Thomas Black (c1732-1800)
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Thomas Black
Born c1732-c1740
Lancaster Co PA
Lived in PA until ~1766

Thomas & Mary Black
1766-1773 Frederick Co VA
1773-1774 Dunmore Co VA
{Dunmore Co founded 1772}

Thomas & Mary Black
1774-1786/7 Pittsylvania Co VA

Thomas & Mary Black
1786/7-1794 Wilkes Co GA
1794-1800 Oglethorpe Co GA
{Oglethorpe Co founded 1793}

Thomas Black, son of _________ Black and _________ (________) Black, was born c1732-c1740 in Lancaster County, PA (or born in Ireland).¹ There are unanswered questions about the origins² of Thomas Black, his birth year, and his parents.³,⁴

¹ Three of Lemuel Black’s children lived to be enumerated in the 1880 census. James S. Black reports father’s birthplace as Georgia and mother’s birthplace as Georgia. William A. Black reports father’s birthplace at Virginia and mother’s birthplace as Virginia. George W. Black reports father’s birthplace as Pennsylvania and mother’s birthplace as Virginia, which has proven to be correct.
A 1783 Power of Attorney from Thomas Black to Lemuel Black indicates Thomas Black had business affairs in Pennsylvania. The 1767 land application of Thomas Black was in Cumberland County, PA which had been part of Lancaster County, PA when Lemuel would have been born in 1759. Records of Thomas Black lead me to conclude that he was born in Lancaster County, PA or Ireland, and that his parents must have immigrated to Pennsylvania in the early 1700s.

² Other researchers have suggested that Thomas Black:
resided York County, South Carolina
born Anson County, North Carolina
Our Thomas Black line did not originate in SC or NC. The Thomas Blacks in those locations left families there.

³ Using that Lemuel was born in c1759, I estimate the birth year of Thomas Black to be 1732-1740, but could be as early as 1726. His children were born from 1759-1773.

⁴ Other researchers have suggested that Thomas Black’s possible parents are James Black and Jane Thomas. Their birth dates don’t fit. Thomas Black could be a brother to James Black who m. Jane Thomas.

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abt. 1758
Thomas Black marries Mary _____ in most likely Lancaster County, PA.

[Researcher’s Note: There are several Thomas Blacks in Lancaster Co PA and Cumberland County PA during the same time period but after extensive research, I discounted the two other most closely plausible candidates to conclude that our Thomas Black was in Donegal from 1759 to 1765-66. Of the other candidates, one Thomas Black, son of Hugh and Margaret Black, was living in Derry Township in 1758-1763-1764, so he is likely not the same Thomas Black living and paying taxes in Donegal (Elizabeth town) during this time period. Another was Thomas Black, son of Robert and Ann Black, who was living in Peters Township and only appears in one record in June 1751. Of course, our Thomas Black in Donegal could be the same Thomas Black in Derry Township and the one mentioned in Peters Township.]

1759
Lancaster County (PA). Tax Assessment List, Donegal Township.
Black Thos 6.3.0
Land Lords Part 5.3

On another page of the same year, it has:
Black Thos. Tavern Keeper, Barney Hughes (owner)

Dec. 31, 1760
Philadelphia (PA). Notice is hereby given to all Horse Masters and Horse Drivers, that were employed in his Majesty’s Service by Messeurs Callender and Hughes, this last Campaign, to attend to the House of Mr. Thomas Black, Tavern-keeper, at the Sign of the Bear, in Donegall Township, Lancaster County, on the 15th and 16th, and at Carlisle the 19th and 20th of January next; where there will be attendance given, to settle their accounts, and pay their money. Given under our hands, this 31st day of December, 1760. Callender and Hughes.

5 I use their marriage year as c1758 because Lemuel Black was born c1759. Thomas and Mary could have been married before then. Thomas Black appears in the 1759 Donegal Township tax assessment which is the source to support Lemuel Black’s birthplace. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.
6 Some researchers have Mary’s maiden surname as McKinley, but this is a different person. The Thomas Black who married Mary McKinley was not born until c1760 and was the son of James Black and Elizabeth Russell.
7 Donegal Twp. Assessment Lists. Contact Michael Black for original record.

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May 5, 1761
Lancaster County (PA). At a court of general quarter sessions of
the peace held at Lancaster for the county of Lancaster the fifth day
May 1761…the Sheriff to wit William Smith Esquire returns the
venire to him directed and the pannel thereto annexed and
thereupon the following persons were sworn and affirmed on the
grand inquest
3 Thos. Black --- Sworn

Aug. 1761
Lancaster County (PA).
August Sessions A.D. 1761
List of Tavern Licences & person applying:
1 Jacob Herring allowed
2 Henry Bowsman disallowed
3 Peter Riplet "
4 Isaac Myers Allowed
5 Thos Calvert No Pet
6 Thos. Black allowed
...
101 Thos Black allowed

Dec. 31, 1761
Philadelphia (PA). Thomas Black is included in a list of merchants
who were participating in a lottery to build road from Philadelphia to
Lancaster.

Jan. 14, 1762
Philadelphia (PA). Thomas Black is included in a list of merchants
who were participating in a lottery to build road from Philadelphia to
Lancaster.

May 1762
Lancaster County (PA). Grand jury qualify’d

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9 Lancaster Co PA Quarter Sessions (1760-1765), p. 31. Although I believe this to be my ancestor
Thomas Black, I do grant this could potentially be the Thomas Black who was living in Derry Township
(instead of our Thomas Black who was living in Elizabeth Town at the same time).
43-44. Thomas Black is listed twice in the 1761, so it appears to be a duplicate entry.
11 The Pennsylvania Gazette, 12-31-1761, page 5. Because of his tavern’s location on the Great Road,
Thomas Black would likely be keenly interested in encouraging traffic from Philadelphia to Lancaster then
on past his tavern into Virginia.
12 The Pennsylvania Gazette, 1-14-1762, page 4. Because of his tavern’s location on the Great Road,
Thomas Black would likely be keenly interested in encouraging traffic from Philadelphia to Lancaster then
on past his tavern into Virginia.
Aug. 1762
Lancaster County (PA). In August 1762, Melchior Brenneman, Hans Nisli, Peter Rutt, and Andrew Boggs reported to the Court that they had "viewed and laid out a road from Thomas Black's tavern, where Barney Hughes lately lived." They described the new road as beginning at the sign of the bear and extending down the great road leading from Harris' ferry to Lancaster so there is no question about the identity of the tavern. A year earlier, at its August 1761 session, the Lancaster County Court licensed Thomas Black of Donegal Township to operate a tavern. Logically, this would be the Sign of the Bear, which still belonged to Hughes. Thus, Black was leasing it.14

Nov. 1763
Lancaster County (PA). John Brisbeen Mathew Leard Henry Slaymaker Samuel Moore John Kirk Benjamin Vernor Thos. Black Michael Hubly Robert Beatty David Cowan William Boyd Mathias Slaymaker John Shirtz & William Kline being summoned to appear as Grand Jurymen and not appearing upon being called and the first and second days of this sessions The Court fines each of them in the sum of Ten Shillings to be levied by ye Sheriff.15

Mar. 24, 1764
Lancaster County (PA). Thomas Black has lately imported servants from Ireland into the Province of Pennsylvania and that the said Thomas Black sold a woman to Robert Clinch16 named Jane Montgomery who is unfit as a servant…direct Thomas Black to carry and transport the said Jane Montgomery to the place from whence he has brought her or otherwise to give sufficient security…17

13 Lancaster Co PA Quarter Sessions (1760-1765), p. 83. Although I believe this to be my ancestor Thomas Black, I do grant this could potentially be the Thomas Black who was living in Derry Township (instead of our Thomas Black who was living in Elizabeth Town at the same time).
14 Elizabethtown: The First Three Centuries, p. 28; and Lancaster Co PA Clerk of Courts, Road Docket Books, Book 3, page 103
15 Lancaster Co PA Quarter Sessions (1760-1765), p. 198. Although I believe this to be my ancestor Thomas Black, I do grant this could potentially be the Thomas Black who was living in Derry Township (instead of our Thomas Black who was living in Elizabeth Town at the same time).
16 Robert Clinch was an innkeeper which was to the east of the Leacock Presbyterian Church.
17 Lancaster Co PA Quarter Sessions
Apr. 7, 1764

Lancaster County (PA). Thomas Black hath signified his intentions of appealing from an order in respect to a certain Jane Montgomery... Thomas Black shall appeal to the next court of general quarter sessions of the peace.

Thomas Black bound in £200.0.0
Samuel Ramsey bound in £100.0.0

To our Sovereign
Lord the King

The condition of this recognizance is such that whereas the said Thomas Black hath signified his intentions of appealing from an order made by Robert Thompson and Isaac Sanders in respect to a certain Jane Montgomery whom the said Thomas Black imported into this Province & in respect to whom the said justices have ordered that he shall carry & transport her to the place from whence she was imported or otherwise indemnify this province of Pennsylvania from any charge on her account If therefore the said Thomas Black shall appeal to the next court of general Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the county aforesaid from the order of the said justices and in case the said order shall happen to be confirmed by the said court if he the said Thomas Black shall pay the costs & charges of such appeal that this recognizance to be void otherwise to be & remain in full force & virtue.

Taken & acknowledged
the 7th day of April 1764

Before

Robert Thompson

Whereas upon a complaint being made by a certain Robert Clinch that a certain Thomas Black had lately imported servants from Ireland...Jane Montgomery had sore eyes in Ireland before her embarkation for this province and that the said ailment appeared to have grown worse...return or provide sufficient security...refusing to give security agreeable to law to carry and transport the said servant from the place...take the body of the said Thomas Black and him deliver to the Keeper of the Common Goal of the said county of Lancaster, receive into your custody and keep him safely until he shall be discharged by due course of law\(^\text{18}\)

\(^{18}\) Lancaster Co PA Quarter Sessions, Apr. 1764 F001
May 1764

Lancaster County (PA). May Session 1764. Thomas Black appeals an order made by Emanuel Carpenter and Wm. Hamilton Esq. for carrying and transporting Jane Montgomery to the place from whence he brought her, or for giving security for indemnifying the Province; and he appeals also from an order made on him by Robert Thompson and Isaac Sanders Esq., related to the said Jane Montgomery.¹⁹

May 10, 1765

Lancaster County (PA). Thomas Black of Lancaster County...whereas William Howard²⁰ of Donegal Township in the County aforesaid...²¹

Jun. 6, 1765

Lancaster County (PA). At an Orphans’ Court held at Lancaster for the County of Lancaster on the sixth day of June, Anno Domini 1765...Thomas Black, Administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits, which were of William Howard late of Donegal Township deceased, having petitioned this Court, setting forth that the said William Howard died intestate, seized of a plantation & tract of land, containing about one hundred and fifty acres, in the said township of Donegal, and indebted to the said petitioner in the sum of £25.9.8½, as well as to other persons in the sum of twenty pounds already come to the knowledge of the said petitioner, and that the said decedent left no personal estate; and praying this court to make an order to enable him the said Thomas to sell the said tract of land or such part thereof, as the Court should think proper, for payment of the debts of the said deced; And the said petitioner being duly qualified to the truth of the several matters contained in his said petition, the court orders that the said Adm’r do expose to sale by way of public vendue,²² on Tuesday the twenty fifth instant, the said plantation & tract of land situate in Donegal township aforesaid, to enable him to pay the debts of the said deced; and it is further ordered, that the said sale be held on the promises, that proper notices be given thereof according to law, and that the petitioner make report of his proceedings to the next Court.²³

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¹⁹ Lancaster Co PA Road Docket Book 3, p. 236. Contact Michael Black for copy of original record.
²⁰ This William Howard is son of the early Donegal settler, Gordon Howard.
²¹ Lancaster Co PA Letters of Administration, Book 1, p. 419. Contact Michael Black for copy of original record.
²² vendue=a public auction
Oct. 2, 1765  
Lancaster County (PA). Pursuant to an order of this court of the sixth day of June last, Thomas Black Administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits which were of William Howard deceased, doth now report to the Court, that on the twenty fifth day of the same month, he did expose to sale by way of public vendue the premises in the said order mentioned; and at the said sale (which was held on the premises, and of which due & legal notices were given) did sell, the same unto James Maise for the sum of six hundred pounds, he being the best and highest bidder at the said sale for the same, which said James was to pay the same sum of six hundred pounds, or give sufficient security for the same against the then next Orphan’s Court, according to the Articles of the said Vendue; but finding that the said James could neither pay the same sum nor give security for it as aforesaid, he the said Thomas had sued the said James for the same, according to the Directions of an Attorney, and that he had not yet conveyed the land, all which was submitted to the court by the said Administration: which said report being read & considered, is confirmed & approved of by the Court, & ordered to be & remain firm & stable forever.  

May 19, 1766  
Lancaster County (PA). At an Orphan’s Court held at Lancaster on the nineteenth day of May Anno Dom 1766 before….. held at Lancaster on the nineteenth day of May Anno Dom 1766 before…. Thomas Black Administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels rights & credits which were of William Howard deceased, produced to this Court the account of his administration on the estate of the said deced, duly passed before the deputy registrar whereby there appears a balance on the hands of the said accountant of five hundred & twenty five pounds eight shillings & two pence half-penny; which account being considered is allowed & approved of by the Court: From which said balance after deducting twelve shillings the expense of this court, there remains the sum of five hundred and twenty-four pounds sixteen shillings & two pence half penny to be distributed according to law.  

May 19, 1766  
Lancaster County (PA). The account of Thomas Black, administer, and credits which were of William Howard late of province of Pennsylvania who died intestate. The said accountant charges himself with all the personal estate of said deceased which came to the said accountant hand by virtue of an order of Orphans Court to sell the lands of the said William Howard deceased to enable him to pay the debts of the said deceased amounting to £600:0:0  
Exhibited into the Registers Office at Lancaster the 19th day of May Anno Domini 1766 by me Thos Black.

June 3-5, 1766  
Frederick County (VA). [Lease and Release] Peter Stephens, Jr. and Mary his wife County of Frederick [to] Thomas Black of the same place, three tracts of land lying and joining each other on the long meadows and the branches of Crooked Run on the westerly side of the Shannandoah [sic] river, 381 acres, £400. Recorded June 5, 1766.

Aug. 4-5, 1766  

Nov. 14, 1766  
Cumberland County (PA). Enter 100 acres of land on a run called the Woolcomber Run on south side of Shearman Creek within three miles of Croghans Gap in Cumberland County for Thomas Black.

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26 Lancaster Co. This is a copy of the loose original record retrieved from the Black Family File at the Lancaster County Historical Society.
27 Frederick County, VA Deed Book 11, p. 87-89. Abstracted and published in Frederick County, Virginia Deed Books 9,10,11, 1763-1767, by Amelia C. Gilreath, p. 113. Contact Michael Black for copy of original document.
28 Frederick County, VA Deed Book 11, p. 204-205. Abstracted and published in Frederick County, Virginia Deed Books 9,10,11, 1763-1767, by Amelia C. Gilreath, p. 129. Contact Michael Black for copy of original document.
29 Today this area is west of the Shermans Dale, PA community and south of Sherman Creek. Thomas Black never lived here.
30 Pennsylvania, Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952 for Cumberland Co (1766). Thomas Black first requested 100 acres, then a few months later he requested a tract twice as large which he eventually paid for and patented. Although the Kishacoquillas location was 45 miles further into Cumberland County than the Woolcomber Run location, it had a mill and house on the property which would have been more valuable. Records do not indicate that Thomas Black ever lived on the Kishacoquillas location.
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Dec. 24, 1766
Lancaster County (PA). Pray to quash, reverse, and annul as well the order of the court for the sale of the intestates [William Howard] land… 31

May 21, 1767
Cumberland County (PA). Location of a tract of land situate two miles from Juniata River and on both sides of Kishakolas 32 bounded on the south by the land of Everhart Martin 33 on the west by a survey of John Harris and Cap't William Petterson & for 200 acres for Tho 5 Black of Frederick County in Virginia. 34

Apr. 30, 1768
Lancaster County (PA). Philip Henry Sower, Shoemaker of Elizabeth Town, Donegal, sold to Christian Sadler 35 of Donegal for love and friendship all that certain lot of ground situate in Elizabeth Town fronting the Great Road bounded by an alley on one end a lot of ground belonging to Thomas Black on the one side and a lot belonging to the said Philip Henry Sower on the other side. It being the same lott where the said Philip Henry Sower now lives. Proved May 4, 1768. Recorded June 3, 1768. 36, 37

[Note: Thomas Black departed Elizabeth town in 1765-66 and never actually owned the property referred to in this transaction.]

May 4, 1768
Frederick County (VA). “Thomas Black is appointed overseer of the Road from Chrismas Spring to Cedear Creek Ordered that the usael Tithables work thereon under him” 38


32 Kishacoquillas Creek. Today, this is north of Lewiston, Pennsylvania.

33 An Everhart Martin arrived in Philadelphia in 1758. In 1781, he paid tax in Derry township in Cumberland Co., PA. His will was written 13 Jan. 1784 and recorded 20 Feb. 1784 (Cumberland Co PA Will Book D, p. 199).

34 Pennsylvania, Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952 for Cumberland Co (1767)


36 Lancaster Co PA Deed Abstracts 1729-c1770, R. Thomas Mayhill, 1988, p. 147

37 Lancaster Co PA Deed Book L, p. 318. Contact Michael Black for copy of original record.

Apr 6, 1769 Frederick County (VA). At a court continued + held for Frederick County April 6th 1769…

Upon the Petition of Alexander Macher assignee of John Blair against Thomas Black for three pounds eleven shillings said too be due by note. The Def't being duly served with a copy of the Petition + Summoned to appear but failing so to do the solemnly called the Pltf. proved his demand. It is therefore considered by the Court that the Pltf. recovered against the Def't the said sum of three pounds eleven shillings + his costs by him in this behalf expended.

Mar. 9, 1770 Frederick County (VA). At a court continued + held for Frederick County Marth 9th 1770…

The attachment of Thomas Black against Anthony Larkin is dismissed the Pltf. failing to appear.

Nov. 6, 1770 Frederick County (VA). At a court held in Frederick County November the 6th 1770…

Upon the attachment of Thomas Black against Anthony Larkin late of the said county. The Sheriff having levied the same on two different heaps and parcels of Indian corn, two small stacks of hay, one fodder house, a quantity of flax, two different houses of tobacco, one cow, one loom, and a spinning wheel, and the Deft. failing to appear to replevin of the same the solemnly called. It is therefore considered by the court that the Plt. recover against the Deft. twelve pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence & his costs by him in this behalf expended. But this judgment is to be discharged on payment [sic] of seven pounds one shilling and five pence with interest on six pounds to be computed after the rate of five centum pounds the reof from the 1st day of September 1769 till paid and the costs, and It is ordered that the sheriff make sale of the attached goods according to law, and render the money arising thereby to the Plt. towards satisfying his judgment aforesaid.

41 Frederick County, VA Order Book 15 (1770-1772), p. 31, 33. Contact Michael Black for copy of original document.
Nov. 8, 1771
Frederick County (VA). At a court continued and held for Frederick County November the 8th 1771... Upon the Petition of Thomas Black against Bryce Hanna for a debt due by account. This day came the Plt. by his attorney, and the Deft. having been duly served with a copy of the Petition and acc't and summoned to appear was solemnly called but came not. The Plt. proved his account. It is therefore considered by the court that the Plt. recover against the Deft. four pounds sixteen shillings and his costs by him in this behalf expended

May 4-5, 1772
Frederick County (VA). [Lease and Release] Between Thomas Black and Mary his wife of County of Frederick [to] Ulias Spiker of County aforesaid, for £640, three tracts of land lying and joining each other on the long Meadow and the branches of Crooked Run on the westerly side of the Shenandoah river, 381 acres. Recorded June 2, 1772.

Aug. 4, 1772
Frederick County (VA). At a court held for Frederick County the 4th day of August 1772... "George Vance is appointed Overseer of the road from Chrisman's Place to Cedar Creek in the room of Thomas Black, Ordered that the usual Tithables do work thereon under him"

Mar. 5, 1773

Apr. 28, 1773
Shenandoah County (VA) (formerly Dunmore County). At a Court Continued for Dunmore County at the Courthouse in Woodstock the Twenty eighth day of April.

43 Should be Julius Specker
45 Frederick County, VA Order Book 15 (1770-1772), p. 357. Contact Michael Black for copy of original document.
47 Dunmore County was established in 1772 and renamed Shenandoah County in 1778.
Isaac Hite, Gent. Plaintiff v. Thomas Black, Defendant. This day came the parties by their attorneys...Edwin Young undertook for the defendant...on motion of said defendant an imparlance until next court is granted him...48

**June 1, 1773**

State of Pennsylvania, Department of Internal Affairs. “A draught of a tract of land situate in Derry Township Cumberland County containing thirty one acres and 115 perches and the usual allowance of six pcent for roads &ac. Survey’d June first 1773 in pursuance of an order of survey to Thomas Black bearing date at Philadelphia May 21st 1767 No. 3708”49

**June 11, 1773**

Cumberland County (PA). Thomas Black hath paid the full rate for a survey of land from his application #3708 dated May 21, 1767.50

**June 14, 1773**

State of Pennsylvania, Land patent from Thomas Penn and William Penn Esquires for 31 acres 115 perches in Cumberland County, PA.51

**June 22, 1773**

Shenandoah County (VA) (formerly Dunmore County).52 At a Court held for Dunmore County at the Courthouse in Woodstock the Twenty second day of June. Isaac Hite, Gent. Plaintiff v. Thomas Black, Defendant. This day came the parties by their attorneys...defendant confessed...judgment for the balance of the plaintiffs cost...defendant is thereof in mercy53

**Sept. 9, 1773**

Frederick County (VA). [Lease and Release] Between Julius Specker and Elizabeth his wife [to] George Brinker of county aforesaid, tract of land granted by said Jost Hite to Lewis Stephens in 1734, then to Peter Stephens in 1754, then to Thomas Black in

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50 Pennsylvania, Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952 for Cumberland Co (1767)
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1766, consisting of 100 acres for £200. Recorded September 9, 1773.54

Sept. 30, 1773
Shenandoah County (VA) (formerly Dunmore County).55 At a Court continued for Dunmore County at the Courthouse in Woodstock the thirtieth day of September.
Thomas Black, Plaintiff v. Mark Her56, Defendant. This day came the parties by their attorneys…defendant on his motion is granted an imparlance until next court…57

Sept. 30, 1773
Shenandoah County (VA) (formerly Dunmore County).58 At a Court continued for Dunmore County at the Courthouse in Woodstock the thirtieth day of September.
Thomas Black, Plaintiff v. Julias Spickard, Defendant. This suit abates…defendant an inhabitant of another county…59

Nov. 25, 1773
Shenandoah County (VA) (formerly Dunmore County).60 At a Court continued and held for Dunmore County at the Courthouse in Woodstock the twenty fifth day of November…
Thomas Black, Plaintiff v. Mark Ilor, Defendant. This day came the parties by their attorneys….defendant saith that he did not assume upon himself in manner and fore as plaintiff hath complained…Therefore the trial of the issue is referred till next court…61

Apr. 4-5, 1774
Frederick County (VA). [Lease and Release] Between Julius Specker and Elizabeth his wife [to] Christopher Chryser, three tracts of land consisting of 381 acres for £500 Pennsylvania money,

55 Dunmore County was established in 1772 and renamed Shenandoah County in 1778.
56 Mark Ilor (b. c1730- d. aft. 1774)
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which said Julius Speckard [sic] purchased of Thomas Black.
Recorded May 4, 1774.62

July 20, 177463 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, living on Snow Creek
near the mouth of said creek, took up said horse as a stray at his
own plantation. Certified under my hand this 20th day of July 1774,
Wm. Witcher.64

177465,66 Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables, William Witcher's List. Thomas
Black listed with the name George Phillip Root.67

Sept. 1, 1774 Pittsylvania County (VA). Power of Attorney: John Smith Sr. to John
Smith Jr. Witnesses: Richard Thompson, James Dillard, Thomas
Black, William Young, John Smith. Recorded Sept. 22, 1774.68

1774 Thomas Black, James Dillard, and Peyton Smith were ordered to
"View a road from Standefer's track joining the road that leads from
Blackwater (river) to the road from Ross' Quarter to the
courthouse."69,70

62 Frederick County, VA Deed Book 16, p. 457-460. Abstracted and published in Frederick County,
Virginia Deed Books 15 and 16, 1771-1775, by Amelia C. Gilreath, p. 146-147
63 This 1774 date is the earliest that I have found of records of Thomas Black in Pittsylvania County,
Virginia. I have searched Entry Record Book 1737-1770 (Land entries in the Present Virginia Counties of
Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Patrick), Marian Dodson Chiarito, and do not find any Blacks
listed.
64 The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 18, Lucille C. Payne, 1994
65 Men aged 16+ were subject to tithables. See http://www.genfiles.com/articles/tithables/ for more
information.
66 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785,
page 105. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document. A transcription is also available at
Witcher's list, Thomas Black is listed with the name George Phillip Root. I am unsure who this individual
is.
67 The 1771 and 1772 Pittsylvania County, VA tax digests do not exist. Thomas Black did not appear in
William Witcher's District in 1773 which could mean Thomas did not settle in that county until 1773-1774.
Of interest is that George Phillip Root is listed under Thomas Hackett in the 1773 tithable list (William
Witcher's District). Perhaps this George Phillip Root was a hired man for the Hackett family and later for
the Black family.
68 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 4, 1774-1778, p. 74. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County,
69 Maud Carter Clement, The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, p. 104.
70 Only our Thomas Black appears in the 1774, 1775, and 1776 Pittsylvania County Tithables list; the
other Thomas Black does not so therefore only our Thomas Black was in the county at that time to view a
road in 1774 with Peyton Smith. This would also connect our Thomas Black to the 1776 indenture
between Peter Finney and Peyton Smith.

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Mar. 30, 1775  
Pittsylvania County (VA) Inventories and Accounts. Inventory of estate of Merryman Fox, dec’d. by James Dillard, Thomas Black, Lewis Jenkins. Recorded Mar. 30, 1775.71

Sept. 27, 1775  
Pittsylvania County (VA) Court Orders. Thomas Black, nominated for ensign in the county militia. Recorded Feb. 27, 1777.72,73

177574,75  
Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables, William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and Geo. Phil. Root.

1776  
Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,76 William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and George P. Root.

Apr. 11, 1776  
Pittsylvania County (VA). Lease between Peter Finney and Peyton Smith, for lands “to the line between said Finney + Tho’s. Black”. Recorded Sept. 26, 1776.77

Aug. 7, 1776  
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Milburn sold hogs to Thomas Black. Recorded Sept. 26, 1776.78

July 12, 1776  
Pittsylvania County (VA). George Jefferson of Lunenburg County to Peter Field Jefferson of Mecklenburg County, land in Pittsylvania


72 Pittsylvania County, VA deed book 4, p. 293-294

73 Of interest is that only our Thomas Black appears in the 1774, 1775, and 1776 Pittsylvania County Tithables list which indicates that the other Thomas Black had not yet settled in Pittsylvania County, VA and therefore our Thomas Black would have been the one nominated for ensign and later a captain.

74 Men aged 16+ were subject to tithables. See http://www.genfiles.com/articles/tithables/ for more information. This is evidence to support Lemuel’s birthdate: 1775-16=1759.

75 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 132. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document. A transcription is available online at http://www.dalton-newsletter.com/archives/1996/12-Dec%2096.pdf See page 24 in PDF. Under William Witcher’s list, Thomas Black is listed with the name George Phillip Root. I am unsure who this individual is. It is noted that Lemuel Black does not appear indicating he had not achieved the age of 16 years. He does appear for the first time in the 1775 list.


78 Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 4, p. 259. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing document.

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Nov. 14, 1776

Pittsylvania County (VA). Inventory of the estate of Arthur Hopkins dec'd appraised by the subscribing witnesses on hand: Thomas Black, Luddowick Tuggle, Elisha Estes.

Feb. 22, 1777

Pittsylvania County (VA). Appraised one stray hogg taken up by Thomas Black. Given under our hands this 22d day of February 1777. James Dillard, Wm. Devin, Wm. Haynes.

Summer 1777

Thomas Black takes Oath of Allegiance in Pittsylvania County (VA).

Listed next to Lemuel Black on Capt. James Roberts’s list.

1777

Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables, William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, Phillip Root, and David Wray.

Oct. 23, 1777

Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black Gent. who was heretofore appointed to furnish the wife of John Holt a soldier now in his country’s service with necessaries...

Oct. 23, 1777

Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black Gent. producing a commission from his Excellency the Governor appointing him

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80 Pittsylvania County, VA Inventories and Accounts Current Vol. I, p. 74-77. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.


82 Men aged 18+ could take the Oath. This is evidence to support Lemuel's birthday: 1777-18: 1759.


“Wavering patriots, or neutrals, most often revealed themselves by refusing to sign oaths of allegiance to the new state governments that were required shortly after declaring independence. Most states, like Virginia in the summer of 1777, passed some kind of law requiring an oath of allegiance from all free white males over the age of 16. In many places, however, the laws met with resistance or were ignored.”


85 Maud Carter Clement, The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, p. 163. “The General Assembly of May, 1777, enacted that all male inhabitants of Virginia above 16 years of age should take the following oath to the Commonwealth…”

86 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 172. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

87 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 39. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

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Captain of a company of militia in this county took the oath by law prescribed.\(^\text{88}\)

Oct. 23, 1777  Pittsylvania County (VA). Lodwick Tuggle\(^\text{89}\) Gent. Second Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Blacks Company produced his commission and took the oath by law prescribed.\(^\text{90}\)

Nov. 27, 1777  Pittsylvania County (VA). Benjamin Duncan first lieutenant in Captain Thomas Blacks Company of militia came into Court and took the oath by law prescribed.\(^\text{91}\)

Jan. 20, 1778  Williamsburg (VA). The account of several claims, for executed slaves, and other matters stated by the committee of Public Claims, which was presented to the House on Saturday last, and ordered to lie upon the table, was read, and is as followeth, viz:
To Thomas Black, [for hire of his horse], a criminal from Pittsylvania to Williamsburg, £2 10 0\(^\text{92}\)

Mar. 26, 1778  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, order to record earmark.\(^\text{93}\)

Apr. 28, 1778  Pittsylvania County (VA). George Jefferson of Anson County, North Carolina, to Lodowick Tuggle\(^\text{94}\) and Robert Powell. Witness

\(^{88}\) Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 40. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

\(^{89}\) Lodowick Tuggle (b. 1741 Middlesex Co VA, d. 1798 Oglethorpe Co GA) was a contemporary of Thomas Black. Tuggle moved to Pittsylvania County, VA in 1776, made lieutenant in the militia in 1777, captain in 1787, and was active in public life in Pittsylvania County. He relocated to Wilkes County, GA in 1791, about four years after Thomas Black. This page has more information about Tuggle: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abrown/ltuggle.html

\(^{90}\) Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 40. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document. Also available at http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dobson/va/vapitts2.htm

\(^{91}\) Journal of the House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia, p. 121, Richmond, Printed by Thomas W. White, 1827. General Assembly, begun and holden at the Capitol, in the City of Williamsburg, on Monday, the twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

\(^{92}\) Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 69. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

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Thomas Black. Examined October 24, 1778; Recorded November 26, 1778.95

June 25, 1778
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black living near the mouth of Snow Creek brought before me one bay horse. Appraised one bay horse as a stray on his own plantation. Certified under my hand this 25th day of June 1778. Wm. Witcher.96

1778
Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,97 William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and George P. Root.

Dec. 14, 1778
Pittsylvania County (VA). Indenture: Peter Finney to Peyton Smith. “bounded by Thomas Blacks line”, Thomas Black also witnessed. Recorded July 20, 1779.98

Jan. 26, 1779
Henry County (VA). A list of surveys made by John Dickerson. Thomas Black, on Snow Creek.99 “Surveyed for Thomas Black 318 acres of land adjoining the land whereon he now lives which was formerly the property of William Greyham…”100

June 1779
Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables.101 Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, William Black, and Geo. Philip Road.102

Nov. 10, 1779
Henry County (VA). Thomas Jefferson, Governor of Virginia, land grant to Thomas Black, 318 acres in Henry County on Snow Creek…the land he now lives on…103

1791, about four years after Thomas Black. This page has more information about Tuggle: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abrown/ltuggle.html
95 Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 5 (1778-1780), p. 67-68. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
96 The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 55, Lucille C. Payne, 1994
97 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 200. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.
100 Henry County, Virginia Surveyor’s Book 1, p. 22. Thank you to James Ward for securing a copy of this document for me.
101 Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 216. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.
102 Should be George Philip Root.
103 Virginia State Land Office Grant Book B (1779-1780), p. 24. Thank you to James Ward for securing a copy of this document for me.

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1780  Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,\textsuperscript{104} William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, William Black, and George P. Root.

Aug. 7, 1780  Pittsylvania County (VA). Viewed three neat stray cattle taken up by Aaron McKinsey. …as witness our hands this 7th day of August 1780. Thos. Black, Stephen Senter, Joseph King.\textsuperscript{105}

Dec. 19, 1780  Crispin Shelton, Thomas Black, John Stockton, Gabriel Shelton and William Martin of Pittsylvania County and Halifax County give Bond to Treasurer of Virginia, in the just sum of £100,000.\textsuperscript{106}

Mar. 26, 1781  Pittsylvania County (VA). Will of Thomas Rogers. Executors: Thomas Black and George Rogers. Witness: Robert Rodgers, Mary Rogers, Mary Black.\textsuperscript{107}

May 15, 1781  Pittsylvania County (VA). Will of Drury Oliver. Executors: friends, Thom Black, Henry Conway, James Rogers. Proven June 19, 1781.\textsuperscript{108}

May 1781  Pittsylvania County (VA), Thomas Black and George Rogers executors of the will of Thomas Rogers dec’d. Security: Loddowick Tuggle.\textsuperscript{109}

1781  Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,\textsuperscript{110} Henry Conway’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and William Black.

\textsuperscript{104} Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 250. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.
\textsuperscript{105} The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 79, Lucille C. Payne, 1994
\textsuperscript{106} Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 1778-1780, p. 74-75. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.
\textsuperscript{107} Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds and Wills Book 1, p. 121. As published in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Abstract of Wills 1768-1800.
\textsuperscript{109} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 368. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
\textsuperscript{110} Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 252. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.
June 19, 1781  
Pittsylvania County (VA), Thomas Black and Henry Conway executors of the will of Drury Oliver dec’d. Securities: Stephen Coleman and Richard Brown.  

Mar. 18, 1782  
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, public claim for 1 rifle gun, 6½ bu Corn, 1200# fodder, 1 fodder stack 72 feet long for state £11-12; 90 gals. brandy for Cont. £27; ½ bu corn, 10 diets for state 11s-6; 1 bu corn, 4 diets Cont. 7s.  

May 22, 1782  
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, taken up by the subscriber a black horse…Appraised to £6 May 22d 1782. Thomas Black.  

1782  
Pittsylvania County (VA) land tax list. Appears Thomas Black with 498 acres.  

1782  
Pittsylvania County (VA), State Enumeration, Heads of Household, Lodowick Tuggle’s District. Black, Thomas with 10 white souls, 1 dwelling, 11 other buildings.  

Sept. 17, 1782  
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Mar. 18, 1783 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black power of attorney to Lemuel Black.¹²²,¹²³

Apr. 17, 1783 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, judgement against William Young, defendant, for liable, damages £500.¹²⁴

Jun. 25, 1783 Pittsylvania County (VA). Archibald Young of Henry County to Thomas Black of Pittsylvania County, £100 for 100 acres in Henry and Pittsylvania County along Snow Creek.¹²⁵ Recorded Aug. 19, 1783.

1783¹²⁶ Pittsylvania County (VA). Drury Oliver’s inventory by Harmon Cook, William Devin, James Brewer. Thomas Black, exor.

Account of Sales of Estate of Drury Oliver, dec’d.
Thomas Black - bowl¹²⁷

Sept. 16, 1783 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, judgment against James Dillard, defendant.¹²⁸

Sept. 1783 Pittsylvania County (VA). A commission to examine Mrs Young and deed from her said husband to Thomas Black. To Peyton Smith, Lodowick Tuggle, Gent, Justices of Pittsylvania...whereas Sarah Young, wife of said Archibald Young cannot travel to our county court. By virtue of the above dedimus we have examined Sarah, wife of the said Archibald Young, who relinquished her right of dower, October 11, 1783. Recorded November 18, 1783.¹²⁹

¹²² Pittsylvania County, VA Deed book 6, p. 497-498. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.
¹²³ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 4, p. 473. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.
¹²⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 4, p. 494. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
¹²⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7, p. 89-90. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.
¹²⁶ Recorded date not entered on record but it is inline with other 1783 entries.
¹²⁸ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 36. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

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Aug. 20, 1783  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black and Henry Conway, executors of Drewry Oliver, dec’d. v. Epaphroditus White and Harman Cook.\textsuperscript{130}

Aug. 20, 1783  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. Caleb Brewer and James Brewer.\textsuperscript{131}

Oct. 22, 1783  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against William Ragsdale, suit abates.\textsuperscript{132}


Aug. 2, 1784  Pittsylvania County (VA). Charlton Shockley of Pittsylvania to Francis Henry of Pittsylvania. Witness: Jno Bobbitt, Thomas Black, Lodock Tuggle. Recorded Aug. 16, 1784.\textsuperscript{134}

May 18, 1785  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drewry Olliver [Drury Oliver], plaintiff, against Peter Field Jefferson, defendant, in debt.\textsuperscript{135}

Jun. 22, 1785  Pittsylvania County (VA). Harman Cook ordered to pay Thomas Black for three days attendance as a witness.\textsuperscript{136}

Jun. 23, 1785  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. William Young, dismissed.\textsuperscript{137}

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\textsuperscript{130} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.17.
\textsuperscript{131} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.17.
\textsuperscript{132} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 47. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
\textsuperscript{133} Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 287. As published in “Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790” by Gayle Austin, p. 53.
\textsuperscript{134} Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 343. As published in “Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790” by Gayle Austin, p. 63.
\textsuperscript{135} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.168. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
\textsuperscript{136} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.197.
\textsuperscript{137} Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.197.
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Jul. 8, 1785   Pittsylvania County (VA). Bill of sale. Thos. Black to Lodwick Tuggle and Samuel Calland, sold unto them all my personal estate. Recorded July 18, 1785.\footnote{Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 459-460.}

Nov. 7, 1785   Pittsylvania County (VA). Petition by inhabitants of said county to members of both houses in the General Assembly, Richmond, begging for Liberty in Religion. Signed by 155 individuals including Thomas Black, Lemuel Black, Wm. Black, John Black.\footnote{Transcribed by Rebecca Webb from copy of original housed at the Library of Congress.}

Dec. 20, 1785  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black and Henry Conway, executors of Drewry Oliver, dec’d. v. Robert Duncan (& Joseph Akin).\footnote{Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 262.}

Feb. 2, 1786   Franklin County (VA). A deed from Thomas Black to Samuel Calland is acknowledged and ordered recorded.\footnote{Franklin County, VA Deed Book 1, p. 11-12 as printed in Abstracts of Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia Volume I Deed Book I (1786-1789) Deed Book II (1789-1793), by Sara Motisher Beck, 1978.}

Feb. 20, 1786  Franklin County (VA). Thomas Black (Pitt. Co.) to Sam’l Calland (Pitt. Co.) £30 current money of Virginia for 318 acres more or less. on both sides of Snow Creek adjoining the land whereon Thomas Black now lives. …crossing a road; Young’s Line;…crossing Snow Creek; William Young’s lines; crossing Snow Creek; crossing a road; Finey’s line.
Wit: Haynes Morgan, R. Williams, Sam’l Thompkins, Jr.
Signed: Thomas Black
Recorded March 6, 1786.\footnote{Franklin Co unty, VA Deed Book 1, p. 11-12 as printed in Abstracts of Eighteenth Century Deed Books Franklin County, Virginia Volume I Deed Book I (1786-1789) Deed Book II (1789-1793), by Sara Motisher Beck, 1978.}

Feb. 16, 1786  Pittsylvania County (VA). Archibald Graham Sr. of Franklin County to Samuel Calland of Pittsylvania County, for £300 on the south side of Pigg river containing by estimation 180 acres…being the

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land and plantation whereon Thomas Black now lives. Recorded April 17, 1786.144

Feb. 21, 1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. William Oliver, judgment on a petition.145

Feb. 21, 1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver, dec’d, v. William Oliver and James Bleakley, judgment on a petition.146

May 14, 1786

1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania County for the year 1786. Thomas Black, 418 acres.148

Aug. 1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against Randolph Bobit, defendant, in debt.149

Aug. 22, 1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver, dec’d, v. James Bleakley and Samuel Calland, judgment.150

Nov. 4, 1786
Pittsylvania County (VA). Debit accounts of Drury Oliver, dec’d., in account current with Thomas Black, executor. Recorded Nov. 4, 1786.151

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145 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 292.
146 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 292.
148 The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.31
149 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 51
150 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 369. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.
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Nov. 8, 1786  Franklin County (VA). An injunction is granted Nathan Swanson on
his motion to stay the proceedings of a judgement obtained against
him by Thomas Black with Usebus Hubbard his security entered
into bond and acknowledged the same. 152

Nov. 9, 1786  Franklin County (VA). Thomas Black sworn as juror for Thorp vs.
Woodson. 153

Nov. 20, 1786  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, v. William Peak,
defendant, judgment on attachment. 154

1786  Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Clark’s District. Thomas Black,
Lemuel Black, and William Black recorded. 155 [This is the earliest
record I have located of Thomas Black in Georgia.]

Dec. 7, 1786  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black to Samuel Calland, 100
acres on both sides of Snow Creek. Recorded Apr. 16, 1787. 156

Mar. 1787  Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver,
dec’d, plaintiff, against Samuel Mosely and Arthur Nash,
defendants, in debt. 157

1787  Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania
County for the year 1787. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified July
14, 1787. 158

Nov. 23, 1787  Wilkes County (GA). Security Deed from John Thurman to Thomas
Black, for 200 acres adjacent Capt. Daniel Gunnell, Benjamin
Ashworth, Micajah McGeehee, and Thomas Sneed. Wit: J. S.

152 Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1, p. 67. As printed in An Old Virginia Court being a transcript
of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia 1786-1786, Marshall Wingfield, p. 42.
153 Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1, p. 69. As printed in An Old Virginia Court being a transcript
of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia 1786-1786, Marshall Wingfield, p. 43.
154 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 387-388. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this
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155 Frank Parker Hudson. Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805, volume I
156 Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 40-42. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing
document.
157 Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 61
158 The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.45

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Hays, John Black, and William Black. Part of suit of Thomas Black
vs. John Thurman. ¹⁵⁹

1787 Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Clark’s District. Thos. Black and
Lemuel Black recorded. ¹⁶⁰

1788 Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania
County for the year 1788. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified July
22, 1788. ¹⁶¹

May 1788 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against James
Brewer, defendant, in debt. ¹⁶²

July 7, 1788 Wilkes County (GA) Plat. Grant to Thomas Black, 321 acres
adjacent John Snead, Daniel Gunnells, Peter Huff, and Micajah
McGehee. Warrant dated July 7, 1788; survey dated July 8,
1788. ¹⁶³

Oct. 25, 1788 Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black of Wilkes County, GA
power of attorney to John Smith of Pittsylvania County, VA. ¹⁶⁴
Recorded Feb. 15, 1789.

1788 Wilkes County (GA), Georgia Headright Grant, 321 acres ¹⁶⁵

1789 Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania
County for the year 1789. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified
October 20, 1789. ¹⁶⁶

¹⁵⁹ Robert Scott Davis Jr., The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833, p. 110
¹⁶⁰ Frank Parker Hudson. Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805, volume I, p. 130
¹⁶¹ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.57
¹⁶² Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 94
¹⁶⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 380-381. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for
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Select “Georgia Colonial and Headright Plat Index Collection” in the left column and search for Thomas
Black.
¹⁶⁶ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.69

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Dec. 21, 1789  
Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black of Georgia, by John Smith his attorney, land along Snow Creek, to Samuel Calland. Recorded Dec. 21, 1789.¹⁶⁷

1791  
Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Jonathan Jennings’s District. Thomas Black, Lemuel Black, Wm. Black and John Black recorded.¹⁶⁸,¹⁶⁹

1792  
Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. George Taylor’s District. Thomas Black, Lemuel Black, Wm. Black and John Black recorded.¹⁷⁰

June 19, 1792  
Wilkes County (GA) Petition of Foreclosure by Thomas Black against John Thurman for 200 acres property adjacent Capt. Daniel Gunnels, Benjamin Ashworth, Micajah McGehee and Thomas Sneed. Papers were served June 19, 1792.¹⁷¹

1793  
Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Joel Barnett’s District.¹⁷² Thomas Black, William Black, and John Black recorded.

[Dec. 19, 1793 ~ Oglethorpe County established]

1794  
Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list, Capt. Woods’ District.¹⁷³ Thomas Black, William Black, and John Black recorded.

1795  
Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list, Capt. Barnett’s District.¹⁷⁴ Thomas Black listed.

³⁶⁷ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 46. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing document.  
³⁶⁸ Frank Parker Hudson. Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805, volume I, p. 309  
³⁶⁹ The State of Georgia has posted the original images for the 1791 Wilkes County tax digest online at http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/index.php To find Thomas and Lemuel Black, select “County Tax Digests” in the left column, then select Wilkes then search, then “Wilkes County Tax Digest, 1791”, then select Contents in the left menu, then page 167. Their names are near the top.  
³⁷⁰ Frank Parker Hudson. Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805, volume I, p. 375  
³⁷¹ Robert Scott Davis Jr., The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833, p. 133  
³⁷² Frank Parker Hudson. Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805, volume I, p. 497  
³⁷³ Abstract by Jim Wilson  
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Sept. 7, 1795  Elijah Brewer of Elbert Co (GA), for £250, to Thomas Black of Oglethorpe Co (GA), a negro man named Sam & his wife...goods delivered Dec. 18, 1795. Recorded Jan. 5, 1796. 175

Jan. 6, 1796  Execution levied on property of Lemuel Black and Elisha Brewer, 375 acres in Oglethorpe County. Exposed to public sale and sold to Mathew J. Williams and Thomas Black, the highest bidders, for $472, 375 acres on Broad River. 176

1796  Appears on Oglethorpe County tax list; John Black, Lemuel Black, and Thomas Black.177

1797  Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Brooks' District, Thomas Black, granted originally to John Thurman.178

1798  Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Matthew's District, Thomas Black, Sr., John Black, Thomas Black, Jr.; granted originally to John Thurman, adjacent Daniel Gunnels.179

Apr. 20, 1799  Mathew Williams and Barbara, his wife, of Elbert Co, and Thomas Black and Mary, his wife, of Oglethorpe Co, to Elisha Brewer of Elbert Co, for $400, 400 acres in Elbert Co. on N. shore of Broad River.180

Apr. 24, 1799  Will of Thomas Black;181 recorded Feb. 3, 1801.182 Legatees: wife Mary Black, Lemuel Black, William Black, Mary Brewer, John Black, Thomas J Black, James Black, Agness Black.

1799  Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Matthew’s District. Thomas Black, Sr., John Black, Thomas J. Black, James Black183

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177 Georgia Genealogical Magazine, Spring/Summer 1997, p. 118
181 http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/wills/blackt.txt
182 Oglethorpe Co GA, will book A, pp. 101-102
183 Abstract by Jim Wilson.

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1800 Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Matthew’s District. James Black, John Black, Thomas Black, William Black.\(^{184}\)

**Nov. 8, 1800**
Our Thomas Black was in Capt. Matthew’s District which was enumerated the second Saturday in November.\(^{185}\) Thomas Black and Thomas Black and Thos. Black all appear in the 1800 Oglethorpe County, GA census\(^{186},\) in different districts,\(^{187}\) distinguishable by their age category. (Census supposedly enumerated the last Saturday in November).\(^{188}\) However, one of the Thomas Black’s entries was changed from 1 to 0 so that he was enumerated in another district.

1800 Thomas Black dies in the fall of the year in Oglethorpe County, GA.\(^{189}\)

1801 Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Matthew’s District. John Black, James Black, Thomas Black.\(^{190}\)
*Thomas Black [Sr.] deceased.*

1802 Oglethorpe County (GA) tax list. Capt. Matthew’s District. John Black for James, for Thomas\(^{191}\)
*Thomas Black [Sr.] deceased.*

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\(^{184}\) Abstract by Jim Wilson.
\(^{185}\) Smith, Florrie Carter. *Supplement to the History of Oglethorpe County, Georgia*, p. 237
\(^{186}\) 1800 Oglethorpe County, GA census enumerated second Saturday in November. November 8, 1800
Capt. Mathews’ District
Thos Black
Free white males:
0 under 10, 0 age 10-16, 2 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45, 1 age over 45
Free white females:
0 under 10, 0 age 10-16, 0 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45, 1 age over 45
Free negro: 0
Slaves: 3
\(^{187}\) [http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/census/1800/mathews.txt](http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/census/1800/mathews.txt)
\(^{188}\) According to the Black Bible, Barbara Black was born 9/23/1800, so the enumeration was before then because she does not appear as a child in the Lemuel Black household.
\(^{189}\) Oglethorpe Co GA, Thomas Black loose estate papers. January term 1801, witnesses to will appear in court and state Thomas Black, dec’d. This lends support that he died in the prior year.
\(^{190}\) Abstract by Jim Wilson.
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1809
Clarke County (GA), Capt. Ward’s District. John Black, Mary Black, Thomas Black, William Black¹⁹²
Thomas Black [Sr.] deceased.

1810
Clarke County (GA), Capt. Augustine Clayton’s District. James Black, Thomas J. Black, Mary Black, widow, 202½ acres in Wilkinson Co, GA¹⁹³

Dec. 20, 1810
Oglethorpe County (GA). Indenture: John Black, Thomas J. Black, and James Black to James Bradley, 321 acres in Oglethorpe County for $1600. Recorded May 26, 1812.¹⁹⁴ [Sons sell their father’s land.]

1811
Clarke County (GA), Capt. Augustine Clayton’s District. Thomas Black, James Black, James Black for Mary Black.¹⁹⁵
[This is the last record I have found of Mary Black.]

¹⁹⁴ Oglethorpe Co GA Deed Book G (1810-1812), p. 311-312. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original record.
I prepared this timeline to document that Thomas Black, son of William Black of Halifax County, Virginia, was living in Halifax County, Virginia during the time of the American Revolution and is not the Thomas Black living in Pittsylvania County, Virginia during the same time period.

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<td>c1745</td>
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<td>Nov. 4, 1761</td>
<td>Halifax County, VA, William Black witness for deed</td>
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<td>Aug. 10, 1762</td>
<td>Halifax County, VA. Walter Coles to William Black, for £80, 475 acres...Recorded Aug. 19, 1762.</td>
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<td>c1773</td>
<td>Thomas Black marries Susannah Richardson</td>
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<td>c1776</td>
<td>Halifax County, VA, a son Skip Richardson Black born</td>
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<td>Apr. 4, 1778</td>
<td>Halifax County, VA. Skip Richardson of Halifax to Thomas Black of Halifax and Susannah his wife, daughter of said Skip Richardson, 162 acres in Halifax. Recorded June 18, 1778.</td>
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196 NSDAR #659643  
199 Susannah Richardson’s father Skip Richardson appears in Halifax County records as early as 1755.  
200 NSDAR #659643  
201 1830 Putnam County, GA census, aged 50-60 (born 1770-1780)  
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c1778-1780
Halifax County, VA, a son Thomas Black born

1779
Halifax County, VA, a daughter Sarah “Sally” Black born

Apr. 6, 1781

c1782
Halifax County, VA, a daughter Elizabeth Black born

Apr. 1, 1782
Halifax County, VA, land bounded by William Black

1782
Halifax County, VA, personal property tax list
Thomas Black, 1 tithe, 1 negroes, 4 horses, 0 mules, 7 cattle
William Black, 1 tithe, 18 negroes, 10 horses, 0 mules, 20 cattle

Jun. 17, 1784
Halifax County, VA. John Drinkard Sr. of Halifax to William Vasser of Halifax, about 300 acres in Halifax and Parish of Antrim upon Catawba Creek and bounded by Thomas Black’s corner...meanders to Skipp Richeson’s line, thence along Richeson’s line to Black’s corner. Recorded Jun. 17, 1784.

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203 NSDAR #868995
204 Thomas Black married Elizabeth Dews in 1806
205 09/09/1850 Davidson County, TN; Reuben G. Dews, age 84, Sarah Dews, age 71
206 Sarah “Sally” Black married Reuben Dews 10/13/1804 Campbell County, VA
208 Elizabeth Black married William Mitchell 1/14/1800 Campbell County, VA
210 http://www.newrivernotes.com/va/hali1782.htm

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1784213  Halifax County, VA.  David Crews of Halifax to Pleasant Shields of Halifax, about 100 acres, bounded by Caleb Clay, Skip Richardson, Solomon Stott.  Witness: John Richardson, Thomas Black, John Crews.  Recorded July 15, 1784.214

1785215  Halifax County, VA heads of families, List of James Bates:  
Thomas Black, 6 white souls, 1 dwelling, 3 other buildings  
William Black, 6 white souls, 1 dwelling, 5 other buildings  
Skip Richardson, 3 white souls, 1 dwelling, 4 other buildings

Nov. 17, 1785  Halifax County, VA.  Pleasant Shields of Halifax to John Tucker of Amelia, about 100 acres in Halifax, bounded by Solomon Stott, Wm Oliver, Hills corner, Thos. Black.  Recorded Nov. 17, 1785.216

c1785-1787217  Halifax County, VA, a son Absalom Black born218

June 28, 1787  Halifax County, VA, Thomas Black, surety for Daniel Richardson and Martha Forrest, dau. of Richard Forrest who consents.219

Apr. 23, 1789220  Halifax County, VA, a son Nathaniel Black born221

Jan. 2, 1790  Halifax County, VA, will of William Black returned by Thomas Black, administrator.  Court records show he was deceased by December 1789.222,223

213 Hal DB 13, p. 50. 1784. From David Crews of Hal to Pleasant Shields of Hal, 100 acres on both sides of the Tanfat Branch, bounded by Caleb Clay, Skip Richardson, Solomon Stott. Witnesses were John Richardson, Thomas Black, John Crews. (source: http://homepages.rootweb.ancestry.com/~evekinn/Crews_1.html)
215 Heads of Families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790, records of the state enumerations: 1782 to 1785, Virginia, p. 87. Also available online at http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/halifax/census/1785/17850001.txt
217 NSDAR #689061
218 1830 Baldwin County, GA census aged 40-50 (born 1780-1790)
219 Marriage Bonds and Ministers’ Returns of Halifax County, Virginia 1753-1800, p. 79, by Catherine Lindsay Knorr, 1957
220 NSDAR #661981
221 Nathaniel Black married Elizabeth Ann Wilkes 5/1/1809 Halifax County, VA
223 Inventory & Appraisement 2 jan 1790 Thomas Black Admr.  
Among items listed cows & Yearlings, 5 killable hoggs, 1 horse, negro will, do. Beck do wench Lucy & child Natt (sic), do girl Sillah, do. boy Peter, do. Phill, do. girl Sall, do. do. Mary, do. do. Tab, do. fellow

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1792 Halifax County. A son John Black born

Apr. 14, 1794 Thomas Black of Halifax County, VA to Lewis Wilbourn

c1794 Halifax County, a daughter Susannah Black born

Feb. 15, 1796 Thomas Black (of Campbell), listed as a debtor to the estate of John Pannill, dec’d., in Pittsylvania County.

bet. 1802-1806 Thomas and Susannah Black remove to Pittsylvania County.

1795-1804 Pittsylvania County, VA. A daughter Polly S. Black born

Sept. 18, 1806 Pittsylvania County, VA, will of Thomas Black

c. Dec. 17, 1837 Susannah Richardson Black dies in Pittsylvania County.

Charles plantation tools, household goods, 8 chairs, chest, trucks, beds & furniture, brass candle stick, 1 doz plates, ams saddle & bridle, do. womans do. & do. wooling wheel & cards. Total: 463/9/9
S./James Hankler, David Crews, Drury Vaughan Sworn before Walter Bennett Returned 25 Jan 1790
224 NSDAR #441997

225 John Black married Margaret Dearing 2/16/1816. Third wife is Mary Duncan married 12/13/1831.
226 Halifax County, Virginia. Apr 12, 1794: Thomas Black of Halifax sells to Lewis Wilbourn of Halifax, for 100 pounds, about 162 acres in Halifax, and bounded by the Alder Bush Branch, and James Norrell Jr., John Richardson, the Tan Fat Branch, Skipp Richardson’s and Epaphroditus White’s lines; signed: Thomas Black; wit: William Vassar, Robert Wilbourn, Robert Page, Wm H Montfert; Susannah wife of Thomas Black relinquishes her dower rights; recorded Apr 28, 1794 (Deed Book 16, p. 179). (source: http://genforum.genealogy.com/wilbourn/messages/106.html)
227 NSDAR #692457

228 Susannah Black married William Turner 11/14/1818 Pittsylvania County, VA

229 Pittsylvania County, VA Accounts and Inventories Book 2, p. 245, 250, 261. This record cannot be for the other Thomas Black because he had relocated to Georgia by that time.

230 The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin. This Thomas Black does not appear in this volume indicating he did not relocate to Pittsylvania County until after 1802. In the book Pittsylvania County Virginia Deeds 1791-1794, there are no entries for any Blacks indicating Thomas Black had not purchased any land during those years.

231 In the 1820 Pittsylvania Co VA census, she is listed as 1 free white female aged 16-25 (born 1795-1804).

232 Polly S. Black married Lemuel Birthright 12/21/1816.


234 NSDAR #659643

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Oct. 23, 2012    DAR corrected service of this Thomas Black (c1745-1814) to be Paid Supply Tax in Halifax Co., 1783.235

235 Contact Michael Black for a copy of this letter.

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