

## Duplin County RHODES - Notes

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### Benjamin Rhodes-notes

MILITARY-John SAMPSON'S Co. of Duplin Co. soldiers in Colonial Militia was Benjamin ROADS listed as #75. He served on an expedition to Wilmington during the Spanish Alarm in Sept. 1748. The family lived in the Limestone area of Duplin Co.  
SOURCE-"Colonists of Carolina" by Blanche Humphrey Abee-c.1938; p.155

1790 CENSUS-Duplin Co., N.C.

Benjamin RHODES- 2 males <16, 5 slaves

Source-Census records-USGenweb.

DEED-13 July 1784-Duplin Co., N.C.

P.2-Benjamin RHODES to Jacob RHODES, both of Duplin co., 13 July 1784,for 100 pds. specie 400A on the NS of Limestone below where the road crosses sd. Limestone, beg. at a water oak & gum near Thankful HICKS line on the swamp, granted to Benj. RHODES by patent. Witn: John WOODWARD, Joseph T. RHODES, July Ct. 1784-(p.1)  
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Jacob RHODES of Robeson Co. to Joseph T. RHODES of Duplin Co., 24 Jan.1806, for 2 pds. current money of N.C. 50 A on the NS of Limestone Swamp, beg. at a pine the 2nd corner of sd. Joseph's 100A survey in the upper line of Benjamin RHODES dec'd 150A survey, adj. Joseph T. RHODES & Benjamin RHODES 150A survey, being part of 640A patented to sd. Jacob RHODES, 15 Dec. 1802.

Witn: Nathan WALLER, Delilah HARDESTY, July Ct. 1811-(p.154)

Source-"Duplin co., Abstracts of Deeds, vol.1" by DRAUGHTON

MILITARY-RHODES, Benjamin-Private, N.C. Militia

Soldier received the following pay vouchers according to the N.C. Army accounts: in Vol. V, Bk.176 is #267 M for 26 pds. and was probably for military aid given. In Vol. V. Bk.180 is #748 M for 4/8/6 pds, also #557M for 15/18/6 pds. and in Vol. VI, bk. 23, p.104 (Duplin Co.) is #22 fora principal due him of 15/18/10 pds.

Benjamin married Rachel THOMAS of the Beulaville area, and their children were 1) Joseph Thomas RHODES 2 )Jacob RHODES 3) Celia RHODES who married John MILLER 4) Rachel RHODES who married as 2<sup>nd</sup> wife to Abraham NEWKIRK 5) Nancy RHODES who married Lewis POWELL 6) John Felix RHODES who on 19 Jan. 1797 married Dorothy HOUSTON of Sarecta 7) Sarah RHODES who married Stephen BROCK. 8) Benjamin RHODES II. In the first Federal Census for Duplin Co., Benjamin listed in a family of 5 persons plus 7 slaves. He died in 1805. SOURCE- "Revolutionary War Records of Duplin and Sampson Cos, N.C. Contributions to Genealogy" by Virginia L. BIZZELL & Oscar M. BIZZELL, c.1997-p.224

WILL-16 Jan. 1804-Oct. Term 1805-Duplin Co., N.C. (CR.035,801.10/A-416)

Wife Rachel negroes ROZE, DANIEL, CHARLOTTE, all my Household furniture my stock of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep & poultry, my Plantation tools during her natural life, also the use of my plantation whereon I now live containing 150 acres, negroes PETER, GEORGE & FRANCK; son Joseph T. ,negro GEORGE at the death of his mother; son Jacob negro PETER at the death of his mother; dau. Nancy POWELL negro MINGO; son John F. land and plantation whereon I now live after decease of his mother; grandson John BROCK 150 lying on the north side of Limestone opposite and above Wallers Mill except a part sold to Samuel WHALEY; grandau. Elizabeth MILLER ,negro FRANCK after the death of my wife, bed, bedstead and furniture whereon I lie; negroes CHARLOTTE & DANIEL and all the remaining part of my estate after the death of my wife equally divided to my sons Joseph T.& Jacob and daus. Rachel NEWKIRK and Nancy POWELL, also my grandaus. Mary& Anne Jean, daus. of my dau. Massey BRICE decd. and their share kept in the care of my exec. until they become of the age of 21 years or are married.

Exectr: son Joseph Thomas

witn: Nathan WALLER, James T. RHODES

signed: Benjamin RHODES

Source: "Duplin Co., Wills, 1730-1860" by Wm. MURPHY-p.141/142

RHODES, Benjamin listed as number 75 in Capt. John SIMPSON'S Co. of Duplin Co. soldiers in Colonial Militia, served on an expedition to Wilmington in 1748, Sept.

Family lived in the Limestone section of Duplin Co.

p. 288 "Reeves, Mercer, Newkirk" by Wyatt, p. 288.

### **Jacob Rhodes - notes**

Robeson Co., N.C. Marriage Records

Thomas RHODES to Ann BROCHETT--11 Oct. 1819

Benjamin RHODES to Abi GRINSLEY- 15 Dec. 1832

Richard C. RHODES to Susan R. DAVIS-5 Dec. 1848

Benjamin C. RHODES to Matilda Angeline SEALY-8 April 1862

Hezebah? RHODES to Cathaline HEDGEPEETH-14 April 1864

Source-Robeson Co., N.C. Genweb site

1790 Census-Robeson Co., N.C.

RHODES, Jacob--1 male >16, 2 slaves

Source-Robeson Co., N.C. Genweb

MILITARY-RHODES, Jacob-Private, N.C., Militia

In N.C. Army accounts there are vouchers for this man as an Indian fighter shown as follows, in Vol. VI, Bk.21, #695, for service against the Chicamoga Indian for 5/8/0 pds. and #895, service against the Chicamoga Indians issued in 1790 for 6/10/6 pds. Also while in Dobbs Co., Jacob received from Vol. VI, Bk.23, voucher #23, voucher #8 for principal due him for 4/16/10 pds. ( I think this is the Jacob RHODES in Dobbs Co., (S.S.M.)—

Jacob RHODES was the son of Benjamin (1720-1805) and was born about 1758, probably in the Limestone section of Duplin Co. He was an active surveyor in the counties of Duplin, Sampson & Robeson as the records show. He learned surveying by serving an apprenticeship under another surveyor. Around 1785 he moved to Robeson Co. and bought large tracts of fine farm land on the Lumber River and Saddletree Swamp. Here he laid out the town of Lumberton in 1786.

Jacob married Rachel, the eldest daughter of Capt. Richard CLINTON and Penelope KENAN of Sampson Co. They lived on part of the Clinton plantation east of the present town of Clinton and their place was then called RHODES Crossroads. This was the forerunner of Clinton since the town was not laid out until 1818. Jacob also owned land and slaves in Sampson Co. He and Rachel had one son- 1) Dr. Richard Clinton RHODES(1801-1867). Dr. RHODES married Susan Rice DAVIS and for a while lived near Lumberton, but in 1850 they removed to Arkansas. The records show that Jacob RHODES died in 1824, his wife had predeceased him.

SOURCE-"Revolutionary War Records, Duplin & Sampson Cos., N.C.; Contributions to Genealogy" by V.L.BIZZELL & Oscar M. BIZZELL, c.1997-p.224

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1 Jan. 1796-Duplin Co., N.C.--Bk. 3A, p.11

Joseph T. (Thomas) RHODES of Duplin Co. to Jacob RHODES of Robeson Co., 1Jan. 1796, for 36 pds. 360A on the NS of Limestone Swamp, beg. at a white oak sd. Joseph F. RHODES corner of a survey of 140A, adj. Jacob RHODES ,between the Bear & White Oak Pocosin, adj. FRANKS, the sd. 360A granted to sd. Joseph T. RHODES by patent dated 1 Sept. 1785. Wit: Timothy TEACHY, James DICKSON. Jan. Ct. 1796.

24 Jan. 1806-Duplin Co.,N.C.-Bk.4A, p.296

Jacob RHODES of Robeson Co. to Joseph T. RHODES of Duplin co., 24 Jan.1806, for 2 pds. current money of N.C. 50A on the NS of Limestone Swamp, beg. at a pine the 2nd corner of sd. Joseph's 100A survey in the upper line of Benjamin RHODES dec'd 150A survey, adj. Joseph T. RHODES & Benj. RHODES 150A survey, being part of 640A patented to sd. Jacob RHODES 15Dec. 1802, Witn: Nathan WALLER, Delilah HARDESTY, July Ct. 1812.

13 July 1811-Duplin Co.,N.C.-Bk.4A, p.558

Michael BONEY of Hanover Co., (New Hanover Co.) to John E. HUSSEY Duplin Co. 13 July 1811, for \$125 lawful money 360A on the NS of Limestone Swamp, beg. at a white oak a corner of a 140A survey granted to Joseph T.RHODES, joining Jacob RHODES' line, between the White Oak & Bear Pocosin joining Loftin QUINN, being land granted to Joseph T. RHODES by patent of 21 Sept. 1785 & by him conveyed to Jacob RHODES who conveyed to Michael BONEY. Witn: John COOPER, L. HOUSTON, Oct. Ct. 1813-p.188

Source-"Records of Jones Co., N.C." by GWYNN

### **John Rhodes-notes**

DEED-24 April 1787-Duplin Co.,N.C.-Bk.1A-p.434

John RHODES to Henry MCCULLOCK, Penelope MCCULLOH and Catherine MCCULLO Hall of Duplin Co., 24 April 1787, for 5 shill. specie, a tract on the NS of Goshen Swamp & on the ES of Bear Marsh, cont. all the lands adj.to &incl. the plantation whereon the late William TAYLOR Esqr. dec'd lived, which was given by deed of gift by the sd. TAYLOR to his dau. Elizabeth, now the wife of the sd. RHODES, excepting 1A joining the end of the Mill Dam & all the privileges of the Mill Pond, & also excepting a lease of the sd. land & tenements with every part & parcel thereof the Catherine TAYLOR, relict of the sd. William TAYLOR, Esqr. mad by the sd. RHODES bearing date 23 April 1787 during his life.

Witn; Samuel BOWDEN, Frans. OLIVER, Oct. Crt. 1787

Source-Duplin co, Abstract of Deeds, 1784-1813, by DRAUGHON-p.40

See notes of Elizabeth TAYLOR

## General Joseph T. Rhodes- notes

MILITARY-RHODES, Joseph Thomas-Captain, 10th Continental Line, General, N.C., Militia--CASWELL'S list as participating in the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and states that he provided corn and fodder during the expedition. He received his first officer's appointment on 28 Nov. 1776 to a 1st Lieut. in the Wilmington District. On 1 Aug. 1777 he enlisted in the N.C. line, was transferred to the 4th N.C. Line 1 June 1778, was wounded at Stono Ferry on 10 June 1779, and served to the close of the war. On 30 Sept. 1783, he was promoted to a Brevet

Major. In N.C. Army Accounts, a pay voucher #2953 for him was in Vol. V., Bk. 11 for 31/10/6 pds .and in Bk. 176 is voucher #3673 left blank as payrolls were. Aa final entry is found in Vol. II, Bk .I, Cont'l Line, 1783, Joseph Thomas RHODES, Capt. exhibited his accounts on Oath for pay and subsistence to 1 Jan. 1782 with interest to the 1 Aug. 1783 for 1193/7/1pds. On 21 April 1784, military land warrant #606 was issued to him as a Captain allotting him 3,840 acres for his 84 months of service, Capt. IVEY picked up the warrant for Maj. RHODES.

On 3 Dec. 1812, he wrote a letter of resignation to the General Assembly as follows: "...In Dec. 1810, I was appointed to and accepted the office of Major General of the 6th Division of the Militia of this state. Since which I have been and now am, too infirm to perform all the duties attached that office. I detest the idea of resigning at a time like this when my country requires my service. There is no man living who resents more the insults of the British Nation with whom we are at War, or has a greater desire to avenge my country's field in its defense, I deem it wrong to hold an office of such importance and prevent the appointment of some gentleman who perhaps from his health and activity might be able to render his country more service..."

On 9 June 1820, his obituary appeared in the Raleigh Register: "Died at his residence in Duplin Co., N.C. on the 23 inst.; General Joseph RHODE Sin the 66th year of his age. He appeared throughout the day in his usual health having been engaged in settling some important business, and afterwards took a walk through his plantation and viewed his farm. He then returned to his house, took a seat, but after a short time fell from his chair and expired in a few minutes.

"General Joseph RHODES was one of those who, as an officer, signalized himself in the service of his country during our Rev. contest."

General RHODES was married to Mary WILLIAMS. Their children were 1) James Thomas RHODES (1773-1834) who married Mary "Polly"

FARRIOR. In the 1790 Census for Duplin Co., he was listed as Esquire with 1 person in the family and having 8 slaves. Soldier's will was taken to court for probate in 1820. He is buried where he made his home 4 miles east of Faison, N.C.

SOURCE-"Rev. War Records, Duplin & Sampson Cos., N.C., Contributions to Genealogy" by V.L.BIZZELL & Oscar M. BIZZELL, c. 1997-p.225.

1790 CENSUS-Duplin Co., N.C.

Joseph T. RHODES-1 male >16

source-USGenweb

INDENTURE-25 Aug. 1801-Davidson Co, N.C.-Tennessee

Indenture 25 Aug. 26th year of American Independence 1801, between Joseph Thomas RHODES, of Duplin Co., N.C. and Frederick BARFIELD of same place, 2000 acres of land lying in Co. of Davidson in the State of N.C. formerly...but now in the state of Tennessee...on the main West Fork of the Stones River. Beginning at West bank of said fork where the Soldiers Boundary Line crosses, commonly known as the Rutherford Line,

thence...thence with the patent line...thence.....being the upper part of a Military Grant of 3840 acres to Joseph RHODES, captain of the Continental Line bearing the date 20 May, 17th year of American Independence 1793.

witn: Wm. DICKSON, Susan DICKSON

SOURCE-D.B.-A, no.11---27 June, 1804, Davidson Co.,(N.C. ), Tenn.

Joseph Thomas RHODES to Frederick BARFIELD

<http://www.tngenweb.org/rutherford>

COURT MINUTES-N.C. Historical Commission-deed in 1801 by Wm. THOMAS to Archibald THOMAS for 200 acres of land, & proved by the oath of Joseph Thomas RHODES.

WILL of Isaac THOMAS-1803-Duplin Co., N.C. was exhibited in court & proved by the oath of Joseph Thomas RHODES and Lewis JONES, the executors.

INDENTURE-Jan. 7,1814 between Stephen BROCK & Wm. THOMAS for 100 acres of land situated on the east side of Northeast Branch of the Cape Fear River& west side of Beaver Dam Prong of Limestone Creek for a consideration of\$100. This was signed by Stephen BROCK, Sarah JOHNSTON, & Rachel BROCK and was witnessed by Joseph Thomas RHODES certified that he had examined both Sarah JOHNSTON, late widow of Solomon RHODES (son of Thomas RHODES) and her daughter Rachel BROCK, wife of Stephen BROCK.

INVENTORY OF ESTATE-1802-1809-Jones Co., N.C.

#29-Heirs of John FRANCK, deceased, with Joseph RHODES, guardian 1802thru 1809 to Edward S. FRANCK, Susanna FRANCK, Penelope FRANCK. James C.BRYAN married the widow FRANCK and her part was 1/3rd. Susanna FRANCK married Mr. HATCH and they received 1/5th of estate.

SOURCE-"Records of Jones Co.," by Gwynn-p.395

DEED-26 Aug. 1809-Duplin Co.,N.C.-Bk.4A, p.61

Joseph T. RHODES to his son James Thomas RHODES, both of Duplin co., 26Aug. 1809, for "love & affection" 264A on the SS of Goshen &WS of Bear Swamp, being part of 2 surveys in 2 tracts to wit:1)215A beg. at a black gum on the run of Bear Swamp, a corner tree of David HOOKS' land & runs along hi line, to the upper corner of a survey Henry CANNON formerly bought of Henry Eustace MCCULLOCH, to HODGES' plantation & adj. Lewis THOMAS, along his line to a cypress & hornbeam at his lower corner on the run of Bear Swamp;

2)49A adj. the 1st. tract on the NS, beg. at a pine on the road side in the line dividing the land of sd. Joseph T. RHODES & David HOOKS, to a white oak in Benjamin HODGES' line, the 3rd corner of the 1st tract, being part of a tract of 365A deeded to Joseph T. RHODES by BARFIELD, 8Aug. 1801.

Witn: William COX, Susannah HARRIS, Oct. Cr. 1809-p.61

WILL of Rachel JARMAN, 15 March 1813-Jones Co., N.C.-probated Feb. 1815

(advanced in years)

Excrs: friends; Joseph Thomas RHODES

Witn: Aron RATCLIFF, Elizabeth RATCLIFF, Joseph T. RHODES.

SOURCE-"Records of Jones Co., N.C." by Gwynn-p.424

WILL of Edward FRANCK, Jones Co.,N.C.-6 Aug. 1813

Witn: Joseph T. RHODES

Source-"Records of Jones Co., N.C." by GWYNN-p.413

WILL-26 Jan. 1816-Jul Term 1820-Duplin Co., N.C.-Bk. A, p.421

housekeeper Mary WILLIAMS land whereon I now live and all the land on the waters of Muddy Creek during her lifetime, negroes ANTHONY, CHELAY and her children HARIOT, & SQUIRE, 2 horses, my stock of cattle and hogs, one years provisions, my beds, bedsteads and furniture, loom, springs, wheels, plantation tools, household & kitchen furniture, the work and use of negroes POMPEY, PHILUS, NED, LEWIS, ALECK, JACK & JO; son James Thomas land and plantation Goshen, negroes JUPITER, NELL, DANIEL, BECK, & HANNAH; niece Elizabeth BOSTICK negro PEGGEY; negro ARTHUR in possession of my brother John to labor for said John F.'s wife and children; 100 acres on the north side of Limestone brought at Sheriff's sale commonly called the Murray place to brother John Felix and after his death to my nephew JOSEPH; negro GEREWY wait in the house to my wife or house keeper called Mary WILLIAMS; son James T., negroes POMPEY, PHEBE & ALECK after the death of my wife or housekeeper; grandson (not named) negroes LEWIS, JACK & JO, after the death of my wife or housekeeper; grandson Joseph T. negro GEREWY after the death of my wife or housekeeper also the land and plantation whereon I now live and 200 acres on Mudd Creek; negro PETER, his wife HEZIAH and their children PEARCE, CASTER, ZILPHA, KILLIS, SAM & JINSEY sold along with 290 acres on Limestone and every other tract of land on the waters of limestone on the north side to pay debts and residue divided between my nephews Joseph NEWKIRK, Joseph POWEEL, and Joseph RHODES; wife or housekeeper Mary WILLIAMS my stock of sheep, my fowls, a yoke or oxen and cart, the gear and slays belonging to the loom; son James T., negro GEORGE & he to take and support an old negro named ROZE as long as she lives; wife or housekeeper Mary WILLIAMS my riding chair and harness, one mare, saddle and side saddle; grandson Joseph T. 200 acres lying between Muddy Creek and Limestone it being part of 400 acres.

exectrs; brother Jacob R., Andrew MCINTIRE, Esq.

Witn; Nathan WALLER, Amos J. WALLER

signed: Josephus T. RHODES

Source-"Duplin Co. Wills, 1730-1860" by Wm. MURPHY

FAMILY HISTORY-General Joseph Thomas RHODES one of the several children of Benjamin RHODES & Rachel THOMAS, daughter of William THOMAS, senior-was born in the year 1754. "General RHODES was a staunch American patriot and entered the Rev. War as a Lieutenant in the 18th N.C .Regiment of the Continental (regular) Army. The next year, 1777, he was a Captain in the 10th Regiment of the regular army. He was a brave soldier and strongly devoted to the cause. Special mention has been made of his bravery and that of a company of Duplin soldiers in the battle of Eutaw Springs, S.C. They were assigned to an important and dangerous point in the line of action and captured several field pieces. After long and hard fighting they were able to save only one piece, the others being recaptured by superior numbers in the British line. The company suffered severely. Many of the men were killed or wounded and only 3 of the number were untouched. It has been said that Eutaw Springs was the hardest fought battle of the war for the number of soldiers involved. Soon after the war General RHODES received grants from the state for large tracts of land on Limestone and Muddy Creeks and it is thought that they were for military services. He became actively interested in the civic affairs of his county and was elected and served as a member of the State House of Commons for most of the time from 1785 to 1796 when he became a member of the State Senate and served in that capacity with few intermissions until the year 1809. At various times, when not a member of the House or Senate, he served his County as Chairman of the County Court and was an able presiding officer. Altogether, he was in public service for a period of about thirty years. During his last years he was known as General RHODES and it is thought that the title was earned in the State militia service.

Joseph Thomas RHODES was commissioned lieutenant in the 8th N.C. Regiment, Continental Line, Nov. 28, 1776, and Capt. in the 10th

Reg., Aug. 1, 1777. He was a member of the House of Commons,N.C.1785-1787, 1791, 1793, 1794 & member of the Senate, N.C. 1796-1798, 1805,1808, 1809. see "Colonial Records of N.C., Vol. X, p.943. Vol. XV, p.786,Vol.XVI, p.1150, Vol. XVII, p.1049

SOURCE-"Colonists of Carolina" by Blanche H. Abee-p.1

Joseph Thomas RHODES, ex. son Wm. Thomas & Benj. RHODES p.2 89

"Reeves, Mercer, Newkirk" by Lillian Reeves Wyatt, p. 289

## **Solomon Rhodes-notes**

WILL-19 Dec. 1799-Jan. Term 1800-Duplin Co., N.C.-(CR.035.801.10/A-407)

Wife Sarah my beds and all the furniture thereunto belonging; wife Sarah and dau. Rachel to equally divide my stock of hogs and cattle; also my household furniture and my dau.'s dividend sold at 6 months credit and money be put at Interest; wife Sarah my plantation tools.

extr: Joseph Thomas RHODES

Witn: Benjamin RHODES, Joseph T. RHODES

signed: Solomon RHODES

Source-"Duplin co., Wills, 1730-1860" by Wm. Murphy-p.143