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Parents of this Family

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Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Birth Year	Death Year	Birth Year	Death Year

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Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Birth Year	Death Year	Birth Year	Death Year

This Family

John Gurley		Married:	Elizabeth ? ¹	
Born	~1722 ¹		Born	
Where			Where	
Died	After Nov. 6, 1794 ²	Where:	Died	
Where	Johnston County, NC USA		Where	
Buried		Source:	Buried	
Source(s)	1. John Gurley's DAR Record 2. Date of John's will		Source(s)	1. Last name is potentially Edwards, but not verified

Children:

Name	Born	Where	Source	Died	Where	Buried	Source
Robert	March 6, 1744 or 1745		FamilySearch , 906	November 26, 1760			FamilySearch , 906
Joel	May 30, 1747		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch
William	October 16, 1749		FamilySearch , 906	March 15, 1781			FamilySearch , 906
Edwards	August 13, 1752		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch
Lewis	March 6, 1755		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch
Lazarus	December 4, 1757		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch
Jeremiah	December 29, 1759		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch
George	September 19, 1762		FamilySearch , 906				FamilySearch

Name	Born	Where	Source	Died	Where	Buried	Source
John	September 19, 1764 or 1769		FamilySearch , 906	August 27, 1767			FamilySearch

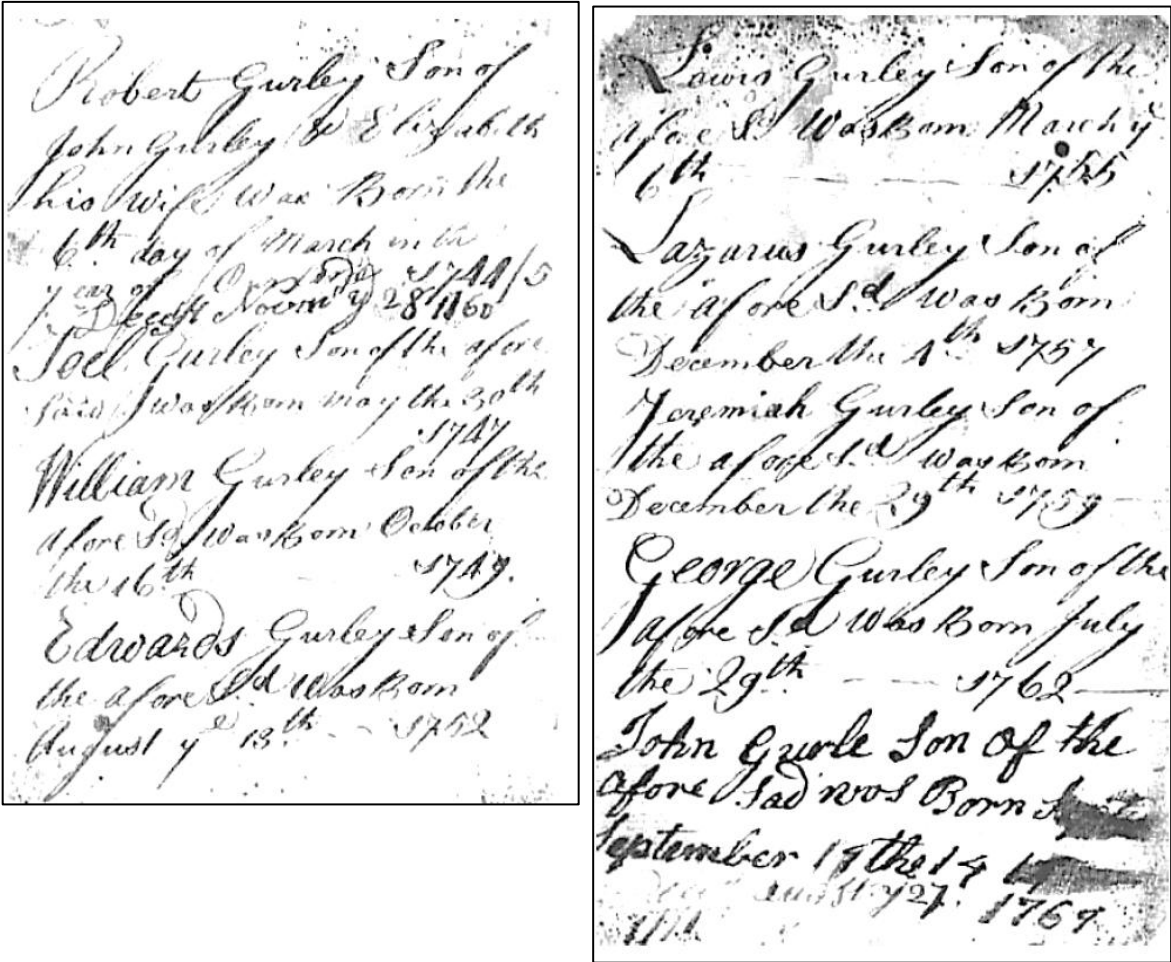
Other Marriages:

		Sources
Wife – Other husband	Thomas Edwards	
When		
Where		
Other Children	Ann	
Comments		

Story:

Activity	Sources
Who were John Gurley's parents? In RD-023, I discuss that I have a couple of options on who John Gurley's parents were. One option is George Gurley, Sr. and Elizabeth UNKNOWN. However, I think I prove in that document that this cannot be true. Another option is Joseph Gourley and Susan Wise. This option is listed in WikiTree , but there are no sources to back this proposition up. I have messaged a person in Geneanet.org who cites Joseph Gourley and Susan Wise as John Gurley's parents.	
Theory on origin of John Gurley I found this book ("The History and Genealogy of the Guley Family") online and downloaded it. It was written by Albert E. Gurley and published in 1897 by The Press of The Case, Lockwood, and Brainard Company of Hartford, CT. It is my Source #107b. In the 5 th part of the book, beginning on page 227, it is stated that: <i>REV. JOSEPH GURLEY and REV. JOHN GURLEY were two brothers who came to this country with their families, and were both Episcopal clergymen. Of their early ancestry but little is known, except they belonged to an old Scotch family who settle in the North part of Ireland, and came to this country from England about 1760, and settled in Northampton Co., VA, and afterwards they or their descendants removed to Johnston Co., NC.</i>	107b

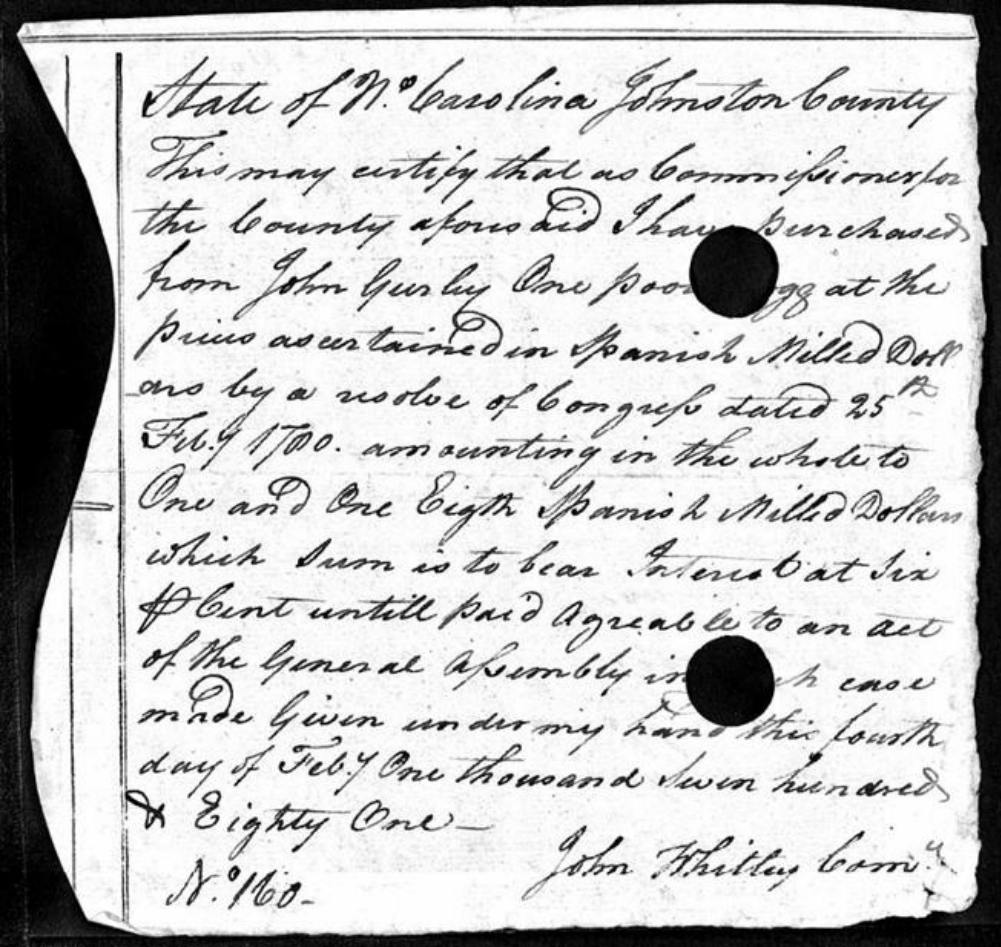
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<p>Children of Rev. Joseph Gurley [1] and [unknown] wife were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Peterson Gurley (b. unknown – d. 1828) married Jane Montgomery about 1822. They lived in Winton, Hertford Co., NC. They had two children:<ol style="list-style-type: none">William Peterson (b. December 25, 1824 – d. ?)Annie Elizabeth (died in infancy) <p>After the death of Peterson Gurley, Jane moved to Windsor, NC and lived with her son William F. Gurley until she died.</p> <p>Since my concern is with John Gurley, I won't go any further down Joseph Gurley's line. John's line begins on page 233 of the same book:</p> <p>REV. JOHN GURLEY came to this county with his family (as previously stated) with his brother, Rev. Joseph Gurley, and also settled in Northampton Co., Va., and afterwards he or his descendants removed to Johnston Co., N. C.</p> <p>Children of Rev. John Gurley and his (unknown) wife are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Edwards (b. ???? – d. ????)Jeremiah (b. ???? – d. ????) <p>Edwards is my direct ancestor. There were more children of John and Elizabeth that are listed elsewhere. I have some issues with this book, as John and Joseph may have been in the American Colonies prior to the 1760s. I am running across stories that John and Joseph may have been born in Virginia and their father may have been the Original Immigrant. But I don't have confirmation of that yet.</p>	
<p>William Edwards Will, September 30, 1750</p> <p>On September 30, 1750, John Gurley (along with George Gurley, Jr.) witnessed the will of William Edwards. William had a daughter Elizabeth who was named in this will and also witnessed it. I don't think this could be the Elizabeth who is John's wife as her name is clearly witnessed as "Eliz^a Edwards" and she made an "x" for her signature. By 1750, John and his Elizabeth should have already been married, and had 3 kids (one dead – Robert; one living – Joel; and one unknown whether living or dead at this time – William). However, there is clearly a relationship between the Gurley and Edwards families!</p> <p>George Gurley, Jr. also witnessed this will, so this is not John Gurley's son, George (born in 1762, according to some records). Below is an abstract of this will, and the actual will is shown in Sources 905a and 905b</p> <div><div>Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia, 1749-1800</div><div>Save</div></div> <div><div>Will Book I</div><div><div><div><div>q</div><div>q</div></div><div>Gardner and Phillip Brantley. R. Feb. 14, 1750. Page 33.</div><div>EDWARDS, William of Nottoway Parish. Leg.- son William; son John; daughter Elizabeth; wife Elizabeth Ex. son Thomas Edwards. D. Sept. 30, 1750. R. Feb. 14, 1750/51. Wit. George Gurley, Jr., John Gurley.. Page 33.</div></div></div></div>	905a, 905b

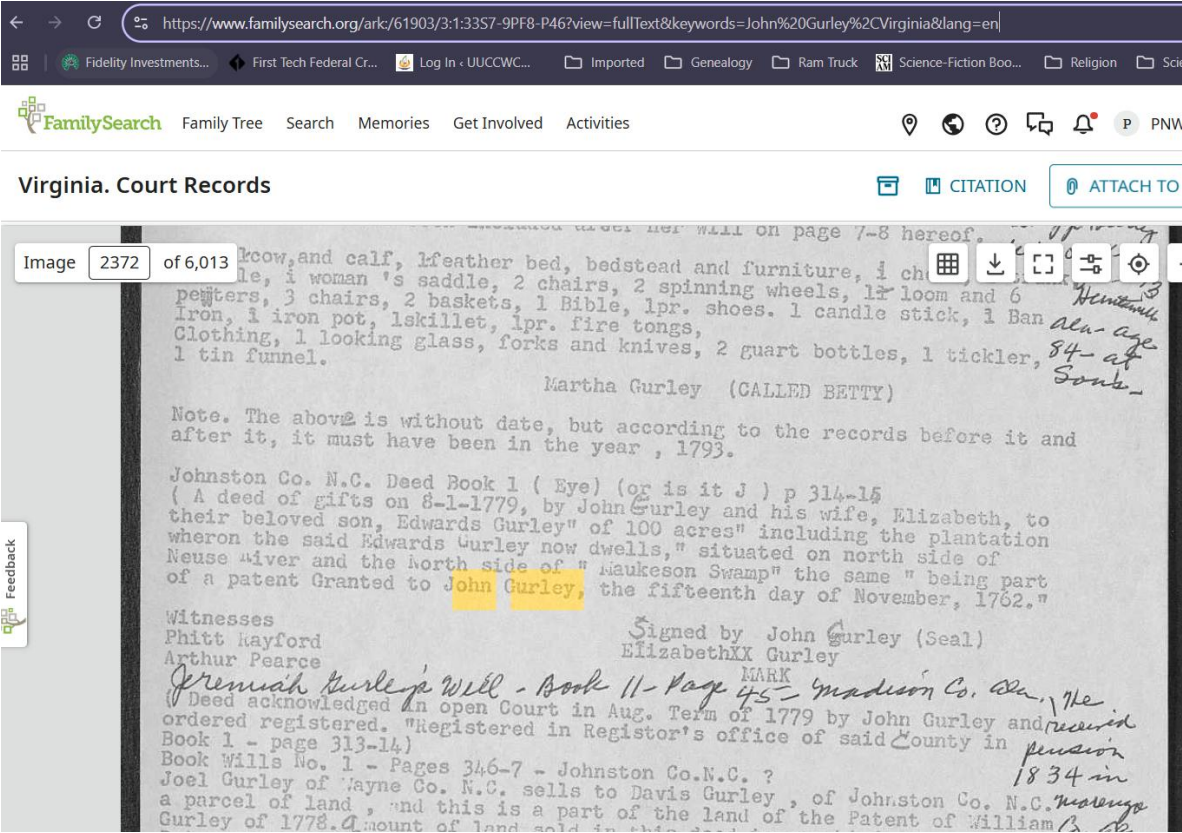
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<p data-bbox="69 247 638 279">John & Elizabeth's Children (from Family Bible)</p> <p data-bbox="69 317 1261 453">In a Circuit Court hearing in Huntsville, AL on October 30th, 1832, Jeremiah Gurley appeared to plead his case for a Revolutionary War pension based on his service during the Revolutionary War. In this pleading, he presented some pages (originally presented by John Gurley) on the births of the family children.</p> <div data-bbox="69 489 1234 1444"></div> <p data-bbox="69 1472 1190 1503">This document is the basis for the birth (and some death) dates in the Table of Children above.</p>	<p data-bbox="1300 247 1349 279">906</p>
<p data-bbox="69 1549 1027 1612">Nathan Gurley sells land to John Gurley in Johnston County, NC , December 16, 1769</p> <p data-bbox="69 1654 1073 1755">On December 16, 1769, Nathan Gurley sold 640 acres to John Gurley. The transcript below was created by the AI in FamilySearch.org, and it is pretty full of errors. I will try to correct this later. You can find the original here.</p> <p data-bbox="167 1797 1044 1898"><i>To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come I Nathan Gurley of North Carolina and County of Johnston and Greeting . Know ye that I Nathan Gurley and Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Ten</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1300 1549 1433 1581">909a, 909b</p>

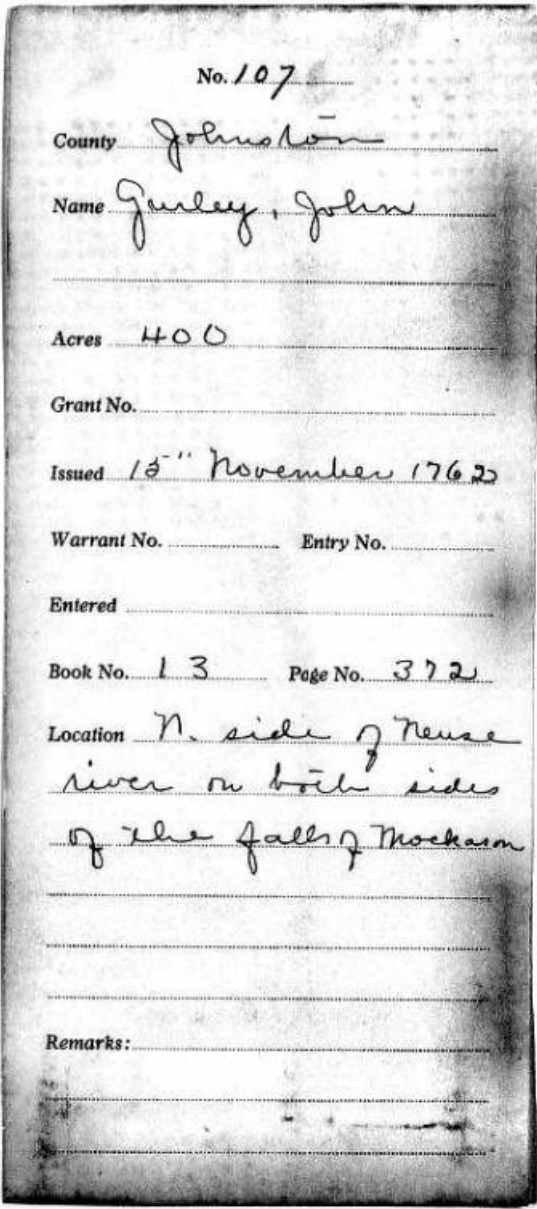
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<p><i>Pounds proclamation money to me in hand paid by John Gurley Gent of the aforesaid County and province before the sealing and delivery hereof the empt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and my self therewith fully Sattersaid Pontented and pail and every part and parcel thereof do Conerate acquit and discharge the said John Ginty fir his Executors & Admrs forever , and by these presents have given granted bargained sold Aliened Enfeoffed released and confirmed and of these presents do grant bargain alien Enfeofe and whose Confirm unto the said John Gurley his heirs Executors , Administra = tors and assigns forever all that message or parcel of land situate lying & being in Johnston County , at the North side of June their land on the South side of Little River and on both sides of Mocoson Two ess bounded as followeth Beginning at White Oak at the head of Bear branch . the sd side of Moroson Swamp , and running No 55 W. 320 pole to a Black Oak on Was Hill then N. 55 32 . poles across Morron Swamp to a red then So 35 E. 320 to open then a Straight line to the Beginning containing Six Hundred and forty thers , To Have auth to hold the above bargained premises with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or any wise apper taining and the Estate right title Intrest property claim and demand whatsoever of the said Nathan Gurley and Ann Gundy his wife of in and to the bargained premises or any part or parcel thereof I do hereby covenant grant and agree to and with the said John Gurley his Heirs Executors administrators and assigns by these presents in manner and form following . (Viz) that the said Nathan Gurley Eden his wife their Heirs & assigns unsign & possess the sd bargained premises and that in manner as aforesaid and the said John Guilly his Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns shall and unby forever hereafter shall occupy possess & enjoy the above bar gained premises with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging as tably and quietly without let suit or Hendrance or molestation from the said Nathan Gurley & Anne July Will then heirs Executors adminn that on or assigns or any person or persons Claiming by or under them by the person and all the above premises with the appurtenances shall be and and to the said John Gurley unto his Heirs and assigns forever freely and clearly ac charged of and from all other former grants Sales Dowrys Intailments James Whatsoever the Quitrents of his majesty only exceptedand lastly the said Nathan Gurley & Ann his wife their Administrators or assigns and utter of the above with the appurtenances unto the said John Carley his heirs Executors admin - estrators or assigns shall forever hereafter warrant same & desion In Witness whereof we the said Nathan Gurley & Ann Guely have hereunto set our hands & affixt our seals this 16th day of Decem her And Commence 1789 . Signed Sealed & Delivered Nathan Gurley @ in presents of us / Henry Bains to Ann Gurley @ Benjamin Crafford Minijah & Edwards / from Page 169 - Weason .</i></p>	
<p>John & Elizabeth Gurley sells land to George Edwards in Johnston County, NC, February 23, 1773</p>	<p>907a, 907b, 907c</p>

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<p>I am not sure when this land was acquired yet. It's 640 acres that is being sold to George Edwards (who is from Southampton, VA, further reinforcing the links between the Edwards and Gurley families, and their shared connection to Southampton, VA). Below is a transcription of the deed, which was obtained from FamilySearch.org.</p> <p><i>John Gurley Geore Edwards</i></p> <p><i>To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come I John Gurley of the province of North Carolina & County of Johnson Send Greeting. Know yee that I John Gurley and and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of thirty three pounds six Shillings of Eight pence Proclamation money to me in hand paid by George Edwards of the province of Virginia and County of Southampton the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and my self there with fully satisfied Contented and paid and every part and parcel there of do Exonerate acquit Discharge the said George Edwards his heirs Executors of Admr For ever and by these presents have given granted Bargained sold Aliened Enfeofed Released & confirmed and by these presents do grant Bargain sell alien Enfeoff Release & confirm unto the said George Edwards his grant Bargain sell alien Enfeoff and Release & Heirs Executors admirs & assigns for ever all that misuage or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in Johnson County in the North side Neuse river and on the south side of little River & both sides of Mocoso Swamp Bounded as folloeth Begining at a White Oak at head of Bear Branch the Sd Side of Mocoso Swamp & Runing N 35 W 320 pole to a Black Oak son Warhill then N° 55 E 320 pole cross Mocoso Swamp to a red Oak then No 35 E 320 to a pine then a straight line to the beginning containing Six Hundred and forty acres to Have and to Hold the above Bargained premises with all the appurtenances thereunto Belonging or in any wise appertaning and all the Estate Right title Intrust property Claim and demand Whatsoever of the said John Gurley & Elizabeth his wife of in & to ye Bargained premises or any part or parcel thereof & do hereby Covenant grant & agree to & with the said George Edwards his heirs, Executor, adms & assigns by these presents in manner & form following (viz) that the said John Gurley & Elizabeth his wife their heirs & assigns are Lawfully seized & procest of the said Bargained premises that in manner as afforesaid & that the said George Edwards, his heirs, Executors admr & assigns shall and may forever hereafter hold occupy possess & enjoy the above bargained premises with all the appurtenances there unto Belonging peaceably and Quietly with out Let suit Hinderance or Molestation from the said John Gurley of Elizabeth his wife & from there heirs Executors adms or assigns or any other person or persons. Claiming by or under them by these presents and also that the bove Bargained premises with the appurtenances shall be & Remain to the said George Edwards his heirs and assigns for ever more</i></p> <p><i>freely & Clearly Discharged of & form all other grants Said Dowrys Intailments or Incumbrances Whatsoever tthe Quitrents to his Majestys onely Excepted & Lastly that the said John Gurley & Elizabeth his wife their Heirs Executors adms or assigns & others the a bove Bargained premises with the apurtenances unto the said George Edwards his heirs Executors adms or assigns shall forever hereafter Warrant Secure and Defend In Witness where of we the said John Gurley & Elizabeth his wife have here unto Set our hands & affixed our Seal s this 23d day of February Anno Domini 1773 .</i></p> <p><i>Signed Sealed & Delivered</i></p>	

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<p><i>In Presence of us</i> <i>Benj^a Crafford</i> <i>Henry Gurley</i> <i>Lazarus Crafford</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John Gurley (seal)</i> <i>Elizabeth E (her mark) Gurley</i></p>	
<p>John Gurley Revolutionary War Service</p> <p>I have found a John Gurley listed in the DAR database of Ancestors. This Ancestor (DAR # A208673) is listed as:</p> <p>ASSOCIATED ANCESTOR (REVOLUTIONARY) RECORD</p> <p><u>GURLEY, JOHN</u> Ancestor #: A208673 Service:</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA Rank(s): CIVIL SERVICE Birth: CIRCA 1722 Death:</p> <p>POST 11-6-1794 JOHNSTON CO NORTH CAROLINA Service Source: HAUN, JOHNSTON CO, NC COUNTY COURT MINS 1778-1786, BOOK 3, PP 24, 26, 33, 38-40, 43, 44 Service Description: 1) TAX ASSESSOR, JOHNSTON CO 1779 2) JUROR, 1779-1780</p> <p>This John Gurley was born about 1722, was married to Elizabeth, and died in Johnston County, NC on November 6, 1794. He had a son named George Gurley, born on July 29, 1762 in Johnston County, NC and died in Wayne County, NC on May 25, 1819. My John Gurley did have a son named George, but I had his birth date as September 19, 1762 (see Item # 9 below). But it's close enough that I feel pretty sure that this is my John Gurley in the DAR database of Ancestors. John had 2 sons – Jeremiah and George – who are also DAR Ancestors. However, my ancestor – Edwards – is not listed as a DAR Ancestor.</p>	<p>John's DAR service record stored in the DAR Documentation folder of my Genealogy Database</p>
<p>John Gurley Revolutionary War Service</p>	<p>903</p>

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<div data-bbox="175 205 1170 1146"></div> <p>Looks like John Gurley sold a hog to John Whitley, Commissioner for 1 and 1/8th Spanish milled dollars on February 4th 1781 and collecting 6 percent interest until paid. This hog was purchased under a resolve of the American Congress dated February 25th 1780. A Google AI overview of this resolve states:</p> <p><i>On February 25, 1780, the Continental Congress made a significant decision regarding the financial obligations of the United States. They resolved that the United States would assume all debts incurred by the Continental Congress under the existing articles of confederation. This resolution was crucial for ensuring the financial stability of the newly formed nation and was a key step in establishing the legitimacy of the federal government.</i></p> <p>Elaboration:</p> <p>Context:</p> <p><i>The Revolutionary War was ongoing, and the Continental Congress was struggling to manage finances. The national debt was substantial, and there was a need to reassure creditors that the new nation would honor its financial commitments.</i></p> <p>Resolution:</p>	

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<p><i>The Continental Congress resolved to assume all debts incurred by the Congress under the existing articles of confederation. This meant that the federal government would be responsible for paying off all outstanding loans, debts, and other financial obligations incurred by the Congress during the war.</i></p> <p>Importance:</p> <p><i>This resolution was crucial for several reasons:</i></p> <p><i>Credibility: It demonstrated the commitment of the new nation to financial stability and its ability to honor its debts.</i></p> <p><i>Stability: It helped to reassure creditors, both domestic and foreign, that their investments would be protected.</i></p> <p><i>Foundation for a New Government: It laid the foundation for a more stable and credible federal government, paving the way for future financial policies.</i></p>	
<p>Land Transfer from John and Elizabeth Gurley to Edwards Gurley, August 1, 1779</p> <p>From a FamilySearch Full Text Search on "John Gurley" in Virginia: https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9PF8-P46?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%20Virginia&lang=en</p>  <p>From this document, we see that John Gurley and his wife Elizabeth deeded a 100 acre plantation to Edwards Gurley on which Edwards lived on August 1, 1779. This plantation is on the north side</p>	<p>See also RD-022-01, Item #7</p>

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<p>of the Neuse River and the north side of the Maukeson Swamp [John note: "Mocassin?" as in the snake?] "the same being part of a patent originally granted to John Gurley on November 15, 1762. From <u>Ancestry.com</u>, North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693-1960 for John Gurley:</p> <div data-bbox="99 359 633 1560"><p>No. 107</p><p>County Johnston</p><p>Name Gurley, John</p><p>Acres 400</p><p>Grant No.</p><p>Issued 15th November 1762</p><p>Warrant No. Entry No.</p><p>Entered</p><p>Book No. 13 Page No. 372</p><p>Location N. side of Neuse river on both sides of the falls of Mockasin</p><p>Remarks:</p></div> <p>This appears to be the land grant that John Gurley is talking about. It's 400 acres, and John and Elizabeth are giving Edwards 100 of those acres. I haven't yet found the rest of this land grant, as Ancestry.com seems to be having some issues on this holiday (Memorial Day 2025). Maybe later, I can find some more information. Johnston County, NC is located to the west of the Atlantic Coast near Raleigh, NC (see maps below).</p> <p>On Google maps, I can trace out the paths of the Neuse River and Moccasin Creek, but I cannot find an intersection of the two. So maybe the names of the creeks have been changed over the last 300 years (highly possible). I think if I can find the rest of the land patent (to the right), I can get a better idea of where this plantation was.</p> <p>You can get more information on this land patent by reading my research document RD-022-01, Item # 7.</p>	
<p>John Gurley Land Grant, March 14, 1780</p> <p>John Gurley got another grant on March 14, 1780 in Johnston County, NC for 300 acres.</p>	

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STATE GRANT

Issued by State of North Carolina

1777 to 1960

Johnston Co. File No. 1968, John Gurley

Issued 21 Oct 1782 for 300 acres "On the head of Beaverdam Swamp"

Patent Book images; Loose Documents not linked to images

NARRATIVE: John Gurley was issued 300 acres of land on 21 Oct 1782 in Johnston County, located "On the head of Beaverdam Swamp". This was recorded in Land Patent Book 46 page 112 as John's original request for this land was entered on 14 Mar 1780 and assigned Johnston County Entry # 786. It took 2 years and 7 months to issue the grant.

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From PATENT BOOK

Issued: 21 Oct 1782

County: Johnston

Grant no.: 492

*Book: 46 pg: 112

From WARRANT / PLAT

Entered: 14 Mar 1780

Entry no.: 786

Other Identifiers:

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MARS: 12.14.78.1948

Subjects (in archivist order):

Gurley, John

Beaverdam Swamp

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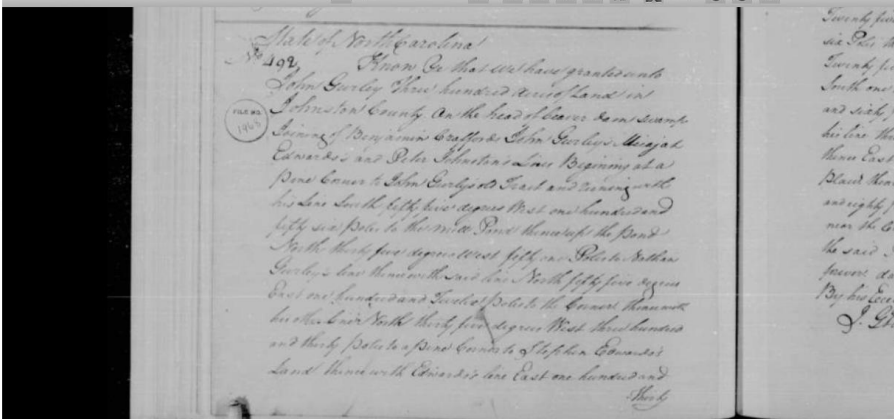
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No. 1968

County Johnston

Name Gurley, John

Acres 300

Grant No. 492

Issued Oct 21 1782

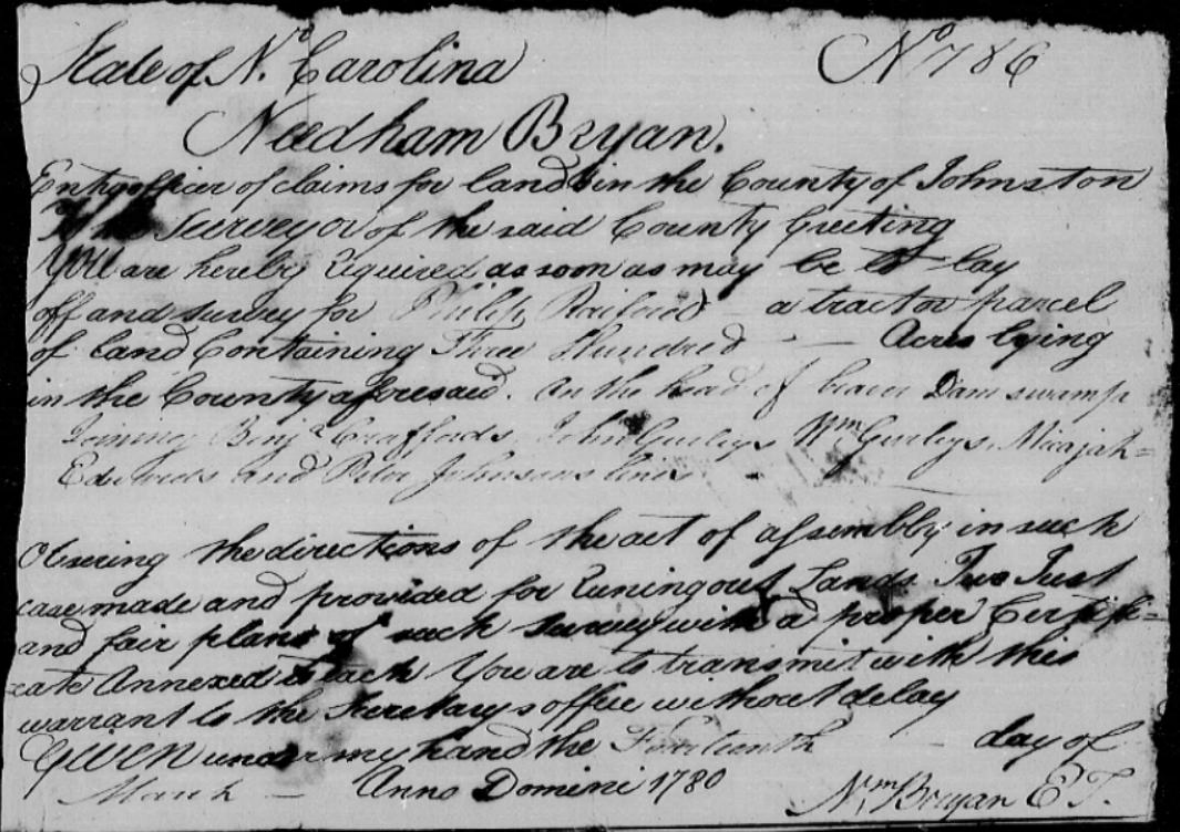
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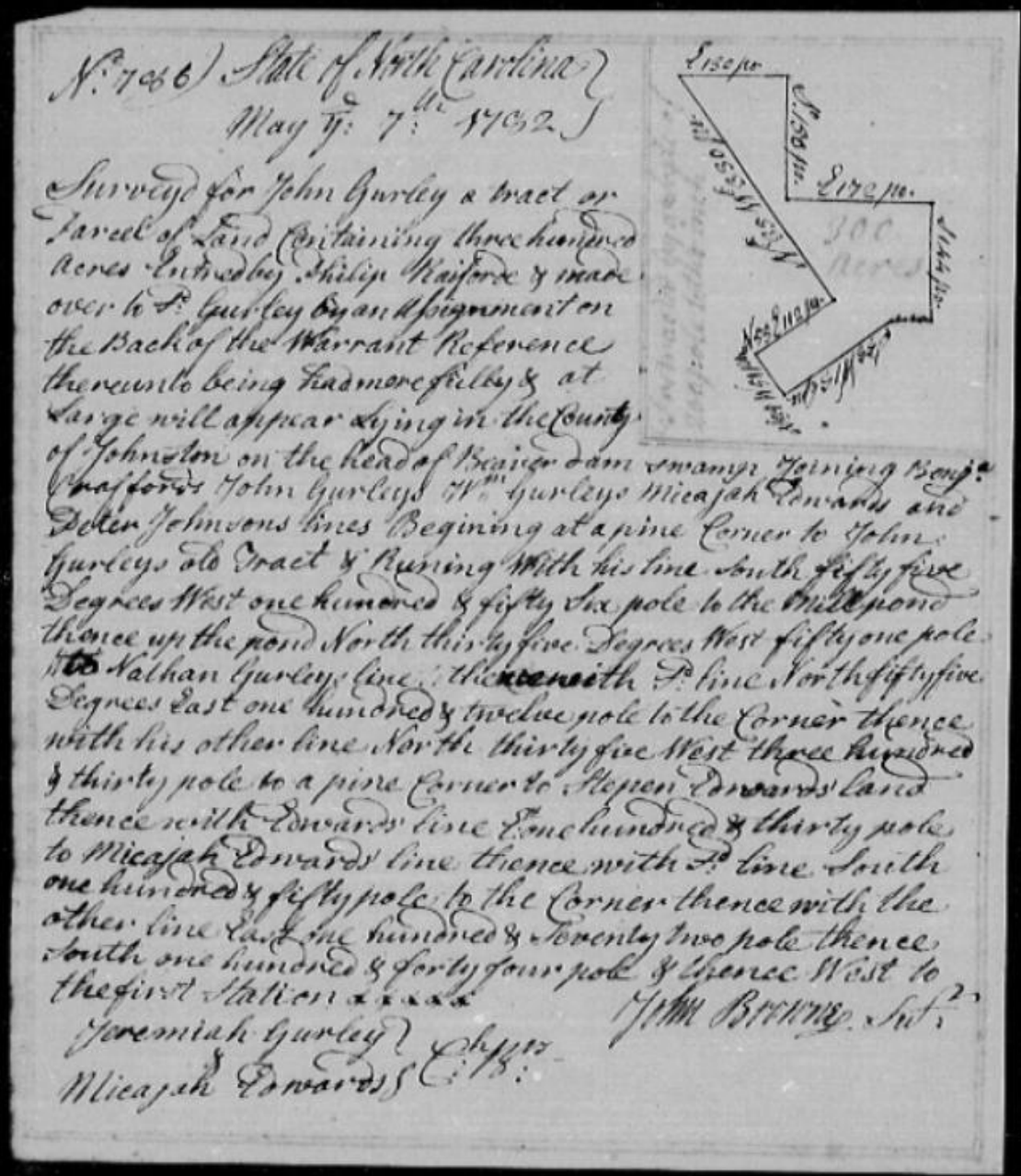
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Location On the head of Beaverdam Swamp

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 <p>State of N. Carolina N^o 186</p> <p>Nathaniel Bryan.</p> <p>Entire office of claims for land in the County of Johnston</p> <p>To the Surveyor of the said County greeting</p> <p>We are hereby required as soon as may be to lay off and survey for Philip Paulard a tract or parcel of land containing three hundred Acres lying in the County aforesaid. on the head of lower Dam swamp joining Benj. Craftlands John Guileys Wm Guileys Marjiah Edwards and Peter Johnsons line</p> <p>Owing the directions of the act of assembly in such case made and provided for running out Lands Two Just and fair plans of such survey with a proper Certificate Annexed to each You are to transmit with this warrant to the Secretarys office without delay</p> <p>Given under my hand the Tenth day of March Anno Domini 1780 Nathl Bryan S^r</p>	

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 <p>N^o 7466) State of North Carolina May 7: 7th 1782</p> <p>Survey for John Gurley a tract or Parcel of Land containing three hundred Acres. Entered by Philip Haisford & made over to J. Gurley by an Agreement on the Back of the Warrant Reference therunto being had more fully & at Large will appear lying in the County of Johnston on the head of Beaver dam swamp joining Benja^l Chafford's John Gurley's W^m Gurley's Micajah Edwards and Peter Johnsons lines Beginning at a pine Corner to John Gurley's old Tract & running with his line South fifty five Degrees West one hundred & fifty six pole to the Mill pond thence up the pond North thirty five Degrees West fifty one pole to Nathan Gurley's line thence with J. line North fifty five Degrees East one hundred & twelve pole to the Corner thence with his other line North thirty five West three hundred & thirty pole to a pine Corner to Stephen Edwards land thence with Edwards line One hundred & thirty pole to Micajah Edwards line thence with J. line South one hundred & fifty pole to the Corner thence with the other line East one hundred & twenty two pole thence South one hundred & forty four pole & thence West to the first Station &c &c &c</p> <p>Jeremiah Gurley Chy^g Micajah Edwards Chy^g</p> <p>J^m Brown Sur^r</p>	
<p>John Gurley sells 100 acres to Lazarus Gurley, May 17, 1781</p> <p>Again this transcript is by FamilySearch.org's AI, so it contains quite a few errors (some of which I have corrected, but not all yet).</p> <p>To all to whom [these?] presents shall come Greeting Know ye that I John Gurley & Elizabeth Gurley my wife by date in consideration of the sum of forty pound to us in hand paid by Lazarus Gurley the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged of do here of bargain Sell Confirm</p>	

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<p>unto the said Lazarus Gurley his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever all that was or of land situated lying & being in Johnston County on the North side of new River and on the South side of Mocason Swamp its being part of a patents granted unto John Gurley the fifteenth day of November 1762) the patent well of fully appear Bounded as follows : - Beginning at a Pine M Edward Gurley corner runs thence North thirty five west one hundred of the poles to a stake thence South thirty five West 16 poles to a black Jack thence South 35 East one hundred & one poles to a pine in John Gurley right corner stance a right line to the Beginning containing one hundred acres including the plantation thereon to have and to hold the above bargained land and with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining and all the estate , right , title , property claim of Jun and whatsoever of by said John Gurley & Elizabeth Gurley his wife of in and to the said premises or any part or paral thereunto and I do hereby Warrant & agree to and with the said Lazarus Gurley his heirs & assigns forever in manner of form following : That the said John Gurley and Elizabeth Gurley his wife are lawfully possessed of the above said premises and that the said Lazarus Gurley his heirs & assigns shall and may forever hereafter hold use occupy , possess Land Injoy the above said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging peaceably and Aprieth without any my honer & form the said John Gurley & Elizabeth Gurley his wife and from their heirs & assigns or any other person or sons Whatsoever now he the said John Gurley & Elizabeth Gurley for our selves our was an Darrigus to Warrant Secure and forever defend the above bargained premises and the said Lazarus Gurley his heirs & assigns Clear from all other persons claiming any right by through or under me in writing whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this seventeenth day of May Anno Domini 1781 John Gurley @ Signed , Sealed & Delivers her In the presence of / Elizabeth F Turley @ mark Lewis Jurley Pearce @ Hington County for Prom May Court 1781 June year the execution of this deed duley opened in Court & ordered by the oath of Allter Pearce proved & ordered to be registered Wm Wardels</p>	
<p>Will of John Gurley, November 6, 1794</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Will of John Gurley</i></p> <p><i>In the name of God, Amen, I John Gurley of Johnston County and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say – Imprimis, I give unto my son Lewis one cow and calf.</i></p> <p><i>Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Lazarus five shillings.</i></p> <p><i>Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Jeremiah the land and plantation whereon I now live with the appurtenances thereon belonging also my smiths tool.</i></p> <p><i>Item. I lend to my wife Elizabeth during her life all the rest of my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, and after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth I give unto my son George all the stock of cattle and horses that shall be left belonging to my estate and as to the remainder of my estate after my said wife Elizabeth decease and payments of my debts and legacies aforesaid will and desire is that it be equally divided between my four sons namely Joel, Edwards, Jeremiah, and George. Lastly I do appoint my son Jeremiah whole and sole</i></p>	902

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<p>executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of November 1794. Signed, sealed, published, and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John Gurley (seal)</p> <p>Leavin Vinson Arthur Crawford West Vinson</p>	
