

RD-022	Finding Edwards Gurley's Father
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In my system, an "RD-####" document is a "Research Document" that is used before I transfer information to an "FT-####" document, which is a "Family Tree" document. The Family Tree documents are more statements of the various facts of that particular family, while the Research documents are more investigative, intuitive, and sometimes just plain guessing. If you see something named "Source ###", that is my numbering system for the various sources that back up the conclusions in the FT and RD documents. Sources, FT documents, and RD documents are all numbered sequentially as I create them. Most of my comments are in **bold red font**.

In this document, I will be tracing the lineage of Keziah Gurley who married "Judge" Henry Sharp. Her father was named John Gurley and may have been a reverend. But we will see what the data tells us.

Item # 1	Gurley family lineage	The History and Genealogy of the Guley Family, Source 107b
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I found this book 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 5th part of the book, beginning on page 227, it is stated that:

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.

Children of Rev. Joseph Gurley [1] and [unknown] wife were:

1. *Peterson Gurley (b. unknown – d. 1828) married Jane Montgomery about 1822. They lived in Winton, Hertford Co., NC. They had two children:*

2. William Peterson (b. December 25, 1824 – d. ?)

3. Annie Elizabeth (died in infancy)

After the death of Peterson Gurley, Jane moved to Windsor, NC and lived with her son William F. Gurley until she died.

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:

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.

Children of Rev. John Gurley and his (unknown) wife are:

1. Edwards (b. ???? – d. ????)
2. Jeremiah (b. ???? – d. ????)

EDWARDS GURLEY, of Johnston Co., N. C., was married to Mary Davis (of Welsh descent) Sept. 19, 1776. Mr. Edwards died (unknown). Children of Edwards Gurley and Mary Davis, his wife:

3. Elizabeth (b. June 1, 1777 – d. Oct. 26, 1788)
4. John (b. January 23, 1780 – d. Oct. 30, 1788)
5. Keziah (b. April 8, 1783 – d. ????)
6. Jeremiah (b. May 17, 1786 – d. ????)
7. Allie (b. April 17, 1788 – d. ????)
8. Davis (b. April 7, 1792 – d. ????)
9. Mary (b. April 26, 1795 – d. ????)

Mr. Edwards Gurley was a planter and slave-owner of Johnston Co., N. C. His will was probated in the Johnston County Court in 1795. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Davis) Gurley, married, secondly, her first husband's cousin (probably), Thomas Edwards, and removed with her family, in 1805, to Maury Co., Tenn. They had one child, a daughter, Ann, who married a Mr. Olderson.

Mr. Edwards Gurley is said to have been a soldier in the North Carolina troops during the Revolutionary War. The examination of the proper records for the verification of this tradition has never yet been made.

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KEZIAH GURLEY, daughter of Edwards and Mary (Davis) Gurley of Johnston Co., N. C., married Henry Sharp of School Creek, Lawrence Co., Tenn.

Children of Henry Sharp and Keziah Gurley, his wife:

John, Born -----
Basil, Born -----
Starkey, Born -----
Graves, Born -----
William, Born -----

And several others, names unknown.

Mr. Henry Sharp was a farmer, and of his family nothing more is known at this writing. (1897.)

So this item seems to say that John Gurley was the Original Immigrant for this line of my family and came into the American Colonies about 1760. There is good correlation with my Gurley family as Edwards is listed as John's son, and Edwards had a daughter who was named Keziah Gurley who married my ancestor Henry Sharp. It is pretty certain that this John Gurley matches up perfectly with my research.

Item # 2	John Gurley Information	WikiTree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gurley-217
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[John Note: I did a Google search on “ “Joseph Gurley” AND “John Gurley” “. I found my Source listed above as Item #1. In addition, I found a WikiTree article and WikiTree seems to have made some serious improvements in their site. However, there is a lot of contradictory information on the pages (see the information for John Gurley in the next paragraph). I won't discuss this information at the end of this Item (Item #2), but will discuss it at the end of Item #3 – the original source of the information in this item.]

John Gurley (April 2, 1736 – July 5, 1794) ([WikiTree](#)). The Biography and Source information from this WikiTree page is:

Biography

Served in Revolutionary War

John was born on 2 April 1736 in Southampton Co., Virginia. He was the son of [Joseph Gourley](#) and [Susan Wise](#). Note: 1727?^[1]

When John was about 15 he married [Elizabeth Edwards](#) in 1752. The couple had 9 children: [Robert Gurley](#), [Joel Gurley](#), [William Gurley](#), [Edwards Gurley](#), [Jeremiah Gurley](#), [Lewis Gurley](#), [Lazarus Gurley](#), [George Gurley](#) and [John Gurley](#).^[1]

John was baptised in about 1760 in Northampton, Virginia.

John died at the age of 58 on 5 July 1794 in Johnston Co., North Carolina and was buried in Johnson Co., North Carolina.^[1] died in Johnston Co., North Carolina on 5 or 6 Apr or Jul 1794

[John Note: it appears that most of the information below is from: <https://gurleyfamily.com/q0/p1.htm#i19>. This information covers through the Sources listed below 1 through 38. I do not yet know the Source information listed below Source 38.]

John Gurley was born circa 1727; It is not know where John Gurley was born. His birth date has been listed in other family information as April 2, 1736. However, based on his discharge from the Johnston County militia in 1777 and the birth of his first child it appears John Gurley was born in 1727 or before. The law at this time stated a man could only serve in the militia until he was 50.² He was born on 2 April 1736 at Southampton County, Virginia; This date does not fit unless, he changed his age to enter the military. The Military Honor Roll of Johnston County indicates that John Gurley was discharged from the County milita on August 15, 1777 due to age. According to the Laws of North Carolina - 1777 v.24, p.3 a man was discharged at 50 years of age.³ He married Elizabeth Edwards after 1743; The marriage of John and Elizabeth is proved by the Will of John Gurley and John Gurley's handwritten record of his family's birth and death dates. There is no marriage record of John and Elizabeth nor is there any record indicating that Elizabeth was an Edwards. It was not cutomary for men to marry earlier than 15 so the date is estimated based on the birth of thier first child.^{4,5}

John Gurley witnessed the will of William Edwards on 30 September 1750 at Southampton County, Virginia.⁶ John Gurley witnessed the death of William Edwards before 11 February 1751 at Southampton County, Virginia.⁷ John Gurley served on 8 August 1751 at Southampton County, Virginia.⁸ He served appointed as overseer of the highway in the room of Henry Thomas who was discharged. on 8 August 1751 at Southampton, Virginia.⁹ He was some sort of suit was dismissed against John Gurley and others by the Grand Jury on 12 December 1751 at Southampton, Virginia.¹⁰ He moved to at Johnston County, North Carolina, in after 1751. He was evidently John Gurley's wife Keziah was involved in an adulterous relationship with a Stephen Miller Willis and he was indited by the Grand Jury in this matter on 20 February 1752 at Southhampton County, Virginia.¹¹ He registered a land entry with county officals for 400 acres on both sides of Mogason [Mockison] Swamp, including the falls on 3 April 1752 at Johnston Couunty, North Carolina, The entry is listed as John Gurley Jr. which indicates that an older John Gurley is living in the same area.¹² He served was discharged from his role as overseer of the highway (this is the last mention of John Gurley in Southampton County, Virginia) on 18 August 1752 at Southhampton County, Virginia.¹³ He was called to serve his county in several positions. John Gurley's long standing community service in Johnston County was first noted in October 1761 when he was appointed Constable in

the "Mockason and Little River" areas of Johnston County, North Carolina. in 1761 at Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁴ He posted security bonds for members of his family and the community. The first appearance of John Gurley in public documents was as a bondsman in Johnston Co. He apparently posted bond to make sure that nothing was sold off or taken away from William Gurley's estate. The bond was in effect for the time it took the County to probate the will of William Gurley. This bond was posted for the "Widow Mary Gurley, the administratrix of William's estate." It is not known what relationship John Gurley was with either Mary or William Gurley. after January 1761 at Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁵ He was granted livestock brand's (known as a mark) John Gurley and his family were in the business of raising livestock, most likely hogs and pigs. John Gurley and two of his sons, Joel who was 14 and William who was 12 recorded their respective livestock marks with Johnston County, North Carolina.

John Gurley's mark was a crop and a slit in each ear and a nick under each. Joel Gurley's mark was a crop on the right ear and a _____ in each. William Gurley's mark was a swallow for in ye right ear and an under Keell in each. in October 1761 at the Courthouse, Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁶ He was a juror in the petit Court in 1762 at Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁷ He was granted land containing 100 acres on 15 November 1762 at Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁸ He was appointed by the Courts as overseer of the road from the County line to the Little Creek on the Little River with Jos. Gurley, Alexander Pool, Wm Gurley and John Gurley Junr. working on the road as well. in 1763 at Johnston County, North Carolina.¹⁹ He and Nathan Gurley were involved in a land transfer. Nathan and his wife, Ann transferred 640 Acres to John Gurley for £10 on 16 December 1769 at Johnston County, North Carolina.²⁰ John Gurley served as a proccessioner in Johnston County. A proccessioner walked the land in his assigned area to determine boundaries. It is interesting to note that John Gurley along with Benjamin Craford proccessioned John Gurley's own land and it was witnessed by his sons, Lewis and Edward. between 7 April 1772 and 18 April 1772 at Johnston County, North Carolina.²¹ He and George Edwards were involved in a land transfer on 23 February 1773 at Johnston County, North Carolina, when John Gurley and Elizabeth sold to their nephew, George Edwards, 640 acres. This George Edwards wed Sarah Holt daughter of Charles and Joannah Revelle Holt of Southampton Co. VA and sister to James Holt of Southampton Co. VA. George Edwards is also the son of Ann Gurley Edwards of Southampton Co. VA, daughter of George Gurley of Southampton and sister to John. George would have been John's nephew.²² John Gurley ended military service on 15 August 1777 at Johnston County, North Carolina, when he was discharged from the Johnston County, North Carolina Militia due to being over 50 years of age.²³ He and Edwards Gurley were involved in a land transfer when John and wife, Elizabeth gave to Edwards 100 acres of land on the north side of Mocoson Swamp, it being part of a patent to John Gurley Nov 15, 1762. It is the land where Edwards Gurley lives. on 1 August 1779 at Johnston County, North Carolina.²⁴ John Gurley and Lazarus Gurley were involved in a land transfer. John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth (transferred) to Lazarus

GURLEY, 40£, 100 Acres in Johnston County on the NS of Neuse River and on the SS of Mocasson Swamp, it being part of a patent to John GURLEY the 15 Nov. 1762, beg a pine Edwards GURLEYS corner runs thence N35° W110p to a stake: S35° W146p to a Black jack: S35° E110p to a pine John GURLEYS right cor: a wright line to the beg... including the plantation thereon....

Wit. Jeremiah GURLEY, Lewis GURLEY, A. PEARCE. John GURLEY, Elizabeth (+) GURLEY. May Ct. 1781 proved by Arthur BARCCUM, Wm. WARD, CC. (K:232, Item 607, p.100, Abstracts v3) on 17 May 1781 at Johnston County, North Carolina.²⁵ John Gurley was granted land on 21 October 1782 at 300 Acres at the head of the Beaverdam Swamp.²⁶ He was listed on the in 1784 tax list of at Captain Joseph Boon's Company, Johnston County, North Carolina, his household's taxable property included 450 Acres and one free poll (John.)²⁷ He died on 5 July 1794 at Johnston County, North Carolina; Date can not be correct, will was written in November of 1794.²⁸ He wrote his will on 6 November 1794 at Johnston County, North Carolina.²⁹ He died between 6 November 1794 and May 1795 at Johnston County, North Carolina.³⁰ He will was proved in in May 1795 at Johnston County, North Carolina, by the oaths in court by Arthur Crawford and West Vinson. His son, Jeremiah was named executor of the estate.³¹

Family: Elizabeth Edwards b. 1726, d. a 1794
Children

- Robert Gurley⁵ b. 6 Mar 1744/45, d. 28 Nov 1760
- Joel Gurley³² b. 30 May 1747, d. b 22 Nov 1826
- William Gurley³³ b. 16 Oct 1749, d. c 15 Mar 1781
- Edwards Gurley³⁴ b. 13 Aug 1752, d. a 19 Feb 1795
- Lewis Gurley³⁵ b. 6 Mar 1755, d. bt 1810 - 1819
- Lazarus Gurley³⁶ b. 4 Dec 1757
- Jeremiah Gurley³⁷ b. 29 Dec 1759, d. 28 Oct 1843
- George Gurley³⁸ b. 29 Jul 1762, d. c 1805
- John Gurley b. 14 Sep 1767, d. 27 Aug 1771 John was born in 1727. He passed away about 1794.

Baptism 18 Oct 1988

Sources

↑ 1.0 1.1 1.2 Burial: Type: E-Mail Message Title: Gourley 6 geneations tied Author: Deb Gourley E-Mail Address: gourleydeb at aol.com Date: 30 Sep 2000. (accessed before 20 December 2013)

See also:

Type: LDS Family File Repository: LDS FamilySearch Site URL:
http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp

1. [S30] Albert E. Gurley, *AE Gurley, Gurley Family History 1897*, p.233 A.E. Gurley history erroriously stated that Rev. John Gurley came to this country with his family with his brother, Rev. Joseph Gurley, and also settled in Northampton Co., VA and afterwards he or his descendants removed to Johnston Co., NC.
2. [S47] Elizabeth E., *Chairman of a Committe of Compilers Ross, Johnston Co., NC Military 1745-1996*, Mililary Honor Roll of Johnston Co. indicates he (John Gurley) was discharged from the Milita on August 15, 1777 due to age. According to the Laws of NC - 1777, v.24 p.3 a man was discharged at 50 years of age.
3. [S21] Flossie Gurley, "Gurley, Flossie Family Tree", Gurley family history tree with birth and death dates but, no documentation., Flossie Gurley noted in her family tree a lot of useful starting points, however none were source. Her tree states, John Gurley, Born April 2, 1736 in Southampton County VA.
4. [S89] Will of John Gurley (1794): "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...."
5. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231*, "Robert Gurley son of John Gurley and Elizabeth his wife was born the 6th day of March 1744/5. Dead November 28, 1760.
6. [S232] *Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.33 and 34 Will of William Edwards. Witnessed by George Gurley Jr. and John Gurley.*
7. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.119 George Gurley Junior and John Gurley certified signatures of Elizabeth Edwards and Thomas Edwards as witness on William Edwards will.*
8. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.157 August 8, 1751. John Gurley is appointed as the overseer of the road in the room of Henry Thomas who is discharged.*
9. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.157 John Gurley ordered as overseer of the highway in the room of Henry Thomas who was discharged.*
10. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.198 Some sort of suit was dismissed by the grand jury against John Gurley and others. p.198 December 12, 1751 "The presentment of the Grand Jury against Joseph Doles, Joseph Williamson, abbs John Gurley, Henry Vaughan, Joshua Clay & William Bynum are dismissed forward of ____."*
11. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.221 and 222 " We the Grand Jury present Stephen Miller Willis for living in an Adultrous manner with the wife of John Gurley by information of George Gurley."*

12. [S483] Dr. A.B. Pruitt, *Colonial Land Entries in North Carolina Volume 2 (1753-1756)*, 1139 April 3, 1752 John Gurley jr enters 400ac in Johnston Co on both sides of Mogason Swamp, includes the falls; peto. made out.
13. [S585] *Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer*, p.253 John Gurley was discharged from his duties as overseer of the highway.
14. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, Item 50 "Ordered that John GURLEY do serve as Constable in Mockason & Little River as high as BALLARDS."
15. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.23, Item 48.
"Whereas John Balard and Joseph Gurley at July Court last was alowd of to be securitys For Widow Mary GURLEY on her admr. to her husband Willm. GURLEYS estate Have declined ye same. It is ordered that John GURLEY & Benet Blackman be alowd as Security in theirs room, in ye Penaly of Two Hundred pounds.
16. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.41. Item 78.
"Ordered that John Gurleys Mark be recorded which is a crop & a slit in each Ear & a nick under each." "Ordered that Joel Gurleys sone of John Gurley Mark be recorded which is a crop on the right Ear & a (blurred) in each" "Ordered that Willm. Gurleys sone of John Gurley Mark be recorded which is a Swallow fork in ye right ear and an under kutt in each."
17. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.79, Item 163.
Contains a listing of the members of the Petit Jury that includes John Gurley.
18. [S278] Elizabeth E. and Zelda B. Wood Ross, *Kinfolks of Johnston County: Abstracts of Deeds 1826 - 1865 Volume II*, p.3 Item 220 December 5, 1795 Leaven Vinson of JoCo to Uriah Bass of Wayne Co. for £ 300, 5 plats or tracts in JoCo 1) 300 ac. NS Neuse River, SS Mocason Sw. adj. John Gurley, Mill Pond.... (3) 100 ac. adj. John Gurley, granted to John Gurley 15 Nov. 1762...."
19. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.87, Item 179.
"Order'd that Jno: Gurley be appointed overseer of the road from the County Line to the little creek on the little River, & that the Inhabitants below said Creek, with Jos. Gurley, Alexr. Pool, Wm Gurley & John Gurly Junr. work on the same."
20. [S39] Weynette Parks Haun, *Johnston County N.C. Abstracts: Deed Books A-1, B-1, Transcript-1, D, D-1 1759 - 1771 v.1*, p.84 item 498 Dec. 16, 1769 Nathan GURLEY and wife ANN to John GURLEY Senr. £10 640 Acres in JoCo on NS Neuse River and on SS Little River and on BS Mocason Swamp, sw beg. at a White Oak at the head of Bear Branch the SS Mocason sw and runing N35 W320p to a black Oak on War Hill: N55 E32p across Mocason sw to a red ____: S35 W320 to a pine: a straight line to the beg. Signed Nathan Gurley, Ann (her mark) Gurley. Wit: Henry Rains, Benjamin Crafford, Micajah Edwards. TR-1:105 (278).
21. [S35] "Procession Masters Return 1772", p. 14 & 15 list of lands processed.
22. [S858] *Johnston County Deed Book H, Number 1 1770-1778*.

23. [S47] Elizabeth E., *Chairman of a Committe of Compilers Ross, Johnston Co., NC Military 1745-1996*, p. 14, Ross and Wood note: "8/15/1777 Discharged from Militia duty due to age."
24. [S859] W.P. Haun, *Johnston County Deeds v.3, August 1, 1779 John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth, Jo Co to Edwards GURLEY, same, for natural love and paternal affection we have and do bare to our beloved Son, land in Jo Co on the NS Neuse River and on the NS Maukison Swamp it being part of a patent granted to John GURLEY 15 Nov. 1762, beg at a Red Oak on the NS of Moccason and running 35110p to a pine: S55W16 to a stake: S35E110p to the Giving line of sd patent to a pine: right line to the beg, containing 100A including the plantation where the sd Edwards GURLEY now Dwells.*
- Signed John GURLEY (his mark), Elizabeth GURLEY (her mark) Wit: Phill Rayford, Arthur Pearce Aug Ct. 1779 (I-1:313, p.60, Item 384, Abstracts v.3).*
25. [S859] W.P. Haun, *Johnston County Deeds v.3, May 17, 1781 John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth to Lazarus GURLEY, 40E, 100 Acres in Johnston County on the NS of Neuse River and on the SS of Mocasson Swamp, it being part of a patent to John GURLEY the 15 Nov. 1762, beg a pine Edwards GURLEYS corner runs thence N35° W110p to a stake: S35° W146p to a Black jack: S35° E110p to a pine John GURLEYS right cor: a wright line to the beg... including the plantation thereon....*
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26. [S40] Weynette Parks Haun, *Johnston County North Carolina Abstracts: Deed Books M-1;O-1,T-1 1779-1794 vol. IV, Oct 21, 1782. NCS Grant #492 to John GURLEY, 300 A on head of Beaverdam Swamp Joining of Benjamin CRAFFORDS, J. GURLEYS, Micajah EDWARDS & Peter JOHNSONS lines beg at a Pine cor to J. GURLEYS old line & runs with his line S55° W156p to the Mill Pond up the Pond N 35° W51p to Nathans GURLEYS line: with sd line N55° W330p to a Pine cor to Steven EDWARDS land: with EDWARDS line E130p to Micajah EDWARDS line: with sd line S150p to the cor: with the other line E172p:S144p: W tp 1st sta. Wit; Alex. MARTIN Gov. at Fairfield, J. GLASGOW Sec., J. FRANKS Pro. Sec.*
27. [S463] Unknown author, "Johnston County 1784 Tax List (part 4)", p.51 John Gurley, 450 Acres, one free poll.
28. [S21] Flossie Gurley, "Gurley, Flossie Family Tree", Gurley family history tree with birth and death dates but, no documentation., John Gurley died July 5, 1794. This

is undocumented and disproven by the actual will and county records showing that the will was written on November 6, 1794 and probated in May of 1795.

29. [S288] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Record of Estates Johnston County, North Carolina Vol. 1-5, 1781-1807, p28 Item 305 Copy of Will of John Gurley, dec. dated 6 Nov. 1795 (Error - should be 1794). Prob. May Ct. 1795.*
30. [S103] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Johnston Co., NC Wills v.1, His will was executed November 6, 1794 and proved in 1795 Johnston Co. NC will book #1, page 88; also in Raleigh 56,091 p 7.*
31. [S288] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Record of Estates Johnston County, North Carolina Vol. 1-5, 1781-1807, p28 Item 304 Last Will and Testament of John Gurley, dec. proven by oath of Arthur Crawford & West Vinson. Jeremiah Gurley qualified as executor.*
32. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, John Gurley's handwritten manuscript of family birth and death dates states, "Joel Guarley son of the afore said [John Gurley and Elizabeth his wife] was born May the 30th 1747."*
33. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "William Gurley son of the aforesaid, was born October the 16th 1749."*
34. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Edwards Gurley son of the aforesaid was born August 13, 1752."*
35. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Lewis Gurley son of the aforesaid was born March 6, 1755."*
36. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Lazarus Gurley son of the aforesaid was born December the 4th 1757."*
37. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Jeremiah Gurley son of the aforesaid was born December 29th 1759."*
38. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, *Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "George Gurley son of the aforesaid was born July the 29th, 1762.*

[S2439] Ancestry.com, *Public Member Trees, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006.Original data - Family trees submitted by Ancestry members. Original data: Family trees submitted by Ancestry members.) (Reliability: 3). Information extracted from various family tree data submitted to Ancestry and The Generations Network*

[S2446] Yates Publishing, *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004.Original data - This unique collection of records was extracted from a variety of sources including family group sheets and electronic databases. Originally, the information was deriviv), Source number: 241025.002; Source type: Pedigree chart; Number of Pages: 3; Submitter Code:*

. (Reliability: 3). Name: John Gurley Birth Date: 1736 Birth Place: VA
http://trees.ancestry.com/rd?f=sse&db=worldmarr_ga&h=506618&ti=0&indiv=try

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[S2403] Sherrie Furber (Reliability: 3).

[S2311] The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, International Genealogical Index (R), (Copyright (c) 1980, 2002, data as of January 13, 2008) (Reliability: 3). John Justice; Male; Birth: 18 MAR 1719; Death: 1794 , Chatham, North Carolina; Spouse: Elizabeth Edwards Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church. Search performed using PAF Insight on 29 Apr 2006

Item # 3	John Gurley Information	https://gurleyfamily.com/g0/p1.htm#i19
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The majority of the information in Item #2 came from this website. Here is the original information [John Note: I have corrected the spelling mistakes I have identified]:

The Gurley Families of the South

The Genealogy of the Gurley Family in the Southern U.S. Migration

John Gurley

John Gurley¹

M, b. circa 1727, d. between 6 November 1794 and May 1795

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John **Gurley** was born circa 1727; It is not known where John Gurley was born. His birth date has been listed in other family information as April 2, 1736. However, based on his discharge from the Johnston County militia in 1777 and the birth of his first child it appears John Gurley was born in 1727 or before. The law at this time stated a man could only serve in the militia until he was 50.² He was born on 2 April 1736 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#); This date does not fit unless, he changed his age to enter

the military. The Military Honor Roll of Johnston County indicates that John Gurley was discharged from the County militia on August 15, 1777 due to age. According to the Laws of North Carolina - 1777 v.24, p.3 a man was discharged at 50 years of age.³ He married **Elizabeth Edwards** after 1743; The marriage of John and Elizabeth is proved by the Will of John Gurley and John Gurley's handwritten record of his family's birth and death dates. There is no marriage record of John and Elizabeth nor is there any record indicating that Elizabeth was an Edwards. It was not customary for men to marry earlier than 15 so the date is estimated based on the birth of their first child.^{4,5}

John Gurley witnessed the will of **William Edwards** on 30 September 1750 at **Southampton County, Virginia**.⁶ John Gurley witnessed the death of William **Edwards** before 11 February 1751 at **Southampton County, Virginia**.⁷ John Gurley served on 8 August 1751 at **Southampton County, Virginia**.⁸ He served appointed as overseer of the highway in the room of Henry Thomas who was discharged. on 8 August 1751 at **Southampton, Virginia**.⁹ He was some sort of suit was dismissed against John Gurley and others by the Grand Jury on 12 December 1751 at **Southampton, Virginia**.¹⁰ He moved to at **Johnston County, North Carolina**, in after 1751. He was evidently John Gurley's wife Keziah was involved in an adulterous relationship with a Stephen Miller Willis and he was indited by the Grand Jury in this matter on 20 February 1752 at **Southampton County, Virginia**.¹¹ He registered a land entry with county officials for 400 acres on both sides of Mogason [Mockison] Swamp, including the falls on 3 April 1752 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**, The entry is listed as John Gurley Jr. which indicates that an older John Gurley is living in the same area.¹² He served was discharged from his role as overseer of the highway (this is the last mention of John Gurley in Southampton County, Virginia) on 18 August 1752 at **Southampton County, Virginia**.¹³ He was called to serve his county in several positions. John Gurley's long standing community service in Johnston County was first noted in October 1761 when he was appointed Constable in the "Mockason and Little River" areas of Johnston County, North Carolina. in 1761 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁴ He posted security bonds for members of his

family and the community The first appearance of John Gurley in public documents was as a bondsman in Johnston Co. He apparently posted bond to make sure that nothing was sold off or taken away from William Gurley's estate. The bond was in effect for the time it took the County to probate the will of William Gurley. This bond was posted for the "Widow Mary Gurley, the adminitrix of William's estate." It is not know what relationship John Gurley was with either Mary or William Gurley. after January 1761 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁵ He was granted livestock brand's (known as a mark) John Gurley and his family were in the business of raising livestock, most likely hogs and pigs. John Gurley and two of his sons, Joel who was 14 and William who was 12 recorded their respective livestock marks with Johnston County, North Carolina.

John Gurley's mark was a crop and a slit in each ear and a nick under each. Joel Gurley's mark was a crop on the right ear and a _____ in each. William Gurley's mark was a swallow for in ye right ear and an under Keell in each.

in October 1761 at **the Courthouse, Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁶ He wasa juror in the petit Court in 1762 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁷ He was granted land containing 100 acres on 15 November 1762 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁸ He was appointed by the Courts as overseer of the road from the County line to the Little Creek on the Little River with Jos. Gurley, Alexander Pool, Wm Gurley and John Gurley Junr. working on the road as well. in 1763 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.¹⁹ He and **Nathan Gurley** were involved in a land transfer Nathan and his wife, Ann transferred 640 Acres to John Gurley for £10 on 16 December 1769 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.²⁰ John Gurley served as a proccessioner in Johnston County. A proccessioner walked the land in his assigned area to determine boundaries. It is interesting to note that John Gurley along with Benjamin Craford proccessioned John Gurley's own land and it was witnessed by his sons, Lewis and Edward. between 7 April 1772 and 18 April 1772 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.²¹ He and **George Edwards** were involved in a land transfer on 23 February 1773 at **Johnston County, North**

Carolina, when John Gurley and Elizabeth sold to their nephew, George Edwards, 640 acres. This George Edwards wed Sarah Holt daughter of Charles and Joannah Revelle Holt of Southampton Co. VA and sister to James Holt of Southampton Co. VA. George Edwards is also the son of Ann Gurley Edwards of Southampton Co. VA, daughter of George Gurley of Southampton and sister to John. George would have been John's nephew.²² John Gurley ended military service on 15 August 1777 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**, when he was discharged from the Johnston County, North Carolina Militia due to being over 50 years of age.²³ He and **Edwards Gurley** were involved in a land transfer when John and wife, Elizabeth gave to Edwards 100 acres of land on the north side of Mocason Swamp, it being part of a patent to John Gurley Nov 15, 1762. It is the land where Edwards Gurley lives. on 1 August 1779 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.²⁴ John Gurley and **Lazarus Gurley** were involved in a land transfer John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth (transferred) to Lazarus GURLEY, 40£, 100 Acres in Johnston County on the NS of Neuse River and on the SS of Mocasson Swamp, it being part of a patent to John GURLEY the 15 Nov. 1762, beg a pine Edwards GURLEYS corner runs thence N35° W110p to a stake: S35° W146p to a Black jack: S35° E110p to a pine John GURLEYS right cor: a wright line to the beg... including the plantation thereon....

Wit. Jeremiah GURLEY, Lewis GURLEY, A. PEARCE. John GURLEY, Elizabeth (+) GURLEY. May Ct. 1781 proved by Arthur BARCCUM, Wm. WARD, CC.

(K:232, Item 607, p.100, *Abstracts v3*)

on 17 May 1781 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.²⁵ John Gurley was granted land on 21 October 1782 at 300 Acres at the head of the Beaverdam Swamp.²⁶ He was listed on the in 1784 tax list of at **Captain Joseph Boon's Company, Johnston County, North Carolina**, his household's taxable property included 450 Acres and one free poll (John.)²⁷ He died on 5 July 1794 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**; Date cannot be correct, will was written in November of 1794.²⁸ He wrote his will on 6 November 1794 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.²⁹ He died between 6 November 1794 and May 1795 at **Johnston County, North Carolina**.³⁰ He will was proved in in May 1795 at **Johnston County,**

North Carolina, by the oaths in court by Arthur Crawford and West Vinson. His son, Jeremiah was named executor of the estate.³¹

Family	Elizabeth Edwards b. 1726, d. a 1794
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robert Gurley⁵ b. 6 Mar 1744/45, d. 28 Nov 1760 ○ Joel Gurley⁺³² b. 30 May 1747, d. b 22 Nov 1826 ○ William Gurley³³ b. 16 Oct 1749, d. c 15 Mar 1781 ○ Edwards Gurley⁺³⁴ b. 13 Aug 1752, d. a 19 Feb 1795 ○ Lewis Gurley⁺³⁵ b. 6 Mar 1755, d. bt 1810 - 1819 ○ Lazarus Gurley³⁶ b. 4 Dec 1757 ○ Jeremiah Gurley⁺³⁷ b. 29 Dec 1759, d. 28 Oct 1843 ○ George Gurley⁺³⁸ b. 29 Jul 1762, d. c 1805 ○ John Gurley b. 14 Sep 1767, d. 27 Aug 1771

Citations

1. [**S30**] Albert E. Gurley, *AE Gurley, Gurley Family History 1897*, p.233 A.E. Gurley history erroneously stated that Rev. John Gurley came to this country with his family with his brother, Rev. Joseph Gurley, and also settled in Northampton Co., VA and afterwards he or his descendants removed to Johnston Co., NC.
2. [**S47**] Elizabeth E., Chairman of a Committee of Compilers Ross, *Johnston Co., NC Military 1745-1996*, Military Honor Roll of Johnston Co. indicates he (John Gurley) was discharged from the Milita on August 15, 1777 due to age. According to the Laws of NC - 1777, v.24 p.3 a man was discharged at 50 years of age.
3. [**S21**] Flossie Gurley, "Gurley, Flossie Family Tree", Gurley family history tree with birth and death dates but, no documentation., Flossie Gurley noted in her family tree a lot of useful starting points, however none were source. Her tree states, John Gurley, Born April 2, 1736 in Southampton County VA.
4. [**S89**] Will of John Gurley (1794): "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...."
5. [**S331**] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Robert Gurley son of John Gurley and Elizabeth his wife was born the 6th day of March 1744/5. Dead November 28, 1760.
6. [**S232**] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.33 and 34 Will of William Edwards. Witnessed by George Gurley Jr. and John Gurley.
7. [**S585**] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.119 George Gurley Junior and John Gurley certified signatures of Elizabeth Edwards and Thomas Edwards as witness on William Edwards will.

8. [S585] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.157 August 8, 1751. John Gurley is appointed as the overseer of the road in the room of Henry Thomas who is discharged.
9. [S585] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.157 John Gurley ordered as overseer of the highway in the room of Henry Thomas who was discharged.
10. [S585] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.198 Some sort of suit was dismissed by the grand jury against John Gurley and others. p.198 December 12, 1751 "The presentment of the Grand Jury against Joseph Doles, Joseph Williamson, abbs John Gurley, Henry Vaughan, Joshua Clay & William Bynum are dismissed forward of ____."
11. [S585] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.221 and 222 " We the Grand Jury present Stephen Miller Willis for living in an Adulterous manner with the wife of John Gurley by information of George Gurley."
12. [S483] Dr. A.B. Pruitt, *Colonial Land Entries in North Carolina Volume 2 (1753-1756)*, 1139 April 3, 1752 John Gurley jr enters 400ac in Johnston Co on both sides of Mogason Swamp, includes the falls; peto. made out.
13. [S585] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.253 John Gurley was discharged from his duties as overseer of the highway.
14. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, Item 50 "Ordered that John GURLEY do serve as Constable in Mockason & Little River as high as BALLARDS."
15. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.23, Item 48. "Whereas John Balard and Joseph Gurley at July Court last was alowd of to be securitys For Widow Mary GURLEY on her admrx. to her husband Willm. GURLEYS estate Have declined ye same. It is ordered that John GURLEY & Benet Blackman be alowd as Security in theirs room, in ye Penalty of Two Hundred pounds.
16. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.41. Item 78. "Ordered that John Gurleys Mark be recorded which is a crop & a slit in each Ear & a nick under each." "Ordered that Joel Gurleys sone of John Gurley Mark be recorded which is a crop on the right Ear & a (blurred) in each" "Ordered that Willm. Gurleys sone of John Gurley Mark be recorded which is a Swallow fork in ye right ear and an under kutt in each."

17. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.79, Item 163. Contains a listing of the members of the Petit Jury that includes John Gurley.
18. [S278] Elizabeth E. and Zelda B. Wood Ross, *Kinfolks of Johnston County: Abstracts of Deeds 1826 - 1865 Volume II*, p.3 Item 220 December 5, 1795 Leaven Vinson of JoCo to Uriah Bass of Wayne Co. for £ 300, 5 plats or tracts in JoCo 1) 300 ac. NS Neuse River, SS Moccosom Sw. adj. John Gurley, Mill Pond.... (3) 100 ac. adj. John Gurley, granted to John Gurley 15 Nov. 1762...."
19. [S45] Weynette Parks Haun, *JoCo Ct. Minutes v.1 1759-1766*, p.87, Item 179. "Order'd that Jno: Gurley be appointed overseer of the road from the County Line to the little creek on the little River, & that the Inhabitants below said Creek, with Jos. Gurley, Alexr. Pool, Wm Gurley & John Gurly Junr. work on the same."
20. [S39] Weynette Parks Haun, *Johnston County N.C. Abstracts: Deed Books A-1, B-1, Transcript-1, D, D-1 1759 - 1771 v.1*, p.84 item 498 Dec. 16, 1769 Nathan GURLEY and wife ANN to John GURLEY Senr. £10 640 Acres in JoCo on NS Neuse River and on SS Little River and on BS Moccoson Swamp, sw beg. at a White Oak at the head of Bear Branch the SS Moccoson sw and runing N35 W320p to a black Oak on War Hill: N55 E32p across Moccoson sw to a red ____: S35 W320 to a pine: a straight line to the beg. Signed Nathan Gurley, Ann (her mark) Gurley. Wit: Henry Rains, Benjamin Crafford, Micajah Edwards. TR-1:105 (278).
21. [S35] "Procession Masters Return 1772", p. 14 & 15 list of lands processed.
22. [S858] Johnston County Deed Book H, Number 1 1770-1778.
23. [S47] Elizabeth E., Chairman of a Committe of Compilers Ross, *Johnston Co., NC Military 1745-1996*, p. 14, Ross and Wood note: "8/15/1777 Discharged from Militia duty due to age."
24. [S859] W.P. Haun, *Johnston County Deeds v.3*, August 1, 1779 John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth, Jo Co to Edwards GURLEY, same, for natural love and paternal affection we have and do bare to our beloved Son, land in Jo Co on the NS Neuse River and on the NS Maukison Swamp it being part of a patent granted to John GURLEY 15 Nov. 1762, beg at a Red Oak on the NS of Moccoson and running 35110p to a pine: S55W16 to a stake: S35E110p to the Giving line of sd patent to a pine: right line to the beg, containing 100A including the plantation where the sd Edwards GURLEY now Dwells.

Signed John GURLEY (his mark), Elizabeth GURLEY (her mark)
 Wit: Phill Rayford, Arthur Pearce

Aug Ct. 1779

(I-1:313, p.60, Item 384, *Abstracts v.3*).

25. [S859] W.P. Haun, *Johnston County Deeds v.3*, May 17, 1781
John GURLEY and wife Elizabeth to Lazarus GURLEY, 40£, 100
Acres in Johnston County on the NS of Neuse River and on the SS
of Mocasson Swamp, it being part of a patent to John GURLEY the
15 Nov. 1762, beg a pine Edwards GURLEYS corner runs thence
N35° W110p to a stake: S35° W146p to a Black jack: S35°
E110p to a pine John GURLEYS right cor: a wright line to the
beg... including the plantation thereon....

Wit. Jeremiah GURLEY, Lewis GURLEY, A. PEARCE. John GURLEY,
Elizabeth (+) GURLEY. May Ct. 1781 proved by Arthur BARCCUM,
Wm. WARD, CC.

(K:232, Item 607, p.100, *Abstracts v3*).

26. [S40] Weynette Parks Haun, *Johnston County North Carolina Abstracts: Deed Books M-1;O-1,T-1 1779-1794 vol. IV*, Oct 21,
1782. NCS Grant #492 to John GURLEY, 300 A on head of
Beaverdam Swamp Joining of Benjamin CRAFFORDS, J. GURLEYS,
Micajah EDWARDS & Peter JOHNSONS lines beg at a Pine cor to J.
GURLEYS old line & runs with his line S55° W156p to the Mill
Pond up the Pond N 35° W51p to Nathans GURLEYS line: with sd
line N55° W330p to a Pine cor to Steven EDWARDS land: with
EDWARDS line E130p to Micajah EDWARDS line: with sd line
S150p to the cor: with the other line E172p:S144p: W tp 1st sta.
Wit; Alex. MARTIN Gov. at Fairfield, J. GLASGOW Sec., J. FRANKS
Pro. Sec.
27. [S463] Unknown author, "Johnston County 1784 Tax List (part
4)", p.51 John Gurley, 450 Acres, one free poll.
28. [S21] Flossie Gurley, "Gurley, Flossie Family Tree", Gurley
family history tree with birth and death dates but, no
documentation., John Gurley died July 5, 1794. This is
undocumented and disproven by the actual will and county
records showing that the will was written on November 6, 1794
and probated in May of 1795.
29. [S288] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Record of Estates Johnston County, North Carolina Vol. 1-5, 1781-1807*, p28 Item 305 Copy of Will of
John Gurley, dec. dated 6 Nov. 1795 (Error - should be 1794).
Prob. May Ct. 1795.
30. [S103] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Johnston Co., NC Wills v.1*, His will
was executed November 6, 1794 and proved in 1795 Johnston
Co. NC will book #1, page 88; also in Raleigh 56,091 p 7.
31. [S288] Elizabeth E. Ross, *Record of Estates Johnston County, North Carolina Vol. 1-5, 1781-1807*, p28 Item 304 Last Will and

- Testament of John Gurley, dec. proven by oath of Arthur Crawford & West Vinson. Jeremiah Gurley qualified as executor.
32. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, John Gurley's handwritten manuscript of family birth and death dates states, "Joel Guarley son of the afore said [John Gurley and Elizabeth his wife] was born May the 30th 1747."
 33. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "William Gurley son of the aforesaid, was born October the 16th 1749."
 34. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Edwards Gurley son of the aforesaid was born August 13, 1752."
 35. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Lewis Gurley son of the aforesaid was born March 6, 1755."
 36. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Lazarus Gurley son of the aforesaid was born December the 4th 1757."
 37. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "Jeremiah Gurley son of the aforesaid was born December 29th 1759."
 38. [S331] Jeremiah Gurley, Manuscript in Pension File, S131231, "George Gurley son of the aforesaid was born July the 29th, 1762."

Compiler: **Ted Gurley**

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This seems to be my ancestor – John Gurley, father of Edwards Gurley. All of the family and dates match my records. However, much of the information in this Item is contradictory. It feels like someone was just copying and pasting a lot of data down, without resolving the contradictions. The author does a little bit of investigation on John's birth year. I am not yet sure where the April 2, 1736 birth date comes from, but the author thinks this is too late and that John must have been born in or before 1727. His or her reasoning is that John was removed from the Revolutionary War militia in 1777, and that according to [North Carolina laws](#), men could only serve in the militia until they were 50 years old:

Acts of the North Carolina General Assembly, 1777

North Carolina. General Assembly

April 07, 1777 - May 09, 1777

Volume 24, Pages 1-42

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LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1777.

At a General Assembly, begun and held at New Bern, on the Eighth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and in the First Year of the Independence of the said State: Being the first Session of this Assembly. Richard Caswell, Esq., Governor.

CHAPTER I.

An Act to Establish a Militia in this State.

I. Whereas, a well regulated militia is absolutely necessary for the Defending and securing the Liberties of a free State,

II. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Militia of this State be divided into six Brigades, viz.: One in each of the Districts of Edenton, New Bern, Wilmington, Halifax, Salisbury and Hillsborough. And each Brigade to be commanded by a Brigadier General. And the Militia of every County shall consist of all the effective men from sixteen to fifty years of age inclusive, to be formed into one or more regiments, each under the command of a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors. Every Regiment shall be divided into companies, consisting of fifty Rank and File at least, two sergeants, two corporals, one Drummer and one Fifer; and each Company to be under the command of a Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign. That every Company shall be divided into four Divisions, who shall draw Lots, for the First, Second, Third and Fourth Turns, to go on service and shall be numbered according to such lots.

So if John was released in 1777, and it was due to being 50 (or reaching 51!) years old, then that puts his birth years at about 1726 or 1727. However, I have not found this reference – The Military Honor Roll of Johnston County listing John Gurley’s discharge. I have chased this citation (\$47 in the above list of Citations) and I find an 8 page document online that doesn’t list a John Gurley. However, this seems to be a short clip from a larger book that is unavailable (see clip below from Google Books). I have an eBay watch set for this book and I have located copies of it in East Carolina University Joyner Library. Hopefully, I can get there on a Genealogy Vacation and look this over.

Johnston County, NC, Military Roll of Honor, 1746-1996: A Project



Vaden Elizabeth Easley Ross
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	Length	223 pages

In fact, I have not found a credible list of North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldiers that lists John Gurley as a Revolutionary War soldier.

I have found a John Gurley listed in the DAR database of Ancestors. This Ancestor (DAR # A208673) is listed as:

ASSOCIATED ANCESTOR (REVOLUTIONARY) RECORD

GURLEY, JOHN

Ancestor #: [A208673](#)

Service:

NORTH CAROLINA Rank(s): CIVIL SERVICE

Birth: CIRCA 1722

Death:

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

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.

The other bit of potential knowledge is that John Gurley's father was George Gurley, Sr. (b. 1697 – d. December 29, 1770). The information from this same website about George Gurley, Sr. is presented in Item # 13. However, on this same WikiTree page is a Family Tree (Item #4 below), which lists John Gurley's parents as Joseph Gurley, Sr. and Susan Wise. There are essentially no sources for the assertion that Joseph and Susan were John's parents on this WikiTree webpage.

Item # 4	John Gurley Information	WikiTree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gurley-217
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Another part of the same WikiTree page in Item #2 is a family tree. I am normally not enamored of WikiTree pages, but it seems WikiTree has really upped their game recently. I will try to put it together here, as much as possible:

Edwards Gurley is son of John Gurley. John is the brother of Isom Gurley, and Joseph Gurley, Jr. **[John Note: I knew about Joseph Gurley as John's brother, but not Isom. I have seen the name Isom Gurley in some other Gurley documents, though, but didn't know him as John's brother.]** John is the husband of Elizabeth Edwards – the Edwards and Gurley families are pretty tightly linked during this time.

John, Joseph, and Isom are the sons of Joseph Gurley, Sr. and Susan Wise. Susan was born in Inverness, Fifeshire, Scotland about 1721 according to this WikiTree page. Joseph Gurley, Sr. was born in 1717 – also in Inverness – and died in 1782. There is no further information on Susan Wise on this WikiTree page.

However, Joseph Sr. is listed as the son of James Gurley (b. 1675 in Inverness – d. 1772) and Elizabeth UNKNOWN. No further information is listed on Elizabeth. However, Joseph is listed as the son of William Gurley (b. ~1605 in Inverness – d. ?), who was the son of Thomas Gurley (b. ~1579 – d. 1627) and Barbara Peterson (b. ~1583). No further information is listed on Barbara Peterson in this WikiTree.

Thomas was the son of Alexander Gourley (b. ~1553 in Kinraig, Inverness – d. ~1600) and Janet Scott (b. ~1557 in Kinraig, Inverness – d. 1607). No further information is listed on Janet.

Alexander's parents are listed as William Gourley (b. ~1509 in Kincaig – d. ~1560) and Janet Kellie (b. ~1513 in Kincaig – d. 1553). No further information is listed on this Janet either!

William Gourley is listed as the son of Alexander Gourley (b. ~1470 in Kincaig – d. ~1509) and Helen Cockburn (b. before May 14, 1480 in Fife, Scotland – d. ~1520). No further information is listed on Alexander, but Helen's parents are listed as John Cockburn (b. 1430 - d. after January 10, 1511) and Margaret Crichton (b. before April 25, 1460 – d. ?). Margaret Crichton has a huge family tree on WikiTree, but that's for another time. I have no idea about the veracity of these lineage claims and there is really no need at this time to go beyond my John Gurley (b. ~1722 or 1736) and maybe his father Joseph Sr. (b. ~1717) **[John Note: if that was his real father.]**.

Item # 5	John Gurley Will	http://files.usgwarchives.net/nc/johnston/wills/gurley03.txt
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[John Note: I don't think this is my John Gurley. It may be a relative.]

Johnston County, NC - Will of John Gurley

Will of John Gurley

Prob. July Ct. 1760

Wife Keziah-Bed & livestock; plantation where I now live during life or widowhood, then to Son Fredrick Gurley

Son Arthur- 1 gun; 1 sword; livestock

Son Nathan- Bed & furniture; 1 gun

Son Joseph- plantation where he now lives; livestock

Son Fredrick- 1 gun

Remaining property to be divided between wife and children: Lucy, Rachel,

Milea, Winea, Simon & Esther Gurley

Exec: Arthur Gurley, Nathan Gurley

Wit: Joseph Gurley, John Bullard

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Item # 6	John Gurley Will	From North Carolina, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998
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According to the copy of John's will below (Source 902), John wrote his will on the 6th of November, 1794. It is assumed that he died soon after this, although I have yet to find a probate document. In this will, he lists his wife as Elizabeth, and his sons at the time of the will as Lewis, Lazarus, Jeremiah, George, and Edward.

Will of John Gurley

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.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Lazarus five shillings.

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.

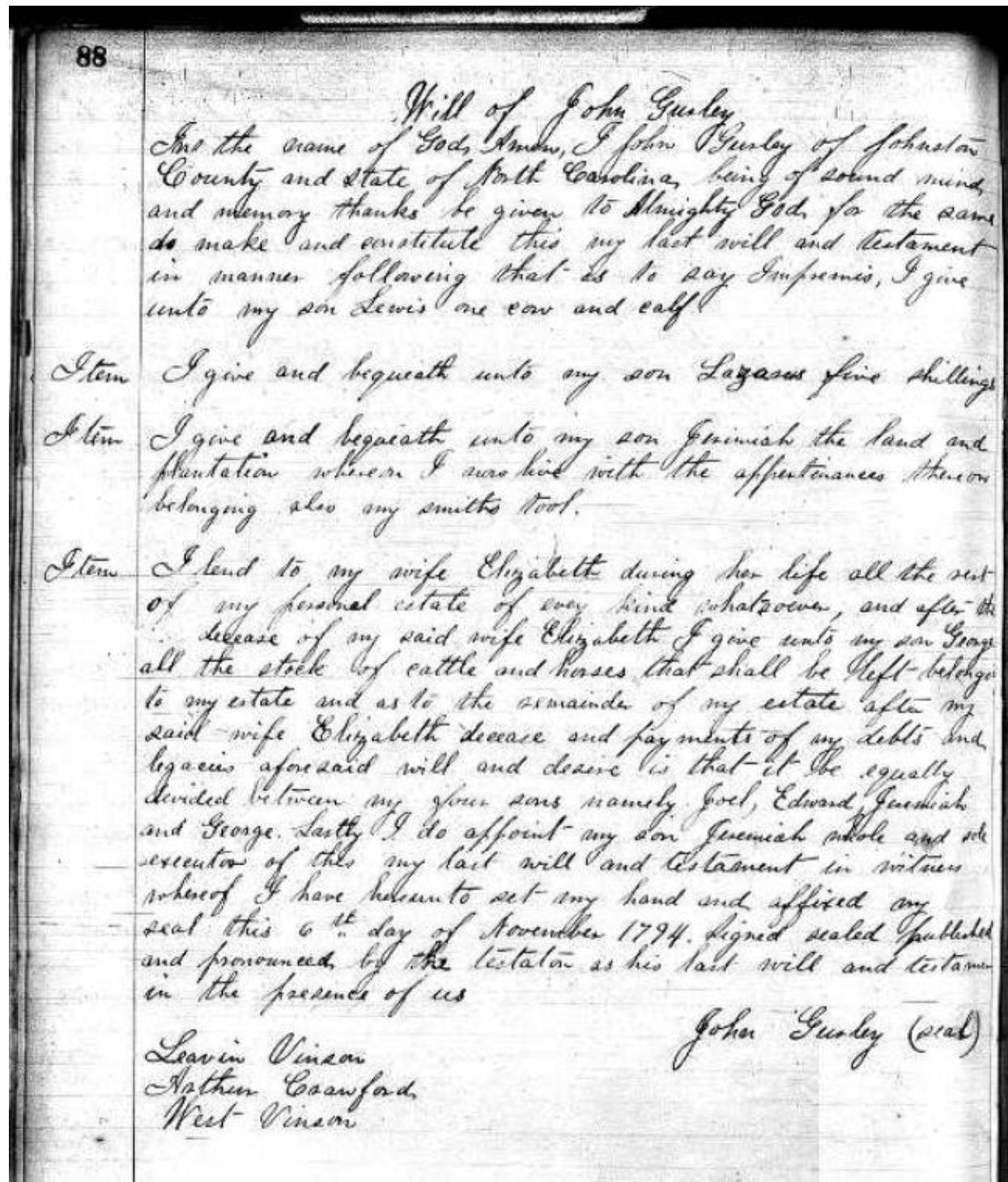
Item. I lend to my wife Elizabeth during her life all the rest of my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, and after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth I give unto my son George all the stock of cattle and horses that shall be left belonging to my estate and as to the remainder of my estate after 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, Edward, Jeremiah, and George. Lastly I do appoint my son Jeremiah whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal that 6th day of November 1794. Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us.

John Gurley (seal)

Leavin Vinson

Nathan Crawford

West Vinson

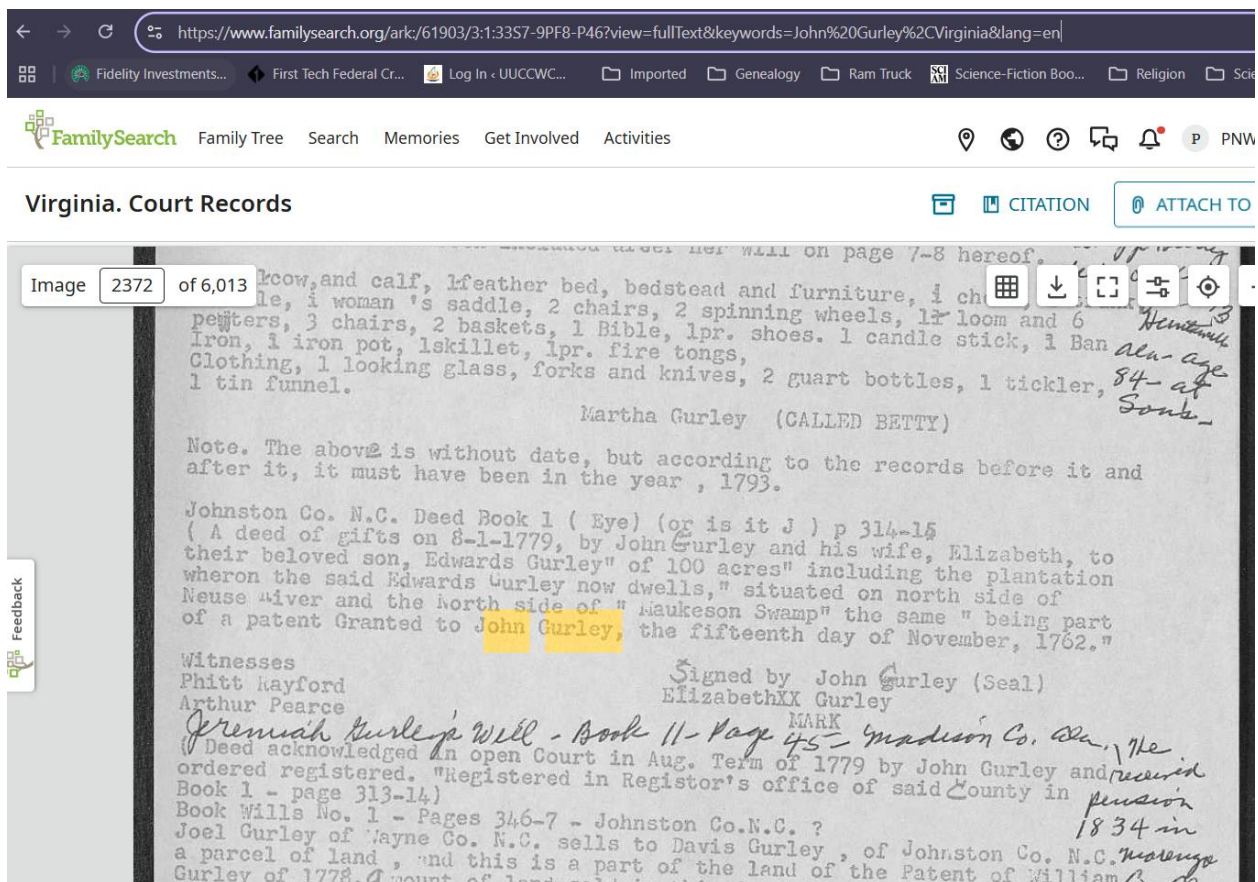


This is obviously my John Gurley, as it lists the sons Edward, Jeremiah, George – the ones that I already know of. I will have to search for his probate documents. I am not sure what Lewis and Lazarus did to PO John Gurley, as Lazarus only got 5 shillings from the will, and Lewis got a cow and a calf. Edward had already received 100 acres from John and Elizabeth Gurley, and I don't know what

Joel and George received. Joel was the oldest son (see Item #9), but Jeremiah got the bulk of John's estate.

Item # 7	John Gurley	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9PF8-P46?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%2CVirginia&lang=en
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From a FamilySearch Full Text Search on "John Gurley" in Virginia:



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 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 [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), North Carolina, U.S., Land Grant Files, 1693-1960 for John Gurley:

No. 107

County Johnston

Name Gurley, John

Acres 400

Grant No. _____

Issued 13th November 1762

Warrant No. _____ Entry No. _____

Entered _____

Book No. 13 Page No. 372

Location N. side of Neuse
river on both sides
of the falls of Moccasin

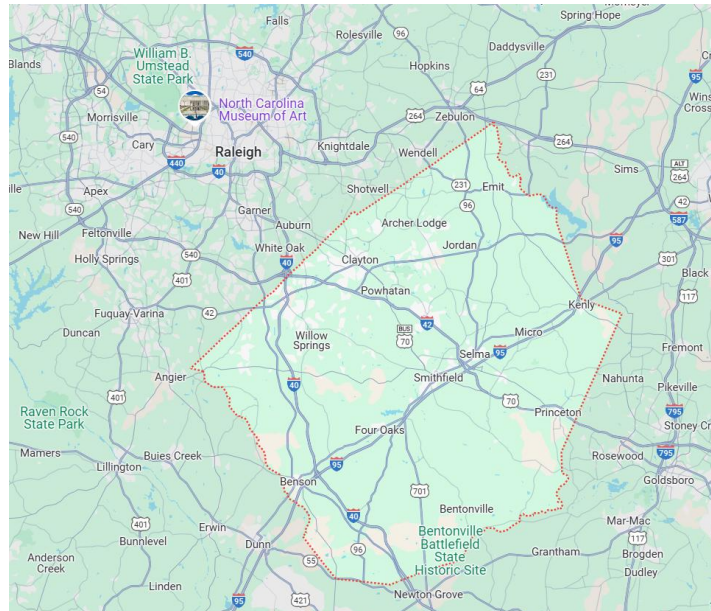
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This appears to be the land grant that John Gurley is talking about. It's 400 acres, and John and Elizabeth are giving Edwards 100 of those acres. I haven't yet found the rest of this land grant, as Ancestry.com seems to be having some issues on this 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).

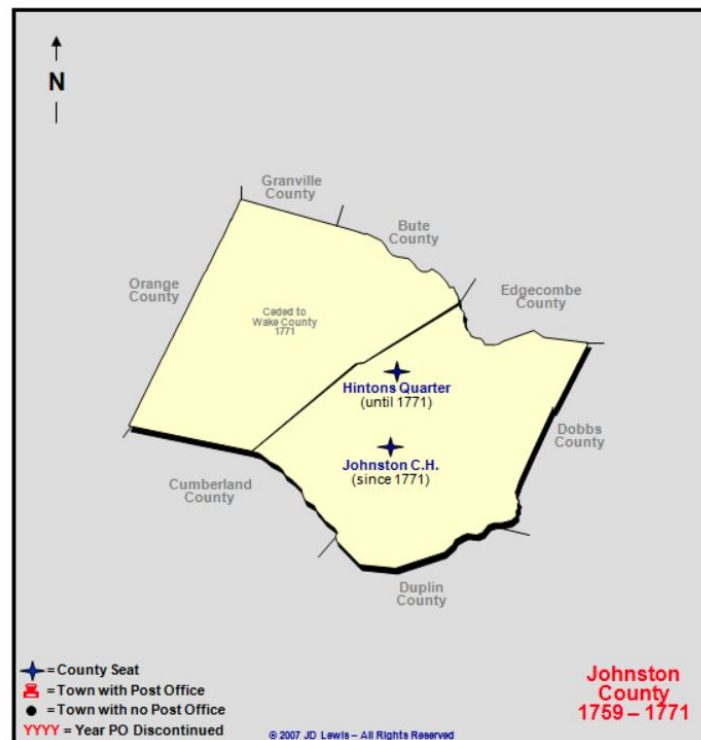
On Google maps, I can trace out the paths of the Neuse River and Moccasin Creek, but I cannot find an intersection of the two. So maybe the names of the creeks have been changed over the last 300 years (highly possible). I think if I can find the rest of the land patent (to the right), I can get a better idea of where this plantation was.

Okay!!!! I found more information! From the website <https://info.nclandgrants.com/>, I can search for John Gurley and get his land patents. This information will be added below the two county maps of Johnston County below.



However, in 1762 Johnston County looked like this and also contained the land including Raleigh, NC (see map below from Carolina.com).

Johnston County, NC - 1759 to 1771




Here are the Land Patent files for John Gurley. This first one is for the Land Patent listed above. While interesting, it doesn't tell me where the plantation was.

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COLONIAL GRANT
Issued by King of England
1733 to 1775

Johnston Co. File No. 1074, John Gurley

Issued 15 Nov 1762 for 400 acres "On the North side of Neuse River on both sides of the Falls of Mockason"

Patent Book image; Loose Documents not linked to images

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Grant 1 of 2

NARRATIVE: John Gurley was issued 400 acres of land on 15 Nov 1762 in Johnston County, located "On the North side of Neuse River on both sides of the Falls of Mockason". This was recorded in Land Patent Book 15 page 459 as Johnston County Grant # .

From *PATENT BOOK*
Issued: 15 Nov 1762
County: [Johnston](#)
[Book: 15 pg: 459](#)

From *WARRANT / PLAT*
Entered: (no date)

Other Identifiers:
File no.: 1074
MARS: 12.14.78.1066

Subjects (in archivist order):
Gurley, John
Moccasin Creek
Neuse River

Data courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina
MARS database


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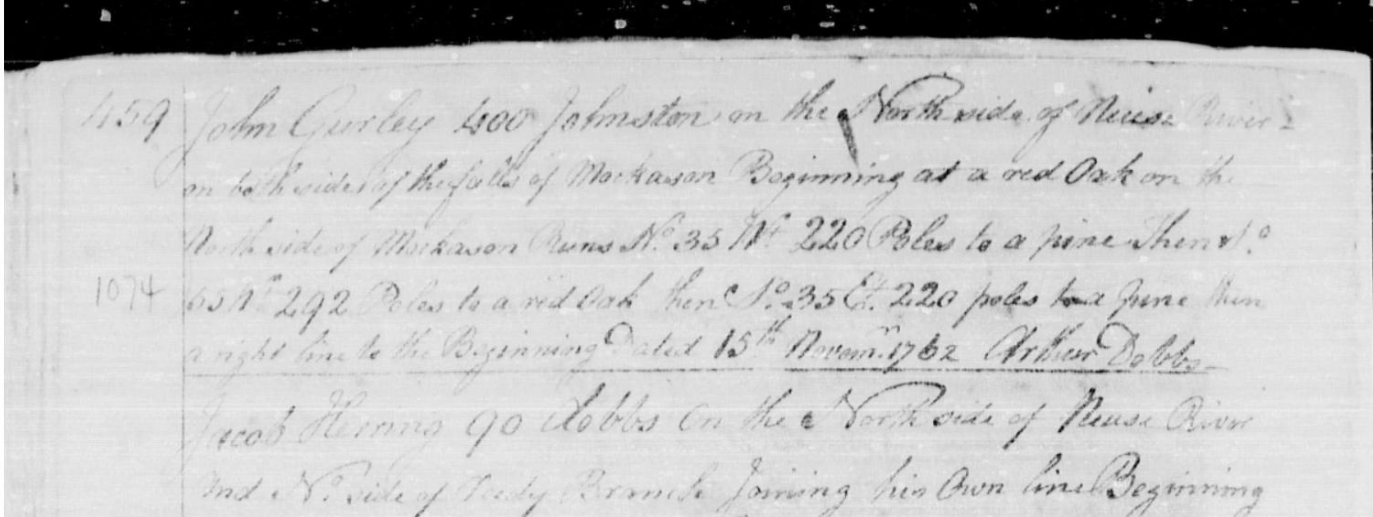
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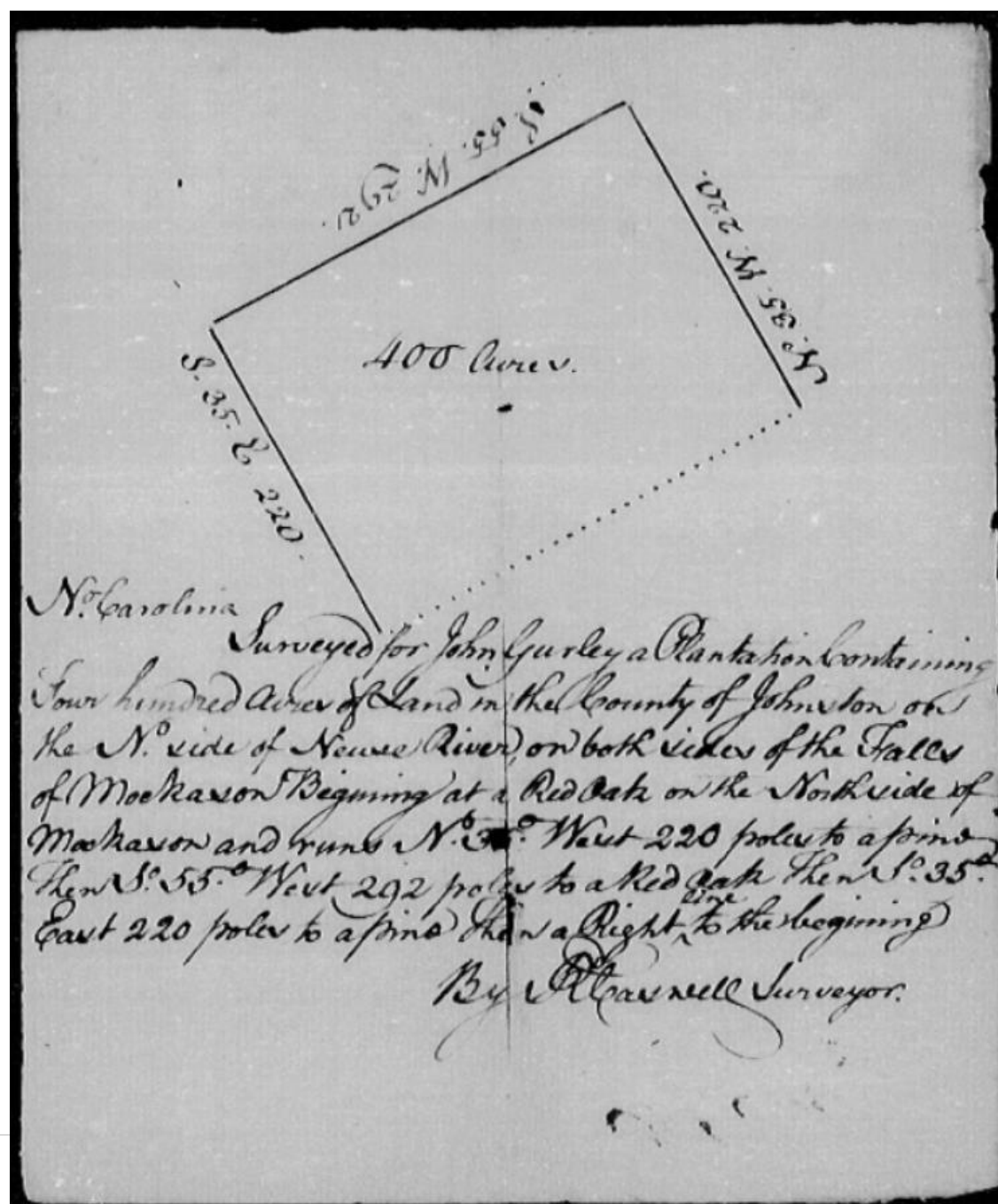
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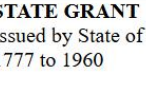
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While searching on the <https://info.nclandgrants.com/> website, I also found another grant to John Gurley:

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STATE GRANT
Issued by State of North Carolina
1777 to 1960

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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.

Alerts: **Corrections at bottom**

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:
File no.: 1968
MARS: 12.14.78.1948

Subjects (in archivist order):
Gurley, John
Beaverdam Swamp


Data courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina
MARS database

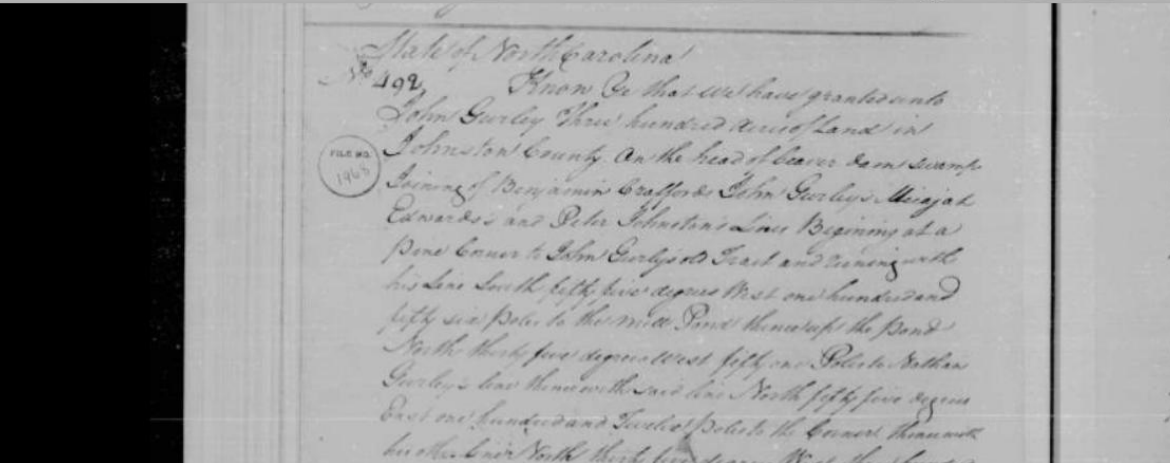
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Looking at the documents for this grant, I found:

No. 1968

County Johnston

Name Curley John

Acres 300

Grant No. 492

Issued Oct 24 1780

Warrant No. Entry No. 786

Entered 14 March 1780

Book No. 46 Page No. 2

Location on the head of Beaverdam Swamp

State of N. Carolina N^o 786

Nedham Bryan.

Prothonotary of the said County greeting

We are hereby required as soon as may be to lay off and survey for Philip Ralston a tract or parcel of land containing three hundred acres lying in the County aforesaid. on the head of Beaver Dam swamp joining Benj. Craigholms John Curleys Wm Curleys Manjish Edwards and Peter Johnsons line

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

Given under my hand the Twentieth day of March Anno Domini 1780 N^o Bryan C. T.

I Do hereby sell & assign over all my Right Title Interest
 Property Claim & Demand what so ever ^{with the exception of said} to ^{John Gurley his}
 heirs & assigns forever it being for Value Recd. as Witness my
 hand & Seal this 6th Day of May 1782. *Phil. Major*
Jeremiah Gurley

March 14th 1780
 Mount Pleasant
 Mary Major
 1780

N. 746) State of North Carolina
May 7: 7th 1762

Survey for John Gurley a tract or
Parcel of Land containing three hundred
Acres. Indented by Philip Haisford & made
over to S. Gurley by an Assignment on
the Back of the Warrant Reference
thereunto being had more fully & at
Large will appear lying in the County
of Johnston on the head of Beaver Dam swamp joining Benjamin
Haisford's John Gurley's W^m Gurley's Micajah Edwards and
John 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 S. 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 S. 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. x x x x

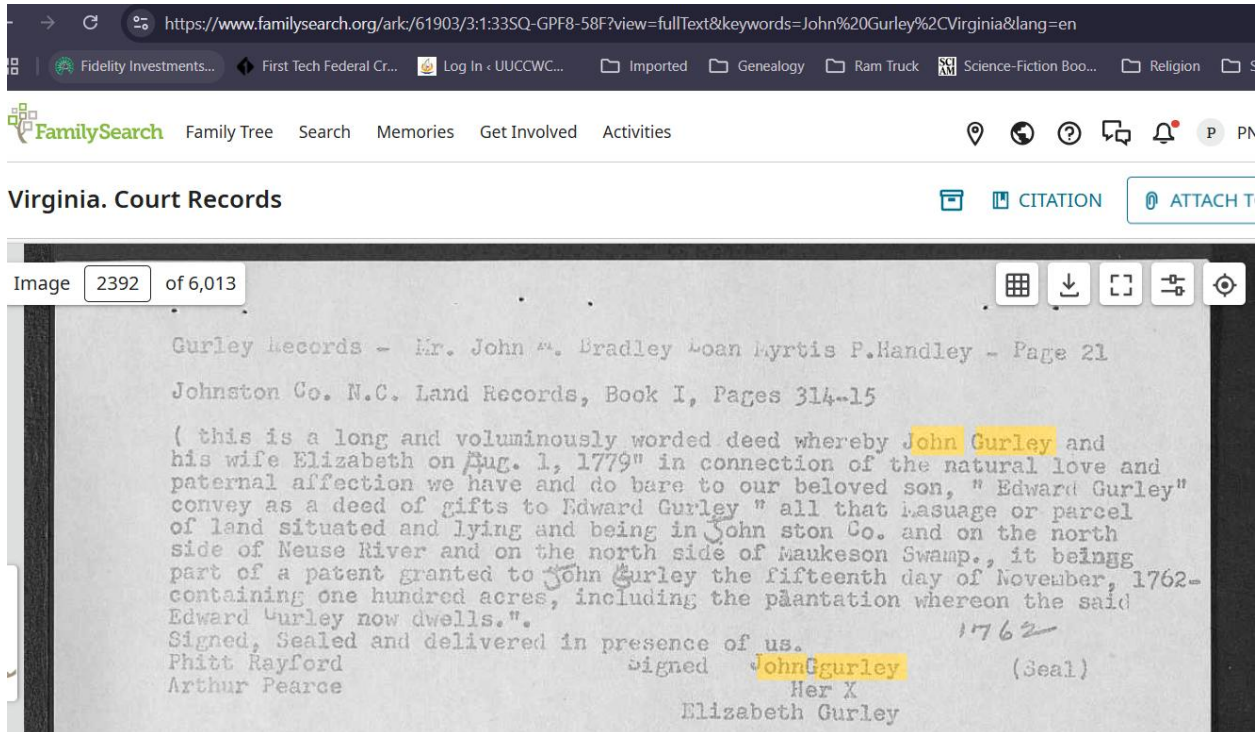
Jeremiah Gurley Chypr
Micajah Edwards Chypr

John Brown Sur^r



Item # 8	John Gurley	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPF8-58F?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%2CVirginia&lang=en
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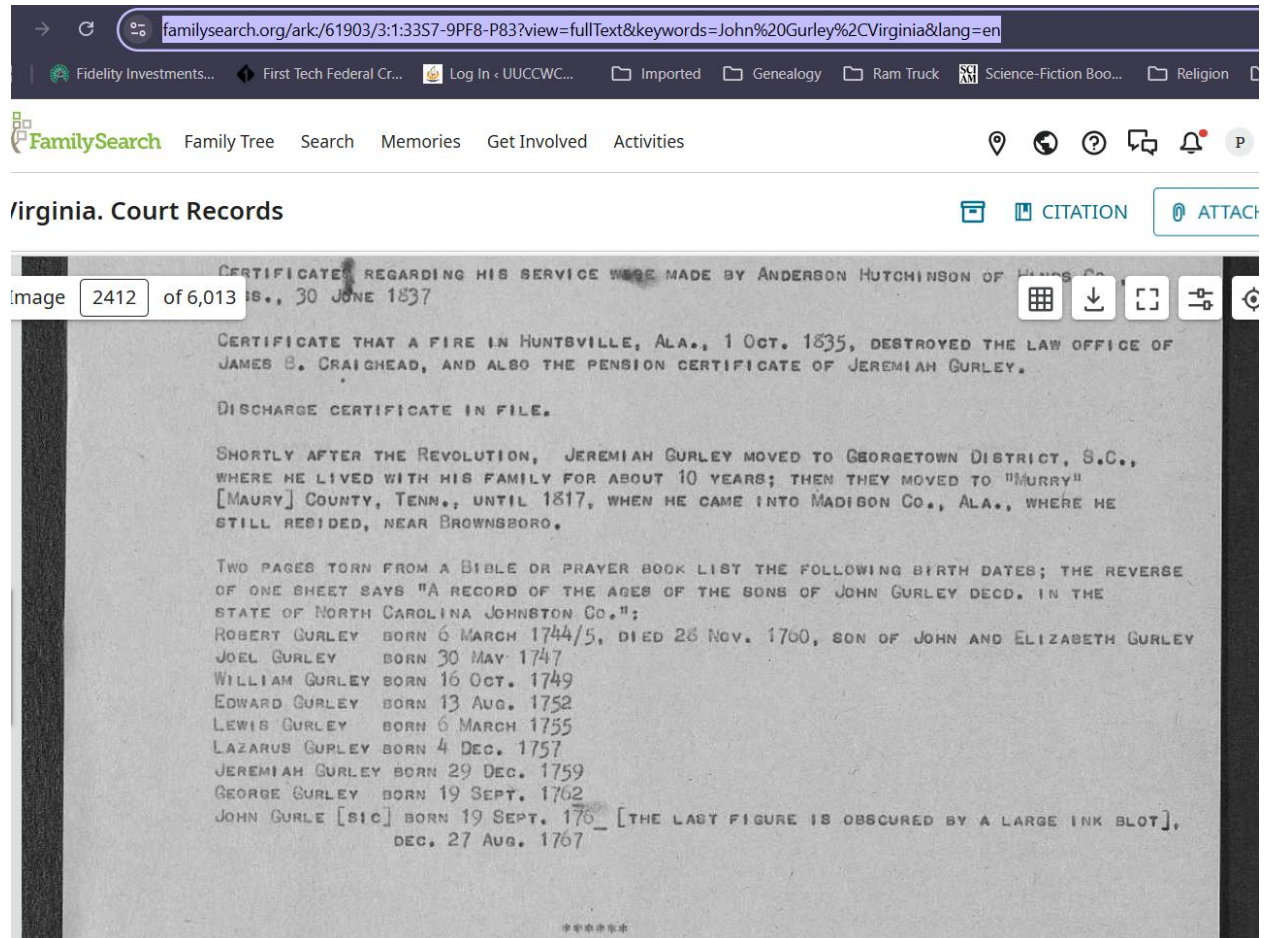


Item # 9	John Gurley	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9PF8-P83?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%2CVirginia&lang=en
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The screenshot below is from a Full Text search on FamilySearch.org. I got tons of information on the Gurley family. This one shows John Gurley's children as:

- Robert Gurley – b. March 6, 1744 or 1745 – d. November 26, 1760 (so not alive at the time of John's will in 1794)
- Joel Gurley – b. May 30, 1747
- William Gurley – b. October 16, 1749 (William is not listed in John's 1794 will, so he must have died before 1794 also)
- Edwards Gurley – b. August 13, 1752
- Lewis Gurley – b. March 6, 1755

- **Lazarus Gurley – b. December 4, 1757**
- **Jeremiah Gurley – b. December 29, 1759**
- **George Gurley – b. September 19, 1762**
- **John Gurle [sic] – b. September 19, 176_ - d. August 27, 1767 (so also not alive at the time of John's Will in 1794).**



Item # 10	John Gurley	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPF8-5H4?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%2CVirginia&lang=en
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Information on Jeremiah Gurley, John Gurley's son.

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Image 2414 of 6,013 AM GOURLEY 1812 WO 18103, WC 15918

HE WAS BORN IN LOUDOUN CO., LIVED CLARKE, FREDERICK, WARREN COUNTIES, VA.

ABEL GOURLEY 1812 SO 5659, SC 6938

HE WAS MARRIED IN LOUDOUN CO., VA.; APPLIED FROM LEXINGTON CO., ILL.

JOHN GURLEY 1812 WO 39559, WC 31180

HE DIED IN MADISON CO., ALA.. FROM THIS FILE, HIS FATHER'S FILE FOR REV. PENSION, ETC., IT IS CLEAR HE WAS THE SON OF JEREMIAH GURLEY (B. JOHNSTON CO., N.C. 1759, D. MADISON CO., ALA. 1843, LEAVING ONLY 2 HEIRS, JOHN AND ANN KING, WIFE OF THOMAS M. KING.) JEREMIAH WAS THE SON OF JOHN GURLEY OF JOHNSTON CO. -- FATHER'S BIBLE RECORD IN JEREMIAH'S REV. PENSION FILE, S 13231.

A LETTER DATED 29 AUG. 1903, GURLEY'S, ALABAMA, FROM FRANK B. GURLEY, AGED 69, SAYS HE IS THE ONLY SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE GURLEY FAMILY, AND WAS SON OF JOHN, ABOVE.

COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY THE ONLY POSSIBLE GURLEY OF INTEREST TO YOU HERE IS WILLIAM S. I HAD HOPED, SINCE NICHOLAS RECEIVED BOUNTY LAND, AND HIS ESTATE WAS INSOLVENT, THAT HIS HEIRS MIGHT HAVE APPLIED FOR MEXICAN WAR PENSION., BUT THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT. POSSIBLY A STUDY OF CIVIL WAR PENSIONS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE; THIS CAN BE DONE IN WASHINGTON BY A FRIEND OF MINE FOR \$2.50 PER HOUR IF YOU SO DESIRE. VPL

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I am not sure who the Gurleys are that are listed below. I think the John Gurley could be my John Gurley, who would have been about 29 years old in 1751. That would have been old enough to purchase and sell land. However, I don't know who William or Joseph Gurley are. More research is needed on these two. But I am not sure they are in my direct lineage at this time.

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GURLEY -- NORTH CAROLINA -- FROM THE JOURNAL OF NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY

THE JOURNAL OF N.C. GENEALOGY, ORIGINALLY THE NORTH CAROLINIAN, IS PAGE ACTIVELY; IT PRINTS MANY MSS RECORDS OF N.C.]

JOHNSTON COUNTY:

CROSS-INDEX TO DEEDS, PUB. IN 1955 ISSUES OF THE NORTH CAROLINIAN, SHOWS:

JOHN GURLEY: SOLD LAND TO JOHN BALLARD, DEED BOOK 2, 469 [CA 1754] TNC, 49
BOUGHT FROM WILLIAM GURLEY, DB 2, 155 [CA 1751], TNC 52
BOUGHT FROM ARTHUR PRICE, DB 2, 282 [CA. 1752] TNC 52

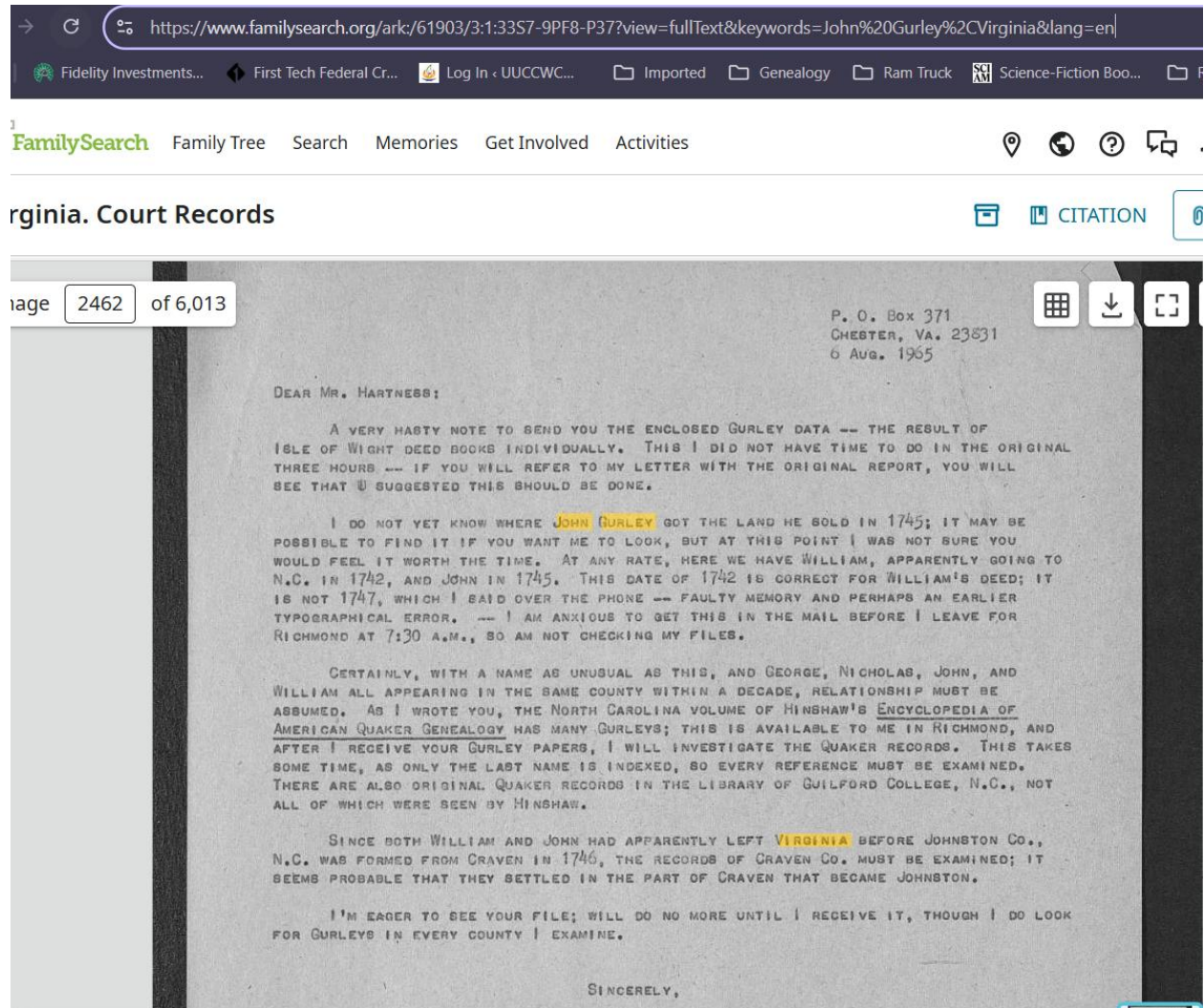
WILLIAM GURLEY: SOLD TO JOHN GURLEY, SEE ABOVE
1776: LEGISLATIVE PAPERS, Box 13, FOLDER 1776, SHOWS MILITARY
COMMISSION TO WILLIAM GURLEY JNCG, 1243

JOSEPH GURLEY: REV. WAR FINAL SETTLEMENTS, Box 15, IN N.C. ARCHIVES, SHOWS
JOSEPH GURLEY OF JOHNSTON-CRAVEN COUNTIES. JNCG, 755

BERTIE COUNTY:

Item #	John Gurley	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9PF8-P37?view=fullText&keywords=John%20Gurley%2CVirginia&lang=en
12	John Gurley	

The following is interesting in that it seems to be saying that the Gurleys might have been Quakers. It also gives some timelines for when John Gurley may have moved from Virginia to North Carolina. I think this is going to take more research to verify this information.



Item # 13	George Gurley, Sr.	https://gurleyfamily.com/g0/p14.htm#i399
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This is the information that says that John Gurley's father is George Gurley, Sr. In Item # 4, a WikiTree family tree that says John's father is Joseph Gurley, Sr. and Susan Wise. I don't know which of these is correct.

The Gurley Families of the South

The Genealogy of the Gurley Family in the Southern U.S. Migration

George Gurley Senior

George Gurley Senior

M, b. 1697, d. 29 December 1770

George **Gurley** Senior was born in 1697; proved by age at date of death.¹ He witnessed the probate of the estate of [Ann \(?\)](#) on 15 November 1731 at [Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).² George Gurley Senior was a witness of a deed or land transfer that was mentioned in the will of Matthew Strickland, setting out terms for his wife, Ann Edwards to receive land on 22 January 1732 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).³ He was a witness to the will of Thomas Carter on 10 November 1732 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).^{4,5} He was granted land consisting of 150 Acres on 18 February 1733 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).⁶ He was neighbor to Thomas Carter when Mr. Carter bought the land next to him on 25 May 1735 at [Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).⁷ He was involved in a land transfer from William Sellers and his wife Providence Sellers to George Gurley for 100 Pounds of Pork and tobacco, land was of about 100 acres. This was a "Lease and Release" transaction June 11-12, 1737 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).⁸ He was involved in a land transfer from James Carter and wife Priscilla of Bartee County, North Carolina to George Gurley for 3 pounds. This was a lease and release transaction for 175 acres that adjoined William Sellers in on 7 July 1740 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#), The transaction was witnessed by John Gurley indicated by his mark, a I with a line through the middle and Nicholas Gurley also indicated by his mark a backwards N.⁹ He was a witness of a deed from Samuel Carter and wife, Rebecca to Richard Blow on 20 January 1741 at [Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).^{10,11} He served as an estate and land appraiser. Evidently he was well respected in the Isle of Wight Co. On May 25, 1741 he along with Richard Blow, Jr. and Henry Thomas appraised the estate of Oliver Woodward. on 26 May 1741 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).^{12,13,14} He was a witness to the will of witnessed the inventory of the estate of Alice Fiveash and Peter Fiveash on 24 August 1741 at [Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).¹⁵ He witnessed the land transfer of [John Gurley](#) on 15 August 1743 at [Isle of Wight](#)

[County, Virginia](#); from Joseph Rochester of Bartee Precinct in North Carolina to John Gurley of Isle of Wight County, VA 50 acres on the southside of the Nottoway River, this transaction is witnessed by George Gurley.^{16,17} George Gurley Senior was neighbor to Benjamin and Mary Carter up until August 23, 1745 when they sold their property to Richard Vick on 27 January 1745 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).¹⁸ He served appraised the estate of Richard Blow along with Joseph Cobb and Thomas Crainshaw. It is interesting to note that in this record there is mention of another appraisal at "Contentney" in Craven County, North Carolina. It appears that Blow was part of the migration into North Carolina. on 9 October 1746 at [Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).^{19,20,21} He was a witness of a deed between Samuel Davis and his wife Sarah to Richard Vick Jr. on 12 November 1747 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).²² He and [George Gurley Junior](#) were witnesses to the will of William Rochester of Nottoway Parish along with James Carter. The executor was Nicholas Gurley, the will was executed on 1 January 1748 at [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](#).²³ George Gurley Senior served served on a Grand Jury appointing Overseers of land and other positions in the county on 9 November 1749 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).²⁴ He was a land owner with property adjacent to Richard Vick when Vick patented 335 acres on 12 July 1750 at [South Side of Nottoway River, down the Wolf Pit Branch, Isle of Wight, Virginia](#).²⁵ He served served on a jury on 13 September 1750 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).²⁶ He served served on the jury on 13 November 1750 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).²⁷ He witnessed the estate inv of [William Edwards](#) on 14 February 1751 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#); George Gurley was asked to appraise the estate - no George Gurley, jun notation.^{28,29} George Gurley Senior and George **Gurley** Junior were a witness to the will of Robert Newsum on 16 February 1750/51 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{30,31} George Gurley Senior served on 11 April 1751 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).³² He served served as a Grand Juror in May 1751 at [Southampton, Virginia](#).³³ He served was a witness for John Hatfield in a civil dispute against Arthur Washington on 18 November 1751 at [Southampton, Virginia](#).³⁴ He served served as a juror on 13 February 1752 at [Southampton, Virginia](#).³⁵ He was a witness to evidently John Gurley's wife Keziah

was involved in an adulterous relationship with a Stephen Miller Willis and he was indicted by the Grand Jury in this matter with [John Gurley](#) on 20 February 1752 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).³⁶ George Gurley Senior served on 20 February 1752 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).³⁷ He served he was listed as a Juror. on 18 August 1752 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).³⁸ He served served on the Grand Jury on 15 December 1752 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).³⁹ He served was ordered by court to appraise the estate of Daniel Story on 11 January 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁰ He served on 10 May 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴¹ He estate was inventoried on 10 May 1753 submitted an estate inventory of Daniel Story.⁴² He served in August 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴³ He served when he posted an appearance bond for Roger Williams. on 13 September 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁴ He served on 11 October 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁵ He served in November 1753 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁶ He served served as a juror on 11 July 1754 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁷ He was involved in a land transfer 100 acres were sold to Thomas Edwards. Richard Vick and George Gurley Jr. were the witnesses on 10 October 1754 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁴⁸ He was a witness to the will of William Hatfield on 11 March 1755 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{49,50} He estate was inventoried circa 12 June 1755 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁵¹ George Gurley was noted in the accounting of Thomas Jarrell's estate as a creditor.⁵² On 11 December 1755 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#), Arthur Edwards estate was inventoried and presented to the court, George Gurley was due money from the estate.⁵³ He served as an appraiser of the estate of William Hatfield along with Joseph Cobb and Thomas Crenshaw before 12 August 1756 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{54,51,55} He was a land owner, living close to Daniel Story after Story purchased 165 acres on 16 August 1756 at [southside of the Nottoway River, up the run of Dicks Swamp, Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁵⁶ He served as an auditor to the estate of William Hatfield, it was recorded on 13 July 1757 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{57,58} He served as an appraiser of the estate of Robert Newsum before 12 January 1758 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{59,60} He served as appraisal of

the estate of William Hatfield when additional assets were sold on 11 May 1758 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁶¹ He served as an appraiser of the estate of Jacob Vasser before 12 December 1758 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).^{62,63} He and George **Gurley** Junior were involved in a land transfer when George Gurley sold to his son George Gurley Jr. 150 acres on the southside of the Nottoway River for £24 that was part of an original patent to George Gurley dated Feb. 28, 1733. The property was on the east side of Carter's Branch, adjoining Thos. Carter and Richard Blow.

on 10 January 1760 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁶⁴ George Gurley Senior served to appraise the estate of Lewis Whitehead on 8 May 1760 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁶⁵ He witnessed the will of [Nicholas Gurley](#) on 23 April 1761 at [Nottoway Parish, Southampton County, Virginia](#); it was witnessed by a Mary Gurley Jun. who was probably the wife of George Gurley, Jr., George Gurley Sen., and Thomas Edwards. The executors were George Gurley Jr., who was listed in the will as a friend (which did not mean at this time, not related) and Jos. Cobb.^{66,67} George Gurley Senior left a will that was executed on 12 August 1768 at [St. Lukes Parish, Southampton County, Virginia](#), he left the following bequests: George Jr. the plantation, son John - clothing, daughter Mary West - bed, daughter Fathay Sellers 40 shillings, grandson George Edwards - a mare and all balance to be divided between son George Jr. and Ann Edwards. The will was signed by George Gurley's mark. Witnesses were William Thomas, Jesse Brasswell, and James Peding. George Jr. was named executor.^{68,69}

He died on 29 December 1770 at [Southampton County, Virginia](#).⁷⁰ He left a will that was recorded on 10 January 1771 it was presented in court by <[W1].⁶⁹>

Family	
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Gurley⁷¹ b. a 1717 ○ Mary Gurley⁷² b. a 1717 ○ Fathey Gurley⁷³ b. a 1717 ○ John Gurley+ b. c 1727, d. bt 6 Nov 1794 - May 1795 ○ George Gurley Junior+⁷⁴ b. c 1727, d. b 21 May 1804 ○ Ann Gurley+⁷⁵ b. c 1735

Citations

1. [[S83](#)] *Virginia Gazette Newspaper*;, Virginia Gazette Newspaper, p.3, c.2. January 10, 1771, Indicates he died at 73 in 1770.
2. [[S379](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 4, 4: p.222 I Ann Edwards late Widow of _____ ... Given under my hand this 15th day of November 1731. Witness: Geo (G)(mark) Gurley, Augustin (A)(Mark) Nickson, Ann (E)(Mark) Edwards.
3. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, p.37. Jan 22, 1732 Ann Edwards, late widow and Relict of Matthew Strickland, decd. Elects to accept the terms of her late husbands will. Wit: George Gurley.
4. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item B-32 Bradley cites Isle of Wight Will Book 4, p. 122.
5. [[S379](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 4, 4: p.122 - 123. Thomas Carter Will with George Gurley noted he signed with his mark, a capital G.
6. [[S136](#)] George Gurley 1733 Virginia Land Grant Virginia v.15, p.157: Feb. 18 1733 Land Grant by King George II of 150 Acres, on the south side of the Nottoway River, east side of Carter's Br. Adj. Thomas Carter & Richard Blow to George Gurley, of Isle of Wright Co., VA. (VA Land Office Book 15, p.157.) , unknown repository.
7. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, May 25, 1735 Thomas Carter of Isle of Wight Co. 350 acres adj. George Gurley.. (Virginia Land Office Book 15, p.221.).
8. [[S380](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 5: June 11-12, 1737 p.125 DB5 Lease and Release from William Seller of IW, to George Gurly of IW, for 100 Pounds of pork and tobacco and for divers good causes, about 100 acres in IW, and bounded by trees. The yearly rent is 1 grain of Indian Corn, if demanded. Signed Wm (W his mark) Seller, Providence (her mark) Seller. Wit - none. Recorded June 27, 1727. Providence, wife of the said William Seller, relinquished her right of dower to the lands conveyed. Isle of Wright Co, VA Deeds 1736-1741. P.19.
9. [[S137](#)] TLC Genealogy, *Isle of Wight Deeds DB5*, July 7-8, 1740 p.487 DB5 Lease and Release. From Jas. Carter of Bartee County, NC to George Gurley of IW, for 3 pounds and for divers good causes, about 175 acres in IW, and bounded by William Sellers. The land is part of a patent granted to Thos. Carter on May 30, 1734. Signed - Jas (his mark) Carter, Prissilla (her mark) Carter. Witness - J. Edwards, Nicholas (his mark) Gurley Jno. (his mark) Gurley. Recorded July 28, 1740. (IW Deed 1736-1741 p. 68-69).

10. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, Jan 20, 1741 Samuel Carter and wife, Rebecca Carter to Richard Blow... Wit: George Gurley. (IW Deeds 1720-1732 & 1741-1749 p.56).
11. [[S381](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 6: p.60 George Gurley witnesses land transaction.
12. [[S94](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County, Virginia 1647-1800*, p.140.
13. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item B-33 Date listed as August 24, 1741 from Isle of Wight Will Book 4, p.371.
14. [[S379](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 4, 4: p.371 Detailed appraisal of the estate of Oliver Woodard.
15. [[S615](#)] Isles of Wight, Virginia Wills & Accounts Book 4 1733-1745: Inventory of the estate of Alice Fiveash and Peter Fiveash, witnessed by George Gurley.
16. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, August 15, 1743 Joseph Rochester of Bartee Precinct in North Carolina to John Gurley of Isle of Wight ... 50 Acres on the south side of Nottoway River adjoining Carter. Wit: George Gurley, Benjamin Wombwell and John Edwards. (IW Deeds 1720-1732 & 1741-1749 p.69).
17. [[S381](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 6: p.316 John Gurley buys 50 acres from Joseph Rochester. Transaction witnessed by George Gurley.
18. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, January 27, 1745 Benjamin Carter and wife, Mary Carter deed to Richard Vick... 175 acres adjoining George Gurley. (IW Deeds 1720-1732 & 1741-1749 p.92).
19. [[S94](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County, Virginia 1647-1800*, p.152.
20. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item 34 Reference to Isle of Wight Will Book 4, p.37.
21. [[S380](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 5: p.37 Inventory and certification of the inventory by George Gurley.
22. [[S134](#)] William Lindsay Hopkins, *Isle of Wight Deeds 1720-36 and 1741-49*, November 12, 1747 Samuel Davis and wife, Sarah Davis to Richard Vick, Jr. ... 100 acres. Wit: George Gurley ... (IW Deeds 1747-1752 from Deed Book 8 p.1).
23. [[S380](#)] Isle of Wight, Virginia Deed Book 5: p.176 Will of William Rochester witnessed by George Gurley and George Gurley Jr.
24. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.22 George Gurley listed as a member of Grand Jury of Southampton County.

25. [[S238](#)] Dennis Ray Hudgins, *Cavaliers and Pioneers v.6*, p.20 "Richard Vick, 335 acs. Is. of Wight Co. on the s Side of Nottoway Riv., down the Wolf Pir Br.; adj. George Gurley, Richard Blow Junr., William Regester, John Gurley, Nicholas Gurley & William Hatfield; 12 Jul 1750, p.285. £1.S15.[For William Regester's 1. see PB 12, p.169, 95 acs. to William Rochester]"
26. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.92 noted Jury service.
27. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.100, 101 George Gurley served on the County Jury.
28. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.120 George Gurley asked by Court to apprise estate of William Edwards. "Ordered that Henry Thomas, Joseph Cobb, George Gurley, & Thomas Crenshaw or any three of them being first sworn before Thomas Jarrell, Gent do appraise in Current Money ____ if any, personal estate of William Edwards deced.and return the appraisement to the Court.
29. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.51 and 52 July 11, 1751 Inventory of William Edwards. Witnessed by George Gurley and Joseph Cobb. Note not listed as George Gurley Jun.
30. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.13 Robert Newsum d. Feb. 16, 1750/51, R, June 9, 1757. Witness George Gurley Sr., Thomas Edwards, George Gurley Jr.
31. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.225 George Gurley Sen and George Gurley Junior were will witnesses of the will of Robert Newsom.
32. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.134 George Gurley was appointed as a jury member about April 11, 1751.
33. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.143 George Gurley served as a Grand Juror, May 1751.
34. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.191 George Gurley was a witness for John Hatfield in a civil dispute against Arthur Washington "On motion of Arthur Williams and George Gurley, witness for John Hatfield against Arthur Washington, it is ordered that the said John pay them respectively ____ hundred and fifty pounds of New Tobacco for 10 days attendance on this Court."
35. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.206 George Gurley is listed as serving on a jury.

36. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.221 and 222 " We the Grand Jury present Stephen Miller Willis for living in an Adultrous manner with the wife of John Gurley by information of George Gurley."
37. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.230 George Gurley served on a jury.
38. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.263 George Gurley listed as a juror on August 18, 1752.
39. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.301 and 305 George Gurley served on the Jury.
40. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.309 Ordered by court to appraise estate of Daniel Story.
41. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.360 Listed as a juror for the Southampton County Court.
42. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.117-118 Inventory of estate of Daniel Story signed George Gurley.
43. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p.397 George Gurley listed as a juror.
44. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p. 411 George Gurley posted an appearance bond for Roger Woodard.
45. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p. 418 George Gurley listed as a juror.
46. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p. 426 November 1753 George Gurley listed as a juror.
47. [[S585](#)] Unknown subject Court Records, by unknown photographer, p. 506 July 11, 1754 George Gurley listed as a juror.
48. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item B-49. Moll speculated in his notes that this might be Parson George Gurley's grandfather because of his mark being different from George Gurley's father's signature. Source: Southampton Deed Book 2 p.53.
49. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.10 Wiliam Hatfield Will d. March 11, 1755. Wit. Joseph Cobb, John Drake, George Gurley ref. p.166 of Will Book1.
50. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.166-167 Will of William Hatfield signed George Gurley.

51. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.172
Inventory of the estate of William Hatfield signed George Gurley.
52. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.190-192
Inventory of the estate of Thomas Jarrell, George Gurley listed as due money.
53. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.193
Inventory of the estate of Arthur Edwards, George Gurley listed as due money.
54. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.12 William Hatfield Estate appraised by Joseph Cobb, George Gurley and Thomas Crenshaw. R. Aug. 12, 1756. p.205.
55. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.205
Inventory of the estate of William Hatfield.
56. [[S238](#)] Dennis Ray Hudgins, *Cavaliers and Pioneers v.6*, p.202
"Daniel Story, 165 acres Southampton Cou. on the S. side of Nottoway Riv. up the Run of Dicks swamp adj. Benjamin Carter, George Gurley. th sd Story's other land. Joseph Cobb & Nathan Vick; 16 Aug 1756, p.170 £1."
57. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.13 William Hatfield. Account estate audited by Joseph Cobb, George Gurley, and Thomas Crenshaw. Recorded July 14, 1757. Ref. p.225 Will Book 1.
58. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.226
George Gurley (without Senior or Junior notation) audited the estate of William Hatfield.
59. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.13 Robert Newsom estate r. Jan 12, 1758. p.236.
60. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.237
noted as appraising the estate of Robert Newsome.
61. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.255
noted as submitting an additional appraisal of the estate of William Hatfield.
62. [[S96](#)] Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia 1749-1800 Book 1*, p.15 Jacob Vasser estate appraised by Robert Newsum, Henry Thomas and George Gurley. R. Dec. 12, 1758. p.280.
63. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.281
Inventory of the estate of Jacob Vasser.
64. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item B-48 source according to Moll is Southampton Deed Book 2, p.306.

65. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.337
George Gurley submitted the Inventory of the estate of Lewis Whitehead.
66. [[S92](#)] Will of Nicholas Gurley 1761 Southapton County Will Book 1, p.439: In the name of God Amen. I Nicholas Gurley of the County of Southampton and parish of Nottoway being of sound and disposing Mind & memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same.

Do make and Constitute this my last will & testament in form and manner following that is to say I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Gurley the land and Plantation whereon he lives with appertenance to him and his heirs forever but if my son Benj. should die without Heir lawfully begotten of his own body, I then give and bequeath this land unto my son Nicholas Gurley and his Heirs forever I also give and bequeath unto my son Benj. my young Grey Mare, Bridle and Sadle, provided he surrender when demanded unto my Estate the Foal wherewith the Mare now goes if brought forth alive also a Gun a small Iron pot and Feather Bed & Furniture all which things are now actually in his posession & also my Coopers Tools.

Furthermore my Will and desire is that if my son Benjamin should have Heirs lawfully Begotten is that then such case all the remainder of my Land to be Equally Devided between my two sons William & Nicholas and their Heirs forever but if my son Benj should be without Heirs Lawfully Begotten of his body then my desire is that my son Nicholas have no right title nor Interest in the Division of the Division of land last mentioned but be the sole property of my son William and his Heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son William & his Heirs forever One feather Bed and Furniture which is now at my son Benj. Gurleys. I likewise give and bequeath to my son Nicholas & his Heirs forever one feather Bed & Furniture.

Lastly my Will and desire is that the remainder of my Estate that shall be left after payment of my Debts and _____ be and remain in my Wife Anns Hands during her life or windowhood for the support of herself and children but if she should Marry to be equally divided between my two sons William and Nicholas and my said Wife. Ann, I do appoint my trusty Friends George Gurley jun. and Joseph Cobb whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, ratifying and confirming this and none other

to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 23 day of April the year of our lord 1761.

Signed sealed & delivered
Published and Declared as for my last Will and Testament in
Presence of

his
Nicholas Gurley
George Gurley Sen. mark
his
Thomas Edwards
mark
her
Mary Gurley jun.
mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11 Day of March 1762.

This will was presented in Court by George Gurley Jun. And Joseph Cobb, the executors thereon named proved by the Oaths of George Gurley Sen. And Thomas Edwards two of the Witnesses there to ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the Executors who made Oath according to Law certificate was granted them for obtaining a _____ thereof giving security.

Test.
R. Kello.

67. [[S232](#)] Southampton County Will Book 1 1749-1762: p.438-40 Will of Nicholas Gurley.
68. [[S166](#)] Letter, Justus R. Moll to John M. Bradley, January 1947, Item B-67. Cited source as Southampton County, Virginia Will Book 2, p.362. Additional item included a notorized transcription of the will.
69. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: he left the following bequests: George Jr. the plantation, son John - clothing, daughter Mary West - bed, daughter Fathay Sellers 40 shillings, grandson George Edwards - a mare and all balance to be divided between son George Jr. and Ann Edwards. The will was signed by George Gurley's mark.

Witnesses were William Thomas, Jesse Brasswell, and James Peding. George Jr. was named executor.

70. [[S83](#)] *Virginia Gazette Newspaper*;, Virginia Gazette Newspaper, p.3, c.2. January 10, 1771, SOUTHAMPTON, December 29. This Morning, at seven o'Clock, departed this life, in the seventy third year of his age, GEORGE GURLEY, father of the Reverend George Gurley, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, in this County. He enjoyed all his Faculties entire to the last, blessed with a remarkable share of Health for many Years before his Death. About twenty Minutes before he died he arose out of Bed, in perfect Health, to Appearance, and opening the Room Door, and looking out, said, "it rained, and he would retire and go to Sleep;" and reclining himself on his pillow, was immediately seized with an apoplectick Fit, and expired in a few Minutes!

(Copied verbatim from Microfilm Photocopy).

71. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: "I give bequeath & devise unto my loving son John Gurley all my waring cloaths."
72. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: " I give bequeath & demise unto my loving daughter W. Cary West the bed & furniture that went by the name of hers." On this transcription, she is listed probably in error as W. Cary West.
73. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: "I give bequeath & demise unto my loving Daughter Fathay Sellers 40 £ current money."
74. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: "I give bequeath & demise unto my loving Son George Gurley, Jur. my plantation."
75. [[S182](#)] Will of Geoge Gurley 1768 Southampton Co., VA Will Book 2, p.362: "Lastly my will & desire is that after my decd. my whole estate that shall be left after payment of my debts & legacies aforesd. to be equally divided between my son George Gurley Jur. & Ann Edwards."

Item # 14	John Gurley Rev. War Service	Daughters of the American Revolution, Ancestor Research.
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From Item #3:

I have found a John Gurley listed in the DAR database of Ancestors. This Ancestor (DAR # A208673) is listed as:

ASSOCIATED ANCESTOR (REVOLUTIONARY) RECORD

GURLEY, JOHN

Ancestor #: [A208673](#)

Service:

NORTH CAROLINA Rank(s): CIVIL SERVICE

Birth: CIRCA 1722

Death:

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

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.

Summary of Information researched

Ok. After 52 pages of research, I feel pretty sure that Edwards Gurley's father was John Gurley (b. ~1722 – d. late 1794 or early 1795). He is a DAR-recognized Patriot, and may have enlisted in the NC militia and was discharged due to age. He did serve as a Tax Assessor and was a Juror, and these are the things for which he is recognized by the DAR. It's going to be tough to get beyond John to find out who his father is, who may be the Original Immigrant on this line.