

(OF INTEREST** * * * continued)

Uriah Humphries, the Elder was a leading citizen of Botetourt County, Virginia. His many duties included being a Constable in 1773, keeper of an Ordinary-at his home in 1780, a merchant, a soldier and a deputy sheriff.

Beginning May 16, 1771, Uriah bought and sold large amounts of land, some of which he and his wife, Sarah, sold August 6, 1782. Among the many land transactions, Uriah bought in 1792 land that had been granted David Mays in 1787. During the period between 1771-1792, Uriah appeared on almost every page of Botetourt County Order Book Virginia. Uriah Humphries and Samuel Lawrence were recorded as surveyors in 1774. Uriah was on the jury several times in 1771.

Uriah in Halifax, North Carolina: A warranty deed January 1, 1763 Halifax Co., N.C. Book No. 8- Page 206. Twenty-one pounds cash. Witness Elijah Humphreys and Jonathan Dameron. Henry Bull grantor to Uriah Humphries. 100 acres, more or less as follows "on the west side of Rocky Swamp beginning on William Roberts corner from thence west to a turkey (oak tree), from thence to a persimmon; from thence south to a red oak in the north prong of Reedy Branch; from thence down the branch to the Rocky Swamp; from up the swamp to the first station." It being part of a tract of divided land that Thomas Bull took up and granted by deed to the said Henry Bull bearing date of 1762 as may more fully appear together, with all houses and buildings thereon, all his right, title, and interest in and to said premises. Undoubtedly, Uriah was in Carter Co. TN. for next we find slaves of Uriah and Sarah being sold there.

Abstracts of Deeds of Carter Co. TN. 1796-1825-B: 138,139. April 14, 1808 Archibald Williams, Sheriff to George Williams. "By two executions of Matthies Wagoner: J.P., Four negroes, property of Uriah Humphreys and his wife, Sarah Humphreys" at vendue, Fan about two years \$1; Apie four years \$1; Suse thirty-five years \$2; Hiram six years \$40. John T. Williams and J. Hampton. Prvd May court 1808.

Sarah filed for divorce in 1798 in Virginia. Uriah had left Sarah and children in Virginia, but records show he was in North Carolina and Tennessee before he settled in Clarke County Georgia with Nancy. Uriah owned land in the Georgia counties of Jackson, Franklin and Clark. He responded to the suit of Henderson Vs. Humphries OS 171 N.S. 60 giving his answer from his new home in Clark Co., Georgia.

In the 1805 lottery, George, John, Joseph, Shadrack, Uriah and William Humphries were listed. Only Uriah, a younger man than the Virginia soldier, was enumerated in Jackson County in 1820, but in Guinnett County Georgia, were (#30) John Humphries, (#416) Shadrack Humphries, and (#452) George Humphries.