

Tracing Thomas Black (c1740-1800)
of Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Wilkes County, Georgia

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- c1740** Thomas Black, son of _____ and _____ (_____) Black, was born circa 1740 probably in Brunswick County, Virginia.^{1,2} There is much speculation about the origins³ of Thomas Black, his birth year, and his parents.^{4,5}
- c1758** Thomas Black marries Mary _____.⁶
- July 20, 1774⁷** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, living on Snow Creek near the mouth of said creek, took up said horse as a stray at his own plantation. Certified under my hand this 20th day of July 1774, Wm. Witcher.⁸
- 1774^{9,10}** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables, William Witcher's List. Thomas Black listed with the name George Phillip Root.¹¹

¹ Three of Lemuel Black's children lived to be enumerated in the 1880 census. James S. Black incorrectly reports father's birthplace as Georgia and mother's birthplace as Georgia. William A. Black reports father's birthplace as Virginia and mother's birthplace as Virginia. George W. Black reports father's birthplace at Pennsylvania and mother's birthplace as Virginia. In an unforeseen way, this response proved beneficial to help us locate that George W. Black meant Pittsylvania (Co VA) which is where we find Thomas and Lemuel prior to their relocation to Georgia.

² Presuming that Thomas Black was born in Virginia, he could have been born in Brunswick County which was established in 1720. Halifax County was established in 1752. Pittsylvania County was established in 1767.

³ Other researchers have suggested that Thomas Black:
resided York County, South Carolina
born Anson County, North Carolina
born in Pennsylvania

⁴ Using that Lemuel was born in c1759, I estimate the birthyear of Thomas Black to be 1740 at the latest.

⁵ Other researchers have suggested that Thomas Black's possible parents are James Black and Jane Thomas. Their birth dates don't seem to fit.

⁶ Some researchers have Mary's maiden surname as McKinley but this is a different person. Another descendent of Lemuel Black suggested that Mary ____ is the second wife of Thomas Black. I have not located any information to verify.

⁷ This 1774 date is the earliest that I have found of records of Thomas Black in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. I have searched *Entry Record Book 1737-1770 (Land entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Patrick)*, Marian Dodson Chiarito, and do not find any Blacks listed.

⁸ The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 18, Lucille C. Payne, 1994

⁹ Men aged 16+ were subject to tithables. See <http://www.genfiles.com/legal/Tithables.htm> for more information.

¹⁰ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 105. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document. A transcription is also available at

- Sept. 1, 1774** Pittsylvania County (VA). Power of Attorney: John Smith Sr. to John Smith Jr. Witnesses: Richard Thompson, James Dillard, Thomas Black, William Young, John Smith. Recorded Sept. 22, 1774.¹²
- 1774** Thomas Black, James Dillard, and Peyton Smith were ordered to "View a road from Standefer's track joining the road that leads from Blackwater (river) to the road from Ross' Quarter to the courthouse."^{13,14}
- Sept. 27, 1775** Pittsylvania County (VA) Court Orders. Thomas Black, nominated for ensign in the county militia. Recorded Feb. 27, 1777.^{15,16}
- 1775**^{17,18} Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables, William Witcher's List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and Geo. Phil. Root.
- 1776** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,¹⁹ William Witcher's List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and George P. Root.

<http://www.dalton-newsletter.com/archives/1996/12-Dec%2096.pdf> See page 24 in PDF. Under William Witcher's list, Thomas Black is listed with the name George Phillip Root. I am unsure who this individual is.

¹¹ The 1771 and 1772 Pittsylvania County, VA tax digests do not exist. Thomas Black did not appear in William Witcher's District in 1773 which could mean Thomas did not settle in that county until 1773-1774. Of interest is that George Phillip Root is listed under Thomas Hackett in the 1773 tithable list (William Witcher's District). Perhaps this George Phillip Root was a hired man for the Hackett family and later for the Black family.

¹² Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 4, 1774-1778, p. 74. Abstract printed in *Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 4 (1774-1778)*, p. 13-14, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹³ Maud Carter Clement, *The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia*, p. 104.

¹⁴ Only our Thomas Black appears in the 1774, 1775, and 1776 Pittsylvania County Tithables list; the other Thomas Black does not so it could be safe to conclude that only our Thomas Black was in the county at that time to view a rode in 1774 with Peyton Smith. This would also connect our Thomas Black to the 1776 indenture between Peter Finney and Peyton Smith.

¹⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA deed book 4, p. 293-294

¹⁶ Of interest is that only our Thomas Black appears in the 1774, 1775, and 1776 Pittsylvania County Tithables list which indicates that the other Thomas Black had not yet settled in Pittsylvania County, VA and therefore our Thomas Black would have been the one nominated for ensign and later a captain.

¹⁷ Men aged 16+ were subject to tithables. See <http://www.genfiles.com/legal/Tithables.htm> for more information. This is evidence to support Lemuel's birthdate: 1775-16=1759.

¹⁸ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 132. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document. A transcription is available online at <http://www.dalton-newsletter.com/archives/1996/12-Dec%2096.pdf> See page 24 in PDF. Under William Witcher's list, Thomas Black is listed with the name George Phillip Root. I am unsure who this individual is. It is noted that Lemuel Black does not appear indicating he had not achieved the age of 16 years. He does appear for the first time in the 1775 list.

¹⁹ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 149. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document. A transcription is available online at <http://www.dalton-newsletter.com/archives/1996/12-Dec%2096.pdf> (see page 47 in PDF).

- Apr. 11, 1776** Pittsylvania County (VA). Lease between Peter Finney and Peyton Smith, for lands “to the line between said Finney + Tho^s. Black”. Recorded Sept. 26, 1776.²⁰
- Aug. 7, 1776** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Milburn sold hogs to Thomas Black. Recorded Sept. 26, 1776.²¹
- July 12, 1776** Pittsylvania County (VA). George Jefferson of Lunenburg County to Peter Field Jefferson of Mecklenburg County, land in Pittsylvania on the head of the Camp Branch of Turkey Cock Creek. Witness: Thos. Jefferson, Thos. Black, Stephen Senter, Eusibus Hubard, Joel Atkins. Recorded Sept. 26, 1776.²²
- Nov. 14, 1776** Pittsylvania County (VA). Inventory of the estate of Arthur Hopkins dec^d appraised by the subscribing witnesses on hand: Thomas Black, Luddowick Tuggle, Elisha Estes²³
- Feb. 22, 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA). Appraised one stray hogg taken up by Thomas Black. Given under our hands this 22d day of February 1777. James Dillard, Wm. Devin, Wm. Haynes.²⁴
- Summer 1777**²⁵ Thomas Black takes Oath of Allegiance²⁶ in Pittsylvania County (VA).²⁷ Listed next to Lemuel Black on Capt. James Roberts’s list.²⁸
- 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,²⁹ William Witcher’s List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, Phillip Root, and David Wray.

²⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 4 (1774-1778), p. 252-253. Contact Michael Black for copy of original document.

²¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 4, p. 259. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing document.

²² Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 4, 1774-1778, p. 244. Abstract printed in “Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 4 (1774-1778), p. 35, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

²³ Pittsylvania County, VA Inventories and Accounts Current Vol. I, p. 74-77. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

²⁴ The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 33, Lucille C. Payne, 1994

²⁵ Men aged 18+ could take the Oath. This is evidence to support Lemuel’s birthday: 1777-18: 1759.

²⁶ Greene, Jack P., & Pole, Jack Richon. (2000). *A Companion to the American Revolution*. p. 344.

“Wavering patriots, or neutrals, most often revealed themselves by refusing to sign oaths of allegiance to the new state governments that were required shortly after declaring independence. Most states, like Virginia in the summer of 1777, passed some kind of law requiring an oath of allegiance from all free white males over the age of 16. In many places, however, the laws met with resistance or were ignored.”

²⁷ Chiarito, Marian Dodson. (Feb. 1985). Oaths of Allegiance, 1777, Pittsylvania County. *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, vol. 23, no. 1, pp. 3-11.

²⁸ Maud Carter Clement, *The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia*, p. 163. “The General Assembly of May, 1777, enacted that all male inhabitants of Virginia above 16 years of age should take the following oath to the Commonwealth...”

²⁹ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk’s Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 172. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

- Oct. 23, 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black Gent. who was heretofore appointed to furnish the wife of John Holt a soldier now in his countrys service with necessaries....³⁰
- Oct. 23, 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black Gent. producing a commission from his Excellency the Governor appointing him Captain of a company of militia in this county took the oath by law prescribed.³¹
- Oct. 23, 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA). Lodwick Tuggle³² Gent. Second Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Blacks Company produced his commission and took the oath by law prescribed.³³
- Nov. 27, 1777** Pittsylvania County (VA). Benjamin Duncan first lieutenant in Captain Thomas Blacks Company of militia came into Court and took the oath by law prescribed.³⁴
- Mar. 26, 1778** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, order to record ear mark.³⁵
- Apr. 28, 1778** Pittsylvania County (VA). George Jefferson of Anson County, North Carolina, to Lodowick Tuggle³⁶ and Robert Powell. Witness Thomas Black. Examined October 24, 1778; Recorded November 26, 1778.³⁷
- June 25, 1778** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black living near the mouth of Snow Creek brought before me one bay horse. Appraised one bay

³⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 39. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

³¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 40. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

³² Lodowick Tuggle (b. 1741 Middlesex Co VA, d. 1798 Oglethorpe Co GA) was a peer and contemporary of Thomas Black. Tuggle moved to Pittsylvania County, VA in 1776, made a lieutenant in the militia in 1777, captain in 1787, and was active in public life in Pittsylvania County. He relocated to Wilkes County, GA in 1791, about four years after Thomas Black. This page has more information about Tuggle: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abrown/ltuggle.html>

³³ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 40. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

³⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 45. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document. Also available at <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dobson/va/vapitts2.htm>

³⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 69. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

³⁶ Lodowick Tuggle (b. 1741 Middlesex Co VA, d. 1798 Oglethorpe Co GA) was a peer and contemporary of Thomas Black. Tuggle moved to Pittsylvania County, VA in 1776, made a lieutenant in the militia in 1777, captain in 1787, and was active in public life in Pittsylvania County. He relocated to Wilkes County, GA in 1791, about four years after Thomas Black. This page has more information about Tuggle: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abrown/ltuggle.html>

³⁷ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 5 (1778-1780), p. 67-68. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

horse as a stray on his own plantation. Certified under my hand this 25th day of June 1778. Wm. Witcher.³⁸

- 1778** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,³⁹ William Witcher's List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and George P. Root.
- Dec. 14, 1778** Pittsylvania County (VA). Indenture: Peter Finney to Peyton Smith. "bounded by Thomas Blacks line", Thomas Black also witnessed. Recorded July 20, 1779.⁴⁰
- Jan. 26, 1779** Henry County (VA). A list of surveys made by John Dickerson. Thomas Black, on Snow Creek.⁴¹
- June 1779** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables.⁴² Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, William Black, and Geo. Philip Road.⁴³
- 1780** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,⁴⁴ William Witcher's List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black, William Black, and George P. Root.
- Aug. 7, 1780** Pittsylvania County (VA). Viewed three neat stray cattle taken up by Aaron McKinsey. ...as witness our hands this 7th day of August 1780. Thos. Black, Stephen Senter, Joseph King.⁴⁵
- Dec. 19, 1780** Crispin Shelton, Thomas Black, John Stockton, Gabriel Shelton and William Martin of Pittsylvania County and Halifax County give Bond to Treasurer of Virginia, in the just sum of £100,000.⁴⁶
- Mar. 26, 1781** Pittsylvania County (VA). Will of Thomas Rogers. Executors: Thomas Black and George Rogers. Witness: Robert Rodgers, Mary Rogers, Mary Black.⁴⁷

³⁸ The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 55, Lucille C. Payne, 1994

³⁹ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 200. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

⁴⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 5 (1778-1780), p. 191-193. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁴¹ Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I and II (1776-1784), p. 340. Published in "Abstracts of Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I and II" by Lela C. Adams, p. 58-59.

⁴² Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 216. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

⁴³ Should be George Philip Root.

⁴⁴ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 250. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

⁴⁵ The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, p. 79, Lucille C. Payne, 1994

⁴⁶ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 1778-1780, p. 74-75. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.

⁴⁷ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds and Wills Book 1, p. 121. As published in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Abstract of Wills 1768-1800.

- May 15, 1781** Pittsylvania County (VA). Will of Drury Oliver. Executors: friends, Thom Black, Henry Conway, James Rogers. Proven June 19, 1781.⁴⁸
- May 1781** Pittsylvania County (VA), Thomas Black and George Rogers executors of the will of Thomas Rogers dec'd. Security: Loddowick Tuggle.⁴⁹
- 1781** Pittsylvania County (VA) tithables,⁵⁰ Henry Conway's List. Thomas Black listed with Lemuel Black and William Black.
- June 19, 1781** Pittsylvania County (VA), Thomas Black and Henry Conway executors of the will of Drury Oliver dec'd. Securities: Stephen Coleman and Richard Brown.^{51,52}
- Mar. 18, 1782** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, public claim for 1 rifle gun, 6½ bu Corn, 1200# fodder, 1 fodder stack 72 feet long for state £11-12; 90 gals. brandy for Cont. £27; ½ bu corn, 10 diets for state 11s-6; 1 bu corn, 4 diets Cont. 7s.⁵³
- May 22, 1782** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, taken up by the subscriber a black horse...Appraised to £6 May 22d 1782. Thomas Black.⁵⁴
- 1782** Pittsylvania County (VA) land tax list.⁵⁵ Appears Thomas Black with 498 acres^{56,57}
- 1782** Pittsylvania County (VA), State Enumeration, Heads of Household, Lodowick Tuggle's District.⁵⁸ Black, Thomas with 10 white souls, 1 dwelling, 11 other buildings.^{59,60}

⁴⁸ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds and Wills Book 1, p. 125. As published in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Abstract of Wills 1768-1800, p. 69.

⁴⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 368. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁵⁰ Pittsylvania County, Virginia Clerk's Office, Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 252. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original document.

⁵¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Orders Book 4, p. 370. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁵² Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds and Wills Book 1, p. 125. As published in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Abstract of Wills 1768-1800, p. 69.

⁵³ Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten, *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims*, vol. III, p. 761

⁵⁴ The Book of Estrays Pittsylvania County Virginia 1773-1782, Lucille C. Payne, 1994

⁵⁵ There was only our Thomas Black who appeared in the 1782 land taxes list which supports that the other Thomas Black did not locate to Pittsylvania County until later, and it was our Thomas Black who was ensign (1775), captain (1777), provided wife of soldier with supplies (1777), made the oath (1777), and made a publick claim (1782).

⁵⁶ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p. 3, 10

⁵⁷ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vapittsy/1782LandTaxes.htm>

- Sept. 17, 1782** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, v. Robert Boulton, defendant, in debt. Parties agreed, suit dismissed.⁶¹
- Mar. 18, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black power of attorney to Lemuel Black.^{62,63}
- Apr. 17, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, judgement against William Young, defendant, for liable, damages £500.⁶⁴
- Jun. 25, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Archibald Young of Henry County to Thomas Black of Pittsylvania County, £100 for 100 acres in Henry and Pittsylvania County along Snow Creek.⁶⁵ Recorded Aug. 19, 1783.
- Sept. 16, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, judgment against James Dillard, defendant.⁶⁶
- Sept. 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). A commission to examine Mrs Young and deed from her said husband to Thomas Black. To Peyton Smith, Lodowick Tuggle, Gent, Justices of Pittsylvania...whereas Sarah Young, wife of said Archibald Young cannot travel to our county court. By virtue of the above dedimus we have examined Sarah, wife of the said Archibald Young, who relinquished her right of dower, October 11, 1783. Recorded November 18, 1783.⁶⁷
- Aug. 20, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black and Henry Conway, executors of Drewry Oliver, dec'd. v. Epaphroditus White and Harman Cook.⁶⁸

⁵⁸ There was only our Thomas Black who appeared in the 1782 head of household list which supports that the other Thomas Black did not locate to Pittsylvania County until later, and it was our Thomas Black who was ensign (1775), captain (1777), provided wife of soldier with supplies (1777), made the oath (1777), and made a publick claim (1782).

⁵⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Tithables 1767-1785 and Misc. Lists 1782, 1784, 1785, page 328. Contact Michael Black for an original copy of this document.

⁶⁰ *Heads of Families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790, records of the state enumerations: 1782 to 1785, Virginia*, p. 98.

⁶¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 4, p. 425. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁶² Pittsylvania County, VA Deed book 6, p. 497-498. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.

⁶³ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 4, p. 473. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.

⁶⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 4, p. 494. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁶⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7, p. 89-90. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.

⁶⁶ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 36. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁶⁷ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 164. As published in "Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790" by Gayle Austin, p. 31.

⁶⁸ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.17.

- Aug. 20, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. Caleb Brewer and James Brewer.⁶⁹
- Oct. 22, 1783** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against William Ragsdale, suit abates.⁷⁰
- Jun. 21, 1784** Pittsylvania County (VA). Power of Attorney: Alexander Robinson of Camden District, South Carolina appoints Lodowick Tuggle of Pittsylvania. Witness: Thos Black, John Breden, Mary Black. Recorded June 21, 1784.⁷¹
- Aug. 2, 1784** Pittsylvania County (VA). Charlton Shockley of Pittsylvania to Francis Henry of Pittsylvania. Witness: Jno Bobbitt, Thomas Black, Lodock Tuggle. Recorded Aug. 16, 1784.⁷²
- May 18, 1785** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drewry Olliver [Drury Oliver], plaintiff, against Peter Field Jefferson, defendant, in debt.⁷³
- Jun. 22, 1785** Pittsylvania County (VA). Harman Cook ordered to pay Thomas Black for three days attendance as a witness.⁷⁴
- Jun. 23, 1785** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. William Young, dismissed.⁷⁵
- Jul. 8, 1785** Pittsylvania County (VA), Bill of sale. Thos. Black to Lodwick Tuggle and Samuel Calland, sold unto them all my personal estate. Recorded July 18, 1785.^{76,77}
- Dec. 20, 1785** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black and Henry Conway, executors of Drewry Oliver, dec'd. v. Robert Duncan (& Joseph Akin).⁷⁸

⁶⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.17.

⁷⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 47. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁷¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p, 287. As published in "Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790" by Gayle Austin, p. 53.

⁷² Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p, 343. As published in "Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790" by Gayle Austin, p. 63.

⁷³ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 168. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁷⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.197.

⁷⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p.197.

⁷⁶ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 459-460.

⁷⁷ Samuel Calland and Lodowick Tuggle were peers of Thomas Black. Calland is recorded as taking the oath of allegiance in 1777 with Thomas and Lemuel Black, of Capt. Jas. Robert's List. Tuggle and Calland relocated to Wilkes and Oglethorpe County, GA.

⁷⁸ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 262.

- Feb. 2, 1786** Franklin County (VA). A deed from Thomas Black to Samuel Calland is acknowledged and ordered recorded.⁷⁹
- Feb. 16, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Archibald Graham Sr. of Franklin County to Samuel Calland of Pittsylvania County, for £300 on the south side of Pigg river containing by estimation 180 acres...being the land and plantation whereon Thomas Black now lives. Recorded April 17, 1786.⁸⁰
- Feb. 21, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black v. William Oliver, judgment on a petition.⁸¹
- Feb. 21, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver, dec'd, v. William Oliver and James Bleakley, judgment on a petition.⁸²
- 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania County for the year 1786. Thomas Black, 418 acres.⁸³
- Aug. 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against Randolph Bobit, defendant, in debt.⁸⁴
- Aug. 22, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver, dec'd, v. James Bleakley and Samuel Calland, judgment.⁸⁵
- Nov. 8, 1786** Franklin County (VA). An injunction is granted Nathan Swanson on his motion to stay the proceedings of a judgement obtained against him by Thomas Black with Usebus Hubbard his security entered into bond and acknowledged the same.⁸⁶
- Nov. 9, 1786** Franklin County (VA). Thomas Black sworn as juror for Thorp vs. Woodson.⁸⁷

⁷⁹ Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1, p. 3. As printed in *An Old Virginia Court being a transcript of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia 1786-1786*, Marshall Wingfield, p. 9.

⁸⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 7 (1783-1786), p. 505. As published in "Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Deeds 1783-1790" by Gayle Austin, p. 105.

⁸¹ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 292.

⁸² Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 292.

⁸³ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.31

⁸⁴ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 51

⁸⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 369. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁸⁶ Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1, p. 67. As printed in *An Old Virginia Court being a transcript of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia 1786-1786*, Marshall Wingfield, p. 42.

⁸⁷ Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1, p. 69. As printed in *An Old Virginia Court being a transcript of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia 1786-1786*, Marshall Wingfield, p. 43.

- Nov. 20, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, v. William Peak, defendant, judgment on attachment.⁸⁸
- Dec. 7, 1786** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black to Samuel Calland, 100 acres on both sides of Snow Creek. Recorded Apr. 16, 1787.⁸⁹
- Mar. 1787** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, executor of Drury Oliver, dec'd, plaintiff, against Samuel Mosely and Arthur Nash, defendants, in debt.⁹⁰
- 1787** Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania County for the year 1787. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified July 14, 1787.⁹¹
- Nov. 23, 1787** Wilkes County (GA). Security Deed from John Thurman to Thomas Black, for 200 acres adjacent Capt. Daniel Gunnell, Benjamin Ashworth, Micajah McGeehee, and Thomas Sneed. Wit: J. S. Hays, John Black, and William Black. Part of suit of Thomas Black vs. John Thurman.⁹² This is the earliest record I have located of Thomas Black in Georgia.
- 1787** Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Clark's District. Thos. Black and Lemuel Black recorded.⁹³
- 1788** Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania County for the year 1788. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified July 22, 1788.⁹⁴
- May 1788** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black, plaintiff, against James Brewer, defendant, in debt.⁹⁵
- Oct. 25, 1788** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black of Wilkes County, GA power of attorney to John Smith of Pittsylvania County, VA.⁹⁶ Recorded Feb. 15, 1789.

⁸⁸ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Order Book 5, p. 387-388. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this document.

⁸⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 40-42. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing document.

⁹⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 61

⁹¹ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.45

⁹² Robert Scott Davis Jr., *The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833*, p. 110

⁹³ Frank Parker Hudson. *Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805*, volume I, p. 130

⁹⁴ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.57

⁹⁵ Pittsylvania County, VA Court Records Book 3, p. 94

⁹⁶ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 380-381. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing this document.

- 1788** Wilkes County (GA), Georgia Headright Grant, 321 acres⁹⁷
- 1789** Pittsylvania County (VA). A list of the land tax in Pittsylvania County for the year 1789. Thomas Black, 418 acres. Certified October 20, 1789.⁹⁸
- Dec. 21, 1789** Pittsylvania County (VA). Thomas Black of Georgia, by John Smith his attorney, land along Snow Creek, to Samuel Calland. Recorded Dec. 21, 1789.⁹⁹
- 1791** Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Jonathan Jennings's District. Thomas Black, Lemuel Black, Wm. Black and John Black recorded.^{100, 101}
- 1792** Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. George Taylor's District. Thomas Black, Lemuel Black, Wm. Black and John Black recorded.¹⁰²
- 1793** Wilkes County (GA) tax list, Capt. Joel Barnett's District.¹⁰³ Thomas Black recorded.
- Sept. 7, 1795** Elijah Brewer of Elbert County (GA), for £250, to Thomas Black of Oglethorpe County (GA), a negro man named Sam & his wife...goods delivered Dec. 18, 1795. Recorded Jan. 5, 1796.¹⁰⁴
- Jan. 6, 1796** Execution levied on property of Lemuel Black and Elisha Brewer, 375 acres in Oglethorpe County. Exposed to public sale and sold to Mathew J. Williams and Thomas Black, the highest bidders, for \$472, 375 acres on Broad River.¹⁰⁵

⁹⁷ Georgia's Virtual Vault <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/> volume Q, p. 19, record 12044. Select "Georgia Colonial and Headright Plat Index Collection" in the left column and search for Thomas Black.

⁹⁸ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin, p.69

⁹⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Deed Book 8 (1787-1790), p. 46. Thanks to Cassandra Wong for providing document.

¹⁰⁰ Frank Parker Hudson. *Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805*, volume I, p. 309

¹⁰¹ The State of Georgia has posted the original images for the 1791 Wilkes County tax digest online at <http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/index.php> To find Thomas and Lemuel Black, select "County Tax Digests" in the left column, then select Wilkes then search, then "Wilkes County Tax Digest, 1791", then select Contents in the left menu, then page 167. Their names are near the top.

¹⁰² Frank Parker Hudson. *Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805*, volume I, p. 375

¹⁰³ Frank Parker Hudson. *Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records 1785-1805*, volume I, p. 497

¹⁰⁴ Michal Martin Farmer, *Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J: 1791-1806*, 1997. Elbert County, Georgia Deed book C, 1793-1795, p. 71

¹⁰⁵ Michal Martin Farmer, *Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J: 1791-1806*, 1997. Elbert County, Georgia Deed book C, 1793-1795, p. 72

- 1796** Appears on Oglethorpe County tax list; John Black, Lemuel Black, and Thomas Black.¹⁰⁶
- 1798** Appears on Oglethorpe County tax list, Capt. Matthew's District.¹⁰⁷
- Apr. 20, 1799** Mathew Williams and Barbara, his wife, of Elbert County, and Thomas Black and Mary, his wife, of Oglethorpe County, to Elisha Brewer of Elbert County, for \$400, 400 acres in Elbert Co. on N. shore of Broad River,¹⁰⁸
- Apr. 24, 1799** Will of Thomas Black;¹⁰⁹ recorded Feb. 3, 1801.¹¹⁰ Legatees: wife Mary Black, Lemuel Black, William Black, Mary Brewer, John Black, Thomas J Black, James Black, Agness Black.
- Nov. 8, 1800** Our Thomas Black was in Capt. Matthew's District which was enumerated the second Saturday in November.¹¹¹ Thomas Black and Thos. Black all appear in the 1800 Oglethorpe County, GA census¹¹², in different districts,¹¹³ distinguishable by their age category. (Census supposedly enumerated the last Saturday in November).¹¹⁴ However, one of the Thomas Black's entries was changed from 1 to 0 so that he was enumerated in another district.
- 1800** Thomas Black dies in the fall of the year in Oglethorpe County, GA.¹¹⁵

¹⁰⁶ Georgia Genealogical Magazine, Spring/Summer 1997, p. 118

¹⁰⁷ Jeffery, Alice. *Georgia Tax Index, 1789-1799* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, 1998.

¹⁰⁸ Michal Martin Farmer, *Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J: 1791-1806*, 1997. Elbert County, Georgia Deed book G, 1801-1802, p. 134

¹⁰⁹ <http://files.usgarchives.org/ga/oglethorpe/wills/blackt.txt>

¹¹⁰ Oglethorpe Co GA, will book A, pp. 101-102

¹¹¹ Smith, Florrie Carter. *Supplement to the History of Oglethorpe County, Georgia*, p. 237

¹¹² 1800 Oglethorpe County, GA census enumerated second Saturday in November. November 8, 1800

Capt. Mathews' District

Thos Black

Free white males:

0 under 10, 0 age 10-16, 2 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45, 1 age over 45

Free white females:

0 under 10, 0 age 10-16, 0 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45, 1 age over 45

Free negro: 0

Slaves: 3

¹¹³ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gaogleth/1800.htm>

¹¹⁴ According to the Black Bible, Barbara Black was born 9/23/1800, so the enumeration was before then because she does not appear as a child in the Lemuel Black household.

¹¹⁵ Oglethorpe Co GA, Thomas Black loose estate papers. January term 1801, witnesses to will appear in court and state Thomas Black, decd. This lends support that he died in the prior year.

Dec. 20, 1810

Oglethorpe County, GA. Indenture: John Black, Thomas J. Black, and James Black to James Bradley, 321 acres in Oglethorpe County for \$1600. Recorded May 26, 1812.¹¹⁶ [Sons sell their father's plantation.]

¹¹⁶ Oglethorpe Co GA Deed Book G (1810-1812), p. 311-312. Contact Michael Black for a copy of the original record.

Thomas Black (c1745-c1814)
of Halifax County, Virginia and later Pittsylvania County, Virginia

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I prepared this timeline to document that Thomas Black, son of William Black of Halifax County, Virginia, was living in Halifax County, Virginia during the time of the American Revolution and is not the Thomas Black living in Pittsylvania County, Virginia during the same time period.

- c1745**¹¹⁷ Thomas Black born in Virginia
- Nov. 4, 1761**¹¹⁸ Halifax County, VA, William Black witness for deed
- c1773** Thomas Black marries Susannah Richardson¹¹⁹
- c1776**¹²⁰ Halifax County, VA, a son Skip Richardson Black born¹²¹
- Apr. 4, 1778** Halifax County, VA. Skip Richardson of Halifax to Thomas Black of Halifax and Susannah his wife, daughter of said Skip Richardson, 162 acres in Halifax. Recorded June 18, 1778.¹²²
- c1778-1780**¹²³ Halifax County, VA, a son Thomas Black born¹²⁴
- 1779**¹²⁵ Halifax County, VA, a daughter Sarah "Sally" Black¹²⁶ born
- Apr. 6, 1781** Halifax County, VA. William Bottom of Amelia County to John Drinkard of Halifax County, 424.5 acres. Bounded by Epraim White, James Hunt, Abney, Skip Richardson. Witness: William Drinkard,

¹¹⁷ NSDAR #659643

¹¹⁸ Deed Book 7, Page 263. Nov 4, 1761. Terrence McDaniel sells to Richard Crews of Lun Co, 100 acres on Jones Creek, bounded by Boulden, Bush, Harrison. Witnessed by **William Black**, John Dudgeon, (source: http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~evekinn/Crews_1.html)

¹¹⁹ Susannah Richardson's father Skip Richardson appears in Halifax County records as early as 1755.

¹²⁰ NSDAR #659643

¹²¹ 1830 Putnam County, GA census, aged 50-60 (born 1770-1780)

¹²² Halifax County, Virginia Deed Book 11, 1778-1784, p. 49. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book 11 (1778-1784), p. 9, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹²³ NSDAR #868995

¹²⁴ Thomas Black married Elizabeth Dews in 1806

¹²⁵ 09/09/1850 Davidson County, TN; Reuben G. Dews, age 84, Sarah Dews, age 71

¹²⁶ Sarah "Sally" Black married Reuben Dews 10/13/1804 Campbell County, VA

Zacariah Hawkins, Thomas Black, Bern'd McGuckin. Recorded Sep. 20, 1781.¹²⁷

c1782 Halifax County, VA, a daughter Elizabeth Black¹²⁸ born

Apr. 1, 1782¹²⁹ Halifax County, VA, land bounded by William Black

1782¹³⁰ Halifax County, VA, personal property tax list
Thomas Black, 1 tithe, 1 negroes, 4 horses, 0 mules, 7 cattle
William Black, 1 tithe, 18 negroes, 10 horses, 0 mules, 20 cattle

Jun. 17, 1784¹³¹ Halifax County, VA. John Drinkard Sr. of Halifax to William Vasser of Halifax, about 300 acres in Halifax and Parish of Antrim upon Catawba Creek and bounded by Thomas Black's corner...meaders to Skipp Richeson's line, thence along Richeson's line to Black's corner. Recorded Jun. 17, 1784.¹³²

1784¹³³ Halifax County, VA. David Crews of Halifax to Pleasant Shields of Halifax, about 100 acres, bounded by Caleb Clay, Skip Richardson, Soloman Stott. Witness: John Richardson, Thomas Black, John Crews. Recorded July 15, 1784.¹³⁴

1785¹³⁵ Halifax County, VA heads of families, List of James Bates:
Thomas Black, 6 white souls, 1 dwelling, 3 other buildings
William Black, 6 white souls, 1 dwelling, 5 other buildings
Skip Richardson, 3 white souls, 1 dwelling, 4 other buildings

¹²⁷ Halifax County, Virginia Deed Book 12, p. 139. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds (1778-1784), p. 79, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹²⁸ Elizabeth Black married William Mitchell 1/14/1800 Campbell County, VA

¹²⁹ Hal DB 12, p. 260. Apr 1, 1782 from Daniel Jones of Hal to David Crews of Hal, 100 acres on Ellises Creek, bounded by Thomas Spragens, **William Black**, William East, and Ambrose Hunt. Witnesses were William Bates, Stephen Bates, Sam Bates (source: http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~evekinn/Crews_1.html)

¹³⁰ <http://www.newrivernotes.com/va/hali1782.htm>

¹³¹ Hal DB 13 p. 28. Jun 17, 1784. From John Drinkard Sr and wife Ann, of Hal, to William Vasser of Hal, 300 acres on Catawba Cr, bounded by **Thomas Black**, John Crews, George Tomson, Bates Branch, Skip Richardson, (source: http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~evekinn/Crews_1.html)-

¹³² Halifax County, Virginia Deed Book 13, p. 28. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds (1784-1790), p. 6, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹³³ Hal DB 13, p. 50. 1784. From David Crews of Hal to Pleasant Shields of Hal, 100 acres on both sides of the Tanfat Branch, bounded by Caleb Clay, Skip Richardson, Solomon Stott. Witnesses were John Richardson, **Thomas Black**, John Crews. (source: http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~evekinn/Crews_1.html)

¹³⁴ Halifax County, Virginia Deed Book 13, p. 50. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds (1784-1790), p. 9, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹³⁵ *Heads of Families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790, records of the state enumerations: 1782 to 1785, Virginia*, p. 87. Also available online at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/halifax/census/1785/17850001.txt>

- Nov. 17, 1785** Halifax County, VA. Pleasant Shields of Halifax to John Tucker of Amelia, about 100 acres in Halifax, bounded by Solomon Stott, Wm Oliver, Hills corner, Thos. Black. Recorded Nov. 17, 1785.¹³⁶
- c1785-1787**¹³⁷ Halifax County, VA, a son Absalom Black born¹³⁸
- June 28, 1787** Halifax County, VA, Thomas Black, surety for Daniel Richardson and Martha Forrest, dau. of Richard Forrest who consents.¹³⁹
- Apr. 23, 1789**¹⁴⁰ Pittsylvania County, VA, a son Nathaniel Black born¹⁴¹
- Jan. 2, 1790** Halifax County, VA, will of William Black returned by Thomas Black, administrator. Court records show he was deceased by December 1789.^{142,143}
- 1792**¹⁴⁴ Halifax County. A son John Black¹⁴⁵ born
- Apr. 14, 1794**¹⁴⁶ Thomas Black of Halifax County, VA to Lewis Wilbourn
- c1794**¹⁴⁷ Halifax County, a daughter Susannah Black¹⁴⁸ born
- Feb. 15, 1796** Thomas Black (of Campbell), listed as a debtor to the estate of John Pannill, dec'd., in Pittsylvania County.¹⁴⁹

¹³⁶ Halifax County, Virginia Deed Book 13, p. 341. Abstract printed in Pittsylvania County, Virginia Deeds (1784-1790), p. 39, by T. L. C. Genealogy, 1991.

¹³⁷ NSDAR #689061

¹³⁸ 1830 Baldwin County, GA census aged 40-50 (born 1780-1790)

¹³⁹ Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of Halifax County, Virginia 1753-1800, p. 79, by Catherine Lindsay Knorr, 1957

¹⁴⁰ NSDAR #661981

¹⁴¹ Nathaniel Black married Elizabeth Ann Wilkes 5/1/1809 Halifax County, VA

¹⁴² SOURCE Will Book No. 2, 1783-1792 (Reel 36), p. 389-391. Inv. & Appr. rec. 25 Jan. 1790.

¹⁴³ Inventory & Appraisalment 2 Jan 1790 Thomas Black Admr.

Among items listed cows & Yearlings, 5 killable hoggs, 1 horse, negro will, do. Beck do wench Lucy & child Natt (sic), do irl Sillah, do. boy Peter, do. Phill, do. girl Sall, do. do. Mary, do. do. Tab, do. fellow Charles plantation tools, household goods, 8 chairs, chest, trucks, beds & furniture, brass candle stick, 1 doz plates, ams saddle & bridle, do. womans do. & do. wooling wheel & cards. Total : 463/9/9

S/James Hankler, David Crews, Drury Vaughan Sworn before Walter Bennett Returned 25 Jan 1790

¹⁴⁴ NSDAR #441997

¹⁴⁵ John Black married Margaret Dearing 2/16/1816. Third wife is Mary Duncan married 12/13/1831.

¹⁴⁶ Halifax County, Virginia. Apr 12, 1794: **Thomas Black of Halifax** sells to Lewis Wilbourn of Halifax, for 100 pounds, about 162 acres in Halifax, and bounded by the Alder Bush Branch, and James Norrell Jr., John Richardson, the Tan Fat Branch, Skipp Richardson's and Epaphroditus White's lines; signed: **Thomas Black**; wit: William Vassar, Robert Wilbourn, Robert Page, Wm H Montfert; **Susannah wife of Thomas Black** relinquishes her dower rights; recorded Apr 28, 1794 (Deed Book 16, p. 179). (source: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/wilbourn/messages/106.html>)

¹⁴⁷ NSDAR #692457

¹⁴⁸ Susannah Black married William Turner 11/14/1818 Pittsylvania County, VA

¹⁴⁹ Pittsylvania County, VA Accounts and Inventories Book 2, p. 245, 250, 261

- bet. 1802-1806**¹⁵⁰ Thomas and Susannah Black remove to Pittsylvania County.
- 1795-1804**¹⁵¹ Pittsylvania County. A daughter Polly S. Black¹⁵² born
- Sept. 18, 1806**¹⁵³ Pittsylvania County, VA, will of Thomas Black
 Rec. Jun. 20, **1814** legatees: Elizabeth Mitchell, Skip Ritcherson Black, Sarah Dews,
 Thomas Black, Susannah Black, Absalem Black, Nathaniel Black,
 John Black, Polly Black
- c. Dec. 17, 1837**¹⁵⁴ Susannah Richardson Black dies in Pittsylvania County

¹⁵⁰ The Land Tax Lists of Pittsylvania County, Virginia 1782-1802, by Gayle Austin. This Thomas Black does not appear in this volume indicating he did not relocate to Pittsylvania County until after 1802. In the book Pittsylvania County Virginia Deeds 1791-1794, there are no entries for any Blacks indicating Thomas Black had not purchased any land during those years.

¹⁵¹ In the 1820 Pittsylvania Co VA census, she is listed as 1 free white female aged 16-25 (born 1795-1804).

¹⁵² Polly S. Black married Lemuel Birthright 12/21/1816.

¹⁵³ *Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, Virginia Wills 1767-1820*, compiled by Lela C. Adams, p. 175. Source: Deed and Will Book 11, p. 392-393. Contact Michael Black for an original copy.

¹⁵⁴ NSDAR #659643

Another Thomas Black:

Thomas Gillespie Black (1772-1823), son of William Black and Eleanor Beard, m. Mary "Polly" Callahan

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gaoglet2/familiesblack.html>

- Thomas Gillespie Black (1772-1823) and Thomas Black (d. 1800) happened to settle in Oglethorpe Co GA about the same time, but they are not related. Thomas Gillespie Black was b. in Mecklenburg Co NC in 1772. Thomas and Lemuel Black were living in Pittsylvania Co VA at that time.
- In a transcribed edition of the 1796 Oglethorpe County, Georgia tax list, the editors added the remarks incorrectly and overlapped Thomas Black with Thomas Gillespie Black.
- Thomas G. Black is listed as a resident of Jackson County in 1811.