

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CONCERNING
JOHN BRAHAN (ABOUT 1725 - 1775)
OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

JOHN BRAHAN

It is believed that John Brahan came from Great Britain about 1748; that he settled for a short time in Westmoreland County, Virginia, before moving in September 1760 to Fauquier County, Virginia, where he was a planter up to the time of the Revolution. - In buying 140 acres of land in September 1760, John Brahan described himself as "John Brahan of Westmoreland County, Colony of Virginia, Planter".

The names of his parents and his birthplace are unknown. The date of his birth is not known. At his death in 1775, he left four sons and two daughters whom he called his "tender offspring". From this it may be surmised that John Brahan was born between 1725 and 1728, and died before he was fifty years of age.

When the call for volunteers reached Fauquier County in 1775, John Brahan, according to family tradition, enlisted under General Morgan and marched north with his troops, and was killed in battle. Thus far no documentary proof has been found verifying this.

The will of John Brahan is undated. It was proved in the Fall of 1775 by his widow.

John Brahan married probably in 1759 (or early 1760) Lettice. The surname of Lettice has not been proved.

In his will John Brahan left his plantation to Lettice, and after her death to his eldest son, Thomas Brahan, and left negroes to William Brahan, James Brahan and John Brahan, his three other sons. Unfortunately, he did not name his daughters by name in his will.

The eldest son of John Brahan remained in Fauquier County with his widowed Mother, Lettice Brahan on the home plantation. He began to pay taxes on this 190 acre tract in 1809. The last personal tax found for

Lettice Brahan is 1805. It is to be deducted from this that Lettice died between 1805 and 1809, and was buried in the family plot on this same plantation.

Thomas Brahan (born 1760) died during the last half of 1840. He had married (March 10, 1788) Elizabeth Wilson in Fauquier County. At his death he left his plantation to his daughter, Margaret Fant. Fortunately, Thomas Brahan left a will in which he named two sisters, Margaret Tharpe and Mary wood, and some nieces and nephews.

William Brahan married (February 5, 1796) Celia Cooper of Fauquier County. There has been found no proof of his children.

James Brahan is believed to have moved to Greenbrier County. Nothing is known of him, unless he was the James Brahan mentioned in Alabama records in connection with the estate of his brother, John Brahan.

John Brahan, Jr., was born June 8, 1774; died July 5, 1834; married July 24, 1810 in Nashville, Tennessee Mary Weakley, daughter of Robert Weakley and Jane Locke. John Jr. had seven children. He became a wealthy and highly respected citizen of Alabama.

John Brahan, Sr. had a daughter, Margaret Brahan, who married a Mr. Tharpe in Fauquier County, and they had Lettice Tharpe, William Tharpe, Thomas Tharpe, James Tharpe, John Tharpe, Mary Tharpe who married Mr. Wood, and Margaret Tharpe who married a Mr. Young.

John Brahan, Sr. had a daughter, Mary Brahan, who married a Mr. Gray; and had a son, Thomas Gray.

Among unsubstantiated family traditions is the belief that another daughter of John Brahan, Sr. married a Mr. Barbee.

A grandson of John Brahan, Thomas Fearn Brahan, youngest son of John Brahan, Jr., in a letter written November 20, 1906 to Mr. Thomas M. Owen of Alabama, stated, "By Family tradition, 'my Grandfather Brahan and family were Presbyterian Scotch-Irish who came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and settled in Virginia"

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Westmoreland County, Virginia Records.

Brahan -

Order Book 1747-49, p 70 -

April 26, 1748 - John Brahan against Thomas Finch - - Judgement is granted the Plaintiff John Brahan for 1 pound and 18 shillings.

Order Book 1750-52, p 3 -

July 31, 1750 - Petition of John Brahan against Matthew Bean. Judgement is granted the Plaintiff for 2 pounds and 4 shillings current money, due by an Account proved by Plaintiff.

Same Volume, p 38 -

March 20, 1751 - Attachment obtained by John Brahan against Patrick Moor's Estate is dismissed.

Order Book 1755-58, p 147 -

April 27, 1757 - Brahan against John Clayter....Petition, sd. petition dismissed.

Same Volume, p 151 -

May 31, 1757 - John Brahan against John Smith Deft - Petition - Plaintiff John Brahan recover against Defendant etc.

Same Volume, p 154A -

May 31, 1757 - John Brahan, Plaintiff, against Ann Arnold, Admr of Weedon Arnold, dcd - Petition - Plaintiff recover out of estate of said Arnold, etc.

Note: John Brahan does not appear in Orders of 1758 to 1764.

Note: There are no Deeds, Wills, Inventory or Estate accounts of Brahan in Westmoreland County.

Note: The names of the persons against whom John Brahan brings suit appear to live in the extreme upper portion of Westmoreland County, in Washington Parish and close to the King George County line.

Note: John Brahan sues in Westmoreland County; he does not appear to have been a resident here or own property here; it will be wise to consider that he lived in one of the nearby Counties. - L. B. B.

DEED BOOK I, PAGE 128

This Indenture made this 24th day of September in the Year of Our Lord 1760 between John Ferguson and Martha, his wife, of the County of Fauquier and Colony of Virginia, Planter, of the one part and John Braham of Westmoreland County, Colony of Virginia, Planter, of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said John Ferguson and Martha, his wife, for, and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said John Braham, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge.....
.....hath clearly given and granted unto the said John Braham and his heirs, a certain parcel of land containing 140 acres be the same more or less lying and being in the Counties of Fauquier and Stafford on the branches of Acquia, commonly called Cannon's Run. Beginning at a red oak in a poison field corner to the land of John Savage, extending thence North 42° Estr. 120 poles to a small red oak, then No. 33° Es. 40 po. to a white oak; thence So. 25° E_st. 70 poles to a white oak on a hill, thence So. 69° Est. 148 po. to a box oak in Robinson's line by a branch, thence So. 28° 4 145 po. to a sapling in the corner of William Robinson's line, being corner to the land of John Savage dcd; hence binding therewith Northwest 142 po. to a large box oak in a poison field, finally N 88 po. crossing the aforesaid branch to the first station, together with all houses, gardens, orchards, fences, waterways, trees, woods, underwood privileges.....
which said land was taken up and a patent obtained from the Proprietors Office of the Northern Neck of Virginia bearing date the 17 June 1727/8 by Robert Jones, dcd, and purshd by his executors, Robert, Thomas and William Jones, and a deed granted bearing date 14

November 1752 by the sd. John Fergusson..... In witness -

/s/ John Fergusson

Martha X Fergusson

Teste William Hammet
Wm. Durham
Wm. Underwood

Recorded 25 September 1760 by John Fergusson and Martha, she being
first privately examined.

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In Stafford Court House Deed Book P 1755-1761 on page 44,
John Brahan bought 50 acres from Hansbro. The record of this
deed is almost completely destroyed. The word "John" is clear,
and "nsbro", for 50 acres, and date is 1761 or 1762.

These 50 acres and the above 140 acres were the 190 acres on which
Lettice Brahan paid taxes up to 1807, and the land which Thomas
Brahan inherited, and which land was finally sold in 1893 to J. H.
Lieber.

MINUTE BOOK I, page 174, of Fauquier County Court June 24, 1761.

On hearing the petition of John Brahan against Willoughby Jones,
it is ordered that the same be dismissed, and that the plaintiff
pay unto the Defendant his costs by him in this behalf expended,
and a lawyer's fee.

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JOHN BRAHAN'S WILL BOOK I, FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PAGE 282

(This will is undated)

In the Name of God Amen. As it hath pleased Almighty God to spare me on his footstool a tract of time, and also to bestow some blessings on me for my comfort, I would now make known how I would have them disposed of. And in the first place, I would desire to give both my body and soul to the Lord, which is His. And in the first place, my desire is that all my estate be kept together, except part of my cattle which I direct to be sold, until my children come to age, and as ~~they~~ shall arrive to the age that the law directs, my desire is that they shall receive as is hereafter directed. And in the next place, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Lettice, one negro man named "Tom", as long as she shall live, and, likewise, her proper part of everything else. And, thirdly, I give to my Son Thomas all the tract of land whereon I live, which I desire he should peaceably enjoy after his Mother's decease, and if he should desire it, may settle on it in some convenient part, not to be a prejudice to his said Mother; when he shall come to the age of twenty years. And fourthly, I give unto my Son John one negro woman named "Sarah". And fifthly, I give unto my Son William one negro girl named "Susanna".

And sixthly, I give to my Son James one negro boy named "Frank". And, in case of the death of my Son Thomas, my desire is that the land descend to the heir at law, and so down; but in case of the death of my other sons, or either of them, my desire is that their part be equally divided among the surviving heirs.

Will - cont'd

And now as to my daughters, my desire is that all my stock and household furniture be divided among them.

And now, O Lord, Who is the All wise Disposer of all blessings, grant Thy blessing on my disposal of the same to my tender offspring, and grant them grace that they may make a more wise improvement of them than I have done, which is the last will and hearty desire of this unworthy creature. And, I likewise appoint Morias Hansbrough and my wife, Lettice, to be my executors.

/s/ John Brahan

Tested by

/s/ Morias Hansbrough
John Nelson
Edward Ralls.

At a court held for Fauquier County the 27th day of November 1775, this will was proved by the oaths of Edward Ralls, a witness thereof, and on the motion of Morias Hansbrough and Lettice Brahan, the executors therein named, who made oath and execution and acknowledged bond, as the law directs, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate in due form.

And at a court held for Fauquier County 25th day of March 1776, the same was proved by the oath of John Nelson, another witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

/s/ Brooke.

LETTICE , WIFE OF JOHN BRAHAN

The tax records of Fauquier County, Virginia, show that Lettice Brahan paid taxes on one hundred ninety acres of land from 1783 through 1807. There is no tax record for the Year 1808 in Virginia. In 1809 Thomas Brahan paid taxes on these 190 acres.

On the personal tax lists, the name of Thomas Brahan appears in 1796, with a free tithable Joseph Brahan, 2 negroes, and four horses.

In 1797 William Brahan's name appears, with one negro and one horse.

In 1809 and 10 Thomas Brahan claimed as free tithable, John Atwood.

In 1806 Thomas Brahan claimed as free tithable, John Brahan.

In 1803 James Brahan paid a personal tax.

In 1805 Thomas Brahan paid personal tax, naming Sampson Brahan as a free tithable.

In 1804 Lettice Brahan claimed James Brahan as a free tithable.

In 1795 Lettice Brahan claimed William Brahan as a free tithable.

In the tax records, the name is spelled Brohon, Brahan and Braughan.

TAX RECORDS of FAUQUIER COUNTY

ARCHIVE ROOM
RICHMOND, VA

1783	Lettice Brahan	190 ac.	28 10 1	deducting quit rent
1784	ditto	190	28 11 8	6.2
1785	ditto	190	ditto	ditto
1786	identical			
1787	Lettice Braughan	190	20 11 8	
1788	Lettice "	identical		
1789	Lettice "	identical		
1790	Lettice Brohon	identical	190 ac.	
1791	Lettice Brohon	ditto		
1792	Lettice Brahan	ditto		
1793	Lettice Brohon	ditto		
1794	ditto	ditto		
1795	ditto	ditto		
1796	Lettice Brahan	ditto	Negroes over 16 -1; horses, 2	
1797	Lettice Brohon	ditto		
1798	Lettice Brahan	ditto		
1799	ditto	ditto		
1800	Lettice Brohon	ditto		
1801	Lettice Brahan	ditto		
1802	Lettice Brohon	190	22- 68 62	tax 33
1803	ditto	ditto		
1804	ditto	ditto		
1805	ditto	ditto		
1806	ditto	ditto		
1807	<u>Lettice Brahan</u>	ditto		

1809 Thomas Brahan 190 22 68 62 tax 33
The last personal tax for Lettice Brahan seems to have been taken on
on July 13, 1804. Her name seems not to be in the 1805 tax list.

WILL BOOK I - PAGE 293
FAUQUIER COUNTY

In obedience to an order of the Court of Fauquier bearing date November 1775 to us ordered, We, Original Young, John Peters, and John Wood being sworn, have appraised as much of the estate of John Braham, deceased, as has been shown to us to the amount of 295 pounds, 18 shillings, and 7 pence, to the best of our judgments.

Certified under our hands this 19th of January 1776.

/s/ Original Young
John Peters
John Wood.

At a court held for Fauquier County the 26th day of August 1776.
This Inv. and appraisement was returned and ordered recorded.

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BOOK 2, PAGE 22

We, Zachariah Cummins and William Brahan, are held and firmly bound to Robert Brooke, Esq., Governor of Virginia, to the sum of \$ 150. this 17th day of September 1795.

Zachariah Cummins and Lydia Brahan plan
a marriage.

Sir, please to grant the bearer, Zachariah Cummings license to marry my step-daughter, Lydda Brahan, and oblige your humble servant.

/s/ Isaac Gray

Mary Gray.

Witness; Thomas Brahan

William Brahan

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MARRIAGE BOOK 2, PAGE _____

February 5, 1796 William Brahan married Celia Cooper.

Signed license by William Brahan and Rich X Cooper.

Richard was not specified as Father.

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THOMAS BRAHAN 1760; D 1840; M. 3/10/1788
ELIZABETH WILSON

had, (Margaret Brahan, B. 1791 - 1862 to 1868
:M. January 26, 1807
(John Atwood

M. 2nd time - September 12, 1831
Elias Fant

M. 3rd time -. May 23, 1846
Thomas Tharpe - most probably her 1st cousin

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JOHN BRAHAN

had

THOMAS BRAHAN 1760 - August 1840

THOMAS BRAHAN was given the plantation of John Brahan by his will in 1775 and called son. His Mother, Lettice _____ was to use the plantation during her life but at twenty years of age, John Brahan's will suggested that Thomas could settle somewhere on his Mother's land. It is believed that Thomas did this.

Thomas Brahan was born in 1760. His nephew, Thomas Fearn Brahan, stated in a letter of which a photostat is given, that his Uncle was eighty when he died in August 1840. The will of Thomas Brahan is included with this paper.

The records of Fauquier County Marriage Book I, page 229, contain a license signed by Thomas Brahan, stating he planned to marry Elizabeth Wilson. This was dated March 10, 1788, when Thomas Brahan was twenty-eight.

Thomas Brahan and Elizabeth Wilson may have been parents of children who died before 1840. At the date of his making his will 1840, July 14, Thomas Brahan had no living wife, no son, nor grandchild if we judge from the will, itself. All his estate was left to his daughter Margaret, wife of Elias Fant; and at her death to nephews and nieces.

Margaret (Peggy) Brahan was married first, on January 27, 1807 to John Atwood. Twenty-four years later, Margaret B. Atwood, widow, married (second) on September 12, 1831, Elias Fant. Elias Fant died about 1842, or early 1843. On May 23, 1846, Margaret, widow of Elias Fant, married Thomas Tharpe who was possibly a first cousin.

MARRIAGE BOOK I, PAGE 229, FAUQUIER COUNTY
WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

Know all men by these presents that we, Thomas Braughan and Garret Gray are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Edmund Randolph, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, in the sum of fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Edmund Randolph, or his successor, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this 10th day of March 1788.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between Thomas Brahan and Elizabeth Wilson for which a license hath been issued, now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in force.

/s/ Thomas Brahan
Garret Gray

(The original preserved.)

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The Clerk spelled the name "Brahan" as Braughan. Miss Bartenstein at Fauquier Court House examined the original marriage license in the presence of Mrs. Barton Lane on September 29, 1945, and found the signature to be distinct and clear "Thomas Brahan". This marriage record, however, is listed in the Fauquier Marriage Index as Thomas Braughan.

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MARRIAGE BOOK I, PAGE 196 b. On January 8, 1787 John James and Thomas Brahan signed a bond identical to the above for the intended marriage of John James and Lavisa Wood.

WILL OF THOMAS BRAHAN

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Brahan, being weak in body but enjoying soundness of mind for which I thank God, and being disposed to dispose of all such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following; viz., After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid and performed, I give to my dear daughter Margaret Faunt a peaceable and uninterrupted possession of all of my worldly estate, both real and personal, during her natural life, and after the death of my daughter, I give and bequeath all my landed estate to my Sister Margaret Tharpe's children; ~~namely~~ namely Lettice Tharpe, John Tharpe, Margaret Young, Mary Wood, James Tharpe, and Thomas Tharpe (reserving one-quarter of an acre for a burying ground), to be equally divided among them by sale or otherwise, and to belong to them and their heirs forever. William Tharpe is not considered in this donation, having assisted him as much in early life, perhaps.

My will and desire is that after my Nephew Thomas Brahan, son of John Brahan, shall arrive to the age of 20 years, that he shall have a negro boy given to him, named Henry, son of Hannah, which I hereby injoin to be done.

The rest of my negro property, consisting of Hannah, Lewis, Milly, and Milly's children, I give and bequeath to Nephew Thomas Gray, son of my Sister Mary Gray, and all to belong to him and his heirs forever. And whatsoever personal property my fall into the hands of my beloved daughter, which originally belonged to me, either of household or kitchen furniture, stock or plantation utensils, money, and all things of this description, she shall be privileged and

FAUQUIER COUNTY WILL BOOK 14, PAGE 395
WILL OF THOMAS BRAHAN cont'd

authorized to dispose of so as to her shall seem right, and now when my remains shall be put away, my will and desire is, that my graveyard be inclosed with a good post and railed fence.

And that these different items herein contained be carried fully into effect, I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved friend David Hansbrough sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this as my last will. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of July 1840.

Thomas Brahan

Acknowledged as the last will and testament of Thomas Brahan in the presence of E. Hansbrough, John T. McCoy, Wm. Barber, 12 August 1840. At a Court 24 August 1840 this will was proved by Wm. Barber and John T. McCoy. David Hansbrough came into Court and refused to take upon himself the execution. At a Court held for Fauquier the 28th day of September 1840, administrators' bond and with the will annexed of the estate of Thomas Brahan, decd., is granted to Elias Fant, who thereupon qualified and gave security.

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WILL BOOK 18, Page 145, FAUQUIER COUNTY

The Estate of Thomas Brahan, deceased, in account current
with inventory and appraisement:

August 1840 to John Phillips - - -	\$2.50
August 1840 to A.J. Marshall - - -	
Clerk's Bill	3.35
Oct 23, 1840, Funeral expenses - -	2.00
Oct 26, 1840, paid Elias King	
for coffin - - - - -	6.00
Nov 15, paid Dr. Thompson's acct. -	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov 15, paid John Key's acct - - -	.50
Nov 15, paid Jefferson Spindle	
account - - - - -	8.25
Nov 15, paid Wm. S. Weaver tax - -	5.78
Nov 15, paid John Heflin's acct- -	10.00
Nov 15, paid Wm. Thompson's acct- -	1.81
Mch. 26, 1843 Fee to J. M. Forbes	
for motion to	
settle acct.- - - - -	2.50
Clerk's bill - - - -	.36
Filing - - - - -	1.50
For Crier of Sale --	3.00
" Administrators - -	
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent	8.86
Balance on Hand	118.16

Fauquier County Court March 27, 1843 ordered that James M. Fant, Administrator of Elias Fant, dcd., settle the account of said Elias Fant, Administrator of Thomas Brahan, dcd., before Joseph Thompson and William Thompson, either of them who are appointed commissioners for the said purpose to report to the Court.

Agreeable to an order of Fauquier Court of the September term 1840 and herewith annexed, to us as directed, we, the undersigned, have this the 9th day of October 1840, appraised the following property as belonging to the estate of Thomas Brahan.

/s/ John C. Cummins
/s/ Jephthal B. Cummins
/s/ Elias King

Inv. & appr. 28 December 1840.

Elias Fant, by account of sales of Thomas Brahan's, dcd., estate, which was willed to his daughter Margaret, who inter-married with Elias Fant, the administrator. Pursuant to the annexed order of Fauquier County Court bearing date of March 1843, I being first duly sworn for that purpose, proceeded to examine the account of Elias Fant on the estate of Thomas Brahan, deceased, as within stated, and find the charges supported by the proper vouchers.

The negroes of the said estate; to-wit, Hannah, Milly, William, and Maria, who were devised to Thomas Gray by the said Brahan to be delivered after the death of Margaret Fant, were delivered to the said Gray on 17th day of May 1841, together with an infant child Fanny, the daughter of Milly, who was born after the death of the said deceased, and a regular receipt was taken for the same.

The two negro men, Henry and Lewis, who were willed to Margaret Fant by the said Brahan were delivered to her by James W. Fant, administrator of Elias Fant, dcd., on the 21 day of March 1843, and her receipt taken for the same. This was reported April 19, 1843 by Joseph Thompson.

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MARRIAGE BOOK 3, Page 38, FAUQUIER COUNTY

we, John Atwood and Thomas Brahan, are held and firmly bound unto William H. Cabell, Governor of Virginia, in the just and full sum of \$150 this 26 day of January 1807.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas, there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between John Atwood and Peggy Brahan...

/s/ John Atwood
/s/ Thomas Brahan

In presence of
Col. Fitzhugh

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MARRIAGE BOOK 4, Page 356

Elias Fant and Margaret Atwood, widow, marriage license
September 12, 1831.

/s/ Elias Fant
/s/ Alex. H. Bennett

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MARRIAGE BOOK 5, Page 348

May 23, 1846 Margaret Fant, widow, married Thomas Tharpe.

Thomas Tharpe and John R. Tongue on May 23, 1846 asked for a license for Thomas THARPE and Margaret Fant, widow of Elias Fant, deceased. The marriage was performed by J. M. P. Atkinson.

The 1850 Census of Fauquier County, Page 94, Turner's District, gives Thomas Tharpe, farmer, aged 65; Margaret Tharpe, aged 59.

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BOOK 2, Page 274, NELSON RECTOR AND JAMES BRAHAN

September 1, 1802 ask for license for Fanny Tharpe to marry
Nelson Luttell.

John Tharpe, Father, gave
consent in presence of Thomas Brahan and James Brahan. "Pleased
to give unto Mr. Nelson Luttrell license to marry my daughter, Fanny
Tharpe. 29 September 1802. In presence of Thomas Brahan and
James Brahan, proved by James Brahan September 30, 1802.

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Book 2, page 376

Thomas Brahan witness to license of Presley Gill and Sarah Phillips.

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WILL OF MARGARET BRAHAN THARPE
BOOK R, STAFFORD COURT HOUSE, PAGE 40

I, Margaret Tharpe, being weak in bodily health, but sound in mind, do make this my last will and testament. That is to say: After my decease it is my will and desire that whatsoever I may possess after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, shall be for the support of my husband, Thomas Tharpe, during his life, and at his death it is my will and desire that 200 dollars be paid over to John Heflin, or his heirs for the kindness and attention we received at the hands of his family while we lived among them; and the residue, or remainder of my property I will and bequeath to Kitty Ann Baker (the daughter of my husband) and her heirs forever. Witness my hand this 16 day of May 1860.

/s/ Margaret Tharpe.

Witness Elizabeth Cooper, William Barber who signed Mrs. Tharpe's name at her request.

In Stafford Court November 18, 1868 this last will and testament of Mrs. Margaret Tharpe, dcd., was this day produced in Court and proved by the oath of Elizabeth Cooper and William Barber, and ordered recorded.

/s/ James E. Towson, C.S.C.

FILE No. 11. In Stafford Court House Feb. 22, 1869. Administration with will annexed of the estate of Margaret Tharpe is granted to John H. Suttle who entered bond with Charles F. Suttle, his security.

Judgments were obtained for \$300 on a bond given by John Cooper and S. R. Cooper for \$325 by Wm. Barber.

Deed Book V_V Stafford County, Page 4.

Deed of September 15, 1873 between John C. Cooper and Scynthia, his wife, and John H. Suttle, administrator of Margaret Tharpe, decd., of the other part. Cooper owed a bond due Margaret. Mortgages 150 acres on which a good dwelling home stood, adjoining the land of John C. Cooper, Was. Tolson and John Ashby, the same land lately occupied by Benj Randall as tenant.

There was a case in Circuit Court of Stafford, Tharpe vs. Tharpe. Records of which are preserved in File 11. This records that Mrs. John T. Tharpe took the oxen and furniture of Margaret Tharpe.

A deposition of Mr. John E. Heflen 12 day of February 1876 states that the personal property of Margaret Tharpe consisted of household and kitchen furniture. These remained in the possession of Mr. Heflen until after the death of said Margaret in 1862. Thomas Tharpe in 1864 removed the said property.

Thomas Tharpe having died, John T. Tharpe presented a bill for \$1283.33 for the care of Thomas Tharpe. This bill was dated May 27, 1869.

In February 1876 John T. Tharpe presented a list of Margaret Tharpe's personal possessions.

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FILE 11. It appears that some years ago John H. Suttle, the then special commissioner in this cause, sold the property of Margaret Tharpe to one R. L. Fritter for a certain sum of money at public sale. The said Fritter was but a blind to enable said Suttle to cut ties and other timber off the said tract of land, which was done, and the property because of this so depreciated in value that your commissioner has been unable to get any offer until now. In the

meantime the land has been sold to the Commonwealth for taxes, the same now aggregating about \$50, and in a short while the land will be entirely eaten up by same.

William A. Little, Jr. August 22, 1893.

Little reports he had received an offer of \$75 for the 150 acres from John H. Lieber and asks that the offer be accepted and he be authorized to convey this land to John H. Lieber.

Liber 5, p. 521. 150 acres the Tharpe tract 2 miles from

Stafford Store, adjoining the land of Tolson, Sunderland, and Ashby was conveyed to J. H. Lieber 24 day of August 1893.

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