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Mrs. N. E. Hall
702 Hill Street
Grand Prarie, TX 75050-5346

Dear Cousin:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am returning the material you sent me, and a couple of things I think will interest you. The article from the Yorkville Inquirer of 1870 was written by "an octogenarian" who heard Rev. Joseph Alexander preach when he was a boy, and also seems to be well acquainted with Rev. Joseph's son-in-law, the Rev. Robert Walker.

I'm also including abstracts of some of the York County Court of Equity law suits against Dr. Samuel D. Alexander. I have photocopies of all the cases involving him if you have questions or want a copy.

I quite agree that Samuel Davis or Samuel Davies was the father-in-law of the Rev. Joseph Alexander. I have found deeds and grants both in Charlotte Co., VA and in Anson and Mecklinburg NC under both Davis and Davies, and some spell the name both ways in the same document. One deed dated 26 Dec. 1774 is from Joseph Alexander, Minister of the Gospel, of Mecklinburg, to Samuel Davies, joiner, of same, for L. 20, 50 ac. conv. to Alexander 20 July 1769. (Deed Book 9, p. 231-233). This is probably from Joseph to his father-in-law as he was about to leave for York Co., SC.

I have copies of the estate records for Samuel Davies of Mecklinburg, and the inventory May 29, 1817 clearly says "DAVIES", while other papers, including the Administrators bond of Samuel D. Alexander and Garrison and the sales accounting, signed by both, clearly says "Davis, while in other place it is uncertain which way it is spelled." Incidentally, James Garrison bought negro Isaac for \$761.00 and Samuel D. Alexander bough woman Sally for \$600.00.

Again, thanks for the letter and all the information, and I hope this will help you.

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DAVIES

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George Baldwin Alexander
m.
born from the father

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With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,
Elmer O. Parker
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SIGNATURE RE
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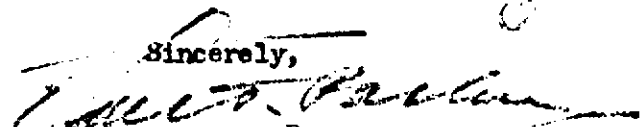


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Aug 17 66
MARTHA
SAM'L DAVIS
WM. COOK
L. 25
220 AC
S. Side Wards

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^{Witness}
Executors Administrators, and Assigns, that Claim and Demand
of any other person and Persons whatsoever shall not Waive
and for ever Defens by these presents In Witness
whereof he the said Matthew Marable hath hereunto set
his hand and Affixed his Seal the Day and year above
Written
Matthew Marable S.
Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence

At a Court held for Charlotte County the seventh day of July 1766.

The above written Indenture was acknowledged
by the said Matthew Marable and ordered to be Recorded
This

b.c.

Samuel Cobb Clerk

Truly Recorded

Test. Tho: Read Clerk

This Indenture made the fourth day of August in the
year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and sixty six

Book
from
Davis

Between Samuel Davis of Charlotte County of the one part
and William Cook of the aforesaid County of the Other part
witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of
Twenty five Pounds to him in hand paid by the Receipt
whereof the said Samuel Davis do hereby Acknowledge

that the said Samuel Davis by Virtue of these presents

doth grant Bargain sell Alien and Confirm unto the
said William Cook his heirs and assigns for ever one
Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing Two hundred
and Twenty Acres be the same more or Less Lying and
being in Charlotte County on the South side of Wards
Creek; and bounded by the Lines of John Rice, Richard

Bounded by
John Rice
Richard Ward
George Scott
Samuel Davis
Perrin Albright
Wm. Cook.

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Ward Dea George Scott Samuel Davis Surin Alday &
 William Cook, with all Houses outhouses & other Buildings ~
 Fences, Trees, Woods under woods profits Commodities Rents &
 - ments & appurtenances whatsover to the said Tract of Land
 belonging or in any wise Appertaining, and the Reversion ~
 Reversions, Remainder Remainders, Rents and Services of ~
 all and Singular the said Premises above mentioned and of every
 part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances to have
 and to hold the said Tract of Land above mentioned, and every
 part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said
 William Cook his heirs and assigns for the only proper use
 and behoof of him the said William Cook his heirs and assigns
 for ever and him the said Samuel Davis for himself his heirs
 and assigns, with covenant and agree to and with the said
 William Cook his heirs and assigns by these presents ~
 that he the said Samuel Davis the said Tract of Land
 above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof with the
 appurtenances unto the said William Cook his heirs and
 assigns against the Claim Challenge & Demand of him the
 said Samuel Davis his Executors or Administrators and of
 all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will
 warrant and for ever Defend by these presents in witness whereof
 the said Samuel Davis his hand and Seal hereunto have I subscr-
 -ibed and set the day and year above written, Samuel Davis S^r
 Memorandum that full and peaceable Possession of
 Surin of the within Land and Premises was made given and
 Delivered by the within named Samuel Davis unto the
 within named William Cook this fourth day of August
 in one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty six
 Samuel Davis S^r

180.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the fourth day of
 August 1766. This Indenture and the memorandum
 Indenture, was acknowledged by the said Samuel Davis -
 (and Martha his wife) being first privately Examined
 according to Law, Relinquished his Right of Dowry -
 in and to the Land and Premises conveyed by this
 Indenture which is deemed to be Randed

Teste
 Truly Recorded Samuel J. M. J.
 Saml. Cobb

This Indenture made this Seventh day of May
 one thousand seven hundred and Sixty six between
 John Norris Senior of the County of Charlotte of the one
 part and William Willis of the County of Mecklenburg of
 the other part, Witnesseth that the said John Norris for
 consideration of the sum of Twenty five Pounds Current
 Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said William
 Willis the receipt whereof he the said John Norris doth truly
 acknowledge and himself fully satisfied contented and
 paid hath given granted Bargained, and Sold and by
 these Presents doth give grant, Bargain sell confirm and
 Deliver to him the said William Willis his heirs Executors
 Administrators and assigns for ever one certain Tract
 or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County
 of Charlotte containing by estimation one hundred
 acres or thereabouts more or Less and Bounded as
 followeth (Viz) Beginning at a Spanish Ocker

6 MAR. 1769
SAMUEL DAVIS TO
MATTHEWS FLOURNOY
L. 200 VA. MONEY
West side WARREN'S BRICK
250 AC.

MARINA
HIS WIFE

145 This Indenture made the Sixth Day of March
 in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred
 & Sixty Nine Between Samuel Davis of the County
 of Charlotte of the one Part and Matthews Flournoy
 of the same County of the other Part Witnesseth that the
 said Samuel Davis for and in consideration of the just sum of
 Two Hundred Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him
 in hand Paid by the said Matthews Flournoy the Receipt
 Whereof he the said Samuel Davis doth hereby Acknowledge
 hath Given Granted Bargained and Sold & by these Presents
 doth Good Grant Bargain & Sell Delivered and Conferred to him
 the said Matthews Flournoy his heirs & Assignes Forever
 one certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate Lying in the County
 of Charlotte on the West or Upper Side of wards Fork containing
 Two Hundred & Fifty Acres, be the same more or Less Bounded
 as Follows Viz Beginning at Perrin Aldays Corner Red Oak
 Wards Fork in said Flournoys Line Thence Along Aldays Line
 to a Corner white Oak thence along looks line Passing several
 Corners to a Corner Spanish Oak on Orns Line thence along Orns
 Line to a Corner Red oak now Dead and Fell Down thence along
Orns Line Crossing the Old Meeting house Branch to Samuel
 Davises Corner Hickory Thence along his Line South Seventy
 Two Degrees East Twenty Six Chains to a small red oak thence
 South Thirty Two Degrees East forty Chain to a Hickory in
 Flournoys Line thence along his Line to the Beginning
 Together with all and singular the Priviledges & Appurtenances

BOUNDED BY
 Perrin Aldays line
 Coaks line
 Orns line
 Crossing Old meeting house
 said Davises corner
 Flournoys line

146 Thenceforth Belonging or in anywise Appertaining To have
and To hold the above Sold Land & Premises with all the
Appertinances unto the said Matthews Flounoy his heirs
& Assignes for ever To have and hold use occupy Possess &
Enjoy the same with Every Part and Parcel thereof to him the
said Matthews Flounoy his heirs and Assignes for ever, to the
only Propriety and behoof of him the said Matthews Flounoy
his heirs & Assignes for ever against him the said Samuel Davis
his Heirs or Assignes and against the Claim and Demand of
all other Persons Whatsoever and Shall and Will by these
Presents warrant & for ever Defend In Witness Whereof the said
Samuel Davis hath Thenceforth Set his hand & Seal the Day & Year
First above Written.

Samuel Davis L^s

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Memorandum that on the Day and Year first Within Mentioned
Quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizen of the Within Mentioned
Land and Premises with the Appertinances was given and
made by Samuel Davis unto Matthews Flounoy agreeable to the
Within Written Indenture

Samuel Davis L^s

In Presence of

At a Court held for Charlotte County the Sixth Day of March 1769
The Within Written Indenture and the Memorandum thereon Indorsed
was acknowledged by the said Samuel Davis and Martha his wife the
being first Privily Examined according to Law the Inquisitor her Right
of Dower in and To the Land & Premises conveyed by the Indenture
all which are Ordered To be Recorded.

Edw

Truly Recorded In the Read & Teste Sam^l Cobbs Esq

DB 14

Allen
from
Allen's gift

So all people to whom this present writing shall come, I Samuel Allen of Henrico County send greeting know ye that I the said Samuel Allen as well for and in consideration of the Natural Love and Affection which I have and bear unto my well beloved Daughter Siller Allen one Negro Girl named Sal to have and to hold for ever she and her Increase at her own disposal, I the said Samuel Allen given and granted and by these presents do fully, clearly, absolutely, give and confirm unto the said Siller Allen this said Negro Girl with the said Siller Allen now living in Charlotte County given under my hand this fourteenth day of June 1770

Samuel S. Allen L. S.

Test, William Brien, Susanah Brien, Gilbert Williamson Henry Massison

At a Court held for Charlotte County the fourth day of December 1770

The within written Deed of Gift was proved by the Oath of William Brien a Witness Jurats Subscribed and ordered to be Recorded

Test
The. Reade Esq
The. Reade Esq

Learning
from
Davis

This Indenture made this fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 1770 Between Samuel Davis of the one part and Matthew Flournoy of the other part Witnesseth that the said Davis for and in consideration of the just sum of Eight pounds Current money the receipt whereof the said Davis doth acknowledge hath given granted and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell confirm unto the said Flournoy his heirs & assigns forever one certain Tract of Land lying in the County of Charlotte on the waters of wades fork containing fifteen Acres be the same more or less, bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at Samuel Davis's Corner

Bounds
S. of Davis
A. B. & C. W. E.
K. M. H. P. H. G. S.
F. B. O. R. O. G. C. O. R. N. E. R.

7 Nov 1770

Samuel Davis
Matthew Flournoy
L. S.
waters of Wades fork
16 AC.

thence hence along by the line
 Corner Hickory on Cars Lane on the upper side of Am. Musphus fence
 to Flourmoy's corner which is at the Corner of the said fence thence bounded
 all round by the said Flourmoy's line to the beginning. Together with all
 and singular the privileges and appurtenances therunto belonging
 or in any way appertaining. To have and to hold the said Land and
 Premises with all the appurtenances unto the said Flourmoy his heirs
 and assigns for ever to have full sole possession and enjoy the same with
 every part thereof to him the said Flourmoy his heirs for ever to the only
 proper use and behoof of him the said Flourmoy his heirs & assigns
 forever against him the said Davis his heirs & assigns and against
 the Claim & Demand of all persons whatsoever and shall be thus
 Count's warrant and forever Defens. For Witness of which the
 said Davis set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

Samuel Davis L. J.

Signed, sealed, & delivered in presence of Caleb Johnston, Samuel Johnston,
 Gabriel May, Samuel Johnston

Memorandum that on the day & year first mentioned quiet
 & peaceable possession & enjoyment of the within mentioned Land & Premises
 as with the appurtenances was given & made by Samuel Davis unto
 Matthew Flourmoy according to the within written Indenture
 Samuel Davis

In presence of Samuel Johnston, Caleb Johnston, Gabriel May, Samuel Johnston
 At a Court held for Charlotte County the third day of December 1770
 The within written Indenture of the Memorandum herein said and
 was proved by the oaths of three Witnesses to be the said & order above
 recorded

cc Truly Recorded

Thos. Thomas Read Esq.
 Thomas Read Esq.

Samuel R

DAVIS/DAVIES 1 of 3

COUNTY	TYPE	PATENT BOOK	PAGE(S)	RESEARCH CALLED DATE	INDIVIDUAL	STATE NC	REMARKS	SOURCE	REV	REV	REV
Aus	GRANT	2	33	4 APR 1753	BENJ. DAVIS		640 CROWPERS Creek near Swan Lake				
"	"	2 2	43	9 APR 1753	SAMUEL " + JAS CARTER		667 S. FORK CATAWBA R.				
		2 2	44	"	DO		627 W side " "				
			44	"	ROBERT DAVIS		325 NW side N.F. Newham Cr.				
			45	"	" "		640 N.S. WATKINS D.S. DAVISON'S CR.				
			106	23 Feb 1754	Gabriel Davis		100 S. Ree Dee				
			116	28 Mar 1755	ROBT "		262 ac. N. Catawba R. Wapaw Cr.				
			153	25 May 1757	JOHN "		150 S.W. Ree Dee Cr.				
Bladen		3	312	20 Feb 1755	JOHN "		500 SW S NW R				
"		✓	332	14 June 1736	" "		100 SW Side NE				
"		✓	332	"	" "		291 NE Side N.R. road				
Meck		13 5	431 38	23 Dec 1763	THOMAS "		130 Clarke Pos. 12 mile Cr. owninger's				
Bladen		5	305	14 Mar 1745	Thomas "		100 NW NW R.				

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BLA	GRANT	5	261	20 APR 1745	JOHN DAVIS	560 AC NE NW R				
-	✓		261	-	-	260 NW Fr. Cape Fear R.				
-	✓		261	✓	✓	1000 N. Honnan Livingston Cr.				
ANS	✓	15	12	17 MAY 1754	WM DAVIS	640 S CATAWBA FISHING CR				
✓	✓	✓	16	✓	ROBT "	300 S. SF CATAWBA - LONG CR.				
✓	✓	✓	22	✓	JOS. "	880 S. CATAWBA Sm. Cr. Allison's Cr.				
✓	✓	✓	80	23 DEC 1754	SAMU DAVIS	200 A. N Pee Dee Thickety Cr.				
✓	✓	✓	324	15 DEC 1760	" "	200 A NE Pee Dee + Mill Cr.				
			335	10 APR 1761	JOHN DAVIES	600 A. Paw Cr + Long Cr. Adj. Walter Davis				
			461	15 NOV 1762	WALTER "	430 A Steel Creek.				
			462	"	JAMES	480 Sugar Cr				
			463	"	JOHN	600 Sugar Cr.				
			481	19 APR 1763	WALTER	350 W. Catawba R.				

