Westmoreland County, VA - Map with Notes - (revised 5 14 17)



Notes: John Garner moved with this family from Northumberland to Westmoreland County, created from Northumberland in 1653, in about 1672. From accounts, land records, and other research several of his holdings in the county were generally northeast of the present village of Kinsale (see attached detail map, attached to this tree), first christened as "Geann saile". Irish for "head of salt water" in 1706. It had deep water and was a likely site of shipping much earlier perhaps one reason for John's move, and the speculation that no land was left on Cherry Point Neck for John to acquire. Land on Horn Point, northwest of Kinsale, was purchased by John and son Vincent in 1694/5, and later left to Vincent The extent of his acreage here overall (Westmoreland alone) by his death in 1702 is unknown, but was twelve hundred to perhaps sixteen hundred. For reference, an approximate 800 acre box is shown. From the various records, his lands were not all contiguous and/or adjacent. "China Hall" is noted, built by great grandson George Garner in 1781 and now "Kirnan", on 400 acres first left to son Henry. "Garners" are also noted as buried somewhere on that property, who, and John and his son John Jr. built and owned a mill dam and grist mill by about 1698 on what is now Kinsale Creek on the southeast corner of John's "Dwelling Plantation", the location of the remnant of the millpond shown Yeocomico Church, noted, was built in 1655 and rebuilt in brick in 1706 very possibly by John Garner Jr. Although no records are found for John or his sons attending (including John Jr.), his possible son-in-law, Samuel Rust and wife Martha Garner (unconfirmed) Rust, did attend. Their burial vault, noted, was rediscovered in 2007. Nominy Church is noted, the second built in Cople Parish in 1704, but no known Garners attended. "Gardner's Creek" is noted to the northwest, the date of its naming unknown, but very likely for John Garner Jr who owned at least 500 acres of land north of the creek on what is today Cole's Point Neck (not shown). Per one account, it was once "Garner's Creek", but changed due to a later mapmaker's error. Lastly, Zion Baptist Church is shown, the first place of worship a lean-to in a dogwood bush arbor on a farm near Tucker Hill near which a log cabin building was constructed in 1867. Established as a wholly segregated Afro-American church after the Civil War, the current structure includes a cemetery where fourteen Garners are now interred. the last in 1997, and all most certainly descendants of the Garner slaves owned by John's offspring and descendants. See noted insert detail map, attached, and other photos and narratives attached to this tree for further information.

Date: Current, with historic references

Description: A partial map of the county adjoining Northumberland across the Yeocomico River, with locations and notes added as related to John Garner and his family, John's primary land holdings NE of the present village of Kinsale. John and Susanna both died here and are likely buried somewhere on what was once their plantation, that burial location now lost. For additional details on "China Hall", plus photos, see Capt George Garner's page, and for details and a photo of the Samuel and Martha Rust vault, see her tree page. Annual profits of a grist mill, his on what is today Kinsale Creek, were calculated at perhaps 4000 pounds of tobacco at this time. So, between the sloop Outcry, this mill, and the tobacco and other crops grown on his lands, he appeared now wealthy. With the Outcry likely based in what would become Kinsale, the vessel had ready access to Northumberland County and St. Mary's County, MD as well and various mills in VA are noted in records as grinding corn and wheat for MD. With all this possible d

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