John Casons** back line thence down the said line, thence east to a pine through the pocosin thence South to a pine thence runing [sic] the dividing line between **Robert Daniel** & **John Cason** to **Jordans** line thence up the said line to the begining [sic] containing by Estimation two hundred & fifty acres being the same more or less being part of a tract [of] five hundred & fifty acres of Land granted to **John Cason** by Pattent [sic-patent] bearing date 21<sup>st</sup> October 1782...*

[signed] **Edmund C. Moore**  
**Edmund Moore**

Witnesses: **Henry Herrington** [Harrington], **Jas. C. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 482. *"February Sessions 1836. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Henry Herrington** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."*

Comments:

1. About the mid-1830s, James Biggs married Nellie Albritton, the youngest daughter of Adam Albritton and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. The witnesses were both Nellie's cousins, with James C. Albritton the son of Nellie's uncle, Luke Albritton, and Henry Harrington the husband of Tabitha Albritton Harrington, daughter of Nellie's first cousin, Samuel Albritton (son of Nellie's uncle, James).
2. The body of the deed did not mention Edmund Moore, only Edmond C. Moore, but Edmund Moore signed the document after Edmond C. Moore (the clerk used the spellings of "Edmond" and "Edmund" as indicated).
3. This 250-acre tract of land had a convoluted history, involving both the Casons and Albrittons. With James Biggs' purchase of this tract, Nellie Albritton Biggs now owned a plantation granted to her grandfather, John Cason, in 1782, and later owned by her great-uncle, James Albritton, Jr, uncle, Jonathan Albritton, first cousins, Benjamin and Summer Adams, great-uncle, Henry Cason, and Sarah Cason, probably her aunt.
4. John Cason sold this 250-acre tract of land to James Albritton Jr. on 19 January 1789, who sold it to his nephew, Jonathan Albritton, on 25 May 1793, who sold it to Benjamin Adams (John Cason's grandson) on 17 September 1796, who sold it to his brother, Summer Adams, on 9 March 1805, who sold it to his uncle, Henry Cason, on 7 January 1808, who sold it to Sarah Cason on 6 November 1809. It appear that either Henry's wife or daughter was Lydia Cason, and on 31 December 1827, Lydia Cason and Edmund Moore sold the tract to Edmond C. Moore (apparently the son of Edmond Moore, but this is not clear) (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 114–115; Deed Book N, p. 169; Deed Book P, pp. 196–197; Deed Book Q, p. 141; Deed Book R, pp. 196–197, 349; Deed Book EE, pp. 318–319 (indexed incorrectly as Book DD)).

**5 Nov 1835** For \$80, **John Osborn** & wife **Nancy Osborn** "formerly **Nancy Moore**," sells **Churchill Keel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...lying and being in the County of Pitt and Known as lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the division of the Lands of **Abel Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** & bounded as follows Begining [sic] at a small Gum the east corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in the swamp line running with the line of said lot N<sup>o</sup> 25½ East 165 poles to a Stake a corner of sd Lot then So 65 Wt 39 poles to a pine near a fence thence north 76 west 58 pole to a Stake then So 16½ Wt 130 poles to a Gum in the swamp line then with the same to the beginning containing sixty three acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Jas. R. Hoyle**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 443. *"State of North Carolina; Pitt County Nov<sup>r</sup> Term 1835. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court & proved in due form of Law on oath of **James R. Hoyle** a subscribing Witness thereto. Ordered to be registered."*

Comment: Nancy Moore Osborn was a daughter of Abel Moore and Dorothy Albritton, granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. (see the land division of Abel Moore's lands and the deed in which James Albritton's heirs sell 25 acres they inherited from their grandfather, Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 70–71; Deed Book GG, pp. 84–85).

**1 Jan 1836** For \$600, **Luke Albritton Esq<sup>r</sup>** of Pitt County, North Carolina, acting as attorney for **Lewis Edwards** of Shelby County, Tennessee, sells **George McGowns** of Pitt County, North Carolina two tracts of land in Pitt County on the south side of the Tar River, one a 180-acre tract on Hardees Run and the other a 195-acre tract adjoining **Benjamin Evans**, **Archibald Adams**, **Lewis Smith**, and **Robert R. Gwaltney**:

*Whereas **Lewis Edwards**...executed a Power of Attorney to **Luke Albritton Esq<sup>r</sup>**...bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1835 authorising [sic] and requiring the said **Luke Albritton** to sell two tracts of Land Situated in said County of Pitt and known by the name of the **Godfrey Stansil Lands** & **Adam** & **Samuel Albritton Lands** reference being had to said Power of Attorney will more fully appear. Now this Indenture Witnesseth That I the said **Luke Albritton** in pursuance of said Power of Attorney...*

Witnesses: **Benjamin Daniel**, **Arch<sup>d</sup> Parker**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 467. *"February Sessions 1836. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Benja<sup>a</sup> Daniel** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."*

Comments: Luke and Adam Albritton are the sons of Peter Albritton Sr., while Samuel is their nephew and Peter's grandson.

- 1 Jan 1836** For \$50, **John Brinkley** sells **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 6-acre tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the north side of Tar River and on the north side of the old road before Turned Leading from Washington to Tarborough & bounded as follows. Beginning at **James Albrittons** & **Howell Albrittons** corner running north  $10\frac{5}{4}$  Pole to the road then north  $80\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west  $124\frac{5}{4}$  pole to **William Littles** line thence south 11 west  $6\frac{1}{2}$  Pole thence to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **John Moore, Jas. S. Clark**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 314. "August Sessions 1837. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court & acknowledged by **John Brinkley** to be his act & deed. Let it be registered."
- Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. The James Albritton referenced here is Howell's first cousin and neighbor, the son of Jonathan Albritton.
- 3 Jan 1836** For \$610.50, **Martin Moore** sells **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, with **Jonathan Albritton** acting as the guardian to **James Mayo**, a tract of  $101\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land in Pitt County,
- ...on the north side of Tar River bounded as follows beginning at a small bush in the centre [sic] of an oak and dogwood and hickory then north one hundred and seventy poles to a black gum in the **Moye Swamp** then south seventy D east one hundred and ten poles to a gum in <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> swamp then south one hundred and thirty poles to a black gum in the middle swamp then with the <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> swamp and a cos [sic-across?] the Island to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **John Bough, Eleazar Rogers**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 255.
- Comments:
1. Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. James Mayo is Jonathan's grandson, the son of Harmon Mayo and an unknown daughter of Jonathan Albritton.
- 17 Feb 1836** For \$100, **Absley Moore** sells **Churchill Keel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land
- ...being Lot N<sup>o</sup> one which was set apart to said **Absley Moore** in the Division of her fathers Estate **Abel Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** reference being had to said Division will more fully appear Bounded as follows--begining [sic] at a pine the begining [sic] corner of the said Land running north 20 East 24 poles to a hickory then north 46 west 87 poles to a stake then south  $25\frac{1}{2}$  wst 165 poles to a small Gum in the swamp line then with the said swamp line to the begining [sic] containing fifty three Acres more or less...*
- Witnesses: **Robert Rogers, Isaac Hardee**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 329 (the book is double "I," not eleven). "May Sessions 1836. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Robert Rogers** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Absley Moore made her mark to the document rather than signing it.
- Comments:
1. Absley Moore was a daughter of Abel Moore and Dorothy Albritton, making Absley the granddaughter of James and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. (see the land division of Abel Moore's lands and the deed in which James Albritton's heirs sell 25 acres they inherited from their grandfather, Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 70-71; Deed Book GG, pp. 84-85).
  2. Robert Rogers married Mary Hatton, daughter of Robert Hatton, granddaughter of Frances Cason Hatton, and great-granddaughter of John Cason who lived on Grindle Creek beside James Albritton Jr. and his nephew, James Albritton, son of Peter.
- 21 Mar 1836** For 50¢, **Samuel D. Cherry** mortgages property to **James C. Albritton** to indemnify **James R. Hoyle** and **McM. Staton**, all residents of Pitt County, North Carolina. **Cherry** mortgages to **Albritton**
- ...all the said **Samuels** interest in and to the real & personal property of his father **William Cherry dec<sup>d</sup>** loaned to his widdow [sic] during her natural life & widdowhood [sic] vizt. one pise [sic] or parsel [sic] of Land Lying in said County whereon the said **William Cherry** died and whereon the said Widdow [sic] **Lany Cherry** doth now reside also Negroes **Dick, Jim, Tanner**, and **Aggy** subject to the life Estate or widdowhood [sic] as aforesaid. To have and to hold the aforesaid interest in the property unto the said **James C. Albritton** his Executors administrators & assigns together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging together with the said **Samuel** interest in the increase of said negroes...that he the said **Samuel** hath by these presents conveyed all his interest right & title to all the Estate of the said **W<sup>m</sup> Cherry**...*
- Provided Nevertheless and it is hereby declared to be upon express trust and confidence that if the said **Samuel D. Cherry** his heirs Executors or administrators shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said **James R. Hoyle** the sum of twenty Dollars & Seventy five cents due by Judgment with interest from 13<sup>th</sup> December 1834 and cost & also the further Sum of five Dollars & Seventy five cents by Note and to the said **Mc. M. Staton** the sum of thirty five Dollars due by Note with int from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1833 together with the interest thereon accruing until paid on or before the first day of January next then it shall be the duty of the said **James C. Albritton** his Executors administrators or assigns to reconvey to the said **Samuel** his Heirs Executors or administrators all the right title &*

interest which the said **James C. Albritton** his Executors administrators or assigns may have acquired by virtue of these presents. But in case the said **Samuel D. Cherry** his heirs Executors or administrators shall not on or before the time herein limited, pay or cause to be paid the aforesaid Sums as above Stated, together with all the interest accruing thereon & the cost attending, then it shall and may be Lawful for the said **James C. Albritton** his Executors administrators & assigns to expose to sale at the court House in Greenville after first giving ten days notice the aforesaid interest in and to the property aforesaid and of the monies so arising from such sale, shall pay the aforesaid debts interest & costs and the balance if any, after deducting commissions & costs attending shall pay to the said **Samuel** his heirs Executors administrators or assigns...

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, pp. 459–460. “March 21<sup>st</sup> 1836. Then this deed in trust from **Samuel D. Cherry** to **James C. Albritton** for the benefit of **Mc. M. Staton** & **Jas. R. Hoyle** was acknowledged by all the parties thereto in due form of Law. Let it be registered.” The clerk indicated that Cherry, Albritton, Staton, and Hoyle all signed the document.

Comment: James C. Albritton was the son of Luke Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

### **May 1836**

For \$828.75, **Apslum Saunders** sells **Luke Albritton** a 331½-acre tract of land in Pitt County,

...beginning at a gum in the run of Flat Branch thence up the run & windings of the same to a bay in the run of the said branch in the patten [sic] line thence along the same S<sup>o</sup> 13<sup>d</sup> c56 poles to a pine a corner of the Patten [sic] line...to a Sweet gum in the run of the dogwood branch thence down the run & windings of the same to a black Gumm on the run of said branch on the edge of the Indian Well Swamp thence up the same Swamp to the beginning...

Witnesses: **Sherrod Tison, John B. Baker**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book GG, p. 505. “May Sessions 1836. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law on oath of **Sherrod Tison** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.”

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. This deed contains no date within the body of the instrument itself.

### **19 July 1836** “Division of the Lands of **Thomas House decd.**”

State of North Carolina Pitt County. February Term 1836. We the undersigned in obedience to an order of s<sup>d</sup> Term to us directed us [sic] to make partition in the Lands of **Thomas House** among the lawful Heirs of s<sup>d</sup> **House decd** have met on the premises and had a survey and have partition as follows to wit...

1. Lot No. 1: **Garret House** “one of the Heirs of s<sup>d</sup> decd,” 19¼ acres on Gum Swamp valued @ \$115.50
2. Lot No. 2: **Archibald House** “one of the Heirs of s<sup>d</sup> decd,” 21.75 acres on Gum Swamp valued at \$96.75
3. Lot No. 3: **David House** “another of the Heirs of s<sup>d</sup> Decd,” 19.75 acres valued at \$111
4. Lot No. 4: **Benjamin Crisp** “and **Charlottey** his wife heirs of said Decd,” 19.75 acres valued at \$117
5. Lot No. 5: **Adam Fleming** “and **Harriot** his wife heirs of s<sup>d</sup> decd,” 19.75 acres valued at \$96.75

Surveyor: **Willie Nobles**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 43–44. Commissioners: G. Eason, Arch<sup>d</sup> Parker, John McGowns, Shad<sup>k</sup> Shivers

Comment: Jarrett House (listed here as “Garret” House) later married Sarah Ann Harrington, eldest daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James, great-great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

### **27 Dec 1836** For \$2000, **John Cherry** sells **Wedigan Moore** and **Edmond Moore**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 155-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

...Beginning on the run of the Creek thence running South 7 degrees west 162 Poles with **Joel Albrittons** line, Thence South 82½ degrees East 60 poles to a pine Stump Thence South 200 Poles to a pine In the Pocason [pocosin] thence North 58 degrees East 134 Poles to a pine thence west 67 Pole to a Bull bay Stump thence north 278 Pole to the run of the Creek through the various courses of the Creek to the beginning...

Witnesses: **Rippon Ward, John Bough**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 209. “February Sessions 1837. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **John Cherry** to be his act and Deed. Let it be registered.”

Comments:

1. Although the description specifies a “creek,” the name of the creek is not given in the deed. However, we know from other records that Joel Albritton’s land lay near Grindle Creek.
2. About 1830, John Cherry married Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, the only known daughter of Luke Albritton, the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. Following his tragic accidental death in 1839, Polly Albritton Cherry remarried to Rippon Ward, who witnessed this transaction.
3. Brothers Wedigan and Edmond Moore are sons of Matthias Moore Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, longtime neighbors of Luke Albritton, father-in-law of John Cherry. Wedigan and Edmond’s sister, Penny, married James B. Albritton, son of Samuel



Albritton, the first cousin of John Cherry's wife, Polly Albritton (for documentation on the heirs of Matthias Moore Jr., see Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 45).

**29 Dec 1836** For \$3000, **Howell Albritton** sells **Edward W. Dixon** [Dickson], both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 200-acre tract of land in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the south side of the mane [sic] road leading from **George Eason** to Washington and bounded as follows, vizt. Beginning at a black Gum in Moyes Run **James Albrittons** and **Howell Albrittons** corner thence running a strate [sic] line to a pine in a branch in the field thence a strate [sic] line to the centre [sic] of said road to a chinquapin stake thence with the centre [sic] of the road to a chinquapin stake **James Albrittons** & **John Brinkleys** corner thence with **Brinkleys** line to **William Littles** line thence with **William Littles** line to **James S. Clarks** line thence with his line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **McG. M Staton, John S. Hardee**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 201. "February Sessions 1837. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Howell Albritton** to be his act and Deed. Let it be registered." The clerk indicated that Howell Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr. The James Albritton referenced here is Howell's first cousin and neighbor, the son of Jonathan Albritton.

**24 Jan 1837** For \$125, **Martin Moore** sells **Jonathan Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 25 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the north side of the main road leading from Greenville to Washington and bounded by the Lands of **Eleazar Rogers** and the lands belonging to the Heirs of **Winfield Saterthwaite** and others...it being the Lands that **Stanly Moore** & **Churchill Moore** is entitled to from the Estate of their Brother **William Moore** decd. and the said Lands is now undivided...*

Witnesses: **Blount Speir, Henry Horn**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 254-255.

Comment: Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**23 Feb 1837** The Pitt County Court appoints **Luke Albritton** as one of the commissioners to allot the dower to **Elizabeth Cherry**, "widow" of **Jesse M. Cherry** dec<sup>d</sup>, in his lands lying

*on the fork of Swift Creek & Gord Vine Swamp adjoining the Lands of **James Knox** & others containing about five hundred acres...*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 258.

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**2 May 1837** Transaction between **Churchill Keel** of the first part, **James R. Hoyle** of the second part, and **William Clark** of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Witnesseth That whereas the said **Churchill Keel** is Justly indebted to the aforesaid **William Clark** by a note of Hand for the Sum of one Hundred and Sixty two Dollars & sixty five cents with interests from the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1837 even date with these presents and whereas the said **Churchill Keel** is willing and anxious to secure and save harmless the said **William Clark**. Now This Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and as well as for the sum of one Dollar to the said **Churchill Keel** paid by the said **James R. Hoyle**...the said **Churchill Keel** hath given granted bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed, and confirmed...unto the said **James R. Hoyle** the following described tracts or parcels [sic] of Land situated in the county of Pitt and on the north side of Tar River. Beginning at a pine the begining [sic] corner of the lands...belonging to **Abel Moore** dec<sup>d</sup>...*

Keel conveys three tracts, Lot No. 1 containing 53 acres, Lot No. 2 with 63 acres, and Lot No. 3 with 53 acres:

*...the aforesaid three tracts of Land being all the Lands that formerly belonged to **Abel Moore** dec<sup>d</sup> and since a Division in said Lands I have purchased of the Heirs of said **Abel Moore** dec<sup>d</sup> Lots Numbers one & two and N<sup>o</sup> three I own in write [sic] of my wife. Also one other tract of Land whereon I the said **Churchill Keel** now lives adjoining the Land of **Simon Keel** and others containing forty acres more or less and which was conveyed to [me] by the said **Simon Keel** also two negro slaves one an old man named **Jara** and the other a Girl named **Matilda**...*

If **Churchill Keel** pays his debt of \$162.65 on or before 1 August 1837, plus interest and costs, then **James R. Hoyle** "shall release the aforesaid property to the said **Churchill Keel** his Heirs & assigns." If he fails to pay his note and interest, **Hoyle** shall advertise to sell the property to raise funds to pay the note, costs, and commission.

Witnesses: **Saml. Clark**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 223-224. "May 6<sup>th</sup> 1837. Then this deed intrust [sic] from **Churchill Keel** to **James R. Hoyle** for the benefit of **William Clark** was exhibited and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Samuel Clark** the subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Churchill Keel made his mark to the deed.

Comments:

1. Churchill Keel married Patsy Moore, daughter of Abel Moore and Dorothy Albritton, the daughter of James Albritton, son of Peter. This makes Patsy Moore, the granddaughter of James, great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
2. Churchill Kill had purchased the interest of his sisters-in-law, Absley and Nancy, in Abel Moore's land, giving him two-thirds ownership of Moore's lands, with Keel's wife possessing the final one-third.

**28 Oct 1837** Transaction between **Churchill Keel** of the first part, **James R. Hoyle** of the second part, and **Thomas Hanrahan** of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina. To secure the notes that **Churchill Keel** owes **Thomas Hanrahan**, \$125.60 dated 1 January 1837, note due to **James R. Hoyle** for \$6.95, to **Walter Hanrahan** \$51.75 dated 2 January 1835 and \$64.78 dated 1 August 1837, to which **Simon Keel** is security, **Churchill Keel** mortgages the following property to **James R. Hoyle** to secure his payment of his debts:

*...all the right title and interest in and to the Lands formerly belonging to **Abel Moore decd**, two thirds of which the said **Churchill** owns in fee simple and one third thereof was allotted to the wife of said **Churchill** said Lands being bounded as follows, Begining [sic] at a pine and runs No 20 East 24 poles to a Hickory then No 46 East 78 poles to a pine then No 51 East 79 poles to a pine then No 65 West 87 pole to a stake then So 65 west 39 poles to a pine near a fence then north 76 west 63 pole to a stake thence west 74½ pole to a red oak then south 15 west 104 poles to a white oak corner of the swamp line thence down the swamp line to the beginning containing one hundred and sixty nine acres more or less Also one other tract of land whereon I the said **Churchill Keel** now lives adjoining the Lands of **Simon Keel** & others containing forty acres more or less and which was conveyed to him by the said **Simon Keel** also one negro man **Jerry** and negro Girl **Matilda** his crop of corn fodder &c now standing & stock of cattle. To have and to hold the aforesaid real and personal estate unto the said **James R. Hoyle** his executors administrators and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Edmond C. Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 322-324.

Comment: Churchill Keel married Patsy Moore, daughter of Abel Moore and Dorothy Albritton. Dorothy was the daughter of James, granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**2 Apr 1838** For \$470, **Thomas Hanrahan** sells **Luke Albritton** 190-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*Witnesseth that whereas **Sparkmon Britt** on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836 conveyed to the said **Thomas Hanrahan** in trust among other property one piece or parcel of Land Lying in the County of Pitt containing 190 Acres more or less adjoining the Lands of **James Nelson**, **James Edwards** & others...and whereas in pursuance of and for the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of said Trust, the said **Thomas** after giving public notice as required exposed to sale at the Court House in Greenville on the second day of April 1838 to the highest bidder the aforesaid tract of Land at which sale the said **Luke Albritton** appeared and bid the sum of Four hundred and Seventy dollars which being the last & highest bid he became the purchaser thereof...*

Witnesses: **James R. Hoyle**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 487. "May Sessions 1838. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **James R. Hoyle** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. and the grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**20 Apr 1838** For \$470, **Luke Albritton** sells **James Nelson** a 190-acre tract of land in Pitt County adjoining the lands of **James Nelson**, **James Edwards** & others

*...being a piece or parcel of Land purchased by **Sparkmon Britt** of **Martin Nelson** and conveyed to **Thomas Hanrahan** as trustee the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1836 & by said **Hanrahan** sold & conveyed to the said **Luke Albritton** the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1838...*

Witnesses: **James R. Hoyle**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 494. "May Sessions 1838. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **James R. Hoyle** a Subscribing [witness] thereto let it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. and the grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**28 Apr 1838** For \$250, **Benjamin B. Albritton** sells **Robert Hatton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all right title and interest in an undivided moiety or piece of Land on the north side of Tar River adjoining the Lands of the said **Robert Hatton**, **Benjamin F. Fleming** & others which land descended to me by the death of my Father **Samuel Albritton decd**. To have and To hold the aforesaid undivided interest in the aforesaid tract of land to him the said **Robert Hatton** his Heirs & assigns forever. I the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** for myself my executors admrs. assigns do covenant to and with the said **Robert Hatton** his Heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend the aforesaid undivided interest in the aforesaid tract of land formerly owned by **Samuel Albritton deceased** my father against the awful claim or claims of my and all persons whatsoever...*

Witnesses: **L. Hatton, James L. Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 481. "*May Sessions 1838. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Lewis Hatton** a subscribing Witness thereto Let it be registered.*" According to the clerk who recorded the document, Benjamin B. Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: Robert Hatton was the father-in-law of Benjamin B. Albritton, his being the father of Albritton's wife, Catherine Hatton Albritton (29 May 1818–11 Feb 1888).

**28 Apr 1838** For \$10, **Nancy Moore** sells **James L. Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...lying on the north side of Tar River and on the East side of **Highsmiths** Branch begining [sic] at a small posimmon [sic] Bush in the lane thence a line of marked trees to the widows dower line thence with said line to **James L. Moores** line a small pine thence with said **Moores** line to the begining [sic] containing ten acres of Land...and I the said **Nancy Moore** do forever warrant to the said **James L. Moore** the rite [sic] and title of the said Land to him his Heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **Arden Moore, Randolph Moore** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 494. "*May Sessions 1838. then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Arden Moore** a subscribing Witness thereto Let it be registered.*" According to the clerk who recorded the document, Nancy Moore made her mark to the transaction rather than signing it.

Comment: It seems probable that the Nancy Moore who made this transaction was Nancy Albritton Moore, the daughter of James Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr., and the widow of Allen Moore.

**6 Aug 1838** Transaction between **Churchill Keel** of Pitt County, North Carolina of the first part, **James R. Hoyle** of Greenville in Pitt County of the second part, and **Marshall G. James** of Pitt County of the third part. To secure the notes that **Churchill Keel** owes **Marshall G. James**, \$49.56¼ dated 28 October 1837 "*being the amount of a Judgment against the said **Churchill** in the name of **Speirs & James** & forty cents cost,*" also \$6.00 dated 6 May 1837 plus costs of forty cents, "*being a Judgment against said **Churchill** in the name of **Henry Horn** to the use of said **James**,*" also \$6.00 with interest from 22 April 1837 & sixty cents costs thereon "*being a Judgment against said **Churchill** in the name of **John Bugh** to the use of said **James** together with costs of execution on the several Judgments,*" and \$3.45 for costs, and the said **Churchill**

*...being willing & desirous of securing the payment thereof to the said **James** Therefore this Indenture Witnesseth That for & inconsideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar to the said **Churchill** in hand paid...he the said **Churchill Keel** hath bargained and sold, aliened, released, conveyed, & confirmed...unto the said **James R. Hoyle** the following described real and personal estate, namely all his right title interest in the Lands formerly belonged [sic] to **Abel Moore deceased**, two thirds of which belongs to the said **Churchill** in fee simple, and the other third was the part allotted to the wife of the said **Churchill** which Lands are bounded as follows, Beginning at a pine and runs North 20 East 24 poles to a Hickory then north 46 east 78 poles to a pine then north 51 East 79 poles to a pine, then north 65 west 87 poles to a Stake, then South 65 west 39 poles to a pine near a fence, thence north 76 west 63 poles to a stake then west 74½ to a red oak, then south 15 west 104 poles to a white oak corner of the swamp line, then down the Swamp line to the begining [sic] containing one hundred & sixty nine acres...also one other tract of land whereon the said **Churchill** now lives adjoining the lands of **Simon Keel** & others containing forty acres more or Less which was conveyed to him by **Simon Keel**—also one negro Girl named **Matilda**...and the said **Churchill Keel**...doth hereby covenant that the said real & personal estate is not under any incumbrances [encumbrances] except a deed executed by him on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837 conveying the said property to the said **James R. Hoyle** to secure certain other debts of the said **Churchill** therein mentioned...Provided however, and it is understood by the parties hereunto that the said **James R. Hoyle** shall hold the aforesaid property for the following uses and trust namely, that if the said **Churchill** shall on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1838 [sic-1839] pay or cause to be paid unto the said **Marshall G. James** the several Sums of money described above as being due to the said **James** from the said **Churchill** with all accruing interest thereon & the costs of probate of this deed, then the said **James** shall convey, or release to him the said **Churchill** the title hereby conveyed and if the said **Churchill** shall fail of paying the aforesaid sums of money or either of them and all accruing interest thereon...it shall be the right & duty of the said **James R. Hoyle** at the request of the said **James** to advertise the said real & personal estate for sale at public auction to the Highest bidder for money...*

Witnesses: **John Bugh**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, pp. 499–500. "*August 7<sup>th</sup> 1838. Then this deed intrust [sic] from **Churchill Keel** to **James R. Hoyle** for the benefit of **Marshall G. James** was proved in due form of Law by the oath of **John Bugh** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.*"

Comment: Churchill Keel married Patsey Moore, daughter of Dorothy Albritton and Abel Moore, with Dorothy the daughter of James Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**4 Sept 1838** For \$125, **Benonia M. Wilkerson** attorney for **Moses P. Crisp** and **Lydia Crisp** his wife sell land to **George Daniel**: **Benonia M. Wilkerson** attorney as aforesaid for the said **Moses P. Crisp** & wife and by virtue of a Power of attorney from the said **Moses P. Crisp** & wife **Lydia** made and executed the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1831 and now of record in the registers office of Pitt County the said **Benonia M. Wilkerson** attorney as aforesaid hath bargained sold aliened enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed...unto the said **George Daniel** his heirs and assigns forever all the right title and

interest of the said **Moses P. Crisp** & wife **Lydia** in and to two certain parcels or pieces of land which descended to the said **Lydia Crisp** as Heir at Law of **George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased** lying in the County of Pitt both pattented [sic] by **George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup>** the one patent for five hundred and thirty five acres bearing date 21<sup>st</sup> October 1782 & the other for forty four acres bearing date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1794...**Benonia M. Wilkerson** as attorney for the said **Moses P. Crisp** and wife **Lydia** doth hereby convey unto the said **George Daniel** his Heirs and assigns all the right title and interest of the said **Moses P. Crisp** and wife **Lydia** in and to the land which descended to them or either of them by the Death of **George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup>**...

Witnesses: **Lewis G. Little, Reddick Carney**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 71. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven).

Comment: Probably in the 1830s, George Daniel Jr. married Asia Albritton, daughter of Jonathan Albritton and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**4 Sept 1838** For \$368, **James R. Hoyle** sells **John Bugh** the interest in the following lands of **Abel Moore** owned by **Churchill Keel**:

*Whereas by Virtue of a Deed intrust [sic] made and executed by **Churchill Keel** to **James R. Hoyle** on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837...the said **James R. Hoyle** exposed to sale at the Court House in Greenville for ready money on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 the said **Churchill** interest being two thirds of a tract of Land...containing one Hundred and Sixty nine acres more or less which two thirds the said **Churchill Keel** purchased of the Heirs of **Abel Moore**...*

Witnesses: **Warren Nobles, Stanly Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 125. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). This land description exactly matches that given in the earlier mortgages by Keel in 1837 and 1838.

Comment: The property sold was the two-thirds portion that Keel had purchased from his sisters-in-law. The interest that Church's wife, Patsey Moore Keel, inherited in her father's lands was not sold.

**20 Sept 1838** For \$650, **Samuel Albritton** sells to **Henry Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land in Pitt County

*...on the south side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek bounded as follows Beginning at a Holly on the run of the Creek thence running to a Gum on a ditch then running the dividing line between s<sup>d</sup> **Albritton** & the Land belonging to **Ashley Moore** a pine then south to the centre [sic] of the Mill branch to a pine then the various courses of said branch to the county road then down on the south side of the said Mill branch including said branch to the dividing line between s<sup>d</sup> **Albritton** & **Franklin Flemming** formerly **John Cason** then down the said line to the run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek to a Gum then up the various courses of said run to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Archibald House, Richard Evans**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book HH, p. 489. The clerk recorded that Samuel Albritton signed his name to the document.

Comment: The Samuel Albritton selling his land was the son of Adam Albritton, known as "Samuel Albritton Jr." in the records to distinguish him from his first cousin who was eighteen years older. According to family information, a few months after making this transaction, Samuel Albritton moved his family to Graves County, Kentucky.

**20 Sept 1838** For \$260.85, **Jonathan Albritton** sells to **James Mayo, Albritton Mayo, and Alavania Little** formerly **Alvanea Mayo**, "Heirs at law of **Harmon Mayo**," all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 500 acres of land in Pitt County:

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the Conetoe Road leading from Washington to Tarborough Known as the **Harmon Mayo** Lands adjoining the lands of **William James, John S. Brown, John Rollings, &c...***

Witnesses: **John Rollings**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 76 (book "double I," as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). The deed was recorded in February 1839, proved on oath of John Rollings.

Comment: This document gave the surname as "Mayo," but in 1835, the document listed it as "May."

**22 Sept 1838** For \$371.67, **James Mayo** and **Albritton Mayo** sell **Kinchen Barnhill**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...two thirds of a certain tract or parcel of Land Situated in said County and on the north side of Tar River and on the Conetoe Road leading from Washington to Tarborough Known as the **Harmon Mayo** Lands adjoining the Lands of **William James, John S. Brown, John S. Rollings, &c** containing about five Hundred Acres in all...the other third being owned by **Gray Little** and his wife **Alivania** all being Heirs of **Harmon Mayo dec<sup>d</sup>**...*

Witnesses: **John Rollings**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 47 (this is book "double I," as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). "November Sessions 1838. Then this Deed was Exhibited into Open court and acknowledged by **James Mayo** and **Albritton Mayo** to be their acts and deeds let it be registered." According to the clerk who recorded the document, both James and Albritton Mayo signed their names to the document.

Comment: James, Albritton, and Alivania Mayo were grandchildren of Jonathan Albritton, a son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**20 Nov 1838** For \$300, **James Mayo** and “wife **Elizabeth**” sell **Benjamin Pollard**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a Dower write [sic-right] or life Estate in a certain tract or parcel of Land known by the name of the **John Teel** Lands containing Ninety nine acres more or less being the life Estate or dower wright [sic-right] of the said **Elizabeth Mayo** and bounded as follows-vizt. by the Lands of **Elisha Branddy** [sic], **Peter Rieves** [sic], **Reddick Pollard**, **Elkanah Teal**, **Benjamin Pollard**, & others on reference being had to the report of the Jury will more Fully Show...*

Witnesses: **William Clark, G. Eason**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 87 (this is book “double I,” as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). “February Term 1839. Personally appeared **Elizabeth Mayo** and acknowledged the foregoing Signature as her own voluntary act in open court...February Sessions 1839. Then this Deed was Exhibited into Open court and acknowledged by the parties thereto to be their act and Deed and at the same time **Elizabeth Mayo** appeared in open court and acknowledged that she executed the same with her own act let it be registered.” According to the clerk who recorded the document, both James and Elizabeth Mayo signed their names to the document.

Comment: James Mayo was the grandson of Jonathan Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**24 Nov 1838** Transaction between **John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** of the first part, **John Cherry** of the second part, and **Howell Albritton** and **Churchill Perkins** of the third part:

*Witnesseth that for and inconsideration of the sum of fifty cents in Hand paid...**John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** hath bargained sold aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed...unto **John Cherry** his executors administrators and assigns forever the following real and personal estate to wit, one piece or parcel of Land lying and being in the county of Pitt and on the north side of Tar River adjoining the Lands of **Edward W. Dixon**, **John G. Little** and others containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less being the Lands whereon the said **Jno.** now resides, two Horses, two cows, twenty five head of Hogs, sixty barrels of Corn, six stacks of fodder, one cart, two sulkeys, one riding chair all the Household & Kitchen furniture & farming utensils of what kind or nature of which the said **John** is now possessed: To have & to hold unto the said **John Cherry** his executors administrators and assigns forever the aforesaid real & personal property and every part thereof together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging...In Trust and Confidence Nevertheless: that whereas the said party of the third part are bounded as security for the said part of the first part stands indebted to various persons as will more fully hereafter appear, all of which debts he is willing and anxious to secure, the said **John Brinkley** stands justly indebted...*

- \$245.85 to **William Clark**, payable 1 January 1839, **Howell Albritton** and **Churchill Perkins**, securities
- \$229 to **Walter Hanrahan**, payable 1 January 1838, **Howell Albritton** and **Churchill Perkins**, securities
- \$300 to **Hugh Telfair**, dated 8 May 1838, **Howell Albritton** and **Henry Harrington**, securities
- \$90.25 plus interest from 25 December 1831, court judgement to **John House**, payment of \$10 made 4 August 1835, **John Bugh** [Bough], security
- \$133.34 to **Howell Albritton**, from 2 May 1837
- \$444.33 to **Churchill Perkins**, from 2 May 1837
- \$64.60 plus interest from 23 November 1838 to **Perkins & Ratston**
- \$12.55 plus interest from 24 November 1838 to **Thomas Hanrahan**

If **John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** pays his debts plus interest on or before 1 January 1839, plus interest and costs, then

*...it shall be the duty of the said **John Cherry** his executors administrators and assigns to reconvey to the said **John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** his heirs Executors or administrators all the right title and interest which he the said **John Cherry**...acquires by virtue of these presents. But in case the said **John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** shall not pay or cause to be paid on or before the first day of January next the aforesaid debts and interest then it shall be the duty of the said **John Cherry** his Executors administrators and assigned upon being thereto required by the said party of the third part first giving ten days notice at three public places in the County of Pitt to expose to sale the aforesaid real and personal estate and after deducting a commission two & half pr. Cent shall first pay and discharge the debts to **William Clark**, **Walter Hanrahan**, **Hugh Telfair** & **John House** and then the other debts herein enumerated if a sufficiency and if not a sufficiency to pay the same prorated among the other debts herein named. It is agreed between the parties that until the sale the property herein stated may and shall remain in the peaceable & quiet possession of the said **John Brinkley Sen<sup>r</sup>** & his heirs without molestation from either of the parties hereunto.*

Witnesses: **Jas. R. Boyle**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 24–25. This is book “double I” (as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). “May 6<sup>th</sup> 1837. Then this Deed intrust [sic] was acknowledged for the purposes therein specified by the parties thereto. Let it be registered.” The clerk recorded that John Brinkley made his mark to the deed, but Howell Albritton and Churchill Perkins signed it.

Comments: Many of those involved in this mortgage descended from Peter Albritton Sr.:

1. John Cherry had married Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, daughter of Luke, the son of Peter Albritton Sr. about 1830.
2. Howell Albritton was Polly Albritton Cherry’s first cousin, as Howell’s father, Joel, was an older brother of Luke.

3. About 1827, Henry Harrington had married Tabitha B. Albritton, daughter of Samuel Albritton, who was the son of James Albritton, son of Peter. James was the older brother of Joel and Luke Albritton.
4. Churchill Perkins was a Pactolus merchant. On 25 July 1839, in a tragic accident, after pulling his pistol to defend himself against an attack by a deranged man at a local election, Perkins' gun accidentally discharged and killed John Cherry. See "Tarboro' Press" (Tarborough, NC), 3 August 1839, p. 2, column 3.

**24 Dec 1838** For \$125, **Jacob Harris** sells to **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of fifty acres  
*...of land situated Lying and being in the County of Pitt and on the south side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek and known as the upper part of the Legget Lands and bounded as follows towit, Begining [sic] at John Leggets line a read [sic] oak near the path thence to James Albrittons corner a pine thence along his line to a Gum on Henry Casons line thence along the said line to John Leggets line a pine a corner tree thence down the said Line to the Beginning [sic]...and it being a part of a Six Hundred Acre tract of land Granted to Henry Cason by Pattent [sic] bearing date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783...*

Witnesses: **John Cherry, Noah Jolly**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 318. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). The deed was recorded in November 1840, proved on the oath of Noah Jolly.

Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**1 Jan 1839** For \$1500, **Amos Joiner** sells **Luke Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, Greenville Town Lot #115.

Witnesses: **Jn<sup>o</sup> Brown Sr., Lambert P. Beardsby**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 400 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). "May Sessions 1841. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and Proved in due form of Law by the oath of **John Brown Sr.** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**19 Jan 1839** For \$300, **Peter Albritton** of Muscogee County, Georgia sells to **Howell Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of twenty-three acres in Pitt County on the south side of the Grindle Creek,

*...it being a part of a land pattent [sic] granted to James Cason bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1761 and part of a pattent [sic] granted to James Albritton and bounded as follows to wit., Beginning in the main run of Grandal [Grindle] Creek at Luke Wards corner running with his line nearly south to the back line of Jas. Cason patten [sic] thence due east with the pattent [sic] line to John Cherrys corner thence south ten degrees east to the main run of Grandal [Grindle] Creek thence with the run of said Creek to the beginning it being one seventh part of the above described pease [sic] or parcel of land which I am in title to by the death my Father and containing by Estimation twenty three acres...*

Witnesses: **Brian Kilpatrick, Joel Moya**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 402. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). The deed was recorded in May 1841, proved on oath of Bryan Kilpatrick.

**8 Feb 1839** **John C. Albritton** mortgages property to **Voluntine S. Jordan** to indemnify **C & D Perkins, C. Perkins, Perkins & Ralston, Luke Albritton, Howell Albritton, and William Clark**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Witnesseth that for an inconsideration of the Sum of one dollar to the said John C. Albritton in Hand paid before the signing and sealing of these presents he the said John C. Albritton hath this day bargained and sold...unto the said Voluntine S. Jordan the following described property vizt. One tract of Land containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less situated in said county & state adjoining the Lands of Clifton James, B. F. Fleming, & Thomas Albritton it being the tract where on I now live, bacon pork and Lard, corn fodder, cart, farming implements, four sows, fifteen shoats pigs, saddle, bridle, House Hold and Kitchen furniture. To have and To hold to the said Voluntine S. Jordan his exe<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns forever provided nevertheless that the same shall be held by the said Voluntine S. Jordan for the following purposes and conditions...*

**John C. Albritton** is indebted to the following men and firms for the given amounts:

1. To **C & D Perkins**, \$111.99, due by note dated 21 September 1837
2. To **C. Perkins**, \$23.42, due by note dated 21 September 1837
3. To **C. Perkins**, \$7.75, due by note dated 8 February 1839
4. To **Perkins & Ralston**, \$29.05, due by note dated 8 February 1839
5. To **Luke Albritton**, \$96.75, due by note dated 3 February 1839
6. To **Nymphas A. Price** with **Adam Albritton** Security, \$50.71, due by note dated 7 March 1837
7. To **N. A. Price**, \$19.53, due by note dated 13 February 1838
8. To **H. D. Matchin**, account due for \$9.00
9. To **William Clark** with **Adam Albritton** Security, \$50, due by note dated November 1838

*...all of which debts the said John C. Albritton is anxious to secure and pay and to indemnify all of the parties harmless therein. Now it is agreed that the said V. S. Jordan shall enter into possession of the same at any time when requested so to do by the said parties herein mentioned or either of them and sell the same for cash at private or public sale so as to pay and indemnify said parties on all of the aforesaid debts Interest & cost and if any balances*

*of the property shall remain in the Hands of the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** after settling and paying all of the aforesaid debts Interest & cost the same shall be paid over to the said **John C. Albritton**. It is further conditioned that the said **John C. Albritton** shall remain in possession of said property and use the same in his usual manner for the convenience and support of himself until the said **V. S. Jordan** is requested by either of the Parties to take possession of the said property...*

Witnesses: **Benj. F. Fleming**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 61 (the book is double "I," not eleven). "*February 8<sup>th</sup> 1839. Then this Deed in trust was exhibited into open court and proved before me in due form of Law by the oath of **Benjamin F. Fleming** a Subscribing witness thereto let it be registered.*" The clerk indicated that John C. Albritton signed his name to the document

Comment:

1. John C. Albritton is the eldest son of Adam Albritton. He apparently remained single through 1830, being the second oldest member of Adam's household that year. Although the deed is not recorded, the land that John C. Albritton owned and mortgaged here appears to be the other half of the 450-acre tract Adam Albritton purchased from his uncle, Henry Cason, in 1806 (Adam gave 225 acres of it to his son, Thomas, in 1828). Presumably, Adam gave John C. Albritton the other half of that 450-acre tract, but if so, the deed was not recorded.
2. Adam Albritton died in the mid-1830s, and so the Adam Albritton who signed as John's security on the notes in March 1837 and November 1838 is apparently his younger brother, Adam Albritton Jr.

**8 Feb 1839** For \$400, **Robert Hatton** sells **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a certain tract or parcel of land situated [sic] lying and being in the County of Pitt & on the north side of Tar River and Known as a parte [sic] of the lands whereon **Samuel Albritton** Lived and died on and it being the undivided share that **Benja<sup>a</sup> B. Albritton** was in title [sic-entitled] to by the will of his father and is bounded by the Lands of **Benjamin F. Fleming**, **Luke Ward** and the Heirs of **Mathas More** [sic-Mathias Moore] & others and the undivided piece or parcel of lands descended by Will to **James B. Albritton** & **Benja<sup>a</sup> B. Albritton** and is at this time undivided and the said **Robert Hatton** conveys all the right title & interest that the said **Benja<sup>a</sup> B. Albritton** had in aforesaid premises containing of one Hundred & fifty Acres be the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **Jas. R. Hoyle, Samuel Dudley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 293 (the book is double "I," not eleven). "*August Sessions 1840. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **James R. Hoyle** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered.*"

Comments:

1. Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Samuel Albritton referenced here is the son of James, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
3. This document proves that Samuel Albritton had two sons, James B. Albritton and Benjamin B. Albritton, further verified by the Bible of Rev. Benjamin B. Albritton.
4. Robert Hatton is the father-in-law of Benjamin B. Albritton, who married Catherine Hatton.

**23 Feb 1839** This transaction made between **Richard Carney**, of the first part, **Henry Herrington**, of the second part, and **Archibald Parker**, **William Clark**, **Richard C. Parker**, and **James S. Moore**, of the third part. Due to "*a Warrant for felony obtained at the instance of Adam Albritton agent for John C. Albritton*" against **Richard Carney**, he had to post \$200 bond with security. The **Parkers**, **Clark**, and **Moore** served as his security on the bond. To indemnify them on his bond and guarantee **Carney's** appearance at the March 1839 Pitt County Court Session, and to secure **Richard Carney's** payment of these debts:

- due **William Clark**—\$210 plus interest from 5 February 1839
- due **John Hearn**—\$107 plus interest from 5 February 1839

**Richard Carney** gives the following property to **Henry Herrington** to hold in trust:

*...one piece or parcel of Land adjoining the Lands of **Thomas Albritton** & others lying on Grindall [Grindle] Creek containing Four Hundred and twenty Six acres more or Less his interest in the Lands of **Elizabeth Carney dec<sup>d</sup>** adjoining the Lands of **Reddick Carney** & others one negro man **Norflet**, one negro Girl named **Ritty**, one Mare, his interest in one Yoke of Oxen, twenty two head of Hogs, a lot of Corn fodder, House Hold and Kitchen furniture, farming utensils, one Lot of Bacon & Pork, Cart & etc., and he hereby assigns sets over to **Henry Herrington** & his assigns an execution issued upon a Judgment obtained at the February term A.D. 1839 of the Court of Please [sic] & Quarter Sessions for the County of Pitt against **Messer D. Wilson**...*

If **Richard Carney** appears at Court and "*thereby release his securities and save them harmless,*" then **Henry Herrington** will return all property to **Richard Carney**. But if **Richard Carney** fails to comply with the conditions of the bond and fails to pay the notes due, then **Henry Herrington** is authorized to "*expose to public sale either at the Court House in Greenville or upon the premises the aforesaid property and of the monies so arising after retaining Commissions shall first pay & discharge the Judgement fine & cost that may be adjudged or decreed against the party of third part, and if a sufficiency next pay the notes herein described...and if more than a sufficiency to pay the same*"

to said **Richard** his heirs executors administrators or assigns...It is understood that the said **Henry Herrington** may at any time he thinks proper take any part or all of the aforesaid property in his possession and it is further understood that he using ordinary care and diligence shall not liable for the same...

Witnesses: **Jas. R. Hoyle, Samuel Perkins**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 64–65. "February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1839. Then the execution of the foregoing Deed intrust [sic] for **Richard** Carney to **Henry Herrington** for the benefit of **Archibald Parker, William Clark**, and others was acknowledged before me by all the parties to be their act and Deed let it be registered." The clerk indicated that all men signed their names to the document.

Comments:

1. Henry Harrington married Tabitha Albritton, daughter of Samuel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
2. The precise nature of the felony charge that Adam Albritton Jr. as agent for John C. Albritton filed against Richard Carney is unclear.
3. This document proves that Elizabeth Carney, widow of Thomas Carney Sr. who died about 1826, had died between 1829 and 1839, with her lands still undivided.

**26 Feb 1839** For \$350, **Voluntine S. Jordan** sells **Clifton James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 150 acres of land  
*Witnesseth, That whereas by virtue of a certain deed of trust made by one John C. Albritton to the said Voluntine S. Jordan...to secure the payment of certain debts mentioned therein which will more fully appear on reference being had to the said deed. The conditions of which not being complied with the said Voluntine S. Jordan did, according to said conditions expose to public sale the property therein mentioned and thereby conveyed, that is to say, one tract of Land herein after described, and the said Clifton James being the Highest bidder at the price of three Hundred and fifty Dollars became the lawful purchaser. Now Therefore this Indenture. Witnesseth that the said Voluntine S. Jordan for and inconsideration of the said Sum...in Hand paid by the said Clifton James the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given granted bargained and sold...unto the said Clifton James all the aforesaid tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid situate [sic] on Grindal [Grindle] Creek, bounded by the lands of Thomas Albritton and the said Clifton James containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Saml. Ralston**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 116 (the book is double "I," not eleven). "May Sessions 1839. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Voluntine S. Jordan** to be his act and deed let it be registered."

**Feb 1839** **George Daniel, Treasey Little, & Thomas Little & Elizabeth Little** sell a tract of land to **John S. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina. Sale made for a total consideration of \$600, with \$300 to **George Daniel**, \$150 to **Treasey Little**, and \$150 to **Thomas Little** & his wife **Elizabeth Little**. They sold **John S. Daniel** a 400-acre tract of land described as

*...a certain parsel [sic] or piece of Land which descended to us the said George Daniel, Treasey Little, Thomas Little & wife Elizabeth Little & Lydia Crisp wife of Moses P. Crisp as Heirs at Law of George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased. [sic], the right of said Lydia Crisp wife of Moses P. Crisp in the land descended as above Stated the said George Daniel did purchase as reference to a Deed bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 from Lawful attorney of said Crisp & wife will show, Lying in the county of Pitt Beginning at a pine the first corner of a Pattent [sic] Pattented [sic] by said George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased for Five hundred & thirty five acres bearing date 21 October A.D. 1782 Running thence from said corner the courses of said Pattent [sic] as follows: North 60 degrees west 139 poles to John Casons line thence N<sup>o</sup> 35 East 116 poles to a pine on Hunting Run, thence N<sup>o</sup> 156 poles crossing Hunting Run to a pine Casons corner thence N<sup>o</sup> 35 East 60 poles to a pine thence South 55 East 276 poles through the pocosin to Robert Daniels corner a white oak thence South 40 west 100 poles crossing one Branch & Hunting Run thence south 10 west till it strikes said John S. Daniels Land which he purchased of Josiah Daniel out of the above named Pattent [sic] thence with said John S. Daniel line West 106 poles to the beginning...*

The heirs of **George Daniel Sr.** sell the described land to **John S. Daniel**

*...free and clear from the Lawfull [sic] claim or claims of any and all persons except Nancy Daniel widow of said George Daniel Sen<sup>r</sup> Deceased, who has a life Estate interest in a part of the before Described Land which this Deed does not design to affect in any manner whatever...*

Witnesses: **Noah Jolly, Samuel Dudley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Book II, pp. 132–133 (the book is double "I," not eleven). "February Sessions 1839. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Noah Jolley** a Subscribing Witness thereto Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. Between them, the Daniel men married three granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr.:

**George Daniel Jr.** – married Asia Albritton, daughter of Jonathan Albritton, Peter's son



**John Stanley Daniel** – married about 1820 to City Albritton, daughter of Jonathan Albritton and Asia's sister; after City's death about 1840, he married Levina Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, Peter's son.

2. John Stanley Daniel is a documented son of Lanier Daniel who died in Pitt County in 1840.

3. The relationship between Lanier Daniel and George Daniel Sr. mentioned in this deed is unclear. They may have been brothers.

### **8 Mar 1839**

*"Commissioners of the Town of Greenville To **Luke Albritton** Deed for two Lots"*

For \$65, Greenville's town commissioners sell **Luke Albritton** two lots in Greenville:

*Whereas by virtue of Acts of Assembly in the years 1771, 1774, & 1785 the Commissioners for the Town of Greenville were empowered to sell dispose of and convey all the Lots of said Town to the purchasers, and by an Act of the liquidation passed A.D. 1838 the Commissioners of Greenville were impowered to sell and dispose of all the Lands and hereditaments belonging to said Town and whereas the said Commissioners of Greenville after giving due Notice exposed to sale for cash at the Court House in Greenville on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1839 all the right, title & Interest which the Comm<sup>s</sup> of Greenville had in & to Lots N<sup>o</sup> one Hundred & sixteen (116) and one Hundred & fifty two (152) when at said sale **Luke Albritton** appeared and bid the sum of Sixty Dollars for lot N<sup>o</sup> 116 and the sum of Five Dollars for N<sup>o</sup> 152 which being the Last & highest bids he became the purchaser.*

Witnesses: **Goold Hoyt**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 394 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). *"May Sessions 1841. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **Goold Hoyt** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

### **28 Mar 1839**

For \$110, the heirs of **Thomas Bryant dec<sup>d</sup>** sell **Luke Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 75-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:

*...on the north side of Tar River and bounded...by the Lands of said **Luke Albritton** the Lands of **John S. Easton** and on the north by Tar River and including one fourth part of the Rackoon Creek Seine Hole [seine-haul]...*

Witnesses: **Goold Hoyt, Jas. C. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 98. *"May Sessions 1842. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and was proved in due form of law by the oath of **Goold Hoyt** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."*

Comments: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., and James C. Albritton is Luke's son.

### **12 Apr 1839**

For \$135, **Jesse Bell** sells **Luke Albritton** a 50-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*...on the south side of Tar River...beginning at a pine on the side of Hardys Mill Branch thence running nearby a west course witch [sic-which] said **Albritton** own line to head of Branch now **Willie Bell** corner thence nearby South with said **Bells** line to Spring Branch thence within the run of said Branch to Hardys Mill Branch thence No. with the run of said Mill Branch to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Reading Bell, W<sup>m</sup> Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 401 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). *"May Sessions [1841]. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Reading Bell** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., and William Albritton is Luke's oldest known son.

### **22 Apr 1839**

For \$200, **Patsey Keel** sells **Wedigen Moore** [also "Weddegan"] and **Edmond Moore** a tract of land

*...being Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the Division of the Land of **Abel Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** begining [sic] at a black gum the Last corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 runs with the line of said Lot No. 16½ east 130 poles to a stake thence north 16 west 5 poles to a stake thence west 72½ poles to a red oak thence south 15 wt. 104 poles to a white oak thence down the swamp to the begining [sic] containing 53 acres...*

Witnesses: **Churchill Moore** [his mark], **Jno. Bugh**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 135 (the book is double "I," not eleven). *"May Sessions 1839. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **John Bugh** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."* The clerk recorded that Patsey Keel made her mark to the document.

Comment: Patsy Keel was Patsy Moore, daughter of Abel Moore and Dorothy Albritton, granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. (see the land division of Abel Moore's lands and the deed in which James Albritton's heirs sell 25 acres they inherited from their grandfather, Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 70-71; Deed Book GG, pp. 84-85).

### **16 Aug 1839**

Mortgage made between **Adam Albritton** of the first part, **Voluntine S. Jordan** of the second part, and **Luke Albritton, Churchill Perkins**, and **Perkins & Ralston** of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina.

*Witnesseth That for and inconsideration of the sum of one Dollar to the said **Adam Albritton** in hand paid before the signing & sealing of these presents he the said **Adam Albritton** hath this day bargained and sold, and by these presents, doth bargain and sell unto the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** the following described property Namely all the*

right title & interest in one tract of Land containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less situated in the county aforesaid on the east side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek bounded by the Lands of **Bryan Grimes, Lewis G. Little, Hodges Little**, & others also one negro man Named **Moade**, three Horses, five head of Cattle, Thirty five head of Hogs, one cart, Farming Tools, House hold & Kitchen furniture, &c. To have and to hold to the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** his executors adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns forever. Provided nevertheless that the same Shall be held by the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** for the following purposes and on the following condition, that whereas the said **Adam Albritton** is indebted to the said **Luke Albritton** as adm<sup>r</sup> of **Adam Albritton decd.** with **Thomas Albritton** Security for the [sum] of three hundred and twenty eight Dollars and five cents due by note dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1838 payable six Months after date subject to a Credit of one Hundred dollars 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1838 also in the Sum of Two Hundred and five dollars and Seventy nine cents due by Note payable to **William Clark** with **Luke Albritton** Security dated the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1839 with interest also in the sum of Eight dollars and fifty nine cents due by note payable to **N. A. Price** with **Luke Albritton** Security also in the sum of about Eighty one dollars due by Judgment in favor of **Walter Hanrahan** with **Clifton James** Security & Stayed by **Luke Albritton** dated the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1839 also in the sum of Two hundred and twenty one dollars & forty three cents due by note payable to the said **Churchill Perkins** dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839 with interest from the date also in the Sum of one hundred and twenty nine Dollars and ninety four cents due by Note payable to the said **Perkins & Ralston** dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839 with interest from date also in the sum of twenty seven Dollars by Judgment to **Clark & Read** whereas **John C. Albritton & Adam Albritton** principals & stayed by **Churchill Perkins** dated the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1839 with interest from the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1836 & cost & also in the sum of about Twenty dollars due by account to **Churchill Perkins & Co.** also in the sum of about Ten Dollars due by note payable to **John Cherry** all of which debts the said **Adam Albritton** is anxious to secure and pay, and indemnify all the parties harmless therein. Now it is agreed that if the said **Adam Albritton** shall pay the said debts Interest & costs & save all the said parties harmless therein then this Deed to become void otherwise to remain in full force. And if any part of said debts shall remain unpaid on the first day of Nov. next it shall be in the power of said **Voluntine S. Jordan** to enter into possession of the same at any time afterwards when requested so to do by the said parties mentioned herein, or any of them and to sell the same for cash at public auction first giving proper notice of said sale, so as to pay and indemnify the said parties on all the aforesaid debts interest & costs and if any balance of property or Money shall remain in the Hands of said **Voluntine S. Jordan** after settling and paying all the aforesaid debts interest and costs the same shall be paid over to the said **Adam Albritton**. And it is further agreed that until the first day of November next said **Adam Albritton** shall remain in possession of said property and use the same in his usual manner for the convenience of himself & family.

Witnesses: **Howell Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 144–145 (the deed book is double “I,” not eleven). “September 6<sup>th</sup> 1839. Then this Deed in trust from **Adam Albritton** to **Voluntine S. Jordan** for the benefit of **Luke Albritton, Churchill Perkins**, & others was proved before me agreeable to Law by the Oath of **Howell Albritton** a Subscribing witness thereto let it be registered.” The clerk indicated that Adam Albritton signed his name to the document.

Comment: This document proves that Luke Albritton served as the administrator of the estate of his brother, Adam Albritton (Sr.). It also proves that Adam Albritton Jr. was still alive 16 August 1839, and that he had presumably purchased property from the estate of his father but could not pay his father’s estate for his purchase.

**21 Sept 1839** For \$62.50, **John Congleton** and his wife, **Elizabeth**, sell **Jonathan Albritton** their “undivided interest or share” in a tract of 45 acres of land in Pitt County,

...on the north side of Tar River adjoining the Lands of the Heirs of **Shad Rogers, Winfield Saterthwaite**, & others...which descended to the said **Elizabeth** by the death of **Wm. Moore** decd. reference being had to the Division made among the Heirs of said decd. & on record in the registers office of the county of Pitt will more fully show.

Witnesses: **Thomas Jordan, Henry R. Congleton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 194. This is book “double I” (as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). Elizabeth Congleton appeared in court at the November Term 1839, to swear that she signed the deed of her own free will, “without fear or compulsion of her said Husband John Congleton.”

Comment: Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**4 Nov 1839** For \$14.50, Pitt County Sheriff **Benjamin M. Selby** sells **Reddick Carney** a tract of 250 acres of land seized as the property of **John C. Albritton**:

Know all men by these presents that I **Benjamin M. Selby** Sheriff of the County of Pitt by virtue of Sundry writs of van ditione exponas [sic—venditioni exponas] against **John C. Albritton** one issued at the instance of **John H. Brooks** for the sum of nine dollars with interest from 7 January 1839 & cost seven 15/100 dollars & one issued at the instance of **John Cherry** for Thirty Six 15/100 dollars Int from 27<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1836 with a credit of fifteen 86/100 dollars paid 7 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1838 & cost seven dollars which executions were issued from August Term 1839 & returnable to Novr. Term 1839 of Pitt County Court a reference being had thereto will fully show & which were delivered and to me directed did on the fourth day of November 1839 being the first Monday in said month expose to sale at public venue at the Court House door in said County having previously duly levied and advertised the same agreeably to Law one tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County aforesaid and joining the lands of **Clifton James, Thomas Albritton**, & others the property of the defendant **John C. Albritton** containing by Estimation Two Hundred Acres more or less together with the appurtenances thereto belonging; at which sale **Reddick Carney**

*became the last and highest bidder in the sum of fourteen dollars & fifty cents for the said Land and appurtenances belonging.*

Witnesses: **Jonathan McGlawhon**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 228 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). *"May Sessions 1840. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Jonathan McGlawhon** a Subscribing witness thereto let it be registered."*

Comments:

1. John C. Albritton is the eldest son of Adam and Eleanor Albritton. He is somewhat mysterious, given that he left very few records.
2. A writ of "*venditioni exponas*" is a writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to sell goods, property, or land he has seized by order of the court, typically to be sold to raise money to pay a judgement.

**13 Nov 1839** For \$123, **Luke Albritton** sells **Willie Brown**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 49-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the south side of Tar River and north side of Hardees Run.

Witnesses: **Warren Nobles**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 304 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). *"August Sessions 1840. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Warren Nobles** to be his act and Deed. Let it be registered."*

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**20 Nov 1839** For \$625, **Voluntine S. Jordan** sells **Nancy Dudley** a tract of 150 acres of land.

*Witnesseth That whereas by virtue of a certain deed of Trust made by one **Adam Albritton** now deceased to the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1839 to secure the payment of certain debts mentioned therein, and due to **Luke Albritton, C. Perkins, Perkins & Ralston**, & others amounting with Interest to about one thousand Dollars or thereabouts but which will more fully appear on reference being Had to said deed. The conditions of which not being complied with the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** did according to said conditions expose to public sale the property therein mentioned and thereby conveyed that is to say, one Tract of Land herein after particularly described and the said **Nancy Dudley** being the last and Highest bidder at the price of \$625 became the Lawful purchaser. Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said **Voluntine S. Jordan** for and in considerations of the sum of Six Hundred & twenty [five] dollars to him in hand paid by the said **Nancy Dudley** the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold...unto the said **Nancy Dudley** all the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land lying and being...on the east side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek bounded by the Lands of **Bryan Grimes, Lewis G. Little, Hodges Little**, and others...*

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> A. Lanier**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 364 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). *"February Sessions 1841. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of **William A. Lanier** a Subscribing witness thereto Let it be registered."*

Comment: This document proves that Adam Albritton Jr. died between August and November 1839.

**21 Nov 1839** Commissioners appointed by Pitt County Deputy Sheriff **Henry Harrington** divided the real estate of **Shadrack Shivers decd.**, allotting one-third of it to his widow, **Sarah Shivers**. Among the commissioners was **Isaac Harrington**.

Witnesses: **Warren Nobles**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 251 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven).

Comments:

1. This is the only known record showing Henry Harrington's service as Pitt County Deputy Sheriff.
2. Henry and Isaac Harrington were sons of Henry Harrington Sr. (see Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 427-429).
3. Henry Harrington Jr. married Tabitha B. Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
4. Isaac Harrington married Elizabeth Tucker, and before his premature death about 1845, they had one child: Penelope Ann Harrington (c1840-9 Jun 1914). About 1859, she married Josiah D. Albritton, son of James B. Albritton, grandson of Samuel, great-grandson of James, great-great grandson of Peter Sr., and great-great-great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**23 Nov 1839** For \$1500, **McGilberry F. Albritton, Hymond Albritton, Levina Albritton, Lucinda Albritton, Ivey Flemmings** and **Tilla A. E. (Tilley Ann E.) Flemmings** his wife sell **Howell Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina a 160-acre tract of land

*...on the north side of Tar River and on the south side of Grindle Creek it being a part of a Pattent [sic] granted to **James Cason** bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1761 and part of a pattent [sic] Granted to **James Albritton & John Whitchard** and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a Gum in the main run of Grindle Creek **Rippan Wards** Corner thence running with his line to the back line of **Jas. Cason** pattent [sic] thence with the pattent [sic]*

*line due east to **Joel Albrittons** corner in said line thence north ten degrees east to the main run of Grindle Creek thence up the main run of Grindle Creek to the beginning it being five sevenths part of the Lands which our Father owned at his death and the above are heirs at Law in said Lands...*

Witnesses: **John S. Daniel, John Hatton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 50. At the February Term 1842 "*Court of Please [sic] and Quarter Sessions, the foregoing Indenture was offered for probate and registration by **Howell Albritton** and **Ivey Flemming** and wife **Tilla A. E. Flemming**...That **William Clark** one of their own body do examine the said **Tilla A. E. Flemming** privately whether she doth voluntarily assent thereto the said **William Clark** J.P. reported to the court that he had privately examined the said **Tilla A. E. Flemming** and that she declared to him that she did and doth voluntarily assent to said Indenture whereupon it was ordered by the court that it be registered...*"

Comments:

1. As explained in a separate discussion, this document, together with the 1842 deed in which Howell Albritton sells this property, proves the identities of the children of Joel Albritton, son of Peter Albritton Sr. All those involved are Joel's children.
2. This tract is the precise one that belonged to the estate of Peter Albritton Sr. at his death about 1798 and left to seven of his children in his will. The court divided the tract in July 1799, and five of the seven children to whom Peter left the tract sold their share to their brother, Joel (included among the seven) later that month. The other seventh was inherited by the heirs of Peter's son, James Albritton.
3. The land description contains an error in describing the second patent; James Albritton and John Whichard did not obtain a joint patent, but rather James Albritton and **John Cherry** obtained a patent for 114 acres in 1794. The remaining 50 acres was patented to James Cason in 1761 and sold to James Albritton in 1764.

**26 Nov 1839** **James S. Clark** appoints **Howell Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, his attorney:

*Know all men by these presents that I **James S. Clark** of the aforesaid County, do by these presents nominate, constitute and appoint **Howell Albritton** my true and Lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my use to ask sue for demand and recover from all persons whatsoever and all such sums of money bonds or other affects [sic] which may be due unto me and in my name to grant full and sufficient discharges therefor [sic], to sue and be sued and to take all necessary and property means to prosecute and defend such suits as he may bring as well as those now pending wherein I am interested and to do and perform all such other acts and things as fully and as ample as I could do or would do were I personally present...*

Witnesses: **Jas. R. Hoyle**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 225 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). "*February Sessions 1840. Then this letter of Attorney was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **James R. Hoyle** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let be registered.*"

Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel Albritton, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**5 May 1840** **Jonathan Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina gives two slaves to **George Daniel**, who had married **Albritton's** daughter, **Asia Daniel**, for the duration of **George Daniel's** life. Afterwards, the slaves were given to **Jonathan Albritton's** grandchildren, children of his daughter, **City Daniel**, and her husband, **Stanley Daniel**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Jonathan Albritton** Planter of Pitt County North Carolina in consideration of the regard which I entertain for **George Daniel** of same County and State in consequence of his marriage with my daughter **Asia Daniel** have Given granted bargained sold assigned and by these presents to give grant bargain sell and assign unto the said **George Daniel** two slaves namely **Maria** aged about eighteen years and **Lewis** aged about sixteen years. To have and To hold said slaves **Maria** and **Lewis** unto the said **George Daniel** during his natural life and no longer. And further in consideration of the natural love and affection which I entertain for my Grand children **Robert Daniel, Benjamin Daniel, Joseph H. Daniel, Nancy Elizabeth Daniel, James Daniel, Sabina Daniel, Patsey Daniel, George Daniel, and Edward Daniel** children of my Daughter **City Daniel** and her Husband **Stanley Daniel** I have given, granted bargained sold assigned and by these presents do give grant bargain sell and assign said Slaves **Maria** and **Lewis** above given to **George Daniel** for life and their increase after the date hereof unto the said **Robert Daniel, Benjamin Daniel, Joseph H. Daniel, Nancy Elizabeth Daniel, James Daniel, Sabina Daniel, George Daniel, and Edward Daniel** [sic-omitted Patsey Daniel from this list] To have and To hold said slaves from and after the death of the said **George Daniel** unto the said **Robert, Benjamin, Joseph H., Nancy Elizabeth, James, Sabina, Patsey, George, and Edward Daniel**, their heirs executors administrators and assigned thenceforth and forever...*

Witnesses: **McG. M. Staton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 248, 261 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). "*May Sessions 1840. Then this deed of Gift was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **McGilbery M. Staton** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.*" Jonathan Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comments:

1. Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Jr.

2. Based upon the 1840 Pitt County NC Federal Census, it appears that Asia and George Daniel had no children, and that Asia had already died. This is further implied by the wording of the above document, in which Jonathan states of George Daniel, "in consequence of his marriage with my daughter Asia Daniel," rather than stating that George was her husband.
3. 1850 Pitt County NC Federal Census proves that City Daniel's husband, here referred to as "Stanley Daniel," was actually John S. Daniel, a man who lived near Jonathan on Grindle Creek. The younger grandchildren listed here are included in the household of John S. Daniel in 1850. It appears that City Albritton Daniel died between 1840 and 1842, when John S. Daniel was married to her first cousin, Levina Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton.
4. This deed was recorded twice, on p. 248 and then again on p. 261. The first list of Jonathan's grandchildren in the version on p. 248 was incomplete, and presumably, that prompted the clerk to record it a second time.

**5 May 1840** **Jonathan Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina gives a young male slave, **Henry**, to his granddaughter, **Nancy Elizabeth Daniel**, daughter of his daughter, **City Daniel**, and her husband, **Stanley Daniel**:

*Know all men by these presents That I **Jonathan Albritton** Planter of Pitt County North Carolina in consideration of the natural love and affection I entertain for my Grand daughter **Nancy Elizabeth Daniel** child of my Daughter **City Daniel** and her husband **Stanley Daniel** have given granted bargained sold assigned and by these presents do give grant bargain sell and assign unto the said **Nancy Elizabeth Daniel** a young negro Slave named **Henry** child of a Slave named **Maria** aged about one year. To have and to hold said slave **Henry** unto the said **Nancy Elizabeth Daniel** her executors administrators and assigns henceforth and forever...*

Witnesses: **McG. M. Staton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 266 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). "May Sessions 1840. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **McG. M. Staton** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered." Jonathan Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comments:

1. Jonathan Albritton is the son of Peter Albritton Jr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. It is unclear why Albritton gave Henry to his granddaughter, Nancy Elizabeth Daniel, as her separate property when he did not make separate gifts to any of her siblings.

**7 May 1840** For \$125, **Jacob Harris** and his wife, **Mary Ann Absley Hanrahan Harris**, sells **Howell Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100-acres of land in Pitt County,

*...on the north side of Tar River and Known as the Lower part of the **Leggett** Tract of Lands and bounded by the lands of the Heirs of **Matthias Moore** and by the land of the Heirs of **Allen Moore** and the Lands of the said **Howell Albritton**...*

Witnesses: **James A. Dixon, B. M. Selby Shff.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 257 (the deed book is double "I," not eleven). "May Term 1840. Personally appeared in open court **Mary Ann A. H. Harris** wife of **Jacob Harris** and being privately examined by the said court separate and apart from her said Husband at which time she acknowledged that she signed the foregoing deed to **Howell Albritton** for the purposes therein named of her own free will and accord without fear or compulsion of her said Husband." Deed proved in court by Benjamin M. Selby.

Comment: Howell Albritton is the son of Joel, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**12 Dec 1840** For \$1100, **Abraham Nelson** sells **Ivey Fleming**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 750 acres in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and on both sides of the Great Swamp...Beginning at a Cypress Stump the corner of **Shaderack Shivers** Island [sic] lands thence running With the line of the Heirs of **Shaderack Shivers** Island land formerly **Willis Flemings** Lands to the Lands of **Adam Fleming** Lands thence with his Lands to **Luke Flemings** land thence with his land to the Lands of the Heirs of **John Fleming dec<sup>d</sup>** thence with that land to **Luke Fleming** piney woods thence with the said line to **William Shivers** line thence with the said line to a lightwood stake the corner of **John Fleming dec<sup>d</sup>** piney woods thence the different courses of said land to **Elihue Brileys** line to the upper corner of **Shaderack Shivers** Swamp Land a cypress stump thence to the first Station...*

Witnesses: **Charles Greene, Archd. Parker**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 404. "May Sessions 1841. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Abraham Nelson** to be his act and deed. Let it be registered."

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**17 Dec 1840** **Luke Short** mortgages land in Pitt County, one male slave, and kitchen and household furniture to **William Clark** to indemnify **Howell Albritton** and **Rippon Ward**:

*This Indenture made and entered into this the Seventeenth day of December A.D. 1840 Between **Luke Short** of the first part, **William Clark** of the second part, and **Howell Albritton** and **Rippon Ward** of the third part, all the said parties of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. Witnesseth that I the aforesaid **Luke Short** for and inconsideration of the Sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the aforesaid **William Clark** the receipt & payment*

whereof is hereby acknowledged and for divers other good causes and considerations herein after named Hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed...unto the aforesaid **William Clark** his heirs executors adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns the following described real and personal property vizt. One certain tract or parcel of Land situated in the County aforesaid and on the north side of Tar River and west side of Tranter's Creek and bounded by the Lands of **Lasy Bullock** and the Lands of **Joseph Gainer** an others it being the Lands and plantation whereon the said **Luke Short** now resides containing one Hundred & fifty acres more or less, one negro man named **Riley**, three feather Beds and furniture, one Book case and all the balance of his House Hold and Kitchen furniture and all his farming tools &c – To have and To hold unto the aforesaid **William Clark** his Heirs, executors, adm<sup>rs</sup> and assigns forever the aforesaid real and personal property of every discription [sic] with all ways, woods, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging... Upon Trust and confidence Nevertheless whereas the aforesaid **Luke Short** is justly indebted to **Thomas Hanrahan** by note of Hand for the Sum of Six Hundred dollars bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840 even date of these presents and with interest from date to which said note **Howell Albritton** and **Rippon Ward** is security. Now if the said **Luke Short** his heirs executors adm<sup>rs</sup> or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the aforesaid described Note and all interest thereon and cost and expenses which may occur by virtue of these presents on or before the first day of January next and save the said **Howell Albritton** and **Rippon Ward** harmless on account of said security ship then and in that case this Indenture is to be null and void, and of no effect. But if the aforesaid **Luke Short** shall fail to pay or cause to be paid the aforesaid described note to **Thomas Hanrahan**...in that case it shall be the duty of the aforesaid **William Clark**...and he is hereby required at any time when requested by the said **Howell Albritton**, **Rippon Ward**, or **Thomas Hanrahan** or either of them to advertise all or any of the aforesaid real or personal property at three public places in the county aforesaid and give at least twenty days notice and sell the same at public sale at the Court House in Greenville or on the premises for cash... And it is further understood between the parties that aforesaid property shall remain in the possession of the said **Luke Short** until it shall be necessary to advertise the same for sale and use it in his usual way for the support of himself and family...

Witnesses: **Chas Greene**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 324–325 [This is book “double I,” as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven]. “Decr 17<sup>th</sup> 1840. Then this Deed intrust from **Luke Short** to **William Clark** for the benefit of **Howell Albritton** & **Rippon Ward** was acknowledged by **Luke Short**, **William Clark**, **Howell Albritton**, & **Rippon Ward** to be their act and deed let it be registered.” The clerk recorded that Luke Short, William Clark, Howell Albritton, and Rippon Ward signed their names to the transaction.

Comments: All those involved in this document were descendants of Peter Albritton Sr.:

1. Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Howell Albritton was the son of James' younger brother, Joel Albritton, and so a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. Rippon Ward was the husband of Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, daughter of James and Joel's youngest brother, Luke Albritton.

**30 Dec 1840** For \$150, **Rippon Ward** sells **Jonathan Albritton** his one-third interest in 150 acres of land in Pitt County, ...on the north side of Tar River and bounded as follows, viz. by the lands **Jonathan Albritton** and by the **Tucker** land and others being one third part of undivided lands between the Heirs of **Winfield Saturthwaite**...

Witnesses: **Henry Herrington, Jno. Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 358. This is book “double I” (as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). Rippon Ward acknowledged this deed in open court at the February Session 1841.

Comments: Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr., while Rippon Ward was Jonathan's nephew. Ward was the husband of Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, daughter of Luke Albritton, Jonathan's youngest brother.

**21 Jan 1841** For \$625, **Henry B. Moore** sells **Enoch Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt: ...on the south side of Grindal [sic] Creek bounded as follows Beginning [sic] at a Holley [sic] on the run of the Creek thence running to a Gum on a ditch thence running the dividing line between said **Moore** and the land belonging to **James A. Moore** to a pine thence south to the centre [sic] of the Mile Branch to a pine then the various courses of said branch to the county road then down on the south side of said Mile Branch including said Branch to the dividing line between s<sup>d</sup> **Moore** and **Benjamin F. Fleming** formerly **John Cason** then down the said line to the run of Grindal [sic] Creek to a Gum then up the various cours [sic] of said run to the beginning [sic]...

Witnesses: none listed

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 368. This is book “double I” (as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). Henry B. Moore acknowledged this deed in open court at the February Session 1841.

Comments: Enoch and Henry B. Moore were brothers, sons of Benjamin Moore. About 1839 or 1840, Enoch married Elizabeth Eleanor Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Their sister, Lydia Moore, married Clifton James, son of Mary Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**30 Jan 1841**

**Benjamin B. Albritton** mortgages livestock, farm produce, kitchen and household furniture, and his interest in the estate of his father-in-law, **Robert Hatton, deceased**, to **William Clark** to secure his payment of a note to **Henry Harrington**:

*This Indenture made and entered into the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1841 Between **Benjamin B. Albritton** of the first part, **William Clark** of the second part, and **Henry Harrington** of the third part, all of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina. Witnesseth that the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** for and in consideration of the Sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by the said **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** the receipt is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold aliened and conveyed...unto the aforesaid **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** his heirs executors admrs. & assigns forever one Horse, one mare, twenty Head of Hogs House Hold and Kitchen furniture farming tools twenty five Barrels of corn fodder pease [sic] Bacon & pork and all the said **Benjamin B. Albrittons** interest in the Estate of **Robert Hatton decd.** both real and personal property which was given to the wife of the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** in the last will and Testament of **s<sup>d</sup> Robert Hatton decd.** And also his interest in the **James S. Smith** tract of Land which is not in the said Will. To have and to hold unto the aforesaid **William Clark** his Heirs executors admrs. & assigns forever all the aforesaid described property and all wrights [sic] titles and interest which I now have or may be entitled to under the Last Will and Testament of the said **Robert Hatton decd.** both real & personal property and I the aforesaid **Benjamin B. Albritton** for myself my Heirs Executors & admrs. doth covenant and agree to and with the said **William Clark** his Heirs executors admrs. & assigns to warrant and forever defend the wright [sic] and title to all of the aforesaid property and every part and parcel thereof to be free and clear from the Lawful claim or claims of any and all person or persons whatsoever.*

*Upon Trust & Confidence nevertheless whereas the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** is Justly indebted to **W<sup>m</sup> Clark** admr. of **Stephen Rogers decd.** by Judgment for the sum of thirteen dollars with interest from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1837 & cost and is also indebted to **Henry Herrington** by note for the Sum of Sixty two Dollars & ninety cents dated the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840 & with interest from the date and is also indebted to **Mary Hatton** Executrix of **Robert Hatton decd.** by note for thirty dollars & ten cents date 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840 and payable twelve months after date is also indebted to **Thomas Hanrahan** by note for five dollars and twenty cents dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 1841 and with interest from the date and is also indebted to **John Bugh** by note for the sum of five dollars dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 1841 and with interest from the date also is indebted to **Archd. House** by note for the sum of Six dollars dated 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1841 and with interest from the date and is also indebted to **Henry Harrington** by note for the sum of Twelve dollars & ninety cents and dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 1841 and with interest from the date and all the aforesaid notes is payable to the aforesaid persons and the said **Henry Harrington** is security to all of the said notes. Now if the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** his Heirs Executors admrs. & assigns shall pay or cause to be paid all of the aforesaid described debts and all interest and cost and expenses which may by reason occur by virtue of these presents within six months from the date of these presents then and in that case this Deed is to become null & void. But if the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** his Heirs executors admrs. or assigns shall fail to pay or cause to be paid all of the aforesaid notes interest & cost within the aforesaid stipulated time then and in that case it shall be lawful for the aforesaid **William Clark** his heirs executors admrs. & assigns to advertise all or any part of the aforesaid property at three public places in the county aforesaid and give at least ten days notice and sell the same for cash at the Court House in Greenville or on the premises of the said **Benjamin B. Albritton** and the money arising from the sale after paying all cost and retaining commissions shall pay if enough all the aforesaid debts interest & cost and if not enough shall pay them *pro ratio* and if more than enough shall pay the balance over to the said **Ben. B. Albritton** his executors admrs or assigns & it is further understood between the parties that said property shall remain in the possession of said **Ben B. Albritton** until it may be necessary to advertise or sell the same...*

Witnesses: **Arch<sup>d</sup> Parker**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 330–331. This is book “double I” (as in the alphabetic letter following “H,” not eleven). “January 30<sup>th</sup> 1841. Then this Deed intrust from **Benj<sup>a</sup> B. Albritton** to **Henry Harrington** for the benefit of **William Clark** was acknowledged by the parties thereto to be their act and deed let it be registered.” The clerk recorded that Benjamin B. Albritton and Howell Albritton both signed their names to the transaction.

Comments: This transaction involves two children of Samuel Albritton, making them grandchildren of James, and great-grandchildren of Peter Albritton Sr. Benjamin Bell Albritton was Samuel’s youngest son, while Henry Harrington was his brother-in-law, the husband of Samuel’s daughter, Tabitha B. Albritton.

**5 Feb 1841**

For \$375, **James Biggs** sells **Willoughby Whichard** [Whitchard], both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 250 acres in Pitt County

*...on which the said **James Biggs** lives adjoining the lands of **John Whitchard, John S. Daniel**, the heirs of **Henry James decd.** & others containing two hundred and fifty Acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Rippon Ward, H. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 2. “November Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Rippon Ward** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.”

Comments:

1. In the mid-1830s, James Biggs married Nellie, the youngest daughter of Adam Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
2. Howell Albritton was Nellie Albritton Biggs’ first cousin, the son of her uncle, Joel Albritton.

3. Rippon Ward was also Nellie Albritton Biggs' first cousin, as he married Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, daughter of Nellie's uncle, Luke Albritton.

**Feb 1841**

Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands of **Robert Hatton**, deceased made this division:

*Division of The Lands of Robert Hatton decd.*

*In obedience to an order of Pitt County Court February Term 1841 to us the undersigned directing us to make partition in the land of Robert Hatton Decd. among the Heirs of said decd. we have so done in manner and form following to wit (after advising).*

Lot No. 1 – Allotted to **Robert Rogers** and wife **Mary**, 38½ acres valued at \$114

Lot No. 2 – Allotted to **David Hatton**, 38  $\frac{1}{5}$  acres valued at \$114

Lot No. 3 – Allotted to **Willis Mobley** and wife **Suiza**, 38  $\frac{1}{5}$  acres valued at \$114

Lot No. 4 – Allotted to **Benjamin Albritton** and wife **Catharine**, 38  $\frac{1}{5}$  acres valued at \$190

Lot No. 5 – Allotted to "**Robert Hatton & John Hatton sons of Robert Hatton Junr.**," 38  $\frac{1}{5}$  acres valued at \$152

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 7–8. The accompanying plat shows that Black Swamp bounded Robert Hatton's lands on the north side, with Cannon Swamp bounding the south side.

## Comments:

1. Benjamin B. Albritton was the son of Samuel, grandson of James, great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. This record proves that Benjamin B. Albritton's wife was the daughter of Robert Hatton.
3. Neither the precise date on which the commissioners divided Robert Hatton's lands nor date the division was given within the document. The transaction recorded immediately before this land division was recorded on 15 November 1841.

**7 Apr 1841**

**Benjamin B. Albritton** mortgages his interest in slaves belonging to the estate of his father, **Samuel Albritton**, to **William Clark** to secure his payment of a note to **Howell Albritton**:

*This Indenture made and entered into the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1841 Between Benjamin B. Albritton of the first part, William Clark of the second part and Howell Albritton of the third part all of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. Witnesseth that I the said Benjamin B. Albritton... for & inconsideration of the Sum of Five Dollars to me in hand paid by the aforesaid William Clark...and for divers other good Causes and considerations hereunto moving Hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and conveyed...unto the aforesaid William Clark...all my right title and interest in the following negro slaves vizt. one negro man Miles, Marina, Smithy, Faribee, Adaline, boy Miles and Harriot and Reddick which said interest descended to the said Benjamin B. Albritton as a distributee of Samuel Albritton decd. which said interest is subject to the life Estate of Tabitha Albritton widow [sic] of said Samuel Albritton and the said Benjamin B. Albritton further conveys all of his crop of corn Pease [sic] and fodder which is now planted and growing or may be cultivated on a piece of land known by the name of Robert Hatton Lands To have and to hold unto the aforesaid William Clark his heirs executors admrs. & assigns forever all of the aforesaid described property of every description whatsoever...Upon Trust & Confidence nevertheless, whereas the said Benjamin B. Albritton is Justly indebted by note of Hand to Howell Albritton for the sum of one hundred & sixty five Dollars and forty one cents and dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1841 even date with these presents and with interest from the date, Now if the aforesaid Benjamin B. Albritton his heirs executors admrs. or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the aforesaid described note to Howell Albritton and payable to him with all lawful interest cost and expenses which may by reason occur by virtue of these presents within three months from the date of these presents then and in that case this conveyance and every part thereof is to be null & void and no effect, But if the aforesaid Benjamin B. Albritton his Heirs executors admrs. or assigns shall fail to pay the aforesaid described note with all Lawful interest cost and expenses within the aforesaid stipulated time then and in that case it shall be the duty of the aforesaid William Clark his heirs executors or admrs. at any time after the expiration of the aforesaid time whenever thereunto required by the aforesaid Howell Albritton his heirs executors or admrs. to advertise all or any part of the aforesaid property and give at least ten days notice at three public places in the county aforesaid and sell the same on the premises or at the court House door in Greenville for cash and the money arising from the sale of said property shall first pay all cost and expenses and retain five per cent commissions for his trouble and then shall pay the balance over to said Howell Albritton his heirs or assigns and if these shall be more than enough to pay the aforesaid described note interest & cost then shall pay the balance over if any to the said Benjamin B. Albritton his Heirs or assigns and it is further understood between the said parties that the said property is to remain in the possession of the said Benjamin B. Albritton and use it in his usual way for his support until it may be necessary to advertise the same for sale...*

Witnesses: **Jas. C. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 362. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). "April 7<sup>th</sup> 1841. Then this Deed intrust from **Benjamin B. Albritton** to **William Clark** for the benefit of **Howell Albritton** was acknowledged agreeable to Law before me by all the parties to be their act and deed let it be



*registered.*" The clerk recorded that Benjamin B. Albritton and Howell Albritton both signed their names to the transaction.

Comments: The three Albrittons involved were all cousins, grandsons or great-grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr.:

1. Howell Albritton was the son of Joel and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. James C. Albritton was the son of Luke and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. Benjamin B. Albritton was the son of Samuel, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**9 Apr 1841** For \$1400, pursuant to a decree issued by the Pitt County Court of Equity, Clerk and Master in Equity **Walter Haurahan** sells **Jonathan Albritton** 39 acres of land in Pitt County,  
*...on the north side of Tar River adjoining the Lands of **Stanly Moore, John Congleton & others...***

Witnesses: **Goold Hoyt**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 398. This is book "double I" (as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven). Goold Hoyt proved this deed in open court at the May Session 1841.

Comment: Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 May 1841** **Luke Short** mortgages land in both Pitt and Beaufort Counties, one male slave, livestock, and kitchen and household furniture to **William Clark** to indemnify **Lemuel Perkins** and the Estate of **Robert Hatton, deceased**, as his securities on his bond as administrator of the Estate of **Sarah Clements**:

*This Indenture made this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1841 between **Luke Short** of the one part and **Lemuel Perkins** of the second part, & **William Clark** of the third part, Witnesseth that the said **Luke Short** for and inconsideration of the Sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said **William Clark** and in further consideration of the said **Lemuel Perkins & Robt. Hatton** in his life time having became bound as securities for the said **Luke Short** in a bond payable to the State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina for the sum of Five thousand dollars dated the seventh day of August 1838 conditioned for the faithfull [sic] discharge of the said **Luke Short's** duties as adm<sup>r</sup> of **Sarah Clements** hath bargained sold aliened enfeoffed, conveyed & confirmed...unto the said **William Clark** his heirs ex<sup>r</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns the following described property to wit. One tract of Land situate [sic] Lying & being in the County of Pitt State aforesaid on Tranters Creek adjoining the lands of **Lary Bullock, Saml. Holliday & others** containing by estimation one hundred & fifty Acres. Also one other tract of Land situate [sic] lying & being in the County of Beaufort State aforesaid adjoining the Lands of **Robert Harison, Joseph Leggett**, and others containing by estimation three hundred Acres. Also one negro man named **Riley** 10 Head of Cattle & all the household & Kitchen furniture of the said **Luke Short** & two mules. To have and To hold the above described property to him the said **William Clark** his heirs & assigns forever. Provided always and the foregoing conveyance or deed of bargain & sale is upon the following trusts & conditions and none other vizt. That if the said **Luke Short** shall well & truly save harmless and indemnify the said **Lemuel Perkins** and the estate of **Robt. Hatton** from any and all loss suit or suits action or actions costs & charges of any & every nature & kind whatsoever either in Law or Equity to which the said **Lemuel Perkins** or the Estate of **Robert Hatton** may be subjected in consequence of the suretyship aforesaid then the foregoing conveyance shall utterly and wholly [sic] void & of none [sic] effect. But if the said **Luke Short** should fail well & truly to pay & satisfy the said **Sarah Clements** creditors to the extent of assets in hand or fail when called upon to satisfy the distributes of said **Sarah** the amt. that may be due there upon a final settlement of his administration accounts so that the said **Lemuel Perkins** or the executrix of **Robt. Hatton** or the heirs of the said **Robt.** Shall be called upon and compelled to pay any sum or sums of money in consequence of the surety ship aforesaid that then it shall & may be lawful for the said **William Clark** or his heirs to enter into & take possession of any and all of the aforesaid property & sell and dispose of for cash sufficient to indemnify the said **Lemuel Perkins** & the executrix of the said **Robert** or either of them... It is further covenanted and agreed between the parties to the Indenture that until it shall become necessary for the said **William Clark** or his heirs to take possession of the property for the purposes of a sale as above stated the property shall remain in the quiet & peacible [sic] possession of the said **Luke Short** without any let hindrance or molestation on the part of the said **William Clark, Lemuel Perkins**, or ex<sup>r</sup> of **Robert Hatton**...*

Witnesses: **C. Perkins**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book II, p. 384 [This is book "double I," as in the alphabetic letter following "H," not eleven]. "May 5<sup>th</sup> 1841. Then this Deed intrust from **Luke Short** to **William Clark** for the benefit of **Lemuel Perkins** & others was proved before agreeable law by the oath of **Churchill Perkins** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Short and William Clark signed the transaction.

Reference: Beaufort County NC Deed Book 20, pp. 521-522. "May 20<sup>th</sup> 1841. Then this deed in trust from Luke Short to **William Clark** for the benefit of **Lemuel Perkins** and others was proved before me agreeable to law by the Oath of **Churchill Perkins** a subscribing witness thereto let it be Registered."

Comments:

1. Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Robert Hatton was the father-in-law of Lydia's brother, Benjamin B. Albritton.
3. The identical mortgage was recorded in the deeds of both Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

- 21 Aug 1841** For \$250, **John Hatton** and **Robert Hatton** of Muscogee County, Georgia sell **Willis T. Mobley** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of 38 acres
- ...lying and being in the said County of Pitt and on the north side of Tar River and bounded as follows vizt. bounded on the west by the lands of **Reubin Hatton** on the east by the lands of **Benjamin B. Albritton** and wife on the south by the Lands of **John Clark decd.** and others...it being the same Lands that was set apart in the division of the Lands of **Robert Hatton decd** to said **John Hatton** and **Robert Hatton** they being lawful Heirs of said decd....*
- Witnesses: **Joseph G. King, Peter Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 117. "August Sessions 1842. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and the hand writing of **Peter Albritton** one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto was duly proved by **Edmond Moore** to be the hand writing of the said **Albritton** let it be registered." The clerk recorded that John Hatton signed the transaction while Robert Hatton made his mark to the document rather than signing his name to it.
- Comments:
1. Peter Albritton was the youngest son of James Albritton (1761–c1797) and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Peter moved from Pitt County North Carolina to Muscogee County Georgia in the 1830s.
  2. Peter's nephew, Benjamin B. Albritton, had married Catherine Hatton, aunt of John and Robert Hatton involved in this deed.
  3. John and Robert Hatton were sons of Robert Hatton Jr., and Willis T. Mobley was their uncle, the husband of Suiza Hatton, sister of Robert Hatton Jr. (see Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 7–8). John and Robert had apparently moved to Muscogee County, Georgia along with other Pitt County residents in the 1830s, probably with Peter Albritton.
- 2 Nov 1841** For \$60, **Luke Albritton** sells **Benjamin Corry**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, one fourth interest in a seine haul:
- Know all men by these presents that I **Luke Albritton**...have bargained and sold to **Benjamin Corry**...of fourth of a certain sein place known by the name of the Rackoon Creek Sein hold [seine-haul] for the sum of Sixty dollars to me in hand paid...by these presents do give grant bargain and sell the before mentioned one quarter sein hole & one acre of Land & do warrant and forever defend the right of the same to him the said **Benjamin Corry**...*
- Witnesses: **Warren Nobles, Silvester B. Brown**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 258. "November Sessions 1843. Then this deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Warren Nobles** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."
- Comments:
1. Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.
  2. "Seine-haul" is a method of fishing that uses a net, called a "seine," with floats on the top and the bottom of the net held down towards the bottom of the stream with weights. This design holds the net vertically in the river or creek. It is most commonly used in a bend in the river.
- 3 Jan 1842** For \$500, **Luke Albritton** of Martin County, North Carolina sells to **Burton G. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina a tract of 330 acres of land in Pitt County
- ...purchased from **Absolom Saunders** containing by Estimation about three hundred and thirty Acres the same more or less—Known as the Piney Woods Tract...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moyer**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 42. **William D. Moyer** proved this deed in open court at the February Session 1842. The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- Comments: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. This transaction and those that follow it prove his sons, including Burton G. Albritton, William Albritton, and James C. Albritton.
- 3 Jan 1842** Indenture made by **Luke Albritton** of Martin County to **Burton G. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- Witnesseth that for and inconsideration of the love and affection which I have for my son **Burton G. Albritton** have given & by these presents do give unto the said **Burton** the following negroes towit, Negro man **Dennis**, negro man **John**, negro woman **Delia** & negro Girl **Esther** to him his heirs executors administrators & assigns forever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moyer**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 42. **William D. Moyer** proved this deed in open court at the February Session 1842. The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- 3 Jan 1842** For \$1100, **Luke Albritton** sells **Burton G. Albritton**
- ...two negroes towit, **Granville** & **Richmond** to him and his assigns forever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moyer**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 43. **William D. Moyer** proved this Bill of Sale in open court at the February Session 1842. The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this bill of sale.

- 3 Jan 1842** Indenture made by **Luke Albritton** of Martin County, North Carolina to **William & Burton G. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- Witnesseth that for & inconsideration of the Love and affection which I have for my sons **William & Burton G. Albritton** have given & by these presents do give unto the said **William & Burton G. Albritton** all my home tract of land containing first of the Mill Tract & Tract purchased of **Isaac Briley** whereon the dwelling now stands secondly one Tract purchased of the heirs of **James Sheppard decd.** thirdly one Tract purchased of **Samuel Simpson** fourthly one Tract purchased of **Jesse Bell** fifthly one Tract purchased of **A. H. Johnson** under power of attorney from **Bryants** heirs supposed to contain about eight hundred & fifty Acres more or less...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moya**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 132. "November Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **William D. Moya** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- 3 Jan 1842** For \$3000, **Burton G. Albritton** sells **William Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- ...all my right title and Interest in the following Tracts of land (towit), Mill Tract, Tract whereon the dwelling House now stands known as the land purchased of **Isaac Briley**, one tract purchased by **Luke Albritton** of the Heirs of **James Sheppard decd.**, one tract purchased of **Samuel Simpson** by do [meaning "by ditto," or by Luke Albritton], one Tract purchased of **Jesse Bell** by do, and one Tract purchased of **A. H. Johnson** by do supposed to be about eight hundred fifty Acres more or less one half of all the above described lands I sell unto **William Albritton** his heirs and assigns forever it being all the interest which I have in said Lands...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moya**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 132. "November Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **William D. Moya** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that "B. G. Albritton" signed his name to this transaction.
- 3 Jan 1842** **Luke Albritton** of Martin County, North Carolina gives to **William Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- Witnesseth that for and inconsideration of the love and affection which I bear towards my son **William Albritton** have given and by these presents do give him the following negroes towit, Negro man **Harry**, negro man **Sam**, negro woman **Annicha** & negro woman **Adeline** to him his heirs and assigns forever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moya**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 133. "November Sessions 1842. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **William D. Moya** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- 3 Jan 1842** **Luke Albritton** of Martin County, North Carolina gives to **James C. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- Witnesseth, that for and in Consideration of the love & affection which I have for my son **James C. Albritton** have given & by these presents do give unto the said **James C. Albritton** Two half Lotts [sic] in the town of Greenville one known as the Tavern lot purchast [sic] from **Amos Joiner** & the other the lot adjoining on the south with all the improvements thereon the House hold & Kitchen Furniture to him his heirs & assigns forever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moya**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 324. "February Session 1844. Then this deed of Gift was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **William D. Moya** a subscribing witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- 3 Jan 1842** Indenture made by **Luke Albritton** of Martin County, North Carolina to **James C. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:
- Witnesseth, that for & in consideration of the love & affection which I bear towards my son **James C. Albritton** have given & by these presents do give unto the said **James** the following Negroes (to wit) Negro Man **Henry**, Woman **Ily**, Girl **Nancy**, boy **Handy**, and Negro boy **Watson** to him his heirs & assigns forever...*
- Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> D. Moya**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 324. "February Session 1844. Then this deed of Gift was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **William D. Moya** a subscribing witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
- 8 Jan 1842** For \$25, **Henry James** sells **Clifton James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...all the right title & interest in a certain parcel or parcels of land supposed to contain Three hundred Acres more or less adjoining the lands of **Clifton James** and **John Whitchard** and on the north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek To have and to hold unto the said **Clifton James** his heirs Executors admrs. & assigns forever the all the right title and interest which the said **Henry James** now has or may have hereafter in and to the aforesaid described Lands...*
- Witnesses: **James A. Moore, Henry C. Jordan**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 81. *"February Sessions 1842. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Henry C. Jordan** a subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."* The clerk recorded that Henry James made his mark to the document rather than signing his name to it.

Comment: Clifton James is a documented son of Mary Albritton and Matthew James, and other documents confirm that Henry James Sr. is Clifton's brother, making them grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. Clifton James' brother, Henry James Sr., had died about 1829 or 1830, and the man making this transaction is his eldest son, Henry James Jr. Henry sells Clifton *"all the right title & interest..."* in 300 acres of land on the north side of Grindle Creek. It is somewhat unclear if the younger Henry is selling his interest in the 310 acres that Lemuel James sold his son, Matthew James, in June 1791 (see Pitt County NC Deed Book M, pp. 439-440; the document is incorrectly dated 1781, probably should be 1791) or if he is selling his interest in his father's lands. In 1845, Clifton sells this interest back to Nancy, so presumably Henry James Jr. is selling his interest in his father's lands to his uncle, which is puzzling.

**25 Jan 1842** For \$250, **Thomas Albritton** sells **Clifton James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 250 acres in Pitt County

*...on the south [sic-north] side of Tar River and on the north side of Grindle Creek and bounded as follows say Beginning at a White [sic-white oak?] in Grindall [Grindle] Creek thence running out agreed line of marked trees to a black Bay in the upper side of the Burnt pocoson [sic] thence now with **Carneys** line to the long ridge branch to a Gum thence with said **Carneys** line to a pine at the South end of the large ridge pond thence agreed of marked trees to a pine in the mouth of **Moore's** branch thence along a line of marked trees to a pine in the pocoson [sic] pond thence a line of marked trees to a stake and pine thence agreed lien of marked trees to Grindle Creek to a water oak in the course of said creek thence up the various courses of said creek to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **H. Albritton, John S. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 86. *"May Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **John S. Daniel** a subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered."* The clerk recorded that Thomas Albritton signed his name to this transaction.

Comments:

1. Thomas Albritton is the son of Adam Albritton and Eleanor Cason.
2. Clifton James is the son of Mary Albritton James, the older sister of Adam Albritton. This makes Thomas Albritton and Clifton James first cousins.
3. After disposing of his land in Pitt County, Thomas Albritton left North Carolina and followed his brothers to Graves County, Kentucky.
4. The land description contains a mistake, in that Grindle Creek lies entirely on the **north** side of Tar River, not the south side.

**28 Jan 1842** For \$100, **Ivey Fleming** sells **Susannah (Susan) Fleming**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 70 acres in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River and bounded by the Lands of **David House, Peter Fleming, Thomas Langley, and Jarrett House** and Known as the piece of Land that the said **Ivey** Drewed [sic] in the Division of the Lands of his father **Benja<sup>n</sup> Fleming** decd. Containing Seventy Acres...*

Witnesses: **H. Albritton, Archibald House**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 62. *"February Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Ivey Fleming** to be his act and deed. Let it be registered."* The clerk recorded that Ivey Fleming signed his name to this transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**7 Feb 1842** For \$425, **Thomas Albritton** and **Loucina**, his wife, sell **Wedigan Moore** and **Edmond Moore** their interest in the property left by **Matthias Moore**, deceased, in his will to his youngest four children, including his daughter, **Elizabeth Moore**, deceased.

*This Indenture made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1842 between **Thomas Albritton** and wife **Lucina** of Pitt County, North Carolina of the first part and **Wedigan Moore** and **Edmond Moore** of the same County and State of the second part, Witnesseth that whereas **Thomas Albritton** of the first part married **Lucina Moore** daughter of **Matthias Moore** late of the County of Pitt North Carolina and whereas further the said **Matthias Moore** by last Will and Testament duly executed and admitted to probate after devising some special legacies devised as follows*

*"Lastly I lend to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Moore** during her natural life all my land and all the balance of my negroes that I have not Willed away and all my stock of all kinds and two head of horses and all my Household and Kitchen furniture to the use of supporting and schooling my four youngest children then at my wives death I leave the above named property that I lent to my wife to be equally divided between my four*

youngest children to wit, **Wedigan Moore, Penny Moore, Edmond Moore and Elizabeth Moore** which property I give to them and their Heirs forever."

And Whereas further **Elizabeth Moore** one of the devisees named in the clause recited above has since departed this life unmarried and intestate whereby the said **Thomas Albritton** and wife **Loucina** by virtue of the relationship of the said **Lucina** to the said **Elizabeth** have become intitled [entitled] to a distributive share of the land and other property devised to the said **Elizabeth** in the clause recited above. Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said **Thomas Albritton** and **Loucina** his wife in consideration of Four hundred and twenty five dollars...have bargained sold aliened assigned released confirmed and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell alien assign, release, confirm and deliver unto the said **Wedigan Moore** and **Edmond Moore** parties of the second part all the right title estate and interest whatsoever of the said **Thomas** and **Lucina** as heirs at Law and distributees of **Elizabeth Moore dec'd** in all the land, negroes, stock, horses, furniture and other property devised to said **Elizabeth** by **Matthias Moore** in that clause of his last Will and testament recited in the premises.

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Court of Pleas [sic] and Quarter Sessions February Term 1842. The foregoing Indenture was offered for probate and Registration by **Wedigan** and **Edmund Moore** and **Thomas Albritton** and wife **Lucina** admitted and declared in open court that the same is their act and deed. It appearing to the court that **Lucina Albritton** is a feme consort and that the Indenture conveys lands it was ordered by the court that **William Clark** one of their own body do examine the said **Lucina** privately whether she doth voluntarily assent thereto: the said **William Clark J.P.** reported to the court that he had privately examined the said **Lucina** and that she declared to him that she did and doth voluntarily assent to the said Indenture: Whereupon it was ordered by the court that it be registered.

Witnesses: **McG. M. Staton, Ormond Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 45. "February Sessions 1842. Then this deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of **McGilberry M. Staton** a Subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Thomas Albritton signed his name to this transaction, while his wife, Lucina, made her mark to it.

Comments: Several of the participants in this transaction had connections to descendants of Peter Albritton Sr.:

**Thomas Albritton** – son of Eleanor Cason and Adam Albritton, son of Peter.

**Penelope Moore** – later married James B. Albritton, the son of Samuel, grandson of James Albritton, and great-grandson of Peter. Thus, sisters Loucina and Penelope Moore both married Albrittons who were first cousins once removed, as Thomas was a first cousin to Samuel, James B. Albritton's father.

**8 Feb 1842** For \$1500, **Howell Albritton** sells to **John S. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land:

1. ...on the north side of Tar River and on the south side of Grindall [sic] Creek and known as the Lands whereon **Samuel Albritton** lived and died on and that **Tabbitha** [sic] **Albritton** have a life estate in a part of it given to her in the Last Will and Testament of the said **Samuel Albritton decd.** and being a part of a pattent [sic] Granted to **Henry Cason** and bounded as follows, Beginning at a pine **James Casons** corner now **Rippon Wards** corner thence with his line to the heirs of **Mathias Moores** thence with there [sic] line to the **Legget** thence with the **Legget** Land to the to the Lands of the heirs of **Joshua Tucker** thence with **Tucker** line to the Lands of the heirs of **Robert Hatton** thence with **Hattons** line to **Benja. F. Flemings** line thence with his line to the beginning containing three hundred Acres be the same more or less...
2. ...one other pease [sic] or parcel of lands Known as the **Legget** Land and bounded by the Lands of the heirs of **Matthias Moore** the Lands of the Heirs of **Allen Moore** the lands of **Wedigan** and **Edmond Moore** and the Lands of the Heirs of **Joshua Tucker** and the Lands before described containing one hundred Acres be the same more or less...

Witnesses: **Arden Moore, John Brown**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 38. "February Sessions 1842. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Howell Albritton** to be his act and deed let it be registered."

Comments: The Albritton connections of the participants in this transaction:

**Howell Albritton** – son of Joel, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**John Stanley Daniel** – married Albritton first cousins, granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr. Daniel first married City, daughter of Jonathan, and after her death, he married Levina, daughter of Joel and Howell's sister.

**Samuel Albritton** – the first tract sold was his old plantation, originally purchased by Samuel's father, James Albritton, on 18 April 1784 from John Cason.

**Allen Moore** – the second tract sold adjoined the lands of Allen Moore, husband of Nancy Albritton Moore, a sister of Samuel Albritton and daughter of James and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**8 Feb 1842** For \$2500, **Howell Albritton** sells to **John S. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 160-acre tract of land ...on the north side of Tar River and south side of Grindle Creek it being a part of a pattent [sic] granted to **James Cason** bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1761 and a part of a pattent [sic] granted to **James Albritton** and **John Whitchard** and bounded as follows Beginning at a gum in the main run of Grindle Creek **Rippon Wards**

*Corner thence running with his line to the back line of **James Casons** pattent [sic] thence with the pattent [sic] line due East of **Waddingin** and **Edmonds** corner in said line thence north ten degrees east to the main run of Grindle Creek thence up the various courses of said creek to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Arden Moore, John Brown**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 40. "February Sessions 1842. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Howell Albritton** to be his act and deed let it be registered."

Comment: The land description repeats a mistake contained in the land description of the 1839 transaction in which his siblings sold Howell Albritton this property. The second patent was not in the name of James Albritton and John Whichard, but rather James Albritton and John **Cherry**, who obtained a joint grant from North Carolina for 114 acres in 1794. The remaining 50 acres was patented to James Cason in 1761 and sold to James Albritton in 1764. Sometime between 1794 and his death in 1798, Peter Albritton obtained title to this 165-acre tract and bequeathed it to seven of his children in his will. It is unclear if he purchased it from his brother, James Albritton, prior to James' death in the mid-1790s or if he bought it from his brother's estate. The 1799 documents describe it as 164½ acres, whereas the 1839 and this document list it as only 160 acres.

**8 Feb 1842** For \$100, **Luke Albritton** sells **John S. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a tract of 250 acres of land in Pitt County

*...bounded by the Lands of **Clifton James** the lands of **Richard Carney** the Lands of **James S. Moore** the lands of **John Whitchard** the lands of **Willoughby Whitchard** and the lands of the Heirs of **Henry James** and others...*

Witnesses: **Henry Harrington, Arden Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 55. "February Sessions 1842. then this deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and deed let it be registered." The clerk recorded that Luke Albritton signed his name to this document.

Comment: Luke Albritton was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr., while John S. Daniel was his nephew, the husband of Levina Albritton, daughter of Luke's brother, Joel Albritton.

**4 Apr 1842** For \$1100, **William D. Moye**, trustee, sells **Burton G. Albritton** a 300-acre tract of land in Pitt County, following **James P. Daniel** conveying the land to **Moye** in trust on 22 March 1841:

*...Lying on the west prong of **Albrittons** Mill Pond beginning at the fork point of the two branches of said Mill Run where they part & runs up the branch which divides the lands formerly owned by **Starkey Bell** and to the back line of the old Pattent [sic] south 20 degrees East to the other prong of said Mill Creek thence down the meanders of said creek or branch to the beginning...it being better known as the **Singletary** Tract of land. And whereas it became necessary for the purposes of said Trust to sell the above described land, which was by me duly advertised & exposed to sale at the Court House door in Greenville on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1842 when **Burton G. Albritton** appeared & bid the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars which being the last & highest bid he became the purchaser thereof...*

Witnesses: **Samuel Bell**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 82. "May Sessions 1842. Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **William D. Moye** Trustee to be his act and deed let it be registered."

Comments: Burton G. Albritton is the son of Luke, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**Nov 1842** Pursuant to an order issued by the Pitt County Court in August Term 1842, and renewed at the November Term 1842, directing **Benjamin Daniel, C. Purkins**, and **Noah Jolly** to "make a partition in the Lands of **Winfield Saterwhite** among the heirs at Law, by purchase **Jonathan Albritton** being entitled to one share, they allotted him a tract of 59 acres adjoining his own land along **Cannon Swamp**, valued at \$162.50.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 268-269.

Comment: Jonathan Albritton was the son of Peter Albritton Sr. It appears that he had purchased the interest in the Satterwhite lands and did not acquire this share by inheritance.

**5 Mar 1843** For \$8, **Luke Albritton** sells **Lewis P. Olds**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina

*...all his right title and interest in and to a certain parcel of land or lot of Ground Situate and being in the Town of Greenville and being lot N<sup>o</sup> (152) one hundred and fifty two...*

Witnesses: **James S. Clark**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 220. "May Sessions 1843. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Luke Albritton** to be his act and deed. Let it be registered."

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

**6 Oct 1843** For \$3000, **Rippon Ward** purchased a 375-acre tract of land belonging to the estate of **John Cherry**:

*Whereas at March Term A.D. 1843 of the Court of Equity for Pitt County, upon the petition of **Penelope Cherry** & others by their Gargon [Guardian] **William Albritton**, the Clerk & Master of said Court was ordered to expose to public sale the tract of Land hereinafter mentioned, on a credit of one, two & three years with Interest from the sale*

*in pursuance of which said decree, the Clerk & Master on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1843 at the Court House in Greenville did expose to public sale the said tract of Land when and where **Rippon Ward** became the purchases at the sum of three thousand Dollars and at September Court A.D. 1843 it was ordered by said Court to the Clerk & Master deliver over to **William Albritton** Guaragen [Guardian] to the bonds taken for purchase money and make the said **Rippon Ward** Title. Therefore This Indenture Witnesseth that for and inconsideration of the premises, and in obedience to the order of said Court I **Henry F. Harris** Clerk and Master in Equity for the County aforesaid have bargained, granted, and sold, and by these presents doth bargain, grant & sell unto the said **Rippon Ward**, a certain tract of Land situation in the County of Pitt on the North Side of Tar River Containing Three hundred & seventy five acres more or less it being the Land purchased of **John Bland** & others by **John Cherry** the Father of the petitioners & adjoining the lands of **Noah Jolly Benjamin Fleming** & others...*

Witnesses: **Gould Hoyt**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 303. "February Session 1844. Then this deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law by oath of **Gould Hoyt** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."

Comment: John Cherry married Mary Ann Albritton, daughter of Luke Albritton, about 1830. This record proves that after Cherry's death in 1839, his brother-in-law, William Albritton, another son of Luke, served as guardian for his niece and nephews. Mary Ann remarried to Rippon Ward in 1842, who here purchased the land that Mary's first husband owned.

**6 Oct 1843** For \$500, **Henry F. Harris**, Clerk & Master of the Court of Equity for Pitt County sells to **James C. Albritton** a Greenville Town Lot #114 containing ½ acre of land:

*Whereas at March term A.D. 1841 at the Court of Equity for Pitt County upon the petition of **Caswell Stansill** & wife & others heirs at Law of **Rewel Anderson deceased**, the Clerk & Master of said Court was ordered to expose to public sale the tract or Lot of Land hereinafter mentioned on a credit of six Months in pursuance of which said decree the Clerk & Master on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1842 at the Court House in Greenville did expose to public sale the said Lot, when & where **James C. Albritton** became the purchaser...*

Witnesses: **Gould Hoyt**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 317. "February Session 1844. Then this deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Gould Hoyt** a subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered."

Comment: James C. Albritton was the son of Luke Albritton and a Greenville businessman. He sold this town lot on 1 January 1845 and 5 August 1847 to Lambert P. Beardsly (Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 157, 443; an error in the original deed led to the second deed in 1847).

**15 Dec 1843** For \$25, **Benjamin B. Albritton** sells **Calvin Moye**

*...all my right and title and interes [interest] in a certain tract or parcel of land containing twenty one acres lying and being in our County of Pitt on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek. Begining [sic] at a pine **James Albritton** Corner running [sic] north twenty five poles to **Casons** Corner a stake in the old line thence with his line East one hundred and fifty poles to a gum in the Cypress Pond thence South twenty five poles to **Casons** old Corner thence with his line to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Luke Short, Primma Powel** [her mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 78. "August Session 1845. Then this Deed from **Benja. B. Albritton** to **Calvin Moye** was exhibited in open Court & acknowledged. Let it be registered." The clerk indicated that Benjamin B. Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: Three of the men involved in this transaction were immediate family members of Samuel Albritton, son of James Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Benjamin B. Albritton was the son of Samuel and Tabitha Albritton, while Luke Short was the husband of their daughter, Lydia Albritton. Calvin Moye was the husband of Samuel and Tabitha's daughter, Hannah Albritton. Records indicate that Moye died between about 1844 and 1850.

**17 Feb 1844** For \$100, **Ivey Fleming** sells **William Shivers**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 52 acres in Pitt County

*...on the north side of Tar River Beginning at pine **Luke Flemings** corner thence N<sup>o</sup> 7 West 47 poles to an Oak, thence N<sup>o</sup> 94 to a Gum on the cosway [sic], thence N<sup>o</sup> 76 West 52 pole to a pine on said cosway [sic], thence S<sup>o</sup> 3 West 114 Pole to a red oak thence S<sup>o</sup> 7 West 29 pole to a black gum thence to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **Chas Greene, John Brown**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, p. 353. "May Sessions 1844. Then this deed was exhibited into open court and acknowledged by **Ivey Fleming** to be his act and deed let it be registered." The clerk indicated that Ivey Fleming signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**4 Apr 1844** Transaction between **William Albritton** and **John S. Easton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Witnesseth, that I the said **William Albritton** for & in consideration of the Sum of one dollar & a fourth an acre have bargained sold aliened enfeoffed & conveyed...to the said **John S. Eastern** a certain tract or parcel of land, lying & being in the aforesaid County, on the South Side of Tar River adjoining the lands of the Said **Wm Albritton***

*& John S. Easton & bounded as follows. Beginning at the mouth of the Spring Branch the corner between myself & John S. Easton & runs North 38 degrees East to Tar River & Corner on a pine thence with the River till it Strikes the said Eastons line, then with the Said Eastons line around to the Beginning, including all the lands Join on the East Side of the beginning line, & all the lands in the above boundary, except the land attached to the Rackoon Sein Hole [seine-haul] including about ninety acres, more or less...*

Witnesses: **W. D. Moye, Burton G. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 305. "Nov Term 1846. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Pitt County. Then **William D. Moye** a Subscribing witness to the foregoing deed was duly sworn in open Court & Said that he Saw **Wm. Albritton** Sign the foregoing deed to **John S. Easton** for the purposes therein mentioned. Let it be registered." The clerk recorded that "**Wm Albritton**" signed his name to this transaction.

Comments: William and Burton G. Albritton are sons of Luke, grandsons of Peter Sr., and great-grandsons of James Albritton Sr.

**30 Aug 1844** For \$500, **Abner H. Smith** sells **Burton G. Albritton** a 185-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*...on the south side of Tar River Bounding as following (Viz). Beginning at a stake on the side of the Little Run running North thirty two degrees West, two hundred & Seventy four poles to a pine thence North ten degrees East sixty poles to a white oak then south Sixty degrees East Seventy poles to a light wood stump near the fork o the old path thence along a line of marked trees South fifty seven degrees East to a Red Oak Corner of old Survey then up the Little Run to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **John H. Smith, Lewis J. Smith**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 431–432. "November Sessions 1844. Then this Deed was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **John H. Smith** a subscribing witness thereto let it be registered."

Comments: Burton G. Albritton is the son of Luke, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**14 Jan 1845** Indenture made between **John M. Smith**, of the first part, **Burton G. Albritton**, of the second part, and **William J. Blow**, of the third part, all of Pitt County, North Carolina. **Smith** mortgages property to **Albritton** to secure his payment of debts:

*Witnesseth that whereas the said John M. Smith...is justly indebted to the part of the third part twenty six Dollars due by account is also indebted to Wilie Brown in the sum of twenty five dollars or thereabouts upon a Judgement Stayed by Burton G. Albritton, is also indebted to William Moore in the sum of forth five Dollars or thereabouts as stayed of Abner H. Smith to a Judgement by said Moore, is also indebted to John A. Selby in the sum of Twenty one Dollars & twenty six cents due by account, is also indebted to Jesse Haddock by Note in the sum of Twenty three Dollars or thereabouts is also indebted to William Albritton by account in the sum of about Ten Dollars is also indebted to William Bernard in the sum of twenty three Dollars & seventeen & half cents, is also indebted to Thomas Hanrahan by Note due 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1846 in the sum of Sixteen Dollars & whereas in a suit brought by Noah Bedard Guardian of William L. Stocks against me as one of the securities of Abner H. Smith former Guardian for about Three hundred and fifty dollars, one third of which I shall be bound for when ever Judgement is obtained by said Bedard, & I also acknowledge myself indebted to said Bedard for one third part of said Judgement when obtained. Now this Indenture Witnesseth...John H. Smith hath given, granted, Bargained, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed & confirmed unto the aforesaid Burton G. Albritton his heirs & assigns forever a certain portion or parcel of Land lying & being in the County of Pitt & known in the divisions of the lands of Lewis Smith decd. as Lots No. 2, No. 3, No. 5 & No. 6 of the Home tract & also Lot No. 3 of the Piney Woods tract adjoining the Lands of Walter Hanrahan decd. also my interest in several negroes left the Widow of Noah Tison decd. by said Tison in his Will being a childs part of said Negroes & the interest that came to Abner H. Smith by the Marriage of one of the Daughters of said Tison & which interest I heretofore purchast [sic] of the said Abner H. Smith as reference [sic] to the bill of sale will more fully shew [sic] also my interest in a certain negro boy by the name of Simon formerly belonging to Benjamin Tison son of Noah Tison it being Abner H. Smiths interest in said Negro which I have heretofore purchased of him, also two head of Horses, one named Brandy & one named Dubb, also one Brandy Still also some Farming Tools, consisting of Ploughs, Stocks, axes &c., also my interest in what [crops] I may make or have on hand this season, coming also a negro boy which I have hired until the first day of next...*

Witnesses: **W. D. Moye**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book KK, pp. 443–444. "January 14<sup>th</sup> 1845. Then this Deed intrust from **John M. Smith** to **Burton G. Albritton** for Benefit of **William J. Blow** & others was acknowledged before me Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. Burton G. Albritton is the youngest son of Luke, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. William Albritton mentioned here is Luke's eldest son, and so the older brother of Burton G. Albritton. William Albritton died shortly after this transaction was made.

**4 Mar 1845** For \$25, **Clifton James** sells to **Nancy James** a tract of 25 acres of land:

*Recived [sic] of Nancy James Twenty five Dollars in ful [sic] payment for Twenty five Acres of Land which land was sold to me by Henry James Son of said Nancy and by these presents I sell to Nancy James the aforesaid land all my right title & interest to her & her heirs forever, the above named land is a part of the tract of land which belonged*



to **Henry James** husband of the said **Nancy** and [illegible word—probably “within”] the County of Pitt on the North Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek adjoining my home tract of land and the land of **Willoughby Whichard** & others...

Witnesses: **A. G. Jordan**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 27b. “May Sessions 1845. Then this deed was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of **Amelius G. Jordan** a subscribing Witness thereto let it be registered.” The recording clerk indicated that Clifton James made his mark to the document.

Comment: This record proves that Henry James married Nancy and had a son, Henry James Jr. The elder Henry is undoubtedly a brother of Clifton James, their being sons of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, a daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

## **2 May 1845**

For \$141, **John G. Little** “and wife **Alvany Little**” sell **Kinchen Barnhill**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina [sic—the end of the record shows that the Little then resided in Crawford County, Arkansas], a tract of land in Pitt County

...one third of a certain tract or parcel of Land Situated in said County & on the north side of Tar River and on the County road leading from Washington to Tarborough Known as the **Harmon Mayo** tract adjoining the lands of **William James, Josiah Winn, John S. Brown, & others** Containing about Five hundred Acres of land be the same more or less...we the said **John G. Little** and wife **Alvany Little** doth convey agree to with the said **Kinchen Barnhill** and his ares [sic—heirs] and defend the fore said tract land being free and from any Lawful claims person or persons only by **James Mayo** and **Albritton Mayo**, all being the [missing word—heirs] of **Harmon Mayo** decd...

“State of Arkansas, Crawford County. Be it remembered that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May A.D. 1845 formally appeared before me **T. L. Donalson** the heretobefore named **John G. Little** and **Alvany Little** his wife to me personally known and severally acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing as for their act and deed and the lands and promises therein mentioned and bargained and sold to be the right and estate of **Kinchen Barnhill** therein mentioned his heirs and assigns forever. Then the said **Alvany Little** being by me first made acquainted with the contents thereof and by me examined with the executed the same voluntarily acknowledged and declared that she executed the same voluntarily and without compulsion or undue influence of her husband. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal as an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Crawford and State of Arkansas...”

Witnesses: **James Butler, T. L. Donalson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 76. “State of North Carolina, Pitt County. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1845. The foregoing Deed being exhibited in open Court the same is ordered to be registered.”

Comment: Alvania Mayo Little was the granddaughter of Jonathan Albritton.

## **1 Dec 1845**

For \$50, **Margaret Ann James** sells to **William Albert James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, her interest in the undivided lands of their father, **Henry James**:

...I the said **Margaret Ann James**...have bargained sold conveyed and delivered unto the said **William A. James** all my right title and interest in a certain tract of land which fell to me by the death of my Father **Henry James** decd. my Father died seized and possessed with three hundred and thirty Six Acres of land as appears from his deeds more or less and I the said **Margaret Ann James** do Warrant and defend Sixty Seven Acres and one fifth part of an acre of land which is one fifth part of the land that belonged to my Father when he died to the said **William A. James** his heirs and assigns forever this land was deeded to **Henry James** my Father by **Luke Albritton & Joel Albritton** and there has not been any division in the land since the death of my Father this I and lies on the north Side of Tar River and north Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek the Corner of **John Whichard** decd. and runing [sic] with the land to the North corner a pine thence runing [sic] north 5 degrees Wst. 86 poles to a pine then No. 50 degrees Wst. 36 pole to a pine then runing [sic] No. 25 A direct course to the back line kept that line to **Clifton James** Corner then with **Clifton James** line to the line of the land which was deeded to my Father by **Luke Albritton**. Then with that line & **Clifton James** line to the corner on the run of Grindall [Grindle] Creek then down the run of Said Creek to **John Whichards** Corner the beginning [sic] and one fifth part of the land in these bounds is my distributive Share of land that fell to me by the death of my Father **Henry James** and the same I do Warrant and forever defend to the said **William A. James** his heirs and assigns forever...

Witnesses: **Arden Moore, W. K. Delany**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 245–246. “May Sessions 1846. Then this Deed from **Margaret James** to **William A. James** was acknowledged in open Court before me. Let it be registered.” The recording clerk indicated that Margaret Ann James made her mark to the document.

Comment: Henry James was a son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, a daughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

## **5 Nov 1845**

**Penelope E. Cherry, Joseph John Cherry, William A. Cherry, and James B. Cherry**, the “Children & heirs at Law” of **John Cherry**, and **Luke Albritton**, administrator of **John Cherry**’s estate, according to Spring Term 1842 decree of the Pitt County Court of Equity, convey their rights as trustee to lands of **John Brinkley** to **Voluntine S. Jorden**, “the trustee Substituting in place of said **Cherry** by said decree.”

Witnesses: **Wm Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 218–220. “May Session 1846. Then this deed from **Luke Albritton** & others to **Voluntine S. Jorden** was proven in Open Court by the oath of **William Albritton** the Subscribing witness thereto. Let it be registered.”

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. The deceased John Cherry had married Luke's daughter, Mary Ann Albritton (Polly), and the four Cherrys listed are their children, the grandchildren of Luke Albritton.
3. William Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton, making him the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. He was the guardian of his niece and nephews, the four Cherry children listed here. This is one of the last known records made by William Albritton.
4. This transaction deals with land that John Cherry acquired on 24 November 1838, the year prior to his death; see Pitt County NC Deed Book II, pp. 24–25).

**16 Dec 1845** For \$550, **Stanly Moore** sells **Samuel S. Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, several tracts of land in Pitt County, both laying "on the North Side of Tar River,"

*...Beginning at the Second Corner of the **Harris** patten [sic] in an old field **John Speirs** Corner thence running his line North 11 Degrees West 42 poles to a hickory said **Speirs** other corner thence his other line North 25 Degrees West 18 poles to a gum Stump and Small Ash **Richard Moores** corner thence along **Richard Moores** line of Marked trees down the Middle of the Swamp to **Moys** Run thence down the Run and down **Moys** Creek to **Kennedys** line to **Betsy A. Moores** and **Aldridge Moores** corner thence along his line 78 degrees West 60 poles to a stake on Sandy Branch then up the Middle of Sandy Branch to the beginning containing forty three to Fifty three acres...*

*...and also another tract Beginning at two black gums a water oak and holly in the Swamp in **Blands** line the 2<sup>nd</sup> corner of lot No. 6 and runs down the said Swamp with **Blands** line to a gum in said Swamp thence North two and a half degrees west twelve poles to the center of a large pine chinquapin & small Sweet gum in the **Speir** line in the edge of the old field on the side of said Swamp thence running with the old line North Seventy five East thirteen poles to a Stake in the old field near where **Joshua James** formerly lived now **Hanrahan** corner thence with **Hanrahans** line to a gumin Middle Swamp being now the corner of the Widows dower, thence with the dower line up the Swamp west Sixty two poles to several small saplings a corner of the dower and of Lot No. 5 thence up the Swamp the line of lot No. 5 South Seventy two West twenty one poles to several small trees in said Swamp near the crossway the beginning of lot No. 6 and from thence with the line of lot No. 6 to the beginning containing Fifty Acres...*

Witnesses: **Archibald Albritton, E. E. Moore** [his mark]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 505–506. "Feby Term 1848. Then this deed from **Stanly Moore** to **Samuel S. Albritton** was acknowledged in open Court by said **Moore** to be his act & deed. Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. Samuel S. Albritton and Archibald Albritton are unidentified. They are perhaps brothers, but it is unclear into which Pitt County Albritton family they fit. One likely possibility is that they are sons of William Albritton, eldest son of Luke Albritton. This would make Samuel S. and Archibald Albritton great-grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. However, this connection is a hypothesis only.
2. Stanley Moore was a son of Richard Moore, and in the distribution of Richard's lands made on 17 October 1823, Stanley received Lot #7, with Henry Moore receiving Lot #5 and Elizabeth Moore received lot #6 (Deed Book CC, pp. 282–284). This appears to have been the land sold here, since it also lay on Middle Swamp and Moye's Swamp. Richard Moore was one of the elder sons of Matthias Moore Sr. (Deed Book O, pp. 235–236), and two of Richard's younger brothers, Allen and Abel Moore, married Albritton sisters, daughters of James and granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. The close proximity of the land purchased by Samuel S. Albritton to residences of the children and grandchildren of Peter Albritton Sr. on Grindle Creek leave little doubt but that they are grandsons (or possibly great-grandsons) of Peter, but it remains unclear precisely how they are connected.

**20 Jan 1846** For \$250, **James S. Clark** sells **Tabitha Albritton** a 300-acre tract of land

*...lying & being in the County of Pitt on the North Side of Tar River Known as the **Robert Hatton** old tract of Land & bounded by the **Tucker** land, the **Samuel Albritton** tract of Land, The **Smith** land lately owned by the Heirs of **Robert Hatton** & on the South by the Run of Carney Swamp (including all the Houses & improvements wherein the Said **Robert Hatton** formerly lived...*

Witnesses: **B. Kilpatrick, H. Harrington**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 46. "February Term 1858. Then was the within deed from **James S. Clark** to **Tabitha Albritton** exhibited in open Court and proven by the oath of **Henry Harrington** a Subscribing witness thereto. let it be recorded."

Comments: Tabitha Albritton was the widow of Samuel Albritton, son of James and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and Henry Harrington was her son-in-law, the husband of Tabitha B., daughter of Samuel and Tabitha Albritton.

**24 Jan 1846** For \$150, **Tabitha Albritton** sells **John S. Daniel** a tract of 200 acres of land:

*...lying and being in the County of Pitt on the north Side of Tar River and known as the **Samuel Albritton** tract or a part thereof and bounded by the **Tucker** land the lands of **John S. Daniel** and others including all houses and improvements thereon...*

Witnesses: **H. Harrington, John Harrington**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 238–239. *“May Session 1846. Then this deed from **Tabitha Albritton** [to] **John S. Daniel** was proven in open Court by the oath of **Henry Harrington** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be registered.”* The clerk indicated that Tabitha Albritton made her mark to the transaction.

Comments: All those involved in this transaction were descend from Peter Albritton Sr. or married to one of his descendants:

**Tabitha Bell Albritton** – The widow of Samuel Albritton, son of James, and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**John Stanley Daniel** – Married two of Peter’s granddaughters: first to City, daughter of Jonathan Albritton, and second to Levina, daughter of Joel Albritton.

**Henry Harrington** – Tabitha’s son-in-law, the husband of her and Samuel Albritton’s daughter, Tabitha B.

**John Harrington** – Tabitha’s grandson, the son of Tabitha B. Albritton and Henry Harrington.

**10 Mar 1846** For \$151.25, **James C. Albritton** buys property from the heirs of **John C. Gorham deceased**, as approved by the Clerk and Master of the Pitt County Court of Equity made at the March Term 1843. After advertising, Pitt County Clerk and Master in Equity **Goold Hoyt** sold this property to **James C. Albritton**:

*...a certain House & Lot Situated in the County of Pitt in the Town of Greenville & Known in the plan of said Town as Number forty Six containing the one half of an acre more or less...*

*N.B. One half of the property mentioned in the above deed belongs to **William J. Blow**. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1846.*

**James C. Albritton**

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 405. *“May Term 1847. Then was the within deed acknowledged in open court by **Goold Hoyt**. let it be registered.”*

Comment: James C. Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 Oct 1846** For \$1200, **Richard C. Parker** sells **Jarrett House**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 200-acre tract of land:

*...on the North Side of Tar River & bounded as follows, beginning at a Poplar on the main road to Washington **John H. Bucks** Lower corner thence with the Road till you strike the road below **Jno. McGowns** House thence with Said to Shackley Swamp & thence a northess [sic] course to a pine Stump **Harringtons** Corner, thence with **Harrington’s** line till you strike **John H. Bucks** Corner in the Bell branch, thence with said line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **William D. Moya, John L. Mooring**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 296. *“Nov. Term 1846. Then the foregoing deed was exhibited in open Court and proven by the oath of **W. D. Moya** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.”*

Comments: Jarrett House was the husband of Sarah Ann Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton and Henry Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel Albritton, great-granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**10 Dec 1846** For \$500, **Henry Harrington** sells **Enoch Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 163 acres of land:

*...on the North side of Tar River & South Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek and bounded as follows (to wit) By the lands of the said **Enoch Moore** on the North, the Lands of **John Tucker** on the West the lands of **Richard Baldrees** heirs on the South & the lands of **Benjamin Daniel** supposed to be one hundred & sixty three acres more or less on the East (reference being had to the deed from **John Adams** to **Sidney Adams** to **Henry Harrington** [sic] will more fully show the boundaries)...*

Witnesses: **William D. Moya, Wm Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 507–508. *“February Term 1848. Then the foregoing deed from **Henry Harrington** to **Enoch Moore** was duly proved in open Court by **William D. Moya** a Subscribing Witness thereto. Let it be registered.”* The clerk indicated that Henry Harrington signed his name to the transaction.

Comments:

1. Henry Harrington and Enoch Moore were brothers-in-law, both having married daughters of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell. Harrington married Tabitha Albritton and Moore married Elizabeth E. Albritton.

2. The referenced deed with land boundaries was from John and “Sidna” Adams to Henry **Henniton** dated 25 September 1797 (Pitt County NC Deed Book O, pp. 186–187).

**1 Jan 1847** For \$500, **John S. Daniel** sells to **Robert L. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 135-acre tract of land:

*Situate[d] on the waters of Grindal [sic] Creeak [sic] adjoining the lands of **William Chey** [Cherry] the lands of **John Whichard** the lands of **John S. Daniel** and others bounded as follows, begining [sic] at a gun on the main run of Grindal [sic] Creek **John Whihards** [sic] land then with his line to a pine **John Whicards** other corner thence an est [sic] course one hundred pole to a pine **John S. Daniel** line thence with his line to the main run of the creek thence up the various corses [sic] of the creek to the begining...*

Witnesses: **Joseph Daniel, James Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, pp. 162–163. *"Feby. Term 1849. Then this deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Robert L. Daniel** was proven in open court by the oath of **Joseph Daniel** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered to be registered."*

Comment: John S. Daniel first married City Albritton, daughter of Jonathan Albritton and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Their eldest sons included the other Daniel males here: Robert L. Daniel, Joseph H. Daniel, and James Daniel, making these three great-grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. In his will, John S. Daniel stated that he had already made provisions for his elder children, and so presumably, this "sale" was a gift.

**16 Mar 1847** For \$15, **Nancy Moore** sells **Albert Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

*...lying and being in the State & County aforesaid and on the North side of Tar River and West Side of the Bryery branch bounded as follows, Beginning at a Clay Root of pine **James L. Moores** and **Nancy Moores** Corner thence running with **Albert Moores** line to the run of Bryery Swamp to a white oak a course thence running down the Run of said Swamp to the path a [illegible word] a course thence running said path nearly west to the crook of said path to small pie saplin a corner on said path thence a line of marked trees to **James L. Moores** line thence with said **James L. Moores** line to the beginning containing by estimation 25 acres of Land be the same more or less...*

Witnesses: **Rowan Cooper, Lidy Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 379–380. *"May Sessions 1847. Then this deed from **Nancy Moore** to **Albert Moore** was proven in open court by the oath of **Rowan Cooper** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be registered."* The clerk recorded that Nancy Moore made her mark to the transaction rather than signing it.

Comment: Nancy Albritton Moore was the daughter of James, granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Nancy was the widow of Allen Moore. Neither the division of Allen Moore's lands nor the granting of dower to his widow are recorded in Pitt County records.

**22 Apr 1847** To indemnify his creditors, primarily **Nehemiah Garriss & Oliver Smith, Dennis Cannon** mortgages property to **James C. Albritton**. **Dennis Cannon** owes \$63 to **Garris**, \$113 to **Smith**, as well as \$65 to **John W. Dawson**, and \$15 to **Charles Greene**. To indemnify them, **Dennis Cannon** mortgages this property to **James C. Albritton**:

*One piece or parcel of land lying in the Said County & State aforesaid Supposed to be Seventy Acres more or less adjoining the lands of **William Garriss, John Stocks** & others. Two head of horses, Seven head of Cattle, twenty head of hogs, one Cart & gear, Seven Stocks of Bees, Forty barrels of turpentine now on hand & the ensuing Crop, all the Corn I now have on hand all the bacon & Lard pork, my Crops now planted on the above named land & a part on the Land of **Mr. Greene** also my household & kitchen furniture to him the said **James C. Albritton** his heirs & assigns forever...*

*Now if the said **Dennis Cannon** Shall pay or cause to be paid all the aforegoing Sums with the interest accruing thereon on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1849, then this instrument to become null & void. But if the said **Dennis Cannon** Shall fail to pay all of the above Sums by the time Stipulated then & in that case it shall be the duty of the Said **James C. Albritton** trustee at the request of the above parties to sell all of the above mentioned property upon a credit of Six months at the residence of Said **Cannon** first advertising the same at the Court House in Greenville & three other public places for the space of twenty days...*

Witnesses: **Zeno H. Greene, Henry Bell**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 372–373. *"April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847. Then this deed intrust from **Dennis Cannon** to **James C. Albritton** for the benefit of **Oliver Smith & Nehemiah Garriss** was proven before me by the oath of **Zeno H. Greene** one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be registered." "Received the above trust on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1847, half after 8 ocl evening. **James C. Albritton** Regst."*

Comments:

1. James C. Albritton is the of Luke Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. The clerk recorded that James C. Albritton signed his name to this transaction.
3. The last statement seems to imply that James C. Albritton served as the Pitt County Register of Deeds in 1847.

**24 Jun 1847** **James W. Fletcher** appoints **John G. Little** as his attorney to receive property in their name from **John S. Daniel**, administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Albritton**:

*Know all men by these present that whereas [sic] **Jonathan Albritton** late of Pitt County and State of North Carolina departed this life sometime in the fall of the year eighteen hundred and forty five leaving among other heirs at law [illegible word] surviving **Lydia Fletcher** his grand Daughter and was at the time of his death seized and possessed of lands negros and chattels and where as the said **Lydia** departed this life intestate in the County of Crawford and State of Arkansas leaving **Martha Jane Fletcher** her child and **James W. Fletcher** her husband surviving now therefore I the said **James W. Fletcher** have this day made ordained constituted and appointed **John G. Little** of the County of Crawford and State of Arkansas my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my use and benefit to ask demand and receive of and from the administrator of said **Jonathan Albritton's** estate all such Sums of money goods chattles [sic] or effects and Such demands, portion or share as I am or may hereafter be intitlled [sic] to in right of my decest [sic] wife or by reson [sic] of my having survived her and also for me and in my name to ask demand and receive such distributive share or portion of said **Jonathan Albritton's** estate as I am now*

or hereafter may be intituled [sic] to, and upon receive thereof or any share portion or parcel thereof [illegible word] release or discharge from the same to make execute and deliver and I do hereby further authorize and inform my said attorney for me and in my name to order into and take possession all such lands tenements, hereditaments, and real estate whatsoever, in the State of Northcarolina [sic] wereof [sic] I now or hereafter may be, by any means howsoever entitled [sic] or interested in either severally or jointly or in common with any other person or persons...to which I am or hereafter may be intituled [sic] in right of my said wife or which by the laws of said State of North Carolina might be held by me either for life or after; and also for me, and in my name to grant bargain and sell the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments or any part thereof and all such right title, interest, claim and demand...also for me and in my name to sell, transfer, assign, and make over to any person or persons, for such sum or such terms as my said attorney my deem proper all my right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever in and to the estate of said **Jonathan Albritton**. And I hereby ratify allow and confirm all and whatsoever my said attorney shall do or cause to be done in and about the premises by virtue of these presents...

**18 Aug 1848** – At Circuit Court held at the courthouse in City of Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas, Judge **Sebron G. Sneed**, appeared personally two prosecuting attorneys of this court, **W. W. Alken** and **J. J. Green**, who produced the power of attorney and, after being sworn, testified that they saw **James W. Fletcher** execute the instrument and they signed as witnesses.

**6 Oct 1848** – Arkansas Governor “and keeper of the seal” **Thomas S. Drew** certified that at the time he signed the instrument, **Judge Sebron G. Sneed** was a duly commissioned judge for Crawford County, Arkansas. Signed at Little Rock.

Witnesses: **W. W. Alken, J. J. Green**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, pp. 105–107. “November Term 1848. Then this within Power of attorney was exhibited in open court & ordered to be registered.” The recording clerk indicated that James W. Fletcher made his mark to the document.

Comment: Lydia Fletcher was a granddaughter of Jonathan Albritton, and her daughter, Martha Jane Fletcher, was his great-granddaughter. Neither the identity of Lydia’s parents nor her maiden name are known.

**3 Aug 1847** **Shadrach Garrett**, of Pitt County, North Carolina, gives two tracts of land on Laurel Swamp to his sister, **Mary Baker**, of Greene County, North Carolina:

Witnesseth the said **Shadrach Garrett** as well for an in consideration of the natural love and affection which he beareth unto **Mary Baker** his Sister as also for the better maintenance and preferment of the said **Mary Baker** hath given granted alien, enfeoffed and confirmed...unto the said **Mary Baker** one tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pitt in the fork of Swift Creek and **Laurel Swamp** and runs down the various courses of said Swamp to Swift Creek then up the various courses of Swift Creek to the old Cherry line then with the said Cherry line to the beginning containing Sixty five acres...reserving my life estate in the before mentioned lands & premises then to her the said **Mary Baker** her heirs and assigns forever, also one other tract lying and being in same County of Pitt on the road leading from Greenville to Newbern bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a maple in **Laurel Swamp** & runs North to the said Newbern road thence East to a Maple in the bear pond the[n] South to the poor house line then with said line to the beginning containing thirty nine acres be the same more or less reserving my own and my wife’s **Nancy Garrett** life estate in the before mentioned thirty nine acres of land then to the said **Mary Baker** her heirs and assigns forever...

Witnesses: **W. A. Darden, W. A. Fields**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, p. 37. “August Session 1848. Then this deed from **Shadrach Garrett** to **Mary Baker** was ackd in open Court & ordered to be registered.”

Comment: Those involved in this transaction have no known Albritton connection. The purpose of including this transcription stems from the reference to Laurel Swamp, a Pitt County geographical designation that fell out of common usage after the middle of the nineteenth century. Peter Albritton Sr.’s son, Jonathan Albritton, lived there briefly before he returned to the Grindle Creek area shortly after 1800. This is the latest known reference to Lauren Swamp.

**19 Aug 1847** For \$50, **William A. James** sells **Margaret James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, his interest in the lands of their father, **Henry James**:

...I the said **William A. James**...have bargained and sold and by these presents have bargained sold conveyed and delivered unto **Margaret James** her heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land which I have heretofore bought of the said **Margaret James** and now have sold the same back to her again being her distributive share of land that fell to her by the death of her father **Henry James decd**. This land is situated in the county and State aforesaid and lying near Grindall [Grindle] Creek and I the said **William A. James** do warrant and defend the rite [sic] of the said land with all and every appurtenance thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining...

Witnesses: **W. J. Blow**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, p. 20. “May Term 1848. Then this deed from **William A. James** to **Margaret James** was proven in open Court by the oath of **W. J. Blow** the Subscribing Witness thereto. Order to be registered.” The recording clerk indicated that William A. James made his mark to the document.

Comment: Henry James was a son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, a daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and both William A. James and Margaret Ann James were children of Henry James Sr.

**19 Aug 1847** For \$68.35, **William A. James** sells **Nancy James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all my right title and interest which I have and hold in the land of my father **Henry James decd.** and brother **Henry James** Situated in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina and on the North Side of Grindall [Grindle Creek] and I the said **William A. James** do warrant and defend all my rite [sic] title and interest with every appurtenance and priviledge [sic] thereunto belonging to the said **Nancy James** her heirs and assigns forever...*

Witnesses: **W. J. Blow**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, p. 33. "May Session 1848. Then this deed from **W<sup>m</sup> A. James** to **Nancy James** was proven in open Court by the oath of **W. J. Blow** the Subscribing witness thereto. Let it be registered." The recording clerk indicated that William A. James made his mark to the document.

Comment: Henry James (Sr.) was a son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, a daughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and Nancy James was his widow. Both William A. James and Henry James Jr. were children of Henry James Sr. and Nancy.

**30 Aug 1847** **John G. Little** appointed **Howell Whitehead** as his attorney to receive property for various family members from **John S. Daniel**, administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Albritton**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **John G. Little** of the County of Crawford State of Arkansas in my own right and in right of my wife **Allavaney** as attorney of **James W. Fletcher** and as Guardian for **John S. Barrow** for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have nominated and appointed and by these presents do nominate constitute and appoint **Howell Whitehead** of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina the lawful attorney of myself and wife of **James W. Fletcher** and **John S. Barrow** for us and in our names to ask for demand, recover and receive from **John S. Daniel** administrator of **Jonathan Albritton deceased**, all such property money or effects to which I in my own right and in the right of others as aforesaid am entitled as next of Kin and heirs at law of the said **Jonathan Albritton** or which the said **John S. Barrow** and **James W. Fletcher** are entitled to receive from the said **John S. Daniel** admr. of the said **Jonathan Albritton** who was the Guardian of the said **John S. Barrow** and of **Lydia Fletcher** the moth [?] of the said **James W. Fletcher** and to receive also from whoever may now or hereafter may have the proceeds of the sales of lands which formerly belonged to the said **Jonathan Albritton** and for the same in the names of myself and wife, **John S. Barrow** and **James W. Fletcher** full and valid acquittances [sic-acquittances], releases, and discharges to make seal and deliver with power to comprise, confirm, and agree for the same and to use all lawful ways and means for the recovery thereof and I further authorize my said attorney to sell and dispose of all lands or other property I may have in the State of North Carolina and legal conveyances in fee simple for me and in my name to make Seal and deliver and to do all other lawful acts, and things touching the premises in as full and ample a manner as I might or could do were I personally present at the doing thereof, and one or more attornies [sic] for the purpose aforesaid in my name and in the names of my wife and the said **John S. Barrow** and **James W. Fletcher** to make and again ag his pleasure to revoke hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said attorney may lawfully do or cause to be done touching the premises.*

Witnesses: **Asa Biggs**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 407. "North Carolina, Personally appeared before me **Will H. Battle** one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity in & for the State aforesaid **Asa Biggs** the Subscribing Witness to the foregoing Power of Attorney from **John G. Little** to **Howell Whitehead** who proved the due execution thereof according to Law. Let it be registered. Greenville 6 Sept 1847." According to the clerk who recorded the document, John G. Little signed his name to it. From the wording, it appears that John G. Little was present in person in Pitt County when he signed the power of attorney.

Comment: Alvania Mayo Little was the granddaughter of Jonathan Albritton.

**11 Sept 1847** For \$1250, **Burton G. Albritton** sells **Francis Brooks**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land

*...on the South Side of Tar River Bounded as follows, Lying on the west prong of **Albrittons** Mill Pond Beginning at the fork point of the two branches of said Mill Run where they part & runs up the branch which divides the lands formerly owned by **Starkey Bell** & to the back line of the old patent South 20 degrees East to the other prong of said Mill Creek then down the meanderings of said Mill Creek or branch to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Bryant Hardee, Edwin Brooks**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 464. "November Sessions 1847. Then this deed from **B. G. Albritton** to **Francis Brooks** was acknowledged in open Court to be his act & deed. Let it be registered."

Comment: Burton G. Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**13 Nov 1847** A Fayetteville newspaper published the marriage of **Archibald A. Albritton** of Pitt County, North Carolina:

MARRIED.

*In Pitt county, **Mr. Archibald Albritton** to **Miss Elizabeth Whitehead**.*

Reference: "The North Carolinian" (Fayetteville, NC), 13 November 1847, p. 4, column 5.

Comment: We cannot document Archibald Albritton as a grandson or great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., even though this seems the most likely scenario. Although speculation is dangerous, Archibald is perhaps the son of William Albritton, the eldest son of Senator Luke Albritton Sr.

- 1 Feb 1848** For \$600, **Archibald A. Albritton** sells **Godfrey L. Robertson**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, two tracts of land, both in Pitt County, North Carolina, the first lying
- ...on the North Side of Tar River beginning at the Second Corner of the **Harris** Pattent [sic] in and [sic] old field **John Speir** Corner thence runing [sic] his line North 11 degrees West 42 Poles to a hickory Said **Speir** other corner thence his other line North 25 degrees West 18 poles to a gum Stump and a small ash **Richard Moores** Corner thence along **Richard Moores** line of marked trees down the Middle of the Swamp to **Moyes Run** thence down the run and down **Moyes Creek** to **Kenadays** line to **Betsey A. J. Moores** and **Aldridge Moores** Corner thence along her line 78 degrees West 50 poles to a Stake on Sandy Branch thence up the Middle of Said branch to the begining [sic], containing forty three to fifty three acres more ore less, and also another track Begining [sic] at two black gums and Water oak and a holly in the Swamp in **Blands** line the Second corner of Lot No. 6 and runs down the said Swamp with **Blands** line to a gum in Said Swamp thence North 2½ degrees West twelve poles to the center of a large pine chingapin [sic-chinkapin] and Small Sweet gum in the **Speir** line in the edge of the old field on the side of said Swamp thence running with the old line North 75 east thirteen poles to a Stake in the old field near where **Joshua James** formerly lived now **Hanahans** Corner thence with **Hanahans** line to a gum in Middle Swamp being now the course of the Widows dower thence with the dower line up the Swamp West 62 poles to several Small Sapplings a corner the corner of the dower & of Lot No. 5, thence up the Swamp the line of Lot No. 5 North 72 West 21 poles to several small trees in Said Swamp near the Cross way the beginning of Lot No. 6, and from thence with the line of Lot No. 6 to the beginning containing fifty acres...*
- Witnesses: **Ja<sup>s</sup> L. Spain, C. Perkins**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, pp. 549–550. “Feby Term 1848. Then this deed from **Archibald Albritton** to **Godfrey L. Robertson** was acknowledged in open court by the said **Albritton** to be his act & deed. Let it be registered.” The clerk indicated that Archibald A. Albritton signed his name to the transaction.

## Comments:

1. We cannot document Archibald A. Albritton as a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. even though this seems the most likely scenario, given that the land he owned lay near that of Adam Albritton and his brothers. We know this since Joshua James (mentioned in the above deed) owned land that adjoined John Cason and James and Adam Albritton, sons of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. Archibald A. Albritton married Elizabeth Whitehead in October or early November 1847, and in 1850, she lived in Pitt County with Howell Whitehead, undoubtedly her father. This suggests that Archibald A. Albritton died between February 1848 when he appeared before the Pitt County Court and 1850.
3. The most likely scenario is that Archibald A. Albritton is a son of William Albritton, the eldest known son of Senator Luke Albritton Sr., who was the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 11 Feb 1848** **John G. Little** and **Alvana** his wife appointed **Howell Whitehead** as their attorney to receive property in their name from **John S. Daniel**, administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Albritton**:

*Know all men by these presents that we **John G. Little** an [sic] **Alvana** his wife of the County of Crawford and State of Arkansas have this day nominated constituted and appointed and by these presents do nominate constitute and appoint **Howel Whitehead** of Pitt County in the State of North Carolina our true and lawful attorney for us and in our name and Sted [sic-stead] and to our use to make demand sue for my recourse [?] and receive all such sum and sums of money debts rents goods [illegible word] due accounts and other demands whatsoever which are or shall be due owing payable and belonging to us or either of us or detained from us or either of us in any manner or way or means whatsoever by any person or persons and particularly to receive of and from **John S. Daniel** administrator of the estate of **Jonathan Albritton** late of said county of Pitt deceased all such Sums of money or distributive Shares or portion of the estate of said **Jonathan Albritton** to which we or either of us may or shall be entitled as heirs at law of said deceased and upon the receipt of any such debts due sums or distributed shares or portion of said estate for us and in our names to make acquitton [sic] or other sufficient discharges and to seal and deliver the same and [illegible words] hereby further authorize and inform our said attorney for us and in our name to grant bargain and sell such messuages, lands, tenements, [illegible word], and real estate whatsoever in the State of North Carolina whereof we or either of us now are or hereafter may be by any way or names howsoever entitled or interested in either in severally or jointly or in common with any other person or persons...*

- 14 Feb 1848** – Crawford County, Arkansas Circuit Court Judge **Sebron G. Sneed** certified that **John G. Little** and **Alvana** his wife appeared before him to execute the power of attorney. The judge privately examined **Alvana** separate from her husband and she agreed that she executed the power of attorney freely and without any compulsion by her husband.

- 6 Oct 1848** – Arkansas Governor “and keeper of the seal” **Thomas S. Drew** certified that at the time he signed it, Judge **Sneed** was commissioned according to law for the County of Crawford.

- Witnesses: **W. W. Allen, Alexander M. Lane**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, pp. 111–113. “November Term 1848. Then this Power of attorney from **Jno. G. Little** & others to **Howel Whitehead** was exhibited in open court & ordered to be registered.” The recording clerk indicated that John G. Little signed his name to the document, but Alvana made her mark to it.
- Comment: **Alvania Mayo Little** was the granddaughter of **Jonathan Albritton**.

**13 Feb 1850** Commissioners appointed by Pitt County, North Carolina Sheriff **Burton G. Albritton** allotted **Marina James**, widow of **Clifton James decd.** her "dower & thirds" in his land:

**Marina James Widow of Clifton James decd. Dower**

*I Burton G. Albritton Shrff. of Pitt County attended by the following Jury of good and Lawful Men...who after being duly sworn according to law, proceeded...in obedience to the annexed Writ to lay off and Allot to **Marina James** her dower & thirds in the lands of **Clifton James deceased**, as described in Said Writ According to the following mets & bounds beginning at a Cypress in the run of Grindle Creek North 16 wst. to the gate post near the Home thence North 62½ West 10 pole to Lightwood Stump, North 11 East 14 pole to a ditch, and With the ditch North 32½ west to back the line, thence With that line to **Nancy James** line thence With hers to the run of Grindle Creek, thence With the run of the Creek to the beginning also the privilege of getting timber and feeding Stock in the tract called the Piney Woods tract and proceeded to put her in possession of the Same...*

Witnesses: **B. G. Albritton, Shrff.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book MM, p. 391. The document did not specify the acreage of the tract assigned to Marina James.

Comments:

1. Clifton James was the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Marina James was his second wife, with all of his children born to his first wife, Lydia Moore James.
2. Burton G. Albritton was the first cousin to Clifton James, the son of Luke Albritton, youngest brother of Mary Albritton James.

**19 Dec 1850** **Elizabeth Moore** writes her will:

**Elizabeth [sic] Moore's Will**

*In **Elizabeth Moore** of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say.*

*1 Item I lend to my daughter **Penelopy Albritton** all of my interest in the negroes that I fell heir to from the death of my daughter **Elizabeth Moore**, during her life time or widowhood. Then I give said interest to my two grandsons **Edmund Albritton** and **Josiah Albritton** and if one dies without a lawful heir my will is that the other should heir his part. I also give to my daughter **Penelopy Albritton** one Bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.*

*2 Item I give and bequeath to my two Grand Sons **Edmund Albritton** and **Josiah Albritton** Two heifer Earlings to them and thare [sic] heirs forever.*

*And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **Wedigan Moore** my lawful Exector [sic] to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whareof [sic] I the said **Elizabeth Moore** do hereunto set my hand and seal 19 day of December 1850.*

*Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Elizabeth Moore** to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do Subscribe our names as witnesses thareto [sic]*

**Benjamin Daniel**  
**John L. Daniel**

**Elizabeth Moore** [her mark]

*May Term County Court 1866*

*This script purporting to be the last will and testament of **Elizabeth Moore decd.** was Exhibited in Court for probate and the execution thereof duly proved by the oath of **Benjamin Daniel** and **John L. Daniel** the Subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court declares the same to be the last will & testament of said **Elizabeth Moore** and orders it to be recorded & filed.*

**G. A. Dancy, Clerk**

Reference: Pitt County NC Will Book 1, p. 157.

Comment: Elizabeth Moore was the widow of Matthias Moore Jr. who died in the 1820s (see Deed Book KK, p. 45). Many claim Elizabeth's maiden name was Little, with her parents William and Mary Ann Little, but documentation for these claims is currently lacking.

**14 Jan 1851** "Deed or agreement" between **Henry Harrington** and **Jarret House**:

*Know all men by these presents that I **Henry Harrington** are held and firmly bound unto **Jarrett House** in the sum of Five hundred dolls. current money to be paid to the said **Jarrett House** his heirs executors administrators & assigns severally & firmly by these presents...The conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounded **Henry Harrington** and said **Jarrett House** finding it difficult to establish the dividing line between their lands hath selected **John H. Buck, James A. Brown & Rich. C. Parker** as arbitrators to arbitrate and establish the above dividing line between them and further agrees to do away all former lines and stand by and abide by the line as Marked out by the said arbitrators and the above named arbitrators did meet on the premises January 14<sup>th</sup> day*



*A.D. 1851 and proceeded to do the same by commencing at a dead Red Oak on the Ridge near Shackley Swamp and runs North 15 west 52½ pole to a Maple thence North 15 west 50 pole to a black Gum in the Run of the Bell branch near the east path or ford which line is acknowledged by the said **Harrington & House** to be satisfactory and he the said **Harrington** doth covenant and agree to and with the said **House** to stand by & abide by the above marked line as marked out by the above named arbitrators and in no wise fail now if he the said **Harrington** shall will and truly comply with the conditions as set forth in this instrument then the above obligation to be void & of none [sic] effect otherwise to remain in full force & virtue...*

Witnesses: **M. G. Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 194. "Oct. 30 1858. Then was the foregoing deed or agreement from **Henry Harrington** to **Jarret House** exhibited before me & acknowledged by said **Harrington** as his act & deed. Let it be registered."

Comments:

1. Henry Harrington married Tabitha B. Albritton, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
2. Henry Harrington and Tabitha B. Albritton's eldest daughter was Sarah Ann, and she married Jarrett House, so House was Henry Harrington's son-in-law.

**14 Jan 1851** "Deed or agreement" between **Jarret House** and **Henry Harrington**. House makes a \$500 bond to Harrington to secure his acceptance of the dividing line chosen by the arbitrators.

Witnesses: **M. G. Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 195. "Oct. 30 1858. Then was the foregoing deed or agreement from **Jarret House** to **Henry Harrington** exhibited before me & acknowledged by said **House** as his act & deed. Let it be registered."

Comment: This bond was a reciprocal agreement, with identical wording, to the one Harrington made to House transcribed above.

**10 Mar 1851** **Nancy James** gives 112 acres of land to her daughter, **Lydia Ann Lucretia James Ross**:

*Witnesseth that I **Nancy James** for the natural love & affection which I have & bear unto my beloved daughter **Lydia Ann Lucretia Ross** and also for and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to me in hand paid by my said daughter **Lydia A. L. Ross** do give and grant unto the said **Lydia A. L. Ross** a certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the County and State foresaid on the North side of Tar River & north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek Bounded as follows, beginning in the run of Grindal [Grindle] Creek at a water oak **Clifton James Dec<sup>d</sup>** Corner running North with the said **James** line to a small Branch thence with the said Branch to the Creek thence up the creek with the run to the beginning containing one hundred and Twelve Acres more or less to have and to hold the said Tract of Land with every and all the appurtenances to the said **Lydia A. L. Ross** & her heirs forever...*

***Nancy James** [her mark]*

***Margaret James** [her mark]*

***Mary A. James** [her mark]*

Witnesses: **W. H. Perkins, James Whitchard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, pp. 1-2. "May Term 1851. Then the within deed of Gift from **Nancy James** to **Lydia Ann Ross** was exhibited into open court and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of **James Whitchard** one of the witnesses thereto. Let it be registered."

**10 Mar 1851** **Nancy James** gives 134 acres of land to her daughters, **Margaret Ann James** and **Maryann Lurriccy James**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina:

*Witnesseth. That for the natural love & affection which I have & bair [sic] to my said two daughter **Margaret Ann** & **Maryann Lurriccy James** & also for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me paid by my two daughters **Margret Ann** & **Maryann Lurriccy James** have given and granted & by these presents hath given and granted to my said two daughters a certain tract of Land lying and being in the State and county aforesaid and on the North side of Tar River & north side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek a certain tract of Land at my death containing one hundred and thirty four acres more or less the said Land I bought of my two sons **Henry James** & **William A. James** and I the said **Nancy James** do for myself my heirs and assigns warrant and forever defend all my write [sic] title and claims which I have & hold to the said tract of land at my death to the said **Margaret Ann James** & **Maryann Lurriccy James** to them their heirs and assigns forever all that part of the land which I bought of my said two sons this was a part of the land which belonged to **Henry James Dec<sup>d</sup>** at his death which fell to the said **Henry James** & **William A. James** by the death of their Father...*

***Nancy James** [her mark]*

***W. A. Ross***

*Ack. **Lidia L. Ross** [her mark]*

*Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Aug Term 1851.*

*Then was the within deed of conveyance from **Nancy James, W. A. Ross** and **Lydia Ross**, was produced in open Court and proved by the oath of **James Whitchard** a subscribing witness to the same and also Acknowledged by the said obliges and it appearing to the Court that one of the parties **Lydia Ross** is a feme covert, It is ordered by the court that **Benj. F. Eborn** a member of said Court proceed to examine said feme covert touching her free and*

voluntary execution of the same. When the said **Benj. F. Eborn** reported to the court that in pursuance of said order he had examined said feme covert within the virgil [?] of the Court separate and apart from her said husband when she confessed to him that she had executed said deed without fear or compulsion from her said husband or any other Person and that she doth now freely and Voluntarily assent to the same. It was therefore ordered by the court that said deed and this certificate of probate be registered.

Witnesses: **Sidney Daniel, James Whitchard, W. H. Perkins**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, pp. 14–15.

Comments: Henry James (Sr.) was the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Nancy Whitchard James was his widow, and the above two deeds prove that their children who survived to adulthood were Henry James Jr., William A. James, Margaret Ann James, Lydia Ann Lucretia James, and Mary Ann Unicy (Lurric) James. Some of the writing in this book proves difficult to decipher, but Mary's name appears as "Morgan" in this deed, but the 1850 Federal Census gives her name as "Mary." Her middle name appears to read, "Lurric" here, but other records give it as "Unicy."

**29 July 1851** **Luke Albritton** writes his will:

*In the name of God. I **Luke Allbritton** of the county of Martin and State of North Carolina do make this my last will and testament in Manner and form as follows—vis. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Agnes Allbritton** one negro woman by the name of **Bede** and all her children names as follows boy **Thomas, Nathan, George, Davie** and **Irvin** and negro woman **Rose** and her child by the name of **Stephen** and a negro man by the name of **Tom Rance** together with all my household and kitchen furniture crop and all my stock of hogs, cattle, two horses one mare and a horse, horse known by the name of the old chair horse and all the provision on hand of corn and pork and fodder and what brandy and wine may be on hand at the time and two horse carts and one bannoch [or banouch] and harness to her and her heirs forever. Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I give to my son **James Allbritton** one negro man by the name of **Dave** and one negro woman by the name of **Janes** to him and his heirs forever. Item 3. I give to my son **Burton Allbritton** one negro man **Wordman** and one negro girl by the name of **Nicy** to him and his heirs forever. Item 4. I give to my daughter **Polly Ward** one negro woman by the name of **Luzane** and two children names **Riley** and **Caroline** to her and her heirs forever. Item 5. I give to my Grandchildren **Penny Dancy, John Cherry, William Cherry, and James B. Cherry** one negro boy name **Joe** one boy **Norcot** one named **Lewis**, one negro woman **Martha** one negro girl **Julia**, one negro boy **Henry**, and one boy **Sam**. The negroes to be equally divided among the above named grand children to remain in common stock untill [sic] **William Cherry** becomes of age to them and their heirs forever. Item 6. I give to my son **Burton Allbritton** one old negro woman by the name of **Lucy**, to him and his heirs forever. Item 7. I give to my son **James Allbritton** one old negro man by the name of **York** to him and his heirs forever. Item 7. I give to my daughter **Polly Ward** one negro woman by the name of **Malsey** to her and her heirs forever. Item 8. I give to my sons **James** and **Burton Allbritton** the balance of all my property not named after paying all my debts. Item 9. I leave my sons **James** and **Burton Allbritton** my executors to this my last will and Testament.*

[signed] **Luke Allbritton**

Witnesses: **P. P. Clements, M. M. Sherrod**

Reference: Martin County NC Will Book 2, pp. 397–398. Will filed in court during the October Term 1853.

Comment: Luke Albritton is the youngest known child of Peter Albritton Sr.

**3 Aug 1851** For \$500, **John S. Daniel** sells to **Joseph Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land:

*...on the north side of Tar River and bounded as follows, Begining [sic] at a Gum in Hunting Run, Runing [sic] with **Robert Daniels** line to his corner thence with [his] line to **John Whichards** Corner, thence with **Jno. Whichards** line to **Willoughby Whichards** Corner thence with **Willoughby Whichards** line to the Hunting Run, thence down the various courses of said run to the begining...*

Witnesses: **Robert L. Daniel, James Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, p. 216. "Feby. Term 1853. Then this deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Joseph Daniel** was proved in open Court by the Oath of **Robt L. Daniel** a witness thereto. Let it be registered."

Comments: All participants in this transaction had Albritton connections:

1. John Stanley Daniel married two granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr., first in the mid-1820s he married City, daughter of Jonathan Albritton. After her death about 1840 or 1841, John Stanley Daniel married Levina, daughter of Joel Albritton.
2. The other Daniel males in this transaction were sons of City Albritton and John Stanley Daniel: Robert Lanier Daniel, Joseph H. Daniel, and James Daniel, making these three great-grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. In his will, John S. Daniel stated that he had already made provisions for his elder children, and so presumably, this "sale" was a gift.

**5 Aug 1851** For \$500, **John S. Daniel** sells to **Robert Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 300-acre tract of land:

*...on the north side of Tar River and bounded as follows, Begining [sic] at a Gum in hunting run, Runing [sic] a greed [sic] line to **John Whichard** Corner to a pine thence with his line to the main Run of Grindal [sic] Creek then down the various corses [sic] of the Creek to the mouth of the huntin [sic] Run thence up the Run to the begining...*

Witnesses: **Joseph Daniel, James Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, p. 230. "*Feby. Term 1853. Then this deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Robt. Daniel** was proved in open Court by the Oath of **Joseph Daniel** one of the witnesses thereto. Let it be registered.*"

Comment: See the previous comment for identification of the Albritton connections of these four Daniel men.

**22 Oct 1852** For \$300, **Luke Albritton** sells the **Heirs of Joseph Hoff**, all of Martin County, North Carolina, a tract of 416 acres of land in Martin County bounded by the lands of **Rhueben Brown**, **Hines**, and **Frederick Mayo**.

Witnesses: **Samuel Hyman, James Salsbury**

Reference: Martin County NC Deed Book P, p. 325. "*Martin County Court. January Term 1853. Then was the due execution of the foregoing Instrument proved in Open Court, by the Oath of **Samuel Hyman** a subscribing witness thereto. Let it be Registered.*" The recording clerk indicated that Luke Albritton made his mark to the document.

Comments:

1. Luke Albritton is the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. and grandson of James Albritton Sr.
2. There is no recorded deed showing Luke Albritton purchasing land in Martin County. He had apparently left Pitt County and moved north into Martin County about 1842, when he sold much of his Pitt County property to his sons.

**1 Jan 1853** For \$100, **John S. Daniel** sells **Alfred Whichard**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land  
...in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina adjoining the Lands of **John S. Daniel**, **Clifton James** heirs, **Nancy James** and others...

Witnesses: **William L. Perkins, Wilm. A. Ross**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 147-148. "*May Term 1855. Then this deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Alfred Whichard** was Ackd. in open Court by sd. **Daniel** as his act & Deed. Let it be Registered.*"

Comments: Several of those mentioned here had Albritton connections. John S. Daniel married City and Levina Albritton, first cousins and granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr. (City daughter of Jonathan, Levina daughter of Joel). Peter Albritton Sr.'s daughter, Mary, married Matthew James, and their sons included Clifton James and Henry James. Nancy Whichard James mentioned here is Henry's widow, and the grantee, Alfred Whichard, is Nancy's nephew. The witness, William A. Ross, married Henry and Nancy James' daughter, Lydia Ann Lucretia James.

**1 Feb 1853** **James C. Albritton** Administrator of the Estate of **William Albritton** sells the land of the estate:

*Know all men by these presents, that I **James C. Albritton** Administrator of **William Albritton** Dec<sup>d</sup> did on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1852, in accordance with an order from the County Court of Pitt at its May Term 1852, proceed to sell the Lands of said **William Albritton** Dec<sup>d</sup>, generally known as the **Luke Albritton** plantation supposed to contain about Eight Hundred Acres more or less and adjoining the Lands of the late **John S. Easton**, the lands of **John Hardy Senr.**, the Lands of **Francis Brooks**, the Lands of **Willis Bell**, the Lands of **Mrs. Clara Tucker** and the Lands of **Willie Brown**; that on the day of Sale above mentioned **B. G. Albritton** appeared and bid the sum of four thousand dollars which was the last and highest bid, and the lands were struck off to him, and at the August term of Pitt Cty Court said sale was confirmed by the Court, and it was further ordered that the Administrator should make title when the purchase money should be paid; Now I the said **James C. Albritton** Administrator of said **William**, in full consideration of the sum of four thousand Dollars to me in hand paid by the said **B. G. Albritton**, the payment whereof is hereby acknowledged do warrant and defend unto the said **B. G. Albritton**, his executors, administrators, heirs, and assigns, all the rite [sic], title and interest vested in me as Admr. To be free from the claim or claims of all persons whatever...*

Witnesses: **W. J. Blow, Jas. S. Clark**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, p. 119. "*Jany 20<sup>th</sup> 1855. Then was the within deed from **Jas. C. Albritton** Admr. To **B. G. Albritton** produced before me and acknowledged by said **Albritton** as his act & Deed. Let it be Registered.*" The clerk recorded that James C. Albritton signed his name to this transaction.

Comment: James C. and William Albritton are sons of Luke Albritton, himself the youngest son of Peter Albritton Sr. William Albritton had died between 1845 and 1850.

**17 May 1853** For \$2587.50, **James C. Albritton** sells **Adam Fleming** his interest in a 250-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*...I the said **Albritton** have bargained and sold...unto the said **Adam Fleming** the right title and Interest in all the lands bought by me at the sale of **Goold Hoyt** Clk. And Master of Equity being the Lands owned by **Mary Parker** and her heirs, being the lands of the X roads on the north side of Tar River, adjoining the Lands of **John S. Brown**, **Adam Fleming**, and **Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins** with the exception of the Land on which the dwelling is situated lying east of the road leading from Greenville and south of the road leading to Washington, and also with the exception of a small tract of Eighty two acres, called the Bell Sale tract adjoining the lands of **John Proctor**, **John S. Brown**, and others...*

Witnesses: **W. J. Blow**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, p. 321. "*May 17<sup>th</sup> 1853. Then was the foregoing deed from **James C. Albritton** To **Adam Fleming** acknowledged before me by the said **Albritton** to be his act & deed for the purposes therein specified. Let it be registered.*" The clerk recorded that James C. Albritton signed his name to this transaction.

**18 May 1853** For \$3500, **James C. Albritton** buys property from Pitt County Clerk and Master in Equity **Goold Hoyt** following a decree by the Court of Equity at the Spring Term 1853 based on a petition of **Mary Parker** regarding lands of **Archibald Parker deceased**. **Goold Hoyt** sold **James C. Albritton** a 360-acre tract of land

*...on the north side of Tar River adjoining the Lands of **John S. Brown, Adam Fleming** & others & known as the Cross Road Lands whereon the late **Archibald Parker** lived...*

Witnesses: **W. W. Sherrod**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 375–376. “May 29<sup>th</sup> 1856. Then was the within deed from **Goold Hoyt** C.M.E. to **James C. Albritton** exhibited before me and acknowledged by said **Hoyt** as his act & deed. Let it be Registered.”

Comment: James C. Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton, grandson of Peter Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.

**12 Oct 1853** A newspaper published the obituary of **Luke Albritton**:

*After a long illness, at his residence in Martin county, on Tuesday morning the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., **LUKE ALBRITTON**, at the advanced age of 75 years.*

*This event, which has ended a life of so much domestic worth and social usefulness, had been painfully anticipated for several months past, and will be learned by those to whom the great excellence of character of the deceased was known, with sentiments of profound and heartfelt [sic] sorrow. For many years he represented his native county, Pitt in the State Legislature. He was first elected to the Commons in 1815, and in the following year to the Senate, and continued to represent the county in the Senate, one year excepted, until 1824. He was again elected to the Commons in 1834, which was the last year of his public life. His great popularity with his constituents, won not by the base and shuffling arts of the demagogue, but by honesty of purpose, correctness of principles, and unbounded goodness of heart, endured to the last hour that he lived among them. It is said of him, that he acquired whilst in the Legislature such a reputation for sound and honest judgment, that it often happened, for absent members, returning to their places during the calling of the yeas and nays on any important question, to ascertain how **Luke Albritton** voted, his name being at the head of the roll, before giving their vote, and then to follow his guide with the steadfast conviction of the wisdom of their course. Yet **Mr. Albritton** was no political leader and never participated in debate.*

*He quitted public life in opposition to the earnest and long continued entreaties of his old constituency, and now that he has passed away, they will mingle their sorrow with that of the friendless widow and orphan to raise to his memory that monument of venerated and affectionate remembrance, due only to actions.*

*That smell sweet and blossom in the dust.*

Reference: “North State Whig” (Washington, NC), 12 October 1853, p. 2, column 5.

**Oct 1853** The will of **Luke Albritton** was proved in Martin County Court:

*The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Luke Albritton** exhibited in open court and the due execution thereof according to Law as the last will and testament of the said **Luke Albritton** was proved by the oath of **P. P. Clements** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion it is ordered that the said will be recorded at the same time **James C. Albritton** named in said will appeared in open court and qualified as executor according to Law.*

Reference: Martin County NC Will Book 2, p. 398.

**20 Dec 1853** For \$200, **John S. Daniel** sells **Wedigan Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 40-acre tract of land

*Begining at **Elizabeth Moores** Corner near big ditch then running said ditch down to **Nancy Moores** line the privilidge [sic] of said ditch excepted for draining purposes, thence around with **Nancy Moores** lines to **Elizabeth Moores** thence*

*with the said **Elizabeth Moores** lines to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Sidney Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 389. “Nov. Term 1859. Then was the foregoing Deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Wedigan Moore** Exhibited into Open Court and proved by the Oath of **Sidney Daniel** a Subscribing witness thereto. Let it be registered.” The clerk who recorded the document indicated that John S. Daniel signed his name to the transaction.

Comments: Many of those involved in this transaction have Albritton connections:

**John S. Daniel** – married first cousins, City and Levina Albritton, both granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr., with City the daughter of Jonathan Albritton and Levina the daughter of Joel Albritton.

**Nancy Moore** – She was Nancy Albritton Moore, widow of Allen Moore, was the daughter of James Albritton and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**Elizabeth Moore** – She was the widow of Matthias Moore Jr., brother of Allen Moore, making her Nancy Moore’s sister-in-law. Elizabeth and Matthias’ daughter, Penelope, married James B. Albritton, son of Samuel Albritton.

**Wedigan Moore** – He was the son of Elizabeth and Matthias Moore Jr., and two of his sisters married Albrittons: Lucina Moore married Thomas Albritton, son of Adam and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., while Penelope Moore married James B. Albritton, son of Samuel, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

- 1 Jan 1854** For \$400, **John S. Daniel** sells **Sidney Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 20-acre tract of land beginning at a "forked cypress" on **Samuel Stone's** corner.
- Witnesses: **Edmond M. Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, p. 423. *"Feby. Term 1854. Then this deed from **John S. Daniel** to **Sidney Daniel** was ackd. in open court by sd. **John S. Daniel** as his act & Deed. Let it be registered."*
- Comments: John S. Daniel – married first cousins, City and Levina Albritton, both granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr., with City the daughter of Jonathan Albritton and Levina the daughter of Joel Albritton. Edmond M. Albritton was the son of James B. Albritton, grandson of Samuel, great-grandson of James, and great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Sidney Daniel is John S. Daniel's nephew, the son of Benjamin Daniel, the older brother of John S. Daniel.
- 1 Jan 1854** For \$350, **John S. Daniel** sells **James Harris**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land
- ...begining [sic] at **Elizabeth Moors** [sic] corner on the big ditch runing [sic] the ditch to **Nancy Moores** line with the priviledg [sic] of the ditch excepted thence with **Nancy Moores** line to **Marshal Saterthwait** line thence with his line to **John S. Daniel** line thence with his line to the begining...*
- Witnesses: **Edmond M. Albritton, Josiah D. Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, p. 496. *"November 25, 1868. The execution of the foregoing and within deed from **John S. Daniel** to **James Harras** [sic] was this day proved before me **Calvin Cox** Probate Judge of the Superior Court of Pitt County and State aforesaid by the oath on examination of **Edmond M. Albritton** the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said deed together with this certificate be registered."* The clerk who recorded the document indicated that Daniel and the Albrittons all signed their names to the transaction.
- Comments: Many of those involved in this transaction have Albritton connections:
- John S. Daniel** – married first cousins, City and Levina Albritton, both granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr., with City the daughter of Jonathan Albritton and Levina the daughter of Joel Albritton.
- Edmond & Josiah Albritton** – brothers, sons of James B. Albritton, grandsons of Samuel, great-grandsons of James, and great-great grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr.
- Nancy Moore** – She was Nancy Albritton Moore, widow of Allen Moore, was the daughter of James Albritton and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- Elizabeth Moore** – She was the widow of Matthias Moore Jr., brother of Allen Moore, making her Nancy Moore's sister-in-law. Elizabeth and Matthias' daughter, Penelope, married James B. Albritton, son of Samuel Albritton; Penelope was the mother of Edmond M. and Josiah D. Albritton who witnessed this transaction.
- 2 Jan 1854** For \$50, **Marshall Dickinson** sells **Luke Short**
- ...a certain piece of land in the County of Pitt and Near the Town of Greenville bounded on the North by a lot of land belonging to **Mrs. Margret Schultz** on the west by the public Road leading from Street, in Said Town to **Patricks** and on the South east, by the Plank Road and containing nearly one quarter of an acre...*
- Witnesses: **M. G. Cherry**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 45.
- Comment: Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughter of James Albritton, great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-great granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.
- 14 Feb 1854** For \$60, **James C. Albritton** sells **John Proctor**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 16½-acre tract of land:
- ...being on the north side of Tar River & Known as part of the **Bell Teel** Tract Beginning at a water oak near **John Teels** fence then running south 14½ West a straight line to a pine south east of said **Proctors** House, then north west to a pine then south east or nearly so to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **Jas. A. Brown**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book NN, p. 455. *"Feby 14 1854. This deed was ackd before me by said **Jas C. Albritton** his act & Deed. Let it be Registered."* The clerk recorded that "J. C. Albritton" signed his name to this transaction.
- Comment: James C. Albritton is the of Luke Albritton, grandson of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-grandson of James Albritton Sr.
- 18 Jan 1855** For \$3000, **Burton G. Albritton** sells **James C. Albritton** a 400-acre tract of land:
- ...lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on the South side and near Tar River it being a part of the **Luke Albritton** land and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at the fork of the road and runs with the Red Banks west to **Redding Bills** heirs corner thence North 82 east or with **Bill and Albrittons** line to the Mill Ford, thence with **Brooks** line to Mill...including said Mill & land attached thereto thence with the road to the beginning...*
- Witnesses: **Edw. Hoell, B. A. Ernell**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book SS, p. 187. *"In Probate Court. Sept. 23<sup>d</sup> 1869. The execution of the foregoing deed was this day duly proved before me **Calvin Cox** Probate Judge by the oath and examination of **T. R. Cherry** who says he is well*

*acquainted with the hand writing of **B. G. Albritton** the grantor thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this certificate be registered."*

Comment: James C. and Burton G. Albritton are sons of Luke Albritton and grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr.

**26 July 1855** For \$520, **Wedigan Moore** sells **Penelope Albritton** 150 acres of land described as

*...lying on the South Side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek Begining [sic] on **Moore** leading Ditch where **Henry Cason** patent line of his patent dated 13 Oct 1783 Crosses said ditch runing [sic] with **Casons** patent line N 77W89 poles to a Stake at the Bank of **Jno. S. Daniels** Leading Ditch then with Said Ditch & **Daniels** line Northwardly to his corner then with his line N88E144 po to a Stake at the foot of the land then up Said land S22½ W47 po 18 links to the center of a ditch then with said ditch S76½ E4 po to a Steak [sic] in Said ditch then S14¾ W32 po then S8¼ W16 po with said Ditch & then with its meanders to the Beginning then down Said Ditch to **John S. Daniels** leading Ditch then with **Daniels** leading Ditch to Said **Henry Cason** Pattent [sic] line with his line S77E89 po to the Beginning...*

Witnesses: **Jas. F. Latham, Edmond Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, pp. 116–117. "May Term 1858. Then was the foregoing deed from **Wedigan Moore** to **Penelope Albritton** Exhibited before me and proven by the oath of **Edmond Moore** one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto let it be Registered."

Comments:

1. Penelope Moore Albritton was the widow of James B. Albritton, the elder son of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell.
2. Wedigan and Edmond Moore are Penelope's brothers, the three being the younger children of Matthias Moore Jr.

**8 Dec 1855** Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions divided the land of **Clifton James deceased** among his children and heirs at law: **Bythel James, Narcissa**, wife of **Robert S. Highsmith, Mary James, Wyatt (Wiat) James, Lydia James**, and **David H. James**.

*We the undersigned commissioners appointed by the Court... having been duly sworn proceeded on the eighth day of Decr. 1855 to divide and make partition between and among...Tenants in common of the Lands descended to them as children and heirs at Law of **Clifton James deceased** whereupon we have and do hereby make the following appropriations among the respective claimants:*

1. Lot No. 1: **Bythel James**, 119 acres valued at \$160, adjacent to **Nancy James** corner and **J. S. Moores** corner
2. Lot No. 2: **David H. James**, 129 acres valued at \$100
3. Lot No. 3: **Wyatt James**, \$340, "Beginning at Grindal [Grindle] Creek a cypress & Gum, **Jas. Moores** corner..." (acreage not stated here)
4. Lot No. 4: **Lydia James**, 106 acres valued at \$300
5. Lot No. 5: **Robert S. Highsmith** and wife **Norcissa**, 100½ acres valued at \$650
6. Lot No. 6: **Mary James**, 79½ acres valued at \$150

Commissioners: **Arden Moore, H. Harrington, Reddick Carney.**

Witnesses: **Sidney Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 383–384. The division took place on 8 December 1855 and the commissioners returned it to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the February Term 1856. To make the value of the lots equal, the commissioners specified exactly how much the higher-valued lots had to pay those whose lots were valued lower.

Comment: Clifton James died in November 1849 of tuberculosis. He was the son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, the daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Clifton James lived near and was closely associated with his Albritton uncles and first cousins. The document failed to specify the acreage of Lot #3 assigned to Wyatt James, but on 8 March 1861, Wyatt sold this tract to his uncle, James S. Moore, for \$800, and the deed indicated that it consisted of 91½ acres (Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 670).

**8 Nov 1856** For \$500, **Margaret Ann James** sells her mother, **Nancy James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract of Land situate [sic] in the County aforesaid on the north side of Grindell [Grindle] Creek one half of one hundred & thirty four acres more or less heretofore conveyed by said **Nancy James** to the said **Margaret Ann James** it being a part of the Land which formerly belonged to the late **Harvey** [sic-Henry] **James** and bought by the said **Nancy James** from **Henry James & W<sup>m</sup> A. James**...*

Witnesses: **E. C. Yellowley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 429–430. "Nov 10 1856. Then was the within deed from **Margaret Ann James** to **Nancy James** exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of **E. C. Yellowley** a subscribing witness thereto. Let it be Registered."

Comment: Nancy Whichard James is the widow of Henry James Sr., son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. It is unclear why she repurchased the land from her daughter, but this is the last known record of Margaret.

- 8 Nov 1856** **Nancy James** places half of 134 acres of land in trust to Greenville attorney **Edward Clements Yellowley** to use for the benefit of her daughter, **Mary Ann Unicy James Mason**, wife of **John G. Mason**:
- Know all men by these presents that I **Nancy James** of Pitt County, North Carolina for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear for my Daughter **Mary Ann Unicy Mason** wife of **John G. Mason** and for the purpose of advancing the ease and comfort of my said Daughter have given granted, bargained, sold, aliened, & conveyed unto **E. C. Yellowley** of Pitt County, North Carolina his heirs & assigns a tract or parcel of Land situate [sic] in said county on the north side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek containing one half of one hundred & thirty four acres more or less heretofore conveyed by me to **Margaret Ann James** and this day repurchased by me, said tract being a part of the tract formerly owned by the late **Harvy** [sic-Henry] **James** and purchased by me of **Henry James & W<sup>m</sup> A. James**. To have and to hold said tract of Land to the said **E. C. Yellowley** his heirs and assigns with all privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging in fee simple forever. Unto and upon the trusts and for the uses, intents & purposes as follows to wit; for the exclusive & separate use and benefit of the said **Mary Ann Unicy Mason** during her natural life and in no wise or manner to be subject or liable to or for the contracts or debts of the said husband **John G. Mason**. And after her death for the use benefit and behoof of the children of the said **Mary Ann** begotten in Wedlock and their heirs forever to be conveyed to said Children as they arrive at the age of twenty one years. Ant it is stipulated and agreed that said Land shall remain in the possession of the said **Mary & John Mason** So long as the said **Mary** may live without any responsibility on the part of the said **E. C. Yellowley** for any rent or repairs or other liability whatsoever...*
- Witnesses: **J. C. Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 445-446. "Nov 10 1856. Then was the within deed from **Nancy James** to **E. C. Yellowley** was exhibited in open court and acknowledged by said **Nancy** to be her act and deed. Let it be Registered."
- Date Conflict: The body of the deed states that it was signed on 18 November 1856, but the clerk certified that Nancy James acknowledged the deed in court on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The deed also states that on that very day, Nancy had repurchased the land from her other daughter, Margaret, and that deed was dated November 8<sup>th</sup>. Thus, it appears that the parties involved actually transacted this deed on November 8<sup>th</sup> and not on the 18<sup>th</sup> as was written.
- Comment: Nancy Whichard James is the widow of Henry James Sr., son of Matthew James and Mary Albritton, daughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Edward Clements Yellowley (22 Oct 1821-23 Sept 1885) was a respected Greenville attorney, graduate of both the Greenville Academy and the University of North Carolina. During the War, he served as captain of Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment North Carolina Infantry, rising in rank to Major, and then, in October 1863, he was commissioned as Lieutenant Colonel of the 68<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry Regiment. After the War, he practiced law in Greenville and maintained an extensive farming operation.
- 10 Dec 1856** For \$800, **Burton G. Albritton** sells to **James S. Clark**, **Burton G. Albritton** and **John A. Selby** "(under the firm of **Clark, Albritton & Co**)," all of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...that tract or parcel of Land lying in the Town of Greenville, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina known in the plan of said Town as Lots No. 123, 124, 135, and 136, and bounded as follows: on the north by Front Street, On the east by Read Street, and a portion of the Greenville & Raleigh Plank Road, on the South by Second Street, and the Greenville & Raleigh Plank Road, and on the west by Cotance [Cotanche] Street, containing by estimation two acres...*
- Witnesses: **Jos. Jno. Dancy**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 451-452. "Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1856. Then was the foregoing deed from **B. G. Albritton** to **James S. Clark**, **B. G. Albritton**, & **John A. Selby** (under the firm of **Clark, Albritton & Co.**) exhibited before me and acknowledged by the said **B. G. Albritton** to be his act & deed. Let it be registered."
- Comment: Burton G. Albritton is the son of Luke Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 11 Jan 1857** For \$650, **Robert S. Highsmith** and **Narcissa Highsmith** sell **Edmond M. Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land in Pitt County
- ...on the north side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek bounded as follows beginning at a forked maple corner of Lot No. 4 running north 33½ west 40 poles to a water oak first corner of Lot No. 6 thence So 16 west to Grindall [Grindle] Creek thence up the Creek to Lot No. 4 thence to the beginning containing one hundred and one half acres of Land...*
- Witnesses: **B. G. Albritton**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book OO, pp. 484-485. The clerk recorded that Robert S. Highsmith signed his name to the document, whereas Narcissa made her mark to it.
- Comment: Narcissa James Highsmith was a daughter of Clifton James and sister to Mary James, who had married Edmond M. Albritton about 1856. Burton G. Albritton was at that time the Sheriff of Pitt County, the son of Luke Albritton, making him a first cousin of Samuel Albritton, the grandfather of Edmond M. Albritton.
- 14 Jan 1857** For \$200, **Council James** sells **Margaret A. James**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 300 acres of land in Pitt County,
- ...lying on the north side of Tar River and north side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek and east side of Hunting run; Beginning in the said Hunting run at the Road, thence running down said Road to Sodom Branch, thence with the center of said Sodom Branch to the Cypress arm [?], thence with the center of said Cypress arm [?] to the edge of*

*the great pocosin, thence up the edge of said pocosin to the Pocosin Swamp, thence down said Pocosin Swamp to the Hunting Run, thence down the run of said Hunting run to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **Willis Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book 00, p. 503. "Feb. Term 1857. Then was the foregoing deed from **Council James** to **Margaret A. James** exhibited before me & acknowledged by the said **Council James** to be his act & deed. Let it be Registered." The clerk recorded that Council James made his mark to the document rather than signing it.

Comment: Margaret Ann James was the daughter of Henry James Sr., the granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and the great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**21 Feb 1857** For \$2300, **Burton G. Albritton** and **W<sup>m</sup> A. Bernard** sell a tract of land to **James C. Albritton** mortgaged to them by **John S. Easton** to satisfy his debts:

*Whereas a deed of Trust was on the [blank space] day of November 1856 made and duly executed to **Burton G. Albritton & W<sup>m</sup> A. Bernard**, as trustees by **Jno. S. Easton**...in consideration of the said **Jno S. Easton** being indebted to sundry persons therein named and referred [sic] to and in further consideration of the sum of one Dollar to him in hand paid by the said **B. G. Albritton** and **W<sup>m</sup> A. Bernard**, conveyed to them certain property consisting of lands tenements and hereditaments, among them a certain tract of land situated in the County of Pitt on the South Side of Tar River, bounded by said River on the North, the lines of **Jno Moore** on the East, the public Road leading from Greenville to Washington on the South and the lines of **W<sup>m</sup> A. Bernard** on the West Containing one hundred and thirty seven Acres...and for certain intents and purposes, therein fully expressed and set forth...that they should sell said tract of land and apply the purchase money to the satisfaction of the debts therein mentioned and enumerated...and whereas **James C. Albritton** has agreed to purchase said tract of Land. Now, therefore, in consideration of Two thousand three hundred Dollars by **James C. Albritton** to us **B. G. Albritton & W<sup>m</sup> A. Bernard** in hand paid...we have bargained, sold, enfeoffed, aliened, conveyed and confirmed...unto the said **James C. Albritton** the above named tract of land...*

***John S. Easton** for and in consideration of the foregoing sum which is appropriated to my use and benefit do for myself my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby sell and convey unto **James C. Albritton** his heirs and assigns all the interest either in Law or equity I have in the land described in the foregoing deed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> February 1857.*

Witnesses: **W<sup>m</sup> Tisdale** (for Albritton and Bernard), **Henry Sheppard** (for Easton)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 478–479. "State of North Carolina, Pitt County, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1868. The foregoing Deed of conveyance & assignment exhibited before me for probate and it being made appear by the testimony and examination of **Henry Sheppard** that **B. G. Albritton** one of the trustees o

Comments: James C. and Burton G. Albritton are sons of Luke Albritton and grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr.

**13 Mar 1857** For \$300, **Lydia James** sells her uncle, **James A. Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, *...a certain tract or parcel of Land in the State and County aforesaid and on the North Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek bounded as follows begining [sic] at a corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 running North 33½ W 33 Poles to corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 to a forked Maple thence S<sup>o</sup> 27 W to Grindal [Grindle] Creek thence up the Creek to Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 and with that Line to the begining [sic] containing one Hundred and Six acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **Robert S. Highsmith, Edmond M. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book 00, p. 599. "August Term 1857. Then was the within deed from **Lydia James** to **James A. Moore** Exhibited before me and proven by the oath of **Edmond M. Albritton** on [sic—one] of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be Registered."

Comment: Lydia James was the daughter of Clifton James, granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. About 1860, she married to Richard J. W. Carson. In this transaction, she was selling the land she obtained in the 1855 distribution of her father's lands to her maternal uncle, James A. Moore.

**8 Apr 1857** **Tabitha Albritton** writes her will:

*In the name of God. I **Tabitha Albritton** being of sound mind but weak in body and mindful of the uncertainty of human life do hereby make & declare this to be my last will and Testament.*

*Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter **Lydia Short** the sum of twenty dollars in money to be paid her after my decease. Also one feather bed & furniture.*

*Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter **Tabitha Harrington** the sum of twenty dollars to be paid to her after my decease.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter **Elizabeth Moore** the sum of twenty dollars to be paid her after my decease.*

*Item 4<sup>th</sup> To my dearly beloved Grand daughter **Henrietta Louisa Albritton** I give & bequeath absolutely all my lands and tenements now occupied by my son **Benjamin Albritton** reserving nevertheless to said **Benjamin Albritton** a life estate in the same and to his wife **Catharine Albritton** in case she survives him a dower or one third of the same.*



*Item 5<sup>th</sup> The ballance [sic] of my property consisting of household & kitchen furniture, also money & notes remaining after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses and of the gifts and bequeaths above mentioned I give & bequeath absolutely to my dearly beloved son **Benjamin B. Albritton**.*

*This I certify to be my last will and Testament signed with my sign and sealed with my seal this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven in the presence of these witnesses.*

*And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty son **Benjamin B. Albritton** my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.*

**Tabitha Albritton** [her mark]

Witnesses: **Stanly Moore, Rippon Ward**

Reference: Pitt County NC Wills & Testaments Book 1, pp. 128–129. Filed during the November Term 1865 Court of Pitt County Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

Comment: In 1803, Tabitha Bell married Samuel Albritton, the eldest known son of James Albritton (1761–1797/1798) and the grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**23 Jan 1858** For \$75, **Luke Short** of Pitt County North Carolina sells to **Henry S. Clark**

*...a small piece of land lying near the corporate limits of the Town of Greenville and has the lot of **Mrs. Schultz** on the one Side, the Greenville and Raleigh Plank Road on the other and the main Road that leads from Greenville to **Patricks** on the other...*

Witnesses: **Cors. Stephens**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 45. "January 23 1858. Then was the foregoing deed from **Luke Short** to **Henry S. Clark** exhibited before me and acknowledged by the Said **Short** to be his act and deed. Let it be Registered."

Comments:

1. The body of the deed itself contains no date, but Luke Short appeared in Court on the date given to swear that he signed the deed. This seems to indicate that he signed the deed that day.
2. Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughter of James Albritton, great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-great granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**28 Jan 1858** For \$3250, **James S. Clark** sells to **Henry S. Clark**

*...the lot lying and being in the Town of Greenville being the Same on which Stands the large Store House at present occupied by **Clark & Dancy** together with all the other out Houses and buildings and improvements on Said Lot also I sell and convey to Said **Clark** and to his heirs a Small parcel of land lying in Said Town and adjoining the Lot of **Luke Short** on the East known as the Turpentine Lot being about one fourth of an acre...*

Witnesses: **M. G. Cherry**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 46.

Comments: Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughter of James Albritton, great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-great granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**1 Feb 1858** Pitt County **Sheriff Abram Cox** sells Greenville Lot #83 "the property of **Luke Short**" to satisfy seven "venditioni exponas," or expose to sale writs, returnable to the February 1858 Pitt County Court against **Luke Short**. The lot contained "by Estimation half acre more or less together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging." At the auction, **Tilman R. Cherry** became the highest bidder at \$405.

Witnesses: **Jo. Hodges**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, pp. 79–80.

Comments: Luke Short married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, granddaughter of James Albritton, great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-great granddaughter of James Albritton Sr.

**13 July 1858** For \$100, **Robert Jones** and his wife, **Margaret Jones**, sell **William L. Perkins**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County,

*...lying on the south side of the impassable pocosin bounded as follows begining [sic] at a black gum in the main run of the hunting run Runing [sic] an agreede [sic] line between the said **Robbert** [sic] **Jones** and wife **Margarette Jones** to a pine thence running a strate [sic] line to the mouth of cypress run on the pocosin thence up the pocosin to the main run of the hunting run thence down the various courses of the run of hunting run to the begining [sic]*

Witnesses: **W. L. Mooring**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, pp. 169–170. The clerk recorded that both Robert and Margaret Jones made their mark to the document rather than signing it. Robert and Margaret Jones appeared at the August Term of the Pitt County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions to acknowledge the deed, and as a feme covert, Judge Caleb Cannon Esq. was ordered by the Court to examine her. He reported that upon examination of her "separate & apart from her said husband...she confessed to him that she executed the same freely and of her own accord and without any fear or compulsion from her said husband or any other person and doth now assent to the same..."

Comment: Margaret Ann James Jones was the daughter of Henry James Sr., the granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and the great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. She had only recently married Robert Jones.

**14 Oct 1859** Pursuant to a petition filed by **Robert Jones** and his wife, **Margaret Jones**, **William L. Perkins**, and **William L. Mooring** and wife **Catherine Mooring**, Pitt County Sheriff **Josiah Hodges** and commissioners, "*Good and Lawfull Men*," including **John S. Daniel**, **Randolph Moore**, **James R. Carney**, **Churchill C. Moore**, and **Sidney Daniel**, all appointed by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions at their August Term 1859, met

*...on the premises described in said petition and after said Commissioners having been sworn according to law proceeded to lay out said ditch as follows: beginning at Council James Lower line in hunting Run Swamp or as low as necessary so as to allow a fall of three feet at the County Road and we further report that the said petitioners shall cut said ditch on the lands of the said C. James as near the head of said swamp as practicable and the said petitioners shall have thirty feet for ditch and ditch bank and shall cut said ditch Eight feet wide and shall spread or remove the ditch bank at the mouth of the bay branch James Branch and Sodom Creek a space of Twenty feet so as to prevent the waters of said Branches from ponding on the lands of the said James and we further report that this is the usual water Course and that the said lands cannot Conveniently or possibly be drained in any other direction and we further adjudge that the said Petitioners shall pay to the said Council James a damage of five cents all of which is respectfully submitted...*

Witnesses: **Josiah Hodges**, Shrff.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book PP, p. 561.

Comment: Margaret Ann James Jones was the daughter of Henry James Sr., the granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and the great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**7 Mar 1861** For \$784, **David Langley** sells **James C. Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in said County & State aforesaid & in the town of Greenville & known in Plat of said town as No. 70...*

Witnesses: **Germain Bernard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed SS, p. 459. "Probate Office Superior Court. On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1869 the foregoing and within Deed from **David Langley dec<sup>d</sup>** to **Jas. C. Albritton dec<sup>d</sup>** is exhibited before me for Probate, and the due execution of said Deed by the said **David Langley** duly probed by the oath and examination of **Germain Bernard** the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said Deed and this certificate be registered."

**20 Jun 1862** Corporal **Josiah D. Albritton** writes his will:

*I Josiah D. Albritton of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being in Sound mind and memory but owing to the unsettling [sic] of my earthly existance [sic] do hereby make this paper riting [sic] to be my last will and testament in maner [sic] and form as follows that is to say my exetor [sic] hereafter [sic] named shall prepare for my body a desent [sic] buriel [sic] sutible [sic] to the wishes of my friends and shall pay all funeral expenses first out of the estate which may go into his hands together with all of my just debt to be next paid. Item the first. I give and bequeath all of my estate real personal or mixt to my wife **Peny Albritton** to hold to herself and the lawful hares [sic] of her body born and I do hereby constitute and appoint my frind [sic] **Samuel H. Langly** my Exetor [sic] to all tents [intents] and purposs [purposes] to execute this my last will and testament acording [sic] to my wishes here set forth. Sined [sic] in the presents of two Subscribing witness June the 20 1862.*

**Josiah D. Albritton**

Witnesses: **Jas. L. Paul**, **Randolph Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Wills & Testaments Book 1, pp. 79–80. The date when Albritton's will was recorded was not given, but the next will was recorded at the August Term 1862.

Comment: Josiah D. Albritton was the son of James B. Albritton and Penelope Moore, and the grandson of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell, and of Matthias Moore Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth. Josiah D. Albritton enlisted on 14 April 1862 as a corporal in Company K, 17<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry Regiment. He was "mustered out" on 18 August 1862 at Camp Campbell, Virginia.

**Nov 1865** The will of **Tabitha Albritton** is filed in court:

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Novr. Term AD 1865.  
Pitt County }

*This paper writing dated April 8<sup>th</sup> 1857 is offered for probate in open Court by **Benj. B. Albritton** the Exr therein named and duly proved by **Stanly Moore** and **Rippon Ward** the subscribing witnesses thereto who being sworn on the holy Evangelists testify each of them that the Testatrix **Tabitha Albritton** executed and published the same as her last will & Testament in their presence and that they attested the said paper writing in the presence of Testatrix at her request and at the time she was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Thereupon it ordered that said paper be recorded and filed as the last will & testament of said Testatrix.*

Reference: Pitt County NC Wills & Testaments Book 1, p. 129.

**16 Oct 1866**

Commissioners appointed to divide land of **Luke Fleming Decd** made their report at the November 1866 Term of Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:

*We the undersigned Commissioners appointed the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County having been sworn proceeded...to divide & make partition between and among **David S. Fleming, Henry Fleming, Helena Fleming, Canzetta Fleming** widow & Admx. of **W<sup>m</sup> B. Fleming Decd**, **Kenneth H. Fleming, Osmyn Fleming, Harriet L. Fleming, Sarah A. Fleming, Martha A. Fleming, Luke S. Fleming**, all of whom are of full age and **Henrietta Fleming, Leonard Fleming** and **Littleberry Fleming** who are minors, Tenants in common of the lands descended to them as children and heirs at Law of **Luke Fleming Decd**. Wherefore we have made and do make the following appropriations among the respective claimants in severally, that is to say...the Lot No. 1 is assigned and appropriated to **David S. Fleming** in Severally bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a Stake on the path leading to said **David S. Flemings** house thence with said path to the South west Corner of House field thence south 27¾ West to pine in **Richd. Teel's** line thence with said **Teel's** line north 86½ East 16¾ poles to sweet Gum **John Flake's** corner, thence North 61½ East with said **Flakes** West to the beginning containing by estimation 16¾ Acres more or less valued at One Hundred & Sixty five dollars....*

Witnesses: **J. H. Jenkins, J.P.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 169–172. Signed by commissioners **S. H. Langley, Rippon Ward, L. J. Smith**.

Comments: Luke Fleming's son, David S. Fleming, married Lydia Elizabeth Harrington, daughter of Henry Harrington Jr. and Tabitha B. Albritton. Lydia was the thus granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James, and the great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**2 Nov 1866**

Commissioners appointed to divide land of **Burton G. Albritton** made their report at the November 1866 Term of Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:

*The undersigned Commissioners appointed by your Worships to make partition of the lands mentioned in the Petition, **William, Polly, James, Nancy, Fanny**, and **Louisa Albritton** heirs at law of **B. G. Albritton deceased** and infants under the age of twenty one years by their next friend **Jas. B. Cherry** Petitioners against **Joseph Bell, & Sarah** wife of **G. W. Peay, Sarah Arney** heirs at law of **James Bell deceased** defendants after being duly sworn proceeded upon the premises...to make partition according to the prayer of Petition, as follows, We find by Survey that there is 115 Acres in the tract and that said petitioners are entitled to two fifths of same. In our opinion the lower end of said tract is more valuable than the upper end, and we have laid off and allotted to the Petitioners fifty two acres at the upper end of said tract which in our opinion is two fifth in value of the whole tract. Said Lot Beginning at a large Gum **B. B. Albritton's** corner and running with his line to **Marshall Satterthwaite's** corner, thence with **Satterthwaite's** line South 89° East 127 poles to a Stake in said line, thence South 1° West 77 poles until it strikes the line in the Swamp, thence a Straight line to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **J. H. Jenkins, J.P.**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, p. 168. Signed by commissioners John H. Buck, Arden Hatton, and George A. McGowen.

Comments: Burton G. Albritton was the youngest son of Luke and a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Burton had served as Pitt County Sheriff during the 1840s and 1850s. James B. Cherry was Albritton's nephew, the son of Luke Albritton's daughter, Mary Ann (Polly), who had first married John Cherry.

**1 Jan 1867**

For \$2000, **John S. Daniel** sells **George W. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 240-acre tract of land in Pitt,

*...on the North side of Tar River and immediately on the South Side of Grindel [sic] Creek, Bounded as follows, Viz: Begining [sic] at a Cypress on the Run of said Grindel [sic] Creek **Benjamin Daniels** [sic] corner thence runing [sic] said **Daniels** line South...runing [sic] another of his lines through the bear Pond...to a small holley and some string of Ponds, thence runing [sic] with the middle of said ponds to a small Pine in a lock of the fence **Benjamin Daniel's** line thence runing [sic] with said **Daniels** line to a Post at the forks of the road...**Benjamin Daniel's** Corner, thence runing [sic] with the fence said **Daniel's** line...to the Cypress Pond ditch **McGilbrey Daniel's** line & said **Daniel's** corner, thence runing [sic] with the ditch **McGilbry Daniel's** line to **Penelope Albrittons** line thence with her line to **John S. Daniel's** line thence runing [sic] another ditch with **John S. Daniel's** line across the plantation north...to the run of the aforesaid Grindel [sic] Creek, thence with various courses of the run of said Grindel [sic] Creek to the begining [sic]...*

Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 26–27. "Then was the foregoing deed from **John S. Daniel** to **G. W. Daniel** offered for probate and the due execution of the same was acknowledged by the said **J. S. Daniel** to be his act and Deed. Let it be Registered. Received Tax this 22d Jany 1867. **G. A. Dancy**, Clerk."

Comments: For an explanation of the Albritton connections of those involved in this transaction, see the accompanying one below.

- 1 Jan 1867** For \$2200, **John S. Daniel** sells **McGilbrey Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 330-acre tract of land in Pitt,
- ...on the North side of Tar River Bounded as follows (Viz). Begining [sic] at Benjamin Daniel's Corner (in the west) and runing [sic] with a cross fence his line to the Cypress pond, George W. Daniel's Corner. Thence with the Cypress pond ditch George W. Daniel's line to Penelope Albritton's line, thence with Penelope Albritton's line to James Harris' corner near a bridge. Thence with James Harris' line to Marshal Satterthwaite's line, thence with said Satterthwaite's line to Tabitha Albritton's line, thence with her line and others through an impassible pocosin to the begining [sic]...*
- Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 27–28. *"Then was the foregoing deed from John S. Daniel to McGilbrey Daniel offered for probate and the due execution of the same was acknowledged by the said J. S. Daniel to be his act & deed. Let it be Registered. Received Tax Jan'y. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1867. G. A. Dancy, Clerk."*
- Comments: The Albritton connections of the participants in this transaction and the one above:
- John S. Daniel** – married first cousins City and Levina Albritton, both granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr., with City the daughter of Jonathan Albritton and Levina the daughter of Joel Albritton.
- George W. Daniel** – youngest son of City Albritton Daniel, grandson of Jonathan, and the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- McGilbra Daniel** – eldest son of Levina Albritton Daniel, grandson of Joel, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- Benjamin Daniel** – the older brother of John S. Daniel, both sons of Lanier Daniel who died in 1841.
- Tabitha Albritton** – the widow of Samuel Albritton, and mother-in-law of Penelope Moore Albritton.
- Penelope Albritton** – widow of James B. Albritton, son of Samuel, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Peter.
- George Archibald Dancy** – the clerk who recorded the transaction married Penelope Elizabeth Cherry, daughter of Mary Ann Albritton, granddaughter of Luke Albritton, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 29 Jan 1867** For \$225, **David H. James** sells to **William A. Ross**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,
- ...a certain tract of parcel of land situate [sic] in the County and State aforesaid on the North side of Tar River and North side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek, and adjoining the lands of Jas. S. Moore, Eliza Abrams and others. Beginning at a Maple in Jas. S. Moore's line a corner of a tract of land conveyed to Benj. Daniel by Bithel James and running South 43° East 219 poles to W<sup>m</sup> A. Ross' corner a stake thence South 70° West 144 poles to a white Bay another of said Ross' corners, thence North 33° West 208 poles to a sweet Gum in J. S. Moore's line thence North 74° East 165 poles to the Beginning, containing by estimation 129 acres, more or less, and more particularly known as Lot No. 2 in the division of the lands of Clifton James decd. it being the Lot assigned to the said David H. James in said division...*
- Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, p. 37. *"Then was the foregoing Deed from David H. James to William A. Ross offered for probate and the due execution of the same was proven by the oath of D. F. Whichard the subscribing witness thereto. Let it be Registered."*
- Comment: David H. James was the first cousin of William A. Ross's first wife, Lydia L. James, their being children of brothers Henry James Sr. and Clifton James, respectively. Thus, David H. James and William A. Ross's first wife were great-grandchildren of Mary Albritton James and great-great grandchildren of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 23 Mar 1867** For \$1755, **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of **James C. Albritton** sells **Alvania Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a tract of 75 acres of land in Pitt County belonging to Estate of **James C. Albritton**:
- That whereas the said James B. Cherry as Administrator of the said James C. Albritton decd. filed his petition in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County praying for a decree to sell certain lands belonging to the estate of his said intestate, to enable him to pay debts against the same, and duly obtained an order to sell said lands, and in pursuance of said order after having made due advertisement, did sell on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1866 to the said Alvania Albritton a certain parcel of Land in Pitt County belonging to said estate and bounded as follows.*
- On the North by Tar River, on the East by the Albritton Mill Run, on the South by the public Road, on the West by William Barrow Senr's line it being all that portion of the Eastern tract of land purchased from the Trustees of John S. Eastern, by the said James C. Albritton, lying about the Mill Run and supposed to contain Seventy five acres...*
- Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book A4, pp. 363–364. *"In the Probate Court, April 15, 1883. The execution of the foregoing Deed was this day duly proven before me B. W. Brown Probate Judge for said by acknowledgement of James B. Cherry subscribing grantor thereto for the same with this Certificate be registered."*
- Comments: See comments the transaction of 9 August 1867 for the Albritton connections of the participants of this transaction.

**9 Aug 1867** For \$175, **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of **James C. Albritton** sells **Churchill C. Moore**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells the one-half interest that **James C. Albritton** had in Greenville Town Lot #138, the "Knox lot." **Cherry** advertised and conducted the sale on 10 December 1866.

Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, p. 227. "North Carolina, Pitt County. August 9, 1867. Then the foregoing deed from **James B. Cherry** Administrator of **James C. Albritton** to **Churchill C. Moore** offered for probate and the due execution thereof proven by the by oath of **D. F. Whichard** the subscribing witness thereto. Let it be Registered."

Comments: See comments the transaction of 9 August 1867 for the Albritton connections of the participants of this transaction.

**9 Aug 1867** For \$10, **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of **James C. Albritton** sells **Louisa A. Hatton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a tract of 75 acres of land in Pitt County belonging to Estate of **James C. Albritton**:

*Witnesseth, that whereas the said James B. Cherry as administrator of the said James C. Albritton Decd. filed his petition in the Court of Pleas and Quarter session of Pitt County, paying [sic-praying] for a Decree to sell certain lands belonging to the estate of his intestate, to enable him to pay debts against the same, and duly obtained an order to see said lands, and in pursuance of said order, and due advertisement did sell on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866 to the said Louisa Hatton all the interest (if any) that the late James C. Albritton owned in a certain lot of land lying in the Town of Greenville County of Pitt and State of North Carolina lying in the rear and west side of the Babbist [sic] Church Lot (white) in Greenville and known as the Moses Hatton lot and whereas the said Louisa A. Hatton has paid me the sum of Ten dollars the amount paid for any interest the said James C. Albritton may have had in said Lot. Now therefore in consideration of the sum of ten dollars to me in hand paid, I the said James B. Cherry administrator as aforesaid have this day bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain sell and convey unto the said Louisa A. Hatton and her heirs forever all the interest if any the said James C. Albritton decd. did possess of in said described lands...*

Witnesses: **Alex L. Blow**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H3, p. 372. "In the Probate Court, May 15, 1877. The execution of the foregoing Deed was duly proved before me **Henry Sheppard** Probate Judge for said County, by oath and examination of **A. L. Blow** the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said Deed and this Certificate be registered."

Comments: The Albritton connections of the participants of this the two preceding transactions:

**James C. Albritton** – son of Luke and a grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**Alvania Albritton** – widow of Pitt County Sheriff Burton Green Albritton, youngest son of Luke and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**James B. Cherry** – son of Mary Ann Albritton Cherry Ward, grandson of Luke, great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**4 Oct 1867** **Ivey Fleming** gives his son, **Leonidas Fleming**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 27½-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*Witnesseth That the said Ivy Fleming for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he has and bears unto his son, the said Leonidas Fleming, and the further consideration of one dollar cash to him in hand paid...he does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey...a certain tract or parcel of land... on the north side of Tar River, and in and on the South Side of Great Swamp, and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a stake on the Canal in Great Swamp and running South 59 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> West 98 poles to several small Gums in Elihu Briley's line, thence with his line and the line of the Heirs of James Braddy dec<sup>d</sup> South 13° West 32 poles to a large Black Gum, David S. Fleming's corner, thence with his line South 69 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> East 25 poles to several small Gums in said D. S. Fleming's line, thence North 56° East 110 poles to the Canal in Great Swamp, thence up said Canal to the beginning...*

Witnesses: **John W. S. Brown**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, p. 291. "Then was the foregoing deed from **Ivey Fleming** to **Leonidas Fleming** offered for probate and the due execution of the same was acknowledged by the said **Ivey Fleming** to be his act and deed. let it be registered. Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1867." The clerk indicated that Ivey Fleming signed his name to the transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Leonidas Fleming is the son of Ivey Fleming and Talitha Ann Albritton.

**21 Mar 1868** **John S. Daniel** makes his will:

*I John S. Daniel, of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, being in usual health of body, and of sound and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made...*

*1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son John W. Daniel the tract of land whereon I now live, and whereon the mansion or dwelling house together with all the out houses are situated, and which tract of land is well known, as the Joel Albritton land, containing One hundred and sixty (160) acres, be the same however more or less...*

*4<sup>th</sup> I desire to make known, that I am also mindful of my other sons, and grandchildren, and that having heretofore given to them what I considered a reasonable portion of my Estate, I leave them my love, and hope for their success in life.*

Reference: Pitt County NC Wills & Testaments Book 2, pp. 29–31. Filed in court on 7 May 1870.

Comment: John Stanley Daniel married two Albritton first cousins, granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr. He first married City, daughter of Jonathan Albritton, and after her death in the latter 1840s, he married Levina, daughter of Joel Albritton, sometime between November 1839 and 1842. John S. Daniel witnessed the November 1839 transaction in which the heirs of Joel Albritton sold their share of five-sevenths of his 160-acres to Howell Albritton, the other heir of Joel Albritton. One of the heirs making that transaction was “*Levina*” Albritton, apparently then still a single woman. Howell Albritton had obtained one-seventh of the tract from his cousin, Peter Albritton, earlier that same year. Then in 1842, Howell Albritton sold the tract to John S. Daniel. The 1850 Federal Census shows John S. Daniel’s wife as “*Lavinia Daniel*,” born about 1810, with their son, John W. Daniel, was born about 1847. If correct, this means that John S. Daniel left his son, John W. Daniel, the plantation owned by his grandfather, Joel Albritton, the same tract that Joel had purchased in 1799 from his siblings and land left them in the will of their father, Peter Albritton Sr.

**7 July 1868** For \$20, **George W. Daniel** sells **Benjamin Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a one-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the South side of Grindle Creek near a stake “*on a cross fence...to a stake in the Cypress pond.*”

Witnesses: **G. W. Whichard, G. W. Cox**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book SS, pp. 257–258. “*In the Probate Court. The execution of the foregoing deed from **Geo. W. Daniel** to **Benjamin Daniel** was this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1869 before **Calvin Cox** Probate Judge for said County duly proved by the oath and examination of **G. W. Cox** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this certificate be registered.*”

Comment: See the comments on the next transaction for the Albritton connections of the participants here.

**7 July 1868** For \$40, **Benjamin Daniel** sells **George W. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a two-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the South side of Grindle Creek:

*Begining [sic] at the forks of the road near the said **Geo. W. Daniel**’s house runing [sic] with his line North...*

Witnesses: **W. R. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book SS, p. 468. “*In the Probate Court. The execution of the foregoing deed was this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869 before me **Calvin Cox**, Probate Judge for said County, acknowledged by **Benjamin Daniel** the Grantor thereto. Therefore let the said Deed and this certificate be registered.*”

Comment: George W. Daniel was the son of John Stanley Daniel and his first wife, City Albritton, daughter of Jonathan and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Benjamin Daniel was his uncle, the older brother of John Stanley Daniel.

**29 Sept 1868** For \$908 cash, **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of **James C. Albritton** sells **Nashville Hardee**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a tract of 50 acres of land in Pitt County belonging to Estate of **James C. Albritton**:

*Witnesseth, that whereas the said **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of the said **James C. Albritton** decd. filed his petition in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Pitt County, praying for a decree to sell certain Lands belonging to the estate of his intestate to enable him to pay debts against the same, and duly obtained an order to see said Lands, and in pursuance of said order, and due advertisement, did sell on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866 to the said **Nashville Hardee**, the following described tract of Land, to wit, a tract of land in Pitt County on the South side of Tar River and on **Hardee’s** Creek, and bounded by the West and North by the various courses of the **Albritton** Mill run and **Hardee’s** Creek, on the East by the Lands of the late **John Moore**, and on the south by the Public Road leading from Greenville to Washington, Containing by estimation fifty Acres more or less, it being the entire interest of the late **James C. Albritton** in that portion of a tract of land purchased by him from **B. G. Albritton** and **Wm. A. Bunard** Trustees of **John S. Easton** Lying on the east side of the Mill Run as above described, and whereas the said **Nashville Hardee** has paid me the sum of Nine hundred and eight dollars with the interest accumulated thereon from the day of sale to the present time, the amount bid for said land...*

Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 477–478. “*State of North Carolina, Pitt County, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1868. The foregoing and within deed from **James B. Cherry** Admr. to **James C. Albritton** decd. to **Nashville Hardee** was this day duly proved & executed before me **Calvin Cox** Probate Judge by the oath and examination of **D. F. Whichard** the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this Certificate be registered.*”

Comment: Peter Albritton Sr.’s youngest son, Luke Albritton, had four children to survive infancy, including Mary Ann (Polly), James C., and Burton Green Albritton. James Burton Cherry was Polly’s son by her first husband, John Cherry. Following the death of James C. Albritton in 1864, James B. Cherry served as the administrator of his estate.

**7 Jan 1869** **Ivy Fleming** and his wife, **Nertia Fleming**, gives his daughter, **Elizabeth R. Brown**, wife of **John W. S. Brown**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 29-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*Witnesseth: That the said **Ivy Fleming** and **Nertia Fleming** his wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which she [sic] have and bear towards his daughter the said **Elizabeth R. Brown**, and the further consideration of one dollar cash to him in hand paid...[he] has given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed...to the*

said **Elizabeth R. Brown** her heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County and State aforesaid, on the North side of Tar River and in and on the South Side of Great Swamp, and bounded as follows, to wit. Beginning at a small Sweet Gum on the Canal in Great Swamp a Corner of a tract of land heretofore conveyed by the said **Ivy Fleming** to his son **Leonidas Fleming** and running with said **Leonidas Fleming's** line South 56° West 110 poles to several small Gums a corner in **David S. Fleming's** line, thence with said **David S. Fleming's** line South 69 $\frac{2}{3}$ ° East 87 poles to a Cypress Stump his corner: thence with another of said **David S. Fleming's** lines North 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° East 54 poles to a Stake another of his corners thence North 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East 33 poles to the Canal in Great Swamp thence up the said Canal to the beginning...

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 538–539. "Be it remembered that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1869, before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County personally cam **Ivy Fleming** and **Nurtia Fleming** his wife, the persons described in and who signed the foregoing deed and acknowledged the due execution thereof by them as their act and deed. And thereupon the said **Nurtia Fleming** being by the undersigned privately examined separate and apart from her said husband touching her free consent in the execution thereof, doth declare on such her examination that she had executed the same freely of her own will and accord and without any force or fear or undue influence of her said husband or any other person and does still voluntarily assent thereto. Therefore let this said Deed with this certificate be registered." The clerk indicated that both Ivy Fleming and Nertia Fleming signed their names to the transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Elizabeth Rebecca Fleming Brown is the daughter of Ivey Fleming and Talitha Ann Albritton, who had died between 1850 and 1858.

**27 Mar 1869** For \$1600, **John S. Daniel** sells **John W. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of land

Beginning at the main Run of Grindle Creek, at a Gum **Wedigan Moore's** corner & running with his line Southwardly to a Large pine another corner of said **Moore**, thence Westwardly a straight line to **Penelope Albritton's** nearest Corner, thence with her line Westwardly to **George W. Daniel's** Corner, thence **George W. Daniel's** line Northwardly to a Gum on the main run of Grindle Creek, thence with the various courses of said Creek to the beginning containing one hundred & sixty acres more or less said tract being known as the **Joel Albritton** Land, reserving nevertheless to him **John S. Daniel** (& the same is hereby reserved) such interest in said land as is legally vested in him the said **John S. Daniel** by virtue of the allotment to him of a Homestead thereon heretofore made.

Witnesses: [blank]

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book RR, pp. 684–685. "In Probate Court: March 27<sup>th</sup> 1869. The execution of the foregoing deed was this day duly acknowledged before me **Calvin Cox** Judge of Probate for said County by **John S. Daniel** the Grantor thereto. Therefore Let the said deed with this certificate be Registered."

Comment: In this transaction, John S. Daniel sells to his son the same land he bequeathed to him in his will written the previous year, the land Joel Albritton bought from his siblings in 1799 that their father, Peter Albritton, had left them in his will. Joel Albritton's son, Howell Albritton, acquired the tract from his siblings, including his sister, Levina Albritton, in November 1839, and in 1842, following the marriage of Levina to John S. Daniel, Howell sold the tract to Daniel.

**24 Sept 1869** For \$5510, **James B. Cherry** as Administrator of **James C. Albritton** sells **John S. Taft**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, sells a tract of 75 acres of land in Pitt County belonging to Estate of **James C. Albritton**:

Witnesseth, that whereas the said **James B. Cherry** Admr. of the said **James C. Albritton** decd. having filed his petition in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County praying for a decree to sell certain lands belonging to the estate of said intestate to enable him to pay the debts against same. And having duly obtained an order at August Term 1866 of said Court to sell said lands and in pursuance of said order and due advertisement made, did sell on the tenth day of December 1866 at public Auction at the Court House in Greenville the following described tract of land lying in the County of Pitt and South side of Tar River and on the Main Road leading from Greenville to Washington, Adjoining the lands of **John** [illegible], **Willie Bell**, **John C. Boyd**, and others, it being the tract on which the said **James C. Albritton** resided at the time of his death, including the Mill Run and more particularly known as the **Luke Albritton** tract, said to contain Four Hundred Acres more or less, when and where **John S. Taft** became the purchaser...he being the last and highest bidder, and whereas the report of said sale having been confirmed at the February Term 1867 of said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and the Administrator directed to make title to purchaser upon payment of purchase money. And whereas the said **John S. Taft** having paid me the Amount of said purchaser money with the interest accrued thereon since day of sale. Now therefore in consideration of the said sum...I the said **James B. Cherry** Admr. as aforesaid have this day bargained sold and by these presents do bargain sell and convey unto the said **John S. Taft** and his heirs Administrators and assigns forever, the aforesaid described tract of land...

Witnesses: **D. F. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book SS, pp. 530–531. "In the Probate Court. The execution of the foregoing Deed was this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869, before me **Calvin Cox** Probate Judge for said County duly proved by oath and examination of **D. F. Whichard** the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said Deed with this Certificate be registered."

- 29 Oct 1869** For \$200, **John S. Daniel** sells **Hanah E. Daniel** [sic], both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land  
*...on the North side of Tar River & on the North side of Hunting Run Bounded as follows. Begining [sic] at a Gum in Hunting Run and runing [sic] various courses up the said run to the Upper Cross Branch thence with the middle of the Branch to Willis Whichard Line, thence with his Line to Benjamin Daniel Line the Begining [sic]...*  
 Witnesses: **George W. Daniel, John W. Daniel**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book TT, p. 81. *"In the Probate Court: Jany. 9<sup>th</sup> 1871. The execution of the foregoing deed was duly proved before me, Calvin Cox, Probate Judge for said County, by the Oath and examination of George W. Daniel one of the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this certificate be registered."*  
 Comment: See the comments of the following transaction for the Albritton connections of the participants here.
- 23 Feb 1870** For \$100, **John S. Daniel** sells **John W. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land  
*...on the North side of Tar River & and on the North side of Hunting Run Bounded by the Lands of Hanah E. Daniel, James Whichard & others Known as a part of the George Daniel Tract Containing One Hundred acres more or less...*  
 Witnesses: **Geo. W. Daniel**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book TT, pp. 80–81. *"In the Probate Court: Jany. 9<sup>th</sup> 1871. The execution of the foregoing deed was duly proved before me Calvin Cox Probate Judge for said County by the oath and examination of Geo. W. Daniel the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this certificate be registered."*  
 Comment: Albritton connections of the participants of this and the transaction from October 1869:  
**John Stanley Daniel** – married City and Levina Albritton, first cousins and granddaughters of Peter Albritton Sr. This was the last record John S. Daniel made, for his will was filed in Pitt County Court on 7 May 1870.  
**John W. Daniel** – son of Levina Albritton Daniel, grandson of Joel, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.  
**George W. Daniel** – son of City Albritton Daniel, grandson of Jonathan, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.  
**Hannah E. Daniel** – widow of Robert Lanier Daniel, eldest son of John Stanley Daniel and City Albritton, grandson of Jonathan, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Robert L. Daniel had died about 1857 or 1858, and John S. Daniel gave her land on which she raised her children.
- 21 Sept 1870** For \$300, **Margaret A. Jones** sells **Annis L. Perkins** *"and Children by J. M. Perkins,"* all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 100 acres of land in Pitt County, North Carolina  
*...lying on the north side of Tar River and north side of Grindall [Grindle] Creek and east side of hunting Run begining [sic] in the said hunting Run at the Road thence running down the said road to Sodom Branch then with the center of said Sodom Branch to the Sypress [sic] arm thence with the centre [sic] of Sypress arm to the edge of the impassible pocosin to the Line of W. L. Perkins heirs thence with the said line of Perkins heirs to hunting Run to a ditch W. L. Moorings line thence with said ditch to the beginning...*  
 Witnesses: **W. L. Mooring**  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book TT, pp. 145–146. The clerk indicated that Margaret A. Jones made her mark to the document rather than signing it.  
 Comment: Margaret Ann James Jones was the daughter of Henry James Sr., granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. Margaret's husband, Robert Jones, had died during the Civil War, and with this transaction she disposed of 100 acres of the land she had purchased in 1857 prior to her marriage. This is the last known record of Margaret Ann James Jones. It is unclear if she died, remarried, or moved away.
- 22 Dec 1870** For \$1425, **Louis J. Smith** and his wife, **Clemmy Smith**, sell **Ivy Fleming**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 118¾-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the north side of Tar River and adjoining the lands of **Elihu Briley, B. W. Brown**, and *"...known as part of the land of James Braddy deceased, just east of the Canal..."*  
 Witnesses: none  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book TT, pp. 95–96.  
 Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Ivey and Talitha Albritton Fleming had five children to survive infancy before Talitha's death between 1850 and 1858.
- 10 Feb 1871** For \$600, **Ivy Fleming** and **Nurtia Fleming** sell to **Leonidas Fleming**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 26-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the north side of Tar River and on the Canal in Great Swamp, adjoining lands of **Ivey Fleming, Elihu Briley**, and **Leonidas Fleming**.  
 Witnesses: none  
 Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book TT, pp. 149–150. *"Personally appeared before me, Calvin Cox, Probate Judge for said County Ivy Fleming and Nurtia Fleming, his wife, and acknowledged the due execution by them of the foregoing deed. And therefore the said Nurtia being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband,*



*touching her free consent in the execution of the said deed, and she doth, on such her examination declare that she had executed the same freely, of her own will and accord, and without any force, fear, or undue influence of her said husband, or any other persons, and did still voluntarily assent thereto. Therefore let the said deed and this certificate be registered."* The recording clerk indicated that both Ivy and Nurtia Fleming signed their names to the transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Ivey and Talitha Albritton Fleming had five children to survive infancy before Talitha's death between 1850 and 1858, including Leonidas Fleming.

**14 Jun 1872** **Ivy Fleming and Nurtia Fleming**, his wife, give **William J. Fleming**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 118-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*Witnesseth. That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear unto the said party of the second part and the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to them paid by the said party of the second part...have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed, and confirmed...unto the said **William J. Flemming** his heirs and assigns...a certain tract or parcel of land...on the North side of Tar River and adjoining the lands of **Elihu Briley, B. W. Brown**, and others and known as a part of the lands of **James Braddy deceased** just east of the Canal*

Also adjoining the lands of **A. W. B. Briley deceased** and on Middle Swamp, "It being the same land which was purchased by the said **Ivy Fleming** from **Louis J. Smith** and wife **Clemmy** by deed bearing date the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1870..."

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book VV, pp. 110–111. "June 17 1872. Personally appeared before me, **W. L. Cherry**, Probate Judge for said County **Ivy Fleming and Nurtia Fleming**, his wife, and acknowledged the due execution by them of the foregoing Deed. And thereupon the said **Nurtia** being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her free consent in the execution of the said deed doth, on such her examination, declare that she had executed the same freely, of her own will and accord, and without any force, fear, or undue influence of her said husband, or any other person and did still voluntarily assent thereto. Therefore let the said Deed and this certificate be registered." The recording clerk indicated that both Ivy and Nurtia Fleming signed their names to the transaction.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Ivey and Talitha Albritton Fleming had five children to survive infancy before Talitha's death between 1850 and 1858, including William J. Fleming.

**1 Dec 1872** For \$3500, **George W. Daniel** and his wife, **Deborah M. Daniel**, sell **John L. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 240-acre tract of land in Pitt,

*...adjoining the lands of **Benjamin Daniel, McG. Daniel, William Leggett, John W. Daniel**, & others known as the **Rippon Ward** Land and others, bounded as follows, viz: Begining [sic] at a Cypress on the run of said Grindle Creek **Benjamin Daniel's** corner thence runing [sic] said **Daniel's** line South...thence runing [sic] another of his lines through the bear Pond South...to a small holly an[d] some string of ponds to a Stake in a lock off fence **Benj. Daniel's** line thence runing [sic] east with said **Daniels** line to a Stump or Stake in a corner of a ditch said **Daniel's** corner, thence runing [sic] with a ditch & fence said **Daniel's** line to the Cypress pond ditch **McG. Daniel's** line & said **Daniel's** corner, thence runing [sic] with the ditch **McG. Daniel's** & **Wm Leggett's** line to **Penelope Albritton's** line, thence her line to **John W. Daniel's** line, thence runing [sic] another fence & ditch across the plantation north...to the run of the aforesaid Creek, thence with various courses of the run of said Creek to the beginning [sic]...*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book VV, pp. 261–262. "In the Probate Court. Dec. 9, 1872. Personally appeared before me **W. L. Cherry**, Probate Judge for said County, **George W. Daniel** and **Deborah M. Daniel** his wife and acknowledged the due execution by them of the foregoing Deed. And thereupon the said **Deborah M. Daniel**, being by me privately examined separate and apart from her said husband, touching her free consent in the execution of the said Deed, doth on such her examination, declare that she had executed the same freely of her own will and accord and without any force or undue influence of her said husband, or any other person, and did still voluntarily assent thereto. Therefore let the said Deed and this Certificate be registered."

Comments: The Albritton connections of those involved in this transaction:

**George W. Daniel** – son of John Stanley Daniel and his first wife, City Albritton, grandson of Jonathan Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**McGilbra Daniel** – half-brother of George W. Daniel; McGilbra was the son of John S. Daniel and his second wife, Levina Albritton, grandson of Joel, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**John W. Daniel** – brother of McGilbra Daniel, youngest son of Levina Albritton Daniel, grandson of Joel, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**John Little Daniel** – first cousin of George W. Daniel, McGilbra, and John W. Daniel, as John Little Daniel's father, Benjamin Daniel, was the older brother of John Stanley Daniel.

**Rippon Ward** – second husband of Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton, daughter of Luke and granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**28 Apr 1873** For \$1000, **David S. Fleming** and **Elizabeth Fleming**, his wife, sell **Sallie A. House**, **W. H. Harrington**, **Henrietta T. Daniel**, and the heirs of **John A. Harrington**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 150-acre tract of land in Pitt County:

*...on the North side of Tar River Located in Parkers District and Bounded by the Lands of **Jarrett House**, **William McGowns**, **Stanley Moore**, **Samuel A. Dudley**, & **Samuel H. Langley** and others...*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book WW, p. 166. *"In the Probate Court. May 10, 1873. Personally appeared before me, **W. L. Cherry**, Probate Judge for said County, **David S. Fleming** and **Elizabeth Fleming** his wife, and acknowledged the due execution by them of the foregoing Deed. And therefore the said **Elizabeth Fleming**, being by me privately examined separate and apart from her said husband, touching her free consent in the execution of the said Deed, and she doth on such her examination declare that she had executed the same freely of her own will and accord, and without any force, fear, or undue influence of her said husband or any other person, and did it voluntarily assent thereto..."* The clerk indicated that David S. and Elizabeth Fleming both signed their names to the transaction.

Comment:

1. This deed involves land belonging to Henry Harrington, husband of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of James, and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. David S. Fleming, husband of Lydia Elizabeth Harrington Fleming, was the son-in-law and administrator of the Estate of Henry Harrington. In this deed, he sold a 150-acre tract of land that Henry had sold him in 1869 to the other children of Henry and Tabitha.

**29 Nov 1873** Commissioners **R. M. Speir**, **Rippon Ward**, and **John H. Buck** appointed by the Pitt County Superior Court to *...to divide and make partition between and among **Elizabeth Johnston** wife of **Godfrey S. Johnston** and **McGilbry House**, two of the tenants in common of the lands which descended to them as children and heirs at Law of **Jarrett House** deceased..."*

Lot No. 2 – **McGilbry House**  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres valued @ \$453.50

Lot No. 7 – **Elizabeth Johnson** wife of **Godfrey S. Johnson**  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres adjoining **Mrs. S. A. House** near Shackley Swamp, valued @ \$391

Lots No. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 left in common to the minor children of **Jarrett House**.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book YY, pp. 43–44. *"Received in office April 14<sup>th</sup> 1874 and recorded forthwith."*

Comments:

1. About 1846, Jarrett House married Sarah Ann Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James, great-great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Jarrett House died in early 1865 from ill health contracted while serving in the Confederate Army.
2. Commissioner Rippon Ward was the husband of Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton Ward, daughter of Luke Albritton, younger brother to James Albritton, great-great-grandfather of the House heirs. Thus, Rippon Ward was the first cousin of Samuel Albritton, great-grandfather of the seven heirs of Jarrett House.

**16 Feb 1874** To secure her debt of \$704.87 to the firm of **J. V. Perkins** and **J. J. Rollins**, "partners trading," **Penelope Albritton** mortgages her growing crops:

*And Whereas the said **Penelope Albritton** being engaged in the cultivation of the Soil and being without the necessary means to cultivate her crops, **J. V. Perkins** and **J. J. Rollins** partners aforesaid, have agreed to furnish goods and supplies to the said **Penelope Albritton** to an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars to enable her to cultivate and harvest her Crops for the year 1874.*

*And in consideration thereof, the said **Penelope Albritton** doth hereby give and convey to the **J. V. Perkins** and **J. J. Rollins** partners aforesaid, a Lien upon all of her crops grown in said County, in said year, on the lands described as follows: On the plantation where I now reside.*

*And further, in consideration thereof the said **Penelope Albritton** for one Dollar in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain sell and convey unto the said **J. V. Perkins** and **J. J. Rollins** partners aforesaid their heirs and assigns forever the following described Real Estate to wit: all that certain tract piece or parcel of land situated in Pactolus township County and State aforesaid adjoining the lands of **J. L. Daniel**, **J. W. Daniel**, and others, where I now reside containing One hundred and fifty acres more or less.*

*The above to be Null and Void should the said Note and the interest accrued thereon be paid at Maturity and the amount found to be due on account of said advancement be discharged on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1874. Otherwise the said **J. V. Perkins** and **J. J. Rollins** their executors administrators and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to seize the crops and personal property aforesaid and sell the same together with the above described real estate for cash after first advertising the same for fifteen days and the proceeds thereof*

*apply to the discharge of the Lien, together with the cost and expenses of making such sale and the surplus if any...to be paid to the said **Penelope Albritton** or her legal representatives...*

Witnesses: **W. T. Barnett, E. M. Albritton**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book XX, p. 322. "*Pitt County. In the Probate Court. The execution of the annexed Mortgage from **Penelope Albritton** to **Perkins Rollins** was this 20 day of Feby 1874 by **W. T. Barnett** before the undersigned Judge of Probate for Said County. Therefore let the said Mortgage together with this certificate be registered.*"

Comment: Penelope Moore married James B. Albritton, the elder son of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell. Edmond M. Albritton is her eldest son.

**Mar 1874** For \$100, **William H. Ross** and his wife, **Mariah J. Ross**, sell **William A. Ross**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, *...a certain parcel of land it being the entire interest of the said **W<sup>m</sup> H. Ross** in the lands descended to him by the death of his mother **Lydia L. Ross dec<sup>d</sup>** on the north side of Grindle reek adjoining the lands of **John G. Mason** and [illegible name] **Jones** and others Containing one fourth part of the tract of land whereon the said **W<sup>m</sup> A. Ross** now resides which tract of land containing 106 acres more or less...*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book XX, pp. 415–416. The actual deed contains only the year, 1874, without any month or day. The Probate Judge examined Mariah Ross privately, apart from her husband, on 7 March 1874 and then certified the deed.

Comments: William Henry Ross was the son of Lydia Ann Lucretia James Ross, grandson of Henry James Sr., great-grandson of Mary Albritton James, and great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**23 Feb 1875** For \$650, **E. M. Albritton** and his wife, **Mary Albritton** sell **James Whichard** a tract of 101½ acres in Pitt County: *...on the North side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek, it being the share of land which was allotted to **Narcissa Highsmith** in the division of the lands of **Clifton James Decd.** bounded as follows, Beginning at a forked maple corner of Lot No. 4 running thence North 33½ West 40 poles to a water oak first corner of Lot No. 6 thence South 16° West to Grindal [Grindle] Creek thence with the run of the creek to the corner of Lot No.4 thence with the line of Lot No. 4 to the beginning...*

Witnesses: none listed

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book B3, pp. 404–405. The clerk indicated that E. M. and Mary Albritton signed their names to the transaction.

Comment: Edmond M. Albritton's wife, Mary, was a daughter of Clifton James and sister of Narcissa Highsmith.

**25 Mar 1875** **Penelope Albritton** gives her land to her grandchildren, the children of her son **E. M. Albritton** and his wife, **Mary**:

*This Indenture made and entered into...between **Penelope Albritton** of the first part and **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** of the second part...Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me the said **Penelope Albritton** in hand paid as well as for the love and affection I have unto the parties of the second part have this day given granted sold and confirmed...unto the parties of the second part during their natural lives a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County & State aforesaid on the north side of Tar River in Pactolus Township and adjoining the lands of **J. S. Daniel, J. W. Daniel, James Harris** & others containing by estimation one hundred & fifty acres be the same more or less, reserving however my life Estate in the said land, then to them the said **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** during their natural lines and no longer and after their natural lines the said land to descend to the children of the said **Mary Albritton** in fee simple forever...*

*To have and to hold to them the said children of the said **Mary Albritton** and their heirs, forever.*

*And, I the said **Penelope Albritton**, do for myself my heirs Executors, so after reserving to myself the said life Estate, warrant the title to the said land with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the children of the said **Mary Albritton** (reserving the life estate as aforesaid, to the said **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton**)*

Witnesses: **J. S. Daniel, John W. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D3, pp. 474–475. "*The execution of the annexed mortgage from **Penelope Albritton** to **E. M. Albritton** & **Mary Albritton** was this 18 day of March 1876 acknowledged by the said **Penelope Albritton** before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County. Therefore, let the said deed, together with this certificate, be registered.*" The clerk indicated that Penelope Albritton made her mark to the transaction rather than signing it.

Comment: Penelope Moore married James B. Albritton, the elder son of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell.

**29 Nov 1875** For \$300, **McGilberry House** sells to **McGilberry Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 26<sup>3</sup>/<sub>7</sub>-acre tract of land on the north side of Tar River in Greenville Township, known as Lot #2

*...in the division of the lands of the late **Jarrot House** among his heirs; it being the lot assigned to said **McGilberry House** in said division...Beginning at a stake on the Road leading from Greenville to Washington, the second corner*

*of Lot Number one of the division of the lands of the late **Jarrot House** of said County and State among his heirs...to a stake in the run of Bell's branch...*

Witness: **D. F. Whichard**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F3, pp. 23–24.

Comments:

1. McGilberry House and McGilbra Daniel, here referred to as "*McGilberry Daniel*," were nephew and uncle, respectively, and had three known Albritton connections.
2. About 1846, Jarrett House married Sarah Ann Harrington, eldest daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel Albritton, great-granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. McGilberry House was the son of Sarah Ann Harrington House, making him the great-great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. About 1870/1874, McGilbra Daniel married Sarah Ann Harrington's youngest sister, Henrietta T. Harrington, making him the uncle by marriage of McGilberry House.
4. McGilbra Daniel was himself a descendant of Peter Albritton Sr. through his son, Joel Albritton, whose daughter, Levina Albritton, married about 1840 or 1841 to John Sidney Daniel. McGilbra Daniel was the eldest son of Levina Albritton Daniel, making him the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**15 Dec 1875** Commissioners **John H. Buck**, **R. M. Speir**, and **Rippon Ward** appointed by the Pitt County Superior Court to *...to divide and make partition between and among **Hyman A. House**, **John H. House**, **Ashley R. House**, **Penelope House**, and **Georgiana House**, tenants in common of the lands which descended to them as children and heirs at Law of **Jarrett House** deceased..."*

Lot No. 1 – **John H. House**,  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres valued @ \$453.50

Lot No. 2 – **McGilbry House** (acreage not stated; see 1873 division)

Lot No. 3 – **Georgiana House**,  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres adjoining the Lands of **Mrs. S. A. House**, valued @ \$503.50

Lot No. 4 – **Hyman A. House**,  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres adjoining the Lands of **Mrs. S. A. House**, valued @ \$403.50

Lot No. 5 – **Ashley R. House**,  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres adjoining the Lands of **Mrs. S. A. House**, valued @ \$403.50

Lot No. 6 – **Penelope House**,  $26\frac{3}{7}$  acres adjoining the Lands of **Mrs. S. A. House**, valued @ \$391.00

Lot No. 7 – **Elizabeth Johnson** wife of **Godfrey S. Johnson** (acreage not stated; see 1873 division)

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I4, pp. 481–483.

Comments:

1. About 1846, Jarrett House married Sarah Ann Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James, great-great-granddaughter of Peter Sr., and great-great-great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Jarrett House died in early 1865 from ill health contracted while serving in the Confederate Army.
2. Commissioner Rippon Ward was the husband of Mary Ann (Polly) Albritton Ward, daughter of Luke Albritton, younger brother to James Albritton, great-great-grandfather of the House heirs. Thus, Rippon Ward was the first cousin of Samuel Albritton, great-grandfather of the seven heirs of Jarrett House.

**20 Jan 1876** For \$200, **George W. Daniel** and his wife, **Deborah M. Daniel**, sell **Jordan Daniel** a 95-acre tract of land in Pitt County on the north side of the Tar River:

*...adjoining the lands of the said **Jordan Daniel** and the lands of the heirs of **Enoch Moore dec<sup>d</sup>** (This includes the whole tract purchased of **John F. Whichard** & wife except five acres for a Mill seat and also except all the timber on the whole tract).*

Witnesses: none listed

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book C3, pp. 332–333. The clerk indicated that George W. and Deborah M. Daniel signed their names to the transaction.

Comment: George W. Daniel was the son of John Stanley Daniel and City Albritton Daniel, the daughter of Jonathan Albritton, making George W. Daniel the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. In 1870, three male men named "*Jordan Daniel*" lived in the Pactolus region, all adult black men and undoubtedly former slaves of either the Albritton or Daniel families.

**19 Jan 1877** **E. M. Albritton** and his wife, **Mary Albritton** mortgage 75 acres of land in Pitt County to **J. R. Cherry** and **J. B. Cherry** to secure their payment of a debt of \$297:

*Whereas **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** his wife are justly indebted to **J. R. Cherry** & **J. B. Cherry** partners as **J. R. Cherry & Co.** in the sum of Two Hundred & Ninety Seven Dollars as evidenced by their two Bonds due and payable as follows: One twelve months after date and the other twenty four months after date with interest at 8 per cent from the 1 Jan 1877 and each for the sum of One Hundred and forth eight & 50/100 dollars bearing even date with these presents the payment of which the said **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** his wife desire to secure when the same falls due with interest thereon.*

Now Therefore, This Indenture made the 19 day of January 1877 between the said **E. M. Albritton & Mary Albritton** his wife of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina of the first part and the said **J. R. Cherry and J. B. Cherry** of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina of the second part, Witnesseth.

That in consideration of the premises above recited and for the further consideration of One dollar to them in hand paid...the said **E. M. Albritton & Mary Albritton** his wife have bargained sold and conveyed... to the said **J. R. Cherry and J. B. Cherry** their heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina and described as follows, to wit: Lying on the North side of Grindel [Grindle] Creek in Pactolus Township, adjoining the lands of **Alfred Ross** and **James Whitthard** containing about Seventy five acres being the tract which the said **Mary Albritton** drew in the division of the lands of her father **Clifton James** subject to the dower right of **Marina James** the widow of the said **Clifton James**...

In special Trust and Confidence nevertheless, that if the bonds herein before described, with the interest thereon shall be fully paid and discharged according to their tenor then this Deed to be void. But if the said **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** his wife shall fail to pay off and discharge both of said bonds when the same shall become due and payable with the interest accrued and the costs and charges of drawing and executing this instrument, then upon the failure of any payment the said **J. R. Cherry and J. B. Cherry** shall advertise the tract of land herein before described at the Court House Door in Greenville and at three other public places in the County of Pitt for 20 days and at the expiration of that time shall sell the same at public sale before the said Court House Door to the highest bidder...

Witnesses: "Witness as to **Mary Albritton**" **D. H. James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F3, pp. 62–65. The clerk indicated that E. M. and Mary Albritton signed their names to the transaction.

*In the Probate Court, Jany 22<sup>d</sup> 1877.*

*To **John W. Daniel** Greeting*

*Whereas, **J. R. Cherry & J. B. Cherry** hath produced a deed of trust made to them from **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton** his wife, of a certain tract or parcel of land...and it being represented that it is required by law that **Mary Albritton** wife of the said **E. M. Albritton** be privately examined as to her free consent in executing the said conveyance & is sick and unable to attend. Know Ye, That we, in confidence of your prudence and fidelity have appointed you and by these presents do give unto you full power and authority to take the private examination of the said **Mary Albritton**, wife of the said **E. M. Albritton** concerning her free consent in her executing the said conveyance, and therefore we command you, that at such day and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said **Mary Albritton** if she cannot conveniently come to you, and privately, and apart from her said husband, examine her whether she executed the said conveyance freely and of her own accord, and without any fear or compulsion of her husband; the examination be distinctly and plainly written on said Deed, or some paper annexed thereto, and when you have so taken the examination you are to send the same closed up under your seal, together with this writ, unto our said Court...*

**John W. Daniel** examined **Mary Albritton** separately and apart from her husband on 23 January 1877, and he reported that she declared that she executed it "voluntarily and of her own free will and accord, and without any compulsion, fear, or undue influence of her said husband, or any other person..."

Comment:

1. Edmond M. Albritton was the son of James B. Albritton, grandson of Samuel Albritton, great-grandson of James Albritton, and great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. James B. Cherry was the son of Mary Ann Albritton Cherry Ward, grandson of Luke Albritton, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
3. John W. Daniel was the son of Levina Albritton Daniel, grandson of Joel Albritton, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
4. The identity of J. R. Cherry is currently unclear.

**22 Dec 1877** For \$225 payable on or before 1 December 1878 with 8% interest, **John W. Daniel** and his wife, **Mary E. Daniel**, mortgage to **McG. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 160-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina, *Beginning at the main run in Grindall [sic] Creek, **John L. Daniel's** corner, thence with said **John L. Daniel's** line to **Penelope Albritton's** corner, thence with said **Penelope Albritton's** line to **Germain Bernard** corner, thence with said **Germain Bernards** line to a Gum in the main run of Grindall [sic] Creek, thence with the main run of said creek to the beginning...*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I3, pp. 2–4.

Comment: McGilbra and John W. Daniel are sons of Levina Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making them the grandsons of Joel Albritton and great-grandsons of Peter Albritton Sr. John W. Daniel married Mary Eliza Moore, daughter of

Wedigan Moore, whose sister, Penelope Moore Albritton, married James B. Albritton, the son of Samuel, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**10 Jan 1878** For \$371.42, **E. M. Albritton** and **Mary Albritton**, his wife, sell to **T. R. Cherry** and **J. B. Cherry**, "doing business as **T. R. Cherry & Co.**," all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...a tract or parcel of land in Pitt County, State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of **Alfred Ross** and **James Whitchard** and lying on the Northside of Grinnell [Grindle] Creek in the Township of Pactolus, containing Seventy five acres more or less, being the tract which the said **Mary Albritton** drew in the division of the lands of her father, **Clifton James, deceased**, subject to the dower right of **Marina James**, the widow of the said **Clifton James**.*

Witnesses: **W. W. Little**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book I3, pp. 116–117. The clerk indicated that E. M. Albritton signed his name to the transaction, whereas Mary Albritton made her mark to it. Justice of the Peace W. W. Little privately examined Mary Albritton on 24 January 1878, "separate and apart from her said husband," and she "doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto."

Comment:

1. Edmond M. Albritton was the son of James B. Albritton, grandson of Samuel Albritton, great-grandson of James Albritton, and great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
2. James B. Cherry was the son of Mary Ann Albritton Cherry Ward, grandson of Luke Albritton, and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. James B. Cherry's grandfather, Luke Albritton, served as the executor of his nephew, Samuel Albritton, after the premature death of the latter man in 1831. As the youngest brother of Samuel's father, James Albritton, Luke was only five years older than his nephew.
3. Mary James Albritton was the daughter of Clifton James, son of Mary Albritton James, a sister to both James and Luke Albritton.

**31 July 1878** **Sally Ann House** writes her will, and the witnesses made affidavit before the probate judge on this very day, implying that she died shortly after signing her will:

*In the name of God Amen.*

*I **Sally an** [sic] **House** of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First That my executor hereinafter named Shall provide for my boddy [sic] a decent burial Suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.*

*Item 1. I give and devise to my beloved daughter **George Annar House** [sic–Georgia Ann House] one hundred dollars in money and my bed and furniture and my fine bedstid [sic] to have and to hold forever.*

*Item 2. I give and devise to my beloved daughter **Penelopy House** fifty Dollars in money and her choice bed and furniture of the other three beds to have and to hold forever.*

*Item 3. I give and devise to my beloved daughter **Elizabeth Johnston** one half of my part of the crop raised on her land.*

*Item 4. It is my wish for all of my crop to be put in the Barn and the children to remain here as tha [sic] are and go on and with the crops as hear to fore [sic] with all the Stock to remain but one horse and I want Sold and I wont my land rented out to pay the amount of money I have given to my two Daughters and then the land to be divied [sic] between the Children.*

*In witness wereof [sic] I the Said **Sally an House** [sic] do hereunto set my hand and Seal this 31 day of July 1878.*

*Signed sealed published and declard [sic] by the said **Sally A. House** to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto:*

**Benjamin B. Albritton, McG. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Will Book 2 (1868–1892), pp. 168–169. Pitt County NC Original Wills, Sally Ann House, 1878. Sally Ann House made her mark to the will. Both Benjamin B. Albritton and McG. Daniel swore before Pitt County Probate Judge Sheppard on 31 July 1878 that they witnessed Sally Ann House sign her will. Unless there is an error in these dates made by the clerk, this proves that she died on 31 July 1878.

Comments:

1. Sarah Ann, the widow of Jarrett House, was the daughter of Henry Harrington and Tabitha B. Albritton, making Sarah Ann House the granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James Albritton, son of Peter.
2. Sarah Ann Harrington House did not name all of her children, only these three daughters. The first two that she left money were the younger daughters who had probably not received as much from her as did the elder ones.

- 5 Dec 1878** The Pitt County NC Probate Court appointed commissioners to divide lands belonging to the seven heirs of **Jarrett House** and his wife, **Sarah Ann House**, both deceased. The land divided was described as  
*...adjoining the lands of William W. McGowans and others – It being the lands inherited by Sallie Ann House dec'd from her father Henry Harrington...*
- Reference: Pitt County NC Estate Files, Jarrett House, 1875 (14 pages).
- Comment: This document proves that Sarah Ann, the wife of Jarrett House, was the daughter of Henry Harrington, the husband of Tabitha B. Albritton. We have no marriage records to conclusively prove that Henry married Tabitha Albritton by 1828, the approximate year of Sarah's birth, but we also have no evidence that Henry had any other wives. It appears that Sarah Ann Harrington House was the daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Herrington, making Sallie the granddaughter of Samuel, great-granddaughter of James, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 12 Mar 1882** To satisfy his debt of \$200 owed to **Latham & Skinner, George W. Daniel** mortgages to **Harry Skinner**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a town lot in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina:  
*...commencing at a point where fourth & Jarvis Street intersect and runs with Jarvis street northerly 235 feet to third street then west with third street 130 to the line of lot No. 35 then with the line of lots No. 35 & 32 southerly 235 feet to fourth street 130 feet to the beginning containing with one half of interest one acre and known as lots Nos. 33 & 34 in Skinner's Plot west of Greenville.*
- Witnesses: none
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Y3, p. 3.
- Comment: George W. Daniel is the son of City Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Jonathan Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 15 Dec 1882** To satisfy his debt of \$256 owed to **McG. Daniel, George R. Teel** mortgages to **McG. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 40-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina:  
*...In Greenville Township on the Road leading from Greenville to Williamston by the way of Great Swamp Church and adjoining the lands of Adam Fleming, David House and John Flake it being the tract of land on which John T. Teel now lives and containing forty acres more or less...*
- Witnesses: **F. G. James**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book Y3, pp. 385–386.
- Comment: McGilbra Daniel is the son of Levina Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Joel Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. McGilbra Daniel married Henrietta T. Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel Albritton, great-granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 28 Dec 1882** For \$900, **Major Pollard** and **Sabria Pollard** mortgage to **George W. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...bounded on the north by Samuel H. Langley on the west and south by the lands of David House, on the East by the lands of Geo. W. Daniel...*
- Witnesses: **W. L. Whitehurst**
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book G4, pp. 21–22.
- Comment: George W. Daniel is the son of City Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Jonathan Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 13 Dec 1883** For \$300, **James E. Bullock** and his wife, **Tillitha Bullock**, sell **McG. Daniel** and **Aug. M. Moore**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 26-acre tract of land on the south side of Trantor's Creek, land sold **Tillitha Bullock** by **J. H. Moore**.
- Witnesses: none
- Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book D4, pp. 355–356. The clerk indicated that J. E. Bullock and Tallitha Bullock both made their marks to the document.
- Comment: McGilbra Daniel was the son of John Stanley Daniel and Levina Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, making McGilbra Daniel the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. In the early 1870s, he married Henrietta T. Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington and granddaughter of Samuel Albritton. Samuel was the son of James Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Thus, McGilbra Daniel married the great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.
- 3 Apr 1884** For \$1500, **James L. Langley** and **Jane E. Langley**, his wife, **J. E. Langley** and **Alice E. Langley**, his wife, **Emma L. Langley**, and **Margaret J. Langley** sell to **McG. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 120 acres of land in Pactolus Township, Pitt County, North Carolina,  
*...Adjoining the lands of J. J. Rollins, J. V. Perkins & others, on the North side of Tar River and South side of Grindle Creek. Beginning at two pines on the main public Road J. J. Rollins & heirs of David Langley decd. Corner, thence*

*in an Easterly direction a straight line to a Birch hole [?] on the edge of Grindle Creek thence this same course to the main run of said Creek, thence up the main run of said Creek with **J. V. Perkins** line to the **David Langley** or **Barrow** Corner, thence with said **Langley** or **Barrow** line to a Hickory thence with said line to the beginning, including seventeen acres of land purchased by **James L. Langley** of **David Langley** as per deed dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1859...*

Witnesses: **W. L. Whitehurst**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book F4, pp. 386–388.

Comment: McGilbra Daniel is the son of Levina Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Joel Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. McGilbra Daniel married Henrietta T. Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington, granddaughter of Samuel Albritton, great-granddaughter of James Albritton, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**7 Nov 1884** For \$100, **Mary E. Albritton** sells **James A. Albritton**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all her right title and interest in and to a certain piece or parcel of land being one ninth part situated in said county and state, Pactolus Township on the north side of Tar River and south side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek adjoining the lands of **Germain Bernard**, **Mary E. Daniel**, **John L. Daniel**, and others and known as the tract of land formerly owned by **Penelope Albritton** decd. and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning on **Moore's** leading ditch where **Henry Casons** patent line of his patent dated 13 Oct 1783 crosses said ditch running with **Casons** Pat line N77 W89 poles to a steak [sic] at the Bank of **Jno S. Daniels** leading ditch then with said ditch & **Daniel's** line Northwardly to his corner, then with his line N88 E144 po to a steak [sic] at the foot of the land then up said land S22½ W47 po 18 links to the [illegible word] of ditch then with said ditch S76½ E4 poles to a steak [sic] in said ditch then S14¾ W32 po then S8¼ W16 po with said ditch & then with its meanders to the beginning, then down said ditch to **John S. Daniels** leading ditch then with **Daniels** leading ditch to said **Henry Cason's** Patent line & with his line S77 E89 po to the beginning containing One Hundred and fifty Acres more or less...*

Witnesses: **C. P. Moore**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book H4, pp. 551–552. The clerk indicated that Mary E. Albritton signed her name to the document.

Comment: This document proves that Penelope Moore Albritton, widow of James B. Albritton, died between 1880 (when she lived with her son) and November 1884. She had previously made a document that left her 150 acres to the children of her daughter-in-law, Mary James Albritton. In this document, Mary's daughter (and Penelope's granddaughter), Mary E. Albritton, sells her one-ninth share in the land to her brother, James A. Albritton.

**14 Nov 1885** For \$3725, **George W. Daniel** and his wife, **Deborah M. Daniel**, of Wilson County, North Carolina sell **Mary W. Flanagan** a 201-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...adjoining the lands of **Major Pollard** on the West, the lands of **David House**, and **S. H. Langley** on the South, and **S. H. Langley** land on the North & East...and known as Lot 2 in the division of **David Langleys** land, and a portion of the Lot then assigned **Laura Langley** in said division being all of the land of **G. W. Daniel** & wife **Deborah** adjacent to the place he formerly resided except (50) Fifty acres heretofore conveyed **Major Pollard** and known as the farm of **G. W. Daniel** & wife on the north Side of Tar River where they formerly resided.*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book L4, pp. 88–89.

Comment: George W. Daniel is the son of City Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Jonathan Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**18 Nov 1885** For \$835, **Major Pollard** and wife, **Sabre**, and **George W. Daniel** and wife sell **Mary W. Flanagan**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a 50-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...adjoining **David House** on the South & West, on the East by the lands heretofore conveyed said **Flanagan**, and on the North by **S. H. Langley** containing Fifty Acres and Known as the land conveyed **Major Pollard** by said **Daniel** & wife and the land that **Maj. Pollard** has been in possession of for some years, but the said **Pollard** & wife specially except and reserves to themselves the crops on the land for the year 1885...*

Witnesses: **Harry Skinner**, witness to **G. W. Daniel**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book L4, pp. 90–91.

Comment: George W. Daniel is the son of City Albritton and John Stanley Daniel, making him the grandson of Jonathan Albritton and great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**18 Nov 1885** For \$150, **James B. Cherry** and his wife, **Ada M. Cherry** sell **Pennie A. Albritton**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all their interest (if any) in and to a certain tract of Land situate [situated] in the County of Pitt, said State, Greenville Township, adjoining the Lands of **James Bell**, the **Books** lands and others, and known as the **John Bell** lands, containing twenty acres more or less...*

Witnesses: none listed

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book M4, pp. 125–126.



## Comments:

1. Pennie A. Albritton is presumably the daughter of Edmond M. and Mary A. James Albritton, and the granddaughter of Penelope Moore Albritton and James B. Albritton, who was the elder son of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell Albritton.
2. Pennie A. Albritton's great-grandmother, Tabitha Bell Albritton, was a sister to James and John Bell, who owned the adjoining lands sold here.
3. James B. Cherry was the son of Mary Ann Albritton Cherry Ward, daughter of Luke Albritton, who served as the executor of Samuel Albritton after his premature death in 1831. Luke was Samuel Albritton's uncle, being the youngest brother of Samuel's father, James Albritton, with both James and Luke sons of Peter Albritton Sr.

**18 Nov 1885** **James A. Albritton** mortgages his interest in the lands of **Penelope Albritton** to **William Whitehead** to secure his payment of a bond:

*Whereas **James A. Albritton** is justly indebted to **William Whitehead** in the sum of Two hundred & one Dollars, as evidenced by his Bond due and payable as follows: on the first day of January 1887 with interest at 8 per cent from date, the payment of which the said **James A. Albritton** desire to secure...*

**James A. Albritton** sells to **William Whitehead** the following land in Pitt County, North Carolina:

*...Adjoining the lands of **Germain Bernard**, **William Whitehead**, **Mary E. Daniel**, & others Known as the **Penelope Albritton** land on which my father **E. M. Albritton** formerly resided the same being my interest in two shares of said land the same being undivided containing one hundred & fifty acres more or less...*

If **Albritton** pays the debt, then the deed is to be null and void. If he fails to pay, **William Whitehead** shall advertise and sell the land at public auction.

Witnesses: **L. H. Wilson**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P4, p. 38.

Comment: James A. Albritton was the son of Edmond M. Albritton and Mary James, and the grandson of Penelope Moore Albritton and James B. Albritton, making James A. Albritton the great-grandson of Samuel Albritton and Tabitha Bell.

**1 May 1888** For \$1.00, **Margaret J. Langley** assigns her interest to **McG. Daniel**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina, in a 120-acre tract of land in Pitt County, North Carolina. **Margaret J. Langley**

*"...do by these presents grant, devise, release and forever quit claim unto the said **McG. Daniel** his heirs and assigns all my right title and interest in and to a tract of land situated in Pactolus Township...Beginning at two pines in the main public road **David Langley Decd.** and **J. J. Rollins** Corner thence in an easterly direction a straight line to...the edge of Grindal [Grindle] Creek thence the same course to the run of said Creek thence up the run of said Creek to the **David Langley** or **Barrow** Corner thence with said **Langley** or **Barrow** line to a hickory on the side of said Creek thence with said line to the beginning including seventeen acres of land purchased by **Jas. L. Langley** of **David Langley** as per deed dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1859 Containing (120) one hundred and twenty acres...*

Witnesses: **D. L. James**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book T6, pp. 456–457. The clerk indicated that Margaret Langley signed her name to the document.

Comment: McGilbra Daniel was the son of John Stanley Daniel and Levina Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, making McGilbra Daniel the great-grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. In the early 1870s, he married Henrietta T. Harrington, daughter of Tabitha B. Albritton Harrington and granddaughter of Samuel Albritton. Samuel was the son of James Albritton and grandson of Peter Albritton Sr. Thus, McGilbra Daniel married the great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**12 Dec 1890** For \$1100, **J. J. Harrington** and **O. J. W. Harrington** sell **Henrietta T. Daniel**, all of Pitt County, North Carolina, a tract of 85 acres

*...adjoining the lands of **H. T. Daniel**, the **J. H. Buck** land, **Godfrey Johnson** & wife, the **Wm. McGowans** tract, **Ruffin House**, **W. H. Harrington** and the **Hanley Moore** heirs and being the same tract the said **J. J. Harrington** and **O. J. W. Harrington** inherited from their grandfather **Henry Harrington decd.**...*

Witnesses: none

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book A5, p. 424.

Comment: Joseph John Harrington and O. J. W. Harrington were sons of John A. Harrington, the eldest son of Tabitha Albritton and Henry Harrington. In this deed, they sold their interest in the old plantation of their grandfather to their aunt, Henrietta T. Harrington Daniel, their father's sister. Tabitha Albritton Harrington was the daughter of Samuel Albritton, granddaughter of James Albritton (1761–c1798), and great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

**19 Dec 1890** Commissioners appointed by the Pitt County Court to divide the lands belonging to the estate of **Ivey Fleming Decd.** reported their division to the Court, who ordered it recorded. The heirs included **Leonidas Fleming**, **Rebecca Brown**, **W. J. Fleming**, **Lucinda Nobles**, **Hulda Staton**, **T. H. Fleming**, and **Joseph Briley**, **Bertha Briley**,

**Herbert Briley, Harvey Briley, and Alice Briley**, minors represented by their guardian, **W. J. Briley**. The division of the lands:

Lot No. 1 – **W. J. Fleming**, 52 acres adjoining **House**, and another 22¼-acre tract on the south side of the road leading to Canal Bridge

Lot No. 2 – **Rebecca Brown**, 51 acres adjoining **House**, and another 22½-acre tract on the south side of the road along the Canal, adjoining **Leonidas Fleming** and **David Fleming**.

Lot No. 3 – **Leonidas Fleming**, 51 acres adjoining **House**, and another 22½-acre tract on the south side of the road adjoining **David Fleming**.

Lot No. 4 – **Lucinda Nobles**, 50 acres adjoining **House** and **Kenneth Fleming**, and another 22½-acre tract on the south side of the road adjoining **David Fleming**.

Lot No. 5 – **Huldah Staton**, 50 acres adjoining **Kenneth Fleming** and **House**, and another 22¾-acre tract on the south side of the road adjoining **Sifox Fleming**.

Lot No. 6 – **W. J. Brily** Guardian, 100 acres beginning “at the fork of the road,” adjoining **Elihu Brily’s** and **L. V. Brily**.

Lot No. 7 – **T. H. Fleming**, 80 acres adjoining **House** and along the road.

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book J5, pp. 70–72.

Comment: About 1840 or 1841, Ivey Fleming married Talitha Ann Albritton, daughter of Joel Albritton, granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Albritton Sr. Ivey and Talitha Albritton Fleming had five children to survive infancy before Talitha’s death between 1850 and 1858, including Peter Fleming (died in 1864 while serving in the Confederate Army), Elizabeth Rebecca Fleming Brown, Leonidas Fleming, William Jesse Fleming, and Lucinda Fleming Nobles. Ivey Fleming married on 29 November 1858 in Pitt County to Nurtia Barnhill, and they had four children who survived infancy, with only Huldah Fleming Staton and Timothy Heber Fleming outliving their father. The Briley children were Ivey Fleming’s grandchildren, children of his daughter, Judah Alice Fleming Briley who died on 8 June 1889.

**28 Nov 1892** For \$75, **T. E. Ross** sells **W. A. Ross**

*...all my right title and interest in and upon a undivided tract of land known as the **Nancy James** land located in Pitt County State of North Carolina adjoining the land as follows **John G. Mason, W. A. Ross** and others...*

Witnesses: **Charles M. Ross**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O5, p. 16. “North Carolina Pitt County. The execution the foregoing instrument was this day duly proved before me by the oath and examination of **Charles M. Ross**—the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same with the certificate be registered.”

Comments: Thomas E. Ross was the son of Lydia Ann Lucretia James Ross, grandson of Henry James Sr., great-grandson of Mary Albritton James, and great-great grandson of Peter Albritton Sr.

**2 Oct 1893** For \$111, **William Whitehead** sells to **Lucy G. Bernard** two-ninths interest that **James A. Albritton** owned in the lands known as the **Penelope Albritton** lands, part of an undivided 150 acres:

*Whereas **James A. Albritton** did on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1885 execute his Bond under seal in the sum of two hundred and one Dollars with interest thereon at eight per cent from date thereof and in order to secure the said bond the said **James A. Albritton** on the said 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1885 executed and delivered to the said **William Whitehead** a mortgage upon the Lands hereafter described...Whereas default has been made in the payment of said Bond and the interest thereon and the said **William Whitehead** after said default and after due advertisement according to the terms and term of said mortgage sold the said hereinafter described lands at the Court House Door in Greenville on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1893 at which said **Lucy G. Bernard** became the last and highest bidder at the sum of one Hundred and eleven Dollars. Now Therefore, This indenture made this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1893 by **William Whitehead** Mortgagee to **Lucy G. Bernard** all of the County of Pitt State of North Carolina, Witnesseth That for and in consideration of One Hundred and eleven Dollars...the said **William Whitehead** has bargained and sold...to the said **Lucy G. Bernard** her heirs and assigns forever the following tract and parcel of Land situate [d] in Pitt County described as follows adjoining the Lands of **Germain Bernard, William Whitehead, Mary E. Daniel**, & others known as the **Penelope Albritton** land the same being two shares undivided the entire tract containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less...*

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book O5, pp. 421–422. “North Carolina Pitt County. The execution of the foregoing instrument was duly acknowledged before me by **William Whitehead** the subscribing grantor thereto. Let it be registered.”

Comment: With this transaction, Lucy G. Bernard acquired two-ninths interest in the lands of Penelope Moore Albritton. She then sued to force a division of the property.

**22 Dec 1893** Division of **Penelope Albritton** Lands.

Pitt County Superior Court, case of **C. M. Bernard** and wife **L. G. Bernard** against **J. S. Keel** and wife **Alice, W. A. Knox** & wife **Pennie, Holland, Fannie, Mattie, Essie**, and **Ira Albritton**.

*We the undersigned commissioners appointed in the above entitled [illegible word] to divide the lands described in the petition of the plaintiffs herein filed and in pursuance to the order herein made met on the premises on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1893 and after being duly sworn proceeded to divide the lands and allot the same as per*

*survey and plat hereto attached and made a part of this report to the parties in the interest as follows...Each lot containing seventeen 17 acres more or less except No. 9 which has 14½ Fourteen and one half acres.*

Lot No. 1: **Ira F. Albritton**

Lot No. 2: **Essie Albritton**

Lot No. 3: **Fannie Albritton**

Lot No. 4: **Mattie Albritton**

Lot No. 5: **Holland Albritton**

Lot No. 6: **Pennie Knox** wife of **W. A. Knox**

Lot No. 7: **Alice Keel** wife of **J. S. Keel**

Lots No. 8 and 9: **Lucy G. Bernard** wife of **C. M. Bernard**

Commissioners: **J. A. Thigpen, W. J. Fleming, Elisha Brilley**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book P5, pp. 267–269. Filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court on 23 January 1894.

Comment: As earlier documents show, Penelope Albritton left her land to her grandchildren, the children of her daughter-in-law, Mary James Albritton, following the death of Penelope's son, Edmond M. Albritton, and Mary James Albritton. They had nine surviving children, but their daughter, Mary, had previously sold her portion to her brother, James A. Albritton, and his two shares were seized by the court to pay a note, with Lucy G. Bernard purchasing his interest from the sheriff. As soon as Mary James Albritton died in 1893, she sued to force a division of the lands.

### **13 Oct 1898**

For \$60, **Lydia M. A. Ross** sells **Harriet L. Ross**, both of Pitt County, North Carolina,

*...all my right, title, interest and estate in and to a certain tract of land in said County of Pitt, on the North side of Grindle Creek containing one hundred acres more or less, it being the land owned by my mother (**Lydia L. Ross**) and known as a part of the **Nancy James** lands, and my interest in said land being an undivided one fourth interest in the whole tract.*

Witnesses: **C. M. Ross**

Reference: Pitt County NC Deed Book N6, pp. 445–446. *"The execution of the foregoing Instrument was proven before me this day, by the oath and examination of **C. M. Ross**, the subscribing witness thereto. Let the Instrument with this certificate be registered."*

#### Comments:

1. Lydia Melissa A. Ross was the daughter of Lydia Ann Lucretia James Ross, granddaughter of Henry James Sr., great-granddaughter of Mary Albritton James, and great-great granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr. She had married W. J. Thomas in Pitt County on Christmas Eve 1875, and so it is unclear how she could legally use her maiden name when making this transaction. In 1900, she lived in the Pactolus community under the name "*Melissa Ross*," with Louis Henry Ward, born March 1880, listed as her son. The circumstances of her 1875 marriage to Thomas, 1880 birth of a son with the surname Ward, and the 1898–1900 use of her maiden name are unknown. By the time of her death in 1925, she was listed as "*Lydia Thomas*," a widow employed as a domestic by George Ward.
2. Lydia Melissa A. Ross was selling her interest in the farm owned by her mother and operated by her. Lydia Melissa A. Ross sold her interest to her stepmother, Harriet Lyvestra Gurganus Ross. Lydia's father, Elder William Albert Ross, had died the previous year, on 20 March 1897. Charles M. Ross was Lydia's half-brother, the son of her father and Harriet L. Ross.

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### Notes

1. The three Albritton works published in hardcopy format:
  - a. Lomas, Fran Wylie. *Book of Albrittons: 1609–1979*. San Angelo, TX, 1979.
  - b. McSwain, Eleanor Davis. [\*Some Descendants of Francis Albrighton \(1609–1667\), Mathew Jones of Mulberry Island, Virginia \(1643–1712\), and Ralph Albritton of York County, Virginia \(1656–ca1701\), and Connecting Families\*](#). Macon, GA: Jones and Grissom, 1984.
  - c. Albritton, Bobby G. [\*Albrittons of the Second Millennium\*](#), Revised ed. Alpharetta, GA: Balbritt, 2004.
2. “*The Southerner*” (Tawboro’, NC), 9 January 1858, p. 2, column 1. The article describing the burning of the courthouse in Greenville ended with saying this of the fire: “...supposed to be the work of an incendiary.”
3. “*The Southerner*,” 23 January 1858, p. 2, column 2. After reporting the damages of the lost courthouse, the newspaper editor wrote, “*All the official records were destroyed except those in the Register’s office.*”
4. Ellison, Judith DuPree. *Index and Abstracts of Deeds of Record of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume I (1761–1785), Volume II (1782–1801), Volume III (1801–1817), and Volume IV (1817–1832)*. Miami Beach, FL: Atlantic Printers, 1968.

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