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much smaller scale than in the Southern colonies. The prevalence of townships in the region contributed much to its individuality. The township system was used as a method of survey, as the basis of land granting, and as a form of local government; it gave rise to distinctive settlement patterns that still persist as a feature of the area.

Most of the inhabitants of New England's townships were small farmers. They grew a variety of crops and produced quantities of beef, pork, and livestock for export, as well as food and provisions for local villages and towns. Other New Englanders earned a living by engaging in commerce, or shipbuilding, or manufacturing, or fishing, or by exploiting the forest resources, or by combining two or more of these occupations. Occupational diversity was perhaps more common here than elsewhere along the Eastern Seaboard. But in this, as in other respects, there were considerable differences among the four New England colonies.

In Massachusetts, by 1750, settlement had spread far from the original coastal centers, both to the west and north. Settlements in the form of single dispersed farms had increased and it would be difficult to say whether these or the compact farm villages were the more typical form of settlement. Not all of the inhabitants were rural folk, and among the urban settlements in the colony Boston was pre-eminent.

The metropolis of Boston had a population of about fifteen thousand by the middle of the century. It was still of major importance as a commercial and shipping center of the overseas British Empire and the city's merchants carried on trade with many ports on both sides of the Atlantic. It was also the focus of the political, economic, and cultural life of Massachusetts. Many of the products of Massachusetts' fields and forests were exported from Boston, as were the products of its distilleries, iron works, and shipyards; the population of the city furnished an important consuming market for its agricultural hinterland, and additional grain was imported from other colonies to augment the food supply. Salem, too, was an important urban center in Massachusetts; founded earlier than Boston, it remained primarily a seafaring community, whose members were chiefly concerned with shipbuilding, fishing, and maritime trade.

CHAPTER II. REVIEW OF SETTLEMENT IN THE PROPRIETARY PERIOD, AND THE AREAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ROYAL COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Charter of 1663 officially established the colony of Carolina by granting to eight Lords Proprietors all the land between 36° and 31° N. (see Fig. 2).¹ During the next half century the colony was divided into North Carolina and South Carolina. The appointment of a deputy governor for the northern portion of Carolina in 1691 was a tacit recognition of the problem of governing as one unit two clusters of population, one in the north and one in the south, separated by a broad wilderness and by Indians. The appointment of a separate governor in 1712 symbolized the emergence of North Carolina as a distinct political unit. The new entity did not survive long as a proprietary colony. In 1729, a series of negotiations between the proprietors and the Crown was completed, the proprietors surrendered the charter, and the colony came under direct royal control. The arrival of George Burrington from England in 1731 as the first governor under the Crown completed the transformation of North Carolina into a royal colony.

The chief object of attention in this study of the changing geography of colonial North Carolina is the events of the period following the establishment of royal control. This chapter includes a review of the course of settlement in the proprietary period and a brief account of the organizational framework

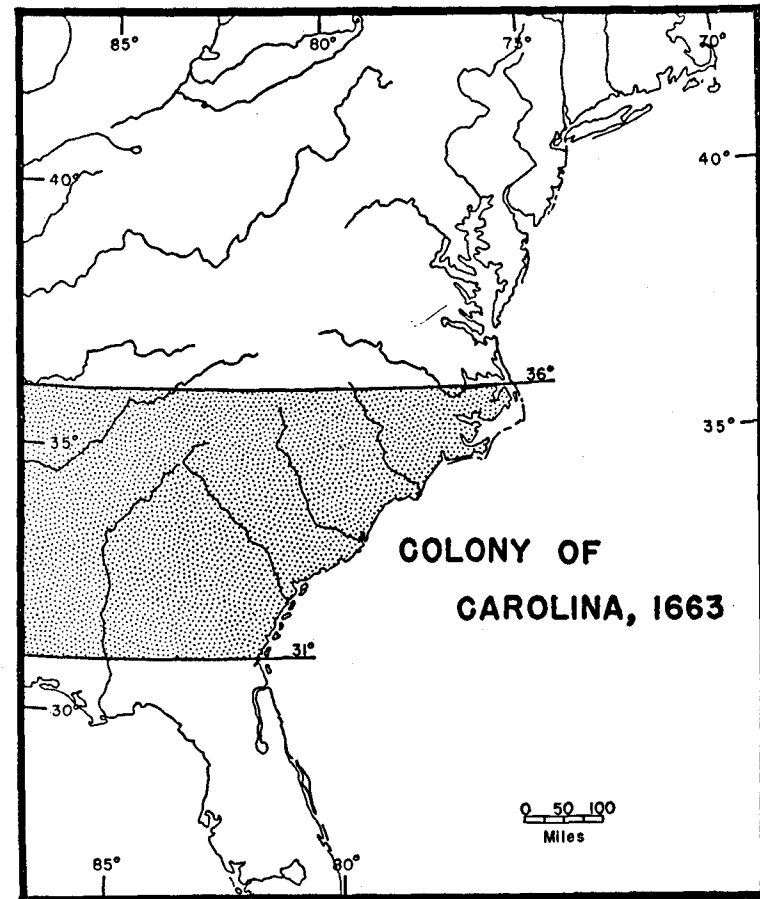


FIG. 2

(political, administrative, and cadastral) of the area of the royal colony.²

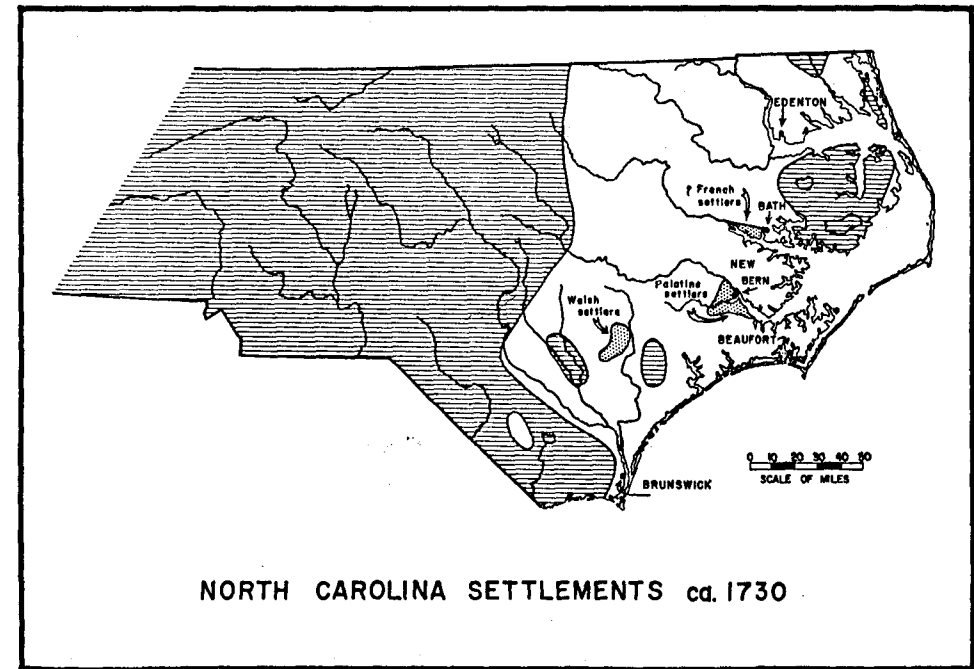
SETTLEMENT IN THE PROPRIETARY PERIOD

The first permanent white settlers within the area that was subsequently to become North Carolina territory probably came from Virginia and moved onto the lands north of Albemarle Sound (see Fig. 3)³ some years after the Jamestown colony re-

speaking Protestants from the Swiss town of Bern and from the Rhine Palatinate established a colony around the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers.¹³ This settlement of Swiss and Palatines, one of the most fully organized of all the early colonizing projects in proprietary North Carolina, did not achieve the unity and cohesion that its leaders envisaged. For about a year after its establishment the venture prospered, but subsequent political and economic troubles, and an Indian massacre, were severe blows to the planned community. The few survivors seem to have dispersed and settled not far from the original site of their colony, so intermingled among other settlers and apparently so completely assimilated with their neighbors that they became indistinguishable from them.¹⁴ But the town of New Bern, which had been founded by the Swiss leader of the settlement, Christoph von Graffenried, was later resuscitated and became one of the major towns in the colony.

Some Scotch-Irish settled in North Carolina before it became a royal province but they were probably not very numerous. Most of what little is known about them derives from an investigation made by the Irish House of Commons into the means used to transport Irish Protestants to North Carolina. In March, 1736, a committee of the House presented a report dealing with an attempt to persuade numbers of these people to emigrate to the colony. The report revealed that one of the schemes was organized by a Dublin shipmaster and his relatives; the organizers publicized in various parts of Ireland the virtues of the promised land of North Carolina, and then began to starve and tyrannize their shipload of prospective indentured servants even before the vessel had left Dublin harbor. The main theme of the report is the mistreatment of the passengers. It also indicates that traffic of this kind had been going on for some time, certainly to North America, and possibly to North Carolina. There are no indications of where in North Carolina their forerunners, if any, went.¹⁵

All these settlers, Welsh, French, Palatines, and Scotch-Irish, were minor elements in the population. If some had initially formed distinctive settlements, by the early 1730's they were submerged by the predominant strain of settlers, the English. About five out of every six of the thirty thousand whites were probably



NORTH CAROLINA SETTLEMENTS ca. 1730

FIG. 4

The shaded area (horizontal lines) shows the probable extent of the portion of North Carolina not inhabited by colonists as of about 1730.

English. They had come into North Carolina either directly, or by way of other North American colonies, and particularly New England, Virginia, South Carolina, and the West Indies. Their infiltration was slow and unspectacular, and rarely attracted attention. After their arrival they began to clear farms, to found a few towns, and to go about the labors of colonization.

Fig. 4¹⁶ shows the extent of the settled area as of about 1730, together with the location of the towns that had been established by then. The map gives no impression of variations in population density, because there is no way of establishing the variations with any degree of precision. Densities were probably greatest in the oldest settled region, north of Albemarle Sound,¹⁷ and lowest in the vicinity of the Cape Fear River, which was just beginning to be settled around 1730. Elsewhere there were prob-

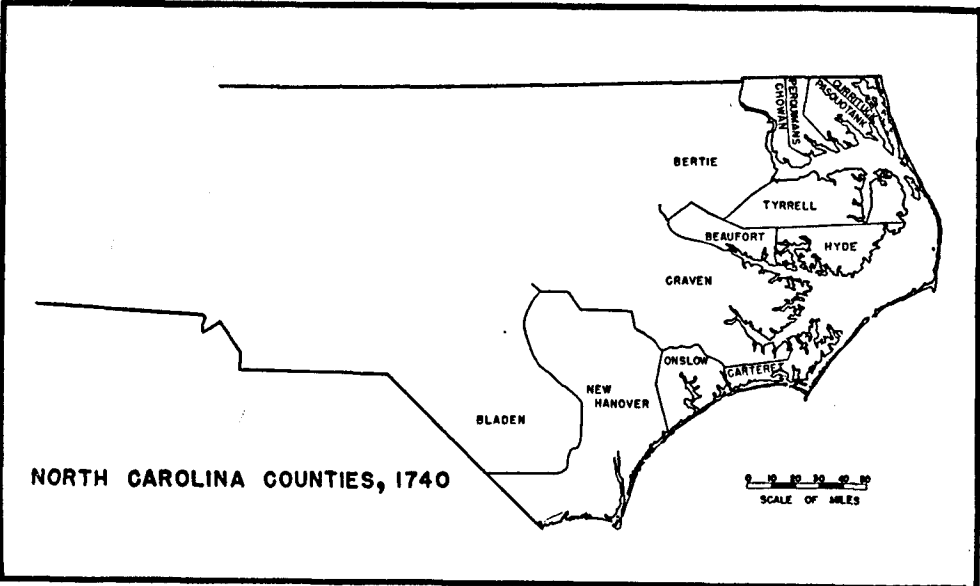


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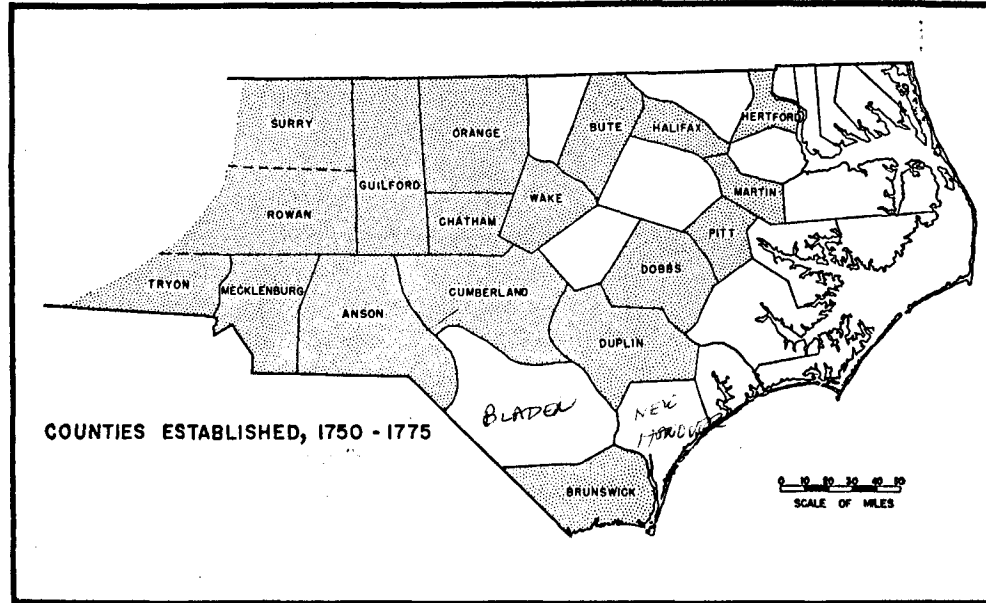


FIG. 7

All county boundaries shown are those of 1775; the counties shaded and named are those established 1750-1775.

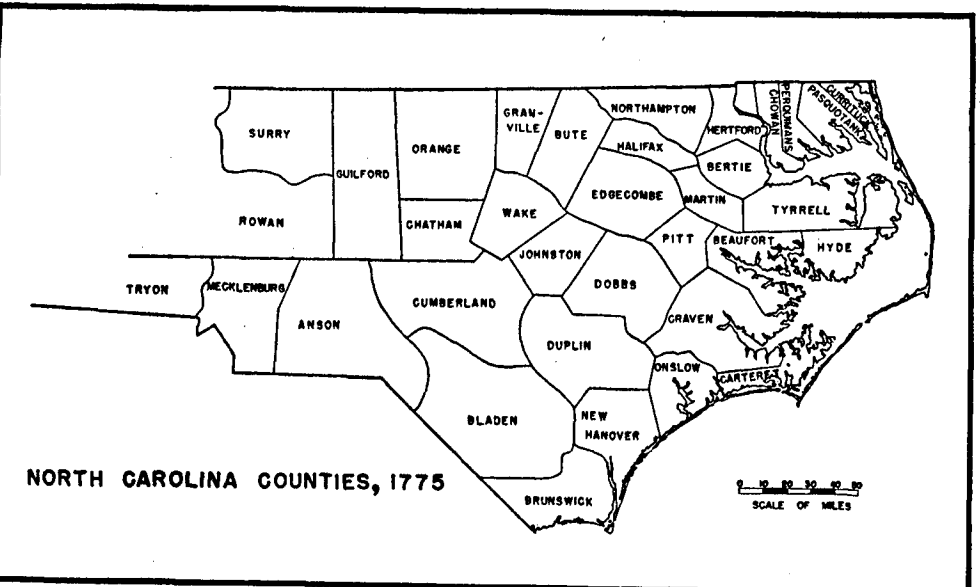
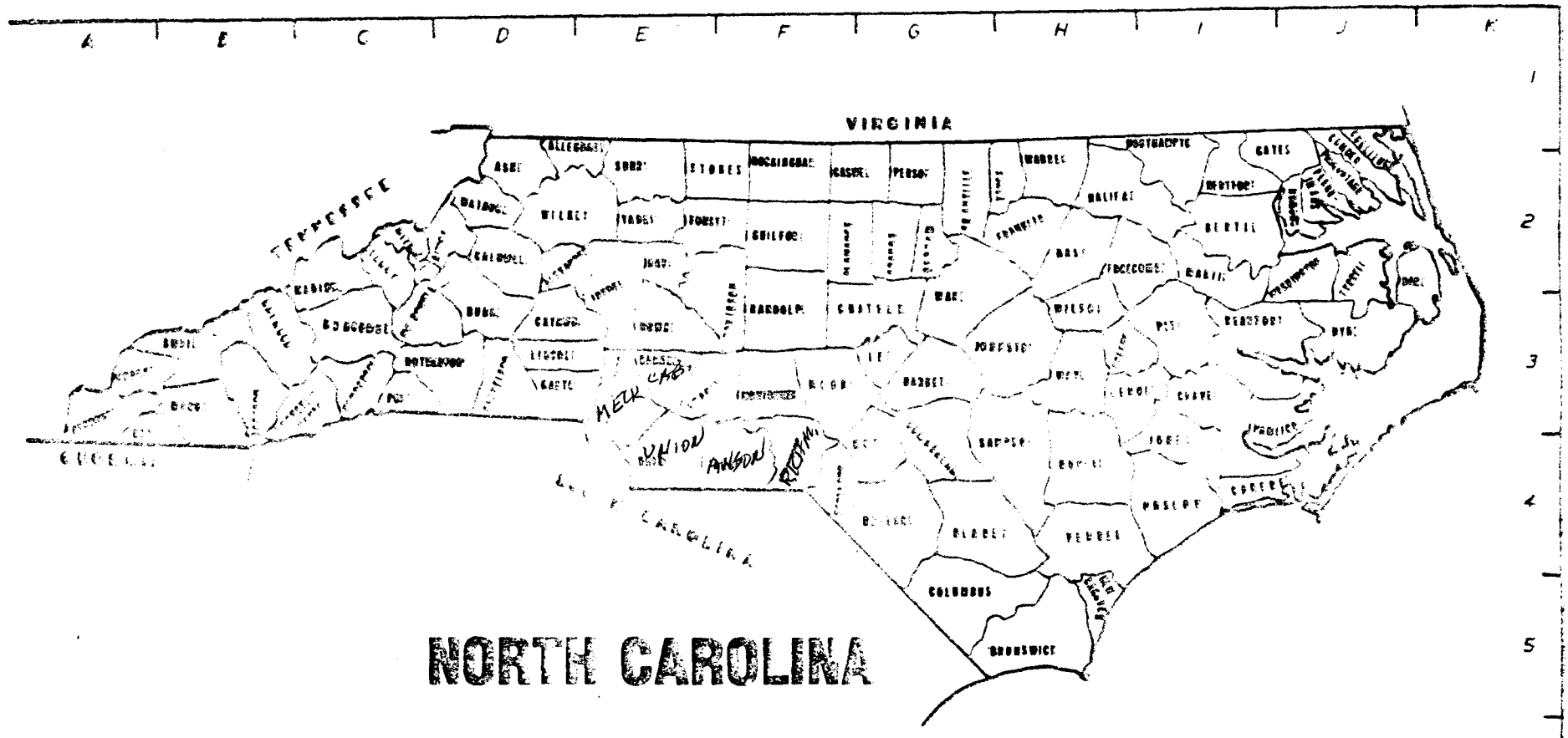
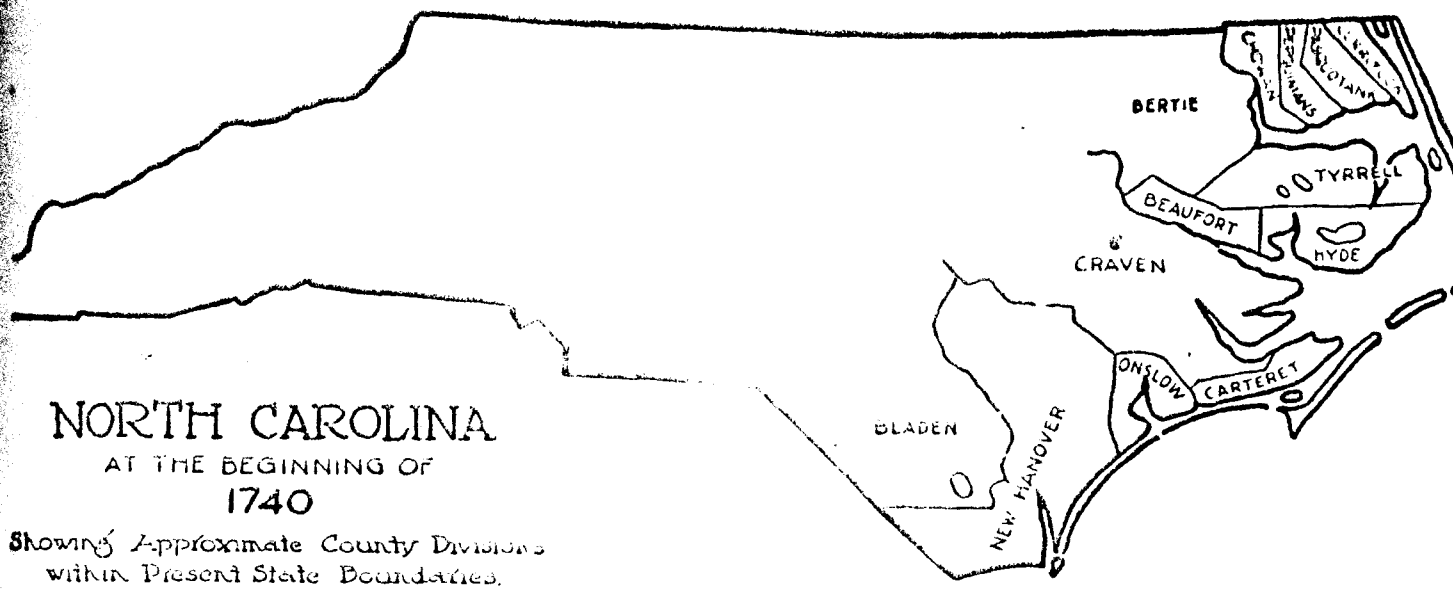


FIG. 6

too populous for efficient administration. This consideration was at least partly responsible for the creation of Duplin in 1750; Halifax, in 1758; Hertford, in 1759; Pitt, in 1760; Brunswick, in 1764; and Martin in 1774, with the result that the number of counties in the east had doubled by 1775. Since the process of creating new counties was governed by political expediency as well as by administrative needs, and since sectional hostility was of some significance in determining when and where new ones were set up, the proliferation of counties revealed on Figs. 5, 6, and 7 is but a crude guide to population increase.

Two or more counties were grouped together for the purpose of establishing judicial districts. In these, a superior court met and dealt with cases of more consequence than those heard in the county courts.³⁵ On the other hand, counties were divided into smaller areas in order to facilitate the carrying out of some functions: thus there were, for example, road districts and patrol

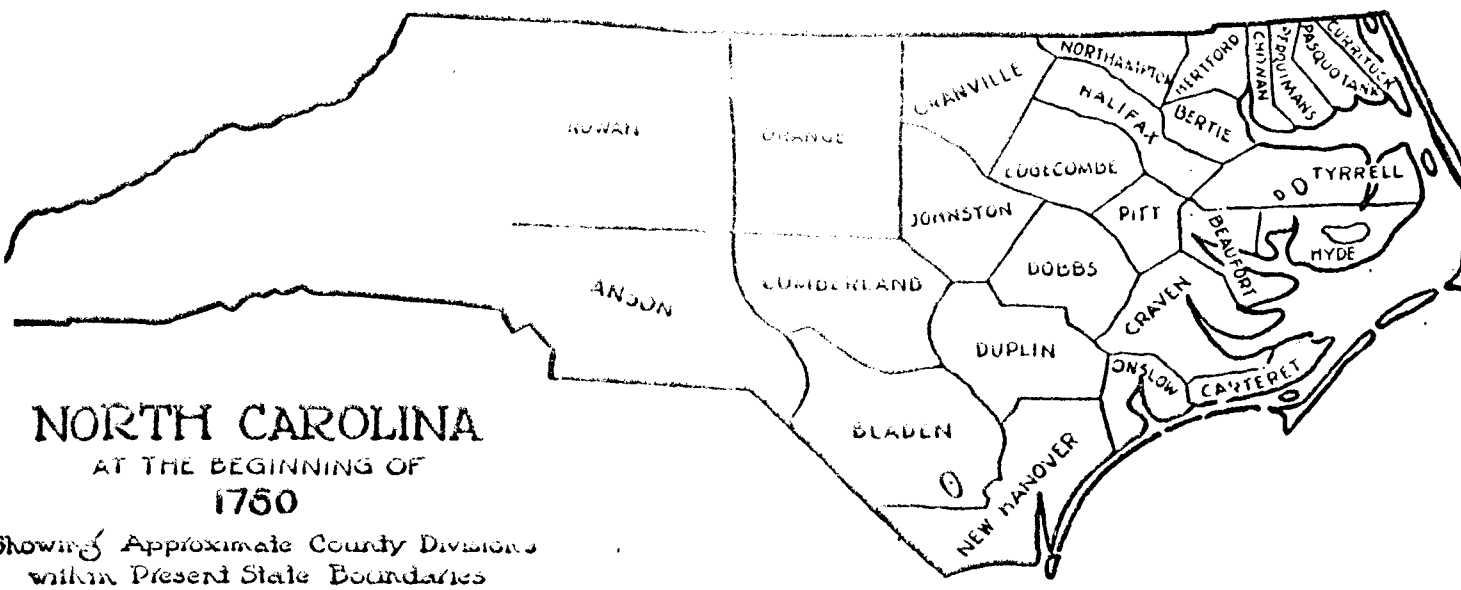




NORTH CAROLINA
 AT THE BEGINNING OF
 1740

Showing Approximate County Divisions
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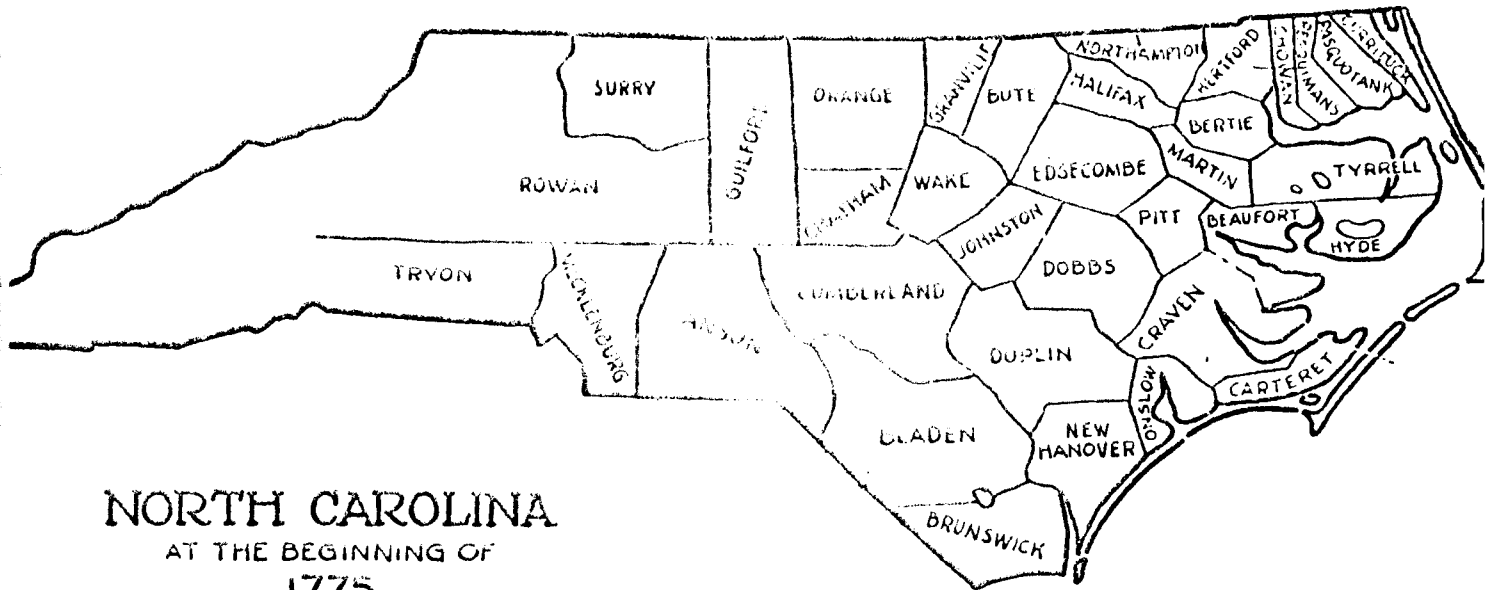
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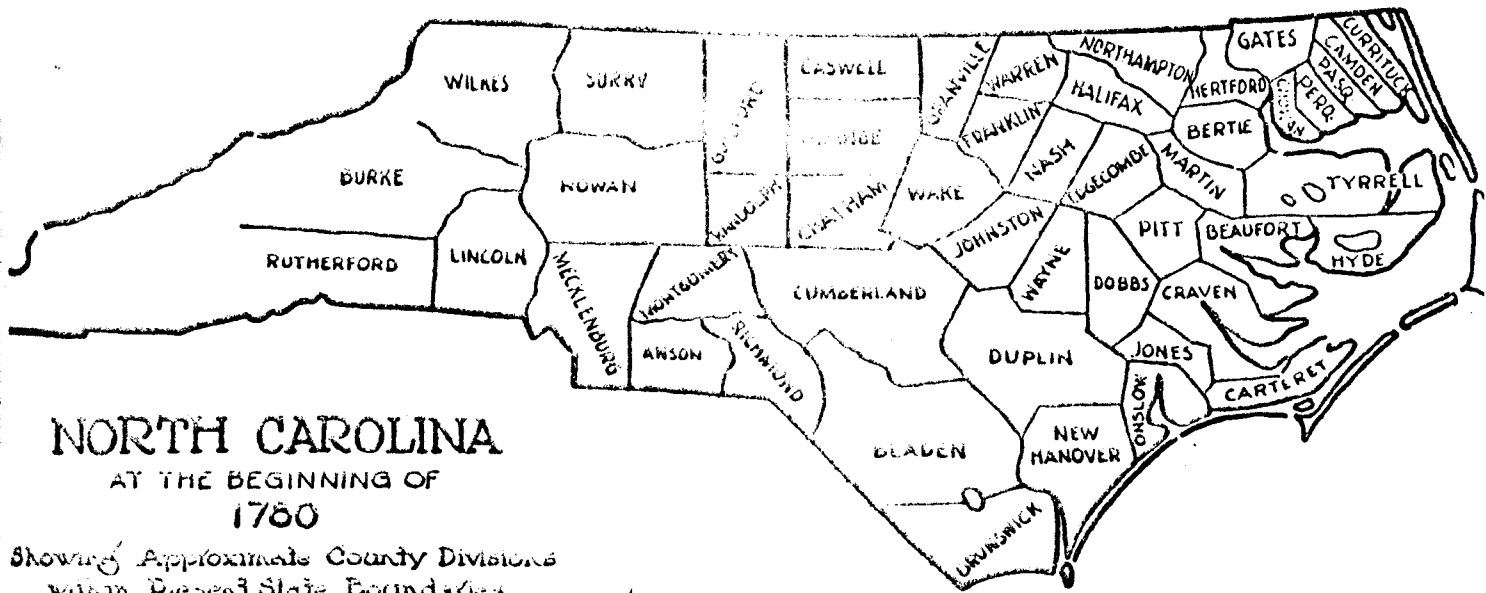
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 1780

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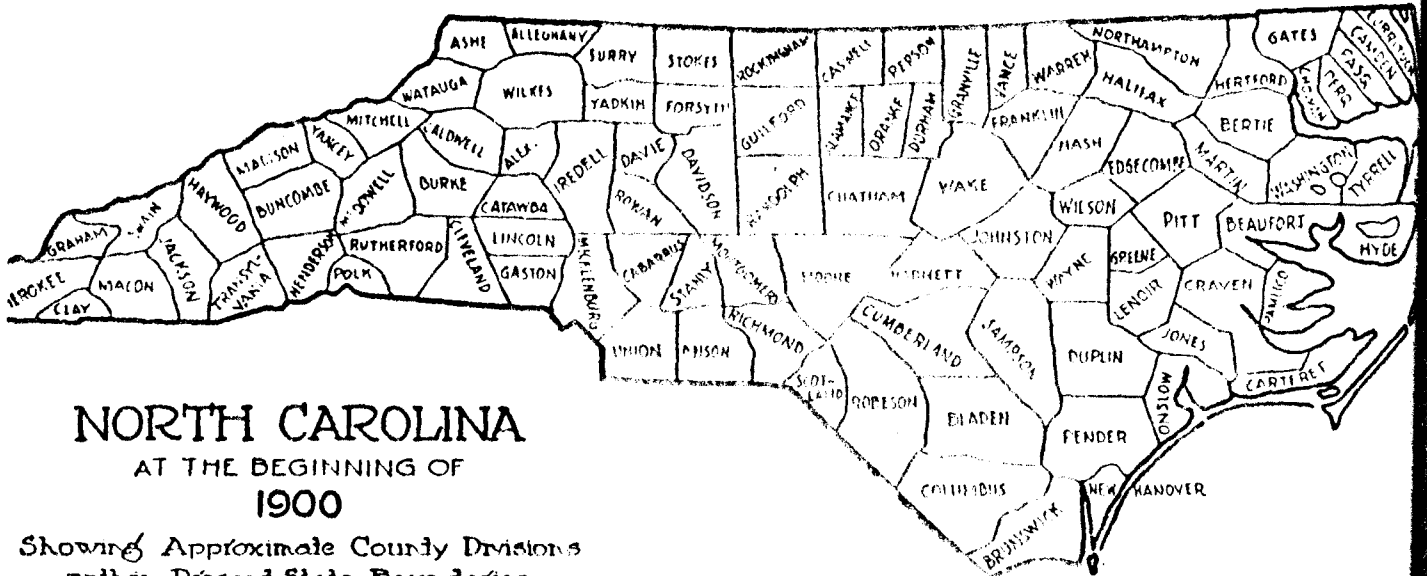
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Showing Approximate County Divisions
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NORTH CAROLINA

AT THE BEGINNING OF
1900

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SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
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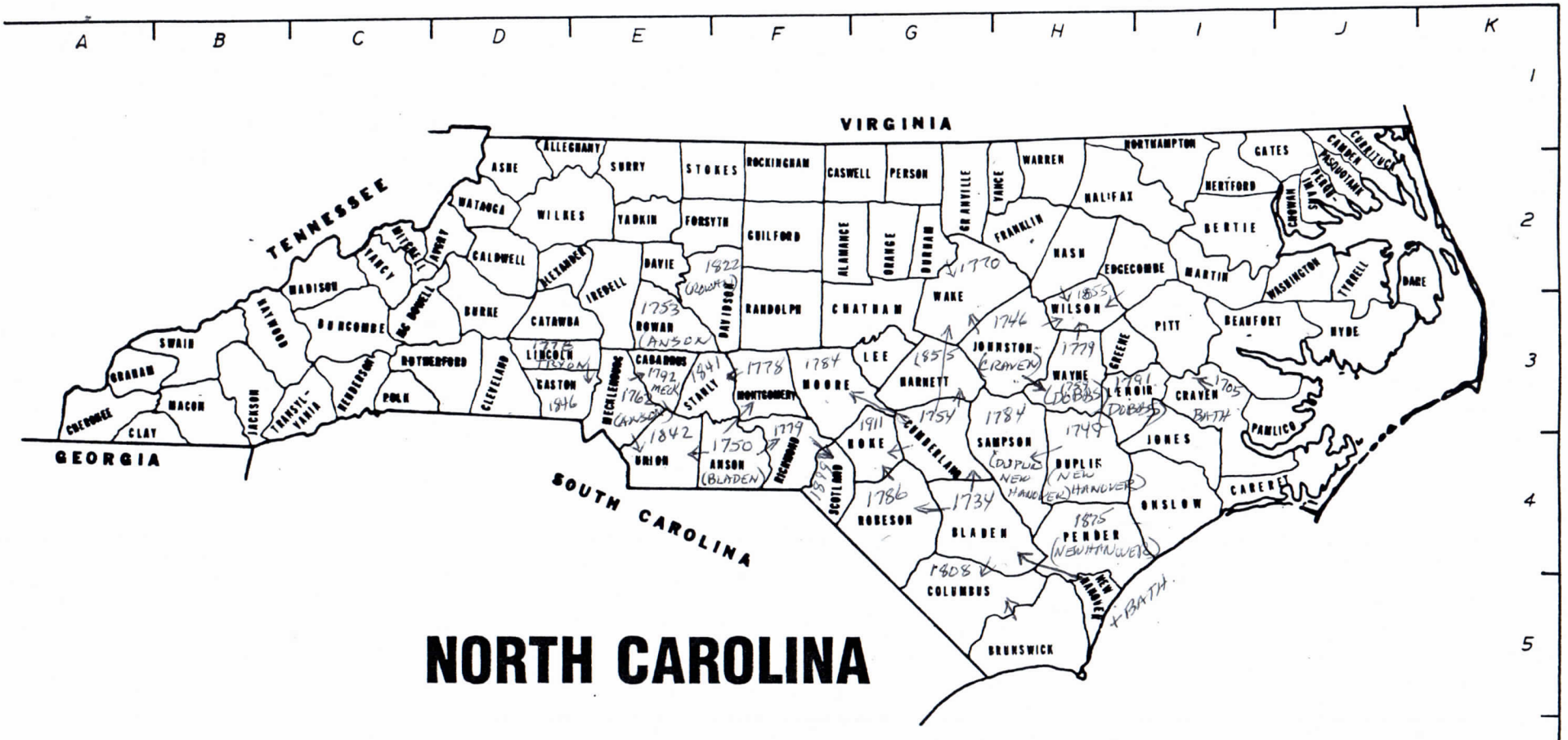
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COUNTY	ORGANIZED	PARENT COUNTY	PROGENY COUNTY	NOTES
Alamance	29 Jan 1849	Orange		
Albemarle	1663	original county	Carteret 1772, Berkeley 1671, Shaftisbury 1671	1
Alexander	15 Jan 1847	Iredell, Caldwell, Wilkes		
Alleghany	1859	Ashe		
Anson	17 Mar 1750	Blandon	Rowan 1753, Mecklenburg 1762, Richmond 1799, Montgomery 1778	
Archdale	3 Dec 1705		Beaufort 1705	2
Ashe	18 Nov 1799	Wilkes	Watauga 1849	
Avery	23 Feb 1911	Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga		
Bath	1696	original county	Bertie 1722, Archdale 1705, Pamtecough 1705, Blandon 1734, Wickham 1705, Craven 1705, Beaufort 1705, Hyde 1705, Archdale 1705	
Beaufort	3 Dec 1705	Bath	Pitt 1760, Pamlico 1872	2
Berkeley	1671			1
Bertie	2 Aug 1722	Chowan, Bath	Tyrell 1729, Edgecombe 1732, Northampton 1741, Hertford 1754	
Blanden	1734	New Hanover, Bath	Anson 1749, Cumberland 1754, Robeson 1786, Brunswick 1764, Columbus 1808, Orange 1752	
Brunswick	30 Jan 1764	New Hanover, Blanden	Columbus 1808	
Buncombe	5 Dec 1791	Burke, Rutherford	Haywood 1808, Henderson 1838, Yancy 1833, Madison 1851	
Burke	8 Apr 1777	Rowan	Buncombe 1791, Yancy 1833, Caldwell 1841, McDowell 1842, Mitchell 1861, Rutherford 1779	3
Bute	8 Apr 1764	Granville	Franklin 1778, Warren 1779	5
Cabarrus	15 Nov 1792	Mecklenburg		
Caldwell	11 Jan 1841	Burke, Wilkes	Alexander 1847, Watauga 1849, Mitchell 1861	
Camden	8 Apr 1777	Pasquotank		
Carteret	2 Aug 1722	Albemarle		1
Caswell	8 Apr 1777	Orange	Person 1791	
Catawba	12 Dec 1842	Lincoln		3
Chatham	5 Dec 1771	Orange	Lee 1907	
Cherokee	4 Jan 1839	Macon	Clay 1861, Graham 1872	
Chowam	1670	Albermarle	Bertie 1722, Tyrell 1729, Hertford 1754, Gates 1778	1
Clay	20 Feb 1861	Cherokee		
Cleveland	11 Jan 1841	Rutherford, Lincoln		
Columbus	15 Dec 1808	Blanden, Brunswick		
Craven	3 Dec 1705	Bath	Carteret 1722, New Hanover 1729, Johnston 1746, Jones 1778, Pamlico 1872	2
Cumberland	19 Feb 1754	Blanden	Moore 1784, Wake 1770, Hoke 1911	
Currituck	1671	Albemarle	Tyrrell 1729, Dare 1870	
Dare	3 Feb 1870	Currituck, Tyrell, Hyde		
Davidson*	1783	Washington		
Davidson	1822	Rowan		
Davie	20 Dec 1836	Rowan		
Dobbs	10 Apr 1759	Johnston	Wayne 1779, Glasgow 1791, Lenoir 1791	4
Duplin	17 Mar 1749	New Hanover	Sampson 1784	
Durham	28 Feb 1881	Orange, Wake		

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S Edgecombe	1732	Bertie	Granville 1746, Halifax 1754, Nash 1777, Wilson 1855	
Fayette	18 Apr 1784	Cumberland		
Forsyth	16 Jan 1849	Stokes		
Franklin	14 Apr 1778	Bute	Vance 1881	5
Gaston	21 Dec 1846	Lincoln		
Gates	14 Apr 1778	Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans		
Glasgow	5 Dec 1791	Dobbs		4
Graham	30 Jan 1872	Cherokee		
Granville	28 Jun 1746	Edgecombe	Orange 1752, Bute 1764, Vance 1881	
Greene*	1783	Washington		
Greene	18 Nov 1799	Glasgow		4
Guilford	5 Dec 1770	Rowan, Orange		
Halifax	12 Dec 1754	Edgecombe	Martin 1774	
Harnett	7 Feb 1855	Cumberland		
Hawkins*	1787	Sullivan		
Haywood	15 Dec 1808	Buncombe	Macon 1828, Jackson 1851	
Henderson	15 Dec 1838	Buncombe	Polk 1847, Transylvania 1861	
Hertford	12 Dec 1754	Bertie, Chowan, Northampton	Gates 1778	
Hoke	17 Feb 1911	Cumberland, Robeson		
Hyde	3 Dec 1705	Bath	Dare 1870	2
Iredell	3 Nov 1788	Rowan	Alexander 1847	
Jackson	29 Jan 1851	Haywood, Macon	Transylvania 1861, Swain 1871	
Johnston	28 Jun 1746	Craven	Orange 1752, Dobbs 1759, Wake 1770, Wilson 1855	
Jones	14 Apr 1778	Craven		
Lee	6 Mar 1907	Chatham, Harnett, Moore		
Lenoir	5 Dec 1791	Dobbs		4
Lincoln	14 Apr 1778	Tryon	Catawba 1842, Gaston 1846, Cleveland 1841	3
Macon	1828	Haywood	Cherokee 1839, Jackson 1851, Swain 1871	
Madison	27 Jan 1851	Buncombe, Yancy		
Martin	2 Mar 1774	Halifax, Tyrrell		
McDowell	19 Dec 1842	Burke, Rutherford	Mitchell 1861	
Mecklenburg	3 Nov 1762	Anson	Cabarrus 1792, Union 1842, Tryon 1769	
Mitchell	16 Feb 1861	Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Watauga, Yancy	Avery 1911	
Montgomery	14 Apr 1778	Anson	Stanly 1841	
Moore	18 Apr 1784	Cumberland	Lee 1907	
Nash	15 Nov 1777	Edgecombe	Wilson 1855	
New Hanover	27 Nov 1729	Craven	Onslow 1734, Blanden 1734, Duplin 1749, Brunswick 1764, Pender 1875, Sampson 1784	
Northampton	1741	Bertie	Hertford 1754	
Onslow	1734	New Hanover		
Orange	31 Mar 1752	Blanden, Granville, Johnston	Chatham 1770, Caswell 1777, Alamance 1849, Guilford 1770, Wake 1770, Durham 1881	
Pamlico	8 Feb 1872	Beaufort, Craven		
Pamtecough	3 Dec 1705	Bath		2
Pasquotank	1670	Albermarle	Camden 1777	1

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Pender	16 Feb 1875	New Hanover		1
Perquimans	1670	Albermarle	Gates 1778	
Person	5 Dec 1791	Caswell		
Pitt	24 Apr 1760	Beaufort		2
Polk	18 Jan 1847	Henderson, Rutherford		c
Randolph	14 Apr 1778	Guilford		w
Richmond	18 Oct 1779	Anson	Scotland 1899	t
Robeson	18 Nov 1786	Blanden	Hoke 1911	3
Rockingham	19 Nov 1785	Guilford		i
Rowan	27 Mar 1753	Anson	Guilford 1770, Surry 1770, Burke 1777, Iredell 1788, Davidson 1822, Davie 1836	3
Rutherford	14 Apr 1779	Burke, Tryon	Buncombe 1791, Cleveland 1841, McDowell 1842, Polk 1847	4- ir
Sampson	18 Apr 1784	Duplin, New Hanover	<i>All of Sampson County was omitted in this index</i>	5- ir
Scotland	20 Feb 1899	Richmond		
Shaftesbury	1671	Albemarle		1
Stanly	11 Jan 1841	Montgomery		
Stokes	2 Nov 1789	Surry	Forsythe 1849	
Sullivan*	1779	Washington		
Summer*	1787	Davidson		
Surry	5 Dec 1770	Rowan	Wilkes 1777, Stokes 1789, Yadkin 1850	
Swain	24 Feb 1871	Jackson, Macon		
Tennessee*	1788	Davidson		
Transylvania	15 Feb 1861	Henderson, Jackson		
Tryon	10 Apr 1769	Mecklenburg		
Tyrrell	27 Nov 1729	Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank	Martin 1774, Washington 1799, Dare 1870	
Union	19 Dec 1842	Anson, Mecklenburg		
Vance	5 Mar 1881	Franklin, Granville, Warren		
Wake	5 Dec 1770	Cumberland, Johnston, Durham, Orange		
Warren	14 Apr 1779	Bute	Vance 1881	5
Washington	15 Nov 1799	Tyrrell		
Washington*	15 Nov 1777	Washington District		
Washington District*	22 Aug 1776		Washington* 1777	
Watauga	27 Jan 1849	Ashe, Caldwell, Yancey, Wilkes	Avery 1911	
Wayne	18 Oct 1779	Dobbs	Wilson 1855	
Wickham	3 Dec 1705	Bath		2
Wilkes	15 Nov 1777	Surry	Ashe 1799, Caldwell 1841, Alexander 1847, Watauga 1849	
Wilson	13 Feb 1855	Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash, Wayne		
Yadkin	28 Dec 1850	Surry		
Yancy	1833	Buncombe, Burke	Watauga 1849, Madison 1851, Mitchell 1861	

NOTES:

* Present-day Tennessee counties.

1--The county of Albemarle was divided in 1671 into the precincts of Carteret, Berkeley, and Shaftesbury. In 1681 Carteret was divided into Currituck and Pasquotank, Berkeley was renamed Perquimans, and Shaftesbury became Chowan. In 1739 these precincts were named counties.

COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT	PARENT COUNTY	ORGANIZED
Albemarle	Discontinued	Original Terr.	1663
Anson	Wadesboro	✓ Bladen	1749
Ashe	Jefferson	Wilkes	1799
Beaufort	Washington	✓ Bath	1705
Bertie	Windsor	✓ Bath	1722
Bladen	Elizabethtown	✓ Bath	1734
Bath	Discontinues	✓ Original Terr.	1696
Brunswick	Southport	New Hanover, Bladen	1764
Buncombe	Ashville	✓ Burke, Rutheford	1792
Burke	Morgantown	✓ Rowan	1777
Bute	Discontinue	✓ Granville	1764
Cabarrus	Concord	✓ Mecklenburg	1792
Camden	Camden	Pasquotank	1777
Carteret	Beaufort	✓ Bath	1722
Caswell	Yanceyville	✓ Orange	1777
Catawba	Newton	Lincoln	1770
Chowan	Edenton	Albemarle	1672
Clarendon	Discontinued	Albemarle	1663
Craven	New Bern	✓ Bath	1712
Cumberland	Fayetteville	✓ Bladen	1754
Currituck	Currituck	Albemarle	1672
Dobbs	Discontinued	✓ Johnson	1758
Duplin	Kenansville	New Hanover	1749
Edgecomb	Tarboro	✓ Bertie	1735
Franklin	Louisburg	✓ Bute	1779
Gates	Gatesville	✓ Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans	1778
Granville	Oxford	✓ Edgecombe	1746
Greene	Snow Hill	Dobbs	1791
Guilford	Freensboro	✓ Rowan, Orange	1770
Halifax	Halifax	✓ Edgecombe	1758
Hertford	Winton	✓ Chowan, Bertie	1759
Hyde	Swan Quarter	✓ Bath	1705
Iredell	Statesville	✓ Rowan	1788
Johnson	Smithfield	✓ Craven	1746
Jones	Trenton	✓ Craven	1778
Lenoir	Kinston	Dobbs, ✓ Craven	1791
Lincoln	Lincolnton	Tryon	1779
Martin	Williamston	Tyrell, ✓ Halifax	1774
Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Anson	1762
Montgomery	Troy	✓ Anson	1778
Moore	Carthage	Cumberland	1784
Nash	Nashville	✓ Edgecombe	1777
New Hanover	Wilmington	✓ Bath, Clarendon	1729
Northampton	Jackson	✓ Bertie	1741
Onslow	Jacksonville	Bath	1734
Orange	Hillsboro	✓ Bladen, ✓ Granville, Johnston	1753
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City	Albemarle	1672
Perquimans	Hertford	Albemarle	1672
Person	Roxboro	✓ Caswell	1791

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COUNTY NAME	DATE ORGANIZED	PARENT COUNTY	MAP	PROGENY COUNTY
Alamance	29 Jan 1849	Orange	F-2	
Albemarle ¹	Oct 1663	Colonial Lands		Carteret 1722, Shaftisbury 1
Alexander	15 Jan 1847	Iredell, Caldwell, Wilkes	D-2	
Alleghany	1859	Ashe	D-1	
Anson	17 Mar 1750	Bladen	F-4	Rowan 1753, Mecklenburg 1763, Richmond 1779, Montgomery 17
Archdale ²	3 Dec 1705	Bath		Beaufort 1705
Ashe	18 Nov 1799	Wilkes	D-1	Watauga 1849
Avery	23 Feb 1911	Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga	D-2	
Bath ²	1696	Colonial Lands		Bertie 1722, Archdale 1705, Pamtecough 1705, Hyde 1705, Bladen 1734, Wickham 1705, Craven 1705, Beaufort 1705, Archdale 1705, Carteret 1722, Pelham 1739
Beaufort ²	3 Dec 1705	Bath	I-3	Pitt 1761, Pamlico 1872
Berkeley ¹	Oct 1663	Colonial Lands		
Bertie ²	2 Aug 1722	Chowan, Bath	I-2	Tyrell 1729, Edgecombe 1732, Northampton 1741, Hertford 1
Bladen	1739	Pelham 1734, & New Hanover, Bath	G-4	Anson 1750, Cumberland 1754, Robeson 1786, Orange 1752, Brunswick 1764, Columbus 180
Brunswick	30 Jan 1764	New Hanover, Bladen	H-5	Columbus 1808
Buncombe	5 Dec 1791	Burke, Rutherford	C-3	Waywood 1808, Henderson 1833, Yancy 1833, Madison 1851
Burke	8 Apr 1777	Rowan	D-3	Buncombe 1791, Yancy 1833, Caldwell 1841, McDowell 1842, Mitchell 1861, Rutherford 17
Bute	10 Jun 1764	Granville		Franklin 1778, Warren 1779
Cabarrus	15 Nov 1792	Mecklenburg	E-3	
Caldwell	11 Jan 1841	Burke, Wilkes	D-2	Alexander 1847, Watauga 1849, Mitchell 1861
Camden	8 Apr 1777	Pasquotank	J-1	
Carteret ¹ PCT.	8 Aug 1722	Albemarle, Bath		Carteret 1739
Carteret	1739	Carteret PCT	I-4	
Caswell	8 Apr 1777	Orange	F-2	Person 1792
Catawba ³	12 Dec 1842	Lincoln	D-3	
Chatham	5 Dec 1771	Orange	G-3	Lee 1907
Cherokee	4 Jan 1839	Macon	A-3	Clay 1861, Graham 1872

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COUNTY NAME	DATE ORGANIZED	PARENT COUNTY	MAP	PROGENY COUNTY
Chowan	1670	Albemarle	J-2	Bertie 1722, Tyrell 1729, Hertford 1754, Gates 1778
Clarendon	1664	Colonial Lands		
Clay	20 Feb 1861	Cherokee	A-3	
Cleveland	11 Jan 1841	Rutherford, Lincoln	D-3	
Columbus	15 Dec 1808	Blanden, Brunswick	G-5	
Craven ²	3 Dec 1705	Bath	I-3	Carteret 1722, New Hanover 1729, Johnston 1746, Jones 1778, Pamlico 1872
Cumberland	19 Feb 1754	Bladen	G-3	Moore 1784, Harnett 1855, Wake 1771, Hoke 1911
Currituck PCT	1671	Albemarle		Currituck 1739
Currituck	1739	Currituck PCT	J-1	Tyrrell 1729, Dare 1870
Dare	3 Feb 1870	Currituck, Tyrell, Hyde	J-2	
Davidson ⁶ (now TN)	1783	Washington		
Davidson	9 Dec 1822	Rowan	F-3	
Davie	20 Dec 1836	Rowan	E-2	
Dobbs ⁴	10 Apr 1759	Johnston		Wayne 1779, Glasgow 1791, Lenoir 1791
Duplin	17 Mar 1749	New Hanover	H-4	Sampson 1784
Durham	28 Feb 1881	Orange, Wake	G-2	
Edgecombe PCT	4 Apr 1732	Bertie		Edgecombe 1741
Edgecombe	1741	Edgecombe PCT	H-2	Granville 1746, Halifax 1754, Nash 1777, Wilson 1855
Fayette ⁷	1784	Cumberland		
Forsyth	16 Jan 1849	Stokes	E-2	
Franklin ⁵	14 Apr 1778	Bute	H-2	Vance 1881
Gaston	21 Dec 1846	Lincoln	D-3	
Gates	14 Apr 1778	Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans	I-1	
Glasgow ⁴	1791	Dobbs		
Graham	30 Jan 1872	Cherokee	A-3	
Granville	28 Jun 1746	Edgecombe	G-2	Orange 1752, Bute 1764, Vance 1881
Greene(now TN) ⁸	1783	Washington		
Guilford	5 Dec 1771	Rowan, Orange	F-2	
Halifax	12 Dec 1754	Edgecombe	H-2	Martin 1774
Harnett	7 Feb 1855	Cumberland	G-3	

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Hawkins ⁹ (now TN)	6 Jan 1787	Sullivan	
Haywood	15 Dec 1808	Buncombe	B-3 Macon 1828, Jackson 1851
Henderson	15 Dec 1838	Buncombe	C-3 Polk 1847, Transylvania 1861
Hertford	12 Dec 1754	Bertie, Chowan, Northampton	I-2 Gates 1778 *
Hoke	17 Feb 1911	Cumberland, Robeson	G-4
Hyde ²	3 Dec 1705	Bath	J-3 Dare 1870
Iredell	3 Nov 1788	Rowan	E-2 Alexander 1847
Jackson	29 Jan 1851	Haywood, Macon	B-3 Transylvania 1861, Swain 1870
Johnston	28 Jan 1746	Craven	H-3 Orange 1752, Dobbs 1759, Wake 1771, Wilson 1855
Jones	14 Apr 1778	Craven	I-4
Lee	6 Mar 1907	Chatham, Harnett, Moore	G-3
Lenoir ⁴	5 Dec 1791	Dobbs	H-3
Lincoln	14 Apr 1778	Tryon	D-3 Catawba 1842, Gaston 1846, Cleveland 1841
Macon	1828	Haywood	B-3 Cherokee 1839, Jackson 1851, Swain 1870
Malden	27 Jan 1851	Buncombe, Yancy	C-2
Martin	2 Mar 1774	Halifax, Tyrrell	I-2
McDowell	19 Dec 1842	Burke, Rutherford	C-3 Mitchell 1861
Mecklenburg	3 Nov 1763	Anson	E-3 Cabarrus 1792, Union 1842, Tryon 1769
Mitchell	16 Feb 1861	Caldwell, McDowell, Burke, Watauga, Yancy	C-2 Avery 1911
Montgomery	14 Apr 1778	Anson	F-3 Stanley 1841
Moore	18 Apr 1784	Cumberland	F-3 Lee 1907
Nash	15 Nov 1777	Edgecombe	H-2 Wilson 1855
New Hanover	27 Nov 1729	Craven	H-5 Onslow 1734, Bladen 1734, Pender 1875, Brunswick 1764, Duplin 1749, Sampson 1784
Northampton	1741	Bertie	I-1 Hertford 1754
Onslow PCT	1734	New Hanover	Onslow 1739
Onslow	1739	Onslow	I-4
Orange	31 Mar 1752	Blanden, Granville, Johnston	G-2 Chatham 1771, Caswell 1777, Alamance 1841, Wake 1771, Guilford 1771, Durham 1881
Pamlico	8 Apr 1872	Beaufort, Craven	I-3
Painters ² PCT	3 Dec 1705	Bath	

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Pasquotank	1670	Albemarle	J-2	Camden 1777
Pelham	1734	New Hanover, Bath		
Pender	16 Feb 1875	New Hanover	H-4	
Perquimans ¹	1670	Albemarle	J-2	Gates 1778
Person	5 Dec 1792	Caswell	G-2	
Pitt	24 Apr 1761	Beaufort	I-3	
Polk	18 Jan 1847	Henderson, Rutherford	C-3	
Randolph	14 Apr 1778	Guilford	F-3	
Richmond	18 Oct 1779	Anson	F-4	Scotland 1899
Robeson	18 Nov 1786	Bladon	G-4	Hoke 1911
Rockingham	19 Nov 1785	Guilford	F-1	
Rowan	27 Mar 1753	Anson	E-3	Guilford 1771, Surry 1771, Burke 1777, Iredell 1788, Davidson 1822, Davie 1836
Rutherford	14 Apr 1779	Burke, Tryon	C-3	Buncombe 1791, Cleveland 1841, McDowell 1842, Polk 1847
Sampson	18 Apr 1784	Duplin, New Hanover	H-4	
Scotland	20 Feb 1899	Richmond	F-4	
Shaftesbury ¹	1671	Albemarle		
Stanly	11 Jan 1841	Montgomery	E-3	
Stokes	29 Nov 1789	Surry	E-2	
Sullivan ¹⁰ (now TN)	1779	Washington		
Sumner ¹¹	1787	Davidson(now TN)		
Surry	5 Dec 1771	Rowan	E-2	Wilkes 1777, Stokes 1789, Yadkin 1850
Swain	24 Feb 1870	Jackson, Macon	B-3	
Tennessee ¹²	1788	Davidson(now TN)		
Transylvania	15 Feb 1861	Henderson, Jackson	C-3	
Tryon	10 Apr 1769	Mecklenburg		
Tyrrell PCT	27 Nov 1729	Bertie, Pasquotank		Tyrrell 1739
Tyrrell	1739	Tyrrell PCT	J-2	Martin 1774, Dare 1870, Washington
Union	19 Dec 1842	Anson, Mecklenburg	E-4	
Vance	5 Mar 1881	Franklin, Granville, Warren	H-2	
Wake	5 Dec 1771	Cumberland, Johnston, Durham, Orange	G-2	
Warren ⁵	14 Apr 1779	Bute	H-2	Vance 1881

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Washington ¹³	22 Aug 1776	Lands on Watauga, Holster, Nolachucky Rivers		
Washington ¹³		Washington District		
Watauga	27 Jan 1849	Ashe, Caldwell, Yancy, Wilkes	D-2	Avery 1911 *
Wayne	18 Oct 1779	Dobbs	H-3	Wilson 1855
Wickham ²	3 Dec 1705	Bath		
Wilkes	15 Nov 1777	Surry	D-2	Ashe 1799, Caldwell 1841, Alexander 1847, Watauga 1849
Wilson	13 Feb 1855	Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, Wayne		
Yadkin	28 Dec 1850	Surry	E-2	
Yancy	1833	Buncombe, Burke	C-2	Watauga 1849, Madison 1851, Mitchell 1861

FOOTNOTES:

- * Present-day Tennessee counties.
- ¹ The county of Albemarle was divided in 1671 into the precincts of Carteret, Berkeley, and Shaftesbury. In 1681 Carteret was divided into Currituck and Pasquotank, Berkeley was renamed Perquimans, and Shaftesbury became Chowan. In 1739 these precincts were named counties.
- ² The county of Bath was established in 1696. In 1705 Bath County was divided into the precincts of Archdale, Pamtecough, and Wickham. In 1712 Archdale was renamed Craven, Pamtecough was renamed Beaufort, and Wickham was renamed Hyde. Bath was discontinued in 1739 when the districts were named as counties.
- ³ The territory now known as Catawba County was a part of Burke County from 1777 to 1782. Prior to 1777 it was a part of Rowan County. From 1782 to 1842 it was a part of Lincoln County. In 1842 Catawba County was organized from Lincoln County.
- ⁴ Dobbs County was organized from Johnston County in 1758. In 1791 it was abolished and reorganized into Glasgow and Lenoir Counties. In 1799 Glasgow County was renamed Greene County.
- ⁵ Bute County was organized in 1764 from Granville County. In 1779 it was abolished and reorganized into Franklin and Warren Counties.
- ⁶ Clarendon County was abandoned in 1667.
- ⁷ Pelham Precinct was the original name for Bladen Precinct until 1739.

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25. W issued 17 Jun 78 Osborn Jefferys enters 640 A adj. his own line, Rays Creek, Basses & David Jefferys line toward David's Creek.
16 March 1778 Osburn Jefferys
26. W issued 17 June 1778 Osborn Jefferys enters 640 A on both sides of Crooked Creek, adj. his own lines, including Roger Reeses Improvement and toward little River.
Osbn Jefferys
16th March 1778
27. Wm Durham Caveat 9 May 1778 W issued as P Order of Court & sent by Son 20th Novr 1778 *MG* Jas Nicholson do enter 640 A on waters of Stone house Creek & Hubb Quarter Creek on both sides Eaton road & Halifax Road Begn Edwd Hollimonds line, Kellies line, Wm Durhams line, Jos Shearings line, Danl Sledge's line, Newit Harriss's line, including one Improvement made by said Nicholas
16th March 1778 Jas Nicholson
28. W issued 17 June 78 Osborn Jeffery's enters 100 A south westerly of Cedar Creek adj. on all sides by his own lines.
Osber Jefferys
16th March 1778
29. John Park Caveat 7th May 1778 W issd 2d June 1784 Osbern Jefferys enters 200 A on both sides Buffello Run on the southwest side Tar River, adj. Frs Mabry's, John Parks, & Benj Sewell's lands.
Osbn Jefferys
16 March 1778
30. W issued 17 June 78 Osbern Jefferys enters all the surplus land within his old lines on both sides of Davis's Creek an old Survey & Deed granted to sd. Jefferys by Earl Granville 300 A
Os Jefferys
16th March 1778
31. W issued 17 Jun 78 Osbern Jefferys enters 500 A on both sides of Taylors Branch, southerly of Cedar Creek, joining his own lines & Dd. Jefferys.
Os Jefferys
16th March 1778
32. Michael Dent Caveat 15 June at Night 7 W issued as P order Court 29 June 80 Osbern Jefferys enters 640 A near the Head of Mill Stone & Smiths Creek, adj. his own lines little River, Thos Jackson's lines including his own & Lilington Banks Improvements
Osber Jefferys
16 March 1778

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- W Issued 18 June 78 Jesse Rowland Enters 640 A on waters of Davis's Creek adj. Osborn Jeffry's line & Joseph Bridge's line including sd. Rowland's improvement.
Jesse Rowland
16 Mar 177-
- W Issued 18 June 78 Ralph Rachel Enters 640 A adj. Osborn Jeffery's, David Jeffreys, William Perrys, and Jesse Rowlands lines including his own & Mary Dent's improvements.
Ralph Rachel
16 Mar 177-
- Daniel Pegram Caveat
9 May 1778
Issued as P Order
of Court for 517 A
sent by Mr Nicholson
20 Novr 1778 Frazier Riggs enters 750 A beg. Thomas Bells corner on little Creek...Gideon Pegram's line, George Pegram's, Edward Pegram's line, Robert Harris' line, Jordan Harris' line, John Faulsons(?) line, Edward Holliman's, William Kelleys (land he bought of M. Thornton).
- W Issued 24 June 78 Silvanus Merrett Enters 300 A on head of Stone House Creek, beg. Edward Hollimons Croner, Lewis Patterson's line, Thomas Walkers line, Newel Harris's line.
Silvanus Merritt
- W Issued 24 June 78
Sent by Andr Rayley(?) Richard Walker Enters by Improvement 75 A on Eaves Mill Creek & linches Creek adj. Eaves line, Tharrington, Richards line & Leading Jones.
16 March 1778 Rd. Walker
- W Issued 20 June 1778 Wm Richards enters for 300 A on both sides of Lyons Creek, beg. on John Richards line, Joseph Williams Jr line, including my Improvement.
March the 16 day 1778 Wm Richards
- W Issued 20 June 1778
sent by Wm Richards John Richards Enters by Virtue of Improvt. 400 A on head of Lyons Creek adj. his own line & Hawkins line.
16 March 1778 Jno Richards
- W Issued 24 June 78 Thos Brigers enters 640 A on long fork of Rays Creek beg. at Jefferys line on Crooked, including the improvement wheron the sd. Bridges now live.
16 March 1778 Thos Bridgers
- Thos Piner(?)
Caveat 6th May 78
Satisfy'd
W Issued --Sept 1778 Jno Thomas enters by virtue of Improvement 450 A on waters of Lyons Creek on both sides of the old Spring branch adj. Mwroney line, Geo Blockers line & the glebe line.
16 of March 1778 John Thomas

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176. W Issued 11 Sepr 78 Jas Solomon enters 360(?) A on waters of Great Peachtree adj. Thos Babbs line, Geo P---- line, Henry Taylors line, includ my own Improvement May 8th 1778 Jas Solomon
177. Disputed James Denton enters 640 A on little Creek beg. on my own corner, to Joseph Hackneys, James House, Benjamin Wards, include my own improvement. 8 May 1778 Jas Denton
W Issued pursut. to Order Court 16 Novr 1778 by D. Hall
178. Disputed Stephen Beckam enters 250 A on waters of Weavers Creek on a Branch call'd Jesseys Branch...Seth Williams Corner...Edwd Bass's corner...to the Road/..Dentons line...Joseph Hackney's.... 8 May 1778 Stephen Beckam
179. W Issued 22 Sepr 1778 John Baxter enters 500 A on waters of Malone Mill adj. lines of Benj. Dukes, Jonathan Johnston & Robt Callior, include the Improvement I bought of Jno Ren(?). 9 May 1778 Jno Baxter
Disputed
W Issued as P Order Court 24 Novr 78
180. Osbern Jeffreys Caveat Jessee Mabry enters 300 A on waters of Buffellow & little Creek adj. lines of Jefferys & Park & Smith's entry on both sides of the New Road. 9th May 1778 Jessee Mabry
W Issd. as P Order 8 Apl 1779
181. Disputed Daniel Pegram enters 223 A on waters of little Hub Quarter Creek being one half of a survey formerly taken up by Joseph Riggan & Daniel Pegram including one Improvement. 9th May 1778 Daniel Pegram
W Issd. 6 June 1779 as P Order Court
182. Disputed William Durham Enters 320 A on waters of little Hub Quarter and Stone House Creek on both sides of Eatons & Halifax Roads adj. lines of Hollaman Kelleys, said Durhams, and others, one improvement. 9 May 1778 Wm Durham
183. W Issued 22 Sepr 78 Jordan Rowland enters 640 A on waters of falling Creek beg. at Waldens line, to Rolands line, Doolings, Goalds & Hudsons, one improvement. 11 May 1778 Jordan Rowland
184. Thos Person caveat Giles Bowers 100 A on waters of Tarr River, adj. lines of Thomas Smith, my own, & Jessee Bowers. 11 May 1778 Giles Bowers
185. W Issued 22 Sepr 1778 Moses Carr enters 50 A on waters of Kings Creek beg. Thos Woodleys Corner, Benjamin Smiths Corner, Capt Stone's line. 11 May 1778 Moses Carr

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186. W Issued 22 Sepr 78
 526
 got $\frac{417}{109}$ acres
 James Morriss enters 526 A on waters of Richland Creek, Joes Creek & Sider(?) Creek adj. Robt Goodloe, William Liles, Thos Bell, Isaac Winstead his own line, James ----, Thos Person and County line, & improvement which Robert Goodloe bought of Bullock & Lanier & sold to sd. Morriss.
 11 May 1778 Jas Morriss
187. W Issued 25 Augt 78
 Linum Lunsford enters 300 A on waters of Crucked Creek, beg. at James Youngs line, Thomas Arnolds including my Improvt.
 11th May 1778 Linum Lunsford
188. W Issued 1 Sepr 1778
 Delivered himself
 Charles Darnall enters 640 A on south side of Cedar Creek on porches branch, Joseph Rights Corner, including 2 Improvements.
 11th May 1778 Charles Darnall
189. W Issued 22 Sepr 78
 Harbert Hanes enters 200 A on waters of Roanoak River adj. his own & lines of Burrell Robenson, Whites & others, including his Improvement.
 12 May 1778 Har: Haynes
190. W Issued 15 Sepr 1778
 James Hills enters 100 A between lines of James Egerton, Wilmont Egerton, Jno Egerton & Jas Harriss. ⁶⁹⁸
 12 May 1778 Jas Hills
191. W Issued 22 Sepr 78
 As P Order Court
 Jno Hawkins enters 640 A on both sides of Hichoe Road beg. at Collers, Dukes, Jonathan Johnstons, Martin Dye
 12th May 1778 Jno Hawkins
192. W Issued 22 Sepr 78
 William Hansell enters 550 A on waters of Smith's Creek and Melones Mill Creek, beg. Ward's corner, Nicholson, Robinson line.
 12 May 1778 Wm Hansell
193. W Issued 30 Augt 78 &
 sent by Chas Asque
 James Ransome enters 150 A beg. at Macons corner, Hawkins corner.
 12th May 1778 Jas Ranson
194. Disputed
 Thos Person enters 100 A on no side Tar river adj. lines of Giles Bowers, Jessee Bowers, & others including part of a former Entry made in Lord Granvills Office
 13 May 1778 Thos Person
195. W Issued 22 Sepr 1778
 William Guttery enters 200 A on both sides of Woolf Branch, adj. Wm Sprunts line & county line.
 13 May 1778 Wm Guttery
196. W Issued 22 Sepr 78
 Benjamin Brewer enters 200 A on waters of Cypress adj. my own line & Farrells.
 15th May 1778 Benj. Brewer

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49. John Thornton Caveat
7th May 1778
10 March 1787
Robert Hill entered 640 A begining at Thos Hills
Corner, adj. John Thewentons, George Williamson
& Dorseys Entry including Jonigans Improvement.
Ro Hill
16 March
50. W Issued 17 June 78
Caveat by Matthew
Garrriott 7 Augt 1778
Caveat withdrawn
17 Augt 1778
Deeded and sent by
Jno Baxter 14 Dec 1779
Jno Hawkins by Virtue of an Entry given him by
his Father Phi Hawkins enters 640 A on waters of
linches Creek...corner of Jno Reeves, east side
of Hawkins land no. to Phil Hawkins Junr land
including a plantation purchsed from one Nelson
by Phil Hawkins.
16 March 1778
Jno Hawkins
51. Ball caveat
600 A
Phil Hawkins caveat
At the request of
Wm. Forkner, this
warrant issd. in the name of Morriss(?) Jinkins 25 March 1780(?).
Wm Forkner enters 640 A on both sides of lick
branch including an improvement the sd. Forkner
purchased of Nathl Forkner, adj. Phil Hawkins &
the land Dl. Ball lives on.
Wm Forkner
25 March 1780(?).
52. Lydia Massey Caveat
12 June 78
Jas Meroney Caveat
15 June 1778
Mary Massey enters for Absilla (?) Massey 640 A
formerly surveyed for Hezekiah Massey where the
sd. Massey lived on the south side of Tar River
16 March 1778
53. W Issued 17 June 78
sent by Wm Richards
Lucey McGuffee enters by Improvement 300 A on
waters of Wennetts Creek, adj. Richards line,
Bennetts line, Demmars lane, Jones's line &
Hawkins line.
16 March 1778
Lucey McGuffee
54. W Issued 17 June 78
Jno Riggan 700 A on east side of Little Creek,
the waters of Hub Quarter, beg. Jas Marrick's
line, Durham's line...Jos Shearing line Mrs.
Johnson's line...Thos Reed line.
Jno Riggan
55. Samuel Morriss Caveat
7 May 78
Land got by Morriss
Jno Short enters 540 A by virtue of former entry
made in Earl Granville's Office by Phil Hawkins
adj. lines of Roland Wilson, Powell, Rivers &
Williams...on Macon(?) & Turkey Branch including
improvements made by Chas Black now in possession
of Samuel Morriss & the Huckleberry Pond.
16 March 1778
Jno Short
56. W Issued 17 June 78
Jno Short enters 500 A on waters Rockey Creek &
Anderson Swamp, adj. lines of William Walker, Jas
Cauthan, Jno Cauthan, & Jos Darnal, Lewis
Ballards line including sd. Short's improvement
Jno Short