

DENNISONs, *et al.* in the Virginia County Tax Lists, from 1782 On

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This a collection of abstracts of the annual county Personal Property Tax (PPT) records for DENNISONs and other possibly related folk, in some cases supplemented by summaries or yearly specifics of the corresponding Land Tax record, highlighter in [Teal](#).

The [Introductory Notes](#) on the next page link to sections of this report defining my abstracting conventions, and providing background information necessary to understand and interpret the raw data of these lists. I've also provided sections detailing the genealogical background of the several DENNISON [patrilineages](#). The generational superscripts pertain to the descendency of Daniel¹ of AugustaCo.

Virginia County Tax Records Searched, and DENNISONs found

County	Years Searched	DENNISONs Present Year Span	
Augusta	1782-1858	1782-1786 1790 1786 -1824 1825 -1834 1836 -1858	John (of western AugustaCo (soon to be BathCo) Mary (widow of the preceding John) John ³ [Sr] (1786-1824) & sons John ⁴ [Jr] (1803 -1833), Daniel ⁴ (1812 , 1815-1817) Samuel [M] (1825-1829), Isabella (1830,1834) Nancy (1836), John 1837-1856(estate), Sarah (1857-1858)
Bath	1791-1810	1791-1809	Mary (widow), Thomas, John, Jonathan
Cabell	1809-1838	1812-1834	George (1812,1814,1816), John (1813-1814), Thomas (1814, 1818-1834)
Fauquier	1782-1796	1782-3, 87-96 1799	James (1782-3, 1787 -1796, 1799), Henry(1787-1788, 1794, 1799) James's sons John (1790-1796,1799), Thomas (1793,1799), and James Jr (1799). John (1787-1796)+ sons Isaac(1788-96), Jonathan(1793-4), & maybe John (1794 -1795).
Greenbrier	1782-1809	1796 1805	Joseph DINSON (1 WMT16+, 2 BT16+, 1 BT12-15, 7 horses) William DEMSON[DENISON?] (1 WMT16+, 1BT12-15,7 horses)
Harrison	1785-1807	1798	John DINSON 2 WMT16+
Kanawha	1792-1814	1814-1815	Jonathan & Thomas(1815), Thomas(1816), John (1815-1817)
Middlesex	1782-1800	1782-1800	Jonathan (1782-1800+)
Montgomery	1787-1831	1788-1809	David (1788-1789,1798-1809,with gaps); John (1789)—some DENNISTON
Nicholas	1818-1860	1850-1860	James ⁵ (1850-1859); Jane (1860)
Ohio	1785-1813	1791-1813	James (1799-1811, minus a few missing lists); Andrew(1797,1813); William(1804-5); Jessey(1806); Robert (1810-1813, 1811 missing); Mathew (1812) James acquired 24a of land in 1797, and owned it til 1811; in 1812-3 it fell to his heirs
Pendleton	1789-1816	1799	Florance DUNNASON, 1 WMT16+
Pittsylvania	1782-1832	1782, 84-1831	James DENNISON+(1782-1820,xcpt 1783,1797); William (1805 -1814); John (1805-1810,1812); James Jr (1809); Stephen (1814- 1819) Benjamin (1787 -1805,xcpt1792,1798); Richard (1793-1831 ,xcpt1794,1806); John(1804)
Rockingham	1782-1789 1814-1847	1782-1784 1830 -1835, 43	Daniel ² and sons John ³ and James ³ (John ³ appears in AugustaCo in 1786) Samuel [M] ⁴ (1830-1835), John ⁵ (1843); none with land, 1821-50

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Washington	1782-1820	most years	John(1782-8,1798-1806, then Margaret(1807); Robert(1782- 1793); Robert Sr(1804 -15); James(1782-3); George(1803 -13); James(1803-20); William(1806); Josph(1809 ,12,15-19); Scott(1815); Leander (1820)
Wythe	1793-1830	most years	John& Margaret(1793-7); David(1793,5,6); Robert(1796 -1816),Rhoda(1817); William(1811 ,1814-21); Samuel(1815-5,1820-7); George(1816,24); Scott(1821 ,1827-30)

Virginia Counties Searched with no DENNISONs found: **Monongalia (1807); Randolph (1787-1819); Rockbridge (1782-1836)**

Introductory Notes

The abstracts in this report, which concern largely Virginia-based DENNISONs, and in some cases their in-laws, are all based on the series of county tax records that was begun by Virginia law in 1782 to standardize the assessment and collection of revenues to address the huge debt run up in the Revolutionary War and to sustain the new Virginia Commonwealth.

By law, a fair copy of both the personal property and the land tax lists had to be returned to the VA authorities in Richmond, and it's the images of these lists that have been my source, as archived and filmed by the Library of Virginia. I have either borrowed these films from LVA through interlibrary loan, or accessed them indirectly through Binns Genealogy's Tax List Club, or via the same films digitized by the LDS and available online in the FamilySearch database..

The format of these county lists changed over time, both in compliance with new mandates by the Virginia Assembly, and at the county level because of the varying interpretation of the law by the county sheriff who was charged with the collection of the taxes, and by his individual tax commissioners, and there is need to pay attention to these changing conventions over time.

I have provided a overview of Virginia colonial and early Commonwealth taxation, with particular attention to the three periods covered by these abstracts (1782-1786, 1787, and from 1788 on) in two papers:

[Virginia Taxes & Tax Lists for the Colonial and Early Federal Period](#) provides an overview of VA taxation with some detail on these three periods, and, most importantly (on page 7) my conventions for abstracting these records;

and

[Interpreting the Annual Virginia Tax Lists from 1782 on, and their basis in Law](#) digs deeper into the weeds, and provides extensive commentary on drawing inferences from these lists.

The following links will take you to other sections of this report that pertain to particular DENNISON [genealogical patrilineages](#):

[The DENNISON Patrilineages of Virginia](#)

[A Comprehensive Survey of All the DENNISON in Virginia, 1787, 1790, and 1800](#)

[Notes on the DENNISONs of Augusta County, Virginia](#)

[Tracking Jonathan Dennison of Lawrence County, Ohio, back to his Natal Family](#)

The DENNISONs of Fauquier County, Virginia, 1782-1796 (see [the DENNISON Patrilineage 5 Project](#))

The progressive genealogy of Virginia counties may be tracked from year to year via the online [Animap for Virginia](#), and the [Animap for Kentucky](#).

Augusta County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1858 (Sources: see notes below) _____

The AugustaCo personal property lists need to be considered in the context of other contemporary AugustaCo DENNISON evidence.

Only a smattering of the pre-1782 AugustaCo tithables lists survive, but there appears to be a complete set of these for the year 1777, which has been published in a series , and one of these lists has three DENNISONs: John Dunnason, Rob[er]t Denniston, and Ja[me]s Denniston, the first by himself on the first page, and other two listed together, verso; each is charged with one tithable (himself), which is to say that none headed a household containing any other white males aged 16 or over.^[1] The fact that Robert and James are listed adjacent to each other, but separately from John, and that their name is spelled differently, probably means that John was of an entirely different family, and Robert and James can be identified as the sons of the John Denniston who settled on North River in the area of northern AugustaCo that was hived off in 1778 to make RockinghamCo. This area also included Daniel² Denniston and his sons, including one named John who would have been about 27 in 1778, and others who would have qualified as tithables, but none of these are on this particular list.

The compiler of this list was Capt. Daniel Smith, who headed a company of Fincastle militia ostensibly present at the Battle of Point Pleasant; Fincastle was a short-lived (8Apr1772-31Dec1777) county created from BotetourtCo which was spun off from the southwestern part of greater AugustaCo in 1770, but Smith's company probably drew on the scattered population of westernmost settlers just to the north of Botetourt/Fincastle in the area that became BathCo in 1790, where Back Creek is situated.

The other names on this list are unfamiliar to me, and from the presence of Germanic-sounding names, I would be more inclined to place them in the RockinghamCo area, but more research would be needed to make this judgement definitive. Ironically, Robert and James Denniston have associations both with the RockinghamCo area and with BotetourtCo, where, about 1775, the estate of a John Denniston who was probably either their father or their brother was probated.

It's possible, therefore, that this early John Dunnason was John³ Denniston, the son of Daniel² Denniston, who settled first in northern Augusta/RockinghamCo, but who resettled a bit south, back into AugustaCo proper, about 1786, but I suspect that he was instead the John who surveyed and patented two tracts of land on Back Creek in western AugustaCo in 1781 and 1783 respectively, and who appears on the personal property tax lists for western AugustaCo beginning in 1782. The "t"-less spelling is one factor in my supposition, although the surname of John³ (Daniel²) also begins to appear without the "t" about this time, as the Augusta lists beginning with 1786 show.

Just to complicate matters further, there is also a 1781 AugustaCo order book record of one John Denston joining others in petitioning for a road from Levi Moore's on Nap Creek, up Back Creek to the head of the South Branch of the Potomac, and on 22May1782, Moore, George Hole, and John Deniston were deputed to mark the proposed road.^[2] This strikes so close to the home of John Denison, the 1781-1783 patentee of Back Creek, that even though there are virtually no instances of the Scottish "t"-spelling in any of the records for him or his conjugal family, and even though he gave one of his sons the distinctly non-Scottish given name Jonathan, this road order suggests that this family may have had Scotch-Irish roots after all. More likely, though, the "t"-spelling was the gratuitous "correction" of the AugustaCo clerk, who was more familiar with the far more prevalent Scotch-Irish DennisTons of the Valley.

¹ "Augusta County Tithables, 1777", in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 44(Nov2006):308-309.

² Chalkley, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish....* 1:446-7, citing a loose undated paper (the petition), and 1:226, citing Augusta OB17:385 (the road order).

Searches of the later AugustaCo personal property tax records encompassed certain known or suspected in-laws and other close associates of the John³ (Daniel², Daniel¹) DENNISON line, and the abstracts below include all NOBLEs (since James Noble married Margaret Dennison, a daughter of John³, James Noble's guardian Samuel SOMERVILLE, and later, certain of the known or suspected in-laws of the ancestors of DENNISON Surname DNA Project members, which include the John Dennison who married Sarah LANDES in AugustaCo on 10Dec1840, and the James A. Denison who married Jane Given in NicholasCoVA in 1854. Representatives of other families allied to this one, in particular HENDERSONs may be added later.

After 1790, DENNISONs were found only on the AugustaCo District 2 lists of tax commissioners Joseph Bell, James A. McCue, and James Nelson, *et al.*, and I have therefore not bothered to specify that all such DENNISON abstracts come from these lists. Notwithstanding, I have checked all the District 1 lists for DENNISONs as well.

SOURCES:

My source for the abstracts through 1795 was the Binns online database, which consists of photocopies of the original faircopy lists filed by the county sheriffs with the Commonwealth authorities in Richmond, and microfilmed and archived by the Library of Virginia. After 1795 my source was this same series of microfilms borrowed from the Library of Virginia on interlibrary loan, as indicated in the table below. Because all of these lists are alphabetized by first letter of surname, but have no pagination, I have made no attempt to cite anything more specific than the year. The LVA microfilm#s for these AugustaCo records are:

AugustaCoVA Personal Property Tax lists

Reel 24	1796 -1810/1	Reel 405	1851 - 1852	
Reel 25	1810/2- 1820/1	Reel 406	1853 - 1854	
Reel 26	1820/2- 1827	Reel 407	1855 - 1856	
Reel 27	1828 - 18363	Reel 408	1857 - 1858	
Reel 28	1837 - 1845/1	Reel 409	1859 - 1861	(These last two reels I have not processed)
Reel 29	1845/2- 1851/1	Reel 410	1861 - 1862	

 * 1782 AugustaCoVA *

Total of 1311 white tithables, 1182 blacks, 6611 horses, 13,005 cattle, 6 ordinary licenses, and 4 wheeled carriages.

List of George Poage, 9Apr1782

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	{B05r Moore, Moses.....	1		17	31
	{[2 Blakemans]				
	{B05r Dunlap, Alexander...	1		44	24
	{B05r Guy, John.....	1		16	17
	{B05r Guy, James.....	1		12	

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{B05r Hutchison, Robert...	1		17	
{B05r Warrick, William....	1		22	34
{[7 names]				
{B05r Tackett, Lewis.....	1		15	16
{B05r Tackett, Christ[ia]n	1		1	2
{B05r Tackett, Francis....	1		2	
{B05r Galford, Thomas.....	1		7	4
{B05r Moore, Levi.....	1		5	10
{B05r Moore, David.....	1		3	
{B05r Douherty, Michal....	1		4	9
{B05r Reaugh, James.....	1	1	7	15
{B05r Drenan, Laurence....	1	2	11	15
{B05r Warrick, Jacob.....	1	14	80	88

List of William McPheeters

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	B07R Redding, James.....	1		1	4

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List of David Gwin, 20Apr1782

I've compiled the complete list below to show the neighbors of the John Deniston of Back Creek, and flagged the names that appear either on the 22May1782 road order in AugustaCoVA OrderBook 17:185, or on the preceding loose document petition for a road. The key defining the flags appears at the end of the list where most of the names associated with the road are clustered, suggesting that the list was compiled somewhat geographically by Gwin canvassing his district.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	B09r Hamilton, Alexander.	1	1	6	18
	for all Hamilton, Charles...	1		5	12
	Beans, Jacob.....	1		2	5
	Givans, Will[ia]m...	1	1	14	15
	Wiley, Robert.....	1		4	16
	Dixon, William.....	1		1	4
	*McLaughlin, Ja[me]s..	1		2	4
	Kilpatrick, James...	1		3	5
	Hughes, Davis.....	1		3	4
	Willson, William....	1	4	26	35
	Byrd, John.....	1		17	15
	Vance, Martha.....	1	1	8	14
	Hamilton, John.....	1		10	12
	Willson, John.....	1		13	24
	McClain, James.....	1		4	6
	Davis, John.....	1	1	13	18
	Elliott, Richard....	1		4	18
	Hutchison, William..	1	1	*	20
	Bates, Ephraim.....	1		5	9
	Hamilton, Osburn....	1		9	12
	Ellis, Ja[me]s.....	1	4	7	16
	Jewel, Tabby.....	1	1	2	2
	Willson, Stephen....	1		11	30
	Kelly, Dan.....	1		2	6
	Wright, Elizabeth...			4	9
	Johnson, Samuel.....	1		2	3
	McFarland, Duncan...	1		5	11
	Bratton, George.....	1	3	9	12
	Gwin, David.....	1	1	19	35

David Gwin's 1782 list (continued)

*Slevin, William.....	1		3	1
Hickman, Roger.....	1	1	6	14
Vance, Sam[ue]l.....	1	2	10	28
Baxter, John.....	2	3	10	37
Boreland, John.....	3	5	10	20
Rider, William.....	1		4	5
#*Green, W[illia]m....	1		5	15
#*Dennison, John.....	1		4	10
Gregory, Jno.....	1		2	4
Kilpatrick, And[re]w			1	2
*Waid, John.....	1		4	10
Townsend, Ezekiel...	1		2	5
*Townsend, James.....	1		2	7
@ Robertson, William..	1		4	7
Stout, Kezekiah.....	1		4	4
*Warren, Obijah.....	1		1	1
Nail, Thomas.....	1		2	5

Names not on the tax list, but on the road order or the petition:

#*Levi Moore is on George Poage's list, which covers the Cowpasture area

#*George Hole/Hoff is missing, but one list is headed by Capt. Peter Hole

Key to flags:

* name is on petition (John Dennison's name is "Denston" on the petition)

name is on road order (John Dennison's name is "Deniston" on the road order)

@ the petition has no William Robertson, but it does have Robertsons Peter and John

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 * 1783 AugustaCoVA *

Total of 1289 white tithables, 1016 blacks, 6150 horses, 12588 cattle, 12 ordinary licenses, and 21 stud horses.

List of William McPheeters

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
10Apr 08	Redden, James.....	1		1	3

List of George Poage, including his own militia company and Capt. Hamilton's

Date	Person	[Total]	Negros	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	"Tithes"	Names		
	13 Denneston, John.....	1		5	5
	13 Gregory, Jno.....	1		3	5
	14 Gregory, widow.....	1		6	8
	14 Vance, Sam[ue]l.....	3	Jack, Soock	10	25
	14 Bird, Jno.....	1		14	13
	15 Tackett, Lewis.....	1		17	11
	15 Tackett, Fra[nci]s..	1			

Despite the Scotch-Irish "t" spelling of DENNISON, there is no doubt that this is the right local list of inhabitants of the westernmost settled areas of AugustaCo, including Back Creek; the "t" spelling could be an interpolation by the tax commissioner who was more familiar, at this point, with the more prevalent Scotch-Irish Denniston families of the main Valley of Virginia.

 * 1784 AugustaCoVA *

The "A" list for this year appears to be mere a consolidated and Alpha FLS version of the "B" list. While the "B" list thus does a better job of localizing the tithables, the "A" list appears to usefully adds category for WMTs16-20, however, there are so few entries in this column (and none of the "B" lists that I noticed had such a column, that I don't think the absence of an entry in this column can be taken to mean that there were no such minor tithables in any particular household. For this year there is just one DENNISON, no James DAVISON, or any LUNSFORD, or any REDDEN or READING, though there is a James Readay 1-0-0-0-2-4. I've included these two DAVISes, however, and in other lists below, because one is named James DAVIS, and the syllable "vis" in underlined in the 1785 AugustaCo marriage record for James Davison and Sarah Dinnason, on the same day, and under the auspices of the same minister who married "Keterenah Dinaisons" to Thomas Tacket.

The "A" List

Date	Person	WhiteMTs-----	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1784	Src Chargeable	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15		
	A08L Dinnison, John.....	1		3	3
	A08L Davis, Walter.....	1		6	34
	A08L Davis, James.....	1		5	
	A22R Tackett, Francis....	1		2	
	A22R Tackett, Lewis.....	1		12	16
	A24L Vance, Samuel.....	1	2	10	19
	A24R Warrick, Jacob.....	1	6	10	80

The "B" List

This is the typical set of concatenated lists by different commissioners, including William McPheeters, Charles Cameron, etc. Since all the entries seem to be identical, it is presumably the original from which the consolidated, alphabetized fair copy List "A" was derived. Furthermore, since John Denison here is on the same small list of others who are associated with the far western part of the county, while the other John DENNISON, John³ (Daniel², Daniel¹) Denniston, was still located in RockinghamCo, in the Dry River area, we must presume that the John Denison here, is the owner of the two tracts of 205 and 400a patented the previous May/June "on the waters" of Back Creek, adjacent to Thomas Lewis, with the 205a also being adjacent to "_?_ Grigory". Although the TACKETTs are present here, James and Walter Davis, are not on this same far western list; there is, however, a well-to-do John Davis, who could conceivably be their father.

List of Col. [Samuel?] Vance in Poage's and Hamilton's companies

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1784	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	B08L Byrd, John.....	1		16	13
	B08L Davis, John.....	1	2	12	21
	B08L Denison, John.....	1		3	3

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B08R Green, W[illia]m....	1			6	7
B08R Gregory, Mary.....				6	8
B09L Tackett, Francis....	1			2	
B09L Tackett, Lewis.....	1			12	16
B09L Vance, Samuel.....	1	2		10	19
B09R Warrick, Jacob.....	1	6	10	80	90

* 1785 AugustaCoVA *

List of William McPheeters, for Capt. Ball's company

Date	Person	WhiteMTs-----		SlaveTs----		Horses	Cattle
1785	Src Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
	04R James Reding.....	1				2	5

List of George Poage

Date	Person	WhiteMTs-----		SlaveTs----		Horses	Cattle
1785	Src Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
	16L Tackett, Lewis.....	1				8	9
	16L Tackett, Francis....	1				3	1
	16L Warrick, Jacob.....	1		6	10	75	85

List of John Wilson, for Hamilton Hull's company

Date	Person	WhiteMTs-----		SlaveTs----		Horses	Cattle
1785	Src Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
	16R Dennison, John.....	1				1	4
	16R Davis, James.....	1				1	
	17L Gregory, Mary.....					6	9
	17L Green, William.....	1				5	5
	17R Lewis, John.....	1		4	3	10	18
	18R Tackett, Thomas.....	1				1	
	18R Tackett, George.....	1				1	
	18R Vance, Samuel.....	1		2		8	19 + 1 stud

This is the last appearance of a John Dennison on the same western list as William Green, Mary Gregory, Samuel Vance, etc.. Also on this list is Thomas Tackett—presumably the same Thomas Tackett who was married to Keterenah Dinasons (a germanicized version of Catherine Dennison) by Samuel Shannon on 4Jul1785. However, there is no James Davison who was married to Margaret Dennison on the same day by the same minister, but the above James Davis is listed next to John Dennison. The syllable "vis" of "Davison" is underlined in the AugustaCo marriage book entry; perhaps this is meant to be a correction?

 * 1786 AugustaCoVA *

List "A": "Taxable Property Returned in 1786"

This was apparently the single complete alphabetized list returned by the county sheriff to the Commonwealth authorities, probably in late 1786. It contains only this one John DENNISON.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs-----	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15		
	A08L Denison, John.....	1	1 1	4	7
	A08L Davis, James.....	1		5	
	A20R Reading, James.....	1		2	4
	A24L Vance, Samuel.....	1	2	9	19
	A25L Warrick, Jacob.....	1	6 12	50	80
	A23L Tacket, Lewis.....	1		16	13
	A23L Tacket, Fra[ncis]...	1		2	

List "B": List of Charles Cameron, for Capt. Campbell's company

This list, mis-grouped by Binns under the "B"s, was evidently the original list from which the preceding John Denison entry was compiled.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	21+ 16+ 12-15			
	B06L Dennison, John.....	1	1 1	4	7
	B06L Searight, Sarah.....		2	4	10
	B06R Frazer, Samuel, Long Meadow.....	1		5	7

In the above list, the proximity of the Searights of Naked Creek, Samuel Frazer of Long Meadow (just to the south), et al., shows that this "John Dennison" must be John⁵ (Daniel², Daniel¹) Denniston of Naked Creek in central AugustaCo, a member of DENNISON Patrilineage 1.

See the next page for the rest of Binn's list "B" for 1786

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List "B": List of Samuel Vance, for Capts. Poage's and Hamilton's companies

Date	Person	WMTs-----		SlaveTs----		Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
	16L Byrd, John.....	1			1	14	22
	16L Byrd, John (Lewis's land)	2				14	21
	16R Davis, James.....	1	1			1	1
	16R Green, William.....	1				6	8
	16R Gregory, Mary.....					4	8
	17L Tackett, Lewis.....	1				16	13
	17L Tackett, Francis...	1				2	
	17R Tackett, Thomas....	1				1	
	17R Vance, Samuel.....	1		2		9	19

There is no John Dennison on the above long list of western Augustans, which seems largely complete, and the only male DENNISON who appears from now until after 1800 is John Denniston of Naked Creek, in the main valley. I suspect therefore that John of Back Creek died between the spring of 1785 and the spring of 1786, and it appears that in AugustaCo, estates in process were generally exempted from personal property taxes. Mary Denison, widow, appears on the western list for AugustaCo only in 1790, which was the last year before this area was hived off to form Bath County.

This list has been alphabetized by first letter of surname, and the three Tackett's aren't listed adjacent to each other, so may not have been close neighbors, and in fact the consolidated list of 1785, that's a concatenation of the many individual local lists groups Lewis and Francis on one, and Thomas and George on another. Finally, the land tax records indicate that only Lewis was a landowner, and my research places some of his land around East Sitlington Creek, some 7-10 miles west of the DENNISONs of East Back Creek (in BathCo from 1791 on), and though Lewis's land there was in close proximity both to the land of Margaret (DENNISON) LUNSFORD, and (from abt 1805) her putative brother John, Lewis does not appear on the personal property tax lists of BathCo, and was thus presumably an absentee landlord. Nonetheless, given the rarity of the surname TACKET, it's a near certainty that all of these TACKETs were closely related, and most likely Lewis was the father of the others.

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 * 1787 AugustaCoVA *

List ("A") of James Ramsey

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs----		BlackTs----		Horses	Cattle
1787	Src	Chargeable	WMT's aged 21+		16+	12-15		
21May	A08	Davis, Walter.....	Davis, Walter & Wm	21+ 16-20	2		10	24
21May	A08	Davis, James.....	Davis, James.....		1	1	5	6

List ("B") of Joseph Bell

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs----		BlackTs----		Horses	Cattle
1787	Src	Chargeable	WMT's aged 21+		16+	12-15		
5Apr	B05L	Frazer, Sam[ue]l.....	Frazer, Sam[ue]l.....	21+ 16-20	1		5	9
24May	B04R	Deniston, John.....	Deniston, John.....		1	3	4	11
25May	B09L	Searight, Sarah.....	Searight, James		1		7	

List ("C") of Charles Cameron

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs----		BlackTs----		Horses	Cattle
1787	Src	Chargeable	WMT's aged 21+		16+	12-15		
15Mar	C03L	Byrd, John.....	Byrd, John-1.....	--- 16-20	[1]		18	41
			Rysor, Jacob-1....		[2]			
11May	C08L	Vance, Sam[ue]l.....	Vance, Sam[ue]l.....		[1]	1	10	21
15May	C04R	Gregory, Mary.....			[0]		4	10
15May	C07R	Tacket, Lewis.....	Tacket, Lewis.....		[1]		6	18
30May	C08L	Warrick, Jacob.....	Warrick, Jacob.....		[1]	8	60	85
1Jun	C07R	Tacket, Francis.....	Tacket, Francis.....		[1]		1	

 * 1788 AugustaCoVA *

List ("A") of James Ramsey

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs----	Horses
1788	Src Chargeable	WMT's aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
20May	A07	Davis, Walter.....	Davis, Walter.....		

There are also a Parchal Davis, and a William Davis this year, but no James.

List ("B") of Joseph Bell

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1788	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12+	
11Jun	B05R	Deniston, John.....	1 2 2	4
11Jun	B11L	Searight, Sarah.....	2 2	7

There's a note at the end of Bell's 1791 list that his third column, for blacks aged 12+ is meant to be inclusive of blacks also aged 16+. I have therefore changed my usual Black tithables heading from "12-15" to "12+". Inspection of other list indicates that this is not the most usual interpretation of this category.

List ("C") of Samuel Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1788	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
15Apr	C03R	Byrd, John (Lewis Land)	3	16
14Apr	C04R	Gregory, Mary.....	1	7
26Jul	C07L	Vance, Samuel.....	4 2	12

The Tacketts and Jacob Warrick are missing for this year.

* 1789 AugustaCoVA *

List ("B") of Joseph Bell

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1789	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12+	
28May	B04L Denison, John.....	1	2 2	4
24Apr	B09R Searight, Sarah.....		2 2	8

List ("C") of Samuel Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1789	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
2May	C03L Byrd, John..J[ackson] River	2	1	16
4Jul	C03R Byrd, John..B[ack] Creek	3		21
7Jul	C03L Byrd			
23Jul	C05L Gregory, Mary, widow..	1		7

* 1790 AugustaCoVA *

List ("B") of Joseph Bell

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1790	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12+	
9Jun	B10L Searight, Sarah.....		2 2	6
10Jun	B04R Deniston, John.....	1	2 2	4

List ("C") of Samu[el Vance]

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1790	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
7Jul	C04R Denison, Mary widow...			2
7Jul	C03L Byrd, John..B[ack] Creek	4		22
8Jul	C05R Gregory, Mary widow...			3
8Jul	C05R Gregory, Zach.....	1		4
31Jul	C03R Byrd, John..J.River...	2	2	18

In 1791, the western areas of Augusta and Botetourt were hived off to create BathCo, leaving Augusta with just lists A & B, and Mary Denison, widow, disappears from the Augusta lists.

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* 1791 AugustaCoVA *

Joseph Bell's list (2nd District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1791	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
25May	B09L Summervill, Sam[ue]l..	1	- -	4
7Jun	B04R Denison, John.....	1	2 2	6

* 1792 AugustaCoVA *

Joseph Bell's list (2nd District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1792	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
25May	B09L Summervill, Sam[ue]l..	1	- -	4
----	B04L Dennison, John.....	1	2 -	7

* 1793 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
16Mar	B08 Summervil, Samuel.....	1	- -	3
3Apr	B04 Denison, John.....	1	2 -	8

* 1794 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1794	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Mar	B12 Summerville, Sam[ue]l..	2	- -	3
12Apr	B05 Denison, John.....	1	2 -	7

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 * 1795 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1795	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Mar	B12 Sommerville, Sam[ue]l.	1	- -	4
15Apr	B-- Denison, John.....	1	2 -	6

 * 1796 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1796	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	6
	no SOMMERVILLES			

 * 1797 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1797	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	4
18Mar	Sommerville, Sam[ue]l.	1	- -	4

 * 1798 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1798	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
27Mar	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	5
28Apr	Sommerville, Sam[ue]l.	1	- -	4
2May	Noble, James.....	1	- -	1

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 * 1799 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
16Mar	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	5
30Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	-
7May	Somerville, Sam[ue]l..	1	- -	4

 * 1800 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1800	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Mar	Someville, Sam[ue]l...	1	- -	3
16Apr	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	5

no NOBLEs

 * 1801 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1801	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4Apr	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	8
7Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	-

 * 1802 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1802	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Apr	Denison, John.....	2	2 -	8
*May	Noble, James carpenter	1	- -	-

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 * 1803 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1803	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
20Apr	{Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	2
20Apr	{Dennison, John Sr.....	2	2 -	7

no NOBLEs

 * 1804 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1804	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4May	Denison, Daniel.....	1	- -	?
4May	Denison, John Sr.....	2	2 -	?
4May	Denison, John Jr.....	1	- -	?
4May	Noble, James.....	1	- -	?

I believe these four are "[bracketed](#) together" (listed adjacent as well as with the same tax gathering date), but I failed to note bracketing when I made this batch of abstracts long ago, and I have images for only a smattering of the tax records from 1796-1819.

 * 1805 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1805	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1Apr	Denison, John Sr.....	1	1 -	6
1Apr	Denison, John Jr.....	1	- -	4
1Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	3

 * 1806 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1806	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24Apr	{Dennison, John Sr.....	2	1 -	6
24Apr	{Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	4
24Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	3

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 * 1807 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1807	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	3
27Apr	Dennison, John Sr.....	2	1 -	7
27Apr	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	3

 * 1808 AugustaCoVA *

No VA tax lists for 1808

 * 1809 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1809	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
3Apr	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	2
3Apr	Dennison, John Sr.....	3	1 -	11
5Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	4

 * 1810 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1810	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Apr	Dennison, John Sr.....	3	2 -	10
7Apr	Noble, James.....	1	- -	4
14Apr	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	1 -	3

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 * 1811 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1811 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Mar	Denisen, Daniel.....	1	- -	1
7Mar	Dennison, John Sr.....	4	2 -	6
7Mar	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	1 -	2
30Mar	Noble, James.....	1	- 1	4

 * 1812 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1812 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	4	2 -	6
23Mar	Denison, Daniel.....	1	- -	2
15Apr	Denison, John Jr.....	1	- -	2
23Mar	Noble, James.....	1	1 -	3

 * 1813 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1813 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
20Mar	Noble, James.....	1	1 -	4
23Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	4	2 -	8
7Apr	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	6

 * 1814 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1814 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
19Apr	Noble, James.....	1	1 -	3

no DENNISONs ("D"s & "E"s page missing)

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 * 1815 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----		Horses
1815	Src Chargeable	16+	16+	12-15 9-12	
2Mar	{Denison, John Sr&Jr...	3	2	- 1	7
2Mar	{Denison, Daniel.....	1	-	-	1
2Mar	Noble, James.....	1	-	1 -	4

 * 1816 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackT	Horses
1816	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
10Feb	Denison, John Senior..	2	2	6
10Feb	Denison, Daniel.....	1	-	1
10Feb	Noble, James.....	1	1	4
24Feb	Denison, John Jr.....	1	-	2

 * 1817 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----		Horses
1817	Src Chargeable	16+	16+	12-15	
19Feb	Denison, John Jr.....	1	-	-	5
11Mar	Denison, Daniel.....	1	-	-	3
11Mar	Denison, John [Sr]....	2	-	2	7
11Mar	Noble, James.....	1	-	1	3

 * 1818 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----		Horses
1818	Src Chargeable	16+	16+	12-15	
21Feb	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	-	-	6
21Feb	Dennison, John Sr.....	2	1	2	7
21Feb	Noble, James.....	1	-	1	2

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 * 1819 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1819	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
19Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	2	— 2	8
19Mar	Denison, John Jr.....	1	— —	6
19Mar	Noble, James.....	1	— 1	2

 * 1820 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1820	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	2	2 —	8
7Mar	Denison, John Jr.....	1	— —	6
7Mar	Noble, James.....	1	— 1	2

This is the last appearance of any NOBLES in the tax records of AugustaCo, through at least 1833.

 * 1821 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1821	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	2	1 2	8
12Mar	Denison, John Jr.....	1	— —	6

 * 1822 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1822	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	2	1 2	9
6Mar	Denison, John Jr.....	1	— —	6

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* 1823 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1823	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Mar	Dennison, John Sr.....	2	1 1	11
17Mar	Dennison, John Jr.....	1	- -	5

* 1824 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1824	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
28Mar	Denison, John Sr.....	2	- 3	4
28Mar	Denison, John Jr.....	2	- -	9

* 1825 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1825	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18Feb	Dennison, Samuel M....	1	- -	3
19Feb	Dennison, John.....	2	- -	7

* 1826 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1826	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Feb	Dennison, Samuel.....	1	1 -	3
23Feb	Dennison, John.....	2	- -	6

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* 1827 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1827	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
20Feb	Dennison, Samuel.....	1	1 1	5
20Feb	Dennison, John.....	2	- -	6

* 1828 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1828	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	4
2Apr	Dennison, Samuel.....	1	2 -	-
2Apr	Dennison, Washington..	1	1 -	2

* 1829 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1829	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Feb	Dennison, Washington..	1	- -	2
23Mar	Dennison, Samuel.....	1	- -	2
1Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1830 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1830	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	-
6Mar	Dennison, Isabella ...	-	- -	3

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* 1831 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1831	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
11Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	3

* 1832 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1832	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
11Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	3

* 1833 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1833	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
19Feb	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1834 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1834	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Mar	Dennison, Isabella....	-	- -	3

* 1835 AugustaCoVA *

No DENNISONS

 * 1836 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1836	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1Mar	Dennison, Nancy.....	-	- -	1

Nancy is probably Nancy (?) (PARRY), the widow of Samuel M of RockinghamCo, who last appears on the lists of that county in 1835. There is very little chance that this is Nancy (McFALL), the wife of Daniel⁴ (John³) DENNISON, given that Daniel and his Nancy removed to KY about 1820, and that Daniel himself, who survived until 15Jan1864 when he died in KY, never appeared on the lists of AugustaCo after 1817.

 * 1837 AugustaCoVA *

This year marks the first appearance of a new John DENNISON in AugustaCo, and here I abstracted all LANDESes and GIVENSes as well.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1837	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
3Mar	{Landis, Sam[ue]l Jr...	2	- -	10
3Mar	{Landis, John (of J)...	1	- -	1
3Mar	{Lamb, John.....			
3Mar	{Landis, Daniel.....	3	- -	6
3Mar	{Landis, Sam[ue]l Sr...	3	- -	10
4Mar	Landis, Abram (of J)..	1	- -	5
8Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
8Mar	Landis, John Sr.....	3	1 -	9
8Mar	Landis, Christian.....	1	- -	6
8Mar	Landis, Abram (of C)..	1	- -	7
8Mar	Givens, Rob[ert] N....	1	1 -	2
17Mar	Givens, John.....	2	1 -	5
18Apr	Givens, Alex[ander] R.	3	7 -	15

 * 1838 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1838	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	-
7Apr	{Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	2
7Apr	{Landis, Dan[ie]l.....	2	- -	4

David Landis (of D[aniel?]) evidently emerges from Daniel's 1837 household with it's 3 WMTs; he is thus presumably Daniel's son, hence "of D".

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 * 1839 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1839 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
8Apr	{Landis, Dan[ie]l.....	2	- -	5
8Apr	{Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	4

 * 1839 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1839 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Mar	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
8Apr	{Landis, Dan[ie]l.....	2	- -	5
8Apr	{Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	4

 * 1840 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1840 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
22Apr	Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	3

 * 1841 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1841 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
20May	Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	2

No DENNISONS

* 1842 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1842	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Mar	Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	2

No DENNISONs

* 1843 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1843	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
15May	Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	3

No DENNISONs

* 1844 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1844	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
28Mar	{Dennison, Martin.....	1	- -	-
28Mar	{Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
23Apr	Henderson, Rebecca....	1	- -	2

Since Rebecca's not tithable, there must be one male of her household aged 16-20 who is.

24Apr	Henderson, Joseph.....	1	- -	2
25Apr	Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	3
25Apr	Dennison, John (N.R.).	1	- -	3

"N.R." stands for "North River" in northern AugustaCo, near the RockinghamCo line, and this John, whose tax information was gathered the same day as David Landis's, is presumably the same John of the 1837-1840 lists. The John Dennison of North River was thus, apparently, a close neighbor of David Landis, and this is confirmed by the fact that on 5Mar1844 John purchased 61+2a from Henry Rader, the latter tract abutting the land of David Landis. At present, I have no explanation for the other John Dennison on the list whose tax information was gathered the same day as that of Martin Dennison.

 * 1845 AugustaCoVA *

The 2nd District tax commissioner, James Nelson, stopped recording dates of tax gathering at this point, and after this year (1845) I've stopped abstracting LANDISes until dates resume with a new commissioner (John G. Stover) in 1857; for this list I've abstracted all LANDISes—all of these but (probably) John, and Daniel Sr, appear to be the latter's sons.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1845	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- 1	3
----	Landis, John (B.S.)...	1	- -	3
----	Landis, Christian (of D)	1	- -	10
----	{Landis, David (of D)..	1	- -	3
----	{Landis, Dan[ie]l Sr...	1	- -	2
----	{Landis, Dan[ie]l Jr...	1	- -	3
----	{Landis, Sam[ue]l (of D)	1	- -	1

It is perhaps worth remarking that this first year after John Dennison purchased his land (and he was to buy more in subsequent years), he also acquired a young slave. The 1854 list includes a John Landes (black smith)—presumably the same John who is "(B.S.)" above.

 * 1846 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1846	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- 1	2

 * 1847 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1847	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- 1	2

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* 1848 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1848	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1849 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1849	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1850 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1850	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1851 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1851	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

* 1852 AugustaCoVA *

No DENNISONS

 * 1853 AugustaCoVA *

At this point, the tax lists become more informative, and a new commissioner for District 2, John g. Stover, begins noting the dates of tax gathering. I have therefore begun to pay attention again to the proximity of David and other nearby LANDESEs. Although I've in general only abstracted those LANDESEs who are closest to John DENNISON in tax gathering dates, I've in some cases captured the images for all of them (all the "L" surnames).

The new category of White Male Tithables aged 21 and over, explicitly excludes men exempt for reason of disability.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1853	Src Chargeable	16+	21+	16+	12-15		
27May	Dennison, John.....	1	1	-	-	3	22
27May	{Landes, David (NR)...	1	1	-	-	7	32
27May	{Landes, Dan[ie]l (NR)	1	1	-	-	1	10

 * 1854 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1854	Src Chargeable	16+	21+	16+	12-15		
5Apr	Landes, David & Wm...	2	2	-	-	8	54
11Apr	Landes, John (NR)....	1	1	-	-	2	24
12Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	1	-	-	3	23
12Apr	{Landes, Dan[ie]l Jr (NR)	1	1	-	-	1	-
12Apr	{Landes, David (NR)...	1	1	-	-	7	40
12Apr	{Landes, Dan[ie]l Sr (NR)	1	1	-	-	2	12
12Apr	{Landes, Jacob (NR)...	1	1	-	-	1	-

John Dennison named his brother-in-law David Landes and "his [David's] brother" William Landes as joint executors of his 17Mar1756 will, and it seems from this tax list that the Landeses who head a joint household here must be the same pair. What then, of the second David, who has been for many years [bracketed](#) with, or a close neighbor both to Daniel Landes of North River, and to John Dennison himself, and is presumably the same David who has repeatedly been identified as David (of D[aniel]), i.e. Daniel Sr's son?

One might suppose that David of the compound with William was double-counted here, and there are no households headed by a William Landes the next year, 1855: however, there are in 1855 both David Sr and David Jr. It is probable, therefore, that the David & William Landes whom Dennison made his executors, the David Landes who in 1859 acted on behalf of John Dennison's heirs by lodging a fictitious chancery suit against them, and the David who made his will in 1865 leaving his estate to his brother William, along with the charge to act as guardian to the heirs of John Dennison, was the David Jr here, and not David Sr, the son of Daniel. These circumstances, coupled with the fact that John Dennison's marriage bond speaks of his marriage with Sarah Landes, daughter of John, makes this David Jr and William, both sons of one of the John Landes's of AugustaCo, presumably the John Landes of North River here whose household lies in proximity both to those of his sons and to John Dennison's.

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 * 1855 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
		16+	21+	16+	12-15		
1855	Src Chargeable						
10Apr	Landes, David Jr.....	1	-	-	-	-	-
19Apr	Dennison, John.....	1	1	-	-	5	29
19Apr	{Landes, John (NR)....	1	1	-	-	3	24
19Apr	{Landes, Dan[ie]l Sr(NR)	1	1	-	-	1	12
19Apr	{Landes, Dan[ie]l Jr..	1	1	-	-	1	-
19Apr	{Landes, Jacob (NR)...	1	1	-	-	2	23
19Apr	{Landes, David (NR)...	1	1	-	-	4	31

Interestingly, David Jr in this list is under 21 and owns no livestock, even though he was 21+ and owned plenty with William on the 1854 list.

 * 1856 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
		16+	21+	16+	12-15		
1856	Src Chargeable						
10Apr	Dennison, John (est).	-	-	-	-	3	18

This is the year that John died, and "est" stands for his estate.

 * 1857 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
		16+	21+	16+	12-15		
1857	Src Chargeable						
6Mar	Dennison, Sarah.....	-	-	-	-	1	-

And this is John's widow, Sarah (Landes) Dennison.

 * 1858 AugustaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
		16+	21+	16+	12-15		
1858	Src Chargeable						
26Jul	Dennison, Sarah.....	-	-	-	-	1	-

Bath County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1791-1810 (Src: BathCoVA Library of Virginia film 31)_____

The BathCo tax lists appear on the LVA film in chronological order by year, and within that there are one or two tax lists for each year, which I've identified by the name of the list taker. Because I have made photocopied (digitized) images of all the Virginia tax records in which probable ancestors or collaterals of Jonathan DENNISON of LawrenceCo appear, and because the PDF filenames for these images end in a sequential 4-digit number, I have keyed these abstracts to the image#s by inserting the latter into the "Src" field, in place of the Binns' list and page# citations I employ for my references to those online resources. Binns hasn't digitized the BathCo PP records, but they're also available online now at FamilySearch.

I've scanned through these BathCo personal property tax lists looking for DENNISONs and the known in-law names, Reuben LUNSFORD/LUNCEFORD, and James READING/REDDEN as far as 1814, or for as long as these names were to be found on the lists. Virtually all of these lists have been alphabetized by first letter of surname, so for the usual case I needed only to scan all the "D"s, "L"s, and "R"s for each list, and not all the names of the entire list.

There were two lists for the first four years, but beginning in 1796 it appears that one consolidated list was made for the entire county, although the lists may bifurcate again later. The initial tax commissioner, Samuel Vance, was a carryover from AugustaCo, and he and James Vance handled most of the lists for the first ten years or so.

I didn't systematically track either James DAVIS[ON] in BathCo, because "James Davis" is a different name from the "James Davison" who married Sarah Dinnison at Windy Cove church (in now BathCo). However, I've noted a few instances of James DAVIS who appears to have been a close neighbor of these DENNISONs of Back Creek.

As for Thomas TACKETT, he had already dropped off of the parent AugustaCo lists by 1790, but when I discovered recently that Lewis TACKETT (one of the only three in these parts, the other being Francis) owned land on East Sitlington Crk near the LUNSFORDs, I scanned the BathCo PP records for TACKETTs through 1800, but without finding any. Presumably, Lewis was an absentee landlord.

 * 1791-BathCoVA *

List of Samuel Vance [*I photocopied the entire list for this year to images 0011-0017*]

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1791	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
5Apr 0002	Denison, Mary widow...			3 [image 0010 is a 2nd copy]

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* 1792-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1792	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
21May 0018	Davis, James	1		[torn]
22May 0018	Dinnison, Mary widow..	1		2
5Jun 0023	Lunceford, Reuben.....	1		2

* 1793-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1793	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
22May 0021	Dennison, Mary widow..			1
4Jun 0024	Lunceford, Reuben.....	1		1

James Davis disappears at this point, though a Daniel and a William Davis remain.

* 1794-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1794	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
27May 0025	Lunceford, Reubin.....	1		1

No DENNISONS

* 1795-BathCoVA *

List of Valentine White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1Aug 0032	Lunceford, Reubin.....	1		1
3Aug 0035	Reading, James.....	1		3
6Aug 0028	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		2

The DAVISes this year are Paschal and Danil.

* 1796-BathCoVA *

List of Valentine White

The dates for this list probably don't signify since there are only a few of them.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12May 0039	{Dennison, Thomas.....	1		1
12May 0039	(Dennison, John.....	1		
12May 0035	Reading, James.....	1		3

Reuben LUNCEFORD disappears at this point.

* 1797-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1797	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
2Jun 0041	Dennison, John.....	1		1
2Jun 0041	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		1
8Jun 0042	Reddin, James.....	1		3

 * 1798-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1798	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
27Jul 0043	Dinison, John.....	1		1
24Aug 0043	Davis, James.....	1		1

Pascal and Daniel Davis are also present this year.

 * 1799-BathCoVA *

I photocopied the entire list for this year to images 0045-0066

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
21Mar 0060	Reading, James.....	1		3
17Jun 0049	Denison, Thomas.....	1		1
17Jun 0049	Denison, John.....	1		

 * 1799-BathCoVA *

List of Valentine White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Apr A04R	Dunnason, Florance	1		

 * 1800-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1800	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
21Mar 0068	Reading, James.....	1		3
28Apr 0067	Denison, Thomas.....	1		

* 1801-BathCoVA *

List of James Vance Jr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1801	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
7May 0070	Reading, James.....	1		3
29May 0069	{Denison, John.....	1		
29May 0069	{Deever, James.....	1		3
29May 0069	{Denison, Thomas.....	1		

 * 1802-BathCoVA *

List of John Dickinson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1802	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
12Mar 0071	Davis, James C.....	3	2	2
25Mar 0071	Dickson, James.....	1		4
25Mar 0071	Denison, Jonathan.....	1		1
27Mar 0071	{Denison, John.....	1		1
27Mar 0071	{Denison, Thomas.....	1		
30Mar 0072	Reading, James.....	1		2

Just how close geographically is Jonathan to John and Thomas? Based on the dates found on these two pages of "D"s and "R"s, I'd estimate that there were about 25 distinct tax gathering dates from early March to early May. Besides 25 and 27 March, there was also a 26 March, so Jonathan is found in the same general vicinity as John and Thomas, likely not far from Back Creek, but not, it would appear, on the actual DENNISON property. More problematic, perhaps, is that this is Jonathan's only appearance on the BathCo lists, or in any of the BathCo records as far as I can see, unless he was a witness to deeds. I found no trace of him in the order books through 1812.

 * 1803-BathCoVA *

List of William Sitlington

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1803	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
27Mar 0073	Dennison, John.....	1		1
21Apr 0074	Reading, James.....	1		3

* 1804-BathCoVA *

List of John Dickinson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1804	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
10Apr 0075	Dennison, John.....	1		1
10Apr 0076	Reading, James.....	1		3

The conjunction of dates (indicating neighborhood proximity) is probably fairly significant here. The tax commissioner seems to have gathered tax data one or twice a week over a couple of months.

* 1805-BathCoVA *

List of Thomas Mayse

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1805	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
13Apr 0077	Dennison, John.....	1		1
17Apr 0077	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		2
18Apr 0078	Raden, James.....	1		4

Thomas may not be living on the original Dennison land, and is certainly not of the same household, but at least he is back. Where was he, and for that matter Jonathan, in 1803 and 1804?

* 1806-BathCoVA *

List of Thomas Mayse

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1806	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
5May 0079	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		1
6May 0079	Dennison, John.....	1		1
6May 0080	Raden, James.....	1		4

* 1807-BathCoVA *

List of Thomas Mayse

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1807	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
22Mar 0081	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		4
22Mar 0081	Dennison, John.....	1		
27Apr 0082	Reading, James.....	1		5

* 1808-BathCoVA *

No taxes this year

* 1809-BathCoVA *

List of Thomas Mayse

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1809	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
24Apr 0084	Reading, James.....	1		5
25Apr 0083	Dennison, John.....	1		1

* 1810-BathCoVA *

All DENNISONs are gone from the BathCo lists from this point on (at least thru 1814), while James Reading continues there as before.

Cabell County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1809-1838 (Src: CabellCoVA Library of Virginia film 64)

* 1812 - CabellCoVA *

List of Joseph Barrett, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Denison, George	1		

* 1813 - CabellCoVA *

List of Thomas Buffington, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Deniso[n], John	1		1

* 1814 - CabellCoVA *

List of Thomas A Morris, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1814	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1Mar	Denison, George	1		2
24Mar	Deneson, Thomas	1		1
29Mar	Denison, John	1		3
5Apr	Denison, George	1		8
5Apr	*Denison, Thomas	1		1

The "*" next to Thomas's name is in the original, but I'm virtually certain that it's a modern interpolation, meant to flag what appears to be a duplicate entry. In this same list of surnames beginning with "D"s, there's one other item flagged—William Davis Sr—probably marking the fact that there's also a William Davis [though no Sr or Jr] on the same list. I suspect that both George and Thomas DENISON here are overlapping, if not exactly duplicate, entries (George owns 3 horses in one entry, eight in the other). I think that there were two lists taken at different times, one of them with just a few names, and that the lists were merged into a single faircopy list when the county personal property tax records were prepared for the state authorities.

 * 1815 - CabellCoVA *

No DENNISONS

 * 1816 - CabellCoVA *

List of Jesse Spurlock

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1816	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
23Apr	Denison, George	1		2

 * 1817 - CabellCoVA *

No DENNISONS

 * 1818 - CabellCoVA *

List of John McGinnis, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1818	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21May	Denison, Thomas	1		2

 * 1819 - CabellCoVA *

List of John McGinnis, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1819	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Mar	Denison, Thomas	1		1

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 * 1820 - CabellCoVA *

List of John Hannan, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1820	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
31Mar	Denison, Thomas	1		2

 * 1821 - CabellCoVA *

 No DENNISONS

 * 1822 - CabellCoVA *

List of Allen McGinnis, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1822	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
19Apr	Denison, Thomas	2		4

 * 1823 - CabellCoVA *

 No DENNISONS

 * 1824 - CabellCoVA *

List of Jesse Terry, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1824	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8May	Dennison, Thomas	3		3

 * 1825 - CabellCoVA *

List of Solomon Thornburgh, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1825 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
28Feb	Dennison, James R	1		1
18Mar	Dennison, Thomas	2		2

 * 1826 - CabellCoVA *

List of Sol[o]mon Thornburg, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1826 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13Mar	{Dennison, Thomas	2		4
13Mar	{Dennison, James R	1		1

 * 1827 - CabellCoVA *

List of John McGinnis, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1827 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Mar	{Denison, Thomas	1		4
21Mar	{Denison, James R	1		1
21Mar	{Denison, Thomas Jr	1		1

 * 1828 - CabellCoVA *

List of Stephen Spurlock, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1828 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Apr	{Denison, Thomas	1		5
10Apr	{Denison, James	1		1

 * 1829 - CabellCoVA *

List of Peter Fulkerson, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1829	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Mar	{Dennison, Thomas	1		5 +1 stud horse
12Mar	{Dennison, James	1		1

 * 1830 - CabellCoVA *

List of William Bramfield, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1830	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
22Mar	Dennison, James	1		2

 * 1831 - CabellCoVA *

List of Benjamin Drown, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1831	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9Apr	Denison, James R	1		5

 * 1832 - CabellCoVA *

List of James McComas, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1832	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
16Feb	{Denneson, James	1		3
16Feb	{Denneson, Thomas	2		5

 * 1833 - CabellCoVA *

List of James McComas, tax commissioner

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Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1833 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Apr	Denison, Thomas	2		6

* 1834 - CabellCoVA *

List of William R Heath, tax commissioner

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1834 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Feb	Dinnison, Thomas	2		4

No DENNISONS from 1835-1838

Fauquier County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1796, and 1799 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)_____

The James Dennerson on the lists for 1782-1783 is missing from those of 1784-1786, and there are no other DENNISONs on these lists.

From 1787 on, there are three lists per year, but DENNISONs appear on only one of them, the list of B. Edward Hunston, except for the years 1794 and 1795, when there's a John Dennison on the list of John Fishback. Very usefully for genealogists, and exceeding the mandate of the legislation of 1786 and 1787, the FauquierCo lists from 1788 on continue to list the names of other tithables in the household besides the person chargeable for the tax, even though after 1787, only the number of WMTs age 16+ was required to be tallied. Although Hunston headed this column just "Names of free male tithables", one of his two fellow tax commissioners made this unusual county practice more explicit with "Names of free males above the age of 16".

In this collection of abstracts I've included the entries for a couple of other FauquierCo names linked with DENNISONs—Andersons, and John Morehead, with whom James1 DENNISON of FauquierCo had extensive dealings, and who was adversary in [2 suits in chancery](#).

In addition to the comments interspersed with the following abstracts, see my a detailed analysis and summary of these lists and their implications at "[The DENNISONs of Fauquier County, Virginia, 1782-1796](#)".

* 1782 FauquierCoVA *

"A list of taxable property in the county of Fauquier for the year 1782"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	03 {Anderson, Andrew.....	1	-	1	4
	03 {Anderson, John.....	1	-	1	3
	03 Anderson, Cornelius..	1	-	1	2
	03 Anderson, David.....	1	-	1	5
	09 Dennerson, James.....	1	-	3	3
	16 Morehead, John.....	1	18	12	12

ANDERSONs have been abstracted because James may have married an Anderson daughter; he worked for MOREHEAD in 1773—see also 1787.

* 1783 FauquierCoVA *

"1783 Fauquire"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	21+			
	07 Dennerson, James.....	1	-	3	6

* 1784-1786 FauquierCoVA *

No DENNISONs, though James's neighbor, boss, and nemesis, John Morehead is present on all.

 * 1787 FauquierCoVA *

List A, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs----		BlackTs----		Horses	Cattle
			21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
1787	Src Chargeable	WMT's aged 16-20						
28Mar	A04	Anderson, John.....	1	-	-	-	2	5
30Mar	A09	{Denison, James.....	1	-	-	-	-	4
30Mar	A09	{Denison, Henry.....	1	-	-	-	2	-
2Apr	A18	Morehead, John.....						
		George Morehad, John Morehead Jr, Morgan, Lofling	3	1	13	17	16	34
5Apr	A09	Denison, John.....	-	-	-	-	1	-
4May	A04	{Anderson, Cornelius Jr	-	1	-	-	-	2
4May	A04	{Anderson, Cornelius Sr	1	-	-	-	-	-
15May	A04	{Anderson, George.....	-	1	-	-	-	-
15May	A04	{Anderson, Andrew.....	1	-	-	-	-	-

The fact that James and Henry Denison are listed adjacent and had their tax information gathered on the same date means that they were in all probability close neighbors, and given that one owned horses, and the other cattle, I suspect that they resided on the same property and shared its fruits and responsibilities. It is therefore overwhelmingly probable that they were either father and son, or brothers—most likely the latter.

John Denison, whose tax gathering date is just 6 days later, probably lived in the same neighborhood, and is almost certainly a close relative as well. In fact, because this John isn't tallied here as a white male tithable either in the 21+ or the 16-20 age category, he was probably an old man, exempted on application due to his age, or possibly to other disability, though not on the grounds of poverty since he was still taxable for a horse. This is probably the same John who is found on the remaining tax lists here abstracted (thru 1796), and in most cases he is tallied as a WMT 16+ (the single consolidated tithables age category from 1788 on), though once more, in 1789, it appears that he was not considered a tithable himself. Given the very specific mandates governing the lists for 1787, which included a steep 10s poll tax on each WMT21+, I think that John came into court as required and successfully gained exemption on account of his age (probably at least over 60), but didn't bother to renew or insist on this status subsequently, once he learned that it bore no tax consequences.

All the Andersons on Hunston's list have been abstracted here because James Denison may have married an Anderson: John Anderson is the most likely candidate to be James's brother-in-law, or father-in-law, by reason of geographical propinquity.

John Morehead, evidently a close neighbor to James, was James's boss from 1773-1774, and that the two had extensive dealings otherwise is shown by the suits in chancery between James Dennison and John Morehead of 1791, and 1793, abstracted [here](#).

The column I've headed "Name(s) of WMTs age 16+" for Hunston's lists of 1788-96 general read just "Names of Free White Tithables" but this column on at least on of the three county lists for this period reads "Names of free males above the age of 16" which makes the county practice explicit; the existence of this column also implies the same household dependency relationship as for 1787

* 1788 FauquierCoVA *

List A, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1788	Src	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+ 12-15	
22Mar	A08	{Denison, Henry.....	1	- -	1
22Mar	A08	{Denison, James.....	1	- -	2
19Jun	A09	Denison, John.....	Denison, Isaac	2 - -	1

* 1789 FauquierCoVA *

List A, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1789	Src	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+ 12-15	
2May	A10	Denison, John.....	Denison, Isaac	1 - -	2
11May	A10	Denison, James.....	1	- -	3

The number of WMTs for John was initially written "2", then rubbed out partially and apparently overwritten by "1"; if that's the case it would be consistent with the non-tithable status of this John in 1787, though not in 1788 and other years. See my notes under 1787 above concerning the implications of John's non-tithable status, and in explanation of it's anomalous fluctuations.

* 1790 FauquierCoVA *

List B, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1790	Src	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+ 12-15	
25Mar	B08	Denison, James.....	Denison, John	2 - -	2
19Jun	B09	Denison, Isaac.....	1	- -	-
21Jun	B10	Dennis, John.....	1	- -	1

This is the first unequivocal appearance of James's son John; most likely he has just reached the tithables age of 16 within the last year, so was born about 1773. The senior John from the previous lists, Isaac's putative father, is probably this John Dennis, as there are none such on this list in 1789.

 * 1791 FauquierCoVA *

List B, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1791	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
6May	B09	Denison, James.....	Denison, John	2	- - 3
6May	B09	Haley, Anthony.....		1	- - -
21Jun	{B10	Denison, John.....	Denison, Jonathan	2	- - 1
21Jun	{B10	Denison, Isaac.....		1	- - -

Here it seems that the senior John resurfaces, [bracketed](#) with his putative son Isaac, while next son Jonathan is just reaching the age of 16. However, from this point forward, this John is counted as a tithable, and the only way that that could make sense is if this John, like Jonathan & Isaac, is a son of the former John Sr, who most likely died abt 1790.

James's daughter Mary is said to have married Anthony Haley. The Haleys of FauquierCo were also close neighbors of James from 1788-1790, and in the same general area for 1787. The tax lists indicate that the father of this family, John Haley, had an oldest son named John who was of age by 1787; that John Sr died about 1788 leaving widow Mary; and that the Haleys who begin to appear in the subsequent years (William, Richard, then Anthony in 1791, were her sons just reaching the age of 16. Although 1785 has been suggested as a marriage date for Anthony and James's daughter Mary, 1798 is more like it, and Mary was probably born abt 1774, like her future husband. Both were aged 45+ in the 1820 USC for HarrisonCoVA.

 * 1792 FauquierCoVA *

List B, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1792	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
25Apr	B09	Denison, James.....	Denison, John	2	- - 1
30Apr	B09	Denison, John.....	Denison, Isaac	2	- - 1

* 1793 FauquierCoVA *

List B, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
1793	Src				
3Apr	B09	{Denison, James.....	2	- -	3
3Apr	B09	{Denison, John.....	1	- -	1
16Jul	B10	{Denison, John.....	1	- -	2
16Jul	B10	{Denison, Isaac.....	1	- -	-
16Jul	B10	{Denison, Jonathan.....	1	- -	-

* 1794 FauquierCoVA *

List A, of John Fishback

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
1794	Src				
8Apr	A08	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

A third John pops up on Fishback's list. See my notes on him and on List A, under 1795.

ListB, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
	Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
1794	Src				
20Apr	B08	{Denison, John.....	1	- -	1
20Apr	B08	{Denison, Isaac.....	1	- -	1
20Apr	B08	{Deneson, Jonathan.....	1	- -	-
13May	B09	Denison, Henry.....	1	- -	1
4Jun	B09	{Denison, James.....	1	- -	3
4Jun	B09	{Denison, John (son of Ja[me]s)	1	- -	1

This John, [bracketed](#) with James, is explicitly identified as his son, to differentiate him from the other Johns.

 * 1795 FauquierCoVA *

List A, of John Fishback

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Apr	A08	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

List of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Apr	B07	{Denison, James.....	1	- -	2
6Apr	B07	{Denison, John.....	1	- -	1
22Jun	B08	{Denison, Isaac.....	1	- -	-
22Jun	B08	{Denison, John (C[arters?] Run)	1	- -	-

Carters Run is one of the most prominent streams in mid-FauquierCo. It runs roughly N to S and empties into the Rappahannock at Waterloo in FauquierCo, on the border with CulpeperCo to the south. I haven't been able to find a map that shows the outline of the Manor of Leeds, where James lived, but today's Manor of Leeds Road roughly parallels Carters Run in the shadow of the Bue Ridge Mountains, and a Manor of Leeds Creek ventures further east, towards Carter's Run. It's possible that Carters runs through the eastern part of the Manor, but in any case it's not far east of its eastern border. Presumably List A of John Fishback also covers the eastern portion of FauquierCo, so the third John who appears on the county lists for 1794 and 1795 may have lived not far from John of Carters Run, and may, in fact, have been his son.

 * 1796 FauquierCoVA *

List B, of B. Edward Hunston

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Apr	B09	{Denison, James.....	1	- -	2
8Apr	B09	{Denison, John.....	1	- -	-
8Apr	B20	Normann, Baley.....	1	- -	1
23May	B08	Denison, John (C[arters?] Run)	1	- -	1

Ba[i]ley Norman, here a close neighbor to James and family, would marry James's daughter Nancy in 1800.

 * 1797-1798 FauquierCoVA *

The lists for these years haven't been examined yet, nor any others after 1799.

 * 1799 FauquierCoVA *

List B ([at Binns](#))

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	WMTs aged 16+	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B12 {Dennison, Thomas.....		1	- -	1
----	B12 {Dennison, John.....		1	- -	3
	...				
----	B12 {Dennison, James Jr....		1	- -	1
----	B12 {Dennison, James Sr....		1	- -	1
----	B12 {Dennison, Henry.....		1	- -	1

John of C[arters?] Run, Isaac, and Jonathan have apparently all departed, and the only DENNISONs who remain in FauquierCo are James Sr and his sons Henry, John, Thomas, and James Jr.

Greenbrier County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1809 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)_____

* 1796-GreenbrierCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
15Jun A05	Dinson, Joseph.....	1	2 1	7

* 1805-GreenbrierCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13Mar B05	Demson[Denison?], William....	1	3	7 "Levels"

Harrison County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1785-1807 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)_____

* 1798-HarrisonCoVA *

List of Benjamin Bartlett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1798 Src	Chargeable	16+	12+	
----	A05R Dinson, John.....	2		

Kanawha County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1792-1822 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)

The lists for this county are missing for 1794-1795, 1797-1800, and 1903-1805.

* 1815 - KanawhaCoVA *

List of Will C Wilson

The taxable population in this, the upper district of KanawahCo for this year was 580 White Male Tithables, 335 Black Tithables, and 923 horses.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1815	Src Chargeable	16+	9-12 12+5		
2Mar B04	"Jona[than] & Tho[ma]s Dennison"	2		1	
26Apr B04	Dinison, John.....	1	2	1	1

* 1816 - KanawhaCoVA *

List of William C Wilson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1816	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
29Apr B04	Dennison, John.....	1	1	4
29Apr B04	Dennison, Thomas.....	1		1

* 1817 - KanawhaCoVA *

List of William C Wilson's list-no DENNISON

List of Matthew McCown

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1817	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
7Apr A05	Dennison, John.....	1		

Middlesex County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1800

My source for the lists for 1787-1812 was FamilySearch [Film# 7856288](#)

The Jonathan who is the only DENNISON in this county is supposed to have married Jane Morgan there 13Dec1781, and died 1808.

* 1782 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Maurie Smith, Middle Pct

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	21L Denison, Jonathan.....	1	1 3	-	-
	Edy, Matthew, Fanny, Tom				

* 1783 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Overton Cosby, Middle Pct

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	31L Denneson, Jona[tha]n.....	1	3 4	2	-
	Godfrey, Ede, Neptune, Martha, Fanny, Tom, Frankey				

* 1784 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Roane, Middle Pct

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1784	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	42L Deneson, Jonathan.....	1	1 4	2	2
	Eada, Marthew, Fanny, Tom, Polly				

* 1785 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Maurie Smith, Middle Pct

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1785	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	53L Denison, Jonathan.....	1	3 4	1	1
	Edy, Martha, Neptune, Fanny, Tom, Polly, Sam				

* 1786 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Maurie Smith, Middle Pct

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
	53L Denison, Jonathan.....	1	3 4	1	1

* 1787 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp

Date	Person	Name(s) of	WhiteMTs----	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1787	Src Chargeable	WMT's aged 16-20	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15		
27Mar	61	Denison, Jonathan.....	<same>	1 -	3 3	2 4

* 1788 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1788	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
30May	72L Deniston, Jonathan.....	1	3 -	2

* 1789 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1789	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Jun	78L Deniston, Jonathan.....	1	2 -	1

* 1790 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Staige Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1790	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9Jun	85L Denison, Jonathan.....	1	3 -	1

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* 1791 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Staige Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1791 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
2Jun 93L	Denison, Jona[than].....	1	6 -	1

* 1792 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of John Seagar

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1792 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
--Jun 100R	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	5 -	1

* 1793 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp Jr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
--Jun 108R	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	3 2	1

* 1794 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp Jr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1794 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
--Jun 117L	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	5 2	1

* 1795 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Peter Kemp Jr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
--May 124R	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	5 2	1

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* 1796 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
--May 132R	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	4 4	1

* 1797 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- 141R	Denneron, Jonathan.....	-	4 3	1

* 1798 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1798 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- 149L	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	8 -	-

* 1799 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Kemp

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- 159L	Denneron, Jonathan.....	1	6 -	-

* 1800 MiddlesexCoVA *

List of Thomas Healy Jr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- 170R	Denison, Jonathan.....	1	8 2	-

Montgomery County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1787-1831 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)_____

My source for the lists for 1787-1812 was Binns online; for 1813-1831 it was LVA film 242a for MontgomeryCo.

These lists for Montgomery don't count the chargeable as a while male tithable 16 or over, so I've interpolated a "[1]" in that column.

* 1788 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of James Newell

Date	Person	WhiteMale	WhiteMTs-----	BlackTs----	Horses
		Tithables 21+	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15	
1788 Src Chargeable					
24Oct B06	Dennison, David.....	D. Dennison	[1]		1

* 1789 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of James Newell

Date	Person	WhiteMale	WhiteMTs-----	BlackTs----	Horses
		Tithables 21+	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15	
1789 Src Chargeable					
25Feb B06	Deniston, David.....	D. Deniston	[1]		1

List of David McGavock

Date	Person	WhiteMale	WhiteMTs-----	BlackTs----	Horses
		Tithables 21+	21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15	
1789 Src Chargeable					
25Feb C06	Deniston, John.....	John Deniston	[1]		4

There are lists from 1790-1797, but no DENNISONS on any of them.

* 1798 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of Thomas Goodson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
		16+	16+ 12-15	
1798 Src Chargeable				
17May B05r	Darniston, David.....	[1]		1

 * 1799 - MontgomeryCoVA *

No DENNISONs

 * 1800 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of Thomas Goodson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1800	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
6May B04r	Dennison, David.....	[1]		3

 * 1801 - MontgomeryCoVA *

No DENNISONs

 * 1802 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of James Barnett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1802	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
3Apr A05	Dennison, David.....	[1]		2

 * 1803 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of James Barnett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1803	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
18Apr B05L	Dennison, David.....	[1]		1

 * 1804 - MontgomeryCoVA *

No DENNISONs

 * 1805 - MontgomeryCoVA *

List of James Barnett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1805	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
28Mar	A05L Denneston, David.....	[1]		1

 * 1806 - MontgomeryCoVA *

No DENNISONs

The 1807 lists were missing, and no taxes were collected for 1808.

 * 1809 - MontgomeryCoVA *

"List of taxable property within the district of James Barnett Commissioner for Montgomery County A.D. 1805"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1809	Src Chargeable	16+	12+	
----	A04r Dennison, David.....	[1]		1

There were no DENNISONs on the lists for 1810-1831.

Nicholas County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1818-1860 (Src: the LVA films listed below)_____

Mindful of the GIVEN, HANNA, and HENDERSON connections to James DENNISON, in the years abstracted below, I've abstracted certain people of those names in some years, and made photocopies of all the surnames beginning with "G" and "H" in others. There were GIVENs in NicholasCo as early as 1818, in particular William Given, but no DENNISONs there until James first appears in 1850—the year he is found, age 21 (when he should first have appeared on the county tax lists by name) living in the household of Joseph Hanna.

SOURCES:

NicholasCoVA Personal Property Tax lists

Library of Virginia

Reel 253/2 1818-1850
 Reel 659/2 1851-1858
 Reel 660 1859-1861

 * 1850 NicholasCoVA *

I've photocopied all the "G"s and "H"s this year, but I've abstracted only the lone DENNISON—James .

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1850	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	0002 Denison, James.....	1	- -	3

 * 1851 NicholasCoVA *

I've photocopied all the "G"s and "Hs" this year but abstracted only the GIVENs, HANNAs, and HENDERSONs close to James Denison in tax gathering date, plus Joseph Hanna, who was not. There were no LANDESeS in NicholasCo this year, but there were McCLUNGs.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1851	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Mar	0003 Henderson, Joseph.....	2	- -	1
10Mar	0003 Hanna, David (N).....	1	- -	4
12Mar	0003 Denison, James.....	1	- -	1
13Mar	0003 Henderson, Nicholas K..	1	- -	1
13Mar	0003 Hanna, Nathan Sr.....	1	- -	-
14Mar	0003 Hanna, Nathan Jr.....	1	- -	1
14Mar	0003 Hanna, Moses.....	1	- -	2
2May	0003 Hanna, Joseph.....	2	- -	3

The fact that James Denison's tax information wasn't gathered on the same date as Joseph Hanna's suggests that James lived with different NicholasCo families during before his 1854 marriage to Jane Given.

 * 1852 NicholasCoVA *

The county personal property tax list format was expanded as of 1852 across Virginia to include cattle, and to tabulate not only the total number of white male tithables aged 16 or over in the household, but also the number aged 21 or over.

Again, I've abstracted only the GIVENS, HANNAs, and HENDERSONs close to James Denison in tax gathering date; I have not images here.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1852 Src	Chargeable	16+	21+	16+	12-15		
17Jul	Hannah, Joseph.....	1	2	-	-	3	62
28Jul	{Hannah, James.....	1	1	-	-	1	36
28Jul	{Hannah, Renick.....	1	1	-	-	-	-
29Jul	Dennison, James.....	1	1	-	-	1	-

The fact that James owned no cattle is indicative of his unmarried state.

29Jul	Given, Sam[ue]l.....	1	2	-	-	3	88
29Jul	Given, William.....	1	1	-	-	-	1
29Jul	Hannah, Moses.....	1	1	-	-	1	69
29Jul	Henderson, Nick N....	1	1	-	-	1	4
30Jul	Given, John G.....	1	2	-	-	3	21

From here on out I've abstracted only DENNISONS.

 * 1853 NicholasCoVA *

Since for the years 1853-1856 (inclusive) the WMT16+ column seems to have been interpreted exclusive of med aged 21+, I've reformulated the headings to reflect this.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs--		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1853 Src	Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
23Jul 0004	Denison, James.....	1	-	-	-	-	-

 * 1854 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs--		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1854 Src	Chargeable	21+	16-20	16+	12-15		
19Jul 0005	Denison, James.....	1	-	-	-	1	-

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 * 1855 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs--	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1855 Src Chargeable		21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15		
26May 0006	Denison, James.....	1 -	- -	1	-

James was married in 12Oct1854, but he still owns no cattle; probably because his first child wasn't yet born.

 * 1856 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs--	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1856 Src Chargeable		21+ 16-20	16+ 12-15		
--May 0007	Denison, James.....	1 -	- -	1	4

 * 1857 NicholasCoVA *

From this point on the WMT16+ tally is again treated as inclusive of those also 21+.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1857 Src Chargeable		16+ 21+	16+ 12-15		
4Apr 0008	Denison, James A.....	1 1	- -	1	15

 * 1858 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1858 Src Chargeable		16+ 21+	16+ 12-15		
30Mar 0009	Denison, James.....	1 1	- -	1	29

 * 1859 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs---	Horses	Cattle
1859 Src Chargeable		16+ 21+	16+ 12-15		
24Mar 0010	Denison, Ja[me]s A...	1 1	- -	1	30

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 * 1860 NicholasCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs		SlaveTs---		Horses	Cattle
1860	Src Chargeable	16+	21+	16+	12-15		
29Feb 0011	Denison, Jane.....	-	-	-	-	1	-

Sarah is James's widow. If the 186 compiler of the USCensus Mortality Schedule was on the ball, we may infer that James died about May1859. All who died between 1Jun1859 and 31May1860 were supposed to be included, while the tax gathering dates in this list range through April.

 * 1861 NicholasCoVA *

No DENNISONs

Ohio County, Virginia, Personal Property and Land Tax Lists, 1785-1813

Although OhioCoVA was created in 1776, the county tax lists are extant only from 1785 on, and a number of them are missing. The tax commissioners of this county evidently failed to follow the Commonwealth mandate to canvass their districts systematically, and note the date on which each household's tax information was gathered. Nonetheless, it's overwhelmingly probable that there was just one DENNISON family head, James, with later sons (in order): William, Jessey, Robert, Mathew, and Andrew. James first appears in the county lists for 1791, and in 1797 he acquired 24a of land which he held until his death about 1811, when the land passed to "James Dennison heirs". I've noted these land holdings below only for the years of acquisition, the years it was recorded as belonging to his heirs, and a few other years where James doesn't appear in the PPTs (or there is no list), but does still appear in the land tax list.

SOURCE:

My source for the abstracts through 1814 was the Binns online database, which consists of photocopies of the original fair copy lists filed by the county sheriffs with the Commonwealth authorities in Richmond, and microfilmed and archived by the Library of Virginia.

 * 1791 OhioCoVA *

List B of John Caldwell

This list has columns for WMTs21+, WMT16-20, and Slaves, but they are blank for all.

Date	Person	Horses
1792	Src Chargeable	
----	04L Dennison, James.....	1

 * 1792 OhioCoVA *

List B of John Caldwell

This list has columns for WMTs21+, WMT16-20, and Slaves, but they are blank for all.

Date	Person	Horses
1792	Src Chargeable	
----	04L Dennison, James.....	1

 * 1793 OhioCoVA *

No DENNISONS, but just one list

 * 1794 OhioCoVA *

 No county lists for 1794

 * 1795 OhioCoVA *

 List A of Andrew Woods

Date	Person	Additional WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	04R Denniston, James.....	-	- -	1

 * 1796 OhioCoVA *

 List B of Andrew Woods

Date	Person	Additional WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	04R Deniston, James.....	-	- -	1

 * 1797 OhioCoVA *

 List of George Dement (one list)

Date	Person	Additional WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	05R Dennison, James.....	-	- -	1

Land Tax{Images 5,11}: James Denniston acquires 24a of land from And[re]w & Archibald Woods

 * 1798 OhioCoVA *

 No DENNISONs
 Land Tax{Image 10}: James Denniston 24a

 * 1799 OhioCoVA *

List of William Dement (just one list)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	05R Denison, Andrew.....	1	- -	-

 * 1800 OhioCoVA *

No DENNISONs

Land Tax{List B of James Snodgrass of the Upper Division}: James Davison 24a—at least that’s my reading; evidently James Denison was meant

 * 1801 OhioCoVA *

List B of James Snodgrass, Upper Division

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1801	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B05 Dennison, James.....	1	- -	1

 * 1802 OhioCoVA *

No DENNISONs

Land Tax: James Dennison 24a

 * 1803 OhioCoVA *

No DENNISONs

* 1804 OhioCoVA *

List A of Jeremiah Williams

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	A02 Dinson, William.....	1	- -	1

* 1805 OhioCoVA *

List B of John Bukey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B08 Denason, William.....	1	- -	-
----	B08 Denason, James.....	1	- -	-

* 1806 OhioCoVA *

List A of John Bukey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1806	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	A08 Denason, James one sun...	1	- -	-
----	A08 Denison, Jessey.....	1	- -	-

I expect that “James one sun” is supposed to mean “James and one son”, and the single WMT16+ of his household implies that James himself was exempted as a tithable on application to the county court, probably on account of his age—most likely he was 60+ as of this year.

* 1807 OhioCoVA *

List B of John Bukey, for the Upper District

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1807	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B09 Denason, James his sun	1	- -	-

See my note about “James his sun” for 1806.

 * 1808 OhioCoVA *

 No VA tax lists for 1808

 * 1809 OhioCoVA *

 No county lists for 1809

 * 1810 - OhioCoVA *

 List B of John Bukey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1810	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B09 D[en?]isson, Robert Mr...	1	- -	1

This scribbled name might be Davisson, as there are DAVISONs on Bukey's lists—but there are no *Robert* DAVISONs.

 * 1811 OhioCoVA *

 No DENNISONs, but the list of John Bukey missing
[Land Tax{List A-Image 8L} James Dennison 24a](#)

 * 1812 - OhioCoVA *

 List B of John Bukey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B08 {Denason, Robert [F?] run}	1	- -	2
----	B08 {Denason, Mathew [F? run}	1	- -	-

[Land Tax{List B, Image 9}: James Denason heirs 24a](#)

 * 1813 - OhioCoVA *

List A of John Bukey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	A09 {Denason, Robert F R.....	1	- -	1
----	A09 {Deneson, Andrew.....	1	- -	1

Land Tax{List B, Image 10}: James Denason heirs 24a

Pendleton County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1789-1816 (Src: Binns Genealogy online images)_____

* 1799-Pendleton *

List of Valentine White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Apr	A04R Dunnason, Florance	1		

Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1812

The surname spellings of all three of the senior DENNISONs of PittsylvaniaCo (James, Benjamin, and Richard) at times wander into the phonetic territories of DONALDSON and DANIELSON, and my searches have been broadened accordingly for DENNISON+s. See my analysis below for a considered [interpretation of these PPTs for the DENNISON+s of PittsylvaniaCo](#).

Sources: for 1782-1812 [the Binns online database](#); for 1813-1823 [FamilySearch DGS 8151589](#), and for 1824- [FS DGS 8151590](#). Both sources digitize the same films of the original fair copy lists filed by the county sheriffs with the Commonwealth authorities in Richmond, copies of which are lodged both with the LDS Church and LVA..

* 1782 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	12R Danerson, James.....	1	-	1	5
	14L Daverson, Abraham....	1	-	1	1

These two names are written in garlanded script, which blurs the letters n, s, m, u, and v, and in this era of phonetic spelling, either might be a variant of DENNISON. Later lists, though, show that Abraham's surname was probably DAVIDSON, so I haven't followed him further.

This James Danerson, however, is a much more complicated case, as his name seems to float between DENNISON and DONALDSON.

* 1783 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

No DENNISON+s

The lists this year are manifestly incomplete—the total white tithables is some 65 short of both 1782 and 1784, which are virtually identical.

* 1784 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1784	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
	5L {Donnalson, James.....	1	- -	1	5
	5L {Ragling, Gideon.....	1	2 2	3	9

Dobsons and other known neighbors appear in the same pages, but aren't as locally grouped as in later lists.

* 1785 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1785	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
	5R Donelson, James.....	1	- -	2	3

James's Dodson neighbors are again clumped together but on a different sublist.

 * 1786 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
	16R {Dodson, David.....	1	- -	3	3
	16R {Morris, Samuel.....	1	- -	1	1
	16R {Dodson, Joshua.....	1	- -	2	5
	16R {Deneson, James.....	1	- -	2	5

Many other local names, like Gideon Ragland and most of the other Dodsons are found on this same list, that seems to center on image 16.

 * 1787 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of William Short

Date	Src	Person	WhiteMale	WhiteMTs	BlackTs---	Horses	Cattle
1787		Chargeable	Tithables 21+	16-20	16+ 12-15		
11Apr	A06	Denison, Benja[min]..	self	-	- -	1	-
25Apr	A06	Dotson, Daniel.....	self+Eli Dotson	1	- -	7	32
5May	A15	Stamps, John.....	self	-	1 3	5	16
9May	A07	{Dotson, Thomas.....	self	-	- -	1	2
9May	A07	{Dotson, Elisha.....	self+Elisha Jr	-	3 7	7	14
16May	A07	{Donalson, James.....	self	-	- -	2	6
16May	A07	{Dotson, Joshua.....	self	-	- -	3	6
16May	A07	{Dotson, David.....	self	-	- -	3	7
18May	A07	{Dotson, Rolley.....	self+David D.	-	- -	4	7
18May	A07	{Dotson, Lazarus.....	self	-	- 4	5	12
18May	A07	{Dotson, William.....	self	-	- -	2	4

Close neighbors John Stamps, James Donalson[Dennison], and most of these Dotsons were undoubtedly the men of the same names dismissed between 1762-1773 by BroadRun Church in FauquierCoVA to a sister congregation in HalifaxCoVA, the parent, in 1767, of PittsylvaniaCo..

 * 1788 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1788	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Mar	A08 Dannason, Benjamin.....	1	- -	1
8May	A08 Donnelson, James.....	1	- -	3

DENNISONs, *et al.* in the Virginia County Tax Lists, from 1782 On

 * 1789 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1789 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4Apr B08	Denason, Ben.....	1	- -	1
18Apr B08	Donellson, James.....	1	- -	3

 * 1790 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1790 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24Mar B07	Denneson, Benjamin.....	1	- -	1
30Apr B08	Donellson, James.....	1	- -	3

 * 1791 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1791 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Mar A08	Dennenson, Benjamin....	1	- -	1
18Jun A09	Donellson, James.....	1	- -	2

 * 1792 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1792 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Jul A06L	Donelson, James.....	1	- -	2

 * 1793 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
20Jun A08L	{Denneson, Benjamin.....	1	- -	1
20Jun A08L	{Denneson, Rich[ar]d....	1	- -	1
19Jul A08R	Donnelson, James.....	1	- -	2

 * 1794 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A of John White

No DENNISON+s

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1794 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Mar B07R	Dennerson, Benjamin....	1	- -	2
22Aug A08L	Donnelson, James.....	1	- -	2

 * 1795 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A of John White

No DENNISONs or DONALDSONs

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
19Mar B07	{Denneson, Benjamin.....	1	- -	2
19Mar B07	{Denneson, Rich[ar]d....	1	- -	2
23Apr B07	Donnelson, James.....	1	- -	2

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 * 1796 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

No DENNISON+s

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Apr B08L	{Dennerson, Rich[ar]d...	1	- -	2
14Apr B08L	{Dennerson, Benjamin....	1	- -	1
9Sep B09L	Donnelson, James.....	1	- -	3

 * 1797 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

No DENNISON+s

List B, of Robert Devin

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13May B08L	{Dennerson, Benja[min]..	2	- -	2
13May B08L	{Dennerson, Richard.....	1	- -	3

 * 1798 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1798 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
11Jul A11	Dennison, James.....	2	- -	2

List B, of Jere White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1798 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
26May B11	Dennerson, Richard.....	1	- -	3

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 * 1799 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
3May A10	Dennison, James.....	2	- -	4

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1799 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10May B09	Dennerson, Richard.....	1	- -	2
20May B10	Dennerson, Benjamin....	2	- -	3

 * 1800 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1600 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
28Jun A08R	Dennison, James.....	1	- -	3

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1800 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Apr B09	Dennerson, Benjamin....	2	- -	3
22Jun B09	Dennerson, Richard.....	1	- -	1

 * 1801 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1801 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A12	Dennison, James.....	1	- -	3

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1801 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9May B12	Dennerson, Benja[min]..	4	- -	3
19Jul B12	Dennerson, Richard.....	1	- -	1

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 * 1802 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1802 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1May A07R	Donalson, James.....	3	- -	3

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1802 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
15Mar B11	{Dennerson, Richard.....	2	- -	2
15Mar B11	{Dennerson, Benja[min]..	3	- -	3

 * 1803 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1803 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
1May A07	Donaldson, James.....	2	- -	3

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1803 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
26Aug B07R	{Dennerson, Richard.....	2	- -	1
26Aug B07R	{Dennerson, Benja[min]..	3	- -	2

 * 1804 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13Mar A06R	Donaldson, James.....	3	- -	3

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
16Apr B07	{Dennerson, Rich[ar]d...	1	- -	2
16Apr B07	{Dennerson, Benja[min]..	2	- -	4
16Apr B07	{Dennerson, John.....	1	- -	-

 * 1805 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18Mar B04L	Barron, Josiah.....	1	- -	5
4May A07L	{Donalson, James.....	3	- -	3
4May A07L	{Donalson, William.....	1	- -	1
4May A07L	{Donalson, John.....	1	- -	-

On 4Oct1803, William Dennerson obtained a bond for his marriage to Jenny Barron; William endorsed his written out signature by mark.

List B, of Jeremiah White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12May B07L	Dennerson, Rich[ar]d...	1	- -	2
15Apr B06R	Dennerson, Benja[min]..	3	- -	3

 * 1806 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1806 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
3May A07R	{Donalson, James.....	3	- -	2
3May A07R	{Donalson, William.....	1	- -	1
3May A07R	{Donalson, John.....	1	- -	1

List B, of Jeremiah White

No DENNISON+s

 * 1807 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1807 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24Apr A07R	Dennison, Richard.....	2	- -	3
16May A07R	{Donalson, James.....	2	- -	2
16May A07R	{Donalson, William.....	1	- -	2
31Jul A07R	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1

 * 1808 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

 No taxes this year

 * 1809 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

 List A, of Jeremiah White
 No DENNISONs

List B, of John White

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1809 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Apr A07R	Dennison, James Jr.....	1	- -	-
8Apr A07R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
6May A08L	Dennison, James Sr.....	2	- -	2
17May A08L	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1
25May A08L	Dennison, Richard.....	2	- -	3

 * 1810 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

 List A, of James Hart
 No DENNISON+s

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1810 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Apr B07R	Dennison, Richard.....	1	- -	2
20Apr B07R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
4May B08L	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2
5May B08L	Dennison, James & son..	2	- -	3

Although I've checked both lists for all years, I here discontinue noting the second list where it contains no DENNISONs

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 * 1811 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1811 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
23Mar B07R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
4May B08L	Dennison, James & 2 sons	3	- -	3
11May B08L	Dennison, Richard & son	2	- -	4

 * 1812 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Apr B06R	Dennison, James.....	2	- -	3
30Apr B07L	Dennison, Richard.....	1	- -	3
2May B07R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
19May B07R	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	2

 * 1813 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
26Mar 11R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
19Apr 11R	Dennison, Richard.....	1	- -	3
28Apr 12L	Dennison, James.....	3	- -	3

Most DODSONs are clustered tightly around Richard Dennison on the 19th.

* 1814 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1814 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Apr 91L	Dennison, Richard LH...	2	- -	3
3May 91L	{Dennison, James.....	1	- -	2
3May 91L	{Dennison, Stephen.....	1	- -	1
3May 91L	{Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1
5May 91L	Dennison, John.....	1	- -	1

This is the first appearance of Stephen, who's almost certainly a son of James. The only Stephen DENNISON I find in the 1850 USCensus b. in VA between 1785-1805, was [Stephen Denison aged 61](#) (b.abt 1789) and resided in DecaturTN

* 1815 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1815 Src	Chargeable	16+	9-12 12+		
25Mar 120	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	2	1
8Apr 120	{Dennison, James.....	1	- -	2	4
8Apr 120	{Dennison, Stephen.....	1	- -	1	3
	...				
11May 120	{Dennison, Richard.....	1	- -	3	5
11May 120	{Dennison, John.....	1	- -	-	5

* 1816 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1816 Src	Chargeable	16+	12+	
5Mar 207L	Dennison, Richard.....	1	-	3
13Apr 207R	{Dennison, Stephen.....	1	-	1
13Apr 207R	{Dennison, James.....	1	-	2
10May 207L	Dennison, John.....	1	-	-

 * 1817 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1817 Src	Chargeable	16+	12+	
--Apr 263	Dennison, Stephen.....	1	-	-
--Apr 263	Dennison, James.....	1	-	2
--May 263	Dennison, Richard.....	1	-	4
--May 263	Dennison, John.....	1	-	-

 * 1818 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses
1818 Src	Chargeable	16+		
30Apr 333	Dennison, John.....	1	-	-
1May 333	{Dennison, James.....	1	-	2
1May 333	{Dennison, Stephen.....	1	-	1
16May 333	Dennison, Richard.....	2	-	3

 * 1819 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses
1819 Src	Chargeable	16+		
31Mar 368	{Dennison, James.....	1	-	1
31Mar 368	{Dennison, Stephen.....	1	-	1
10Apr 369	Dennison, Richard.....	3	-	3

 * 1820 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of James M. Williams (South District)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1820 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
31Mar 461R	Dennison, Richard & J Prewitt	2	- -	1
2May 461R	Dennison, James.....	1	- -	1

* 1821 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas Williams (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1821 Src	Chargeable	12+	
16Apr 487	{Dennison, Richard.....	-	2
16Apr 487	{Dennison, Elizabeth....	-	1

* 1822 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1822 Src	Chargeable	12+	
20Mar 594	Dennison, Richard.....	-	3

* 1823 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1823 Src	Chargeable	12+	
29Apr 633	Denison, Richard.....	-	3

* 1824 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1824 Src	Chargeable	12+	
25Mar 50	Denison, Richard.....	1	3

* 1825 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1825 Src	Chargeable	12+	
13May 92	Denison, Richard.....	-	3

* 1826 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1826 Src	Chargeable	12+	
--May 193	Denison, Richard.....	-	4

* 1827 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1827 Src	Chargeable	12+	
11May 235	Denison, Richard.....	-	2

* 1828 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1828 Src	Chargeable	12+	
9Mar 307	Dennison, Richard.....	-	2

* 1829 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1829 Src	Chargeable	12+	
18May 386	Dennison, Richard.....	-	2

* 1830 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List B, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1830 Src	Chargeable	12+	
---- 503	Dennison, Richard.....	-	2

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* 1831 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

List A, of Thomas G. Tunstall (South District)

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1831 Src	Chargeable	12+	
27Apr 550	Dennison, Richard.....	-	2

* 1832 PittsylvaniaCoVA *

No DENNISON+s

Analysis: DENNISON+s in the Personal Property Tax lists of PittsylvaniaCo, 1782-1832**The Surname Spelling Issue**

I've adopted the token "DENNISON+" to represent the unusually wide variation in surname spelling for the DENNISONs of this county. It's meant to extend the phonetic umbrella to include soundalikes for DONALDSON and DANIELSON, as well as DENNISON.

First, it needs to be understood that until the 1800s were well advanced even quite literate people spelled all but the most familiar words the way they sounded to them when they were pronounced by their bearers according to many different accents. When Noah Webster's first *Dictionary* was published in 1806 it introduced to America the novel idea that there was one "correct" spelling of every word. For most people, most of the time, their language was an oral affair, and it took at least a generation for this idea of correct spelling to take root.

Thus, there's nothing particularly problematic in presuming that the James Danerson who appears on the Pittsylvania lists in 1782 and in most of the years thereafter through 1812 is one and the same man regardless of the morphology of his surname, and in spite of the fact that this one and only James occasionally switched lists. This conclusion is also endorsed by the consistency of his household composition from year to year.

James is also quite consistently separated in his tax gathering dates (indicators of neighborhood proximity) from the other two senior DENNISON+s on the list, Benjamin and Richard, though other evidence indicates that all three of these patriarchs lived in the same general SE area of the county. The spelling of Benjamin and Richard's surnames were more also likely in PittsylvaniaCo to fall under the DENNISON phonetic umbrella, but in Benjamin's two Maryland marriage records, his surname is spelled "Danielson" and "Donaldson". For these and other reasons (descendants of both families migrated to the same south central KY counties) these two sets of DENNISON+s are likely to have been related, even though Y-Chromosome DNA testing shows that they had different patrilineal ancestry.

It sometimes helps, in resolving these dilemmas of surname spellings to consider who the recording clerks were at various times, and it's particularly helpful when they change, because the phonetic spelling of the surnames more often than not changes with them, and provides one with an increasingly accurate picture of how the bearer pronounced his own surname. Only the most literate and educated people during this period had any definite idea of how their name was "supposed" to be spelled, even though the majority could manage an occasional crude signature to an important document.

Benjamin and Richard DENNISON appear on the list of Robert Devin from 1788-1797, who is succeeded in 1798 by Jeremiah White. This list covers the southern portion of the county and it also includes James through 1796. Then, from 1798-1801 James appears on the other list (the list kept by John White starting in 1794) as "James Dennison".

Annotations I came across indicate that John and Jeremiah White were merchant partners of the firm White & White. It's likely, therefore, that they were both fairly literate, and more important familiar both with the pronunciations of most of the names in their districts, and of the relationships, if any, between people with similar sounding names. This in turn makes it somewhat likely that they would have both heard and spelled the names of men known to be related approximately the same.

Nonetheless, after spelling James's name DENNISON from 1798-1801, John White then spelled it like DONALDSON from 1802-1806, during which period James was joined by other DONALDSONs—presumably his sons just reaching either the age of 16 or of 21.

What the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs tell us about the likely sons of the patriarchs James and Benjamin DENNISON+

In 1804, James's household includes two additional WMT16+, and in 1805, James, William, and John Donalson are [bracketed](#) together (listed adjacent with the same tax gathering date). The PittsylvaniaCo marriage records show that William Dennerson married in Oct1803, and John Dennison in Oct1804, and though James wasn't a surety for either marriage, their first appearance on the tax lists in 1805 bracketed with James almost certainly means that he was their father. One anomaly: in 1805 James still has two extra WMT16+, but later bracketed records show that he probably had two more sons, James Jr, and Stephen, and the tax commissioner may have decided to tally them in 1805, both having reached the minimum tithable age of 16.

After 1805, Benjamin and all of his sons (none of whom ever appear on the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs by name^[3]) removed to Kentucky, and he is next found, at aged 45+, heading a household in BarrenCoKY adjacent to households headed by Zachariah and Samuel Dennison. There are two late 1805 PittsylvaniaCo marriage records indicating that these two were both Benjamin's sons: Benjamin is a surety on the marriage bond of Zachariah, and gives his consent for the marriage of his underage son Samuel.

In 1806, the only DENNISONs remaining on the lists are James, William, and John, again [bracketed](#) together. One would expect to find Richard on this list too but he doesn't reappear until 1807, when Richard Dennison and John Dennison (widely separated in date) join James and William Donalson (petogether). There were no taxes in 1808.

From 1809 all DENNISON+s are on the same tax list, and their surnames always receive the phonetic spelling DENNISON. These include, besides Richard and John, James Dennison Sr, and (with their tax information gathered on the same date) James Dennison Jr and William Dennison.

Both James and Richard appear to have remained in PittsylvaniaCo for the rest of their lives. Both head households in the county in 1820, and though James drops off the PPTs after 1820, a county order book entry shows that this was because he was exempted at that time from all future taxes, on account of age or disability.

What the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs tell us about the likely sons of the patriarch Richard DENNISON+

Richard first appears on the PittsylvaniaCo lists in 1793 and continues thereon through 1831. On 23Jun1831 Richard made his will (probated 18Jul1831) naming a wife Elizabeth, and sons Thomas and James D. Like the grown sons of Benjamin, neither of these sons ever appeared by name on the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs, but for several years Richard's household includes an extra WMT16+ or two, and interestingly, for the year 1821, there is a separate listing for Elizabeth Dennison, bracketed with Richard.

The first time that Richard has extra WMT16+ was in 1802 and 1803, and then not again until 1807. In 1804 a new DENNISON+ appears in the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs—John, who is bracketed that year with Benjamin and Richard. I think that this was a son of Richard not Benjamin because the WMT16+ tally of Richard was decremented from 2 to 1 in that year, and because Benjamin's conjugal family has been extensively researched downstream in KY, where he and several of his known sons headed 1810 households clustered together

³ It appears that the tax commissioners of PittsylvaniaCo only listed young men by name after they had set up households of their own, regardless of their age. This policy was by no means the usual practice.

first in BarrenCo in 1810 and then in HartCo in 1820 (which was created from Barren in 1819), but none of these clustered households is ever headed by a John. On the other hand, there is one in 1820 headed by John Dennison (aged 26-44) of CumberlandCoKY (adjacent to Barren), and my guess is that the putative 1804 son of Richard may actually have been the first of these PittsylvaniaCo DENNISON+s to head to KY, as early as 1805 when he disappears for good from the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs. As noted above, the John who appears in the PittsylvaniaCo lists starting the next year (in 1805) is often bracketed with James for the remainder of this John's tenure in PittsylvaniaCo, which ends for good in 1812. Of course it's also possible that the 1820 John of CumberlandCoKY was the son of James.

Since Richard's 1831 will names only sons Thomas and James D, if John of 1804 was the son of Richard, he presumably died before 1831. And by the same token, we can reasonably presume that the extra WMT16+ in Richard's household from 1807-1809 (though the year 1808 is missing) was second son Thomas (listed first in the will), and the third son James D came along later. Richard again has an extra WMT16+ in 1811 (when his household consists of "Richard and son"), and in 1814. It would appear that these sons left, perhaps also for KY about the time they came of age, since they never appear by name in the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs.

What the PittsylvaniaCo PPTs suggest about family relationships between the patriarchs James, Benjamin, and Richard

Y-Chromosome DNA (yDNA) testing of patrilineal descendants of the PittsylvaniaCo DENNISONs shows that patrilineal descendants of James belong to DENNISON Patrilineage 2, while Benjamin's descendants are of DENNISON Patrilineage 6—thus these two PittsylvaniaCo patriarchs are mutually unrelated, at least through the paternal line. And this raises the question of which patrilineage Richard of Pittsylvania falls into.

The tax list evidence associates Richard much more closely with Benjamin than with James. Richard is actually [bracketed](#) with Benjamin the first time he appears in the PPTs, in 1793, and in a number of lists thereafter; while Benjamin and Richard rarely have tax gathering dates close to those of James—though they are almost always on the same tax list for the southern half of the county, and their dates often place them in the same general region of this half. This tax list proximity evidence is fully consistent with the other location evidence of their land records^[4]

⁴ I examine this issue in more depth in my report "[The Pittsylvania County, Virginia, DENNISONs of Patrilineages 2 and 6](#)".

Rockingham County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1814-1847 (Src: the LVA films listed below)

Daniel² DENNISON and family, including son John³, settled early in RockinghamCo in the Dry River area to the west of “North River” (the northern fork of the Shenandoah) near the northern border of AugustaCo to the south. In the 1780s, Daniel² removed to Kentucky with all but one of his sons, John², who in 1790 moved south just across the border to AugustaCo, where he settled in the Naked Creek area, where his descendants continue to be found until the 1730s and beyond. Two descendant DENNISONs appear in the much later records of Rockingham as well—Samuel⁴ (John³, Daniel²) from 1830-1835, and John for just the year 1843. This is probably the same John who appears in earlier and later years on the AugustaCo lists, and he is most likely John⁵ (Samuel⁴). Because this John is known to have married Sarah Landes in AugustaCo in 1840, I have abstracted (and photocopied) certain LANDES records as well, mostly in AugustaCo, but also those for 1843 in RockinghamCo, since that was the year that the putative John⁵ appeared there.

SOURCES:

My source for the abstracts through 1814 was the Binns online database, which consists of photocopies of the original faircopy lists filed by the county sheriffs with the Commonwealth authorities in Richmond, and microfilmed and archived by the Library of Virginia. After 1813 my source was this same series of microfilms borrowed from the Library of Virginia on interlibrary loan, viz.

RockinghamCoVA Personal Property Tax lists

Library of Virginia

Reel 306	1814-1827
Reel 307	1828-1838
Reel 308	1839-1847

* 1782 RockinghamCoVA *

List of John Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
16	Deniston, James.....	1	-	1	-
16	Deniston, Daniel.....	1	-	7	22
16	Deniston, John.....	1	2	5	11
	slaves: Jame, Dils				

Daniel² and sons owned land around Dry River in SW RockinghamCo not far from the northern AugustaCo border.

* 1783 RockinghamCoVA *

List of Capt. Will[ia]m Smith

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs--	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ <16		
	03L Denniston, John.....	1		5	10
	slaves: Tom, Bett		2		
	Dick				1
	03R {Denniston, Daniel...	1	- -	7	20
	03R {Denniston, James....	1	- -	1	-

* 1784 RockinghamCoVA *

List of Capt. Smith

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs--	Horses	Cattle
1784	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ <16		
	06L {Deniston, John.....	1	1 -	8	12
	slaves: Tom, Dolly				
	06L {Deniston, Daniel....	1	- -	6	19

I find no DENNISONS in RockinghamCo from 1785-1789, though the lists for 1785 look incomplete. Daniel² and James³ left for KY sometime during this period, while John relocated to Naked Creek about ten miles south in AugustaCo and begins to appear on that county's tax lists in 1786. Likewise, there were no DENNISONS in RockinghamCo from 1814 through 1829, inclusive. It's only for the years 1830-1835 that we find Samuel M. DENNISON in Rockingham, and thereafter just one sighting of Samuel's possible son John, in 1843, on the same list as his future LANDES in-laws: I suspect that this list erroneously brought in residents on the opposite bank of North River, on the AugustaCo side.

These additional DENNISONS from 1830 are abstracted on the subsequent pages.

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 * 1830 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1830	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
31Mar	06L {Deniston, Samuel.....	1	1 -	3

 * 1831 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1831	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Mar	Denison, Samuel.....	1	1 -	3

 * 1832 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1832	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18Feb	Denison, Samuel.....	1	1 -	2

 * 1833 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1833	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
7Mar	Denison, Samuel M.....	1	1 -	1

 * 1834 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1834	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Feb	Denison, Samuel.....	1	1 -	2

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 * 1835 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1835	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
28Feb	Denison, Samuel M.....	1	1 -	4

No DENNISONS in RockinghamCo from 1836-1842

 * 1843 RockinghamCoVA *

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Blacks-----	Horses
1843	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Apr	Denison, John.....	1	- -	2 + 1 wood clock
9May	{Landis, David.....	1	- -	-
9May	{Landis, William.....	1	- -	1
9May	Landes, John.....	1	- -	8 + 1 metal clock, 1 wood clock

No DENNISONS in RockinghamCo from 1844-1847

Washington County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1820

For WashingtonCo I've abstracted not only all instances of DENNISONs for this period, but for the years 1782-1787 for those lists that contained DENNISONs, all the in-laws surnames BUCHANAN, DOUGHERTY, and SCOTT (there were many more SCOTTs that I didn't abstract, on other lists).

Although for the generally unalphabetized lists for 1782-1786 I've scanned all the pages of all the lists and noted the names and exact list titles, in the abstracts following I've omitted lists with no DENNISONs and standardized the titles just to "List of < name >".

For the first several years, there are two, essentially duplicated, lists—on the second one the given names are generally abbreviated to the first initial, and the data is written out within a single box for each family (or person chargeable); the second lists adopt a more convenient to peruse columnar format. I've inferred the identity of these paired lists both from the total number of whites at the end, and from spot checking. The duplicate list for 1782 is misarchived and misfiled as 1786 List B.

SOURCES:

My source for the abstracts through 1805 was the Binns online database and also the FamilySearch images, both digital image of films of the original faircopy lists filed by the county sheriffs with the Commonwealth authorities in Richmond, and microfilmed and archived by the Library of Virginia. From 1806-1820 my source was this same series of microfilms borrowed from the Library of Virginia on interlibrary loan, viz. WashingtonCoVA Personal Property Tax lists Reel 341 1806 -1827/1.

 * 1782 WashingtonCoVA *

The totals for this year are: 1064 white male tithables, 383 black tithables, 4884 horses, and 8855 cattle.

List of Aaron Lewis (unalphabetized)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782	Src Chargeable	21+			
	i#42L{Denneston, James.....	1	—	2	2
	I#42L{Denneston, Robert.....	1	—	2	2
	[...2 names...]				
	i#42L Denneston, John.....	1	—	4	2
	[...1 name...]				
	i#42L Buchanan, John.....	2	—	11	16
	[...1 name...]				
	i#42L Buchanan, Arch[ibal]d....	1	—	6	10
	...				
	I#42R Buchanan, Rob[e]rt.....	1	—	8	9
	...				
	i#42R Buchanan, Joseph.....	1	—	4/5	8

 * 1783 WashingtonCoVA *

The abbreviated list this year also includes consolidated population totals: 962 white tithables, 261 black tithables, 4187 horses, and 7703 cattle. The total amount of the personal property tax due for the county, including the 10 shillings charged for each tithable, was £1129/9/9, or about \$82,000 with respect to today's prices for commodities; with respect to today's purchasing power in labor services the value of that amount would be \$1,780,000, 20 times the commodity price value, or about \$5000 for each householder. Taxes were high at this time because the new republic was trying to cope with the overwhelming costs of the Revolutionary War. Colonial taxes were practically non-existent by comparison, and were assessed largely in labor services—working on road gangs, and serving in the militia when called up.

List of A. Outlaw (unalphabetized) This list immediately follows that of Capt. James Fulkerson's, and spans pages 9R-11L, but it has no heading. Fortunately, there's a duplicate (summary) list from which I derived the listholder's name: A. Outlaw.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1783	Src Chargeable	21+			
11R	Buchanan, Sam[ue]l..... [one name]	1	1	6	13
11R	Buchanan, Rob[er]t.....	1	1	8	13
	...				
11R	Buchanan, John.....	1	—	12	14
10R	Buchanan, John..... [8 names]	1	—	7	6
10R	{Denison, Rob[er]t.....	1	—	2	4
10R	{Dennison, James.....	1	—	2	4
	...				
10R	Scott, Charles.....	1	—	3	4
11L	{Buchanan, Moses.....	1	—	8	19
11L	{Buchanan, And[re]w.....	1	—	7	14
	...				
11L	Buchanan, Matth[e]w.....	1	—	3	2
12	{Scott, Joseph.....	1	—	1	4
12	{Scott, Evan.....	1	—	1	3

 * 1784 WashingtonCoVA *

There are evidently both lists and parts of lists missing for this year. Many of the pages for this year are torn more or less in half (perhaps leaving gaps), and have been reassembled in an order that is somewhat scrambled. I found many of the names from Outlaw's 1783 list on one ostensibly headed by Robert Campbell.

I found no DENNISONs this year.

 * 1785 WashingtonCoVA *

There may be missing lists this year, but the last page of the booklet has a total of 859 whites, which is in line with previous years..

I found no DENNISONs this year.

 * 1786 WashingtonCoVA *

There are 858 white tithables this year—virtually the same as last year.

List of William Edmondson

"within the bounds of Captain Kincannon's and Captain Jamison's companies for 1786" (unalphabetized)

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	SlaveTs----	Horses	Cattle
1786	Src Chargeable	21+	16+ 12-15		
11R	Scott, John.....	1	— —	3	13
12L	Denniston, John.....	1	— —	2	2
12R	Scott, Samuel.....	1	— —	1	9

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From 1787 on the tax collection of Washington and all other VA counties was standardized, and for WashingtonCo there were always just two lists for the period covered here. Until 1803, DENNISONs appear on only one of these when they appear at all.

 * 1787 WashingtonCoVA *

As noted above, the 1787 lists, uniquely, include the names of dependent white males of a household aged 21 and over; In this population there were almost no instances of supernumerary males with surnames different from that of the household head. In the abstracts for this year, where the name in the 4th column is the same as that in the third (indicating that the only WMT21+ in the household was its head, I've replaced the name with the token "self".

NO LIST TITLE, List B

Date	Src	Person	WhiteMale Tithables 21+	WhiteMTs 16-20	BlackTs--- 16+ 12-15	Horses	Cattle
1787		Chargeable					
12May	B02	Buchanan, Andrew.....	self	1	- -	5	15
12May	B02	Buchanan, Moses.....	self	1	1 -	3	16
12May	B02	Buchanan, Matthus....	self	-	- -	2	9
22May	B02	Buchanan, Robert.....	self	1	1 3	5	6
7Jun	B12	Scott, Samuel, Sr....	self	-	- -	2	8
12Jun	B12	Scott, Samuel, Jr....	self	-	- -	2	3
12Jun	B03	Buchanan, Rob[er]t...	self	-	- -	5	11
15Jun	B03	Buchanan, Joseph.....	self	1	- -	2	9
29Jun	B05	Dinnison, Robert.....	self	-	- -	0	2
30Jun	B05	Dougherty, Michael...	self	-	- -	1	-
3Jul	B03	Buchanan, John.....	self	-	- -	2	10
4Jul	B03	Buchanan, David.....	self	-	- -	2	-
5Sep	B13	Scott, Charles.....	self	-	- -	3	2
6Sep	B05	Dinnison, John.....	self	-	- -	5	7
6Sep	B13	Scott, Joseph.....	self	-	- -	2	3

 * 1788 WashingtonCoVA *

List of David Carson

Date	Src	Person	WhiteMTs 16+	BlackTs---- 16+ 12-15	Horses
1788		Chargeable			
26Jul	B05	Dinnison, Robert.....	1	- -	5
6Sep	B05	Dinnison, John.....	1	- -	3

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 * 1789 WashingtonCoVA *

NO LIST TITLE

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1789 Src	Chargeable	16+	12+	
11Jun B06	Denneson, Robert.....	1	-	1

 * 1790 WashingtonCoVA *

List of David Carson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs	Horses
1790 Src	Chargeable	16+	12+	
4Feb B05	Denneson, Robert.....	1	-	-

 * 1791 WashingtonCoVA *

List of David Carson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1791 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
15Sep B05	Denneson, Robert.....	1	- -	?

 * 1792 WashingtonCoVA *

List of David Carson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1792 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Apr B06	Denneson, Robert.....	2	- -	1

 * 1793 WashingtonCoVA *

List of David Carson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24May B05	Dinnison, Robert.....	2	- -	-

 * 1794 WashingtonCoVA *

no DENNISONS on either of the two WashingtonCo lists

 * 1795 WashingtonCoVA *

List of John Stewart
 (this list is virtually illegible)

 * 1796 WashingtonCoVA *

no DENNISONS on either of the two WashingtonCo lists

 * 1797 WashingtonCoVA *

no DENNISONS on either of the two WashingtonCo lists

For the years 1798-1803, landholdings were included in List B.

 * 1798 WashingtonCoVA *

List of James Duffy, 1798

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1798 Src Chargeable		16+	16+ 12-15		
8Jun B15	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	2	---

 * 1799 WashingtonCoVA *

List of James Duffy

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1799 Src Chargeable		16+	16+ 12-15		
12Mar B11	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	3	---

 * 1800 WashingtonCoVA *

List of James Duffey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1800 Src Chargeable		16+	16+ 12-15		
--Apr B12	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	2	---

 * 1801 WashingtonCoVA *

List of James Duffey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1801 Src Chargeable		16+	16+ 12-15		
May B13	Dineston, John.....	1	- -	3	---

 * 1802 WashingtonCoVA *

List of James Duffey

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1802 Src Chargeable		16+	16+ 12-15		
---- B13	Deneston, John.....	1	- -	2	---

 * 1803 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Frederick Hamilton

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1803 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
26Apr A06	Dennison, Andrew.....	1	- -	-

In addition to the fact that this Andrew appears on a different list from all the other DENNISONs, given the absence of any circumstantial evidence of association with the Patrilineage 1 DENNISONs, and the unpopularity of this good Scottish given name Andrew among them, there's no reason to suppose that this Andrew was any relation.

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Land (acres)
1803 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
---- B16	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	3	253
---- B18	{Deniston, George.....	1	- -	-	---
---- B18	{Deniston, James.....	1	- -	-	---

 * 1804 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Frederick Hamilton

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Jun A07	Denniston, And[re]w.....	1	- -	-

List of William Snodgrass

"A list of taxable property in the upper district of Washington County"
 The commissioner here appears to have stopped recording land on these personal property list.

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----- B09	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	3
4May B10	Diniston, George.....	1	- -	-
6May B10	Diniston, Robert.....	3	- -	-

* 1805 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	B06 Deniston, John.....	1	- -	5
----	B07 Deniston, George.....	1	- -	-
----	B07 Deniston, Rob[er]t.....	2	- -	3

* 1806 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Matthew Willoughby (for the "lower district")

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1806	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Deniston, And[re]w.....	1	- -	1

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1806	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Apr	Deniston, George.....	1	- -	-
5May	{Deniston, John.....	1	- -	6
5May	{Dungans, Ellen.....	1	1 1	9
5May	{Deniston, Rob[er]t.....	1	- -	2
5May	{Deniston, William.....	1	- -	1
5May	{Deniston, James.....	1	- -	-

* 1807 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1807	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13Apr	Deniston, George.....	1	- -	-
13Apr	Dinniston, Margrett.....	-	- -	3
13Apr	{Dinniston, Robert Sr.....	1	- -	1
13Apr	{Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	1
13Apr	{Dinniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	1

 * 1808 WashingtonCoVA *

 No VA tax lists for 1808

 * 1809 WashingtonCoVA *

 List of Matthew Willoughby

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1809	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Deneston, Andrew.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1809	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Denniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	-

 * 1810 WashingtonCoVA *

 List of Matthew Willoughby

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1810	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Deniston, Andrew.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1810	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	1
----	Dinniston, Margrett.....	-	- -	1

 * 1811 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Robert Edmondson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1811	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinnison, Andrew.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1811	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Dinniston, George.....	1	- -	-
----	{Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	-
----	{Dinniston, Robert.....	-	- -	2

 * 1812 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Robert Edmondson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinison, Edward.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Denniston, George.....	1	- -	-
----	{Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	4
----	{Denniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	1

 * 1813 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Robert Edmondson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Denison, Andrew.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Diniston, Robert Sr.....	1	- -	4
----	{Dinniston, George.....	1	- -	-

 * 1814 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1814	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	1

 * 1815 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1815	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Dinniston, Robert.....	1	- -	2
----	{Dinniston, Scott.....	1	- -	2
----	{Dinniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	1

 * 1816 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Robert Edmondson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1816	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinison, Andrew.....	1	- -	2

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1816	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Deniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	4
----	{Dinniston, [And[re]w?].....	1	- -	-

 * 1817 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1817	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	1
----	Dinniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	-

 * 1818 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1818	Src Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	{Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	2
----	{Dougherty, David.....	1	- -	3
----	{Dinniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	1

* 1819 WashingtonCoVA *

List of Thomas Fulkerson

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1819 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
15Feb	Dennison, Andrew.....	1	- -	3

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1819 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
----	Dinniston, James.....	1	- -	-
----	Dinniston, Joseph.....	1	- -	1-

* 1820 WashingtonCoVA *

List of William Snodgrass

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1820 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9Feb	Denniston, Leander.....	1	- -	-
----	Denniston, James.....	1	- -	-

The only DENNISON households in the 1820 USCensus for WashingtonCoVA are headed by And[re]w (aged 26-44), James (26-44), Peggy[Margaret] (45+), and Leander (16-25), and in 1830 we find the the same crew, absent Margaret, who died in the early 1820s.

Wythe County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1793-1830

Although WytheCo was created as of May1790 (from the southwestern half of MontgomeryCo, thus bordering WashingtonCo to the NE), the first extant personal property tax lists for Wythe are for 1793, when there were three lists. From 1794 on the tax lists were continuous (except for 1808 when no VA taxes were collected), but there were just two county lists for each year.

The intrinsic titles for the A lists of 1796 and 1797 below show that this list covered the northern portion of WytheCo—the area north of Walker’s Mountain most of which was hived off to create TazewellCo as of 1Jan1800. The DENNISONs seem to float somewhat between these lists, one was counted twice (John in 1795), and sometimes they were missed altogether (1798-1799). I think that this can be explained by the hypothesis that though they all lived on the same or nearby land (mostly that of John2 or Robert2), that this land lay astride the somewhat amorphous boundary between the tax district covered (usually) by List A, north of Walker’s Mountain (as indicated by the intrinsic list titles of 1796 and beyond). And since WytheCo was split along approximately the same boundary, creating TazewellCo to the north as of 1800, some of these DENNISONs may have been thrown into TazewellCo, without necessarily having changed their places of residence. Robert, reappears after the county split in WytheCo, and, according to the tax gathering dates, his household was typically one of the first or the last to be visited by the tax commissioner canvassing his district; this too is consistent with Robert’s land lying at one of the district (or after 1799 county) geographic extremities. I’ve tentatively located at least some of these DENNISON lands from their deeds, but more work needs to be done in this area.

Many of these lists have switched the standard order for the two slave columns;
 wherever I’ve encountered this I’ve switched them back to the standard order shown in the headings below.

* 1793 WytheCoVA *

List of James Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
29Apr A07R	Denniston, David.....	1	- -	5

List of James Davies

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1793 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
26Mar C04L	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	5

* 1794 WytheCoVA *

List of James Davis Sr

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1794 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
27Mar B05L	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	6

 * 1795 WytheCoVA *

List of James Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
27Mar A05L	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	6
8Jun A05R	Deniston, David.....	1	- -	2

The fact that two John DENNISONs, both the owners of 6 horses, appear on both the A and the B lists this year, suggest that they were one and the same John, and that his land lay near, or possibly astride the boundary between the northern and southern WytheCo tax districts.

It's no accident that David's information was gathered at a widely divergent date since he apparently lived some 40 miles away, near New River.

"List of taxable property within the district of Hezekiah Harman, commissioner north of Walkers Mountain, and Captain Davis and Captain Dokes company south side, in the county of Wythe for the year 1795"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1795 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9Apr B05R	Deniston, John.....	1	- -	6

See my notes under 1797 below for the resolution of this first of three ambiguous list titles.

 * 1796 WytheCoVA *

"List of taxable property within the district of Hezekiah Harman, commissioner north of Walkers Mountain, and Captain Doakes and Captain Davises company south side for the county of Wythe for the year 1796"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13May A04R	{Denniston, John.....	1	- -	3
13May A04R	{Denniston, Margaret.....	-	- -	1

List of Samuel Crockett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1796 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Mar B05L	{Dinnison, Robert.....	1	- -	-
12Mar B05L	{Dinnison, David.....	1	- -	-

 * 1797 WytheCoVA *

"List of taxable property within the district of John Davis, commissioner north of Walkers Mountain, at the south side Captain Davis and Captains Straws company for the year 1797"

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Mar A04R	Dinistone, John.....	1	- -	3

List of Samuel Crockett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1797 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Mar B06L	Dinnison, Robert.....	1	- -	-

On 15Nov1796, John purchased 253a in WytheCo, consisting of two adjoining tracts in the Rich Valley, on the North Fork of the Holston River, north of Walker's Mountain. Since Walker's Mountain was evidently the boundary between the northern and southern WytheCo tax districts, we can therefore place John this year (and probably also in the preceding years) in the northern district, and this Robert [Jr]—Robert Sr of WashingtonCo being Robert2 (John1), in the southern district. Robert2's land also lay in the Rich Valley and on the waters of the North Fork of the Holston, and the sons of Robert2 who later appear in WytheCo (George, Samuel, William, Scott) were always on the northern list. It's therefore possible that Robert Jr of the southern list was not Robert2's son Robert.

 * 1798 WytheCoVA *

List of Samuel Crockett (the A list this year)
 List of Samuel Crockett Jr (the B list)

Neither of these lists have any DENNISONs on them; the DENNISONs seem to have been lost in the crease between tax districts.

 * 1799 WytheCoVA *

List of Samuel Crockett (the A list this year)
 List of Samuel Crockett Jr (the B list)

Neither of these lists have any DENNISONs on them; the DENNISONs seem to have been lost in the crease between tax districts.

DENNISONs, *et al.* in the Virginia County Tax Lists, from 1782 On

 * 1800 WytheCoVA *

List of James Newell

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1800 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24May B05L	Dennison, Robert.....	1	- -	1

 * 1801 WytheCoVA *

List of John Crockett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1801 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
17Mar B04R	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	-

 * 1802 WytheCoVA *

List of John Crockett

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1802 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
6Apr B05L	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	-

 * 1803 WytheCoVA *

No DENNISONs this year

 * 1804 WytheCoVA *

List of John Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1804 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
25May B06L	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	1

* 1805 WytheCoVA *

List of John Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1805 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18May B04L	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	1

* 1806 WytheCoVA *

List of John Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1806 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
30May B04R	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	1

* 1807 WytheCoVA *

List of John Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1807 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
30May B04R	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	1

* 1808 WytheCoVA *

No VA tax lists this year

* 1809 WytheCoVA *

No DENNISONs this year

 * 1810 WytheCoVA *

List of John Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1810 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
13Mar B05L	Denniston, Robert.....	1	- -	3

 * 1811 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1811 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
12Mar A04L	Dennison, W[illia]m.....	1	- -	-

List of James Newel

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1811 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A04L	Dennison, Robert.....	1	- -	2

From this point on, there is no consistency in labeling the A and B list;
 one needs to note the tax commmissioner to keep them straight.

 * 1812 WytheCoVA *

List of James Newell

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1812 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A05L	Dennison, Robert.....	1	- -	1

List of John Stanger: no DENNISONS

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 * 1813 WytheCoVA *

List of James R. Kent

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1813 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
31Mar A08	Dennison, Robert.....	1	- -	2

 * 1814 WytheCoVA *

List of James R. Kent

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1814 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
31Mar A07	Deniston, Robert.....	1	- -	2
15Apr A07	Dennison, Robert.....	1	- -	3

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1814 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
8Mar B04L	{Deniston, Sam[ue]l.....	1	- -	-
8Mar B04L	{Deniston, William.....	1	- -	-

 * 1815 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1815 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
---- A05	{Deniston, Sam[ue]l.....	1	- -	2	5
---- A05	{Deniston, William.....	1	- -	-	-

William is also taxed for a sawmill.

List of John A. Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses	Cattle
1815 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15		
3Mar B10+	Deniston, Robert.....	1	- -	3	2

* 1816 WytheCoVA *

List of John A. Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1816 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4Apr A04	Deniston, Robert.....	1	- -	2

List of Granville Wade

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1816 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
2Feb B05R	Denison, William.....	1	- -	2
2Apr B05R	Denison, George.....	1	- -	-

* 1817 WytheCoVA *

List of John A. Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1817 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
21Mar A06R	Deniston, Rhoda.....	-	- -	2

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1817 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- B06L	Denniston, William.....	1	- -	2

John A Sanders or Thomas Sanders continue as tax commissioners every year through 1830, but the above appearance of Rhoda Deniston, presumably the widow of Robert, is the last DENNISON who appears on their lists.

* 1818 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1818 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A05R	Denniston, W[illia]m.....	2	- -	3

 * 1819 WytheCoVA *

List of John A Sanders

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1819 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
24Mar A07L	Deniston, William.....	1	- -	2

 * 1820 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1820 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A04R	Dennison, Sam[ue]l.....	1	- -	-
---- A04R	Dennison, William.....	1	- -	1

William's is the only household in the 1820 USCensus for WytheCo, but it includes a young man aged 16-25 who may be either his brother Samuel, or, more likely Scott, who is listed by name in the 1821 tax records.

 * 1821 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	BlackTs	Horses
1821 Src	Chargeable	12+	
13Apr B05L	Denniston, William.....	-	3
13Apr B05R	Denniston, Scott.....	-	1

 * 1822 WytheCoVA *

List of John Stanger

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1822 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4May A04R	Dennison, Sam[ue]l.....	1	- -	1

DENNISONs, *et al.* in the Virginia County Tax Lists, from 1782 On

* 1823 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1823 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
4May A05R	Deniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	1

* 1824 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1824 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
10Apr A05R	{Deniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	2
10Apr A05R	{Deniston, George.....	1	- -	1

* 1825 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1825 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- B05L	Deniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	1

* 1826 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1826 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
---- A05L	Deniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	1

 * 1827 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1827 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
9Feb B05R	Deniston, Scott.....	1	- -	1
11Mar B06L	Deniston, Samuel.....	1	- -	-

 * 1828 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1828 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
14Mar A05L	Deniston, Scott.....	1	- -	1

 * 1829 WytheCoVA *

List of George W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1829 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
18Feb B06L	Deniston, Scott.....	1	- -	-

 * 1830 WytheCoVA *

List of Joseph W Davis

Date	Person	WhiteMTs	BlackTs----	Horses
1829 Src	Chargeable	16+	16+ 12-15	
16Feb A06L	Deniston, Scott.....	1	- -	1

The only DENNISON household in the 1830 USCensus for WytheCo is headed by Scott Dennison (aged 30-39).

The DENNISON Patrilineages of Virginia

The largest patrilineage of DNA-tested DENNISONs is Patrilineage 1. This tribe of Scotch-Irish derive ultimately from an ancient Scottish gentry family, the modern spelling of whose name evolved to “Denniston”, with a “t”. In America, the Scotch-Irish DENNISONs were among the first settlers, first, of the Pennsylvania backcountry, and then of greater AugustaCo in the Valley of Virginia, beginning in the 1730s. The first two DENNISON Patrilineage 1 families were headed respectively by a Daniel and a John Denniston. One of Daniel’s DENNISON grandsons, John, remained in AugustaCo until the 1830s, while his son and other DENNISON grandsons all ended up in Kentucky, by way of the Virginia panhandle, where possibly one or two descendant DENNISON families may have remained. The children of the rather closely related family of John (who was perhaps a second cousin once removed of Daniel), also began in Augusta, but his progeny and descendants settled primarily in the Virginia panhandle, with some filtering on into Tennessee.

DENNISON Patrilineage 2 first emerges in Pittsylvania County (created from HalifaxCo in 1767), and the descendants of this family of DENNISONs who have at least one cousin in Buckinghamshire, England, are actually of Scandinavian origin, and it is likely that the PittsylvaniaCoVA branch descended from one of the settlers of the short-lived colony called New Sweden (1638-1655), planted on the Delaware River that separates Delaware and New Jersey, and runs up as far as Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. When this colony was elbowed aside by the English, many of the settlers, most of whom arrived without permanent hereditary surnames, fanned out in various directions, joining the tide west into Pennsylvania and Maryland, and south into the Chesapeake tidewater area, and then the Virginia piedmont and “Southside”.

A third patrilineage of Virginia DENNISONs, now denominated Patrilineage 5, first appears in Fauquier County, in the northern Virginia piedmont, that runs north to south along the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Most of these made the leap due west, over the mountains, in the early 1800s to the wilds of HarrisonCo, in now West Virginia. It is not at present known where they came from.

Then there is the family of John & Mary DENNISON, who first appear about 1782 around Back Creek, in the westernmost portion of Augusta County, in the Valley. This couple had sons named John, Thomas, and Jonathan, and at least a couple of daughters. DNA testing shows that this family is unrelated by blood to any of the preceding Virginia DENNISON patrilineages, although since at present we have only one tested descendant of this family of John of BackCreek, via his son Jonathan, it is theoretically possible that this line nominally derives from one of the other DENNISON lines, by way of an [NPE \(Non-Paternity Event\)](#). The sons of this family moved on into the Appalachians, into BathCo and then other Virginia and Kentucky counties farther west, and the largest number of counties whose personal property tax records have been abstracted here track their progress.

The annual Virginia personal property tax lists (as well as the corresponding land tax lists, which aren’t dealt with here) supply much of the evidence that we have for all of these DENNISON patrilineages, so it is important to cultivate a thorough understanding of the lists, and how they were compiled in order to interpret and evaluate them correctly. Their value as evidence stems both from the fact that they were compiled every year, and from their near completeness across all Virginia counties from 1782 (or whenever the county was founded) on well into the 1800s. And the more complete this collection of DENNISON abstracts is (especially if it is supplemented by the corresponding land tax records), the more convincingly we can parse this collection of DENNISON data into individuals and families.

A Comprehensive Survey of All the DENNISON in Virginia, 1787, 1790, and 1800

The only years for which there are comprehensive name indexes of the Virginia personal property tax lists are 1787, 1790, and 1800. The tax records of 1787 have been fully abstracted in a set of published volumes titled *The 1787 Census of Virginia*, while the lists for 1790 and 1800 have been indexed by [Binns Genealogy](#), thus creating surrogates for the missing USCensuses for Virginia of those years. However, the index for 1800 is missing a number of the western counties, including BathCo, which was created from AugustaCo in 1791, but I have myself canvassed the tax records of the most promising western counties for DENNISONs page by page, and year by year, so the indexes merely provide reassurance that I haven't missed any promising counties.

For the year 1790, DENNISONs ("Dennison"s and "Denison"s) are found only in the counties of Augusta (Mary, widow), Middlesex (Jonathan), Fauquier (John, Isaac, and James), Greensville (James), Washington (John), and the Independent City of Petersburg (William). The first of these, Mary, widow, is the wife and mother in the family we are here focusing on, while Jonathan of tidewater MiddlesexCo is not only so remote as to be highly improbable, he can be ruled out conclusively because he made a will not long after 1800 in which he did not name a son Jonathan. I know nothing about the DENNISONs of Greensville and the City of Petersburg, but neither of these areas was a jumping off place for settlers of the Appalachian region, while John of WashingtonCo was a descendant of the unrelated Scotch-Irish "Denniston" families of AugustaCo, designated Patrilineage 1 in the DENNISON DNA project. That leaves the FauquierCo DENNISONs of the VA Piedmont, who are indeed known to have made the jump to western VA in the early 1800s, but a descendant of that line has been DNA-tested and has been shown to be unrelated to a descendant of Jonathan of LawrenceCoOH—unless one of these ancestral lines features a fairly recent NPE, which is not very likely.

By the year 1800, the trail of the family of Jonathan is well established in BathCo, and Jonathan himself appears there in the list of 1802, however, for the record, the Binns 1800 personal property tax list index (which is missing BathCo and many others) turns up DENNISONs in the counties of Augusta (John), Fauquier, Greensville, Middlesex (Jonathan again), Pittsylvania (James), and Wythe (Robert). Of these John of AugustaCo and Robert of WytheCo (adjacent to WashingtonCo in the VA panhandle) belong to Patrilineage 1, James of Pittsylvania is of the unrelated DENNISON Patrilineage 2 line, and the DENNISONs of FauquierCo, who were shortly to make the leap west over the mountains to HarrisonCoVA, belong to Patrilineage 3.

It will thus be seen that virtually all of the VA DENNISON families who sent, or might have sent offshoots west in the Appalachians, can be accounted for, leaving only the family of John & Mary of western Augusta and Bath Counties that might have included Jonathan as a son, and lo and behold, it is only in the same counties as the other provable sons of this family (John and Thomas) that we find Jonathan, from 1802 on.

Tracking Jonathan Dennison of Lawrence County, Ohio, back to his Natal Family

My principal research focus of late has been to find and follow through the annual Virginia tax list records one particular family of western Virginia DENNISONs, which I shall identify here as the conjugal family of John & Mary Dennison of Back Creek, in present day Bath County, Virginia. However, since in the process I have either abstracted or considered the records for all the counties descendant from Bath's parent, the greater AugustaCo which, when it began functioning in 1745 extended in principal as far west as the Mississippi River, this report has ended up as a compendium of abstracts of many of the western Virginia counties in which DENNISONs are to be found. I have also abstracted many of the known or likely in-laws and neighbors, where these were relevant to identifying my DENNISON subjects.

Altogether, I have been quite comprehensive in my search for DENNISONs, considering the personal property tax lists of virtually all of these western Virginia tax records, at least for the period roughly from 1777 through about 1810, with an especial focus on the middle and northwestern counties that were hived off from greater AugustaCo in chunks beginning with Botetourt in 1770, but I have also, for a previous DENNISON research project, searched the PP tax records of the panhandle counties of Washington and Wythe where other DENNISONs are known to have early settled, and have made abstracts for these areas, which I have also taken into account, though I am not reproducing those abstracts here. It appears that all the DENNISONs of Washington and Wythe were of the Scotch-Irish Denniston family (note the "t"-spelling), known at the DENNISON DNA project as Patrilineage 1.^[5]

However, while I have considered all of the western Virginia, and also the eastern Kentucky counties, I have only examined and abstracted from the most promising, as indicated above. I've included MontgomeryCo in my abstracts here, even though it appears that the only DENNISONs to be found there were also descendants of the Patrilineage 1 line, because there is one much later record linking Jonathan to MontgomeryCo, and I wanted to make it clear that there are no other traces of him, or of his putative relatives, there.

These tax records, in combination with the unique given name Jonathan and his association with brothers John and Thomas, have made it possible to trace this lineage back from Appalachian Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, to BathCo and AugustaCo Virginia, where evidence I had turned up in my comprehensive study of 18th century AugustaCo DENNISONs could be brought into play.

⁵ In its strictest sense (and simplifying a bit), the term "[patrilineage](#)" in this context refers to the male line descendants of the earliest known patriarch who bore a particular surname. In ordinary discourse we would say that different patrilineages are completely unrelated to each other by blood. DNA testing can reliably sort males into the right patrilineages. In a looser sense, "patrilineage" might be used to refer to all the descendants of a particular patriarch, female as well as male.

Notes on the DENNISONs of Augusta County, Virginia

By 1782 when the new Commonwealth county tax regimen had been legislated into existence, there were two distinct, mutually unrelated DENNISON patrilineages represented in AugustaCo. The DENNISON family from which DENNISON Surname DNA Project member Dale Edwin Dennison descends lived in the far west of AugustaCo from 1782-1790, when that area was hived off to help make the newly formed BathCo, and these DENNISONs continued there for a number of years. I've done a detailed study for Dale and traced his DENNISON ancestors into southernmost Ohio, over the succeeding decades.

The main line of DENNISONs who pioneered in AugustaCo as early as 1738, belonged an entirely different patrilineage, which I've identified as [DENNISON Patrilineage 1](#). The link is to the Y-Chromosome DNA genealogical project I've created for members of this patrilineage who've had their yDNA tested at Family Tree DNA. You will find there detailed descendancies for many of the branches of this extensive tree.

This DENNISON patrilineage in America descends primarily from two early AugustaCoVA immigrants, the first of whom was Daniel¹, who settled about 1738 in Beverley Manor, near present day Staunton, the county seat of AugustaCo, in the broad and fertile Valley of Virginia. Daniel¹ had a single son, Daniel², but Daniel² had many children, including six sons, all but one of whom had migrated to Kentucky by 1800. Linked to the DENNISON Patrilineage 1 Project page you will find lengthy, evidence-rich reports on both Daniel¹ and his descendants, and on the stay at home AugustaCo son, John³ (Daniel²-1).

The other AugustaCo DENNISON Patrilineage 1 immigrant, John¹, first appears in AugustaCo in 1756, and was dead by 1776, leaving, it appears, three sons. Of these, Robert² settled in WashingtonCoVA in the panhandle, and he had numerous sons himself, who spread out into other panhandle counties, and into Tennessee, particularly Jefferson and Grainger Cos. TN. The limited evidence regarding John¹, and also the John¹ DENNISON of Dale Dennison's patrilineage, has been compiled and presented in Appendix A to my Daniel¹ DENNISON report, but the DENNISON Patrilineage 1 Project page also has very extensive descendancies for the descendants of John¹ of Patrilineage1.

Some More Detail on Daniel¹ and Descendants in AugustaCoVA

In the decades just before making the big jump to Kentucky, Daniel¹'s only son Daniel² and several of his sons, had relocated from central AugustaCo to the northwest, to an area around Dry River, a tributary of North River (the north fork of the Shenandoah River) in what as of 1778 became southern RockinghamCo. Then, about 1785, all but Daniel²'s son John³ departed, and John himself sold most of his (now) RockinghamCo land and moved south back across the AugustaCo border to the Naked Creek area a few miles to the west and south of North River, which now formed part of the boundary between Rockingham to the north and Augusta to the south. Naked Creek, like Dry River, drains into North River (the north fork of the Shenandoah), and it is in this area around North River that all the remaining DENNISON descendants of Patrilineage 1 are to be found through at least 1860.

John³ (Daniel²-1) retained an interest in a 44a tract around Dry River that he had surveyed on 1Dec1790 and patented on 5Apr1792, but he most likely sold this land shortly thereafter since his relocation to Naked Creek proved permanent; if he didn't, though, this

property would have fallen to his son Samuel by will in 1824. There is, however, no record of the sale of this RockinghamCo land, probably due to the fact that the majority of the RockinghamCo deeds before 1864 were lost to a fire in that year incident to the Civil War.

John³ had purchased his original Dry River tract from one Daniel Smith, as early as 18Aug1772, which gives us one of the checkpoints for estimating his likely 1751 birth date, and it appears that he and his wife Mary sold this land to one Benjamin Smith about 27Feb1786.

Given this history, it's therefore not surprising to find that John last appears on the RockinghamCo personal property tax rolls in 1784, and next appears on the Augusta rolls of 1786. Thereafter, except for one last year (1790) when the widow Mary of the other John DENNISON whose land was relegated to BathCo after 1790, all the DENNISONs that appear on the tax rolls of AugustaCo through at least 1860 evidently belonged to the descendant line of this John³.

However, there are two features of these AugustaCo tax records that emerge from this data (considered in the light of the other DENNISON evidence) that are of general interest in interpreting the AugustaCo records.