

1795 Deed of MOSES BARROW, son of THOMAS, JR., in HALIFAX County, N. C.

MOSES BARROW, born circa 1755, in the area of HALIFAX/EDGECOMBE County, N. C., was the son of THOMAS BARROW, JR. and his second wife, ELIZABETH ATKINSON. His family moved to ONSLOW County, N. C. about 1759-1760 where his father died in 1761. His mother died a few months later. MOSES, and his two brothers, JACOB and JAMES, and his infant sister SALLY, were then taken back to HALIFAX/EDGECOMBE County area, where they were raised by their maternal Grandmother ATKINSON and their Uncle SOLOMON ATKINSON. *Midridge is the M.H.W. (?) - find.*

MOSES married MARTHA whose last name we have not learned, by whom he had five known children: JACOB (b. 1-22-1792), WILLIAM (b. 10-15-1795 a twin), MARY DREW (b. 10-15-1795 a twin), MILDREDGE SMITH (b. 8-30-1799) and JAMES (b. 12-25-1801). MOSES and MARTHA moved to WASHINGTON County, GEORGIA when their twins were very young, about 1796-1797. MOSES died on 12-28-1801 when his youngest son, JAMES, was three days old. *For Milley & (Drew) Smith (17)*

MOSES and his wife, MARTHA, were joined by MILLEY BARROW, the widow of his brother, JACOB, in executing the following deed, suggesting that somehow MARTHA was closely related to MILLEY [nee SMITH] BARROW, though we are not certain of it:

HALIFAX County, N. C. - (copy taken from Clerk of Court records by this writer): (excerpts) -

1795 "This indenture made this 26th December in the year of One thousand and seven hundred & ninety five between MOSES BARROW his wife MARTHA BARROW & Mrs. MILLEY BARROW of HALIFAX County of the one part & MARMADUKE NORFLEET of the County aforesaid of the other part...

"...in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred & Twenty pounds 4/ [shillings] to them in hand paid...by these presents...doth sell...unto the said MARMADUKE NORFLEET & his heirs & assigns forever -

"a certain tract or parcel of land lying in HALIFAX County, SCOTLAND NECK, on the So. side ROANOKE RIVER on which the said BARROW NOW LIVES & joins the lands of said NORFLEET Bounded as follows -

"Beginning on the RIVER BANK, at a sycamore a patent beginning, running, thence to ELISHA WILLIAMS Corner a RED OAK thence along the patent line of the said land as granted to JOHN HAMILTON to the corner, a RED OAK, thence the said patent line to PONS'S [sic] MARSH to a corner pine, thence down the said MARSH to NORFLEET'S line to the CAIN MARSH thence down the CAIN MARSH to the RIVER at the first station containing by survey, two hundred & forty two acres be the same more or less...

Maple & M.H.W. & (Drew) Smith
In presence of us)
Test: SOLO. SLATTER)
ALEX. FRAZER) "

MOSES BARROW (Seal)
MARTHA (her x mark) BARROW (Seal)
MILLEY (her x mark) BARROW (Seal)

"...proved by the oath of ALEXANDER FRAZER...
HALIFAX County - August Sessions 1796..."

Note: Additional research must be done in order to determine whether this 242 acre tract, originally patented by one JOHN HAMILTON, was purchased by MOSES BARROW. If not, then we might suspect that it was part of his brother JACOB'S estate which would explain why MILLEY (JACOB'S widow) had an interest in this tract. JACOB BARROW named a Step-daughter POLLY THOMAS in his 1790 Will whom we have not identified in our records. (?)