

William Witherington

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Born: 10 Feb 1741 Dobbs Co, NC

Married: 26 Jun 1766 Elizabeth Lewis

Died: 2 Sept 1819 Conecuh, AL

Parents: John Witherington & Rocksolanah Carruthers

1. **William Witherington, Sr.** b: February 10, 1740/41 in Cheraws District, NC d: September 22, 1819 in Conecuh County, Alabama +Elizabeth Lewis b: September 03, 1741 in NC d: Unknown m: June 26, 1766 in Probably North Carolina
2. **Lewis Witherington** b: June 26, 1766
2. **Laney Witherington** b: March 02, 1769 d: March 10, 1837
+Peter DuBose b: March 15, 1758 in Sumter (now Lee) County, SC d: July 26, 1846 in Bishopville, Lee Co., SC m: Abt. 1790
2. **Peter Witherington** b: 1770 in NC d: Abt. 1855 in Lowndes CO, GA +Jane
2. **William Witherington, Jr.** b: April 11, 1773 at Little Beaver Dam, Craven County, SC d: August 25, 1837 in Conecuh CO, AL +Sarah "Sally" Stanley b: March 22, 1777 in Old Dobbs County (now Craven), NC d: June 01, 1845 in Sepulga District, Conecuh CO, AL. m: February 13, 1794 in North Carolina or South Carolina

A Transcription of the 1772 Grant of 200 Acres of Land in Craven County, SC by King George III of England to William Witherington (Sr.)

South Carolina

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, **KING**, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS shall come, GREETING; KNOW YE, THAT WE of Our Special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successours,

DO GIVE AND GRANT unto **WILLIAM WITHERINTON**, his Heirs and Assigns a Plantation or Tract of Land containing: Two Hundred Acres situate in Craven County on the N.E. side of Lynches Creek near the fork on a place called the Little Beaver Dam bounded on all sides by vacant land.

And hath such Shape, Form and Marks, as appear by a Plat thereof, hereunto annexed; Together with all Wods, Under-woods, Timber and Timber-trees, Lakes, Ponds, Fishings, Waters, Water-couries, Profits, Commodities, Appurtenances and Hereditaments, whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; Together with Priviledge of Hunting, Hawking and Fowling in and upon the same, and all Mines and Minerals whatsoever; Saving and Reserving, nevertheless, to Us, Our Heirs and Successours, all White Pine-trees, if any there should be found growing thereon; and also Saving and Reserving, nevertheless, to Us Our Heirs and Successours, One Tenth-Part of Mines of Gold and Silver only; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Two Hundred Acres of Land and all and singular other the Premises hereby granted unto the said WM WITHERINTON, his Heirs and Assigns forever, in free and common Socage. The said WM WITHERINTON, his Heirs and Assigns Yielding and Paying therefor; unto Us, Our Heirs and Successours, or to Our Receiver-General for the time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, yearly, that is to say, on the Twenty-fifth Day of March, in every Year at the Rate of Three Shillings Sterling, or Four Shillings Proclamation-Money, for every Hundred Acres, and so in Proportion, according to the Number of Acres contained herein; the same to commence at the Expiration of Two Years from the Date hereof. Provided Always, and this present Grant is upon Condition, nevertheless, that the said Wm Witherinton, his Heirs or Assigns, shall and do yearly, and every Year, after the Date of these Presents, clear and cultivate, at the Rate of Three Acres for every Hundred Acres of Land, and so in Proportion, according to the Number of Acres herein contained; and also, shall and do enter a Minute or Docket of these our Letters-Patent, in the office of Our Auditor-General for the Time being, in Our said Province, within six Months from the Date hereof. And Upon Condition, That if the said Rent, hereby reserved, shall happen to be in Arrear and unpaid for the Space of Three Years, from the time it shall become due, and no Distress can be found on the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby granted; or if the said WILLIAM WITHERINTON, his Heirs or Assigns shall neglect to clear and cultivate yearly, and every Year, at the Rate of Three Acres for every Hundred Acres of Land, and so in Proportion, according to the number of Acres herein contained; or if a Minute or Docket of these Our Letters Patent, shall not be entered in the Office of Our Auditor-General, for the time being, in our said Province, within six Months from the Date hereof, That then, and in any of these Cases, this present Grant shall cease, determine, and be utterly void, and the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof shall revert to Us, Our Heirs and Successours, as fully and absolutely, as if the same had never been granted.

Given under the Great Seal of Our said Province; W i t n e s s His Ency The Rt. Hy Lord C. G. Montagu, Capt. Gen'l Governour and Commander in chief in and over Our said Province of South Carolina, this Nineteenth Day of November Anno Dom. 1772 in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

C.G. (L.M.S.) Montagu

Signed by His Ency The Governour in Council: Geo Davidson, Pro C.G.

And hath thereunto a Plat thereof annexed, representing the same, certified by John Bremar Deputy Surveyour-General. 12th August 1772

Order No. 4918 Grant to Wm Witherington of 200 Acres Reference SC Archives, Royal Grants Volume 3-N, Page 95

Copied 2 August 2000 from a Photocopy of the Original Document on File in SC Archives by Bill King (Houston, TX) 5h Gr Grandson of Wm Witherington, Sr.

Please add the following 1804 Darlington Deed to the original 1772 King George III grant provided to you earlier. The below indicates a transfer of 200 acres "on both sides of Little Beaver Dam" to Caleb Owen on Feb. 20, 1804. This would appear to be the same 200 Acres as described in the 19 Nov. 1772 King George III grant of 200 Acres To William Witherinton (sp?), and signed by C.G. Montagu, Governour and Commander in Chief in and over Our said Province of South Carolina.

DARLINGTON, SC DEEDS: WILLIAM WITHERINGTON, SR, Grantor to Caleb Owen, Grantee, Book A, Page 250. Date: Feb. 20, 1804 - 200 acres on both sides of Little Beaver Dam

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William WITHERINGTON enlisted and was Commissioned a Sergeant in Dawson's Company of North Carolina Patriot Volunteers where he served three years as a soldier during the Revolutionary War against British & Loyalist Militia Forces. His enlistment of service began on 13 Jun 1777 and he participated in military operations and skirmishes with armed groups of American Loyalist Militia in North Carolina and South Carolina until his discharge on 1 Feb 1780.

Reference: North Carolina State Records, Clark, Vol XVI, pages, 1782-1783

Name and Rank: Witherington, Wm., Sgt.
 Company: Dawson's
 Dates of Enlistment and Commission: 13 June '77
 Period of Service: 3 yrs.
 Occurrences: ttt Pt. June '78, Dischgd 1 Feb. '80

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William Witherington
Serjt., *Dawson's Co.*,
 7th N. Carolina Regiment.

(Revolutionary War.)
 Appears on a book *

Copied from Rolls
 of the organization named above.

Date of enlistment } *13 Jan'y, 1777.*
 or appointment }

Term *3 yrs*

Casualties *Parks June 78. File 13 M 10*
Discharged 1 Feby 80

Remarks :

See my book

* This book appears to have been copied (from original rolls) in the Office of Army Accounts under the Paymaster General, U. S. A., who was authorized by Congress, July 4, 1783, to settle and finally adjust all accounts whatsoever between the United States and the officers and soldiers of the American army. (Journal American Congress, Vol. 4, page 237.)—R. & P., 438,786.

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Witherington William
7 North Carolina Regiment.
 (Revolutionary War.)

Sergeant | *Sergeant*

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Book Mark *P.O. 436786*

See also

DAVID HOLMES
GOVERNOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor fidelity and abilities of

William Witherington

I do appoint him **an Ensign of the 17th Regiment** Mississippi Territory, to take rank from the date hereof.

He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of **an Ensign** by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command, to be obedient to his orders as **an Ensign**.

And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from the Governor of the Mississippi Territory

for the time being or the other superior officers set over him according to the rules and discipline of war.

This commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF:

I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the **Town of Washington, Mississippi Territory**

The **7th day of July** in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and **13**, and in the **38th** Year of the Independence of the United States of America.



Seal of Mississippi Territory

David Holmes

Attest: Henry Daingerfield

By The Governor

(Back Side of the Commission - Handwritten)

Mississippi Territory, Jackson County

I do hereby certify that William Witherington came before me and was duly

Sworn the Oaths that is appointed by law as an Ensign in Capt. James Ware's

Company in the 17th Regiment of the Mississippi Territory.

Sworn to before me this 4th Sept. 1813.

James Ware (L 2)

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BILL KING NOTES:

(1) This is a transcription from a photocopy of original **Ensign's Commission of William Witherington, Jr.** (1773-1837) of Darlington, SC, Feliciana Parish, LA and Conecuh County, AL, and who is thought to have fought at the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

(2) "GIVEN under my hand at the Town of Washington" (Mississippi) <see below 'History of Mississippi Territory'>

History of Mississippi Territory (Encyclopedia Britannica 'on line')

The original Mississippi Territory created by the U.S. Congress in 1798 was a strip of land extending about 100 miles north to south and from the Mississippi River to the Chattahoochee on the Georgia border. The territory was increased in 1804 and 1812 to reach from Tennessee to the Gulf. In 1817 the western part achieved statehood as Mississippi (the eastern part became the state of Alabama in 1819). Natchez, the first territorial capital, was replaced in 1802 by nearby Washington, which in turn was replaced by Jackson in 1822 as the Capitol of the State of Mississippi.

(3) **William Witherington, Jr.** was the 4th Great Grandfather of **William R. King, Jr.** -14106 Carolcrest Circle, Houston, TX 77079

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HOLMES, David 1769-1832

Governor, Mississippi Territory 1809-1817

Governor, State of Mississippi 1817-1820

US Senate:

Years of Service: 1820-1823; 1823-1825

Party: Republican; Jackson Republican

HOLMES, David, a Representative from Virginia and a Senator from Mississippi; born at Mary Ann Furnace, near Hanover, York County, Pa., March 10, 1769; moved to Virginia as a child; attended Winchester Academy, Winchester, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1791 and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, Va.; held several local offices; elected to the Fifth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1797-March 3, 1809); was not a candidate for re-nomination in 1808; chairman, Committee on Claims (Ninth and Tenth Congresses); moved to the Mississippi Territory; Governor of the Territory of Mississippi 1809-1817; Governor of the State of Mississippi 1817-1820; appointed to the United States Senate from Mississippi as a Republican to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter Leake; subsequently elected and served from August 30, 1820, to September 25, 1825, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Sixteenth Congress); again Governor of Mississippi, but stepped down due to ill health 1826; returned to Winchester, Va., in 1827; died at Jordan's Sulphur Springs, near Winchester, Va., on August 20, 1832; interment in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Va.

Bibliography: DAB; Conrad, D.H. 'David Holmes: First Governor of Mississippi.' Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society 4 (1921): 234-57; Hildreth, Howard P. "David Holmes." Virginia Cavalcade 16 (Spring 1967): 38-

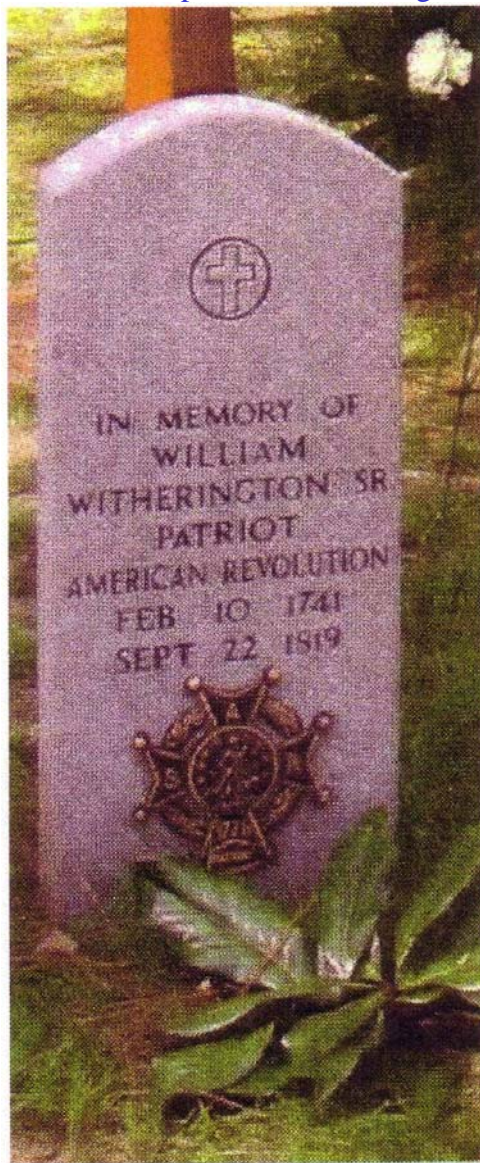
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From the Political Graveyard:
 Holmes, David (1769-1832) Born near Hanover, Pa., March 10, 1769. U.S. Representative from Virginia, 1797-1809 (at-large 1797-1807, 4th District 1807-09); Governor of Mississippi Territory, 1809-17; Governor of Mississippi, 1817-

20, 1826; U.S. Senator from Mississippi, 1820-25. Died near Winchester, Va., August 20, 1832. Interment at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Va. Holmes County, Miss. is named for him.

The above is a computerized version of the photocopy of the original handwritten document signed by Governor David Holmes of the Mississippi Territory dated 7 July 1813, which commissions **WILLIAM WITHERINGTON** (Jr.) as an Ensign in the **17th Regiment of the Mississippi Territory Militia**. It is not known if Ensign Witherington's service was in Alabama during the Creek Indian Wars of 1813-1814, or if he served with General Jackson at the Battle of Mobile Bay or the Battle of New Orleans (1815) during the War of 1812 against the British Empire.

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Buried in the Ward-Witherington Cemetery, Conecuh County, AL