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Lawne's Creek Parish Church

by Mae Davenport Cox

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In 1628, a *chapel of ease* was built for folks living in the Lawne's Creek area. This is the first known church ever built in Surry County making it older than the county or Lawnes Creek Parish... or any other parish!

The *first church* was a wood-frame building, measuring 40 by 20 feet and was in use for twelve years. In 1640 ?some records say 1650 ?a larger building (30x60), made of bricks, was built overlapping the foundation of the first church. Referred to as the *second church*, it was on the same site and actually replaced the first church.

We can come close to pinpointing where these two churches were located (see map, page 50). Compelling evidence suggests the two churches were situated at or near Hog Island in the northern area of Lawne's Creek Parish. The exact spot seems to be up in the air though as different reports give different directions.

Descriptions of the location have been given by several people, including this one, in 1945, by George Mason:

,,, the site of these two early churches of Lawne's Creek Parish is on a high wooded point between two ravines leading down in to the James River, just west of the main road to Hog Island and half a mile southeast of the head of Hog Island Creek?an old road leads to that site from the Colonial highway to the island, which formerly led down the hill only a quarter of a mile from the church. 1

Ethel Rowell gave a similar description and included this remark:

... Jamestown was in plain sight on the opposite shore of the river.²

Were there graves at the old church? According to what Mason reported, there were.

... Brick remains indicating the presence of several graves may be seen in front of the church site, and there are two old walls, with traces of the footings of a churchyard wall.³

In all likelihood those church members who died during the 1628 through 1684 period would have been entombed at their place of worship as was the custom in those days.

This is quite disturbing as our Michael would have been one of the burials in 1681. The worst part is that this site is now occupied by a power plant ?more on that on next page.

Second Church is site of Historical Event

The second Lawne's Creek Parish Church became quite noteworthy during its forty-four year stint. It seems that at this church, in 1673, there was a gathering of parishioners who met to discuss the current tax situation.

Their arrest (including Michael Upchurch) is well recorded in county records and has become known to us as the Lawne's Creek Rebellion. A full accounting is given on the next pages.

First and Second Churches Should be Preserved as Historical Landmark

One would think that since this second church is well documented as the location of the first-known pre-revolutionary-war rebellion, it would have been declared a historical site by the state of Virginia. That has not come to pass!

One would also think that since the site is likely burial grounds for early colonists, including our own Michael Upchurch, the area would be considered sacred and preserved for that reason. Not so. Today the land thought to be that of where the first and second churches were erected is owned by a power plant. Their fencing prohibits anyone from reaching the old church site.

Thus far, the efforts of one Upchurch cousin to have this declared an historical landmark have been futile. Undaunted, he continues his efforts toward this goal as this book goes to press.⁴

A Third Church is Built

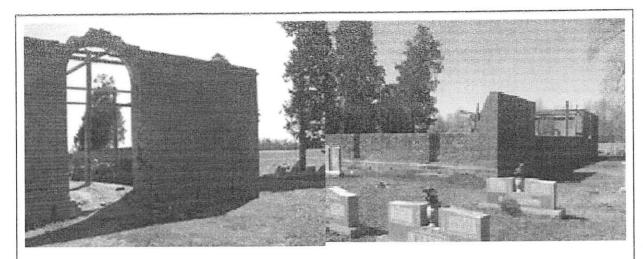
As Lawne's Creek Parish became home to more and more colonists, this northern location was quite inconvenient for many worshipers. So 44 years after the second church was constructed, a *third church* was built about 1684 in a more central location (see map). Fortunately the state of Virginia has declared it a historical site.

The frame structure, located on a three-quarter acre tract, bordered land now known as historic Bacon's Castle. By 1754, the third church was replaced with a larger brick building, and was renamed Southwark Church ?this area was now Southwark County. According to the sign above, that church burned in 1868, but was then rebuilt.



Sign posted on wall of third church. Photo courtesy of Stuart Upchurch. For larger Image, click photo.

Today the church is crumbled though parts of some walls still stand. The old cemetery is well-maintained, though stones are quite weathered. These photos give a glimpse of what you can see today. Photos courtesy of Stuart Upchurch.



Scratched on one of the old cemetery walls behind Lawnes Creek Parish Church, is:

In all my wanderings in this world of care
In all my griefs and God has given me my share
I still had hope 5

- 1 George Mason's 1945 report as cited in *The Surry County, Virginia, 1776 Bicentennial Committee Guide to the buildings of Surry and The American Revolution,* by James D. Kornwolf, 2007; page 12.
- 2 Lawne's Creek Church, Hog Island, by Ethel R. Rowell 1979, fifth page.
- 3 George Mason's 1945 report as cited in *The Surry County, Virginia, 1776 Bicentennial Committee* Guide to the buildings of Surry and The American Revolution, by James D. Kornwolf, 2007
- 4 An Upchurch family member who wishes to remain anonymous, began a drive in 2007 to have the Lawne's Creek Parish Church, (first and second churches) declared a historical site in Surry County, Virginia.
- 5 Stuart Upchurch emailed this poem he found etched into the wall of the Warren headstone plot. He dated it as 1800s matching headstones within the wall. March 23, 2007.

Mae's Place ... A website owned and maintained by Mae Davenport Cox

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Hi Phil,

I found this tidbit today.

Have you seen this before. Read to the end when the name "Upchurch" is mentioned.

I'm saving this piece.

BTW = I'm surprising Aunt Frances (John Lee Upchurch daughter) with a DAR membership for her 90th birthday

She will join under our patriot, Nathan Upchurch.

Best regards,

Joan - John Lee Upchurch and Nathan descendant.

Joan Levy

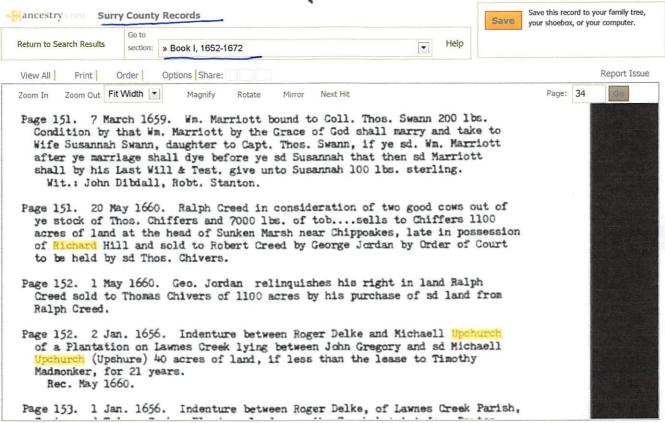
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"Common Sense is not common enough," Dr. Phil McGraw

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Elizabeth Pearce Ray's Ancestral Families

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Isle of Wight and Surry Counties in Virginia and England

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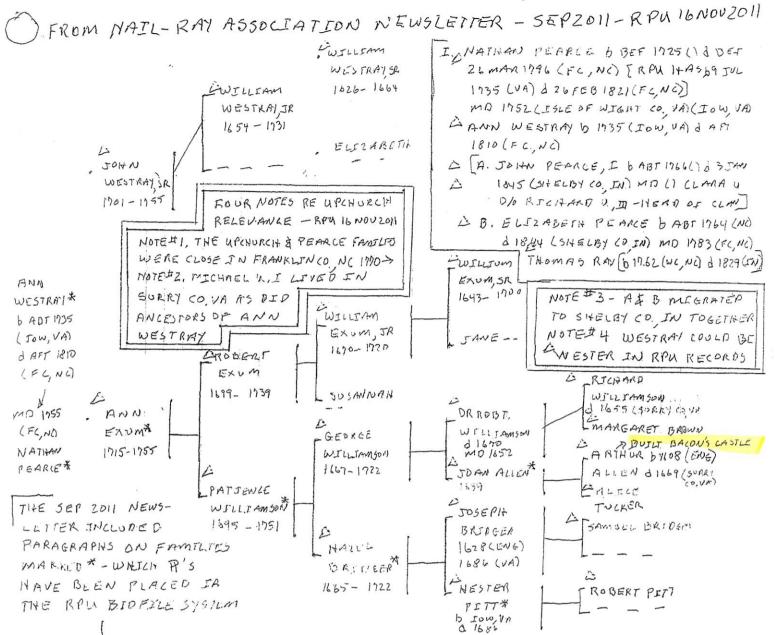
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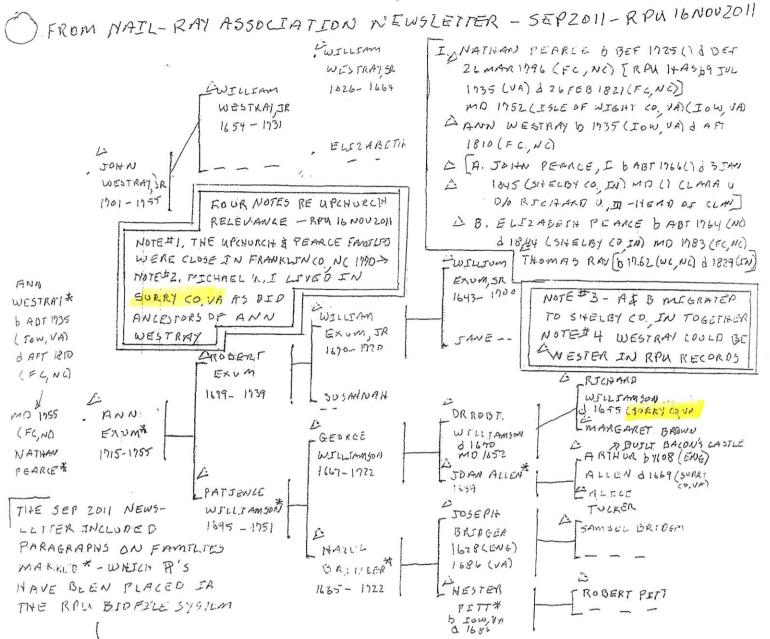
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BALON'S CASTLE- SURRY CO., VA



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FROM - NAIL-RAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER -SEPZOIT
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Surry Co., VA

The main event on Monday was a bus tour of lands that were patented by our ancestors. The first stop was in Surry County at "Bacon's Castle" for our tour of the house and grounds. Jennifer Hurst from Preservation Virginia was our guide. "Bacon's Castle" was built by our ancestor, the first Arthur Allen in Virginia and was originally referred to as "Allen's Brick House." It got the name "Bacon's Castle" after it was occupied for a time by rebels during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676.





above: Chuck and Char Cochran emerge from Bacon's Castle.

left: Lana Patterson and Lynn Brody tour the gardens.

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Book 7 - Page 522

SLATE, Edward: Leg. - To wife, Mary Slate, all my estate for her life, then to my son, Edward Slate, negroes. Rest and rem. of est., which wife is to have use of, to be equally divided with, to grandsons, John George, Robert Slate and Robert Kee. Wife, and son Edward, exors. Made - 9 July, 1747. Prob. 20, Nov., 1750.
Wit: Robert Little, Francis Little, James Griffin.

Book 9 - Page 666.

SISSON, Thomas: Leg. - (First part of this will illegible.)
To daughter, Elizabeth, land in Brunswick County, 134 acres.
To daughters, Ann, Isabel and Mary Sisson, the rest of the land in Brunswick County. To son, Stephen, what I have before given him and one negro. John Reigns, John Denton and Peter Simmons to appraise the estate. Appoints sons, Thomas Sesson, and Wm. Sesson, exors. Made - 18 Dec., 1730.
Prob. 1731. Wit: John Raines, John Denton, Peter Simmons.
Book 8 - Page 1051

SLEDGE, Charles: Leg. - To son-in-law, John Ellison 75 acres for his life, this land on Pigin Swamp, where he how dwells; and at his decease, to my granddaughter, Judy Ellison. To my son, John Sledge, 100 acres of land in Surry, bounded by Samuel Chappell's land on one side and Coll. Wm. Randolph's land on the other side. To my daughter, Rebecca Ivy, one cow. To daughter Mathew Sledge, one cow. To granddaughter Judy Ellison one cow, Rest to wife.

Made - 3 Nov., 1725. Prob. Feb. 16, 1725.

Book 7 - Page 623.

SLEDGE, John: Leg. - To my eldest son, Charles Sledge, 150 acres of land where he now lives and negroes. To my son, Daniel Sledge, part of a tract of 200 acres in Brunswick County, also pewter dishes, etc. To son, Amos Sledge, 171 acres of land, being a part of the above in Brunswick County. To daughter, Ann Griffin, five pounds. To daughter, Sarah Sledge, pewter dishes, cows. To daughter, Rebecca, negroes, and household goods, and 200 acres, where I live, and at her death, to my son, John Sledge. The rem. of est. to be divided between, Charles, Daniel, Sarah, John, and Amos. Wife, exorx.

Wit: Hugh Ivey, Thos. Ivey. Made - 27 Dec., 1749.

Prob. 18 Dec., 1750. Book 9 - Page 674.

SLEDGE, Mary: Leg. - Makes small bequests to son, John Sledge; daughter Rebecka Ivie; granddaughter, Judith Ellison, when the latter is 21 years old. Gives daughter, Martha Hay, all the rest of the estate; makes son-in-law, Peter Hay, exor. Made - 8 Jan., 1726/7. Prob. July 17, 1728.

Wit: Edward Prince, Eliza. Prince, Thos. Hay.

Book 7 - Page 826.

SMITH, John: Leg. - To George Williams 200 lbs. of tobacco. To my son, John Smith, my Plantation, a small gun, etc.

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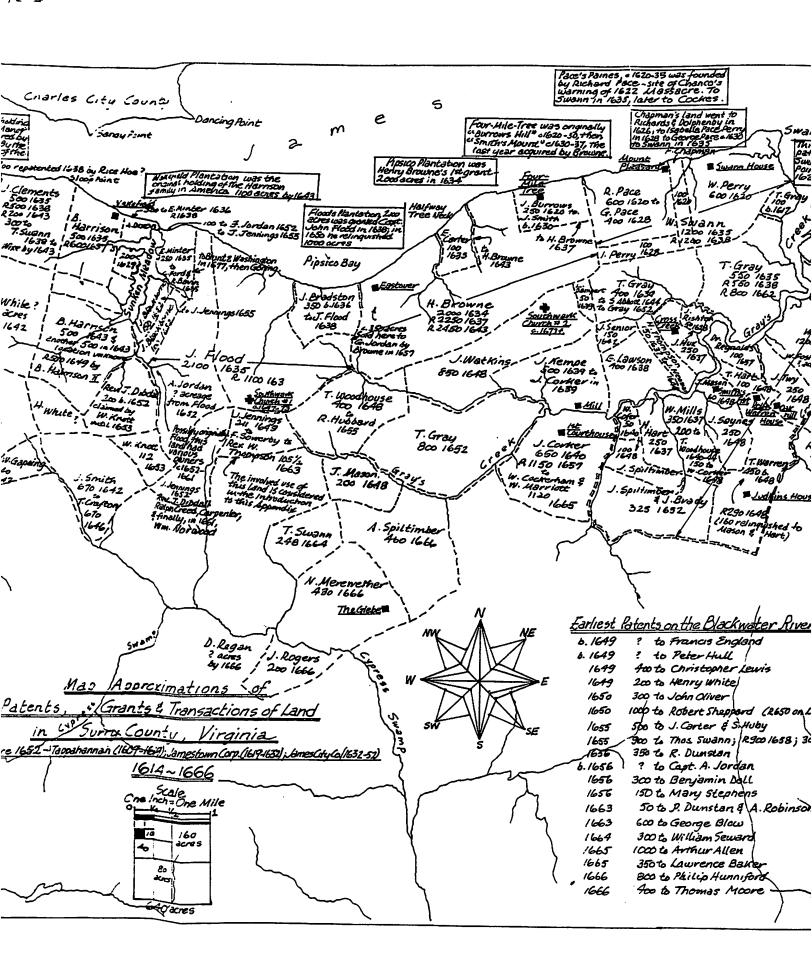
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The Doings in The Devil's Old Field

Nothing seems to excite the political passions of Americans so much as the fairness of taxation. The airwaves crackle with debates about what look to some like inequities in the revenue codes, and the Internet rumbles with rumors of deals cut behind closed doors. It may be that we sometimes are too hasty to decry such things as tax breaks for one bracket versus another, and too quick to credit secondhand reports of the machinations of government. It was ever thus, more or less. Consider the doings in The Devil's Old Field-sometimes called The Devil's Woodyard—in late seventeenth-century Virginia.

As colonial tax protests went, the grumbly gathering there in Surry County's Lawne's Creek Parish barely rose to the dignity of a grievance meeting. Yet it was among the earliest demonstrations—perhaps the first—of the

new Americans' readiness to stand against perceived injustice.

More than 100 years in advance of such spectaculars as the Boston Tea Party, "a Certain Company of Turbulent and Giddy Headed Persons," as the records describe the fourteen participants, unlawfully assembled December 12, 1673, perhaps ten miles from Jamestown. They met at their church beside Hog Island Creek to decry the latest annual county levy. Ringleader Mathew Swan had cooked

up the idea at John Barnes's house with John Sheppard and William Hancock on the basis of misinformation, mixed with mistrust.

Small farmers like Surry County's were poor in the best of times, but in 1673, as Governor William Berkeley said, most men were in debt and "their labors would hardly maintain them." They could afford neither tools to scratch out their livings nor clothes to cover their backs. The money crop, tobacco, glutted the market, and sold for a farthing a pound. Dutch raiders had destroyed eleven ships in the James River tobacco fleet before the cargoes could be sold at any price. Disease had killed 50,000 livestock the winter before, and most of the colony's corn had been exhausted to keep the remainder alive.

A historian says, "The burden on every man in the colony was reaching a breaking point." Men were hard pressed, and hard-pressed men can be quarrelsome.

In those days it was "the custom of the County Courts at the laying of the levy to withdraw into a private Room by which the poor people not knowing for what they paid their levy did always admire how their taxes could be so high." The levy was a tax on households paid in pounds of tobacco, according to the number of people available to tend the fields.

It is human nature, of course, for a taxpayer to wonder where his money is going. So Swan had asked Justice of the Peace Francis Mason, a man who should know. Mason said the taxes were unjust.

From another gentleman, known to history only as Goring, Swan heard some of the taxes were extraordinary. Swan concluded, wrongly,

that the general levy was punishingly high, and compounded his error by concluding that an assessment for government salaries applied only to Lawne's Creek. He believed the county's other parish, Southwark, was exempt.

An angry call for a taxpayers meeting circulated, just the sort of gathering outlawed by the Rogues and Riots Act, a law from which we derive the term "reading the Riot Act." At the church, Swan and his confederates wel-



Library Company of Philadelphia Reputed to be the first American newspaper cartoon, this snake was printed by Ben Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette in 1754. Read more about colonial journalism, page 25.

comed Roger Delke, Robert Lacy, Gregory, Thomas Clev. Michael Upchurch, William Tooke, George Peters, William Little, John Greene, and James Chessett. Francis Taylor came along to watch, but no one else showed up. The participants blamed nasty weather for the disappointing turnout, sat about to indulge in some mutinous talk "with intent to alter the Late Levy, or not to pay the Same," and went home to organize another meeting for the Sunday following.

Taylor, in the interim, checked with the sheriff, who showed him the tax rolls. Taylor saw Swan was mistaken. That Sabbath he passed the word in church, and all was quiet until January 3.

By then news of the tax protest meeting had reached Justices of the Peace Lawrence Baker and Robert Spencer, who ordered the sheriff to arrest the participants. The miscreants met in a clearing, The Devil's Old Field, and agreed not to betray their leader, Swan. In court, Delke told the officials, "We will burn all before one shall suffer."

Questioned, the men said they thought "the levy was unjustly laid upon them and they met with intent to remedy that oppression." When the court disabused them, Gregory, Lacy, Chessett, Cley, Upchurch, Tooke, Little, and Greene apologized, were ordered to pay court costs, and confined until they posted peace bonds.

Organizers Barnes, Sheppard, and Hancock, "stubborn and silent," were, in addition, fined 1,000 pounds of tobacco, as, for his defiant remark, was Delke. Swan, unpersuaded of his error, was remanded to the April session of the General Court at Jamestown "for his Dangerous Contempt and unlawful project, and his wicked persisting in same." He was fined 2,000 pounds of tobacco. Pe-

ters's punishment is not recorded.

By September, hearts had softened. Governor Berkeley wrote on the twenty-third, "I doe hereby remit the fines of Mathew Swan, and also the fines of the other poor men, that were fined in Surry County Court, provided they acknowledge their fault in the said County Court, and pay the Court Charges."

And so matters stood until 1676, when hard-pressed men gathered again, under the banner of Bacon's Rebellion, a better-known protest of the poor and the unemployed against the privileged and the powerful.

-J. Hunter Barbour

Proof of the Pudding

Since at least 1546, it has been idiomatic that it is an ill wind that blows no good. The phrase proved its continued currency at the journal when the magazine came up short of space in which to run the sidebar for writer James Breig's winter article, "Out, Damn'd Proverbs." That misfortune, however, gives us a chance to revisit a topic of interest. So here it is, a sampling of old English proverbs, some familiar, some not, with the year of first citation in the Oxford English Dictionary. Some sayings are still used or easily grasped. For others, explanations are supplied.

1562

Out of sight, out of mind.

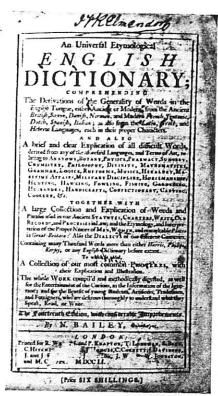
1682

The proof of the pudding is in eating it.

1706

Set a beggar on horseback, and he'll ride to Peg Crancum's.

"Peg Crancum," a nickname for



Colonial Williamsburg

a rambunctious girl, is a corruption of "Peg-Trantum," who, for reasons the OED does not detail, lived a hundred fathoms underground and whose moniker is slang for "dead." Thus to ride to Peg-Trantum is to ride to your demise.

1738

Naught's ne'er in danger.

1748

Spare to speak, spare to speed. The saying is repeated in, among other places, Tobias Smollett's novel Roderick Random. In the eighteenth century "speed" meant "succeed" or "prosper." Thus, "Godspeed" means not "May God hurry you along" but "May God bring you prosperity."

1751

Prevention is the better cure.

1761

The Lord Mayor's Day is generally a bad one.

On November 9, the Lord Mayor of London and other city fathers

Mrs. Leverelle B. Gregory, Jr. 368 Spring Frove Road Spring Grove, Virginia 23881-8114



9 August 2003

Mr. Robert P. Upchurch 351 Shetland Valley Court Chesterfield, MO 63005-4840

Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Thank you for your interesting letter of 4 August. It appears that Dennis Montgomery, who is married to my cousin, suggested that you contact me.

REC'INCE2003

I have done some historical research in the Surry area in the past. I am now involved in other projects, however, and am not able to undertake research for individuals. If I had information about your ancestor, I'd be glad to pass it along. But he is absent from my files.

If you have access to the Internet, I invite you to visit the two Surry related web sites that I maintain. They are devoted to Surry research and have many links and other information that may help you. Both are linked to my personal page:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~eve368g/

Good luck with your research.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. L. B. Gregory, Jr.)

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Subj: RE: CWF Journal Article

Date: 5/1/03 3:10:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: DMontgomer@CWF.org (Montgomery, Dennis)

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To: RobertFBarrs@cs.com

Dear Mr. Barrs,

Thank you for your inquiry.

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There is no one on the magazine's staff familiar with the counties you name in the period you mention. You might, however, contact a local historian over there named Eva Mary Gregory. She is the wife of L. B. Gregory, and they live in Spring Grove. I haven't a telephone number or e-mail address, but the Postal Service address is:

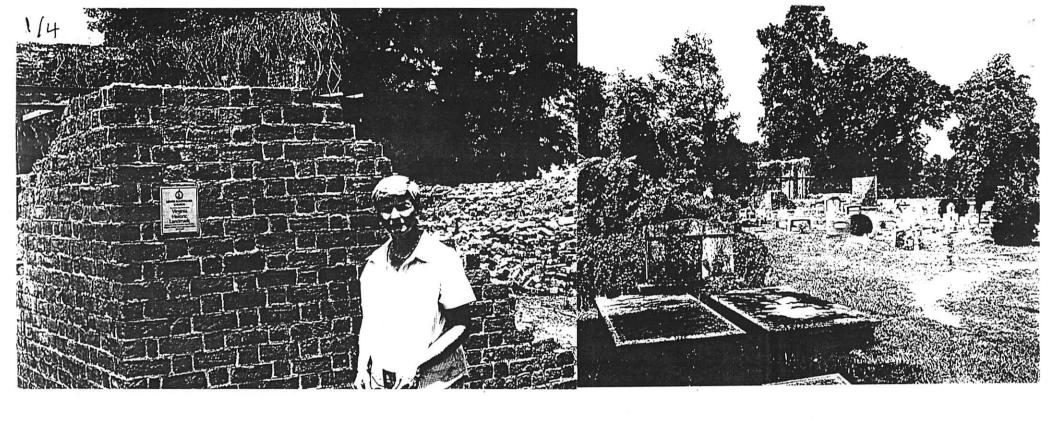
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Best regards, Dennis Montgomery

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In addition to sending the family dates and information to you, I'm enclosing some photos that we took in July of 2005 on a vacation trip to VA. We had been to Virginia Beach, and took Hwy 10 northwest to find the small rural cemetery that is referred to in the Upchurch book as "Lawne's Creek Cemetary" where it is believed that Michael Upchurch is buried. It also has been called Lower Surry Church and Lower Southwark Church. I had found some information and pictures about it on the internet at www.kimshockey.com/va/southwark.html. It had actually looked very similar to the picture in the book until Hurricane Isabel came through VA in Sept. 2003. A tree was blown down, collapsing the standing walls. Since then, the remaining walls have been taken down for safety. The old headstones were made of marble so have deteriorated and no names are left. We also drove into the small village and found the Surry County courthouse where the records are, but decided not to stop there. The day we went there was about 100 degrees with 98% humidity.



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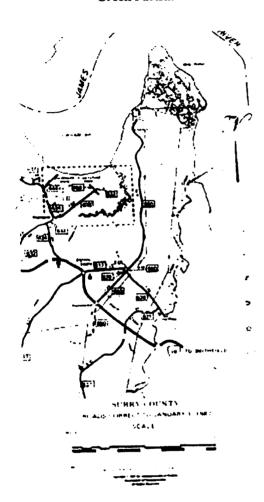
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Recently Asked Question: "Where was Lawne's Creek Parish located in the very early 1700s?"

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Part of 1987 Surry County, VA, Road Map Showing approximate boundary of Lawne's Creek Parish.

Lawne's Creek Parish was on the south side of James River. Its formation was authorized by the January, 1640, General Assembly.



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An Act of March, 1643, relieved the inhabitants of the burden of supporting James City Parish, because they were living within Lawne's Creek parish. Its boundaries were described as beginning at the mouth of Hogg Island Creek, then running along James River to Lanes [Lawne's] Creek, then from Lanes [Lawne's] Creek to the head of its uppermost branches, then westerly to the head of the upper branches of [Lower] Chippokes Creek, then to the mouth of [Lower] Chippokes Creek, then back to Hogg Island Creek. While early acts also described a Chippokes Parish, it seems to have been absorbed by Lawne's Creek.

Southwark Parish was created in 1647 and described as encompassing all the territory extending from "the colledge" [College Creek] to (and including) the Upper Chipoaks [Upper Chippokes Creek]. Surry County was cut off from James City County in 1652, and Lawne's Creek and Southwark Parishes then lay within it.

Upon the organization of Brunswick County in 1732, Lawne's Creek and Southwark Parishes were divided at the Blackwater River. Their areas south of the river were combined into the new Albemarle Parish. Their areas north of the river were combined into Southwark Parish, so that Lawne's Creek Parish ceased to exist as a separate entity.

References: Charles Francis Cocke, Parish Lines Diocese of Southern Virginia (1964, Richmond, VA) 56-61; William Waller Hening, The Statutes at Large..., vol I (Charlottesville, 1969) 277 cited by Cocke.

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Bacon's Castle SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

1665



Bacon's Castle was built in 1665 by immigrant Arthur Allen, and is the oldest documented brick house in English North America. It possesses several architectural features that have, over the centuries. become all but extinct in this country. It is also the earliest Virginia house to be constructed in a cruciform design, that is, the main body of the house joined by a porch tower on the front and a stair tower to the rear. The handsome curvilinear or Flemish gables are accented by robust offset triple chimney stacks which also add to the atmosphere of great age which envelopes this entire plantation setting.



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Friday, November 17, 2006 11:19 AM

To:

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Subject: Cussell Creek

Wooohoooo... guess what I found!!!!

While searching and looking for information on Michael Upchurch, I, I've run across something pretty interesting. We still need to do more investigating to prove it all, so I thought I'd enlist your keen observation powers!

In the endorsement of Ferrar for the first letter written by Michael in 1650, it is noted that he *lives neere Cussell Creek nor far from Warrisqueke by Mother Bennett's plantation* [Isle of Wight County]. That particular location has not been identified as far as I can tell reading all the *Upchurch Bulletins*. I think though I may have found where he was talking about.

There was a widow Alice Bennett whose plantation was known as Warrascoyack. In April 1644, she bought 150 acres of land between Castle Creek and Cypress Swamp. Another reference is made to her in 1644 as Robert Lawrence buys land located on the *eastermost side of Lawnes creek adjoining the land of widow Bennett*.

Alice, as best I can determine, was the widow of Robert Bennett, son of Edward Bennett. Edward, of London, obtained a patent from the Virginia Company to establish Bennett's Plantation in 1622. There's a plethora of data on these folks!

I pulled a bunch of info on these folks trying to determine if I was on the right track. There are several references of a Castle Creek that appears to meet or merge with Quarter Spring. Both those names are listed in numerous descriptions of land transactions. It looks like this would have been in the northeastern part of Isle of Wight County, near Hog Island in Surry County. Reference is also made to it being near the town of Smithville, Virginia.

Doesn't this sound plausible? I do feel I've made a good find to solve the confusion about *Cussell Creek!* If you look at the handwriting where it's written, it actually looks like it could be *Castle* or *Castile*.

Cool!

Surry County, Va.,

Court House

1656' - Indenture, Lease by Rodger Delk to MICHAEL UPCHURCH

Whereas Rodger Delke for himself, his heirs, administrators and assigns hath d -- and granted to farm let unto Michael Upchurch his heirs administrators and assigns, one small division of land situated and lying bounded upon Lawnes Creek being bounded upon Swamp between John Gregory and said Michael Upchurch. For his breath (breadth) East upon the creek, South upon John B---- land, and West into the woods for length of said land, which was agreed to be 40 acres, and if it did extend to be more the said Michael Upchurch was to have it. If it turn out to be less than the lease to Timothy Med ? (note added "Madmonker")

If I, the said Michael Upchurch, my heirs, executors, and assigns doth rest satisfied without any moslestation or disturbance unto Rodger Delke, his administrators or assigns and tohave all rights, privileges and appurtenance thereto belonging, as hawking, fowling, fishing, & hunting, falling, sawing, making timber upon said land for own purposes of building houses upon said dividen of land, without molestation & disturbance of said Rodger Delke himself, his administrators, heirs, etc. The said Upchurch is to hold the said land himself, his heirs and assigns for and during the term of 21 years.

He the said Michael Upchurch, his heirs, assigns, etc. yield yearly 150 lbs of good sound merchandizable leaf tobacco and barrelled according to the Act of Assembly. The tobacco to be paid the 10th of Jan. every year ensuing from the date thereof upon all the deman unto the above

Rodger Delke.

Furthermore I, the said Michael Upchurch do bind myself, heirs, administrators, assigns to plant and Orchard upon said land 30 Apple Trees and 10 pear trees, some Quince Trees, which Trees are to be planted

before 3 years ensuing.

Rodger Delke specified for his hears, assignes and administrators bind Michael Upchurch his heirs, assignees, etc. not to remove anything off said land, and furthermore to leave upon said land Tenantable housing at the expiration of said lease, and furthermore said Rodger Delke, his heirs and assignees, etc. is to find some small portion of timber for repairs of buildings, houses, after the lease expires.

> Signed Rodger Delke Michael Upchurch

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located on Lawne's Creek and had been originally patented by William Spencer. In his next patent, for 550 acres, dated January 24, 1662, he is designated as "Major" William Caufield.

Major Causield also represented Surry in the House in 1659 and 1660. He died intestate, left one son, Robert, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who married William Seward. Robert Causield was Burgess for Surry in 1676. He married Elizabeth, sister of Arthur Allen, 2nd, and died in 1691. She married, secondly, Joseph John Jackman, sometime Sheriff of Surry.

Robert Caufield, in his will dated January 2, 1691, leaves many legacies as he had no children. He gave his "niece Elizabeth, wife of William Holt", land bought of William Gray; "niece Mary, wife to James Bruton", land purchased of John Rogers; "nephew John Seward, land left me by my father on Hog Island." (B. 4, p. 240.) These two "nieces" and one "nephew" were respectively daughters and son of William Seward who made his will March 16, 1702-03, same probated May 4, 1703. He names his daughters, Mary Bruton and Elizabeth Holt. (B. 5, p. 275.) His son, John Seward, had predeceased him in 1699. (B. 5, p. 186.)

From 1661 to 1676 Governor Berkeley ordered no new elections for Burgesses. The General Assembly which served during this time was known as the "Long Parliament". It was not until Bacon's Rebellion had begun to spread that Berkeley yielded to popular calmor and issued writs for an election of Burgesses. He said in a proclamation that although he must testify to the ability and services of the present burgesses yet "Finding by too frequent complaints that the so long continuance of the present Assembly is looked upon as a grievance, he most regretfully did dissolve them."

The only new Burgesses who appeared for Surry in the House during this long time were Captain William Cockerham who served in 1663; Captain Lawrence Baker who served from 1666 to 1676; and William Browne who served in 1673. Accounts of Captain William Cockerham and William Browne are shown in the history of their families. (Post.)

Captain Lawrence Baker, who served ten years in the House, apparently had no sons, and only one daughter, Catherine, who married Arthur Allen II of Surry. Captain Baker was a Justice from 1652 to his death in 1681. He gave his wife one-third of his estate and his daughter the other two-thirds.

Chapter XII

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AMERICA'S FIRST TAX STRIKE

THE BIRTHPLACE OF INDEPENDENCE

SEVERAL communities in the United States have claimed that their particular place was the "Birthplace of Freedom" because early in colonial times its citizens made protests against the payment of unjust and burdensome taxes.

We wish to advance the claim of Lawne's Creek Parish Church in Surry County as the "Birthplace of Freedom" in America for some of its parishioners met there on December 12, 1673 "to declare they would not pay their public taxes."

There was no freedom of assembly in those days and this unusual and unauthorized meeting alarmed the authorities. Two Justices of the County Court, by virtue of an English statute nearly 300 years old which empowered Justices to inquire into such "Riots", ordered the sheriff to arrest these "seditious" people and bring them before the court for trial.

This was only a prelude to Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. Governor Berkeley was America's first modern dictator. It will be noted in the following chapter on the Rebellion, that his methods of obtaining absolute rule was somewhat like that of Huey Long's and governors of other states to whom subservient legislatures gave autocratic powers.

America's freedom was not won by a single stroke. It was of slow growth, as typified by this and other like protests made from time to time, until it finally burst forth in a greater rebellion than Bacon's, the American Revolution.

But let us get along with the story. On January 3, 1673-74, following the gathering at Lawne's Creek Church, Lawrence Baker and Robert Spencer, Justices of the County Court issued the following writ which was recorded January 13, 1673: (Bk. 2, p. 40.) "Of how dangerous consequence unlawful assemblies and meetings have been is evident by the choronicles of our native country which are occasioned by a giddy headed multitude, and unless restrained may prove the ruin of a country, and therefore we, LAWRENCE BAKER and ROBERT SPENCER, two of ye justices of this county, being informed that on about the 12th of December last past, a company of seditious and rude people to the

number of 14 did unlawfully assemble at the Parish Church of Lawne's Creek, with intent to declare they would not pay their public taxes, and they expected divers others to meet them, who failing they did not put their wicked design in execution, and for the good law made against Rogues and Riots and particularly the Statute of 13 Henry IV, chapter 7, and injoining Justices to inquire of such meetings, we therefore sent our warrant to the Sheriff of this county to Cause,

Matthew Swan
William Tooke
Thomas Clay
George Peters
James Chessett

John Barnes
William Hancock
John Gregory
John Sheppard
John Greene

to appear before us, yet the said persons not being satisfied with this former unlawful meeting, did this day, the greatest part of them meet together in ye old field called 'Devil's Old Field', and as we justly suspect did confederate not to discover who were the first instigators or moved them to their unlawful assembling as afore and we upon their examination to find they have unanimously agreed to justify their meetings, persisting in the same as appears by the open declaring of Roger Delke that if one suffers they would all burn, and we find their contemptuous behavior and carriage not respecting authority; have therefore committed ye persons aforesaid to the custody of the Sheriff, until they find security for their appearance at the next County Court and also for keeping the peace which we conceive consonant to the law in such cases, and ye mutinous persons aforesaid being so many in number. We have by Virtue of the Statute of ye 2d of Henry 5th command ye aide and assistance of several of the neighborhood for their security. Given under our hands the day and year aforesaid." (Book 2, p. 40.)

Many of the above fourteen men were respectable landowners. Matthew Swan was perhaps related to Col. Thomas Swann, one of the most prominent men in the county at the time and a member of the Council. William Tooke was the son of James Tooke of Isle of Wight County, who had served in the House of Burgesses. Thomas Clay was connected with the family of John and William Corker, burgesses and prominent in the early history of the county. John Barnes was a Quaker and a fairly prosperous man, who later married Mr. Tooke's widow. William Hancock married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Spencer, and a relative of the same Capt. Robert Spencer who caused his arrest.

Roger Delke was the son of Roger Delke, Sr., who had been Burgess for Stanley Hundred in the session of 1632-33. John Gregory was the step-father of Roger Delke, Jr., as he had married Alice Delke his mother.

The depositions of all fourteen of the above men are recorded immediately after he above warrant from Capts. Spencer and Baker (id., pp. 40-41). That of James Chessett was the first: "James Chessett being this day at ye house of Capt. Law. Baker & coming with Thirteen psons who were summoned to appeare there to give an acct. of theire Rioutous or unlawful Assemblying att ye Church of Lawnes Creeke on ye 12th Xbr. Last, & for yt ye sd Chessett was not summoned, but comeing with ye Rest, he was brought before us ye subscribed, & being asked who gave him notice to come with ye Rest, he said he came of his own Simple head; he was also asked If he was of them yt mett at ye Church, he Answered 'yes', he being (asked?) why he invited Geo. Peetrs to yt meeting, he said it was to see his neighbors, soe yt he seemes premptorily to give an acct. of ye first pmoter or Instigator of that meeting."

He was followed by Roger Delke who "being this day brought before us the subscribed, and complaint being made to us by William Sherwood, sub sheriff of this county, the said Delke did this day say that 'we will burne all before one shall suffer.' Ye said Delke acknowledged he said ye same words, and being asked why they met at the church he said by reason their taxes were so unjust and they would not pay it. He was demanded who was the person that invited him to meet, he peremptorily denied; but ye said Delke on his own behalf and on the behalf of the others then met did declare their meeting was to be relieved from payment of Drams and Cyder which they never had. All the rest assented to what he said save only Michael Upchurch."

Robert Lacy then deposed that William Hancock took him to the meeting at the Devil's Field, though he was warned to the contrary, and that John Barnes, Michael Upchurch, John Greene and John Sheppard were also there. He also said that he was at the meeting at the church, about which John Sheppard told him. Thomas Clay deposed that William Hancock told him of the meeting and was the first to tell him that the levies were unreasonable. William Hancock denied who told him of the meeting. "very obstinately persisting."

George Peters testified that James Chessett asked him to go to the

church. Then Michael Upchurch denied who told him of the meeting or that he knew of the business they met about.

Matthew Swan's testimony was as follows: "Matthew Swan being this day brought before us the subscribed and being asked why he and others met at the Church, the 12th Xber, last, he said it was to agree about a redress from their taxes which were heavy. He was asked how he knew their taxes were unreasonably laid, he said Mr. Mason (Francis Mason, one of the justices) told him and also Mr. Goring said the same, and that there were some extraordinary taxes, he being demanded what discourse he and Mr. Goring had about the meeting, he said Mr. Goring said he would be there if he did not go from home, and the said Swan have also very obstinately persisted in the Lawlessness of the meeting, and said that all or most of the Country were of his mind."

John Greene in his deposition denied who instigated him to go meeting. William Little said that he went with John Barnes, but denied who instigated him to go. John Sheppard agreed with the others to meet at the church "to be redressed from their Levys"; he said that he heard from Samuel Cornell that the levies were unjust, and that Cornll said Mr. Holt (i.e., Randall Holt) told him so.

John Barnes then being called denied who said first that the levies were unreasonable and said that he heard it from everybody. William Tooke also denied knowing who said first that the levies were unreasonable.

The examination was concluded by the deposition of Francis Taylor, a person not involved. "The deposition of Francis Taylor being called before Capt. Law. Baker, Mr. Robert Caufield, and Capt. Robert Spencer to swear his true knowledge concerning a meeting of some of the Parish on Friday 12 Xbr., 1673, at Lawne's Creek Parish Church is as follows: "That being at my lodging—looking out I espyed John Gregory going through the Field, and called him to desire him to make me a waistcoate, which he told me he would, but he asked me if I would not be at the Church for there was to be a great part of the Parish meeting there this morning concerning ye Levys. I told him I knew nothing of it, neither was I concerned in it, as being no house-keeper, but I did not much care if I went with him to see what was done. He told me he was going to Mr. Caufield's to take measure of one of his men, to make his freedom clothes and he would holler for me as he came back, which accordingly he did and we went together.

When we came there we found about halfe a score men sitting there.

and asking them how they did, and what they met for they said they did expect some more to come intending civilly to treate concerning the Levy for they did understand that there was several officers to be paid tobacco out of the Levy, which they knew no reason for, by reason they were put to as much trouble and expense as they were. Colonel Swan was to have 5000 lbs. tbco. for the officers and the Colonel was to be levied on this parish only. Their company not meeting yet they stayed there about an hour, and so resolved to speake about it on the next Sabbath being sermon day. In the Interior on Saturday, I being at Mr. Sherwood's (the sub-sheriff) requested him to see the list of the Levy which he did show me and there I saw the charge was levied on the whole county. Which I spoke of at the Church, they hearing said no more, and further saith not." (Book 2, pp. 42-3.)

This simple meeting of citizens to complain about their taxes seems to be a "tempest in a tea pot" from a 20th century standpoint. However, it appears to have been regarded as an extremely serious matter in 17th century Virginia under Berkeley's autocratic rule.

The case was speedily disposed of as follows at a court held for Surry County January 6, 1673/4 (O. B. 1671-90, p. 42): "for that they were sorry for their offence & were no projectors of ye same, John Gregory, Robert Lacy, James Chessett, Thos. Clay, Michll Uuchurch, Wm. Tooke, Wm. Little and John Greene be ordered committed until they give bond for their future good behaviour and pay costs and be dismist." (George Peters seems to have been unintentionally omitted from the above list.) John Barnes, John Sheppard, and William Hancock were ordered to "be committed untill they give ye like bond and pay each of them one Thousand pounds tobo, fine, to ye use of his Majesty, and pay costs." Roger Delke "altho he were noe Ring Leader in ye faction, yet for saying after much fair admonicon yt if one of them suffered they would burne all, he shall stand Comitted untell he give ye Like bond and pay ye Like fine of 1000 pds. of tobo. wth costs." ... "& for ye sd Mathew Swan was a Chief projector of ye design & being asked if he were Convinced & said yt ye Cort had unjustly proceeded in ye sd Levy & Charged ye Cort therewth at ye Barr, it is therefore order'd that he stand Comitted untell he give bond for his good abearing wth security for his appearance at ye 3'd day of ye next Genrall Cort before ye Right Honourable ye Governour, & Councell for his Dangerous Contempt & Unlawful project & his wicked Prsisting in ye same; & being called again one by one & strictly

Examined how & by whome ye sd unlawfull Assembly was projected & sett on foot; it appearing yt ye sd Mathew Swan, Jno. Barnes, Jno. Sheppard and Wm. Hancock at ye house of ye sd Jno. Barnes did first resolve & conclude upon ye meeting & yt ye rest (with a great many more whome they intended to prsuade were only drawne on from ye beginning)."

The case of Matthew Swan was finally brought before the Council and General Court of Virginia on the afternoon of April 6, 1674 and settled as follows: "It is ordered that the order of Surry Court Against the mutinuss Psons he Confirmed and that Mathew Swan the ringleader of them, who was bound over to the Court be Fined Two Thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske and that all fines of the Psons goe towards the ffort at James Citty And that they pay all Just Costs and Charges." (Minutes of Council and General Court, p. 367.)

This, however, did not end the matter, for there is always a court of public opinion to which even dictators sometimes bow. This action caused so much resentment among the colonists that Governor Berkeley found it advisable to remit the fines which he finally did on September 23, 1674. (W. M. 23, p. 122.)

It is significant that these events occurred a full two years before the outbreak of the Rebellion, and the case indicates the discontent of the people and their sullen attitude toward their rulers. Only Lawnes Creek Parish men were involved in the above. When the actual rebellion broke out, most of those involved with Bacon—in fact, a very large majority—were inhabitants of Southwark, the other parish in Surry. Perhaps the spirit of the Lawnes Creek men had been broken by the condemnation of Matthew Swan and his colleagues.

Matthew Swan, the ringleader of this protest against high taxes, has many descendants in Virginia and the South. In 1675 he married Mrs. Mary Spiltimber, widow of Anthony Spiltimber and daughter of Robert Harris. His will was dated December 14, 1702 and probated Jan. 5, 1702/. He mentioned daughter, Elizabeth, wife of John Drew, daughter, Sarah; Elizabeth, daughter of John Drew; son-in-law, John Drew; daughter, Mary, wife of William Phillips; and grandson, John Phillips. Executors were John Drew and Sarah Swann. Witnesses were Arthur Allen, William Chambers, John Allen, and Robert Ruffin.

Children:

- I. Elizabeth, m. (1) John Drew, d. 1703. (See Drew.) (2) John Sugars. (No children.)
- II. Mary, m. William Phillips of Surry County, Va., who in his will dated Feb. 14, 1720/21, probated April 19, 1721, mentioned wife, Mary; sons, John, William, Swann, and Mathew Phillips (the three last named under 16 years of age); and daughters, Anne, Mary, and Elizabeth Phillips. Executors were wife, Mary, and sons, William and Swann Phillips. Witnesses: Joseph Wattell, William Newsum, Carter Crafford.
- III. Sarah, m. Carter Crafford (1682?-1743). (See Crafford.)

CENSUS OF TITHABLES IN SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN 1668, 1678, 1688, AND 1698

By W. A. GRAHAM CLARK

"Until after the Revolution, taxes in Virginia were imposed chiefly according to the number of tithables in each county. The tithables consisted of all male natives of the county, and imported free persons, above sixteen; and all male and female negro and Indian servants, whether above or under sixteen. The population was generally estimated at four times the tithables." (W. & M., Vol. 8, p. 160.)

In the Surry County Records on file at Surry, Virginia, there are included the lists of tithables in that county in the years 1668, 1669, 1670, 1674, 1675, and in each year from 1677 to 1703 inclusive. Each census was taken by four prominent men, usually two for Southwark Parish and two for Lawnes Creek Parish, and each census was taken on or near June 10th.

The tithables lists for 1668, 1678, 1688, and 1698 have been rearranged alphabetically to show all male whites over sixteen, and are given herewith. The spelling is as shown on the original lists and includes such names as "Richard Whichpatrick" (evidently Richard Fitzpatrick) and "James Horsenails" (evidently James Hosnell) but in most instances there is little doubt as to the names intended even though there is variation in spelling from one list to another. In a few instances a question mark has been added after a name when the handwriting was such that there was uncertainty as to the name intended.

The following is a condensed record, for each of the four years listed, of (a) the total tithables, white, black, and Indian, including females who worked in the fields, (b) the total white males over sixteen, and (c) the total number of white family names (for instance, listing "Smith" as one surname, irrespective of whether those bearing this name were or were not related).

Year 1668	Total tithables (white, black, & Indian) 433	Total white males over sixteem 216	Total surnames of whites 182
	482	425	297
1678	582	476	337
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1698	674	709	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

Odds and Ends

"The 25th day of March was the beginning of the year according to the Jewish computation; and the same rule was observed in England until by statute it was declared that beginning with 1752, the year should begin January 1. The statute was rendered necessary by the adoption in England of the reformed calendar of Pope Gregory XII, made in the year 1572. Most of the nations of Europe had adopted the Gregorian or 'New Style Calendar,' as distinguished from the Julian or 'Old Style' calendar, before the English." (Hening's Statutes at Large of Virginia, Vol. 1, p. 393.)

The title "junior" as used in the colonial and revolutionary periods does not necessarily signify "son of," as it is usually interpreted today. In this early period the term "junior" conveyed the thought of the "younger" of two men, but it does not signify that the man styled "junior" was the son of the man styled "senior." (By George H. S. King in Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. 21, 1939-1940, p. 280.)

SURRY COUNTY TITHABLES (WHITE) IN 1668

Mr. Arthur Allen Alberte Albatson Tho. Andrews Hen. Applewhaite (Richd.) Atkins Capt. Law. Baker Mr. Charles Barham Mr. John Barker Patrick Bartley Walter Bartley Wan. Batt. Mathew Battle John Beasley Marmaduke Beckwith Jonas Bennet Tho. Bentley John Bineham Mr. (Tho.) Binns John Bird John Blast Jno. Booth Henry Braderton J. hn Brady Mr. Hen. Brigs Richd. Briggs John Browne	Capt. Wm. Browne Hezekiah Bunell Maurice Burcher Robt. Burges Mr. Tho. Busby Mr. (Edwd.) Bushell Mr. Wm. Butler Cornelious Cardenpaine Wm. Carpenter Robt. Carthrage Mr. John Cary Richd. Case Tho. Causby Mr. Robert Caufeild Maj. Wm. Caufeild Wm. Chambers John Clarke Henry Clarke Henry Clarke Wm. Clarke Wm. Clarke Tho. Clay John Clay John Clemens Capt. Wm. Cockerham John Collyer Geo. Corke	Capt. (Wm.) Corker Samuel Cornwell Nicholas Craford Ralph Creed Thomas Crews Francis Davis Roger Delke Robt. Dennis Amara Dolores Richd. Drew Peleg Dunston Timothy Easwell Edwd. Ellis Jerrimy Ellis John Emerson Ancho. Evans Robert Evens Capt. Tho. fflood Wm. Foreman Geo. Foster Tho. Forscraft Henry ffrancis Henry Freeman James Furbush Tho. Gibson Henry Gord
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Probably Gerardt Gronwade who so signed as witness to 1672 will of Samuel Judkins.

Mr. John Goring ffrancis Gray Tho. Grav Tarratt Greenewalts Mr. Peter Greene Tho. Greene John Gregory Capt. (John) Grove Roberte Gyles Edw. Hale Wm. Hancock Wm. Hare John Harlow Richd, Harris Mr. Ben. Harrison Tho. Harte Wm. Heath Hermon Hill Wm. Hill John Hode Xpher Holliman Mr. Rand. Holt Edmond Howell Wm. Howell ffran. Howgood Robt. House Austin Hunicutt John Hunicutt Tho. Hux Wm. Hux Tho. Ironmunger Richard Jarratt Tho. Jarrell Edward Joanes Richard Joanes Tho. Joanes Martin Johnson Mr. Arthur Jordan Le. Coll. (Geo.) Jordan Wm. Judson James Kilpatrick John Kindred John King Joh. Kippin (Wm.) Kite Mr. Nath. Knight

Robt. Laine Tho. Laine Henry Lathrid John Legrand Gopher Lewis Tho. Lilicrop Arthur Long Samll. Magget Mr. Mathias Marriott Mai. Wm. Marriott Mr. Nich. Merriwether Wm. Mills Geo. Midleton Michaell Micqaney Luke Mizell John Moring Edwd. Morth Mr. Moulson James Murrey Edward Napkin Wm. Newitt James Niblev Mr. Wm. Norwood Tho. North Phillop Oberry (John) Orchard Mr. Bartho. Owen Wm. Oldis (Richd.) Pace Law. Peach Geo. Petters John Phillops Wm. Prosser Capt. (Thomas) Pitman Obedia Pic Mr. (Edwd.) Pitway Sam. Plaw Roger Potter Edw. Ramsey John Rawlings Roger Rawlings James Redick Daniell Regan Francis Reynolds Robt. Reynolds

Ralph Rochell John Rogers Joseph Rogers Richard Rogers Mr. Wm. Rookings Wm. Rose Mr. John Salloway Tho. Sanders Wm. Scarbrough Wm. Seward John Sheppe Wm. Shorte Mr. Wm. Simmons John Skinner Richd. Skinner Richd. Smith Tho. Smith ffran, Sorsby Tho. Sowersby Antho. Spiltimber Mr. Robt. Spensor Wm. Spring Tho. Stephens Machew Swann Coll. Tho. Swann Vincent Shutleworth Tho. Taylor Edward Tanner Mr. (Wm.) Thomson Wm. Tooke Michael Upchurch Ellis Vauter Chr. Vaughan's Sonn Timothy Walker Edward Warren John Warren Mr. Tho. Warren Wm. Warren Geo. Watkin Tho. Wicks John Whitson David Williams Harebottle Wms. Tho. Williams Roger Wms. Wm. Winter.

TOTAL 216

Note.—Given names in brackets not shown in 1668 list of tithables but added from other records, mostly from the 1669 list of tithables.

Andrew Robinson

The tichables for 1674—1683—1694 and 1702 were inserted in between Mr Clark's lists in order to show the census at approximately five-year intervals. (J. B. B.)

A LIST OF TITHABLES TAKEN JUNE 10, 1674

Southwark Parish 238
Lawnes Creek Parish 182

Total 420

(Records 1671-84, pp. 95-98)

The numbers in brackets after each name refer to other persons who were tithables on same plantation or in household. These tithables were often partners, sons, or servants sixteen years, or over, in age. These numbers are shown for years 1674-1683-1694-1702. Persons who have "O" after their name were in household of person of same number who carries a numeral after his name such as: "Arthur Allen (50) 7."

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Albriton, Albert 1 Allen, Stephen 1 Allen, Arthur (50) 7 Amry, Thomas 1 Amry, Charles (30) 6 Amry, Edward (30) 0 Anderson, David (27) 3 Anderson, David (27) 0 Archer, Rog (33) 0	Bread, Richard
Armstrong, Henry	Busby, Thomas 2 Carpender, Wm. 2 Cartwright, Robert 1 Case, John 1 Chambers, William 2 Charles, John 1 Chrisdemfolke, Ham (33) Clarke, Henry 1 Clarke, John 1
Baley, Edward 1 Baly, Henry (4) 2 Barham, Charles 4 Barker, John 3 Bartlett, Walter (33) 4 Barnes, John (36) 3 Barton, John (37) 0 Beck, Thomas (30) 0	Clarke, John 1 Clarke, Thomas 2 Clay, Thomas 1 Clay, William 1 Clements, John 1 Clinch, Chris 2 Cogan, William (42) Conick, Anthony 0
Benett, John (17) 0 Bentley, Thomas 1 Bidelcome, John (24) 0 Binam, John 2 Bird, Thomas 2 Bishop, John (43) 0 Bishop, John 1 Blackbone, Wm. (5) 0 Bluett, Lenard (37) 0 Blunt, William (18) 0 Blunt, Thomas (8) 0 Bradford, Thomas (29) 0	Cooper, Hance (43) Corker, Capt. (21) 4 Cornewall, Samuel 1 1 Cotten, Tom 1 1 Craft, John 1 1 Crewes, Thomas 1 1 Culledge, Thomas (50) 0 Car, John (41) 2 Dargett, John (28) 0 Davis, Arthur 1 1 Davis, Thomas (24) 0 Dawkes, John (8) 0

³ Probably intended for John Shepperd (Sheppard).

SURRY COUNTY TITHABLES (WHITE) IN 1678

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James Johnson Martin Johnson Nicho, Johnson Wm. Jones Mr. Arthur Jordan Le. Col. (Geo.) Jordan Geo. Jordan James Jordan Ri. Jordan Rivers Jordan Robert Judkins Samll, Judkins Rob. Kae. senr. Rob. Kae, junt. Mr. Jno. King Tho. King Tho. Kite Wm. Kite Wm. Kitto Wm. Knott Robert Lacv Rob. Lancaster Tho. Lane, senr. Tho. Lane, junt. James Largoe Patrick Lashlev Tho. Last Mr. Geo. Lee. senr. Geo. Lee, junt. Ino. Lee Rich. Leech Wm. Lile Samll. Linn? Ar. Long Wm. Lictall Wm. Lucus Ino. Macarter Danil. Maclode Hugh Magee Samil. Magett Mr. Malden Owen Marko Cha. Marrett Math. Marriott Jno. Marshall Peter Martin Mr. Fra. Mason Ni. Mason James Mathews Samll. Machews Ino. Mathewson Tho. Mathis Marco Mechino Dennis Medeare Mr. Meriwether Geo. Midleton Owen Midleton

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W. Parde	Tho. Sidway	Mich Upchurch
Wm. Reade	Mr. Wm. Simons	Walter Vaughan
Danil. Regan	Christo. Smith	Isack Very
Hen. Reynolds	Ino. Smith	Jno. Vincent
Robert Reynolds	Ri. Smith	Thy. Walker
Jo. Richardson	Francis South	Jo. Wall
Ja. Riddick	Fra. Sowerby	Tho. Waller
Andaro Right	Tho. Sowerby	Ab. Wallis
Jno. Roberts	Alex. Spensor	Jno. Warring
Na. Roberts	Capt. (Robt.) Spensor	Tho. Waring
Jno. Rodwell	James Stringfellow	Ri. Washington
Danll. Rogers	Mathew Swann	Hen. Watkins
Jno. Rogers, senr.	Col. (Thomas) Swann	Ja. Watkins
Jno. Rogers, jung.	Capt. Samll. Swann	Ino. Watkins
Jo. Rogers	Wm. Swet	Chas. White
Wm. Rogers	Edwd. Tanner	Geo. White
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Danil. Rome	Edwd. Tayler	Wm. White
Wm. Rose	Fra. Tayler	Jno. Wiggenden
Ed. Rowell	Jno. Tayler	Jno. Wilkeson
Wm. Rugsby	Walter Taylor	Chas. Williams
Mr. Robt. Ruffin	Wm. Temple	Geo. Williams
Wm. Sadler	Jno. Thompson	Lewis Williams
Henry Sanford	Jno. Thompson	Roger Williams
Tos. Seate	Samil. Thompson	Tho. Williams
Tho. Senior	Mr. Wm. Thompson	Cha. Willis
Ni. Sessums	Mart. Thorne	Ni. Wilson
Wm. Seward	Tho. Tias	Ni. Witherington
Jno. Sharpe	Ri. Tias	Tho. Wright
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Jno. Shepard	Tho. Turner	TOTAL 425
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A list of tithables belonging to Lawnes Creeke Parish in Surry County taken 12th of June, 1683 by Robert Caufield.

A list of tithables taken the 9th of June 1683 within the precincts of Lower Chipoaks and Blackwater in Lawnes Creek Parish by Robert

Ruffin.

A list of tithables above Upper Sunken Marsh taken June 10th, 1683
by Benjamin Harrison.

A list of tithables taken June 9, 1683 by Samuel Swann.

A list of tithables taken by order of Court by James Dykes June 9.

1683.

Taken	Ьу	Robert Caufield	122
••	••	Robert Ruffin	90
••	••	Benjamin Harrison	115
**	••	Samuel Swann	110
••	••	James Dykes	71
		Total	508

(Book 1671-1684, pp. 524-528)

Adams, Peter	Browder, Edward(21) 2
Adkins, Thomas(37) 0	Browne, And
Allen, Maj. Arthur(23) 7	Browne, Thomas (42) 0
Allen, John(33) 0	Browne, Col. Wm (78) 8
	Bruton, James 1
Allen, William (9) 0 Allen, Thomas (88) 3	Bullock, Richard(48) 0
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Andrews, Thomas Sr	Busby, Thomas(48) 3
Andrews, Robert(76) 0	Byncham, John (44) 2
Andrews, Barth(76) 0	Byneham, John(44) 0
Andrews, David(63) 3	Byneham, James(45) 0
Andrews, Richard(80) 0	Cane, James (84) 2
Andrus, Thomas	Carr. Thomas
Ashley, Thomas(31) 0	Carpender, William(84) 0
Avery, Richard(59) 2	Carpender, William(32) 3
	Case, And(50) 0
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Bags, Thomas (73) 3	Cartright, Richard
Baker, Henry 1	Caufield, Robert(24)10
Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth 4	Cawwood, John(92) 0
Barner, John	Chapman, Will(63) 0
Barber, Peter 1	Chissell, James 1
Barefoot, Noah(43) 0	Chivers, William 1
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Bayley, Edward 1	Cockerham, William (6) 2
Bennett, Jonas(83) 0	Cockerham, Thomas(14) 0
Beale, Joseph 1	Cogan, William(17) 0
Beck, Lawrence 1	Coker, John 1
Bently, Thomas(28) 2	Combe, John(17) 0
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Bird, Thomas 1	Cooke, Thomas(8) 0
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Blackborne, William 1	Collier, John
Blow, Rich	Collins, John(20) 0
Blunt, Thomas(47) 3	Collins, John 1
Bookey, Edward(25) 0	Corten, Thomas 1
Bowen, Archur (24) 0	Crawford, Robert(41) 2
Boy, William(42) 0	Creede, William(78) 0
Boy, John(87) 0	Crews, Thomas(74)
Braderton, Hen(18) 0	Crews, William(74)
Bradford, Pat(17) 0	Crouch, William(11) 0
Realford Thomas (80) 0	
Bradford, Thomas(59) 0	Cutt, Edward(93) 0
Briggs, Henry (29) 4	Davis, Arthur 1
Briggs, Francis(29) 0	Deberry, Peter 1
Briggs, Charles(29) 0	Deerchim, Thomas(40)10
Briggs, Henry Jr(47) 0	Delke, Roger 1
Brittell, Bart 1	Dennis, Nathaniel 1
Benadrib, William(67) 0	Dennis, William(36) 0
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Chapter XII

AMERICA'S FIRST TAX STRIKE

THE BIRTHPLACE OF INDEPENDENCE

SEVERAL communities in the United States have claimed that their particular place was the "Birthplace of Freedom" because early in colonial times its citizens made protests against the payment of unjust and burdensome taxes.

We wish to advance the claim of Lawne's Creek Parish Church in Surry County as the "Birthplace of Freedom" in America for some of its parishioners met there on December 12, 1673 "to declare they would not pay their public taxes."

There was no freedom of assembly in those days and this unusual and unauthorized meeting alarmed the authorities. Two Justices of the County Court, by virtue of an English statute nearly 300 years old which empowered Justices to inquire into such "Riots", ordered the sheriff to arrest these "seditious" people and bring them before the court for trial.

This was only a prelude to Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. Governor Berkeley was America's first modern dictator. It will be noted in the following chapter on the Rebellion, that his methods of obtaining absolute rule was somewhat like that of Huey Long's and governors of other states to whom subservient legislatures gave autocratic powers.

America's freedom was not won by a single stroke. It was of slow growth, as typified by this and other like protests made from time to time, until it finally burst forth in a greater rebellion than Bacon's, the American Revolution.

But let us get along with the story. On January 3, 1673-74, following the gathering at Lawne's Creek Church, Lawrence Baker and Robert Spencer, Justices of the County Court issued the following writ which was recorded January 13, 1673: (Bk. 2, p. 40.) "Of how dangerous consequence unlawful assemblies and meetings have been is evident by the choronicles of our native country which are occasioned by a giddy headed multitude, and unless restrained may prove the ruin of a country, and therefore we, LAWRENCE BAKER and ROBERT SPENCER, two of ye justices of this county, being informed that on about the 12th of December last past, a company of seditious and rude people to the

number of 14 did unlawfully assemble at the Parish Church of Lawne's Creek, with intent to declare they would not pay their public taxes, and they expected divers others to meet them, who failing they did not put their wicked design in execution, and for the good law made against Rogues and Riots and particularly the Statute of 13 Henry IV, chapter 7, and injoining Justices to inquire of such meetings, we therefore sent our warrant to the Sheriff of this county to Cause,

Matthew Swan John Barnes William Hancock
William Tooke Robert Lacy John Gregory
Thomas Clay Michael Upchurch John Sheppard
George Peters William Little John Greene
James Chessett

to appear before us, yet the said persons not being satisfied with this former unlawful meeting, did this day, the greatest part of them meet together in ye old field called 'Devil's Old Field', and as we justly suspect did confederate not to discover who were the first instigators or moved them to their unlawful assembling as afore and we upon their examination to find they have unanimously agreed to justify their meetings, persisting in the same as appears by the open declaring of Roger Delke that if one suffers they would all burn, and we find their contemptuous behavior and carriage not respecting authority; have there fore committed ye persons aforesaid to the custody of the Sheriff, until they find security for their appearance at the next County Court and also for keeping the peace which we conceive consonant to the law in such cases, and ye mutinous persons aforesaid being so many in number. We have by Virtue of the Statute of ye 2d of Henry 5th command re aide and assistance of several of the neighborhood for their security. Given under our hands the day and year aforesaid." (Book 2, p. 40.)

Many of the above fourteen men were respectable landownen. Matthew Swan was perhaps related to Col. Thomas Swann, one of the most prominent men in the county at the time and a member of the Council. William Tooke was the son of James Tooke of Isle of Wight County, who had served in the House of Burgesses. Thomas Clay we connected with the family of John and William Corker, burgesses and prominent in the early history of the county. John Barnes was a Quaker and a fairly prosperous man, who later married Mr. Tooke's widow William Hancock married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Spencer, and a relative of the same Capt. Robert Spencer who caused his arrest

Roger Delke was the son of Roger Delke, Sr., who had been Burgess for Stanley Hundred in the session of 1632-33. John Gregory was the step-father of Roger Delke, Jr., as he had married Alice Delke his mother.

The depositions of all fourteen of the above men are recorded immediately after the above warrant from Capts. Spencer and Baker (id., pp. 40-41). That of James Chessett was the first: "James Chessett being this day at ye house of Capt. Law. Baker & coming with Thirteen psons who were summoned to appeare there to give an acct. of theire Rioutous or unlawful Assemblying att ye Church of Lawnes Creeke on ye 12th Xbr. Last, & for yt ye sd Chessett was not summoned, but comeing with ye Rest, he was brought before us ye subscribed, & being asked who gave him notice to come with ye Rest, he said he came of his own Simple head; he was also asked If he was of them yt mett at ye Church, he Answered 'yes', he being (asked?) why he invited Geo. Pectrs to yt meeting, he said it was to see his neighbors, see yt he seemes premptorily to give an acct. of ye first pmoter or Instigator of that meeting."

He was followed by Roger Delke who "being this day brought before us the subscribed, and complaint being made to us by William Sherwood, sub sheriff of this county, the said Delke did this day say that 'we will burne all before one shall suffer.' Ye said Delke acknowledged he said ye same words, and being asked why they met at the church he said by reason their taxes were so unjust and they would not pay it. He was demanded who was the person that invited him to meet, be peremptorily denied; but ye said Delke on his own behalf and on the behalf of the others then met did declare their meeting was to be utlieved from payment of Drams and Cyder which they never had. All the rest assented to what he said save only Michael Upchurch."

Robert Lacy then deposed that William Hancock took him to the meeting at the Devil's Field, though he was warned to the contrary, and that John Barnes, Michael Upchurch, John Greene and John Sheppard were also there. He also said that he was at the meeting at the church, about which John Sheppard told him. Thomas Clay deposed that William Hancock told him of the meeting and was the first to tell him that the levies were unreasonable. William Hancock denied who told him of the meeting. "very obstinately persisting."

George Peters testified that James Chessett asked him to go to the

church. Then Michael Upchurch denied who told him of the meeting or that he knew of the business they met about.

Matthew Swan's testimony was as follows: "Matthew Swan being this day brought before us the subscribed and being asked why he and others met at the Church, the 12th Xber, last, he said it was to agree about a redress from their taxes which were heavy. He was asked how he knew their taxes were unreasonably laid, he said Mr. Mason (Francis Mason, one of the justices) told him and also Mr. Goring said the same, and that there were some extraordinary taxes, he being demanded what discourse he and Mr. Goring had about the meeting, he said Mr. Goring said he would be there if he did not go from home, and the said Swan have also very obstinately persisted in the Lawlessness of the meeting, and said that all or most of the Country were of his mind."

John Greene in his deposition denied who instigated him to go meeting. William Little said that he went with John Barnes, but denied who instigated him to go. John Sheppard agreed with the others to meet at the church "to be redressed from their Levys"; he said that he heard from Samuel Cornell that the levies were unjust, and that Cornll said Mr. Holt (i.e., Randall Holt) told him so.

John Barnes then being called denied who said first that the levier were unreasonable and said that he heard it from everybody. William Tooke also denied knowing who said first that the levies were unreasonable.

The examination was concluded by the deposition of Francis Taylor, a person not involved. "The deposition of Francis Taylor being called before Capt. Law. Baker, Mr. Robert Causield, and Capt. Robert Spencer to swear his true knowledge concerning a meeting of some of the Parish on Friday 12 Xbr., 1673, at Lawne's Creek Parish Church is as follows: "That being at my lodging—looking out I espyed John Gregory going through the Field, and called him to desire him to make me a waistcoate, which he told me he would, but he asked me if I would not be at the Church for there was to be a great part of the Parish meeting there this morning concerning ye Levys. I told him I knew nothing of it, neither was I concerned in it, as being no house keeper, but I did not much care if I went with him to see what we done. He told me he was going to Mr. Causield's to take measure of one of his men, to make his freedom clothes and he would holler see me as he came back, which accordingly he did and we went together

. When we came there we found about halfe a score men sitting there

and asking them how they did, and what they met for they said they did expect some more to come intending civilly to treate concerning the Levy for they did understand that there was several officers to be paid tobacco out of the Levy, which they knew no reason for, by reason they were put to as much trouble and expense as they were. Colonel Swan was to have 5000 lbs. tbco. for the officers and the Colonel was to be levied on this parish only. Their company not meeting yet they stayed there about an hour, and so resolved to speake about it on the next Sabbath being sermon day. In the Interior on Saturday, I being at Mr. Sherwood's (the sub-sheriff) requested him to see the list of the Levy which he did show me and there I saw the charge was levied on the whole county. Which I spoke of at the Church, they hearing said no more, and further saith not." (Book 2, pp. 42-3.)

This simple meeting of citizens to complain about their taxes seems to be a "tempest in a tea pot" from a 20th century standpoint. However, it appears to have been regarded as an extremely serious matter in 17th century Virginia under Berkeley's autocratic rule.

The case was speedily disposed of as follows at a court held for Surry County January 6, 1673/4 (O. B. 1671-90, p. 42): "for that they were sorry for their offence & were no projectors of ye same, John Gregory, Robert Lacy, James Chessett, Thos. Clay, Michll Uuchurch, Wm. Tooke, Wm. Little and John Greene be ordered committed until they give bond for their future good behaviour and pay costs and be dismist." (George Peters seems to have been unintentionally omitted from the above list.) John Barnes, John Sheppard, and William Hancock were ordered to "be committed untill they give ye like bond and pay each of them one Thousand pounds tobo. fine, to ye use of his Majesty, and pay costs." Roger Delke "altho he were noe Ring Leader in ye faction, yet for saying after much fair admonicon yt if one of them suffered they would burne all, he shall stand Comitted untell he give ye Like bond and pay ye Like fine of 1000 pds. of tobo. wth costs." ... "& for ye sd Mathew Swan was a Chief projector of ye design & being asked if he were Convinced & said yt ye Cort had unjustly proceeded in ye sd Levy & Charged ye Cort therewth at ye Barr, it is therefore order'd that he stand Comitted untell he give bond for his good abearing wth security for his appearance at ye 3'd day of ye next Genral! Cort before ye Right Honourable ye Governour & Councell for his Dangerous Contempt & Unlawful project & his wicked Prsisting in ye same; & being called again one by one & strictly

Examined how & by whome ye sd unlawfull Assembly was proje & sett on foot; it appearing yt ye sd Mathew Swan, Jno. Barnes, Sheppard and Wm. Hancock at ye house of ye sd Jno. Barnes did resolve & conclude upon ye meeting & yt ye rest (with a great n more whome they intended to prsuade were only drawne on from beginning)."

The case of Matthew Swan was finally brought before-the Cou and General Court of Virginia on the afternoon of April 6, 1674 settled as follows: "It is ordered that the order of Surry Court Age the mutinuss Psons he Confirmed and that Mathew Swan the ringle of them, who was bound over to the Court be Fined Two Thou pounds of tobacco and Caske and that all fines of the Psons goe tow the ffort at James Citty And that they pay all Just Costs and Charl (Minutes of Council and General Court, p. 367.)

This, however, did not end the matter, for there is always a coupublic opinion to which even dictators sometimes bow. This a caused so much resentment among the colonists that Governor Berl found it advisable to remit the fines which he finally did on Septer 23, 1674. (W. M. 23, p. 122.)

It is significant that these events occurred a full two years befor outbreak of the Rebellion, and the case indicates the discontent o people and their sullen attitude toward their rulers. Only Lawnes (Parish men were involved in the above. When the actual rebebooke out, most of those involved with Bacon—in fact, a very majority—were inhabitants of Southwark, the other parish in Serhaps the spirit of the Lawnes Creek men had been broken be condemnation of Matthew Swan and his colleagues.

Matthew Swan, the ringleader of this protest against high taxe many descendants in Virginia and the South. In 1675 he married Mary Spiltimber, widow of Anthony Spiltimber and daughter of R Harris. His will was dated December 14, 1702 and probated J: 1702/. He mentioned daughter, Elizabeth, wife of John Drew, d ter, Sarah; Elizabeth, daughter of John Drew; son-in-law, John I daughter, Mary, wife of William Phillips; and grandson, John Ph Executors were John Drew and Sarah Swann. Witnesses were A Allen, William Chambers, John Allen, and Robert Ruffin.

Children:

- 1. Elizabeth, m. (1) John Drew, d. 1703. (See Drew.) (2) John Sugars. (No children.)
- II. Mary, m. William Phillips of Surry County, Va., who in his will dated Feb. 14, 1720/21, probated April 19, 1721, mentioned wife, Mary; sons, John, William, Swann, and Mathew Phillips (the three last named under 16 years of age); and daughters, Anne, Mary, and Elizabeth Phillips. Executors were wife, Mary, and sons, William and Swann Phillips. Witnesses: Joseph Wattell, William Newsum, Carter Crafford.
- III. Sarah, m. Carter Crafford (1682 ?-1743). (See Crafford.)

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SURRY_COUNTY_BECORDS SURRY CO, VA. 1652 - 1684 BY ELIZA TIMBERLAKZ DAVIS

- PAGE 152 2 JAN 1636. INDENTURE BETWEEN ROSER DELKE AND MICHAEL UPCHURCH OF A PLANTATION ON LAWNES CREEK BYING BETWEEN JOHN GREGORY AND SD MICHAELL UPCHURCH (UPSHURE) 40 ACREAS OF LAND, IF LESS THAN THE LEASE TO TIMOTHY MADMONKER, FOR 21 YEARS. REC: MAY 1660
- PAGE 198 4 NOV 1662. JOHN BASON (MASON) SELLS TO RICHARD SKINER A PARCELL OF LAND AT THE HEAD OF LAWNES CREEK ON THE WEST SIDE OF A DIVIDANT OF LANDTO FAWLEY'S LAND, FORMERLY BELONGED TO ROBERT PARKE. WIT: GEO WATTKINS, MICHAEL UFCHURCH (UPSHURE) REC: 5TH 7BER 1662.
- PAGE 232 2 NOV 1661. EDWARD UPCHURCH, HE MOVING, MADE MR. JOHN PEED AND PELEG DUNSTAN TO PAY OUT SOME SUMS OF TOB. BY HIM INDEBTED. WIT: JOHN ASHTON, HENRY TILLARY
- FOL.(NOT GIVEN) 5 MARCH 1671. DEPOSITIONS MICHAELL UPCHURCH AGED FIFTY ODD SAYS GEO. KNIGHT ON XMAS. EVE LAST KILLED DEARE AND ASKED HIM IF THERE WERE NOT ANY TURKEYS AND HE SD. NOE BUT 2 HE KILLED, ETC. TESTE: GEO. WATKINS
- PAGE 40 3 JAN 1673/4. DECISION OF LAW. BAKER AND ROBT.

 SPENSER, TWO OF THE JUSTICES OF THIS CO. ABOUT THE
 GIDDY HEADED MULTITUDE IMFORMED ABT 12 OF BR. (SIC)
 LAST PAST A COMPANY OF SEDITIOUS AND RIDE PEOPLE TO
 THE NUMBER OF FFOURTEENE DID UNLAWFULLY ASSEMBLE AT YE
 PSH. CHURCH OF LAWNES CREEK WITH INTENT TO DECLARE
 THEY WOULD NOT PAY THEIR PUBLIG TAXES, AND YET
 THEY EXPECTED DEVERSE OTHERS TO MEET THEM, WHO FAILING
 THEY DID NOT PUT THEIR WICKED DESIGNE IN EXECUTION
 AND STATUE OF YE 13TH OF HENRY IV, CHAP 7, WE SENT OUT
 WARRANT FOR: THE FOLLOWING, TO APPEAR.

MATT SWANN
WM HANCOCK
ROBT LACY
THO CLAY
JNO. SHEPPARD
JAMES CHISSELL

JNO. BARNES WM TOOKE JNO. GREGORY MICHAEL UPCHURCH GEO PEETERS

THEY NOT BEING SATIFIED WITH THEIR FORMER UNLAWFUL MEETING DID THE GREATEST PART OF THEM, THIS DAY MEETE TOGETHER IN YE OLD FIELD CALLED YE DWELL'S FIELD AND DID CONFEDERATE TO NOT DISCOVER WHO WERE FIRST INSTIGATORS OF THEM AND HAVE AGREED TO PERSISTIN YE SAME AS APPEARS BY OPEN DECLARING OF ROSER DELK THAT IF ONE SUFFERS THEY WOULD BURN ALL, SO HAVE COMMITTED THE AFORESD PERSONS TO CUSTODY OF SHERIFF UNTIL THEY FIND SECURITY FOR THEIR APPEARANCE AT NEXT COUNTY COURT, ETC.

PAGE 14 S JULY 1681. FRA UPCHURCH, ROBERT REYNOLDS. FRANCIS
UPCHURCH GRANTED ADMINISTRATION ON ESTATE OF MICHAEL
UPCHURCH, DECEASED.
WIT: JOHN THOMPSON, WM. SERVARD

