

*The Sproul Family
of Early
Augusta County, Virginia
~ the Middlebrook Sproul Family ~*

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Dedication

*This family genealogy is dedicated to the memory of my aunts and uncles,
the children of William W. Sproul, Sr., 1863-1941,
and Katherine Rutherford Lapsley, 1876-1962*



**Mary Cornelia Sproul Wise, Katherine Lapsley Sproul Stickley, William White Sproul Jr.,
John Morgan Sproul, Katherine Rutherford Lapsley Sproul, Frances Rutherford Sproul Taylor,
Archibald Alexander Sproul - 1941**

And especially, my Father and Uncles



John, Bill, and Arch - 1957

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Abstract -

This is the genealogy of the descendants of William Sproul, a Scots-Irish settler to the Shenandoah Valley in Augusta County, Virginia. He arrived in America in the early 1750s and settled first along the Cowpasture River and later resettled at the family homestead, called Locust Grove, near Middlebrook on the Shenandoah Valley divide between the Potomac River and James River watersheds. William first married Jane, with whom he had five children, and then Susanna Ewing, with whom he had another ten children. This family fought first the Indians and then the British as the early colonies spread inland and gained their independence. The fifteen children married and started family lines that dispersed throughout the developing country. This genealogy presents what is known of this Sproul family, and provides as much source documentation material and references as have been found.

Our Sproul family origins going back to the 1200s in Scotland and 1600s in Ireland are also addressed as well as the numerous parallel Sproul families that also settled this Augusta County area.

Purpose of this Genealogical Collection -

The purpose of this genealogical collection is to identify and document all that is known of the Locust Grove Settler William Sproul and his fifteen lines of descendants through the mid-1800s. This provides the descendants of these lines with a well-documented basis and a wealth of source material for conducting their further genealogical research with data readily accessible on the web. The data base associated with this document provides a repository for family-related documentation. A large amount of material is referenced to support future research into our family pre-colonial background in Scotland and Ireland.

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Usage -

The data and information contained within this document and its references is intended to support genealogical research of the families involved. All the source documentation and reference notes taken from public records and public libraries and are freely available for individual usage to the extent allowed by each documentation source.

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Section 1 – Origins of the Spreul and Sproule Families

A wealth of information regarding our earliest known family in Scotland and Ireland back to the 1200s is documented in great detail in the recently released work of James Richard Sproule, *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*. While we have yet to link our settler to a specific Scots-Irish family, this work and other material included provide the background of our family in Scotland and its movement through Ireland before coming to America.

Section 2 – “Sproul” Settlers of Western Virginia

An understanding of the many different “Sproul” family settlers to Augusta County before 1800 and their movement is necessary in order to recognize and resolve the many apparent discrepancies in documentation and ambiguities in identities of similarly named persons found in this area. These often confusing families are identified and located geographically on a map and chronologically with a graph displaying similarly named persons in parallel. A separate genealogy document, *Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Families*, details these ten different “Sproul” families, providing source records and reference documentation for those families.

Section 3 – Settler William Sproul

This section contains the known information on our Settler William Sproul, ancestor of the current Augusta County Sproul family: his two wives, fifteen children, movements, landholdings, and his will as well as family lore and conjecture regarding our Irish and Scottish origins. Additionally, the Ewing family of his second wife is introduced and referenced to another *document, The Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia*.

Section 4 - Descendants of Settler William Sproul

Several generations of descendants of each of the fifteen children of Settler William Sproul are presented here with genealogical information for. More recent data is included for the line of Archibald Alexander Sproul who was the surviving male Sproul in Augusta County after the Civil War and thus ancestor to the Sprouls remaining there today.

Section 5 – Sproul Family Documentation and Genealogical Reference Links

This section provides an annotated bibliography hyperlinked to the references footnoted in the document plus hyperlinked references to additional related family genealogical materials

- Annotated Bibliography of all Footnotes – full listing with direct linkage to the source documentation.
- Additional References – references with linkage to additional Sproul genealogy notes and records
- Bumgardner References – references with linkage to additional Bumgardner family information

Throughout this document, *items in blue* (excepting section titles), particularly footnotes, are linked to other areas of this document or hyperlinked to the referenced documentation.

A few *items in green are unstantiated family lore*.

Origins of the Spreul and Sproule Family

Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families

In 2011 James Richard Sproule released a marvelously researched, footnoted, and referenced work, *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*¹ which documents the origins of our early family back to thirteenth century. This presents the pre-American colonial (Scots and Irish) origins of our family. While our Augusta County, Virginia family line has yet to be traced to individuals in this document, our family lore directly dovetails with the Sprouls of James Sproule's *Eight Centuries* in Ireland and before that in Scotland. Section 2.1 of this document addresses the Sprouls in Ireland in the timeframe when our ancestors were there. With over 300 pages of family information including illustrations, footnotes, and references, James Richard Sproule's *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families* contains a most thorough documentation of our Scots-Irish origins.

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Origins in Scotland

From the opening of James Sproule's *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families* we find:

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The name "Spreull" is first found in the thirteenth century in the west of Scotland. Before the first Spreul it is likely that the family followed the naming convention of the time; the sons taking on the fathers first name prefixed by Fitz-. By the early thirteenth century, however, surnames started to be used and the name Spreul seems to have come to the fore and been used ever after. The Spreul family was and is a very small family and only one family is given in the English and Scottish records. The Spreul's migrated over the centuries from Scotland to different parts of the world, often changing the spelling of the name as they went. Although today you can find any spelling just about anywhere, the Spruill, Spruiell, Sprewell, and Spruell spellings are common in the Southern United States; Sproul and Sproule are found in the North Eastern U.S., Canada and most likely spent a few hundred years in Ireland; Spurrell's are found in parts of England, Wales and Newfoundland. Whatever the spellings, the roots are invariably traced back to Walter Spreul living in the late 1200s, in Scotland.

The Origins of the Sproule Surname

Over thirty different spellings of the surname "Sproule" appear in the records that predate 1800. The most common spelling between the late 1200s and the 1600s was *Spreule*. In the 1600s the spelling *Spreull* was widely used among certain branches of the family. In the 1700s and the early 1800s the spelling *Sproule* gained ground and the *ou* spelling now predominates. Three different pronunciations of the surname may be heard at the present time. They are "Sproul" as in "cool", "Sproul" as in "owl", and "Sproule" as in "role".

Surnames began to come into use in Scotland in the early 1100s. One of the oldest extant records involving a Sproule is a 1283 property transaction of one "Nicholas Sproule", a burgess of Glasgow. A passage in the Latin document speaks of "Nicholo dicto Sproule". The word "dicto" means "called" and this form of reference was often used in the early period of surnames. The adoption of permanent surnames was, in any case, gradual and by no means were spellings uniform. Even in 1711, the marriage certificate of William Sproule has his relations signing their names using a variety of spellings on the same document. It is not surprising therefore that old established families should enjoy the luxury of many variations of their surname. The Sproules were no exception to differing spellings and since the name first appeared, around the time of Alexander III of Scotland (1249-1286), there have been many variants, the earliest recorded, significantly,

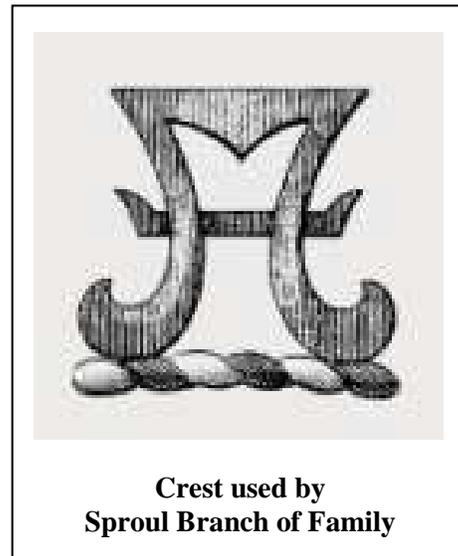
¹ Sproule, James Richard - *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*, 2011

Spreul. Other variations include: Spreull, Sprule, Sprewl, Spreule, Spreuile, Spreall, Spruyile, Sprwl (from Wales) Sproull, Sproul, Sproul, Sproule, Sprowl, Sprowle, Sprall, Sprawl and Sproule.

The Spreul Coat of Arms

The first Spruell to be granted a coat of arms was Walter Spreull in 1296. This consisted of “a hunting horn stringed between three roses”. By the mid fourteenth century, a new coat of arms was granted to another Walter Sproule. The shield of the Spreull coat of arms is described, in the parlance of heraldry as “Or, a fesse cheque azure and argent between three purses (or palmers scrips) gules”. In plain language: a shield with a gold background upon which there are three red purses, or sacks, of money, with a blue and white chequered pattern in a stripe across the centre of the shield. These sacks were “palmer’s scrip or wallets, often appearing in the arms of a great traveller, or an explorer”.

The significance of the purses is more likely to stem from Walter Spreull being responsible for arranging to pay the ransom for Scotland’s King David II after he had been captured by the English. Alternatively, the purses may refer to the role Walter Spreull had as steward to the Earls of Lennox. Walter would have been in charge of the Earl’s treasury, hence the purses. Quite obviously this was a position of great trust, which supports the motto of “Always Faithful”. Across the middle of the shield is a blue and white chequered banner. The chequered band is used widely in coats of arms of families from the west of Scotland and was originally a sign of allegiance to the Scottish kings.



Lands of the Sproule Family in Scotland

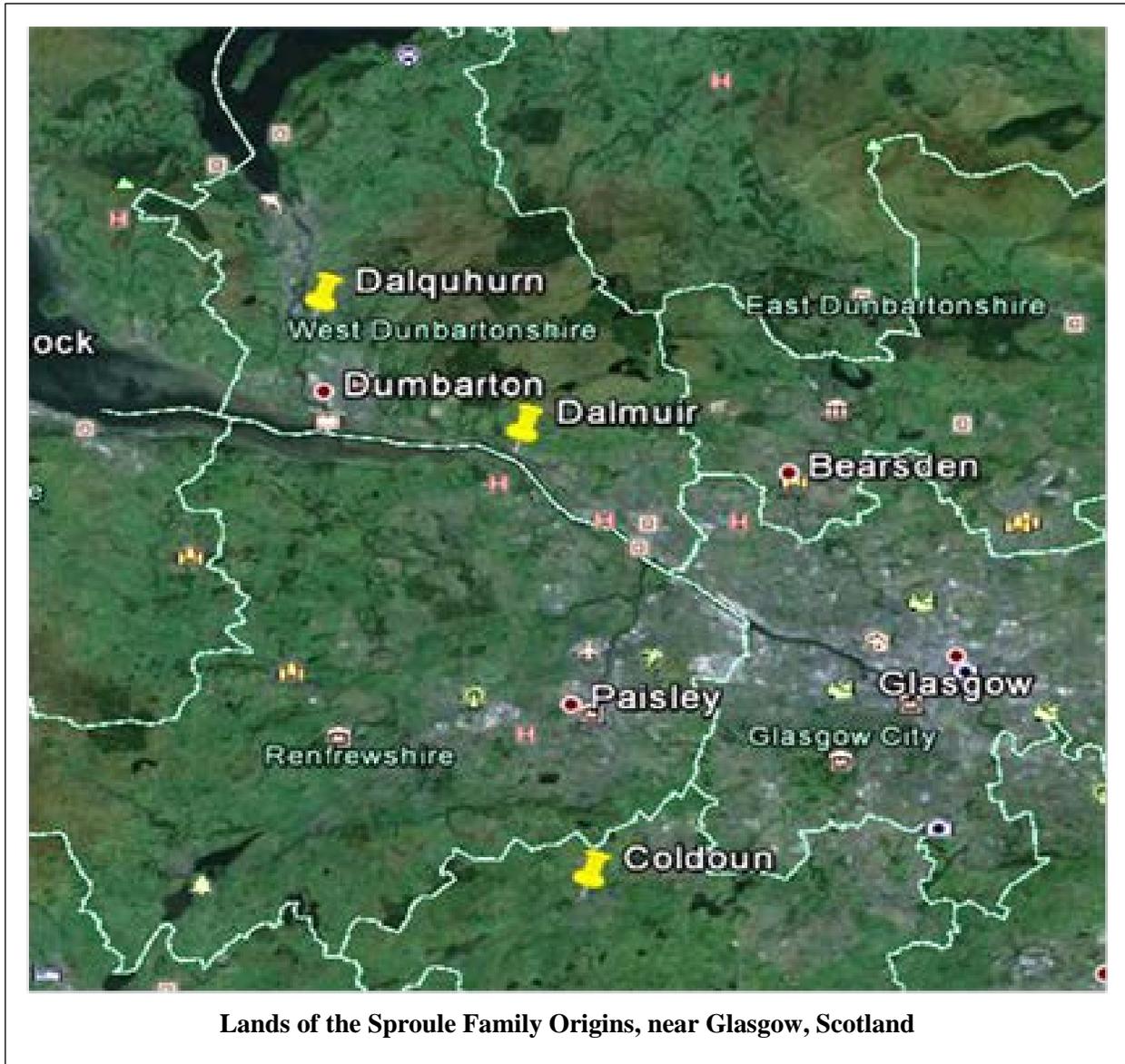
In the late 1200s Walter Sproule was steward to Malcolm, the 5th Earl of Lennox. The principal Lennox residence prior to 1238 was near the southern end of Loch Lomond and later in Renfrewshire. This places the Sproule family origins in an area roughly 10 to 15 miles west of Glasgow, Scotland. The Sproule family held three properties from the earls of Lennox in this area for at least 340 years: Dalquhurn, Dalmuir, and Coldoun.

Dalquhurn lay in the vale of the Leven River, the stream which drains Lock Lomond into the River Clyde, just south of the present-day Renton in Dunbartonshire. The land has been estimated between sixty and ninety acres and its substantial house is noted in a 1654 atlas. Robert the Bruce in 1326 acquired about 208 acres from the Earl of Lennox immediately south of Dalquhurn where he spent his last years in semi-retirement. The residence seems to have been still standing in the 1840s when it was demolished as a church was being built on the site.

Dalmuir fronted the River Clyde adjacent Dalmuir Burn about ten miles downstream from Glasgow and in Dunbartonshire. This land was possibly forty to sixty acres in size and a substantial house here is also noted in a 1654 atlas.

Coldoun and its residence Cowdon Hall, is located just west of Neilston in Renfrewshire. This land was granted to by the 5th Earl of Lennox to Walter Spreull, his steward in about 1305. The Spreulls held this land until it was sold in 1622. The actual building was a fortified tower with a larger walled area surrounding it. Ruins of these structures can still be seen. The Coldoun property could have been from 700 to 1800 acres.

These three properties locate the lands of the Sproule Scots origins and are shown below in the map relative to Glasgow (on the east), the River Clyde (flowing north-westward from Glasgow) and Loch Lomond (in the north-west).



In *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*, James Richard Sproule devotes about 140 pages to the Scottish Sprouls and another 80 pages to descendant Irish families. Two concurrent developments led to the Spreul's migrating from Scotland to Ireland. First, James Spreul sold his lands and it is likely many of the extended family members who would have been living on the nearby farms decided to quit the area at the same time. Secondly, in 1603, the Crowns of Scotland and England unified under James VI of Scotland, who found it expedient to disburse the "unruly border clans". In 1587, an Act of Scottish Parliament had condemned certain border families for their lawlessness. These Border Clans were dispersed to England, northern Scotland and to Ireland. Some were banished directly to the Colonies. Thus, Ireland offered a reasonably easy way to regain lands as the crown was granting lands previously held by the Catholic Irish. All settlers had to do was sign an "Undertaking" to remain protestant and faithful to the Crown.

The Sproules of County Roscommon have a tradition that three brothers named Spreul came to Ireland from Cowdon, one settling in Tyrone, another in Donegal, and the third in Roscommon. Captain John Sproule, reputed to be son of James Spreull, last of Cowden, probably first went to Tyrone in Ulster. But it seems he was quickly recruited into the army and was eventually part of the garrison stationed in Athlone on the border between Westmeath and Roscommon, he then married and settled in County Roscommon.

A second, younger, brother, Robert Sproule settled in County Tyrone, and even today there are numerous Sproules in counties Tyrone and neighboring Donegal. Robert Sproul and his wife came from Renfrewshire, Scotland, to County Tyrone, Ireland, in the 1650s or early 1660s. Robert settled on a town land near Castlederg, the name of the town land then being Golan. The rather quick acquisition by Robert and his sons of sizable properties suggests that he was a man of some means.

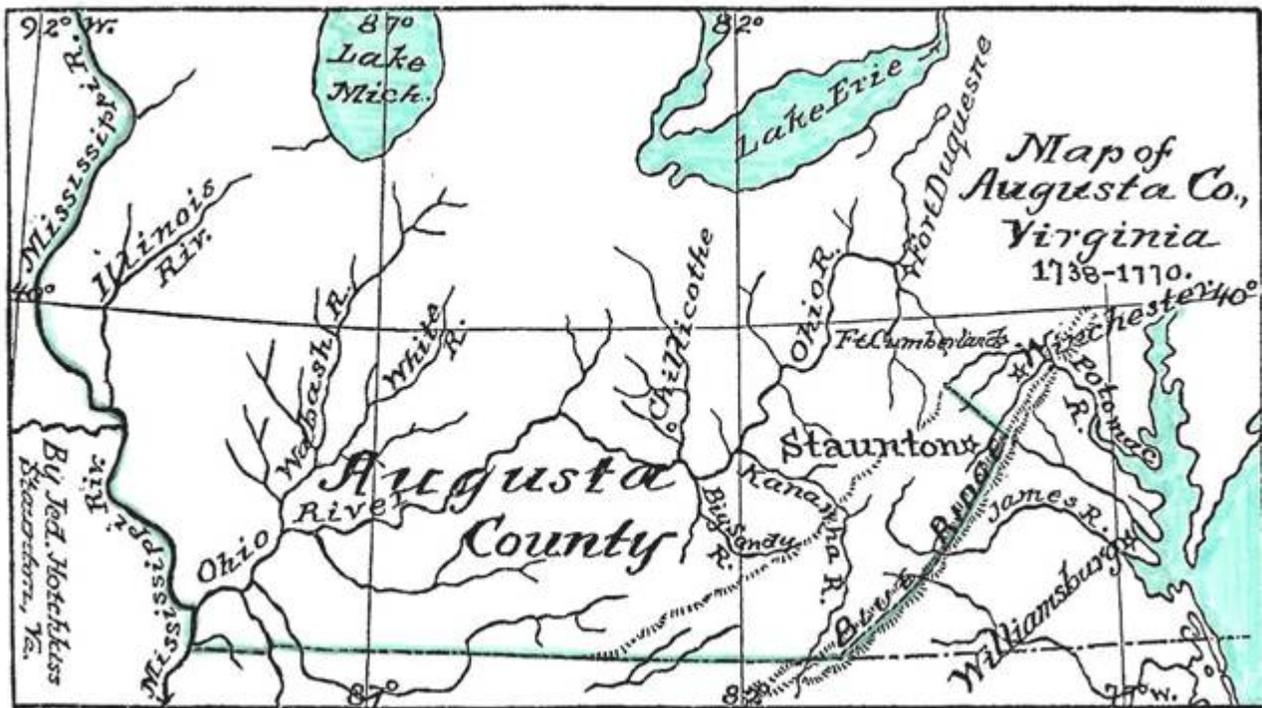
This information relating to these Sproules and their Castlederg location in County Tyrone just three miles from County Donegal puts them and their extended family in the area presumed to be the source of our Augusta County, Virginia Sprouls.

Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Settlers

— Sproul, Sprowl, Sproull, Sproule, and Sprouls —

The first explorers crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Valley of Virginia around 1716. Settlement of Western Virginia began soon thereafter with many settlers crossing the Blue Ridge to the Shenandoah Valley before Augusta County was established in 1745. This “early” time frame nominally extends from after 1716 to 1800, by which time the continuing movement further to the west was already well underway.

Western Virginia during this period consisted of the vast original area of Augusta County when it was established in 1745. This Virginia County bordered the Blue Ridge extended south to North Carolina, west to the Mississippi River through what are now West Virginia and Kentucky, and north to include much of what are now Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. This vast area is shown so vividly in the Early Augusta County map by Hotchkiss below. Early “Sproul” settlers were found in many of the Virginia counties subsequently established in this area including Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, Botetourt, Wythe, Washington, and Highland Counties.



Early Augusta County, Virginia - When established in 1745, the vast area of Augusta County extended South along the Blue Ridge to North Carolina, West to the Mississippi, and rather indefinitely Northward.

Among the early Scots-Irish settlers of this Western Virginia area were the numerous **Sproul, Sprowl, Sproull, Sproule, and Sprouls** families. With the use of common first names and more than twenty spellings and misspellings of the last name, there is a great deal of confusion over the attribution of specific records to actual individuals and families. The Washington County records, for example, show twelve different “Sproul” spellings in what appears to be a single family.

Ten “Sproul” Settler Families

At least nine distinct “Sproul” settler families in this area have been identified, with elements of a tenth family. The chart following, ***Timeline of Concurrent Early Families***, shows a picture of the nine families, graphically mapping these families, the settlers and their children, against time. All of these families are apparently of Scots-Irish origin and would most certainly have common family heritage in Ireland and Scotland. Most of them appeared in the same locale at the same time and many share similar given names, yet so far there is no documentation defining any family relationship between these immigrant families.

Following the chart is a map of today’s Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath and Highland Counties of Virginia, showing where some of these early “Sproul” settlers located, and including their paths of movement from one location to another. Shown here are the locations of the first four “Sproul” settlers, all arriving within a five year period after 1751, and then another three by 1784, all within or near today’s Augusta County, Virginia. This figure reveals the emerging picture of seven Scots-Irish Sproul settler families closely grouped in an area between Staunton and Lexington, Virginia. Today, there is but one of those families still resident in the area.

Recognizing that there are numerous unique “Sproul” families in the same area at the same time using similar given names is important when attempting to attribute recorded events to specific individuals and families. For example, there are at least nine William and seven John “Sproul” in this period, and the identifying family name is frequently misspelled, illegible, garbled, or missing altogether.

The Ten Early “Sproul” Families are fully addressed and documented in the separate genealogy document, ***Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Families***², and are simply identified below, without the accompanying references and documentation:

William Sproul, Settler of Locust Grove near Middlebrook, settled first on the Cowpasture River in today’s Highland County and later moved to the head of Moffatts Creek between Staunton and Lexington. This 1756 Scots-Irish settler is forefather of the current Augusta County Sproul family, some of whom still reside at his “Locust Grove” homestead near Middlebrook. With his first wife, Jane, and second wife, Susanna Ewing, there were fifteen Sproul children. Many of these children and grandchildren moved westward to settle Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and elsewhere. Descendant lines from these dispersed ancestors have been found and extensive documentation is available.

John Sprowl of Jackson River appeared in 1753, settling first in Augusta County in the Bordon Tract near today’s Brownsville and moving to the Jackson River of today’s Bath County in about 1770. John and his wife Margaret had four daughters, several marrying into families of the area, and five sons whose descendants have not been located.

There is a possible family relationship suggested between this John and William of Locust Grove by there being six children names in common. A relationship could also be suggested with this John and William of Rockbridge, their using the same “Sprowl” spelling and sharing four common children names. This John did move on to the Jackson River, however, probably about the time that both of the two possibly related William’s arrived in the near vicinity of John’s original locations.

Samuel Sproul on Back Creek was among the earliest “Sproul” settlers, first recorded as purchasing 210 acres near Middlebrook on Back Creek in the Beverly Manor of Augusta County in 1753. Samuel was probably the oldest early settler, in 1763 being “exempted from levy due to great age and infirmity.” Samuel died in 1773, leaving his wife Margret and three married daughters. No male offspring have been indicated.

Broad Springs John, perhaps the earliest “Sproul” settler, showed up in 1751 but may not be a Sproul at all, although frequently listed as such. With the final “t” often not crossed in the script of the day, “Sproul” and “Sproul” often become indistinguishable. At any rate, this John died in 1755 and his wife withdrew the family from the colony. This John “Sproul” settled in the Bordon Tract in approximately the same year and within a mile or two of John Sprowl of Jackson River.

² Sproul, William - *Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Families*, 2007

William Sprowl of Rockbridge, an Irishman and former British soldier is first noted in Western Virginia purchasing 323 acres of land in 1771 on a bend of the North Fork of the James, now called the Maury River, about 6 miles north of Lexington. He had about ten children, most of whom moved to on Preble County, Ohio in the early 1800's. One son, William, remained in Rockbridge County until about 1840 before joining the others.

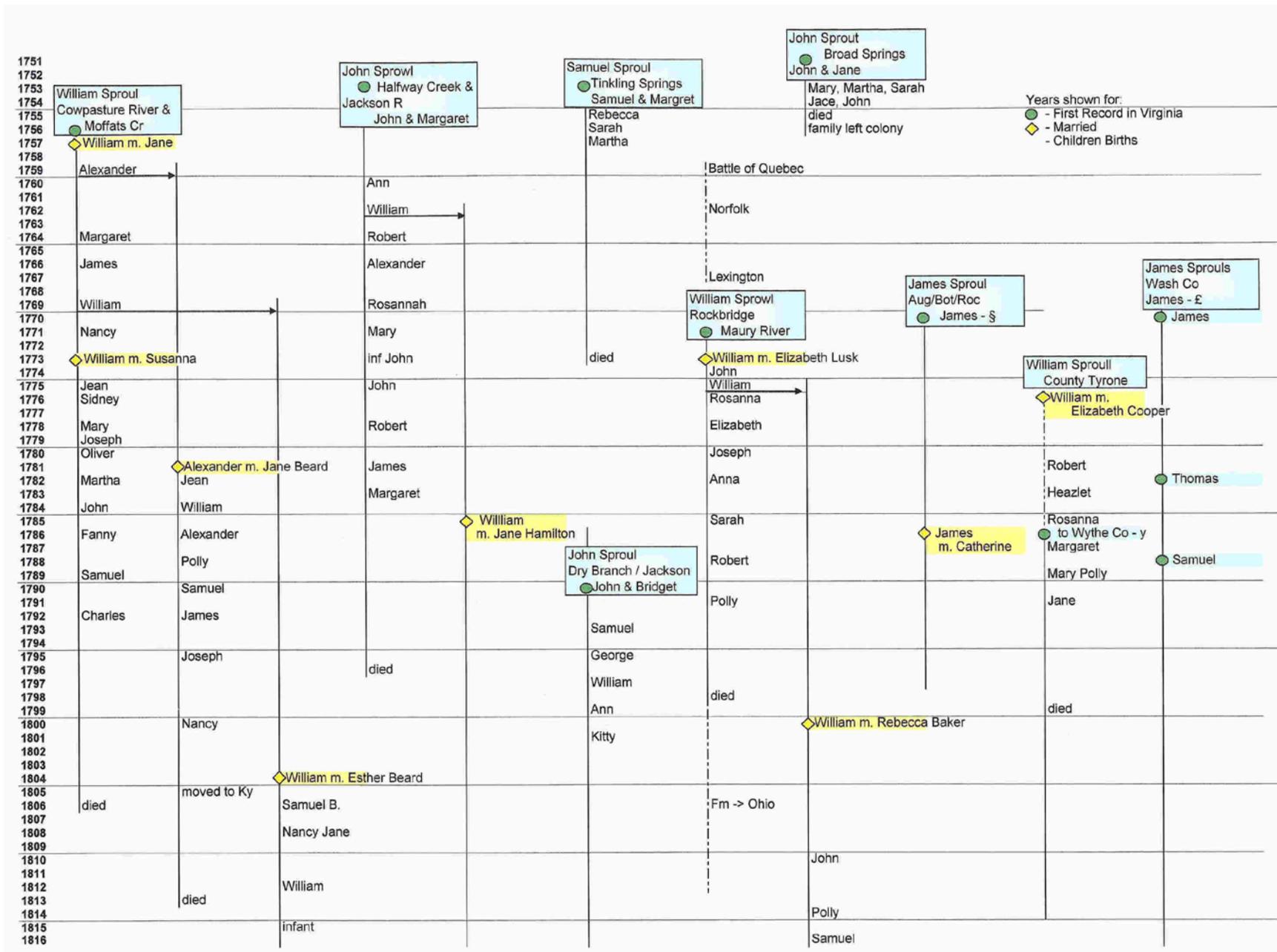
James of Augusta and Rockbridge Counties arrived and acquired land adjacent to Settler William's Locust Grove in 1773 suggesting a possible family relationship. James and Catherine were married in 1786. They sold their land and possessions and moved to Kentucky by 1800. No offspring have been noted.

James Sprouls of Washington County settled along the Holston River and Abram's Creek in about 1770. This family has not been well sorted or documented yet. Recently found census information gives much more detail of the second generation of this family, but little identity of the settlers. Variations on spellings in Washington County documents for this family include Sprouls, Sprowl, Sproles, Sproules, and Sproule.

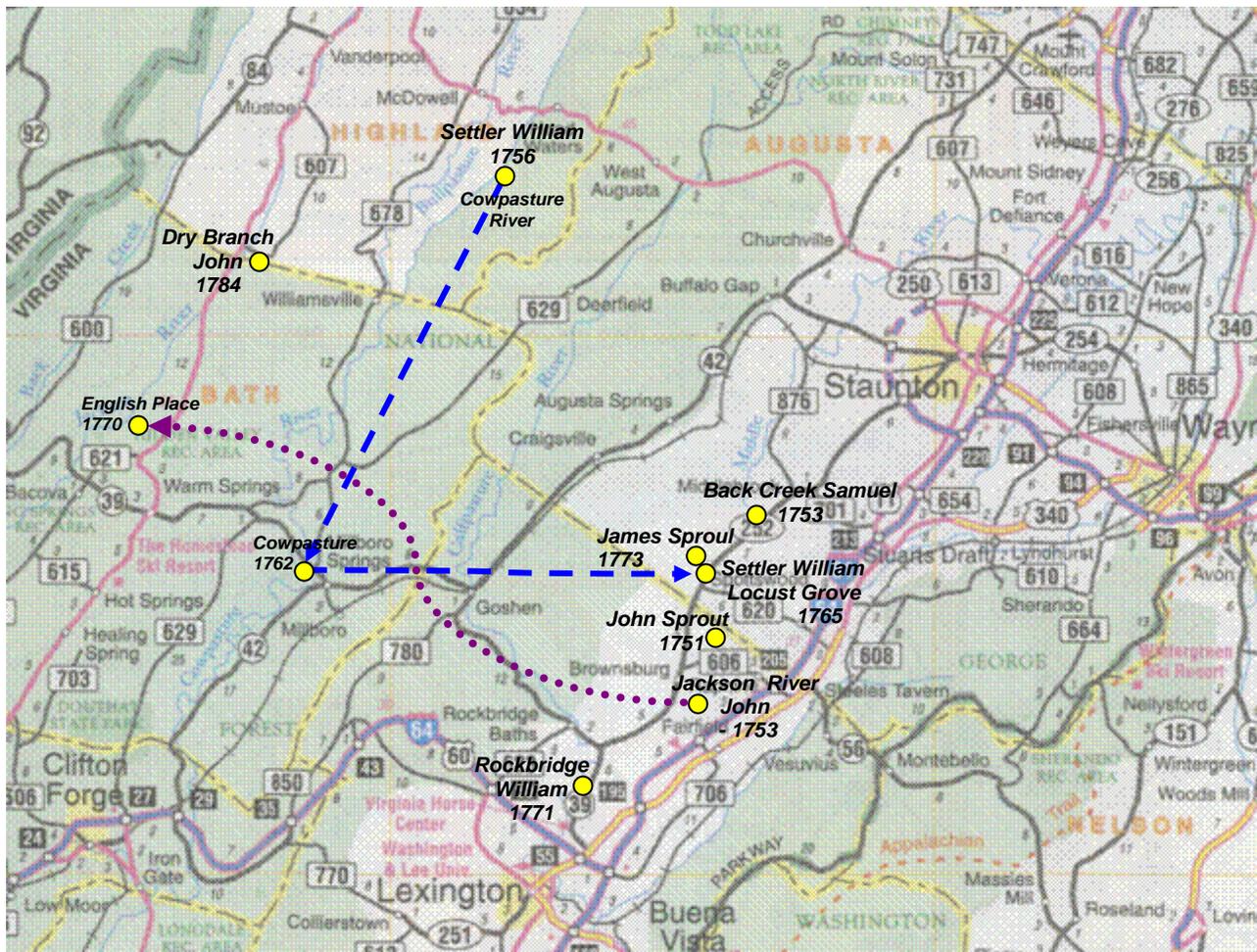
John Sproul of Dry Branch at the Jackson River is first noted in 1784. Surveyor and school teacher, he left his alleged feeble-minded wife in Ireland. Bridgett, however, was bright enough to catch up with him teaching school along the Jackson and, reunited, they raised numerous offspring, the daughters marrying into families still in the Bath County area, and the sons, apparently, moving on.

William Sproull of Wythe County married Elizabeth Cooper in Ireland about 1776. They arrived in Wythe County, Virginia in 1793 with six children. This family has good documentation and traces to the present descendants.

Samuel "the Unknown" was active in the area in the 1770's and 1780's but appears to have left before 1790. His participation with other Sprouls in legal, military, and marriage events define him to be a known friend and probable relative, but no picture has emerged of his location, family, or eventual residence.



Timeline of Nine Concurrent Early Families in Augusta County and SW Virginia – Sproul, Sprowl, Sproule, Sprouls, Sproull



Early “Sproul” Settler Locations - There were four “Sproul” settlers within a five year period after 1751 and eight altogether by 1784 within or near today’s Augusta County, Virginia.

- 1751 - Broad Springs John*
- 1753 - Jackson River John*
- 1753 - Back Creek Samuel*
- 1756 - Settler William*
- 1770 - James Sproul*
- 1771 - Rockbridge William*
- 1776 - Samuel the Unknown {no defined location}*
- 1784 - Dry Branch John*

c.1731-1806

Settler William Sproul arrived in Western Virginia by 1756, his earliest record found being in August 1756 on the Muster Roll of Captain George Wilson's Company.³ George Wilson was Captain of the Horse of Augusta County⁴ and is recorded as being in today's Bath/Highland County area (established 1791 and 1847). William married Jane (family unknown) in 1757 and they lived on the Cowpasture River in today's Highland County, having five children: Alexander, Margaret, James, William "Squire Billy", and Nancy.

No evidence has yet been found relating to Settler William's birth date or place, time or place of entry to the colonies, arrival date in the Augusta County area, or any prior family relationships. His 1731 birth date above is simply based on an assumption that he was in his mid-twenties by the time he was first recorded in the Augusta militia having emigrated from Ireland and traveled to the Cowpasture River area. His 1806 death date is certain from his gravestone (see Sec. 4.4.1 – Airy Knoll Cemetery). *Family tradition strongly holds him to be Scots-Irish and a staunch Presbyterian.* Fannie Sproul (1872-1932) wrote in 1932, "The family is probably descended from John Sproul, an elder in the Raphoe Presbyterian Church, County Donegal, Ireland."⁵ There was such a John Sproul, a Ruling Elder in the Raphoe (now Convoy) Presbyterian Church of the Laggan Presbytery of Donegal during the 1672 to 1700 timeframe (probably about 1697).⁶ Elder John would have been born in approximately the 1630 to 1660 period and was perhaps the son of either of the brothers Archibald Sproule and Robert Sproule or of John Sproull who were all Ulster Planters in County Donegal coming from Scotland in about 1634. If descended from Elder John, Settler William would probably have been his grandson. The Scots-Irish Sproul family in Donegal came from the Glasgow area of Scotland where there is a great deal of Sproul family history.

In 1759 William received a grant for 168 acres of land on the Cowpasture River, located in today's Highland County about four miles south of Rt 250. It is presumed that William and Jane lived on this land until 1761 when he sold these 168 acres and acquired 200 acres in today's Bath County, about 22 miles south, farther down the Cowpasture River near Millboro Springs. William sold this 200 acre Cowpasture parcel in 1772 after he had already moved to the Augusta County Sproul family homestead of Locust Grove at the headwaters of Moffatts Creek, in the Bordon Tract, adjacent the Beverley Manor line. This is near Middlebrook, in Augusta County, about halfway between Staunton and Lexington on today's Rt 252. William purchased this 470 acre parcel on Moffatts Creek in 1765. There he built a log cabin and later built the brick Augusta County Sproul family home, named Locust Grove, about 1806. *Family tradition holds that the Indian uprisings and attacks in the Cowpasture River area were the reason for William and his family moving back to the relative security of the Shenandoah Valley*⁷. The Revolutionary military service of William and his sons is noted in *Manuscript Record of Those who Served in the Revolution from Augusta Co., Va.*⁸

Jane died about 1772 and William remarried in 1773 to Susanna Ewing of the Monroe County (now West Virginia) James Ewing family. Together they had ten more children: Jean (Jane), Sidney, Mary, Joseph, Oliver, Martha, (Capt.) John, Fanny, Samuel, and Charles. William died in 1806, leaving a will naming all fifteen of his children and listing three bondsmen, two of whom were sons-in-law and the third probably the nephew of a deceased son-in-law. William and Susanna were buried in Airy Knoll Cemetery, a cemetery site no longer maintained, located toward Newport and near the now derelict brick home of his son William, known as Squire Billy.

Note: Text in green indicated unsubstantiated family legend.

³ Morton, Oren - *Annals of Bath County*, 1917

⁴ Chalkley, Lyman - *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish in Virginia*, 1912.

⁵ Sproul, Fanny - *Sproul Line*, 1932

⁶ Lechy, Alexander - *Roots of Presbyterianism in Donegal*, 1905, p.199

⁷ Sproul, W.W.Jr. - Communications with W. W. Sproul III, first recorded in 1952.

⁸ Military - *Manuscript Record of Those who Served in the Revolution from Augusta Co., Va.*

Early Family Records –

Throughout the 20th century there was no definitive family knowledge of Sproul relationships to other Sproul settlers, although there was a belief that there must have been some relationship with so many Scots-Irish Sproul families coming over. Fannie Sproul, the most comprehensive family genealogist to that time, compiled the known Sproul ancestry to 1932⁵. She obviously did not know of any other settler family relationships nor of where the family originated in Ireland. She had discussed genealogy with her father, Archibald Alexander Sproul, and on a page of the early history noted in her own hand, “*as stated by Archibald A. Sproul from memory to his daughter, Fannie 189-*.” This suggests that even A. A. Sproul, grandson of Settler William, knew little about the family origins. Fannie was the first to mistakenly take the Ewing family name of Settler William’s second wife, Susanna, and assign it to his first wife, Jane, indicating the family had little memory of our early ancestors here.

The earliest genealogist of the family (c.1875) left a single page of early family description, which we now have only as a photo-negative copy of the original.⁹ The information contained suggests that the author was a third generation member of the John Sproul family but gave no indication of the family Scots-Irish roots. Susanna’s family name, Ewing, was recorded there, but not the family name of the first wife, Jane. This genealogist also noted that William first settled in the Pastures (referring to the Cow Pasture/Bull Pasture River area), a fact which was lost until the recently discovered Cow Pasture land grant.

William W. Sproul Jr., a family genealogist after Fannie, has stated that he believed that *Settler William Sproul arrived in the Philadelphia or Wilmington area and journeyed westward and south to what was Augusta County.*⁷ This is very much in the path taken by most of the Scots-Irish immigrants to the Valley of Virginia at that time. W. W. Sproul Jr. also recorded that our Settler William was granted 160 acres of land in Crab Bottom in 1753. That is incorrect on all counts: It was actually 168 acres on the Cow Pasture River in 1759. He also was unaware that William moved to the lower Cowpasture near Millboro prior to moving to the Middlebrook area. The obvious implication here is that there remains very little valid oral tradition and early history of the settler and his Irish origins.

Several other early Augusta County “Sproul” families have claimed relationship to the Locust Grove Sproul family, but no link has been identified. Of course, it is most probable that there were relationships with most of the other “Sproul” settlers. The closest potential links would appear to be with John Sproul (or Sprowl) who settled nearby in Rockbridge, later moving to the Jackson River, and James Sproul who owned land adjacent to Locust Grove on two sides. But these settlers and their proximity are recent discoveries and there is no tradition identifying these persons as relatives.

⁵ Sproul, Fanny - *Sproul Line*, 1932

⁷ Sproul, W.W.Jr. - Communications with W. W. Sproul III, first recorded in 1952.

⁹ *Locust Grove Photostat Record* – c.1875

3.1

The Sprouls of Scotland and Ireland

The family lore passed down by my father regarding our family emigrating first from Scotland and then from Ireland was simply stated⁷:

- *The Sprouls left Scotland because they didn't get along with the King.*
- *The Sprouls left Ireland because they didn't get along with their neighbors.*

Throughout those unsettling times of the early 1600s through early 1700s, this certainly was the cause of much of the migration from Scotland to Ireland and then to America, particularly identified with the nominally 1615 plantation of northern Ireland which moved so many Scotsmen to northern Ireland, and then the persecution of non-Protestants in Ireland (only Anglicans were considered true Protestants, while Presbyterians along with Catholics were persecuted) motivating further movement to the colonies of America.

The only trace evidence we have to our Irish ancestors are Fannie Sproul's conjecture in her 1934 *Sproul Line*⁵:

- *The family is probably descended from John Sproul, an elder in Raphoe Presbyterian Church, County Donegal, Ireland*

and Erskine Sproul's unsubstantiated note in his 1997 *Genealogy of the Sproul Family*¹⁰:

- *William Sproul ... emigrated from County Tyrone in Ireland.*

It is noted that the town of Castlederg in County Tyrone where James Sproule reports many Scots Sprouls settling, lies only two miles from Donegal and eleven miles from the town of Raphoe, and that general area is where we find numerous Sproul citations in the 1600s. So the thoughts of Fannie and Erskine are not inconsistent.

As for our actual arrival in America, it is held that⁷:

- *Settler William probably arrived somewhere near Philadelphia, perhaps Wilmington.*

That is all consistent with our family origins being in Scotland and participants of the Ulster Plantation of Ireland. The Sproul name and that family originated in that southwest area of Scotland around Glasgow. The alleged family dissention with the King would have made them prime candidates for the Ulster Plantation of the early 1600's.

Recently, James Richard Sproule released, *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*¹, the most thorough documentation of our Scots-Irish origins addressing what is known of our family's origins in thirteenth century Scotland and migration through Ireland. That document should be reviewed by anyone interested in our Scots and Irish family background. While the links to our Augusta County line are not defined in this document, our family lore directly dovetails with the Sprouls of James Sproule's *Eight Centuries* in Ireland and Scotland.

It is tempting to identify probably links of our Augusta family to the Irish families so well described in James Sproule's *Eight Centuries*, but those Scots families he identifies coming to Ireland were preceded by many other Sprouls to the County Donegal and County Tyrone area as shown in the citations above. There are still many Sprouls found there today.

¹ Sproule, James Richard - *Eight Centuries of the Spreul and Sproule Families*, 2011

⁵ Sproul, Fanny - *Sproul Line*, 1932

⁷ Sproul, W.W.Jr. - Communications with W. W. Sproul III, first recorded in 1952.

¹⁰ Sproul, Dr. A. Erskine - *Genealogy of the Sproul Family* - 1997

Scots Sprouls –

While the specific lineage of the family of Settler William in Ireland and Scotland before that have not been documented, some Sproul family background is known. The Sproul family has been documented in Scotland back to the 13th century in the Glasgow area. The Sproul name is a variant of Sprouel and Spreull (also Spreall and Sprall). The family name is from an old Dumbartonshire family, near Glasgow, with Walter Spreull the steward of Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, who received a charter in 1280 from the earl of the land of Dalmuir.¹¹ They also acquired the lands of Dalquhen for their distinguished service to the Crown of Scotland, Robert the Bruce. In 1336 Walter Sproull paid taxes on land in Glasgow and in 1368 Thomas Sprowl was commander of Edinburgh Castle. Most of the early Scottish planters or undertakers of the Ulster Plantation of Ireland (1609-1620 period) came from this southwest Scotland, an area of political instability against the English crown¹². The Sproul name also became prevalent in Ireland, specifically in Donegal and Derry, in the 1600s. More information on the early Spruell/Sproul in Scotland is found in references provided on an article by Kirsty Wilkinson, *The Sprouls of Scotland*¹³.

Irish Sprouls -

A number of Sprouls participated in the early 17th century plantation of Ireland, where King James I, having seized the landholdings of the Irish barons, implanted the north of Ireland with Protestants (Anglicans generally from England) and Presbyterians from Scotland. Several of the Sproul family are identified as being a part of this plantation to the County Donegal area. There were many other Sprouls sent to the Ulster area including County Tyrone and the Londonderry area. It should be noted that there were also numerous members of the Ewing family (our Settler William's wife was a Ewing) participating in this plantation and establishing a basis of familial relationship before emigration to America.

The Presbyterians were somewhat persecuted in Ireland where the official religion was Anglican. Presbyterians were often not allowed churches, graveyards, or ceremonies such as baptism, marriage, and burial. While those activities did occur with little notice, official records were lacking. Both Sproul and Ewing graves can be found in the Anglican cemeteries, but Presbyterian cemeteries of the 1600s did not exist. Walking through the old Anglican cemetery adjacent the town center of Raphoe, County Donegal, one sees all the familiar family names of the gravestones at our family's Bethel Church in Augusta County, including names such as Sproul, Ewing, McClure, and Lapsley.

In Ireland during the 18th century, the rising Scots resentment over religious, political, and economic issues fueled their emigration to the American colonies. Despite the fact that Scottish Presbyterians strongly supported the Crown in the Williamite War in Ireland in the 1690s, they were excluded from power in the postwar settlement by the Anglican Protestant Ascendancy. Beginning in 1717 and continuing up to the 1770s, an estimated 150,000 Scots-Irish immigrants left Northern Ireland. They arrived mostly in coastal Pennsylvania and Virginia, from where they moved southwest into the backcountry of upland territories and the Appalachian Mountains¹².

This also fits our lore: the Presbyterians were persecuted and not allowed to practice as such, the Scots settlers were out of the political structure and at odds with both their Anglican and their Catholic neighbors, and economic times were bad. Thus, William Sproul emigrated to America in the mid-1700s.

With the frontiers of America pushing westward and opening vast areas of land, virtually free for the settlement, these impoverished and persecuted Scots-Irish began an emigration movement to the American West, which was western Virginia in the early to mid-1700s. Thus came so many Scots-Irish to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and adjacent westward lands.

¹¹ Black, George F. , *The Surnames of Scotland*

¹² Wikipedia, *Plantation of Ulster*, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plantation_of_Ulster

¹³ Wilkinson, Kirsty F. - *The Sprouls of Scotland*

Donegal Records –

Brothers Archibald and Robert Sproule were Ulster Planters from Scotland in the 1634 timeframe. They resided in the Raphoe Barony of County Donegal. Various early records show the presence of Sprouls in Raphoe during the 1600s:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Record</u>
James	1630	Muster Roll - Raphoe
Robert	1634	Indenture Deed - Raphoe
Robert	1642	Muster Roll - Raphoe
James	1642	Muster Roll - Raphoe
Archibald	1654	Civil Survey – Raphoe, Boggach, Stranelachan, pur land from Robert (brother)
Archibald	1659	Census - landowner Raphoe, Stranoriar
John	1659	Census – landowner Raphoe
Archibald	1665	Hearth Tax – Raphoe, Lismontigly
John	1665	Hearth Tax – Raphoe, Stranelachan
John	1669	Subsidy Tax - Raphoe
John	1672-1700	Elder of Raphoe Presbyterian Church (~1697?)

While additional Sproul data of the Raphoe Barony, County Donegal, and the Ulster area of Ireland is available^{14,15}, there is no link established to the specific Scots-Irish family of Settler William Sproul.

¹⁴ Sproul W.W. Notes - *Sproul Raphoe Genealogical Data*, 2000

¹⁵ Cresswell , O.D. - *Letter to Julia Lawrence*, 2000

3.2

Jane

Jane was the first wife of Settler William. Her family name is unknown, though her first name is noted in several Augusta County records for land sales and privy examinations in 1761¹⁶. William got a marriage license for his marriage to Jane in August 1757, but no mention of Jane's last name has been found. The pre-1785 Augusta County Marriage Records were lost in 1914. Chalkley didn't record wives' names in his abstracts. Morton's *History of Rockbridge County* lists the full family so it must have been taken from some later records in Rockbridge County. Below are all records found noting William's marriage to Jane.

Vogt, John.; Kethley, T. William *Augusta County Marriages, 1748-1850* 1986.

Sprowl, William and _____ Aug 1757 license only

Morton, Oren F. *Annals of Bath County, Virginia*³. p.127

Early Marriages: 1757 Sprowl, William

Morton, Oren. *A History of Rockbridge County, Virginia*¹⁷. p. 150

William Sprowl m.1: Jane 1757: children: James, Alexander m. Jane Beard 1786, William, {Margaret missing} m.2: Susanna 1773: children: Joseph, Oliver, John (m. Matilda Scott 1820), Charles, Samuel, Jane (m. John Weir 1793), Sidney (m Joseph Beard 1799), Mary s., Martha (m. Robert Hutchinson), Fanny, Nancy {Nancy is of Jane}

Chalkley, Lyman, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish settlement in Virginia, extracted from the original court records of Augusta County 1745-1800*⁴, 1912. Vol II, p.276.

Marriages Licenses in Augusta County. 1757 August __, William Sprowl.

Until recently, Jane was thought to be a Ewing, but it has now been determined that William's second wife was the Ewing. The oldest document we have of this is the photonegative of a handwritten early document (perhaps c.1875) which does not note the first wife of William the Settler but lists all the children and mentions his second wife, Susanna Ewing. In 1910, 138 years after Jane died, she was first mistakenly recorded as a Ewing in the *Hull-Sproul Genealogy* by Dr. Prouty¹⁸. Dr. Prouty states that his information came from Fannie, daughter of Archibald Alexander Sproul. McClure's *The McClure Family*, in 1914 mentions both Jane and Susanna, but without giving a maiden name for either. Then in Fannie's 1932 document, *Sproul Line*, Jane is listed as a Ewing and no maiden name is given for Susanna⁵. There are several errors in that early part of Fannie's paper, and here she apparently placed the Ewing name with the wrong person. Those two errors to Jane and Susanna were generally accepted until the 2003 rediscovery and verification of Susanna's identity, from family records, Monroe County records, and external Ewing family records.

On the large *Sproul Genealogical Fan*, developed by W.W. Sproul Jr. in the 1960s, Jane's family name is given as Irvin. It is interesting to note that the landholders adjacent to William's Cowpasture River land were named Erwin¹⁹ and there were several Jane's in that family. Perhaps Jane's family name will be found from the Irvin, Erwin, Ewing candidates.

³ Morton, Oren - *Annals of Bath County*, 1917

⁴ Chalkley, Lyman - *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish in Virginia*, 1912.

⁵ Sproul, Fanny - *Sproul Line*, 1932

¹⁶ *Augusta Co Order Book VI*, p.463, *VII*, p.108, *Augusta Co Deed Book 9*, p.47, and p.133.

¹⁷ Morton, Oren - *A History of Rockbridge County, Virginia*

¹⁸ Prouty, Dr. S. B. - *The Hull-Sproul Genealogy* – 1910.

¹⁹ Campbell, Thomas - *Map of Highland County, Virginia* (1847), Highland Historical Society, 1997.

Susanna Ewing, the second wife of Settler William Sproul, was recalled throughout the 1900's only as Susanna. Her family name and background had been forgotten. Fannie Sproul, daughter of Archibald Alexander Sproul, wrote a family genealogy in 1932 at the age of 60 referring to "Susanna _____", which indicates that her family name was unknown. In that same document, *Sproul Line*, Fannie was the first to ascribe the name of Ewing to William's first wife, Jane. This appears to be in error and certainly is at odds with earlier family documentation where Jane's last name was unknown. However, Susanna was rediscovered in 2003 when several items were found authenticating Susanna Ewing as the 2nd wife of Settler William.

Our assumed marriage date for William and Susanna is 23 June 1773, based on Chalkley's abstracts. Since that license abstract is recorded without the wife's name and no other records exists, that is not necessarily the license for our William and Susanna, and may actually be the marriage license for another William Sproul who lived nearby on the Maury River (North Fork of the James). He married Elizabeth Lusk who, at that time, was probably of Augusta County (the Lusk family was a prior owner of the Locust Grove land) which would have necessitated an Augusta County license. It appears that the family of Susanna lived in Botetourt County at that time in the area which later became Monroe County and so Botetourt County would seem a more likely county for the marriage license than Augusta.

There are four items of evidence identifying Susanna Ewing as William's second wife:

1. Old Photostat Record⁹ (from Locust Grove files):

"His second wife was Susanna Ewing, and bore him Oliver, Jean, John, Charles, Mary, Martha, Fannie, Samuel, Sidney, and Joseph."

2. Oliver Ewing's Will²⁰ probated in Monroe County, (W)Virginia Monroe County Will Book 1, p.196-98 Oliver Ewing; Will, 17 Jan 1818 probated Jun 1823. Nephew; Oliver Ewing s/o Samuel Ewing; niece, Sidney Ewing d/o Samuel Ewing; other devisees; Fanny Ewing d/o brother Joseph Ewing; Gean Charlton d/o sister Fanny Ewing; brother William Ewing; heirs of brother James Ewing; sister Gean Patterson; heirs of sister Fanny Ewing; **heirs of sister Susana Sproull**; brother Joseph Ewing; heirs of brother John Ewing; heirs of sister Sidney McNutt; Executors: Friends: Isaac Hanly and Joseph Ewing s/o brother Samuel Ewing. Witnesses: Andrew Walker, John Tackett.

3. Susanna and William Sproul named their own children almost identically to Susanna's Ewing siblings. She used all of her own sibling's names except for her own, and brothers William and James, both of those names having already been given to earlier sons of William and Jane:

<u>Susanna Ewing siblings</u>	<u>Children of William and Susanna Sproul</u>
from Oliver Ewing's 1818 Will	from Sproul Family Bible
<i>Jean</i>	<i>Jean</i>
<i>Sidney</i>	<i>Sidney</i>
	Mary
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Joseph</i>
<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Oliver</i>
	Martha
<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>Fanny</i>	<i>Fanny</i>
<i>Samuel</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
	Charles
Susanna	not used for children
James	already used for William & Jane's child
William	already used for William & Jane's child

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove, c.1875

²⁰ Will – *Oliver Ewing Will*, 1823, Monroe County, WV

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Chalkley, Lyman, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish*
 Vogt, John.; *Augusta County Marriages, 1748-1850*
 Morton, Oren. *A History of Rockbridge County,*

Marriages. June 23, 1773. William Sproul
 Sproul, William and _____ 23 June 1773 license only
 William Sproul: m.1- Jane 1757, m.2- Susanne 1773

3.3.1 The James Ewing Family

Family of Susanna Ewing, 2nd wife of Settler William Sproul of Augusta County - *Children of James Ewing of Indian and Turkey Creeks, Monroe Co, WV*

The Monroe County James Ewing family of Susanna has been well established through early wills and the documentation of several lines to the present²¹. Lacking yet is information on the father, James. He is one of at least four Scots-Irish James Ewings to appear in Augusta County at this time. The James Ewing family of Monroe County, as listed below, is fully documented in *The James Ewing Family of Indian and Turkey Creeks in Monroe County, West Virginia*²¹, published in the *Ewing Family Journal*.

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
Oliver Ewing		1823		no heirs, Monroe Co
Susanna Sproul	~1755	1806	William Sproul, 1773	had heirs
Jean Sproul	Feb 24, 1775	1837	John Weir	Raphine, Va
Sidney Sproul	May 11, 1776	bef.1817	Joseph Beard	local
Mary Sproul	Jan 21, 1778	aft.1825	died single	Locust Grove
Joseph Sproul	Aug 15, 1779	aft.1822	Rachael Davis	Stanford, Lincoln Co, Ky
Oliver Sproul	Dec 15, 1780	aft.1825	Mary Davis	Frankfort, Ky
Martha Sproul	Dec 10, 1782	1859	Robert Hutcheson	Brownsburg, Va
John Sproul	Mar 28, 1784	1749	Matilda King Scott	Locust Grove
Fanny Sproul	Jan 29, 1786	1867	Thomas Thompson	Swoope, Va
Samuel Sproul	Jul 19, 1789	bef.1817, while finishing education		Locust Grove
Charles Sproul	Sep 28, 1792	1817		Locust Grove
James Ewing	1738	1807		had heirs, Augusta Co, Va
James Ewing Jr			m. Mary Hunter 1795, Rev Arch Scott	
Anne Ewing			Thomas Deverick 1815	
Mary Ewing			George K. Harris 1820, (2) Isaac Johns -> Illinois	
Jane Ewing (?)				
Other Heirs				
Fanny Ewing		bef 1818	_____Ewing	had heirs
Jean Ewing Charlton	1781	1855	Joseph Charlton 1807	Line to Present Available
Oliver Charlton	1810	1888		
Thomas Charlton	1812	1888		
Frances Charlton			single	
James Ewing Charlton			Wilda Bell Boslee	
Letty Charlton	1818	aft 1880		
Jane Charlton	1820	aft 1870	single	
Joseph P. Charlton	1822	1858	Lydia Keeney	
Other Heirs				
Sidney McNutt	~1761	bef 1818	Lt. James McNutt, 1781	had heirs, Ohio
James McNutt	~1780	aft.1833	Mary Laverty	
Joseph McNutt	~1781	aft.1833		Ohio
John McNutt	~1783	aft.1833	_____ Rossel	Ohio
(Female) McNutt	1783		James Blair	Illinois
Ewing McNutt	~1787	bef.1829	Mary _____	Indiana
Samuel H. McNutt	1788	aft.1833	Mary Susanna Blair, (2 nd) Susanna Jeffries	Indiana
Rhoda Lyle McNutt	1789		Michael Blair, 1833	Illinois
Frances (Fanny) McNutt	~1800	bef.1833	Samuel Blair	Illinois
Jane McNutt	1798	aft.1833	Michael Blair, 1816	Illinois
Oliver McNutt	~1801	1854	Mary Jordan, 1821	Indiana
Nancy McNutt	1803	1860	John Martin Laverty	Iowa

²¹ Sproul, William - *Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, VA: Ewing Family Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2009)
 – Part 1 – *The James Ewing Family of Indian and Turkey Creeks in Monroe County, West Virginia*.

Samuel Ewing		1815	Isabella McNutt, 1790	Monroe Co
Joseph Ewing		aft 1847	Martha	
Sidney Ewing	1791	~1855	___ Alford	Lewis Co, Mo
Oliver Ewing	1796	1886	Mary (Polly) Legg	Lewis Co, Mo
Thomas B. Ewing	1835	1886	Mary E. Jones	
Charles Ewing	1847	1932	Mary Graham	
Robert Ewing				
John Ewing	1797	1842	Isabelle Berry Matthews, 1829	Lewis Co, Mo
Susan Jane Ewing	1831	1860	John Mell Howell	
Joseph Howell	1852	1916	Mary C. Shouse	
Joseph Ewing		1822		Monroe Co
Sidney Ewing	~1789		William Nelson, 1818	
Margaret Nelson				
Frances (Fanny) Ewing	1790	~1865		Monroe Co
James Ewing	~1792	1833	Elizabeth Massy, 1797	
John Ewing	1793	~1865		Monroe Co
Oliver Ewing	est 1799	1847		Monroe Co
Joseph Ewing	~1805			
William Ewing	1811	1849 Mo.	Elizabeth Creacy	Lewis Co, Mo
Benjamin F. Ewing	1845	1933 Ill.	Anna Eliza Herring	
Ella Katherine Ewing	1872	1912 Mo.		"Giantess" (8 ft. 4 in. tall)
George Henry Ewing	1849		Caroline Martin	
Florence Eva Ewing			Schofield	
Samuel J. Ewing	1850		Nancy Mell	
John D. Ewing	~1890		Elizabeth	
Robert Ewing		1826		Monroe Co
Samuel Ewing	1819	bef 1847	Jane	Lewis Co, Mo
John Ewing		bef 1818	Sarah Davis, 1787	had heirs
Heirs				
William "Turkey Bill" Ewing		Feb. 1818		no heirs, Monroe Co
Jean Patterson		1814	Matthew Patterson	no heirs

Other Ewing Families

While James Ewing was the father of our Settler William's wife Suzanna and thus ancestor of our Augusta County Sproul family, it is important to note that this family is often confused with at least four early Augusta county settlers named James Ewing, all of whom had a son also named James. And there were other Ewing family settlers also. That leaves Ewing records highly ambiguous since most reference sources make no distinction as to which family is associated with any Ewing recorded. Chalkley's abstracts of the Augusta County records from 1745 through 1800 show 97 Ewing citations²², all without family identification although tentatively associated here with families as follows:

James Ewing of Pocahontas Co	6
Captain James Ewing of Staunton	36
James Ewing of Monroe Co	8
Joshua of Greenbrier Co	1
William Ewing of Rockingham	23
Robert or Charles of Bedford Co	8
<u>Undetermined</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	97

These parallel Ewing families in Augusta County at this time are addressed in the Ewing Family Journal: Sproul, William - *Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia: Parts II to IV, Ewing Family Journal*²³, Vol. 16, No. 2 (May 2010) including:

- Part II – James Ewing Family of Pocahontas County, West Virginia
- Part III – Joshua Ewing of Locust Creek at Greenbrier River
- Part IV – Capt. James Ewing Family of Staunton, Virginia

²² Chalkley, Lyman – *Ewing References in Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish in Virginia*, 1912.

²³ Sproul, William - *Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia*: in the *Ewing Family Journal*, Vol. 15, No.2 (May 2009) – *Parts II to IV*

3.4

Children of Settler William

The fifteen children and numerous grandchildren of William, Jane and Susanna, are briefly introduced here with birth and death dates and marriages. In Section 4 each of these fifteen family lines is developed and fully documented with detailed source referencing. In most lines another generation or two is included.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
William Sproul	1731	1806	1st Jane, 2nd Susanna Ewing
1st wife – Jane/Jean		1771-73	m. Aug. 1757
Alexander	1758-9	1813	Jane Beard May 15, 1781
Jean	Apr 5, 1782		
William	Jan 22, 1784		
Alexander	Mar 22, 1786		
Polly	Mar 23, 1788		
Samuel	May 12, 1790		
James	Sep 25, 1792		
Joseph	1795		
John	Aug, 1797		
Nancy	Jan 31, 1800		
Margaret	1764 ?	after 1817	John McCutchen
Mary Jane McCutchen			
James	est before 1766	after 1817	Frances McCutchen
Jane			Joseph Montgomery
Sarah			Joseph Waller
William “Squire Billy”	Aug 8, 1769	Aug 18, 1837	Esther Beard
Samuel Brown	Oct 11, 1806	Feb 5, 1896	Margaret Jane Winthrow Aug 21, 1834
Nancy Jane	Aug 11, 1808	Jul 2, 1887	Jacob Hull April 19, 1827
William	1810	after 1860	Janetta Beard 1833
Infant	1815	1815, infant 40 days	
Nancy had children	1770-1	before 1806	James McNutt
2nd wife - Susanna Ewing		after 1806	m. Jun 23, 1773
Jean (Jane)	Feb 24, 1775	1 Jan 1837	John Weir Jun 23, 1793 William Houston
Susan			
John Jr			
Hugh			
Mary			
William			Miss Moore
Jane			m. _____Wilson
Sidney	May 11, 1776	before 1817	Joseph Beard Jan 21, 1799
Polly Beard			
William Beard			m. Jane Ewing 1821
Susanna Beard			m. _____Securight
Jeanette Beard			William Sproul 1833
John Beard			Mary East
Jackie Beard (same as John?)			
David			

Mary	Jan 21, 1778	after 1825	s.
Joseph	Aug 15, 1779	after 1822	Rachael Davis
Martha			Thomson L. Bailey
Eliz Frances			s.
Harriet			Dr. Thomas Jefferson Bailey
Mary		July 15, 1840	James Higgenbotham
Samuel M.			
Oliver	Dec 15, 1780	after 1825	1 st Mary Davis
Dorthula			John McCutchen 1834
2nd daughter			2 nd wife ____
Martha	Dec 10, 1782	Jun 23, 1859	Robert Hutcheson (aft 1806)
Martha Hutcheson			m. Jim Moffett
Mary Hutcheson			____ Sheltman
Janice Hutcheson	1816	1827	
Robert Hutcheson	1817		Lizza Steele
Joseph Hutcheson	1820	1827	
William Hutcheson			(sister of Jim) Moffett
Jane/Jean Hutcheson	1829		
“Capt.” John	Mar 28, 1784	May 22, 1849	Matilda King Scott Sept 13, 1821
Susan Jane	Jul 7, 1822	Sep 30, 1839	s.
Frances Elizabeth (Fannie)	Feb 15, 1824	Mar 25, 1879	William White Sep 5, 1844
Emeline	May 1, 1826	Feb 14, 1879	Samuel Bell
Col William Scott “Col Billy”	Feb 4, 1828	Aug 15, 1864	s.
Archibald Alexander	Apr 29, 1831	Aug 17, 1899	Eugenia Emeline Bumbardner Oct 11, 1859
Matilda	Jan 27, 1834	Aug 19, 1864	s.
Martha Ann	Feb 20, 1837	Jan 14, 1881	Archibald G. Christian Dec 3, 1857
Fanny	Jan 29, 1786	Nov 30, 1867	Thomas Thompson (aft 1806)
Lizza Thompson			James Calhoun
Susan Thompson			A. G. Scott
William Thompson			Esteline McCutchen
Charles Thompson			1 st Miss Wilson , 2 nd the widow Bear
John Thompson			late in life the widow Fineball , a Shuey
James Thompson			s.
Samuel	Jul 19, 1789	d. bef finish edu, aft 1806, bef 1817	
Charles	Sep 28, 1792	Feb, 1817	s.

A large volume of source evidence for this family listing has been examined and is fully referenced in Section 4 providing the basis for verification and continuing factual genealogical research on this family. Conflicts have been found among the available data sources and these differences have been addressed considering the source authenticity, with family Bibles, wills, and gravestones being the most authentic, while genealogical reference books, notes, and letters accorded given lower credibility. Nonetheless, there are ambiguities in source data and unresolved issues in this genealogy.

3.5

Land of Settler William

William lived at three location in Augusta County. He first settled in the upper Cowpasture River area where he was recorded as being in the Captain George Wilson’s Militia in 1756. He married Jane in 1757 and received a grant for 168 acres lying astride the Cowpasture River in 1759. In 1761 he sold that land and moved 22 miles down the Cowpasture River to a 200 acre parcel he purchased in 1762. Then, in 1765 he purchased three adjacent parcels at the head of Moffatts Creek which encompass today’s Locust Grove Farm, moving 20 miles back East at that time. This last location is considered the Augusta County Sproul Family Homestead and, indeed, the original Cowpasture sites were unknown in all the family records of the 20th century.

William would have had to be in this Augusta County area for a number of years prior to 1759 in order to:

- a) locate the Cowpasture land and go through the petition and land grant process with the colonial government in Williamsburg, and
- b) locate and acquire funding to purchase the 320 acre site on Moffatts Creek at the same time.

An overview of all Settler William land transactions is shown below, with yellow highlighting where he presumably resided. Many of the original deeds are still held today at Locust Grove.

Settler William Sproul Land Transactions

Date	Acres	Location	Price	Record	Notes
First Cowpasture Location by Shaws Fork					
April, 1759	Grant 168	Cow Pasture River			Land Grant by Lt. Governor of Colony
Aug 15, 1759	pur 320	Moffatts Creek	£100	DB8, p.161	Original Deed at LG
Feb 10, 1761	sold 168	Cow Pasture River	£30	DB9, p.133	Executed Nov 3, 1761
Aug 17, 1762	sold 320	Moffatts Creek	£200	DB10, p.398	Exchange for below
Second Cowpasture Location at Stuart Run					
Aug 17, 1762	pur 200	Cow Pasture River	£200	DB10, p.403	Exchange for above
Locust Grove land near Middlebrook					
Aug 20, 1765	pur 170	Bordon’s Tract	£60	DB12, p.94	Original Deed at LG
Aug 20, 1765	pur 82, 218	Bev. Mnr., Bor. Trt.	£90	DB12, p.95	Original Deed at LG
1772	sold 200	Cow Pasture River	£132	Bath Co records	
Aug 17, 1779	pur 20	Bordon Tract	\$420	DB23, p.44	Original Deed at LG

DB – Augusta Co Deed Book

Family records do not note where William lived when holding these land parcels. The 1765-1772 years of overlapped land ownership of both Cowpasture land and Moffatts Creek land leave some ambiguity as to the actual family residence. Tradition, however, holds that the family left the Cowpasture area due to continuing Indian raids in the Cowpasture River area so it is probable that William moved to the Locust Grove homestead near the time of acquiring it in 1765 when the Indian raids were at their peak. There is no evidence that he ever lived on the 320 acres he purchased in 1759 on Moffatts Creek somewhat below Locust Grove.

The most probable periods of the family residing at each of these locations is listed below.

<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Location</u>
1756 - 1762	Cowpasture River at Shaws Fork
1762 - 1765	Cowpasture River at Stuart Run
1765 - 1806	Locust Grove, headwaters of Moffatts Creek

The following sections contain what information we have on these locations.

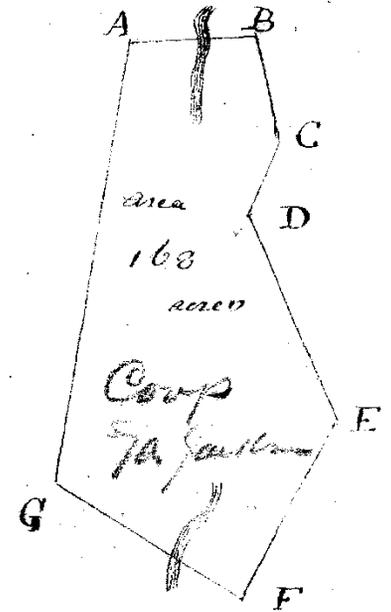


Aerial View of Settler William Sproul Cowpasture River Grant – *William first settled bottom land astride the Cowpasture River at Shaws Fork in 1759.*

22

By virtue of an Order of Council Dated October 29th 1743 to take up 30,000 acres of Land
I have Surveyed for John Robinson Off James Wood Henry Robinson & John Lewis 168 acres
part of the same lying on the Cowpasture River now in possession of James Jackson Beginning
at A white oak & Locust on the East side of the River thence N.W. 66 poles crossing the River to a
white oak & pine at B of N 35 E 60 poles to a pine at C of N 72 E 46 poles to a white oak at D and
S 85 E 124 poles to a hickory and white oak at E of N 75 E 112 poles to two pines at F on a branch
line of S 108 120 poles crossing the River to two pines & a white oak at G of S 58 W 25 4 poles
to the Beginning this 23^d of September 1746
along river

Thos Lewis s.c.



1746 Survey of 168 acres on the Cowpasture River for James Jackson - part of Lewis Tract.
This is the Cowpasture land granted to William Sproul in 1759.

1759 Land Grant to William Sproul – 168 acres on the Cowpasture River
Virginia Land Patent Book 33, p.556

Wm Sproul
168 acres
Form Page 1

George the second: To all whome these things shall come to know we that for the Considerations mentioned in an Order
of our Trusty and well beloved William Mordaunt Esquire late our Lieutenant Governor and Commander
in Chief of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in our Council of the said Colony Granted to
John Robinson Esquire James Wood, Henry Robinson, and John Lewis the twenty
ninth Day of October one thousand seven hundred and forty three We have Given
Granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs & Successors Do Give
Grant confirm unto William Sproul One certain tract or parcel of land containing
One hundred and sixty eight Acres being in the County of Augusta
~~the Cowpasture River~~ bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a white Oak
locust on the East side of the River running the north North West sixty six poles
crossing the River to a white Oak & Pine and North thirty five Degrees East sixty
poles to a Pine and North seventy two Degrees East forty six poles to a white Oak and North
twenty five Degrees East One hundred & twenty four poles to a white Oak and North
thirty five Degrees East One hundred & twelve poles to two Pines on a
barren hill South ten Degrees East One hundred & twenty crossing the River to two
Pines and a white Oak and South fifty eight Degrees West two hundred and fifty
four poles to the Beginning with all appurtenances To be held Yielding
paying & provided as in Writings & Writings our Trusty & well beloved Francis
Fauquier Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said
Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the
thirtieth Day of April One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine
In the thirty second Year of our Reign

Francis Fauquier

1759 Land Grant to William Sproul – 168 acres on the Cowpasture River
Virginia Land Patent Book 33, p.556

George the second – To all ye know ye that for the considerations mentioned in an Order of our Trusty and welbeloved William Gooch Esquire late our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in our Council of the said Colony Granted to John Robinson Esquire, James Wood, Henry Robinson, and John Sewin the twenty ninth day of October one thousand seven hundred and forty three We have Given Granted and Confirmed and by shown presents for us our Keius Succesfons Do Give Grant and affirm unto William Sproul one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and sixty eight acres lying and being in the county of Augusta on the Cowpasture River and bounded as followth, to wit. Beginning at a white Oak and Locust on the East side of the River & running thence North West sixty six poles crossing the River to a white Oak & Pine and North thirty five Degrees East sixty poles to a pine and North seventy two Degrees East forty six poles to a white Oak & North twenty five Degrees East One hundred & twenty four poles to a white Oak and Hiccory And North seventy five Degrees East One hundred & twelve poles to two pines on a barren hill & South ten Degrees East One hundred & twenty crossng the River to two pines and a white Oak and South fifty eight Degrees West two hundred and fifty four poles to the Beginning. With all ye to have hold and To be held & Yielding & paying & Provided & In Witness & Witness our Trusty & wellveloved Francis Fauquier Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commmander in Chief of curasats Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the third day of April One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, In the thirty second year of our Reign

Frans. Fauquier

Sale of Cowpasture River Land – 1761 William Sproul to William Steuart

Copy of Indentures on file

- **Augusta Co Deed Book No 9, p.132**

Indenture – Feb 9, 1761 – between William Sproul of Augusta Co and William Steuart of said Co for the sum of Five Shillings. Sell to William Steuart a parcel of land containing 168 acres on the Cow pasture River. For one year paying Rent of one pepper Corn on Lady Day next.

Signed and delivered: William Sproul, Jean Sproul

Witnessed William Marten, Hugh H Young, James D Trotter

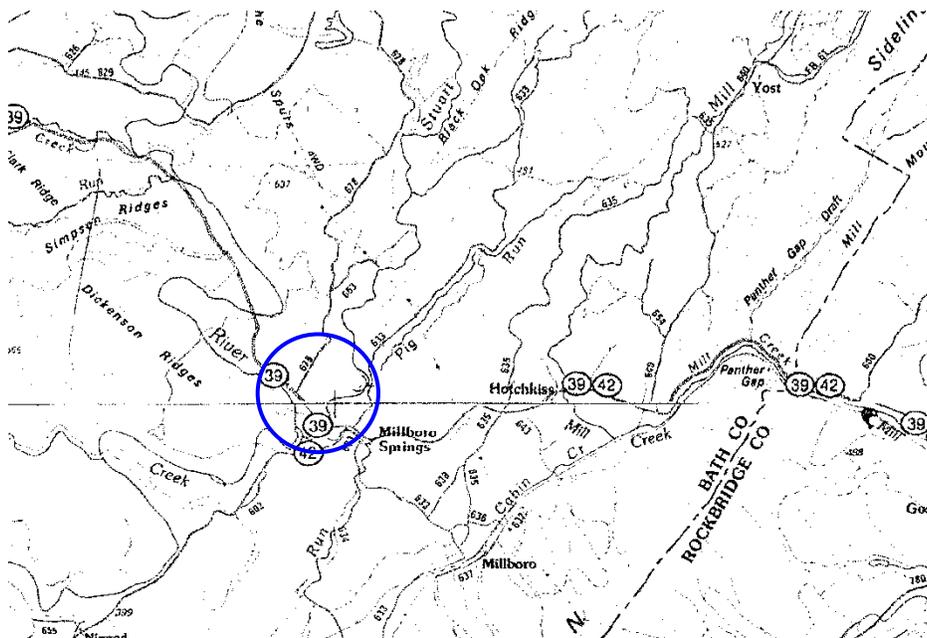
- **Augusta Co Deed Book No 9, p.133**

Indenture – Feb 10, 1761 – between William Sproul and Jean his wife of Augusta Co and William Steuart of said Co for the sum of thirty pounds. Sell to William Steuart a parcel of land containing 168 acres on the Cow pasture River. Signed and delivered: William Sproul, Jean Sproul

Witnessed William Marten, Hugh H Young, James D Trotter

3.5.2 Second Cowpasture River Location - 1761

William and Jane lived on his first Cowpasture land until 1761 when he sold this 168 acres and acquired 200 acres in today's Bath County 22 miles south and further down the Cowpasture River near Millboro Springs. He purchased this land from Alexander Millroy as recorded in 1762 in an even exchange for some 320 acres of land he held on Moffatts Creek in the Bordon Tract. The 200 acres of Millroy land is located a little above the Windy Cove Presbyterian Church on the Cowpasture River and on Rt 39 today. This location is shown on the following map. Due to subsequent land transfers enlarging and subdividing this land, the 200 acres that William Sproul held is difficult to trace and identify today.

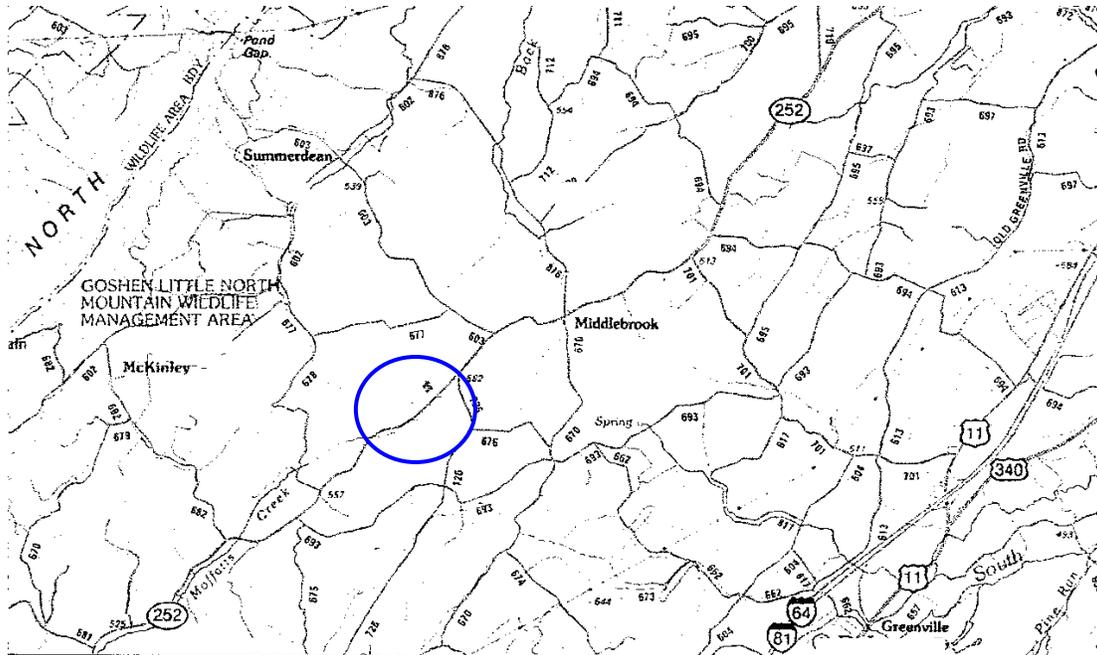


Second Cowpasture Location of William Sproul

William and Jane probably lived on their 200 acres some 22 miles further down the Cowpasture at the juncture of Stuart Run before moving to Locust Grove

3.5.3 Locust Grove on Moffatts Creek - 1765

William sold the 200 acre Cowpasture parcel in 1772 to Hugh Hicklin after he had moved to the Augusta County Sproul Family Homestead of Locust Grove at the headwaters of Moffatts Creek, and on the Beverley Manor and Bordon Tract line. Locust Grove is located on the map.



Location of Sproul Homestead – Moffatts Creek Augusta County, Virginia
William and Jane established the Sproul Homestead, Locust Grove Farm, in 1765

William first acquired land on Moffatts Creek in 1759 when he purchased 320 acres, the same year his patent on the Cowpasture was granted. This land is shown on the Bordon Tract Map as that originally granted to John Shields in 1741. While he exchanged this 320 acres on Moffatts Creek with Millroy in 1762 for a new place on the Cowpasture, he purchased more land on Moffatts Creek in 1765, three parcels totaling 470 acres. He moved to this land called Locust Grove near Middlebrook probably by 1765, selling his 200 acres of Cowpasture River land thereafter.

The three Moffatts Creek parcels of the Locust Grove Farm were:

- 218 acres in the Bordon Tract adjacent to the Beverly Manor line, part of the lower half of the land listed on both the Bordon and Beverly maps as *Samuel McCutcheon, 600, 1742,*
- 82 acres in Beverly Manor on the Bordon Manor line, listed on the Beverly Manor map as *Robt Robinson,* and
- 170 acres in the Bordon Tract adjacent to the Beverly Manor line and listed on both the Bordon and Beverly maps as *James Lusk, 170, 1749.*

This land was supplemented with another 20 acres on Moffatts Creek in 1779.

- 20 acres from Alexander McElroy on Moffatts Creek, exact location uncertain.

Viewing the Locust Grove Sproul Family Homestead with Google Earth, it is located at 38° 2' N, 79° 15' W.



Locust Grove Farm – 1765 Homestead of Augusta County Sproul Family – In 2015 *this farm is still in the Sproul family – Traces of the old Beverly Manor/Borden Tract boundary still align some properties.*

These parcels total 490 acres, which is the acreage recorded in the Virginia Land Tax books five times from 1782 through 1790. The 1881 surveyor plat of A. A. Sproul's Locust Grove Farm totals 577 acres. Further research may show that William picked up the 80 acres of James Sproul (see note below), so most of the makeup of the 1881 plat may be accounted for. It is interesting that these parcels are just a quarter mile from William's first 320 acre parcel which he did not keep. The following documentation trail traces the Locust Grove land back to the Borden or Beverly grant holders which enables identification and location of the land. The map combines adjacent Borden Tract and Beverly Manor border areas showing the locations of these land parcels and several other early Sprouls. These map segments are taken from the much larger Beverly Patent and Borden Tract maps of Hildebrand.

***82 acre Robinson Parcel and 218 acres of McCutchen Parcel
Augusta County Deed Book No. 1, p.159. - (Ch 3, p.257)***

21st August, 1746. Samuel McCutchen and Francis, his wife to James Shields, cordwinder, £18.5.0; 298-1/2 acres, part of 600 acres on Moffatts Creek bought from Borden; corner to Nathan Lusk, adjoining patent line of Beverly Manor. Witnesses, William Adair, Rob. Graham, James Trimble. Frances McCouchen. Acknowledged by both, 21st August, 1746

Augusta County Deed Book No. 4, p.522. - (Ch 3, p.319)

_____, 1753. John Shield, an orphan child under 21, son and heir of James Shield, deceased, by his guardian and uncle, John Shield, to Robert Robinson. Borden's tract sold by James to Robert Snodon; Beverley Manor line. Robert sold to Robinson. James Shield died April, 1749. Delivered by decree of County Court. James Losk's line, cor. Samuel McCutchan.

Augusta County Deed Book No. 6, p.6. - (Ch 3, p.319.)

15th March, 1754. Robert Robinson and Isabella, his wife, of Augusta, to Thomas Berry, of Augusta, two tracts adjoining and joining Beverley Manor and Borden's tract.

- 1st.--82 acres in Beverley Manor, conveyed by Beverley to Ro. Robinson. Beverley Manor line, cor. James Lusk (Loosk); cor. Patrick Cook, deceased; cor. Burden's tract and Beverley Manor.
- 2d.--In Borden's land, 218 acres conveyed by Borden to James Shields, cordwainer, and conveyed (vid chancery cause, County Court) by James Shields, guardian of John Shields, son and heir-at-law and orphan child of said James Shields to Ro. Robinson; James Loosk's line; Beverley Manor line, cor. Samuel McCutcheon.

Robert Robinson. Isabella (her mark) Robinson. Teste: John Shields, James Welch, Thos Branan.

Augusta County Deed Book No. 7, p.398. - (Ch 3, p.345.)

16th March, 1757. Thomas Berry and Esther () to James Trotter £60, two tracts adjoining each other and the line of Beverley Manor and Borden's tract:

- 1st, 82 acres in Beverley Manor, cor. James Loosk, patent line; cor. lines of Patrick Cook; cor. Borden's tract and Beverley Manor;
- 2nd, 218 acres in James Loosk's line; Beverley Manor patent line and Borden's tract; cor. Samuel McCutchen; cor. James Shields.

Both conveyed to Thomas, 15th March, 1754, by Ro. Robinson and Isabella. Teste: Wm. Frame, James Bell, Jno. McPheetters. Delivered: Jno. Davis, 1758.

Augusta County Deed Book No. 12, p.94²⁴. - (Ch 3, p.427)

20th August, 1765. James Trotter, plantationer, and Mary to Wm. Sprowle, £60, 170 acres in Borden's tract; corner Samuel McCutchen's land, line of Beverley Manor. Deed of feoffment.

Augusta County Deed Book No. 12, p.94²⁴. - (Ch 3, p.427)

20th August, 1765. Same to same (James Trotter, plantationer, and Mary to Wm. Sprowle), £90, two tracts joining each other and Beverley Manor and Borden's tracts lines:

- 82 acres in Beverley Manor, adjoining above, corner Wm. Dean's land;
- 218 acres in Borden's tract, corner Samuel McCutchen's land; corner James Shields, deceased.

Deed of feoffment.

80? Acre Parcel of McCutcheon 600 Parcel to James Sproul

Note: A part of James Shields' 298 acres parcel, directly north of Settler William's Locust Grove, went to a James Sproul, now presumed to be a close relative of William:

Augusta County Deed Book No. , p.291. - (Ch 3, p.531)

19th May, 1773. John Shields, eldest son and heir of James Shields, deceased, and Margaret () of Amherst County, to James Sproul, part of 298 acres conveyed to James Shields by McCutcheon, 21st August. 1746, and descended to John, eldest son; another tract conveyed to John as eldest son of James by Borden, 20th August, 1752, corner James Loosk. Delivered: Wm. Sprowl, 19th January, 1782.

²⁴ *Deed - James Trotter to William Sproul, 1765, Augusta County Deed Book No. 12, p.94 -96.*

170 Acre James Lusk Parcel

Augusta County Deed Book No. 2, p.280. - (Ch 3, p.274)

22nd August, 1749. Benjamin Borden to James Lusk, 170 acres of 92100. Corner Samuel McCutchan. Beverley Manor line.

Augusta County Deed Book No. 6, p.16. - (Ch 3, p.320)

21st March, 1754. James Lusk and Eleanor to James Trotter. Cor. Samuel McCutcheon, Beverley Manor line, conveyed by Borden to James 16th August, 1749.

20 Acre Parcel from Alexander McElroy

Augusta County Deed Book No. 23, p.48. - (Ch 3, p.559)

17th August, 1779. Alexander Mceleroi and Agness to William Sproul, part of the plantation Alex. now lives on, in Borden's tract.

{Original deed states 20 acres and consideration of \$420.}

{This may be part of the 1762 parcel previously sold to McElroy by Sproul.}

{Considering the price and small size, it may be the mill site on Moffatts Creek.}

3.5.4 Beverly Manor and Bordon Tract Land Near Locust Grove

The J.R.Hildebrand maps of the Beverly Manor²⁵ and Bordon Tract²⁶ land show the early land purchases and grants through this area, with Locust Grove located on the boundary of these two large tracts. These maps are highly revealing as to the locations of many of the other “Sproul” settlers who were most certainly Scots-Irish and relatives of Settler William. None of these, however, are identified specifically by family tradition. James Sproul purchased 173 acres of land on two sides of Locust Grove about 8 years after Settler William acquired his land, yet his existence has not been carried in family records or tradition. This map combines these two Hildebrand maps in the vicinity of Locust Grove to show parcels and locations of the several “Sproul” settlers.

3.5.5 1800s Surveys

There are several surveys available of the Locust Grove land in the 1800s. These are:

- 1881 Survey – 577 acres of A. A. Sproul²⁷
- 1886 Survey – 88 acres of Jacob Carwell heirs²⁸
- 1893 Survey – 199 acres of E. E. Sproul – Briarmore Farm area²⁹

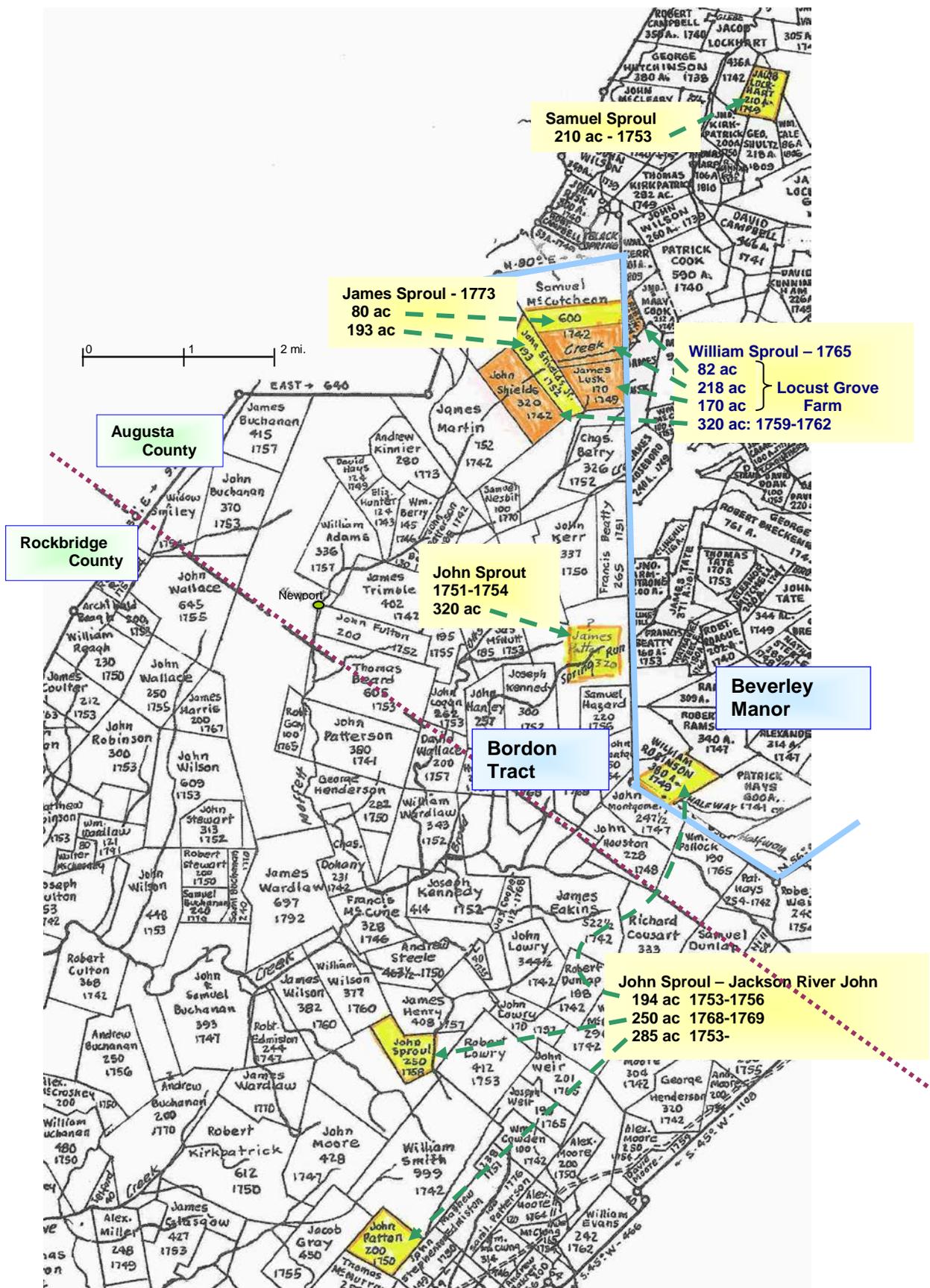
²⁵ Hildebrand, J.R. - *The Beverley Patent, 1736 including original grantees 1738-1815*, 1954.

²⁶ Hildabrand, J.R. - *Map Showing 92,100 Acre Grant for Benjamin Borden, November 6, 1739*, 1964

²⁷ Survey - *1881 Survey*, 577 acres of A. A. Sproul

²⁸ Survey -*1886 Survey*, 88 acres of Jacob Carwell heirs

²⁹ Survey -*1893 Survey*, 199 acres of E. E. Sproul – Briarmore Farm area



Land Parcels and Locations of Early Sproul Settlers near Locust Grove
There were several early Sproul settlers located close together.

3.5.6 Land Transaction Abstracts

Brief abstracts of the early land transactions of Settler William are given in the following table. As noted, some of the original yellowed parchment deeds, which are now well preserved, are still kept at Locust Grove. All of the land transactions in the Moffatts Creek area are readily traced to their original grant holder from which the actual parcel can be located using the old Beverly Manor and Bordon Tract maps.

Abstracts of Moffatts Creek Land Transactions

Date	Action	Acres	Records	Abstract of Record
April 3, 1759	Patent	168	Va Land Patents, Bk 33, p.556	Grant to William Sproul, 168 ac, on the Cowpasture River by Lt Gov Francis Fauquier <i>{have copy, transcription, and survey/plat}</i>
Aug 15, 1759	Purchase	320	Aug Co DB 8, p.160,16	Jon. Davis() & Judith () to William Sproul, £100, 320 acres on Moffetts Creek of James River in Bordon Tract, corner John Patterson. <i>{Have copy. Actual deed at Locust Grove. This is on Bordon Tract map: 1742 land of John Shields about ½ mile W of Locust Grove}</i>
Feb 10, 1761	Sell	-168	Aug Co DB 10, p.398	William Sproul and Jean, to William Stewart, £30, 168 acres on Cow Pasture River in Lewis Land Grant Delivered October 1761. (have copy and plat. Owned by another Wm Stewart in 2003)
Aug 17, 1761	Sell	-320	Aug Co DB 10, p.403	William Sprowl and Jeane to Alex McElroy, £200, 320 acres on Moffetts Creek, corner Jon. Patterson, part of Bordon's 92,100 acres. Delivered to McElroy, December 1768.
Aug 17, 1762	Purchase	200	Aug Co DB 10, p.403	Alex McElroy and Agnes to William Sproul, £200, 200 acres patented to Alexander, April 10, 1751. John Dickenson's line on Cowpasture River, corner John Donely's land. The Lewis Land Grant Millroy, Alexander—200*--CP below Dickensons 1080 A—P, 1751—sold 1762, to William Sprowl for 200p, and by Sprowl, 1772, to Hugh Hicklin for 132p—178 A sold by Hicklin, 1794, to George Whiteman for 250p and 22 A 1794, to John Dickenson.
Aug 20, 1765	Purchase	170 BM	Aug Co DB 12, p..94	James Trotter, plantationer and Mary(), to William Sproule, £60, 170 acres in Bordon's Tract, corner Samuel McCutchen's land, line of Beverly Manor. Deed of feoffment. Delivered to William. Sprowl, 15 May 1771. Trotter to Wm Sprowle - 170 acres - DB9, p94 1754 James (Lusk to Trotter deed for this parcel at LG)
Aug 20, 1765	Purchase	82 BM, 218 BT	Aug Co DB 12, p..95	James Trotter, plantationer and Mary(), to William Sproule, £90, two tracts joining each other and Beverly Manor & Bordon's tract lines: A-82 acres in Beverly Manor adj above, Corner Wm Dean's land; B-218 acres in Bordon's tract (Locust Grove?) Corner Saml McCutchen's land: Corner of James Shields deed. Deed of feoffment. Trotter to Sproul - 2 parcels - 82 & 218 acres - DB12, p95-97. 1757 Thomas Berry to Trotter deed for these parcels at LG {DB7 p.398}*
March 16, 1757	Earlier Record	82, 218	Aug Co DB ?, p.398	Thomas Berry and Ester () to James Trotter £60, two tracts adjoining each other and the line of Beverley Manor and Bordon's tract; 1 st 82 ac in BM, cor James Loosk, patent line; cor. Lines of Patrick Cook; cor. BT and BM; 2 nd , 218 ac in James Loosk's line; BM patent line and BT; cor. Samuel McCutchen; cor. James Shields, both conveyed to Thomas 15 March 1754 by Ro. Robinson and Isabella. Delivered: Jno. Davis, 1758.
Aug 17, 1779	?	20	Aug Co DB 23, p.48	Pur from Alexander McEleroi and Agnes, part of Alexander plantation Alexander now lives on, in Bordon Tract Meclenoi to Wm Sproul - 20 acres - Bordon Tract - DB23, p.44

3.6

Locust Grove – the Sproul Family Homestead

Locust Grove was purchased by Settler William in 1765 and this is probably when he brought his family here from the Cowpasture River area where the Indian raids were becoming increasingly dangerous. A log cabin was first built just above the spring, the headwater of Moffatts Creek. We've no idea of the size of that cabin, but it must have been fairly large for raising fifteen children. Eventually a new house was needed and the big brick house was built in about 1805, still a fine home today. The original log cabin was eventually removed and while some of its wood served as fuel for the fires, enough of the strong hardwood was available to build a second cabin, this one located up near the brick house. That cabin, pictured to the right, was finally taken down around 1975.

Today, Locust Grove is the name of the house and the farm. This house has gone through over 200 years of expansions and modifications. The original four rooms, two up and two down, are probably in much the same as when originally so well built – large rooms with very high ceilings. The rest of



The old log cabin has been taken down.



Locust Grove is a home well-loved by generations of Sprouls who have grown up there or just visited for summer vacations.

the house is comprised of numerous additions and modifications occurring over the years. There must have been six different locations for the kitchen, inside and outside the house itself. Now the wood stoves and cooking fireplaces are gone or covered over (except for the old kitchen fireplace in the dirt floored New Room basement) and there is a modern all-electric kitchen. Even many of the heating fireplaces are closed off as well as the old gas lighting system being shut down. Until the most recent replastering, the New Room, called so because that's what it has always been, still had faint lines of grease in the ceiling plaster from the beams above where the meat was kept hidden in the loft from the Yankees during the war. The spring house and smoke house in the back no longer serve their original purposes. The grounds and gardens have always been particularly impressive.

To gather a sense of the overall character of Locust Grove, see the article by Katherine Lapsley Sproul, wife of William W. Sproul Sr., written in about 1940 and simply entitled *Locust Grove*³⁰. Locust Grove can be viewed on Google Earth and is located at 38° 2' 2" N, 79° 15' W where the pond and buildings are quite visible.

³⁰ Sproul, Katherine Lapsley - *Locust Grove*, 1940.

3.6.1 Building and Ownership of Locust Grove

William Sproul (Settler William) –

The large brick Locust Grove house was built by Settler William in about 1804* and initially occupied by William and Susanna and those children who remained at home. He would have been elderly at that time and died in 1806.

Charles Sproul and John Sproul –

Settler William's will (Sec. 3.7) divides the Locust Grove property between his sons, John and Charles, but specifically leaves the house and barn to Charles, who was just 14 at that time:

11th I leave & bequeath to my sons John & Charles Sproul all my land to be divided equally so that Charles will get the house & barn to them and their heirs and offspring forever, also to each a horse and saddle a bed and furniture and all the plantation of farming utesalls to each the one half --

Charles died 11 years later in 1817 at the age of 25, and his will (Sec.4.15) leaves the house and remainder of the farm to his brother John:

1st - I give and bequeath to my brother John Sproul all the land that was willed to me by my father to be his and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequest unto my brother John Sproul all my part of the personal estate and Negroes excepting Dick and allowing him the said John Sproul to pay to each of my brothers and sisters such legacies as I shall be hereinafter mentioning.

But both Charles (age 14) and John (age 20) resided there in 1806 and the 1820 Inventory of Charles is a joint inventory of Charles and John as no actual division between them had taken place after the death of their father William. This 1820 Inventory reflects the very significant Locust Grove house and farm assets at that time. John remained in Locust Grove, marrying Matilda K. Scott in 1821 and they resided there until his death in 1849. John's 1849 Inventory gives a good look at his assets at Locust Grove at the time.

William Scott Sproul (Col. Billy) –

William Sproul (Col. Billy) owned and occupied Locust Grove after the death of his father, John, in 1849 although John's will has yet to be found. William White (husband of John's daughter Frances) and Col. Billy (son of John) performed the appraisal for John's estate.

Archibald Alexander Sproul

After Col. Billy died of typhoid fever in 1864, Archibald Alexander inherited Locust Grove. He and his wife Eugenia Emeline Bumgardner then moved into Locust Grove where they lived until his death in 1899.

William White Sproul

William White Sproul inherited Locust Grove after the death of his father and lived there with his wife Katherine Rutherford Lapsley where they raised their six children

* Note - from W.W.Sproul III recollections of discussions with W.W.Sproul Jr in 1960's. Also, the house was listed in his will which was probated in 1806.

3.6.2 Slaves of the Locust Grove Sproul Family

While it is seldom alluded to, there were a number of enslaved persons owned by the Sproul family ancestors. These persons are listed as Negros in some legal documents such as wills and as slaves in other documents including the census. Records are found listing their given names in wills, inventories, deeds, the Census, letters, and other papers, but there are no mention of family names, if such existed.

Our earliest ancestors in colonial America, my great great great grandfathers Settlers William Sproul and Rev Archibald Scott, had 8 and 10 persons listed as Negros in their respective appraisals in 1807 and great great grandfather John Sproul had 17 persons listed as Negros in 1850. Squire Billy, son of Settler William and living nearby, had 7 persons listed as Negros in his 1839 will. Based on 1860 census schedule of slave inhabitants, my great grandfather A.A.Sproul had about 20 slaves after his brother Col. Billy died, and there are no further records after that as slavery was abolished and the Confederacy had surrendered.

A separate document, *Slaves of the Locust Grove Sproul Family*³¹, lists what data has been found on slaves and cites source documents. Some records lack names or ages. But there are about 50 individuals found, each with a document date and many with their age at that time.

³¹ Sproul, George and William, *Slaves of the Locust Grove Sproul Family* - 2018

An 1806 copy of the original will³² on parchment is still kept with the Locust Grove family papers.

Abstract –

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Susanna Sproul, beloved wife | one third of all |
| 2. son James | 10s |
| 3. son Alexander | 10s |
| 4. daughter Margaret McCutchen | 10s |
| 5. daughter Nancy's children | \$2 |
| 6. son William | £10 |
| 7. son Joseph | £10 |
| 8. son Oliver | £50 |
| 9. daughter Jean Weir | 10s |
| 10. daughter Sidney Beard | 10s and negro girl Ebby |
| 11. sons John and Charles | all my land |
| 12. daughters Mary, Martha, & Fanny | £100, horse & saddle, bed & furniture and their maintenance
off my land and living thereon so long as they live unmarried |
| 13. son Samuel | funds to become preacher, doctor, or lawyer if he wishes plus £50 |

Executors are wife Susanna, sons William and John

Witnesses are Joseph Beard and Samuel Beard

Additional bondsmen are James McNutt, Joseph Beard, and Samuel McCutchen

{ James McNutt Jr and Joseph Beard are sons-in-law of Settler William Sproul. Samuel McCutchen is brother to the late John McCutchen, son-in-law to Settler William Sproul.

Transcript of the 1806 Will of Settler William Sproul on Parchment

*William Sproul
Copy Will
Examined*

In the name of God, Amen: I William Sproul of Augusta County do make this my last will and Testament in the following manner, that is to say first I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Susanna Sproul the one third part of all my estate both real & personal for the term of during her natural life of so long as she lives a widow but if she should marry again I only allow her a horse and saddle a negro girl named Rose a bed & furniture for the aforesaid Term.

2nd I leave & bequeath to my son James Ten Shillings

3rd I leave & bequeath to my son Alexander Ten Shillings

4th I leave & bequeath to my daughter Margaret McCutchen 10 shillings

5th I bequeath to my daughter Nancy's children 2 Dollars Each

6th I bequeath to my son William Ten pounds

7th I bequeath to my son Joseph Ten pounds

8th I bequeath to my son Oliver fifty pounds

9th I bequeath to my daughter Jean Weir Ten Shillings

10th I bequeath to my daughter Sidney Beard Ten Shillings my negro girl named Ebby to her and her heirs

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

11th I leave & bequeath to my sons John & Charles Sproul all my land to be divided equally so that Charles will get the house & barn to them and their heirs and ofspring forever, also to each a horse and saddle a bed and furniture and all the plantation of farming utesalls to each the one half --

12th I leave & bequeath to my three daughters Mary, Martha & Fanny to each a horse & saddle, bed & furniture, & to each one hundred pounds, to be paid in property out of my personal estate, by the hereafter named Executors, but if my personal estate should not be sufficient to pay each that sum I allow each of the above named boys John & Charles to pay to each of the three girls what the personal estate will be deficient to make each girl one hundred pounds out of their lands.

13 I allow my son Samuel to go through his learning until he commences either a preacher, a doctor or a lawyer if he wishes to continue at learning & the necessary books, tuition boarding & clothing to be paid out of my estate also a horse & saddle and fifty pounds in money to be paid at the time he shall be licensed in one of the above callings or thinks proper to quit his learning and to be under the direction of my executors during the said Term—

I allow my three daughters Mary, Martha, & Fanny their maintenance off my land & the privilege of living thereon so long as they live unmarried

I allow my negros to be divided by the hereafter named executors as they think proper, amongst my two sons John & Charles and my three daughters Mary, Martha & Fanny that is to say if they think proper to give one negro to one, two, or one to each of the girls it is to stand in part or full payment of their one hundred pounds above allowed to them & the balance if any to be paid to them as above stated, But if they think proper to give the negros to the said Two boys they are to give to them their heirs and ofspring and said girls to be paid in other property as above stated—

I allow all my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid out of my estate & all the balance if any, that has not heretofore been mentioned to be divided by my executors as they think proper.

I do constitute & appoint my wife Susanna Sproul my son Wm. Sproul & my son John Sproul sole executors to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore by me made confirming this and this only to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal on this Eight day of August One Thousand Eight hundred & six-

Sighed, Sealed & published & declared by the said Wm Sproul to be his last will & testament in the presence of Joseph Beard & Samuel Beard

Wm Sproul Seal

Michael Koontz

At a Court held for Augusta County July the 22nd 1806

This last will & Testament of William Sproul decd was proved by oaths of Joseph & Samuel Beard two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on the motion of Susannah Sproul the Extx & Wm Sproul & John Sproul the Exors therein named who made oath according to law & together with James NcNutt Jr, Joseph Beard & Samuel McCutchen their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$6000 conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Chesley Kinney CC

A Copy

Teste

Freanis F. Stribling Seal

Descendants of Settler William Sproul

There were fifteen children of William and his two wives, Jane and Susanna, seven girls and eight boys. The girls all married except Mary, and all of them remained in the local area. Four of the boys went to Kentucky. John and Charles inherited the Locust Grove land and home, but Charles died at 24. Samuel died single before finishing his education. So of the eight boys, only William (Squire Billy) and John (Capt John) remained in the area. William (Squire Billy) died in 1837 and all his children left the area by 1858. Thus only one second generation Sproul male family (Capt John's) remained in the Augusta County area.

Similarly, in the third generation; John had two sons, and with Col Billy dying during the Civil War in 1864, Archibald Alexander remained the only Sproul male of the third generation in the Augusta County area.

The following sections each present a short genealogy of each of the fifteen children. Detailed source documentation is referenced in each following section.

Children of 1st wife, Jane

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Resided</u>
4.1 Alexander	1758	1813	Jane Beard	Cumberland, Ky
4.2 Margaret	c.1764	aft.1817	John McCutchen	local
4.3 James Sproul	c.1766	aft.1817	Frances McCutchen	Cumberland, Ky
4.4 William "Squire Billy"	1769	1837	Esther Beard	Newport
4.5 Nancy	1770	bef.1806	James McNutt	local

Children of 2nd wife, Susanna Ewing

4.6 Jean (Jane)	1775	1837	John Weir	Raphine
4.7 Sidney	1776	bef.1817	Joseph Beard	local
4.8 Mary	1778	aft.1825	died single	Locust Grove
4.9 Joseph	1779	aft.1822	Rachael Davis	Stanford, Lincoln Co, Ky
4.10 Oliver	1780	aft.1825	Mary Davis	Frankfort, Ky
4.11 Martha	1782	1859	Robert Hutcheson	Brownsburg
4.12 John "Capt. John"	1784	1749	Matilda King Scott	Locust Grove
4.13 Fanny	1786	1867	Thomas Thompson	Swoope
4.14 Samuel	1789	bef.1817, while	finishing education	Locust Grove
4.15 Charles	1792	1817	died single	Locust Grove

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Alexander Sproul and Jane Beard

Alexander, son of Settler William Sproul and Jane

Alexander Sproul³² 1758-9³³ d. 1813³⁴

Married: **Jane Beard**³³ May 15, 1781³³ in Augusta Co, Va. by Rev John Brown.

Jane b. 1763, d. June 10, 1847³⁴

dau of **William Beard**³³ who lived four miles from Alexander's home.

Alexander lived in Augusta Co. He entered service in 1781 and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. Taking ill there, his brother James took a wagon to Yorktown to bring him home. He was recommended as Ensign in 1788 and Lieutenant in 1794 in Capt. Samuel McCutchen's company. He moved with wife to Cumberland Co, by 1805³⁴ (later Clinton Co), Ky.³³ He had 150 acres on Indian Creek, surveyed in 1805. During War of 1812, he took seriously ill in a place called Pickaway Plains, Ohio. His son Joseph was detailed to stay with him until he died there.

Dr. Bret Barrier, a descendent of Alexander, presents a very interesting and well documented history of Alexander and Jane in his *Sproul's & Barrier's of Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri*.³⁴

Jane's 1848 Application for Widow's Pension R10020 1/2³³ contains most of the known data on Alexander.

Children of Alexander and Jane were³³:

Jean Apr 5, 1782

William Jan 22, 1784

Alexander Mar 22, 1786 m. ____ s: Charles D. b. 1806^{Cen}

Polly Mar 23, 1788

Samuel May 12, 1790

James Sep 25, 1792

Joseph Jan 22, 1795 m. 1st **Jenny Campbell**³⁵, 2nd 1856 **Harriet Hurst**³⁶ (b. 1816)^{Cen}

Enlisted for War of 1812 from Cumberland Co, ser Capt Wood's Co, KY Militia³⁶

Joseph, with sons James and William moved to Carroll Co, Mo. after 1847 (~ 1850)³⁴

{ See Harriet's Application for Widow's Pension WC-34789³⁶ }

{ also see Frank Tull Manuscripts³⁵³⁵ for more on this family -

<http://www.angelfire.com/biz/poindexter/sproul/TullManuscript.pdf> }

Children of Joseph:

Elizabeth³⁴ b. Nov 6, 1822 m. **Samuel Barrier** 1837, moved to Carroll Co, Mo. ~1842³⁴

Joseph³⁷

James³⁴ **A.**³⁷ b. 1829³⁴ m. **Mary**^{Cen}

Cary³⁷

William C. b. ~ 1835³⁴ { see Jamie Poindexter's Genealogy Web Site³⁸ for more information on this line }

John Aug, 1797

Nancy Jan 31, 1800

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

^{Cen} *Census Records* - see Census file, ^c also

³³ Sproul, Jane - *Application for Widow's Pension, War of 1812, filed 1846*

³⁴ Barrier, Dr. Bret - *Sproul's & Barrier's of Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri* - 2001

³⁵ Tull, Frank - *Frank Tull Manuscripts* - 1942

³⁶ Sproul, Harriet - *Application for Widow's Pension, War of 1812, filed 1887*

³⁷ Sproul, Joseph - *Letter to Children - 1842*

³⁸ Poindexter, Jamie - *Jamie Poindexter's Genealogy Web Site* - <http://jamiempoindexter.net/FamilyHistory/index.htm>

Additional Notes:

1781 Aug Co List of Tithables - William McPheeters's List {including} Wm. Sprowl, James Sprowl, Alex. Sprowl

1788 Aug Co OB-XXII, p.457. Militia officers recommended: Alexander Sprowl, Ensign in First Regiment

1792 Aug Co Circuit Court mention

1793 Aug Co Dist Court Judgments April, 1793. We, the undernamed jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia, present that Alex. Sproul did, on the 18th day of January last, in the County aforesaid, unlawfully make a forcible entry into the house and possession of George Almarode, with arms, of which he was then possessed, and does continue to keep out the said Almarode, to his hurt and damage. In witness whereof the undernamed jurors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 13th day of February, 1792. (Signed) Francis Hull, John Summers, Robt. Morris, Robert Cooper, Samuel McCutchan, Andrew Donaldson, Thomas Boyd, John McCoskry, David Humphreys, James Cunningham, George Everts, Jacob Wehrly, John Cunningham, Robert Hanna, John McCutchan, Henry Venus, Ro. Tate, Hugh Dougherty, Henry Minger, William McCutchan, John Foulwidder, John Logan, Mexard Berryhill, James Henry.

1794 Aug Co OB-XXIII, p.96. Alex Sprowl recommended as Lieutenant in Capt McCulcheon Company, 2nd Battalion

Margaret, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Jane

Margaret³² 1764 ? d. after 1817³⁹ m. **John McCutchen**^{32, 39, 40}

Children:

Mary Jane McCutchen (mentioned in Martha Ewing 1855 will⁴¹)

218 acres of the Locus Grove homestead of William Sproul was from the original 598 acre Bordon Tract parcel of Samuel McCutchen Sr. Samuel's sons Samuel Jr. and John received 150 acres each in 1768, with James Sproul (not descendant of Settler William) acquiring the remaining 80 acres in 1773. Margaret married a McCutchen^{32, 39} and deeds* show John McCutchen and his wife Margaret selling their land, including the above 150 acres in 1792. It is presumed that Margaret Sproul was married to this McCutchen.

John McCutchen disappeared from the tax rolls by 1803. Being considerably older than Margaret, it may be presumed that he was dead and that his brother Samuel Jr. maintained responsibility for Margaret. Acting in that capacity, and as friend and neighbor of the Sprouls, Samuel McCutchen was present in 1806 and gave security at probate of the will of Settler William Sproul:

*"... who made oath according to law & together with James NcNutt Jr, Joseph Beard & Samuel McCutchen their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$6000 conditioned as the law directly certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form."*³²

James NcNutt Jr and Joseph Beard are sons-in-law of Settler William Sproul. Samuel McCutchen is brother to the late John McCutchen, son-in-law to Settler William Sproul.

Additional Notes:

*1792 Au Co DB 27, p.305. 19 Jun 1792. John McCutchan and Margaret, his wife. 150 acres of plantation John McCutchan now lives on. £100 of current Virginia money

*1800 Aug Co Deed Book 31, p.128. 22 Sept 1800. John McCutchen and Margaret, his wife, to Windele Groves. \$200 lawful money of Virginia. 159 acres

³² Will – *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI. p.73, 1806

³⁹ Will - *Charles Sproul Will* – 1817 Augusta County

⁴⁰ McCutcheon, Larry - *Our McCutcheon Family*, 2009, p.474

⁴¹ Will - *Martha Ewing Will*, Proved 27 Aug 1855, Aug Co CH, Will Book 34, p.518

James, son of Settler William Sproul and Jane

James Sproul³² b. est before 1766*
 m. **Frances McCutchen**** - moved to Kentucky in 1790s

children:

Jane m. **Joseph Montgomery** – 1796 in Franklin, Kentucky
Sarah m. **James Waller**

* - James 1766 birth date based on estimate that he would be at least 15 years old in 1781 when his sister-in-law got him to take a wagon from Newport to Yorktown to fetch home his sick brother Alexander.

*At request of his sister-in-law, Jane, James took wagon in Nov 1781 to retrieve ill brother Alexander after defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.*³⁴

** - It is not absolutely certain that this is the James Sproul that married Frances McCutchen

James headed west on the Appalachian trail into Kentucky wilderness, finally settling in Cumberland Co, and obtaining land grants along Indian Creek; 200 acres July 23rd and another 200 acres October 20th, 1799.³⁴

James mustered on Aug 23, 1813 into Capt Samuel Tate's company of the Kentucky Mounted Volunteers and headed north to fight Indians who were allied with the British.³³

Most of what is known about James is derived from:

- o Jane's 1848 Application for Widow's Pension R10020 ½.³³
- o Dr. Bret Barrier's *Sproul's & Barrier's of Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri*³⁴ {This document contains lots of interesting biographical information on Alexander and James. }

There is evidence of James Sproull residing in Rockbridge County before moving to Kentucky. His daughter Jean is said to have been raised in Rockbridge, but married in Kentucky: *12 April 1796, Joseph Montgomery & Jean Sproull, Franklin, Ky. Bondsman – Thomas Owen, Permission - James Sproull, father of the bride.*⁴²

J. Ed Montgomery, son of Joseph Montgomery and Jean Sproull is documented as saying: "*When my father was twelve years old, 1770, they moved to London County, on New River. They lived in the valley called Cove. {There is a Cove Creek near the New River in Wythe Co, Va – ed.} My parents were married in Wytheville, Wythe County, Va in 1796. My mother was Miss Jane Sproule, daughter of James and Frances Sproule, nee McCutchen. My mother was raised in Rockbridge County, Va. A few weeks after their marriage they moved to Kentucky.*"⁴³

*Noah C. Bainum Letter to Fannie Sproul – 1929 St. Petersburg, Florida*⁴⁴

This letter says in part: *from our family records, William Sproul, ... {the Settler} was the son of Samuel Sproul. Samuel came from England. Son, James Sproul married Frances McCutcheon and had two daughters; one daughter Jane married Joseph Montgomery, great-grandfather of Noah and the other daughter Sarah married James Waller. {The reference to Samuel Sproul and England appear totally erroneous, but the rest agrees with the preceding Montgomery data – ed.}*

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

³³ *Sproul, Jane - Application for Widow's Pension, War of 1812*, filed 1846

³⁴ Barrier, Dr. Bret - *Sproul's & Barrier's of Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri* - 2001

⁴² Kentucky Historical Society - *Kentucky Marriage Records*, p.233

⁴³ Montgomery, D.B. - *The Montgomerys and their Descendants*. p.138

⁴⁴ Bainum, Noah C. - *Letter to Fannie Sproul – 1929*

4.4

William “Squire Billy” Sproul and Esther Beard

William, son of Settler William Sproul and Jane

William Sproul ³² “Squire Billy”	b. Aug 8, 1769 ⁴⁵	d. Aug 18, 1837 ⁴⁵
m. Esther Beard	b. 1777 ⁴⁵	d. Mar 30, 1825 ⁴⁵

Squire Billy and Esther built a brick home and lived 3 miles below Locust Grove, just above Smiley’s Mill near Newport on Moffatts Creek. The old Sproul cemetery, Airy Knoll Cemetery, is ¼ mile north-east of there as shown on the following aerial.

William Sproul, Esq., for many years was a worthy magistrate and High Sheriff of Augusta Co

Dorthula Sproul’s 1825 letter⁴⁶ tells of Esther’s passing and the sorrow of the Will Sproul household

After Squire Billy died in 1837, the family dispersed over the years, with sons Samuel and William moving to Texas and Tennessee, and Nancy Jane, lastly, after the death of her husband Jacob Hull in 1857, moving with the Hull clan to Missouri. Nancy Jane is one of the few early children for whom we have identified pictures.

Samuel Brown ⁴⁷	b. Oct 11, 1806 ⁴⁸	d. Feb 5, 1878 ⁴⁸ in Selma, Texas ⁴⁹
m. Margaret Jane Winthrow	Aug 21 1834 ⁵⁰ , by Rev James Morrison	
	b. Jul 9, 1817 ⁴⁸	d. Aug 4, 1896 ⁴⁸

See Marriage Bond: Samuel B. Sproul and Margaret Jane Witherow⁵¹

Moved to Cibolo Creek in Bexar Co, Texas, 1852 {see 1933 Elizabeth Morris’ *Sproul Family*⁴⁸}

There is a considerable amount of data on the Samuel Brown Sproul line through William Winthrow Sproul and Calvin Theodore Sproul in *Descendants of William “Squire Billy” Sproul*, by Hal M. Knight - 1967⁵². From that reference comes the children of Samuel Brown Sproul and Margaret Withrow:

William Winthrow	b. May 5, 1835	d. Oct 2, 1918 in Mountain Home, Texas
John Erestus	b. Mar 9, 1837	d. Nov 9, 1852
Samuel Withrow	b. Jan 1, 1839	d. Feb 13, 183
Mary Elizabeth	b. Dec 28, 1839	d. July 15, 1849
Hadassah Emiy	b. Jan 6, 1842	d. Mar 30, 1922
James Wilson	b. Apr 16, 1844	d. Sep 14, 1861
Sarah^c	b. 1845 ^c	
Sally Stuart	b. Sep 5, 1846	d. Jul 28, 1853
Nancy Jane	b. Oct 8, 1848	d. Mar 5, 1909
Susan Virginia	b. Apr 12, 1851	d. Apr 9, 1852 buried along Mississippi River enroute to Texas
Calvin Theodore	b. Mar 26 1853	
Robert Stuart	b. Apr 29, 1855	
Oliver Brown	b. Nov 6, 1857	
Franklin Pancost	b. Apr 11, 1860	d. Dec 7 1921

⁴⁵ [Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestones](#)

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. - *Letters to Mary Sproul* - 1822-1828

⁴⁷ [Partitioning of Slaves of William Sproul](#) – 1838 Augusta County

⁴⁸ Morris, Elizabeth - *Sproul Family* – c. 1965

⁴⁹ McCormack, Dr. Roy Hull - *Collected Papers on Hull-Sproul-McCormack Genealogy* - 1959

⁵⁰ Marriage - Kirkpatrick, Dorotheie, *Rockbridge County Marriages 1778-1850*

⁵¹ Marriage - *Bond: Samuel B. Sproul and Margaret Jane Witherow* - 4 Aug 1834

⁵² Knight, Hal M. - *Descendants of William “Squire Billy” Sproul* - 1967

Nancy Jane⁴⁷ b. Aug 11, 1808⁵³ d. Jul 2, 1887¹⁸ in Johnson Co, Missouri
 Moved to Missouri 1858⁵³ {see Nancy Jane Sproul Hull Family with picture⁵⁴}
 m. **Jacob Hull** 1827⁵⁵ by Rev James Morrison b. 1788¹⁸ d. 10 Apr 1857⁴⁵

A great body of Nancy Jane Hull and Sproul data is found in *The Hull-Sproul Genealogy*, by Dr. S. B. Prouty, 1910¹⁸ and *Collected Papers of Roy Hull McCormack*⁴⁹, 1959, from which the following is found:

Dr. William Sproul	b. 1828	m. Margaret Church , 1854
James^c Frank	b. Oct 1829	m. Louisa Robinson
Dr. John A.	b. Sep 12, 1831	m. Artemesia Elizabeth Moore , Feb 28, 1861
Samuel Brown	b. Sep 12, 1834	m. Margaret Embree* , 1863
Esther Jane	b. Feb 21, 1837	m. Levi Prouty , Mar 23, 1857
Darthula	b. Apr 12, 1839	m. James McCormack [£] , Dec 30, 1870
Margaret Emma	b. Apr 4, 1841	m. James Meniffee Warren Sept 29, 1869
Mary T.	b. Sept 15, 1844	m. John Embree* , Feb 6, 1868
		* - sister and brother
Martha Elmer	b. Nov 27, 1847	m. Larkin McCormack [£] , Sept, 1868
		£ - brothers
Calvin	b. Jan 6, 1850	m. Martha Reavis

William⁴⁷ **M.**^c b. 1810^c
 m. **Jannetta Beard** (first cousin) Feb 28, 1833⁵⁵ by Rev James Morrison b. 1801^c
 moved to Henry Co, TN before 1853

Esther ^c	b. 1833 ^c	m. Richard Seawright 1853 ⁵⁶ in Henry Co TN
Joseph A. ^c	b. 1834 ^c	m. Margaret ^c b.TN
John ^c	b. 1865	
Martha ^c	b. 1872	
Mary E. ^c	b. 1838 ^c	
Samuel B. ^c	b. 1840 ^c	m. Rebecca Elizabeth Smiley 1867 ⁵⁶ , 1839-1889 ⁵⁷
Anne ⁵⁷	1876 -1887 ⁵⁷	
Mary E. ⁵⁷	1782 -1794 ⁵⁷	
William B. ⁵⁷	1873 -1911 ⁵⁷	m. Sarah Elizabeth Beard ³⁸ , 1872-1945 ⁵⁷
Nancy J. ^c	b. 1844 ^c	
William H. ^c	b. 1845 ^c	
Sidney A. ^c	b. 1846 ^c	

Infant (unnamed) b. 1815⁴⁵ d. 1815, infant 40 days⁴⁵

¹⁸ Prouty, Dr. S. B. - *The Hull-Sproul Genealogy* – 1910
³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806
³⁹ Will - *Charles Sproul Will* – 1817 Augusta County
⁶² Marriage - Wulfeck, Dorothy, *Marriages of Some Virginia Residents* 1607-1800

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr - *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers* – 1935-1965
⁵⁴ McCormack, Dr Roy Hull - *Letter to W.W. Sproul* 1957, Nancy Jane Hull photo with her ten children
⁵⁵ Marriage - Vogt, John, *Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850*
⁵⁶ Marriage – *Marriages, 1853-1867 - Henry County, TN*
⁵⁷ *Inscriptions in Stone - Henry County, TN*



Squire Billy and Esther's solidly built brick home of 1804 is a derelict beauty today.

The old Squire Billy brick house is located at 37° 59' 54.4" N, 79° 17' 20.1" W, and is quite visible on Google Earth. It is accessible from Rt 252 via the driveway to the Standley Bright home about a half mile north of Newport. The Airy Knoll Cemetery (see 4.4.1) is about 150 yard south of the farm house and Squire Billy's house is about 250 yards south of the farm road from about half way to the house.



Squire Billy's home and Airy Knoll Cemetery are just 3 miles from Locust Grove

A lot of early Sprouls married Beards. Three of the fifteen children of Settler William married Beards. Here within Squire Billy's family, three of four descendents in a row married Beards: Squire Billy married Esther, his son William married Jannetta (first cousin daughter of his Aunt Sidney Sproul and Joseph Beard), and his grandson in Tennessee married Sarah Elizabeth Beard (also of the Augusta Co Beard family).



Nancy Jane Sproul Hull and her Ten Children (c. 1870)

Calvin Hull Dr. John Hull
 Frank Hull Mary Hull Embree Samuel Brown Hull Dr. William Sproul Hull
 Emily Hull Warren Eliza Darthula Hull McCormack **Nancy Jane Sproul Hull** Esther Jane Hull Prouty Mattie E. Hull McCormack

The photograph of Nancy Jane Sproul Hull and her children was taken shortly after the Civil War. Additional biographical data is contained in a 1957 letter from Roy Hull McCormack.⁵⁴

Several papers of the Virginia Squire Billy family remain in keeping at Locust Grove. Three are from 1838 relating to the settlement of Squire Billy's estate; two indentures/deeds partitioning the real estate and one agreement partitioning the slaves amongst William Jr, Samuel B., and Jacob/Nancy Jane Hull. There is also the 1852 indenture wherein Jacob and Nancy Hull sell the mill to William Smiley.

1812 Land Survey of 15 acres along Moffatts Creek.⁵⁸ This narrow piece of land, ½ mile long but only 200-300 feet wide, was probably the site for the mill. From Prouty's Hull-Sproul genealogy we have, "*Jacob Hull and Phillip Hull were millwrights, and built a grist mill on Moffatt's Creek, for Squire Billy Sproul, about the year 1825. While building the mill Jacob fell in love with Squire Billy Sproul's daughter, Nancy Jane, who afterwards became our grandmother, they were married in 1826*".¹⁸

¹⁸ Prouty, Dr. S. B. - *The Hull-Sproul Genealogy* – 1910
³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806
⁴⁵ *Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestones*
⁴⁷ *Partitioning of Slaves of William Sproul*, 1838 Augusta County
⁴⁸ Morris, Elizabeth - *Sproul Family*, c. 1965
⁵⁰ Marriage - Kirkpatrick, Dorothea, *Rockbridge County Marriages 1778-1850*
⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr - *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers – 1935-1965*
⁵⁵ Marriages - Vogt, John, *Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850*
^c *Census Records* - see Census file

⁵⁸ Survey - *1812 Land Survey of 15 acres for William Sproul, Esq.*

1812 Land Survey of 15 acres along Moffatts Creek.⁵⁸ This narrow piece of land, ½ mile long but only 200-300 feet wide, was probably the site for the mill. From Prouty's Hull-Sproul genealogy we have, "*Jacob Hull and Phillip Hull were millwrights, and built a grist mill on Moffatt's Creek, for Squire Billy Sproul, about the year 1825. While building the mill Jacob fell in love with Squire Billy Sproul's daughter, Nancy Jane, who afterwards became our grandmother, they were married in 1826*".¹⁸

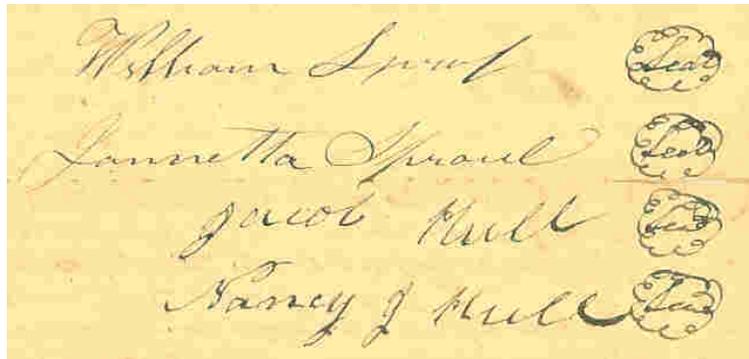
Partitioning of the Real Estate of Squire Billy. Indenture, 31 March 1838, between William and Janetta Sproul and Jacob and Nancy Jane Hull of the first part and Samuel B. Sproul of the other part, whereas William Sproul Senior late of this county and state died Intestate leaving William Sproul, the wife of Jacob Hull, and Samuel B. Sproul his only legal heirs. *Apparently original signatures.*

Further Partitioning of the Real Estate of Squire Billy. Indenture, 31 March 1838, between Samuel B. and Jane Sproul and William and Janetta Sproul of the first part and of the other part, Jacob and Nancy Jane Hull: whereas William Sproul Senior late of this Co and state died Intestate leaving William Sproul, the wife of Jacob Hull, and Samuel B. Sproul his only legal heirs. *Apparently original signatures.*

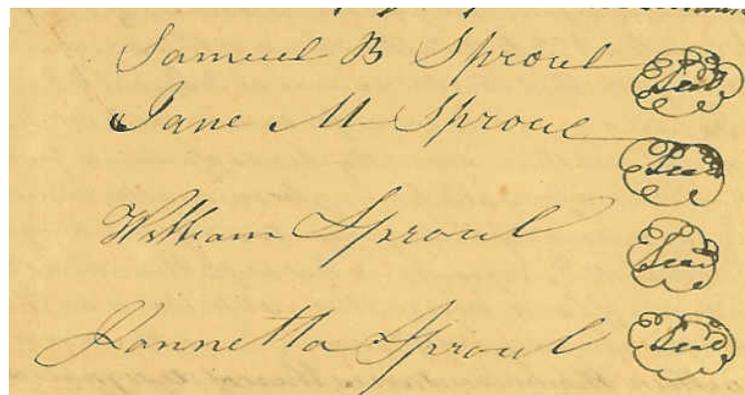
Partitioning of the Slaves of Squire Billy⁴⁷. 14 December 1838. *We Samuel B Sproul, William Sproul, and Jacob Hull in sight of his wife Nancy late Nancy Sproul being the only legal heirs and representatives of William Sproul Sr. late of the county of Augusta have made partition of the slaves of the amongst ourselves at their appraised value agreeably to the amended statement, to Wit: {Thereafter listed six slaves, aged 58, 50, 20, 16, 14, and 7.}*

Indenture 8 May 1852 between Samuel and Jane Sproul and William Smiley, all of Augusta Co. Sproul doth sell to Smiley two parcels of land for \$2,000 on or near Moffatts Creek, the first of fifty acres with a merchants and saw mill, the other of ten acres. *Apparently original signatures.*

Some of the original documents contain signatures which may be actual originals of the Squire Billy children and their spouses:



William Sproul
Janetta Sproul
Jacob Hull
Nancy J. Hull



Samuel B. Sproul
Jane M. Sproul
William Sproul
Janetta Sproul

4.4.1 Airy Knoll Cemetery and the Last of Squire Billy's Virginia Family

Squire Billy built his brick house about 1804, perhaps predating Locust Grove. He was located three miles southwest of Locust Grove, along a small run entering Moffatts Creek at Newport. Today that house is derelict, being long unused. The obscured remnants of an old cemetery known as Airy Knoll Cemetery are located in a woods a quarter mile from that old brick house. Settler William and Susanna are buried here, along with Squire Billy and several members of his family.

There are two documents recording the gravestones in the Sproul area and noting relationships⁴⁵. These are:

- Sproul Cemetery 1930 – Notes written by William W. Sproul Jr recorded on a visit to the site with his father, William W. Sproul, Sr., about 1930-35.
- Sproul Cemetery – Notes taken perhaps in the 1950s by Dr. Roy Hull McCormack and Carl C. McCormack, grandsons of Nancy Jane Sproul Hull. This old record on McCormack Photos stationery was found at Locust Grove.

The seven gravestones of the Sproul area read (in bold italics):

William Sproul & Susannah his wife Died 1806

- We know William died in 1806. Susanna shared the gravestone so probably died in 1806 also.

William Sproul Died August 1837 Age 68 years 10 days

- Squire Billy

Esther Sproul March 30 1825 age 48 years

- Esther Beard, wife of Squire Billy

Here lies all that was mortal o Wm & Esther Sproul's infant son who departed this life June 1815 age 40 days

- No name recorded

Jacob Hull Died April 10, 1857 age 67 years

- Husband of Nancy Jane Sproul Hull, daughter of Squire Billy and Esther. Nancy Jane moved to Missouri the following year, 1858.*

Jackie Beard

- Son of Sidney Sproul Beard, half-sister of Squire Billy, and Joseph Beard

WM. & Samuel Sproul

- William and Samuel were the two surviving sons of Squire Billy and Esther. Samuel moved to Texas in 1852. William moved to Tennessee before 1853. This small marker is conjectured to have been placed here by Nancy Jane in memory of her brothers after they departed.*

**.... and thus, by 1858 all of Squire Billy's family was gone from Virginia.*

⁴⁵ *Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestones*

Airy Knoll Cemetery is located at 37°59'59.17"N, 79°17' 04.39"W but is barely visible through the trees on Google Earth. It is accessible from Rt 252 via the driveway to the Standley Bright home about a half mile north of Newport. The surviving gravestones have been photo recorded by John G. Sproul and George T. Sproul, a few of which are shown below.



Squire Billy



Esther



Jacob Hull



Airy Knoll Sproul Area

4.5

Nancy Sproul and James McNutt

Nancy, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Jane

Nancy³² 1770-1⁵³ died before 1806³² m. **James McNutt**⁹
 had children³²

James McNutt Jr was present in 1806 and gave security at probate of will of Settler William Sproul³²: “... *who made oath according to law & together with James NcNutt Jr, Joseph Beard & Samuel McCutchen their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$6000 conditioned as the law directly certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.*”

Note that Susanna’s sister, Sidney Ewing, also married a James McNutt, in 1781.

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove, c.1875

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, - Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr - *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers*, 1935-1965

4.6

Jean/Jane Sproul and John Weir

Jean, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Jean⁵⁹ (**Jane**⁶⁰) Feb 24, 1775⁵⁹ d. 1 Jun 1837⁶¹ m. **John Weir**³⁹ Jun 23, 1793⁶² by Rev John Brown

m. John Weir b.1767⁶⁰ d. 23 Jan 1843^{63,60}

John Weir parents: Robert (b.1723) and Martha (b.1725) {source ?}

Jane and John are buried at New Providence Presbyterian Church, Newport, Va

Susan^{63,9}

m. **William Houston**^{63,9}

John Jr^{63,9}

Hugh H.^{63,9}

William E.^{63,9}

m. **Miss Moore**⁹

Mary⁶³(**Polly**⁴⁶)

m. **Son Wilson** – 1819⁴⁶

c: Philander, Matthew, John, Clemenza

Jane⁶³

m. **___ Wilson**⁶³

John Weir – Will⁶³ Prob. 8 March 1842 dated 20 May 1841

Rockbridge County Will Book 9, p.310

son John - plantation purchased from Robert Alexander plus 50 acres

sons John and William E. – plantation where now living

dau Susan Houston - \$300

dau Jane Willson - \$300

son Hugh H. - \$150

dau Mary Willson's children: Philander, Matthew, John, Clemenza

{ wife not mentioned: Jean died 1837 per gravestone }

John Weir (Sr) - Will⁶⁴ Prob. 1798 {father of John above ?}

Rockbridge County Will Book 2, p.174

wife Mary

son John – title to all lands

dau Polly and Nancy

As recorded in the old Locust Grove Photostat Record⁹: *Jean Sproul married John Weir, who lived just above the present station of Raphine, on the old Weir place. Her children were, Susan (married William Houston and lived near Brownsburg) John Weir Jr resided on the old home place (Dr. Weir's father), Hugh Weir, and William, the latter lived on Whistle Creek, married Miss Moore and died without issue.*

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove

³⁹ Will - *Charles Sproul Will*, 1817 Augusta County

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. – *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁵⁹ *Bible - William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

⁶⁰ Rockbridge Area Genealogical Soc.– *Rockbridge Co Virginia Cemeteries*, South River and Walkers Creek

⁶¹ *New Providence Presbyterian Church gravestones*

⁶² Marriage - Wulfeck, Dorothy, *Marriages of Some Virginia Residents* 1607-1800

⁶³ Will - *John Weir Will*, prob. 1842, Rockbridge County Will Book 9, p.310

⁶⁴ Will - *John Weir (Sr) Will*, prob. 1798, Rockbridge County Will Book 2, p.174

Sidney, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Sidney⁵⁹ May 11, 1776⁵⁹ d. bef 1817 m. **Joseph Beard**³⁹, Jan 21, 1799⁶⁵

Polly Beard^{66, 39}

William Beard^{66, 39}

m. **Jane Ewing** 1821, by Rev James Morrison⁶⁷

Joseph Beard⁴⁹

Hugh Beard⁴⁹

Sidney Ann Beard⁴⁹

m. _____ **Graham Beard**⁴⁹

Florence, Mary, Lynn, A.D. Cyrus, & Rice Graham Beard⁴⁹

{**Hugh Beard?**}¹⁸

Susanna Beard^{66, 39}

m. _____ **Seccuright**^{46, 66} c.1822

Jeanette Beard^{66, 39}

m. **William Sproul** (Sproul first cousin side and Beard cousin) 1833⁵⁵

John Beard³⁹ **Jackie Beard**⁴⁵ ?{ probably John}⁵³ m. **Mary East**⁵³, dau of **David East**¹⁸

East Beard^{39, 49}

David East Beard³⁹

James Beard⁴⁹

Effie, Grace, Arch, Hugh, & Lee⁴⁹

Mary Beard⁴⁹

Fannie Beard⁴⁹

Bettie Beard⁴⁹

David⁶⁶

William Beard received two behests in the will of Martha Ewing (daughter of Capt. Ewing) in 1855, \$400 and \$1,500⁴¹. William was married to a Jane Ewing, presumed to be daughter of North Mountain James Ewing²¹.

Joseph Beard was present in 1806 and gave security at probate of will of Settler William Sproul: "... who made oath according to law & together with James NcNutt Jr, Joseph Beard & Samuel McCutchen their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$6000 conditioned as the law directly certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form."³²

Joseph Beard – Will⁶⁶ 1838, Prob Dec 1844

Augusta County Will Book 26, p.108

2 sons, William and David – my plantation

3 dau, Polly Beard, Susan Seccuright, Jenatta Sproul – all my personal estate and \$150 each

Executors: William and David

¹⁸ Prouty, Dr. S. B. - *The Hull-Sproul Genealogy*, 1910

²¹ Sproul, William - *The James Ewing Family of Indian and Turkey Creeks in Monroe County, West Virginia* in the *Ewing Family Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2009)

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

³⁹ Will - *Charles Sproul Will*, 1817 Augusta County

⁴¹ Will - *Martha Ewing Will*. Proved 27 Aug 1855, Aug Co CH, Will Book 34, p.518

⁴⁵ *Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestones*

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁴⁹ McCormack, Dr. Roy Hull - *Collected Papers on Hull-Sproul-McCormack Genealogy* – 1959

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr – *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers*, 1935-1965

⁵⁵ Marriages - Vogt, John, *Augusta County Marriages* 1748-1850

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

⁶⁵ McClure, James – *The McClure Family*, 1914

⁶⁶ Will - *Joseph Beard Will*, Augusta County Will Book 26, p.108, Prob Dec 1844

⁶⁷ DAR, Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter - *Second Marriage Record of Augusta County, Va.* 1813-1850.

4.8

Mary Sproul

Mary, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Mary⁵⁹ Jan 21, 1778⁵⁹ aft. 1825 s.

Mary went to Monroe after John married Matilda in 1821⁴⁶

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. - *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

Joseph, son of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Joseph Sproul⁵⁹ Aug 15, 1779⁵⁹ d.aft 1822⁴⁶ m. **Rachael Davis**⁵³
 Went to Kentucky with brother **Oliver**⁵³
 Married **Rachel Davis**, daughter of **James Davis** {both Joseph and Oliver married daughters of James Davis}
 Lived in Stanford, Lincoln City, Ky. ^{53,46}
Martha Sproul⁵³ m. **Thomson L. Bailey**⁵³
Eliz Frances Sproul⁵³ s.
Harriet Sproul^{53, 46} m. **Dr. Thomas Jefferson Bailey**⁵³
 William Davis Bailey⁵³ m. **Mourning Jones**⁵³
 Elizabeth Jane Bailey⁵³ m. **Dr E. T. Roberson,**
 Silas Bailey⁵³
 Perry Bailey⁵³
 Sam Bailey⁵³
 William Bailey⁵³
 Lannie Bailey⁵³ **Mary Sproul**^{53, 46} m. **James Higgenbotham**, July 15, 1840⁵³
Samuel M. Sproul⁵³
 Joseph Davis Sproul⁵³ m. **Georgia Dorn**⁵³
 Stanley L. Sproul⁵³
 Marion Sproul⁵³
Alice Sproul⁵³
Bessie Sproul⁵³ m. **Furlong**⁵³

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. - *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr - *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers*, 1935-1965

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

Oliver, son of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Oliver Sproul⁵⁹ b. Dec 15, 1780⁵⁹ d. aft 1825⁴⁶ m. 1st **Mary Davis**⁵³

Went to Kentucky with brother **Joseph**

Married **Mary Davis**, daughter of **James Davis** {both Joseph and Oliver married daughters of James Davis }

c: **Dorthula**⁵³

m. **John McCutchen** in 1834⁵⁵. by Rev. Wm Calhoon

Mary died c.1817 and Oliver remarried
2nd wife (?)⁵³

m. 2nd **Nancy Michell**, 18 Nov 1818 in Frankfort, Ky
two more daughters

Dorthula went to Virginia in 1822 and stayed with relatives, teaching school in Brownsburg.⁴⁶

See informative **Dorthula A. Sproul *Letters to Mary***⁴⁶ 1822-1828 with original transcripts

Mary was 1st cousin, daughter of Joseph Sproul and Rachael Davis. These letters of Dorthula mention about 66 different persons, mostly family members, including 16, or most of the then-living, children and their spouses of Settler William. First letter is from Dorthula's home in Kentucky. Later letters are from the area near Brownsburg, Virginia.

Mary Sproul daughter of Joseph Sproul and Rachael Davis

Mary is addressed at Stanford Post Office, Lincoln County, Kentucky

Ages: Dorthula 19 or 20, b.1803

Mary 19, b.1803

Oliver 42, b.1780

The following taken from the Roy McCormack Collection including Vivian Martin 1955 letter and Mrs. Edward Lowe Martin 1958 letter to Roy McCormack⁴⁹

Oliver (b. 15 Dec, 1780, d. Wabash Co, Illinois in 4 Oct 1848) went to Kentucky with brother **Joseph** and married **Mary Davis**, 2 May 1803. They lived in Stanford, Ky. Mary was sister of **Rachel** who was married to Oliver's brother **Joseph**.

m. 1st – **Davis** children: 6 daughters and 1 son
 ?- **Jane Davis Sproul** (b.1810) m. William Beauchamp
 ?- **William E. Sproul** (b.1821, d.10 Dec 1866, California)
 ?- **Dorthula** – taught school at Moffatts Creek and lived with Nancy Jane Sproul Hull while teaching
 3- **Susan** (d. 2 July 1844, Lincoln Co, Ky.) m. **William Dunn**
 4- **Pauline** m. ___ **Cobell** (d. 8 Nov 1851, Green Co, Illinois)
 7- **Mary Ann Sproul** (b. 1826, d. 19 Aug 1848, Wabash Co, Illinois)

m. 2nd – **Mitchell** children:
Margaret
John
Nancy (d. Sept 1866, California)
Oliver (d. 2 Dec 1862)

⁵⁵ Marriage - Vogt, John, *Augusta County Marriages* 1748-1850

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. - *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁴⁹ McCormack, Dr. Roy Hull - *Collected Papers on Hull-Sproul-McCormack Genealogy*, 1959

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr - *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers*, 1935-1965

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

4.11

Martha Sproul and Robert Hutcheson

Martha, daughter of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Martha*⁵⁹ b. Dec 10, 1782⁵⁹ d. Jun 23, 1859⁶⁰ m. (aft 1806)³²
 married: **Robert Hutcheson**^{39, 65} b. 1766⁶⁰ d. 20 Aug 1842⁶⁰

Lived near Brownsburg. Seven Hutcheson children:

Martha Hutcheson*⁶⁸ m. **Jim Moffett**⁹ (his family lived Amsterdam⁹)

Mary Hutcheson*⁶⁸ _____ **Shelton**⁹

Janice Hutcheson⁴⁶ b. 1816⁴⁶ d. 1827⁴⁶

Robert Hutcheson⁶⁸ b. 1817^c m. **Lizza Steele***^{9, 53} (Billy's Mother)⁹ (Eliza – b. 1824^c)

Robert S.^c b. 1846^c

Martha A.^c b. 1849^c

Joseph Hutcheson⁴⁶ b.c.1820 d.1827⁴⁶

William Hutcheson⁶⁸ m. (sister of Jim) **Moffett**⁹ lived at Kerr's Kreek⁹

Jean/Jane Hutcheson⁶⁸ b. 1829^c

*Martha's records suggest she grew younger
as time passed!*

<u>Record</u>	<u>Recorded Birth Date</u>
Sproul Bible	1782
Census of 1850	1784
Gravestone	1787

* - Martha Ewing's 1855 will⁴¹ left behests for several of Martha Sproul's family:

Martha Ewing Behest	Relationship in Sproul Family
One Hundred Dollars to Martha Hutchenson, widow of Robert Hutchenson decd	Dau of Settler William Sproul
Mary Sheltman the sum of One Hundred Dollars	Dau of Martha Sproul Hutchenson, Dau of Settler William Sproul
Martha Moffet the sum of Fifty Dollars	Dau of Martha Sproul Hutchenson, Dau of Settler William Sproul
William Franklin Steele the sum of Twenty Dollars.	Brother of Eliza Steele, who married Robert Hutchenson, son of Martha Sproul Hutchenson

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove

³² Will - *William Sproul Will*, Augusta County Will Book XI, p.73 1806

⁴¹ Will - *Martha Ewing Will*, Proved 27 Aug 1855, Aug Co CH, Will Book 34, p.518

⁴⁶ Sproul, Dorthula A. – *Letters to Mary Sproul*, 1822-1828

⁵³ Sproul, William W., Jr – *W.W. Sproul Jr Papers*, 1935-1965

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

⁶⁰ Rockbridge Area Genealogical Soc.– *Rockbridge Co Virginia Cemeteries* – South River and Walkers Creek

⁶⁵ McClure, James – *The McClure Family*, 1914

^c *Census Records* – see Census file

⁶⁸ Will - *Robert Hutcheson Will*, 1842 Rockbridge County

John, son of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

- “Capt.” John Sproul**⁵⁹ b. Mar 28, 1784⁵⁹ d. May 22, 1849⁶⁹
 married: **Matilda King Scott**⁵ Sept 13, 1821⁶⁹, by Rev William Calhoun
 b. 1798^c d. Dec. 21, 1861⁶⁹
 daughter of **Archibald Scott**^{70,71}, minister of North Mountain and first minister of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Augusta County, and **Frances Ramsey**, m. 1779⁷²
 Ordained elder of Bethel Sep 18, 1831⁶⁵
 An 1814 survey for John Sproul⁷³ shows the 264 acres devised to him by his father and notes adjacent landowners including his brother Charles and Joseph Ewing, son of Capt. Ewing.
 The John Sproul Inventory ⁷⁴ of 1850 contains a comprehensive listing of the Locust Grove contents.
- c: **Susan Jane**⁶⁹ b. Jul 7, 1822⁶⁹ ds. Sep 30, 1839⁶⁹
Frances Elizabeth (Fannie)^{5, 69} b. Feb 15, 1824⁶⁹ d. Mar 25, 1879⁶⁹
 m **William White** (of Lexington, Va)⁶⁵ Sep 5, 1844⁶⁹ by Dr. Francis McFarland
 William White was the Justice of Peace witnessing Robert E. Lee’s oath of office as President of Washington University in 1865⁷⁵
- c: **John Sproul White**⁶⁹ b. Mar. 14, 1845⁶⁹
Joseph White⁶⁹ b. May 16, 1848⁶⁹
Matilda Scott White⁶⁹ b. Mar 19, 1850⁶⁹
William White⁶⁹ b. Jan 22, 1852⁶⁹ d. Dec 3, 1852 of scarlet fever⁶⁹
William Scott White⁶⁹ b. Mar 14, 1854⁶⁹
 m. **Lucy Camerow**⁵ (see *Sproul Line*⁵)
Archibald Sproul White⁶⁹ b. June 24, 1856⁶⁹
 m. **Lula Johnson**⁵
Fannie White⁵ b. June 8, 1861⁶⁹ d. Jan 22, 1863 of scarlet fever⁶⁹
Anna^c b. 1864^c
Emeline S.⁶⁹ b. May 1, 1826⁶⁹ d. Feb 14, 1879⁶⁹
 married **Samuel Bell**
Mary (Polly) Bell
- Col**⁷⁶ **William Scott**⁶⁹ “*Col Billy*” b. Feb 4, 1828⁶⁹ ds. Aug 15, 1864⁶⁹
Archibald Alexander⁶⁹ b. Apr 29, 1831⁶⁹ d. Aug 17, 1899⁵³
 Ordained elder of Bethel Aug 4, 1866⁶⁵ m. Oct 11, 1859⁶⁹ by Mr. William Pinkerton,
 Moved into Locust Grove after death of Col Billy^c
- m. **Eugenia Emeline Bumgardner** b. Aug 13, 1840 d. Aug 23, 1894⁷⁷
 m Oct 11, 1859⁷⁷, dau of **James Bumgardner** and **Malinda McCorkle** of Rockbridge Co⁶⁵
 Some twenty-four reference documents are linked through Sec 5.3 providing detail of the Bumgardner family and its history.
- c: **James Bumgardner Sproul** b. Sept 7, 1860⁷⁷ d. Jul 18, 1864⁷⁷

⁶⁹ Bible - *John Sproul Family Bible (1821-1881)*

⁷⁰ Cockrill, Emmaline Bell, 1956. *Archibald Alexander Scott “for freedom’s holy light”*

⁷¹ Scott (Unknown), *Scott – genealogy with source documentation*

⁷² Turner, Herbert S - *Bethel and Her Ministers, 1746-1974*

⁷³ Survey - *John Sproul Survey - 1814*

⁷⁴ Inventory - *Inventory of John Sproul, 1850*

⁷⁵ Blackwell-Hafner, Lula - *Letter to William Sproul*, 6 Sept 2009

⁷⁶ *Staunton Newsper – Obituaries*, 1864

⁷⁷ Bible - *Archibald A. & Eugenia E. Sproul Bible (1859-1894)*

John Alexander Sproul b. Jan 9, 1862⁷⁷ d. Jul 26, 1923⁷⁸
Clifton Forge, Va.

William White Sproul b. Apr 17, 1863⁷⁷ d. Apr 29, 1941⁷⁸
m. **Katherine Rutherford Lapsley** (Aug 4, 1876 – March 25, 1962)⁷⁸ of Anniston, Alabama
m. Apr. 10, 1901, Six children⁶⁵

Matilda Scott Sproul b. Feb 9, 1865⁷⁷ ds. Apr 10, 1881⁷⁷

Malinda Sproul b. Sep 15, 1866⁷⁷ d. Apr 13, 1893⁷⁷
m. **John Marshall McClure**⁶⁵ (1859-1923)⁷⁹ m. Nov 6, 1890

Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr b. Jan 10, 1868⁷⁷ d. Apr 26, 1910⁵
grad W&L Univ. m. **Mary Isabella Cotton**⁵ (1860 –1931)⁷⁸ of New York. (Oct. 12, 1897)
a son.⁶⁵

Eugene E. Sproul b. Aug 3, 1870⁶⁵ d. Apr 19, 1897⁷⁷

Frances (Fanny)⁷⁸ (**Aunt Tanny**) **Sproul** b. Mar 21, 1872⁷⁸ d. Sept 11, 1932⁷⁸
living in Clifton Forge, Va in 1914⁶⁵

Hugh Bell Sproul b. Nov 12, 1873⁶⁵ d. 1929⁷⁹
W&L Univ., m. **Agnes Erskine Miller** (1877-1966) of Staunton. Six children.¹⁰

Matilda⁶⁹ **H.** b. Jan 27, 1834⁶⁹ ds. Aug 19, 1864⁶⁹

Martha Ann⁶⁹ b. Feb 20, 1837⁶⁹ d. Jan 14 1881⁶⁹ m. Dec 3, 1857⁶⁹
m. **Archibald G. Christian**⁶⁹ b. Jun 20, 1833⁶⁹ d. May 11, 1906⁷⁸

c: **John Sproul Christian**⁶⁹ b. Oct 7, 1758⁶⁹ d. Jul 4, 1862 of scarlet fever⁶⁹

Emma Cornelia Christian⁶⁹ b. Oct 20, 1859⁶⁹ d. Aug 13, 1863 of pneumoni⁶⁹

Jane Finley Christian⁶⁹ b. Mar 7, 1861⁶⁹ d. Jul 2, 1862 of scarlet fever⁶⁹

Willie⁵ m. **B.F. Cockrill**⁵ 7 children in Tenn⁵

Lee⁵ m. **Julia Smith**⁵ 3 c: **Martha, Leta, Harry**⁵

Fannie⁵

Sallie⁵

Mary⁵

Mattie⁵

Family Bibles – Four family bibles provide excellent primary documentation of the first three American generations of family births, marriages, and deaths:

- *William and Susanna Sproul Bible*⁵⁹ – kept at Locust Grove
- *John and Matilda Sproul Bible*⁶⁹ – at Briarwood Farm
- *Archibald Alexander and Eugenia E Sproul Bible*⁷⁷ – at Locust Grove
- *A.A. and E.E. Sproul Bible*⁸⁰ (2nd Bible, partial record) – at Locust Grove

Fannie’s amusing “Pig Letter” of 1862 to her brother Colonel Billy survives today⁸¹.

Emeline Sproul in 1852 sold to Jacob Bowman, two mills on twenty-one acres for \$2,400⁸²

⁵ Sproul, Fanny – *Sproul Line*, 1932

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove, c.1875

¹⁰ Sproul, Dr. A. Erskine - *Genealogy of the Sproul Family* - 1997

²¹ Turner, Herbert S. – *Bethel and Her Ministers*, 1746-197

³³ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

⁶⁵ McClure, James - *The McClure Family* – 1914

⁶⁹ Bible - *John Sproul Family Bible* (1821-1881)

⁷⁶ *Staunton Newspaper – Obituaries*, 1864

^c *Census Records* – see Census file

⁷⁸ Bethel Presbyterian Church gravestones

⁷⁹ Weaver, Dorothy - *Here Lyeth*, 1987

⁸⁰ Bible - *Archibald A. & Eugenia E. Sproul Bible* (1859-1894) Bible (2nd)

⁸¹ White, Fannie Sproul - *Letter to Col Billy. 1862*

⁸² Deed - *Emeline sale to Jacob Bowman*, 1852

During General Hunter's occupation of the Valley in June 1864, two sick Yankee soldiers were left at Locust Grove to be cared for. They had Typhus (Typhoid) Fever, and as a result, Arch's brother, Col. William Sproul, a sister Matilda Sproul, and his oldest son, James Bumgardner Sproul contracted the fever and died. Four slaves also died^{76,10}.

John A. Sproul (1862-1923) lived in Clifton Forge, and was a prime mover in developing the Clifton Forge Covington Telephone Exchange (later CFW). Fanny (1872-1932) lived with him and kept house for him. Neither ever married¹⁰.

There are over 200 interesting transcribed letters of this John Sproul family line available and over 600 more awaiting transcription. These are found in the referenced *Letters*⁸³ and include the following letters:

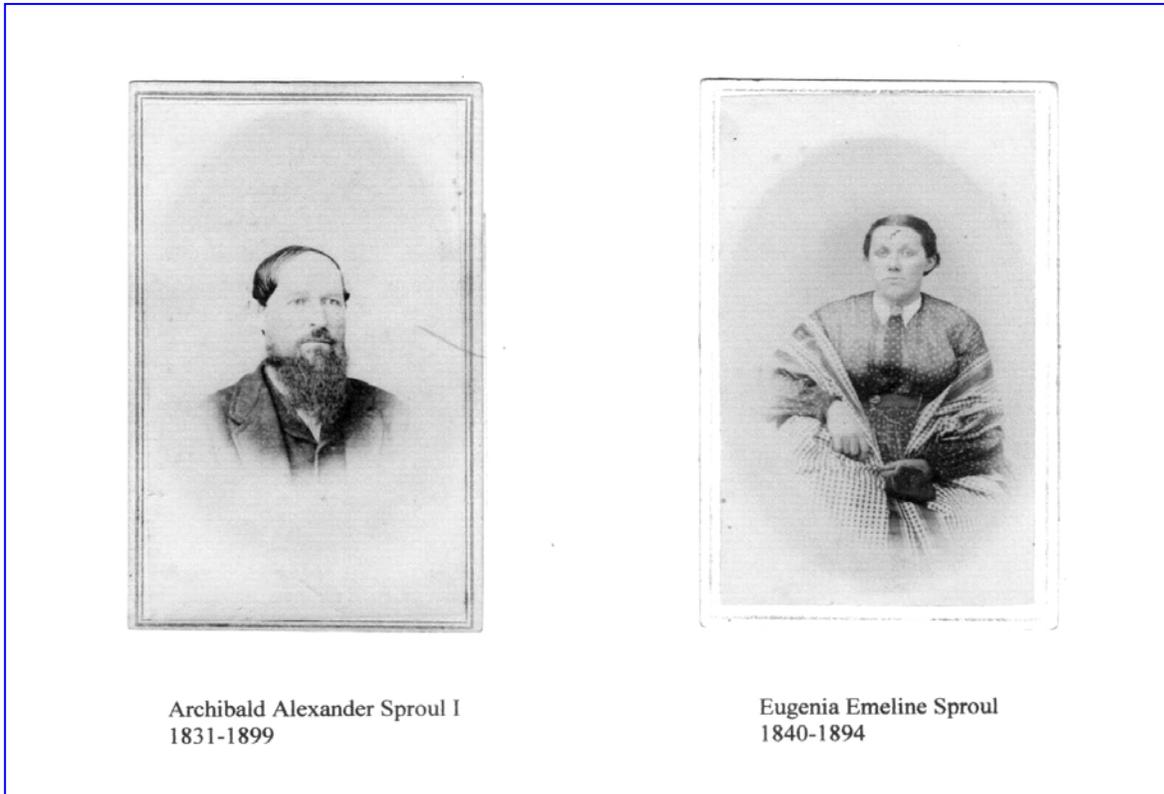
<i>Sproul Family Transcribed Letters</i> ⁸³	<u><i>Letters</i></u>
- <i>Matilda King Scott Sproul (1798-1861)</i> <i>Letter from brother William Scott upon death of Capt. John Sproul</i>	1
- <i>Dorthula A. Sproul (1822-1828)</i> <i>Dorthula Letters to Mary</i>	4
- <i>Col. William Scott Sproul (1828-1864)</i> <i>Letters to Col Billy</i>	21
- <i>Archibald A. Sproul (1831-1899) and Eugenia E. Bumgardner Sproul</i> <i>Civil War Letters</i>	16
	16
- <i>Matilda Sproul (1865-1881)</i> <i>Letters to and from Tillie</i>	13
- <i>William W. Sproul (1863-1941) and Katherine Rutherford Lapsley Sproul (1876-1962)</i> <i>Letters to Willie – W.W. Sproul W&L days through age 30</i>	54
	46
- <i>Frances Sproul (1872-1932)</i> <i>Fanny Papers – Letters to and from, notes</i>	23
 <i>Available for Transcription</i>	 <i>- Further Documents</i>
<i>LG Parlor Documents at Locust Grove</i>	100
<i>LG Attic Documents with Carolyn Bragg</i>	534

⁸³ *Sproul Family Transcribed Letters*

4.12.1 A.A. and E.E. Sproul Descendants

Capt. John of Locust Grove was the only remaining family son of Settler William in Augusta County after Squire Billy died in 1837. Of the eight sons, four had remained in Augusta County and only two, William (Squire Billy) and Capt. John, raised families there. Samuel died young before finishing his education. Charles actually inherited the Locust Grove house and, along with his brother John, half the land, but he died there at the age of 24 leaving all Locust Grove to John. Squire Billy (see Section 4.4) lived nearby and is buried at Airy Knoll and all his family departed Augusta County by 1858.

Capt. John had two sons, Col. Billy and Archibald Alexander. After the death of Col Billy early in the War (1862), Archibald Alexander was the sole surviving son of John Sproul and he with his bride, Eugenia E. Bumgardner, came to live in Locust Grove.



Archibald married Eugenia Bumgardner daughter of James and Matilda McCorkle Bumgardner of Bethel Green. Arch and Eugenia had nine children. Archibald, along with several of his Bumgardner in-laws, served in the Confederate Army, but was sent home in planting and harvest seasons to raise grain for the Army. He was paroled at Appomattox. Throughout his life he was very active in the affairs of Bethel Church, serving as Chairman of the building committee for the present structure, as well as an Elder, and Superintendent of the Sunday School.¹⁰

Some interesting history of Locust Grove and Archibald and Eugenia Bumgardner in contained in *The Sprouls and Locust Grove*, an 1884 document by Malinda McCorkle Bumgardner Murphy.⁸⁴

Some early Sproul information and a lot of interesting information on Archibald Alexander Sproul descendants are contained in the *Genealogy of Sproul Family*¹⁰ by A. Erskine Sproul, M.D., April 20, 1997.

¹⁰ Sproul, Dr. Erskine - *Genealogy of the Sproul Family* - 1997

⁸⁴ Murphy, Malinda - *The Sprouls and Locust Grove*. 1884

Archibald Alexander Sproul and Eugenia had nine children, three of whom have descendent lines as listed

Archibald Alexander Sproul (1831-1899) and Eugenia Emeline Bumgardner (1840-1894)

James Bumgardner Sproul 1860-1864	dy
John Alexander Sproul 1862-1923	ds.
William White Sproul 1863-1941	m. Katherine Rutherford Lapsley 1876 –1962
Frances Rutherford Sproul 1903-1967	m. Frank Eugene Taylor 1899-1994
Katherine Lapsley Sproul 1904-1966	m. Daniel Chenault Stickley 1904-1995
William White Sproul Jr 1907-1987	m. Helen Blair Turner 1908-2005
John Morgan Sproul 1909-1959	m. Elizabeth Larned Knight 1919-2005
Archibald Alexander Sproul 1915-2005	m. Margaret Pratt 1920-2013
Mary Cornelia Sproul 1919-2008	m. George Douglas Wise 1912-1970
Matilda Scott Sproul 1865-1881	ds.
Malinda Sproul 1866-1893	m. John Marshall McClure 1859-1923
Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr 1868-1910	m. Mary Isabella Cotton 1860 –1931
Archibald Alexander Sproul III 1901-1976	m. Margaret L. Smith 1903-1981
Eugene E. Sproul 1870-1897	
Eugene E. Sproul was an engineer working on the tunnel in New York and he was killed in an accident in the tunnel. He had not married.	
Frances (Fanny) Sproul 1872-1932	ds.
Hugh Bell Sproul 1873-1929	m. Agnes Erskine Miller 1877-1966
Harriet Erskine Sproul Allnut 1901-1977	m. William Baker Allnut 1898-1978
Eugenia Sproul May 1903-1992	m. James Harrison May 1889-1963
Hugh Bell Sproul Jr. 1904-1992	m. Mary Eleanor Gilmore 1909-1994
Mason Miller Sproul 1906-1933	ds.
Agnes Erskine Sproul Bush 1908-1997	m. Charles Edward Bush Jr 1908-1986
Alexander Erskine Sproul 1916-2010	m. Ruth Eileen Peters 1921-

Of these children of A.A. and E.E. Sproul, there are descendent lines of only William White Sproul, Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr., and Hugh Bell Sproul, as follows:

4.12.1.1 William White Sproul Family –

William White Sproul 1863-1941	m. Katherine Rutherford Lapsley 1876 –1962
Frances Rutherford Sproul 1903-1967	m. Frank Eugene Taylor 1899-1994
Jane Taylor 1939-	m. Jim McDonnell 1937
Frank Taylor 1941-	m. Ellen
Katherine Lapsley Sproul 1904-1966	m. Daniel Chenault Stickley 1904-1995
Daniel C. Stickley Jr 1931-2011	m₁ Julie Carpenter 1936-2005
	m₂ Barbara
William Sproul Stickley 1933-	m₁ Ann Sabina
	m₂ Betty Richard 1946-
William White Sproul Jr 1907-1987	m. Helen Blair Turner 1908-2005
Margaret McChesney Sproul 1938-	m₁ Tilghman Earle
	m₂ Kip Patterson
William White Sproul III 1939-	m₁ Judith Stubaus 1940-
	m₂ Jacqueline Maria Cox 1940-
John Alexander Sproul 1944-	m. Lucy Sisson

John Morgan Sproul 1909-1959
Elizabeth Larned Sproul 1938-
Lucy Wood Sproul 1941-
Katherine Lapsley Sproul 1942-
Malinda McCorkle Sproul 1943-
John Gilbert Sproul 1947-
Virginia Knight Sproul 1952-

Archibald Alexander Sproul 1915-2005
Sara Sproul
Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr
Margaret Sproul

Mary Cornelia Sproul 1919-2008
Frances Rutherford Wise 1945-
Katherine Douglas Wise 1947-

George Stewart Wise 1952-
Mary Margaret Wise 1949

m. Elizabeth Larned Knight 1919-2005
m. William Oettinger Ross 1931-
m. John Peter Carlson Jr 1941-
m. Bradley Wilbur Perry 1938-2013
m. Alan P. Brown 1943-
m. Pamela Elizabeth Shaw 1951-
m. Lemuel Tyler Downing 1952-

m. Margaret Pratt 1920-2013
m. Mark Batten
m. Lisa Sproul
m. Cheever

m. George Douglas Wise 1912-1970

m₁ Gordon Miller
m₂. Rich Hoffeins
m. Cora Crandell
m. Basil Clark

William White Sproul (1863-1941) married Katherine Lapsley, (1876-1962). She was a sister of the Bethel Minister, Robert A. Lapsley. "Will" lived at Locust Grove his entire life. He was prominent in the affairs of the community, and served a term in the Virginia Legislature. After his service in the legislature, Will was a member of the State Board of Agriculture for several years, and was a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute¹⁰.

3.12.1.2 Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr Family⁸⁵ —

Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr 1868-1910

Archibald A. Sproul III (Bunky) 1901-1976
Archibald Alexander Sproul IV 1932-2017
Jared Sanford Sproul 1934
Susan Jane Sproul Brady 1944

m. Mary Isabella Cotton 1860- 1931

m. Margaret Lula Smith 1903-1981
m. Mary Beatrice Schneider 1931
m. Laurel Jean Giebelhaus 1937
m. Mike Brady

Archibald Alexander Sproul Jr. was a graduate Civil Engineer, and worked for the company building the railway tunnel under the Hudson River. While in New York he met and married Mary Isabella Cotton, a school teacher, from Mamaroneck. They had one son Arch A. Sproul III ("Bunkie"). Bunkie attended Augusta Military Academy and Washington & Lee. He was a mining engineer with the Vanadium Corporation, and spent several years in Peru. Later he lived in Golden Colorado, and consulted on engineering projects in many areas including Israel. He married Margaret Smith and they had three children.

4.12.1.3 Hugh Bell Sproul Family⁸⁶ —

Hugh Bell Sproul 1873-1929

Harriet Erskine Sproul 1901-1977
Harriette Erskine Allnutt 1933-
William Baker Allnutt Jr 1936-2011

Eugenia Sproul 1903-1992
Harrison May 1940-
Eugenia 1941-

m. Agnes Erskine Miller 1877-1966

m. William Baker Allnutt 1898-1978
m. William H. Curry
m. ?

m. James Harrison May 1889-1963
m. Patricia Dean Ferguson 1944
m. Joel Goldstein

⁸⁵ Archibald A, Sproul IV, *Personal Correspondence*, 2013

⁸⁶ Sproul, George - *Descendants of Hugh Bell Sproul*, 2013

Hugh Bell Sproul Jr. 1904-1992
Hugh Bell Sproul III 1937-
Mason Miller Sproul 1940-2002

Mason Miller Sproul 1906-1933

Agnes Erskine Sproul 1908-1997
Charles Edward Bush III 1941-2013

Agnes Erskine Bush 1943-1966
Mary Hanna Bush 1946-

Alexander Erskine Sproul 1916-2010
Alexander Erskine Sproul Jr 1944-
James Mason Sproul 1946-
George Thomas Sproul 1948-
David Alexander Sproul 1949-

m. Mary Elenor Gilmore 1909-1994
m. Loretta Ann Schroeder 1938-2000
ds.

ds.

m. Charles Edward Bush Jr 1908-1986
m₁. Susan Frost McCue 1944-2005
m₂ Gail B. Boyd
m. William Barry Shives 1941-1978

m. Ruth Eileen Peters 1921-
m. Drury May Gaulding 1945-
m. Katherine Elizabeth Baker 1951-
m. Sharon Lupton Hanger 1948-
m. Robin Love Vierbuchen 1952-

Hugh Bell Sproul, the youngest of A. A. Sproul's nine children, attended W & L and later volunteered for services in the U. S. Army during the Spanish American War. Thereafter, he went into the insurance business in Staunton. In 1901 he married Agnes Erskine Miller (1877-1966). One year later Hugh was designated co-executor of the Miller Estates which were rather extensive and including coal mining interests in West Virginia, real estate in West Virginia and Virginia and other properties. The Erskine Coal and Land Company was then chartered in 1903 with Hugh as the president and general manager. Hugh also owned and managed several farms in Augusta County, and flour and feed mill at Swoope. He was a director of The National Valley Bank, and was on the Board of Visitors of Washington & Lee and Mary Baldwin Colleges, was president of the Augusta County Fair Association and member of the first State Highway Commission,

Hugh and Agnes had six children: Harriette Erskine married William B. Allnutt, an Investment Banker in Baltimore. Eugenia married Judge J. Harry May of Staunton. Hugh B. Jr. married Mary Eleanor Gilmore of Emlenton, Pa. Mason Miller died unmarried. Agnes Erskine married Charles Edward "Ned" Bush Jr and they lived at "Wheatlands", in Swoope. Alexander Erskine MD married Ruth Eileen Peters and they lived in Staunton¹⁰.

¹⁰ Sproul, Dr. Erskine - *Genealogy of the Sproul Family* - 1997

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Samuel Sproul

Samuel, son of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Samuel Sproul⁵⁹ Jul 19, 1789⁵⁹ died before finishing education⁹ and before 1817³⁹

Samuel appeared to have been a student and in 1806 was still pursuing his studies. His father's will left him *funds to become preacher, doctor, or lawyer if he wishes plus £50*. He died before finishing his education⁹.

⁹ *Sproul Photostat Record* at Locust Grove

³⁹ Will - *Charles Sproul Will*, 1817 Augusta County

⁵⁹ Bible - *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible* (1775-1792)

Charles, son of Settler William Sproul and Susanna Ewing

Charles Sproul⁵⁹

Sep 28, 1792⁵⁹

Feb, 1817³⁹

Charles was unmarried and living at Locust Grove when he died at age 24. His father's will left the land to both Charles and John when he died in 1806, Charles being just 14 years old then. Charles specifically received the house and barn³².

11th I leave & bequeath to my sons John & Charles Sproul all my land to be divided equally so that Charles will get the house & barn to them and their heirs and offspring forever, also to each a horse and saddle a bed and furniture and all the plantation of farming utesalls to each the one half --

Charles died there in February 1817 at the age of 24. In this will, Charles provides our best documentation on the entire family at that time. All his siblings are mentioned in his will excepting his sister Nancy, who died before 1806, and his brother Samuel, who died before this will. He makes no mention of a wife, children, or anything relating to him being in Kentucky as had been suggested elsewhere,⁶⁵ confusing him with another Charles Sproule in Frankfort.

Charles Sproul's Will³⁹

Augusta Co. Will Book XI, p.246 26th February, 1817 {original retained at Locust Grove}

I Charles Sproul of Augusta County and State of Virginia, being in a sick and low condition but of sound mind and memory sound mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make this my last will and Testament, as to my Estate which it has pleased God to give me. I bequeath and dispose of in the manner following (Viz)

1st - I give and bequeath to my brother John Sproul all the land that was willed to me by my father to be his and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequest unto my brother John Sproul all my part of the personal estate and Negroes excepting Dick and allowing him the said John Sproul to pay to each of my brothers and sisters such legacies as I shall be hereinafter mentioning.

I give and allow unto my sister Jane Wear one hundred pounds to be paid in five annual payments after my decease.

I bequeath unto my sister Mary Sproul one hundred and twenty five pounds to be paid in five equal annual payments after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Sproul one hundred pounds to be paid in five equal annual payments after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my brother Oliver Sproul one hundred pounds to be paid in like manner in five annual payments after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Martha Hutchinson one hundred pounds to be paid in five annual payments after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Fanny Thompson one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid in seven annual payments after my decease. I also give and bequeath unto my sister Fanny Thompson the Negro man Dick to be hers and her heirs or assigns.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Sidney Beard's children; Polly Beard, William Beard, Susannah Beard, Jeannetta Beard, and John Beard, one hundred pounds to each of them twenty pounds. Each one of them to be paid their respective legacies when they arise at a proper age to choose guardians.

I give and allow to my half brother James Sproul ten shillings.

I give and allow to the children of my half brother Alexander Sproul Decd. ten shillings.

I do give and allow to my half sister Margaret McCutcheon the sum of ten shillings.

I do give and bequeath unto Alexander Beard two dollars.

I give and bequeath unto William Beard one hundred and fifty dollars.

I give and bequeath unto Thomas Beard five dollars.

I give and bequeath to my half brother William Sproul ten shillings.

And lastly, I do constitute my brother John Sproul & Thomas Thompson sole executors of this my last will and testament, Hereby revoking all former wills heretofore by me made confirming this and this only to be my last will and testament. In witness thereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of February 1817.

Charles' Inventory⁹⁰, which also includes the property of his brother John who becomes sole owner of it all, shows considerable wealth, including 590 gallons of whiskey, a number of slaves, and several horses

“The foregoing list of property being the personal Estate of Charles Sproul and John Sproul; together with the slaves; no division had taken place before the Decease of Charles Sproul it is thought the most practicable to take a Inventory of the whole they both holding an equal shear (sic) of the above property⁹⁰.”

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- 5.1 Annotated Bibliography of Footnote References
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Containing additional related Sproul information
- 5.3 Bumgardner Documents
Containing reference information relating to the Bumgardner family

With the abundance of Sproul family documentation, both referenced here and available on the web, there is a lot of material which has not yet been thoroughly examined to extract family genealogical information. Many of these documents have not been generally accessible, even to the Augusta County Sproul family, until recently. Some of this material is authoritative primary information, while other documents, particularly genealogies and unsubstantiated web materials, have notably unreliable areas. Care must be taken in using material which may have been developed outside an author's range of knowledge.

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5.2

Additional Data and Family Document Repository

There are a lot of additional reference data and notes applicable to further research. Those listed below are available online in this database. Most of these contain raw data or perhaps more secondary or less reliable data which, nevertheless, still may point in helpful directions. There are also some data items which are quite relevant to our family research, but more recent in time and, as such, beyond the scope of this genealogy.

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[Pratt Family Records – 1823-1946](#) (original copied)

Typed transcription of above (separate file)

[King Cerdic, AD 519, to Lapsley, 1900](#)

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Bumgardner Documents

In our family records are found many interesting documents relating to our Bumgardner ancestors which are included here.

Bumgardner Documents

[Bethel Green](#) – an 11th grade history exercise

[Bumgardner Internet Data 1](#) – web data

[Bumgardner Internet Data 2](#) – web data

[Jacob Bumgardner Sr. Family Bible](#) – pages with family records

[Bumgardner Notes](#) – information and access to 250 pg “Bumgartners of Virginia”

[Bumgardner, Rudolph – Letter to daughter, 1929.](#) - 31 page sketch of Bumgardner antecedents – formatted transcription

[Bumgardner, Rudolph – Letter to daughter, 1929.](#) original of antecedents letter

[Bumgardner Family Tree – Rudolph Ancestors](#)

[Christian Bumgardner, The Legendary Ancestor](#) – by Malinda McCorkle Bumgardner Murphy

[Christian Bumgardner 1](#)

[Christian Bumgardner 2](#)

[Christian Bumgardner Indenture - 1794](#)

[Civil War Bumgardner](#)

[J Bumgardner Distillery](#) – an 11th grade history exercise

[J Bumgardner Label](#)

[Jacob Bumgardner](#) – web writeup

[Jacob Bumgardner – News Gazette](#) – article

[James Bumgardner](#) – web writeup

[McClure Family, The](#) – *re Bumgardner*

[McCorkle Family, The](#) – *re Bumgardner*

[Memoranda of the Bumgardner Family – Edited by Wm Ross](#)

[Memoranda of the Bumgardner Family – original](#)

[My Mother, Bettie Waddell Bumgardner Murphy](#) – by Murphy, Malinda McCorkle Bumgardner

[Pratt and Bumgardner Family Trees](#) – by Sproul, W.W.Jr.,