

A HISTORY
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MONROE COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

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- Lively, Cottrell—292—Brush, adj. John Blankenship on Butchers' Run—1794
- *Long, Francis—397—Scott's Run, adj. Martha Gatliff—1787
- Longanacre, Jacob—480—Second, adj. Ann Morehead's survey—1791.
- Loudeback, Jacob—150—Second, adj. Thomas Gully (Gullett?)—1787
- Lowe, Nehemiah—74—Indian—1793
- Lowe, Toddoch—220—Swope's Knobs n. John Kincaid—1788
- Maddy, William—385—Indian, adj. Joseph Mayes—1786
- Maddy, William—321—Indian—1786
- Maddy, William—421—Laurel of Indian—1791
- Maddy, William—58—Indian—1793
- Mann, Adam—300—Indian, adj. Wallace Estill—1788
- Mann, Adam—51—Indian—1791
- Mann, Jacob Jr.—100—Indian, foot Wolf Cr. Mtn—1788
- Mann, Jacob Jr.—300—Indian, adj. Jacob Mann, Sr.—1788
- Mann, Jacob—80—Indian, adj. Robert Ritchie—1788
- McClure, John—1516—hd Dropping Lick—1793
- McDonald, James—133—Brush, n. James Williams—1787
- McDowell, Archibald—380—Second, adj. Robert Knox—1791
- McGlamery, Mathias—300—hd Dropping Lick, adj. William Shannon—1787
- McGlamery, Mathias—75—Dropping Lick—1787
- McGlamery, Mathias—200—Dropping Lick, adj. Isaac Soward, Sr.—1795
- McMullen, James—133—Second, adj. Aaron Turpin—1785
- McNutt, James—250—Indian—1787
- McNutt, Francis—250—Indian, adj. Samuel Ewing—1785
- Meadows, Isreal—190—Turkey, adj. Charles Friend, John Tackett—1787
- Miller, Jacob—400—Rich, adj. John Hutchinson—1784
- Miller, Jacob—184—Rich, Dry Fork, adj. John Hutchinson—1784
- Miller, Jacob—200—Rich, adj. William Henderson, including part of William English survey—1787
- Miller, Jacob—150—Rich—1792
- Miller, Jacob—140—between Peters and Little, hd Pointer Run of Rich—1792
- Miller, Joseph—150—adj. John Walter, Brice Miller—1785
- Miller, James—95—north side Wolf Cr. Mtn at Rich Birch—1786
- Miller, James—478—Wolf—1787
- Miller, James—337—Indian, adj. Paul Long—1787 *
- Miller, James—105—Indian Draft—?
- Miller, James—10—Indian—1790
- Miller, James Jr.—297—Wolf, adj. James Miller, Sr.—1785
- Miller, John—97—Indian, adj. Edward Keenan—1786
- Miller, John—397—Indian, adj. Wallace Estill—1788

- Miller, John—193—Indian—1793
- Miller, West—142—Indian, adj. John Miller—1791
- Murdock, David—200—adj. James Thompson, Richard Humphreys, etc.—1787
- Murdock, James—355—Lickholes, adj. James Scott—1787
- Nickell, Thomas—500—Second, adj. Frederick Cromer—1788
- Nickell, Robert—200—Sinks, adj. Thomas Charlton, Henry Douglas—1787
- Pendouse (?), Michael—308—Second—1794
- Peters, Christian—385—Rich—1793
- Pollard, Benjamin—1390—hd Bradshaw's Run and Little Wolf—1787
- Pollard, Benjamin—1125—Johnnycake Fork of Bradshaw's Run—1787
- Pollard, Benjamin—2500—William Bradshaw's on Bradshaw's Run—1788
- Rawlings, Robert—1036—hd Brushy of Second, on road to Lewisburg, 8 miles from Sweet Springs—1787
- Reburn, John—400—Second 1787
- Reburn, John—100—Indian, adj. Thomas Stewart—1787
- Reburn, John—145—Plank Cabin Draft—1794
- Reed, Benjamin—200—Second, adj. Edmund Cornwell, etc.—1786
- Rice, William—78—Dropping Lick—1793
- Ritchie, Robert—320—Indian, adj. Valentine Cook—1786
- Robinson, William—190—Indian, adj. William Mann (deceased) etc.—1784
- Robinson, John—235—Indian, adj. James and John McNutt—1784
- Ruth, Joseph—172—Turkey—1787
- Ruth, Joseph—70—hd Turkey, adj. land bought of Thomas Soward—1788
- Sawyers, John—200—Indian—1789
- Sawyers, Joseph—225—Indian—1792
- Scarborough, William—300—Turkey, adj. John Kelly—1786
- Scarborough, William—300—Turkey, adj. James Scarborough—1787
- Scarborough, David—140—Indian, adj. Philip Cooper—1786
- Scarborough, James—149—Turkey, adj. John Handley—1787
- Shanks, William—400—Indian, adj. James Burnside, James Ewing—1787
- Shannon, William—395—Turkey, adj. James Allen—1787
- Shumate, Daniel—300—mouth of Rich, adj. James Williams—1787
- Skaggs, John—668—Wolf, adj. John Hall—1795
- Soward, Isaac, Sr.—159—Dropping Lick—1787
- Soward, Thomas—137—branch of Dropping Lick, 2 miles below Mathias McGlamery's—1787
- Soward, Thomas—360—hd Rich—1793
- Stiff, John—75—adj. John Gray, John King, etc.—1786
- Stodghill, John—400—Hans, adj. William Hutchinson—1787
- Stokely, Jacob—192—Butcher's Run of Brush—1793
- Sullivan, Timothy—373—hd Hans—1789

Scarborough, David—of Henry (Elizabeth) Pope—10—5s—Weaver's Knobs—1798

Scothorn, Lewis—of Joseph (Mary) Higgenbotham—220—5s—Little Devil, adj. Reuben Harris—1797

Scott, William and James, Jr.—of James Scott, Sr.—Board Run of Wolf 1810

Shanklin, William—of James (Elizabeth) Henderson and William (Nancy) Shanklin—\$1—Indian—1810

Shelman, Lewis—of Joseph (Ann) Dickson—53 of 70—5s—1795

Shumate, Daniel—of Henry Willis—186—5s—Rich—1795

Slater, Joseph of Baltimore—of Robert Crawford—100—800p—Second, lately Joseph Conrad's—1794

Smith, Jacob—of William (Ann) Royall—200—\$200—Potts—1811

Sprowl, William—of Thomas (Esther) Soward—139—50p—branch of Dropping Lick—1793

Steele, Thomas—of Barnabas (Jane) Johnson—244—5s—foot Peters, adj. Robert Bland (deceased)—1795

Stuart, John and John Mathews—of William (Mary) Richmond—180 (adj. William Craig and David Dick) plus 100—adj. William McKinster and John Burdette—\$5—Swope's Knobs—1797

Stuart, John—of Joseph (Sally) Slater—100—Second Creek Gap—made over as per court decree—1799

Swearingen, Van (Mary) of Isaac (Mary) Wiseman—Dropping Lick—1810

Swope, George—of Henry (Sarah) Miller—part of 150—5s—Wolf—formerly Barnabas Johnson's—1797

Swope, Joseph—of Evan (Susanna) Griffith—58 of 150—5s—Wolf—1796

Symms, John—of Thomas (Jean) Stuart—165—Indian—P by John Carlisle—1808

Tackett, Nimrod—of John (Margaret) Swope—60—5s—Indian—1793

Thompson, Adam—of William Craig of Bourbon county, Ky by John Byrnside—391—5s—1793

Tincher, Thomas—of Thomas (Hannah) Kincaid—143—5s—adj. Martin Phillips—including survey of Samuel Sollard, 1774—1794

Turpin, Martin—of Solomon Turpin—147 of 400—5s—1789

Turpin, Aaron—of Solomon Turpin—115 plus 42 of 400—5s—1789

Vass, John—of William Vass—Second Cr. adj. Charles Lewis and Edward Cornwall—P, 1783, by James Dempsey and Ralph Yates—1809

Vawter, William—of Andrew (Sabina) Hutchinson—Brush and Elk Run—1810

Vawter, William—of Daniel (Rysanna) Cook—Slaty Run of Hans, adj. William Young—survey by John Kincaid, 1798—1810

Watkins, Joseph of Goochland—of James (Phoebe) Moss—272—\$204—Dunlap—P, 1789—1797

White, John—of William and Martha Cooper—100—5s—1789

White, William—of Thomas Keener—100—5p—Carpenter's Run, adj. Henry Winkleblack—1797

Wyatt, Thomas—of James Byrnside, Sr.—331—5s—New at and above mouth Greenbrier—1787

Wiatt, Thomas—of Joseph (Elizabeth) Sawyers—360—\$1—Little Wolf, adj. William Lafferty—1799

Wickline, Jacob—of William (Euphemia) Linton—295—\$1—hd Dunlap—1799

Wiley, Robert—of Samuel (Mary) Black—218—5s—Sinks, adj. James Chambers, John King, William Blanton, Isaac Polston—1792

Wiley, Robert—of Moses Higgenbotham—194—5s—between Second and Laurel Run—1796

Wilson, Andrew—of John (Sarah) Lewis—200—200p—Indian, adj. Wallace Estill—1793

Wiseman, Isaac—of William (Elizabeth) Rice—78—Dropping Lick, n. John Hutchinson, Robert Chambers—1797

Wiseman, Abner—of Daniel (Sarah) Neal—93—5s—1798

Wiseman, John—of Edward (Nancy) Keenan—84 of 400—5s—Lick Run—1798

Wolf, Jacob—of John Wolf—108—20p—Potts—1798

Woodson, George—of James (Phoebe) Moss—272—\$204—Dunlap—P, 1789—1797

Yates, Ralph—of James (Rosa) Dempsey—375—5s—Second, adj. Thomas Lewis—includes P of 180 by Yates, and 195 of P of 295 by Dempsey—1795

Young, Andrew—of John (Jean) Campbell—95—5s—Turkey—1792

Young, Robert—of Boude (Jean) Estill—183 of 383—70p—Hans—1793

Young, William—of Thomas (Priscilla) Ray—quit claim to 150—Hans—1809, Priscilla Ray was formerly Priscilla Gold and legatee of John Estill.

Young, Robert—of Robert Nickell—60—5s—1793

Young, James—of Samuel (Christianna) Carroll—150 of 315—Wolf Hollow, Second Cr.—1797

Young, James—of Edward (Clara) Fleather—73—5s—1797

Young, James—of G. (E.) Eagle—132 of 200—\$450—Second—1797

Zickafoos, George—of James (Elizabeth) Henderson and William (Nancy) Henderson—hd Wolf, adj. James Miller, Patrick Dixon, Jacob Doran (now Robert Johnson)—1809

INDEX TO GRANTOR NAMES

Abell	Ballard	Blanton
Adair	Beckley	Boyd
Alexander	Benson	Burns
Arbuckle	Black	Byrnside

Cail	Henderson	Parker
Caldwell	Higgenbotham	Patton
Campbell	Hogshead	Pierson
Carlisle	Hosick	Penturff
Carroll	Hutchinson	Pope
Chambers	Irons	Poulson
Clendennin	Jarrett	Ray
Conrad	Jarvis	Reaburn
Cook	Johnson	Rice
Cooper	Johnston	Richmond
Cornwell	Keatley	Ritchie
Craig	Keenan	Rodgers
Crawford	Kilpatrick	Royall
Crosier	Kincaid	Ruth
Curry	King	Savviers
Daugherty	Kitchen	Scarborough
Dempsey	Knox	Scott
Dickson	Larkin	Shanks
Doran	Legg	Shannon
Douglas	Lewis	Shepherd
Dubois	Linton	Showers
Dunbar	Long	Skaggs
Eagle	Louderback	Slater
Edgar	Lynn	Soward
Elliott	Maddy	Sparr
Ellis	Madison	Steele
Ellison	Magart	Stephenson
Estill	Malcom	Stuart
Ewing	Mann	Swope
Fleather	Mathews	Tackett
Fleming	McClintock	Tate
Foster	McDowell	Thompson
Gabbert	McGlamery	Turpin
Galloway	McKinster	Vass
Garvin	McMullen	Walker
Green	McNutt	Warren
Gregory	Metheny	Weich
Grider	Miller	Wikel
Griffith	Morton	Willis
Gromer	Moss	Winkleblack
Gwinn	Murdock	Wiseman
Hall	Neal	Wolf
Handley	Neel	Wood
Hanna	Nickell	Yates
Hargo	Noseman	Young

XI

FORMATION OF MONROE

Petitions to Divide Greenbrier—Act of 1796—Act of 1799—Organization of County—Attempt to Disestablish Monroe.



It is not often that a county is divided for the simple reason that it is large. Local politics, factional feeling, and the logrolling of ambitious men will seek the division of a county that is not large. And whether the county be large or small, the seceding element may have a prolonged and bitter struggle before it accomplishes its purpose.

In view of the long continued good feeling between the counties of Greenbrier and Monroe, it may come as a surprise to many persons to learn that the separation was effected only after more than ten years of persistent work, and that even after the establishment of Monroe there was a determined effort to disannul the new county.

Kanawha county was set off from Greenbrier in 1788. But even then, Greenbrier ran about 70 miles along the Alleghany chain and about 35 miles westward. A separation of what was left, nearly on the line of the lower course of the Greenbrier River, was a foregone conclusion. But there was still a thin population, and this consideration was not lightly to be overcome. And yet it was in 1790, before the harrassments of the red man were definitely known to be a thing of the past, that we find the first recorded attempt to divide the county.

A numerously signed petition of that year, voicing the people of the sinks of Monroe, asks for a new county because of the natural barrier of the Greenbrier River. It recites that the courthouse is 40 miles from any point on New River. It asserts an inconsistency in Bath county being permitted to extend up the valley of Dunlap Creek. The boundary asked for the new county begins at the mouth of the Greenbrier, runs up New River to the Greenbrier line at the

Lemons, William H.—R—Monroe Co.
 Lemons, W. F.—E—k Winchester '64
 Lewis, John E.—B—D
 Lewis, John F.—B—unc
 Lewis, Mack—T
 Lewis, Thomas—?
 Lilley, S.—T
 Lively, Vincent—L—Kanawha Co.
 Long, George—M
 Long, N. B.—B—D
 Long, Patrick—M—D
 Long, William—M—D
 Loudermilk, James E.—C—D
 Lowe, A. C.—FF—Alderson, W. Va.
 Lowe, Alexander—FF
 Lowe, Granville—L—D
 Lowe, John—C
 Lowry, Charles—M—k Cloyd's Farm '64
 Lowry, George—M—D
 Lowry, Thomas—M—D
 Lowry, William M.—L—Cp—D
 Lowry, Young—L—w—Bedford Co.
 Lucker, F. B.—T
 Lynch, George T.—G—w Chancellorsville '63—D
 Lynch, Hugh—C—D
 Lynch, John C.—G—w First Manassas '61—D
 Lynch, James L.—M—D
 Lynch, William L.—G—Lt—w Chancellorsville '63—D
 Lynch, W. H.—C—D
 Maddy, Elias—FF—D
 Maddy, H.—T
 Maddy, Henderson—L—D
 Maddy, J. P.—L—D
 Maddy, William—T—D
 Maddy, W. L.—L—D
 Magann, James—G
 Magann, M. W.—G—Richmond, Va.
 Magann, Merritt—G—D
 Mahan, John M.—M
 Mahan, Lewis A.—M
 Mann, Adam—FF
 Mann, Allen—C
 Mann, B. F.—L—Monroe Co.

Mann, Clark—C
 Mann, Davidson—L
 Mann, Griffith—V
 Mann, Henry—L—Monroe Co.
 Mann, Hutchinson—FF
 Mann, John A.—C—w Lewisburg—c Fredericksburg—D
 Mann, John C.—C—Summers Co.
 Mann, John—V
 Mann, Kenley—C—D
 Mann, Lewis—L—Monroe Co.
 Mann, Marshall—C—D
 Mann, Marshall—L—Monroe Co.
 Mann, Michael—V—d '63
 Mann, Newton—C—D
 Mann, Richard—M—w Winchester '64
 Mann, Samuel—L—West
 Mann, Thomas—C
 Mann, Thomas—E
 Mann, V. S.—L—Summers Co.
 Mann, Woodson—V
 Marshall, J.—?
 Marshall, James—V—Sg
 Marshall, William A.—G—D
 Martin, Algernon S.—B—Sg—D
 Martin, A. J.—T
 Martin, James—C
 Martin, James—V
 Martin, J. A.—T
 Martin, L. D.—T—5 Sg
 Martin, N. A.—T
 Martin, Thomas E.—B—Va.
 Martin, William—V
 Martin, ————V—k Leetown '64
 Massy, Andrew—E
 Massy, Reuben—E
 Matheny, George—C
 Matheny, Peach—C
 Mays, Dallas—L—Giles Co.
 Mays, Joseph M.—T—Kanawha Co.
 Mays, Robert—C
 McCall, Robert—V—c Waynesboro '65—D
 McCall, William—V—c Waynesboro
 McCallister, A. A.—B—6 Sg—Covington, Va.
 McCartney, John D.—B—6 Cor—C Kernstown '62—Union, W. Va.

Rains: John—Richard
 Ralston: John—John—Matthew
 Ramsay: Bartholomew—John—Richard
 Rath: Wm
 Ray: John
 Reaburn (Reburn): John (2) (1S)
 Reed (Ried): Benjamin—John
 Rice: Wm
 Riech: Robert (2)
 Riffe: Abraham (2)—Jacob
 Riston: Reason
 Ritchie (Ritche): Robert
 Roach: David—Jeremiah—Jonathan
 Robertson: John—Mary
 Rowland (Rolin): James
 Ruble (Rhuble): John
 Rucker: Claburn
 Ruth: Wm
 Ryan (Rians): Edw
 Sammerd?: Wm
 Samples: Robert
 Sawyer (Syers): Isaac—James—James, Jr.
 Scarborough (Scarboro): Isaac—Robert
 Scottron: Lewis
 Scott: James (3)—John
 Shanklin: Richard—Wm
 Shannon: Henry
 Shanter: Reamon
 Shaver: Chas—David
 Shoemaker: Paul
 Shumate: Daniel (3)—Tolerson
 Simmons: Ephraim—Joel
 Skaggs: Isaac—John—Joseph—Richard—Thos
 Slater: Joseph
 Smith: Ann (1S)—James—James (Sinks)—James (2?)—John—Wm
 Smithson (Smitsion): Thos
 Some (Symms?): Saml
 Soward: Isaac Senr—Isaac Junr—Solomon
 Sparr (Spar): John
 Spiggert: George (2)
 Steele (Steel): Thomas
 Stodghill: John Senr—John Junr—Joel
 Stroud: James
 Stuart: Alexander

Swinney (Swiney): James (2)
 Swope: George—John—Joseph (2) (1S)—Michael (2)
 Tackett: John—Nimrod
 Taylor: John—Notliff
 Tenner: Wm
 Thackwell: Joshua
 Thomas: Adam—Benjamin—Thomas
 Thompson (Thomson): David—John Senr—John Junr—John (Sinks)
 James—Robert—Saml
 Tims: Bartholomew
 Tincher: Saml
 Upton: Loyd
 Vance: Adam
 Vawter: Wm. (2) (1S)
 Vincent: Joseph Senr—Joseph Junr
 Walker: John Senr—John Junr—John—James—Thos
 Wallace (Wallas): Aaron
 Waller: John
 Watson: Thos
 Webb: Stephen
 West: George
 Wharton: Reuben
 White: Charles—William
 Wickline (Wickland): John
 Willer (Miller?): Henry (2) (1S)
 Williams: Felix (3S)—Francis
 Wilson: James (2)
 Wiseman: Abner—Isaac Senr—Isaac Junr—John—Joseph
 Withers: William
 Wood: Bailey (4)—Benjamin—John—William
 Woodson: Archibald—Richard
 Wright (Write): George—Saml
 Wyatt (Wiatt): Thos
 Yates: Ralph
 Young (Yong): Andrew—James—Robert (HC)—Robert (Sinks) William (HC)—William (Sinks)—William (SC).
 Tithables 812 Studs 7
 Slaves 97 Personal tax \$30
 Horses 1398

I

A PETITION OF 1852

The petition signed by the 413 persons whose names appear herewith was addressed to the legislature of Virginia. It asked that no license be

Harvey: James M.
 Hawkins: James S.—Anderson—A. M.—P. H.—James
 Haynes: Alexander D.—William
 Hill: William M.—Spencer R.
 Hinchman: John
 Hogshead: Newton H.—Hiram M.—B. F.—James M.
 Holsapple: A. C.
 Honaker: Ephraim
 Houston: Samuel R.
 Huffman: A.—William—Gay
 Humphreys: Samuel
 Hunter: John—Philip E.
 Hutchinson: John—J. S.—John M.—James A.—Thomas G.—John W.—
 Lorenzo D.—Isaac N.—James A. Jr.—Richard A.—Charles W.—George
 W.—W.—William C.
 Irons: John—Andrew
 Jackson: Alexander
 Jamison: Enoch G.—Evans—James
 Jarvis: Washington
 Jennings: William
 Johnson: James W.—Jacob—William—Barnabas—Morris—William T.—
 James—Thomas—William B.
 Johnston: Charles M.
 Jones: Isaac M.—Jesse
 Keenan: N. B.
 Kelly: Henry J.
 Kissinger: W.
 Kindall: G. W.
 Lanius: John W.
 Leach: Andrew—William—James—Robert—Alexander—Edward—
 Joshua
 Legg: Jesse
 Lemon: William
 Lively: William M.
 Long: John M.
 Looney: John
 Lowe: Alexander
 Luck: R.
 Lydick: William H.—William H.—C. J.
 Lynch: George—James L.—J. C.
 McCorkle: Samuel
 McLaughlin: J. G.
 McMahan: William—John—John A.—Edward A.
 McNeer: Anderson

McNutt: John H.
 Meadows: Nathan—Madison—Robert Henry—Fielding
 Middleton: James E.
 Miller: James E.—Andrew P.—Peter, Sr.—Jackson—Thomas J.—William—John M.—Lewis—Robert—James Y.—Andrew—Jonathan, Jr.
 Minor: Goodlow
 Mongold: W. H.
 Morgan: B.
 Motteshead: Samuel B.—John W.
 Neel and Neal: Abner—Henry—Daniel—Walter—Jacob—William R.—
 Thomas—Henry O.—William F.
 Nelson: John W.—I. L.—Allen E.—Oliver P.—William M.—G. K.
 Nickell: James M.—Allen T.—Thomas F.
 Parker: B. H.—Joseph
 Patton: Tristram—Robert A.—William
 Peck: J. H.—James P.—George H.
 Perkins: John
 Perry: George—Addison
 Persinger: James
 Peters: John A.
 Phillips: James
 Pinkerton: John
 Prentice: Andrew
 Price: A. H.
 Pugh: James F.
 Rable: R.
 Rains: C.
 Ramsay: Joseph
 Reaburn: H. L.—G. W.—John
 Reamer: Michael—Thomas C.
 Reed: Andrew E.—Benjamin, Sr.—Charles
 Remley: J. H.
 Reynolds: William—Francis
 Rice: J.
 Riffe: David M.
 Rittenhouse: J.—Robert
 Roach: Thomas
 Robinson: Allen
 Ross: John P.—Robison
 Rowles: Green
 Ruble: _____
 Rush: James
 Sampson: J. W.
 Saunders: Fleming—Jackson—I