

EAST DISTRICT

East District, Reuben Moore, Commissioner.

"June 12, 1792, list of property for the present year agreeable to an order from the worshipful Court of Rockingham County bearing date the 27th day of Feby. 1787, appointing me commissioner in the bounds of the following Capt. Companies, Viz:

Rueben Moore, Commissioner."

- 8—Josiah Harrison's Company
- 9—Ezekiel Harrison's Dt.
- 10—Richard Ragan's Dt.
- 11—Augusteen Price's Dt.
- 12—Casper Hains' Dt.
- 13.—Henry Miller's Dt.
- 14—Jacob Kiser's Dt.

No. 8—East Dist.

CAPT. JOSIAH HARRISON'S COMPANY (Present, east portion of Plains Dist.)

Tenth Legion—Smith Creek—northeast corner of County—Endless Caverns—Blue Grottoes—Long Meadows—Lacey Springs, Mauzey (Sparta) Dry Fork—James Branch.

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| 2-Rodes, Phil | 1-McFarland, Alex. |
| 2-Honn, Mathias (Horn, Hern) | 1-Lokey, James |
| 1-Honn, Abraham | 2-Lokey, Tom. |
| 5-Dunkerson, Tom-1N | 3-Kephart, Henry |
| 4-Harrison, Jno. Clt. Levies | 3-Sellers, Conrad. |
| 1-Black, Isaac. | 1-Helfrey, Jno. Clt. Levey |
| 3-Bowers, Andrew | 2-Maggonett, Dan. |
| 10-Martz, Sebastian, 2s Jno. & Peter
1n. | 0-Maggonett, Henry |
| 1-Martz, Sam. | 1-Counce, Peter, Jr. |
| 1-Martz, Henry | 2-Wolf, Andrew |
| 2-Bargle, Jacob | 2-Sellers, Peter. |
| 0-Broun, Absolum | 5-Henton, Peter |
| 2-Frank, Jno. | 2-Moss, Jacob |
| 3-Shaver, Fred. 2s Jno. & Mik. | 5-Henton, Wm. |
| 1-Shaver, Fred. Jr. | 3-Henton, Tom. |
| 0-Jackson, James | 5-Phillips, Jon. & Jno. & Abrm. |
| 0-Doherty, Jno. | 4-Counce, Martin |
| 11-Reeves, Jno. SS Jno. Jr. & Wm. | 0-Wertinbaker, Jno. |
| 0-Pitt, Jno. | 0-Gossett, Jno. |
| 1-Casdorp, Henry | 7-Counce, Peter, Sr. & Phil |
| 0-Donnelly, Robt. | 1-Hideker, Jacob |
| 4-Smith, Conrad & David 16 (does
not say son but probably is) | 7-Woodley, Jacob, 1N |
| 3-Linn, Jacob | 3-Woodley, Jno. |
| 2-Notcher, Balser | 1-Jacobs, Jonathan |
| 4-Allen, Sam. | 6-Loker, Tom. |
| 6-Tallman, Benj. & H. L. Tallman,
16-2N | 4-Pickel, Wm. Ct. Levies |
| 0-Turner, Wm.-1N | 4-McClarg, Wm. |
| 2-Dickey, Jno. | 5-Harrisson, Margt. 1N, 1n |
| 5-Stephens, Ludwick 1N, 1n | 1-Williams, Wm. |
| 2-Lokey, Jno. | 6-Frale, Dan & Wm. & Jno. |
| 3-Matthews, Jno. | 2-Cowen, Henry |
| 1-Anthony, Jno. | 2-Kinder, Henry |
| | 6-White, Crisley |
| | 2-Wiseman, Isaac |

4-Cummins, Moses & Wm.	0-Huker? Jacob
6-Hoof, Jno. & Hen. & Val.	1-Sly, Henry
1-Hoof, Geo.	0-Hagey, Geo.
3-Hoof, Jacob	5-Harrisson, Josiah-1n
0-Hoof, Fred.	0-Hulings, Sam.
3-Phillips, Geo.	10-Bird, Andrew & Andrew Sr. 21-1N
1-Etherton, Ebenaezer	5-Umphry, Jno. & Rawley & Abiah & Wm. Green-2n
2-Phillips, Abrm.	1-Smith, Dan.
7-Sircle, Ludwig & Mik. Erritt & Philip Airy-2N	1-Sulcer, Mathias
1-Campher, Jno.	1-Daley, Sam.
2-Peters, Abrm.	4-Rorick, Fellman & Jesse
6-Ramboe, Jacob & Isaac.	3-Barnett, Jno.
0-Hulings, Jno.	0-Leathorn, Wm.
1-Kelley, Godfry (Keller)	3-Acort, Jacob & Godfrey
3-Springer, Geo. Jr.	2-Frank, Peter
6-Beaver, Mathias and Peter	3-Bear, Mik.
2-Martz, Jno.	4-Odle, Abrm.
4-Phillips, Evan	
6-Harrisson, Reuben, Mik & Dave, 3N, 2n	
4-Holsinger, Mik, & Mike and Dav.	
2-Wolf, Geo.	
3-Counce, Phil.	
1-Fox, Ambrose.	
0-Rosenberger, Geo.	
3-Hathaway, Eleazer & Archer 21	
7-Moore, Tom. Sr. 4N	
4-Moore, Jno.	
4-Moore, Tom.	
1-Hilyard, Amos.	
12-Mcdowell, Tom. s John-6N, 1n	
2-Sampson, Joe.	
10-Fawset, Benj. & Joe & Chas.	
2-Fritt, Jno. & Joe Council 16	
0-McVey, Tom.	
0-Carter, Jno.	

TOTALS.

Heads of families.....	118
Sons & others ab. 16.....	32
Slaves	33
Horses	270

This company was listed by Wm. McDowell in 1784.

In 1784 only 44 names appear in this company.

In 1792 nearly three times as many appear, 118, and 20 or 25 names are dropped from the list. If the territory was the same in each year and I think it was the figures show a marvelous increase. Those dropped either died or moved away.

This company was in the extreme northeast corner of the county, and extended in a southerly direction along Smith Creek and the Valley Pike as far as Mauzy, probably farther. John Harrison made his will in 1815, probated in 1819. He lived in Long Meadows about a mile west of Mauzy. He was the son of Reuben but not the Reuben who was the son of the founder of Harrisonburg. This Reuben lived on Dry Fork, a stream that crosses the Valley Pike several times between Mauzy and Harrisonburg. He had 14 children and many acres. Benj. Tallman married a daughter of John Harrison of Long Meadows. (Mrs. Dr. Chas. D. Kane, 5217 Enright Ave., St. Louis, is a descendant.) John Harrison had a brother David. Reuben Harrison of this list was probably the father of John and he has Michael and David. Josiah Harrison, the captain of this company, may also have been a son. David Harrison, brother of John, owned land about Blue Grottoes and I am told his house stood about where the home of the late Thomas Moore stands, just south of the caverns. In recent years Thomas Harrison, a descendant of David Harrison, once owner of Blue Grottoes, married the daughter of Thomas Moore and he lives there now (1930).

Reuben Moore, the Commissioner of the east district, evidently lived and owned Court Manor on the Valley Pike several miles north of Tenth Legion, and owned many other adjoining fertile acres between the Pike and Smith Creek. His descendants by the name of Moore still own valuable

land in the neighborhood adjoining Court Manor.

Ludwig Sircle (Zirkle), my own ancestor, owned the land on which the Endless Caverns was discovered, and is the true Endless Caverns farm, altho the present corporation that now owns the caverns also owns the farm adjoining it on the north, known as "Rosendale," where Geo. Rosenberger lived, and we find him in the list. He married a daughter of Ludwig Zirkle and perhaps in that way came into possession of Rosendale. Ludwig Zirkle was a large land owner, and a tanner. The number of horses listed under his name indicates that he was a farmer of some proportions. He also has two apprentices, who no doubt worked in the tannery.

The Hoofs probably lived just east of Tenth Legion. Fawcets had an iron furnace at the foot of the Massanutten, high on Smith Creek, east of Mauzy, at Paulington.

Andrew Bird lived at Craney Island Mill a mile or so down the creek from Endless Caverns. There was also a mill at Endless Caverns on the creek and one a mile or so above known in the early days as Moore's Mill, later Groves Mill, and later Strickler's Mill and Stultz's Mill at the present time. There was in the older days a mill every few miles on this creek. There was one east of Tenth Legion, built and owned by my grandfather, Benj. Strickler, before the Civil War. Then there is one at Lacey Springs, or was one a few years ago. And there were others farther up the creek. Stultz's mill was also built by my grandfather and it is the only one that is in operation today. Probably the one up the creek east of Tenth Legion which he built is still running. It burned a few years ago. It may have been rebuilt.

I note a name Wm. Pickel in the list. This may be Pickering. I am sure there was a Pickering living just east of Tenth Legion in a very early day and I think his name was William.

Counces (Koontz) owned land around Lacey Spring.

This company had at least two Stage Coach stops on the Valley Pike, one at Mauzy, and I think the old house there with a long porch extending out to the edge of the pike, owned by Joseph Mauzy at present, is the stage house, and another just north of Tenth Legion cross roads at the residence of John Yates about 1900. This house had a long double porch extending along the east edge of the pike. It was torn down a few years ago by Mr. Myers, who built a new residence on the site within the last few years.

David Lincoln, relative of the President, had a tavern at Lacey Spring before the Civil War and the President on the way to Congress on one occasion stopped with him and found out that they were related. This place was called Lacey Springs by mistake. It happened that when a suggestion for the name of a new post office at this point was forwarded to the department at Washington the name "Lincoln Springs" was misread and called Lacey Springs. No one ever heard of any one by the name of Lacey living at or near this point or in the County. There is a very large spring here and in the early days it was called Big Springs. It is almost exactly half way between New Market and Harrisonburg. In 1840 Gruber's Almanack gives the points on the Valley Pike from Williamsport on the Potomac to Staunton, as follows:

Hagerstown to
Williamsport 6
Falling Waters 5-11
Martinsburg 8-19
Winchester 22-41
Stevensburg 8-49
Strasburg 10-59
Woodstock 12-74
New Market 20-91
BIG SPRINGS 10-101
Harrisonburg 10-111
Staunton 25-136
Knoxville 355-491.

War Branch is an eastern branch of Smith Creek and enters the creek just above Stultz's mill several miles northeast of Tenth Legion. James Branch is an eastern branch of the same and southeast of Tenth Legion.

A Joseph and Thomas Fawcett were with Braddock at Fort Pitt. Thomas admitted that he shot Braddock for the reason that he insulted or struck his brother Joseph because he would not come out from behind the trees and fight the Indians. (De Hass p. 128.)

Fawcett's furnace was near the west foot of the Massanutten mountain probably six miles north of Keezletown on the road near where an old mill stands (1926) and near the stone gate posts, and near Miller's Turkey farm and flower garden, known as "Wiseland."

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TENTH LEGION TITHABLES

(ROCKINGHAM DIVISION)

Rockingham County, Virginia

Tithables for 1792

A list of all the white males above 16
years of age in the County and all the
slaves above 12 in the County in 1792.

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