

## Cooks & Related Families in Surry County, NC Tax lists

### 1767 Tax List – Rowan County

This tax list is incomplete, and lists only two Cooks: **Cornelius Cook Sr.** and **Thomas Cook**. Rowan County included all or part of nearly 30 present counties.

### 1768 Tax List – Rowan County

One of several of the 1768 tax lists covered some part of what was about to become Surry County. For the tax lists through 1775, tithables were males over 16 and certain slaves.

Jacob Laesch's List (which included large portions of present Surry and Yadkin Counties.)

*[These entries consecutive, apparently located in or near present Stokes County]*

Charles Angel – 1

**Henry Cook** & for John Miller – 2

William Poole & son John Poole & **James, William, & Thomas Cook** – 5

*[This among a list of persons in present Surry County]*

**Wm. Nichols Cook** - 1

### Circa 1768 Tax List – Rowan County

Although this list is often represented to be a 1768 tax list, there is no date on the list and therefore date is actually undetermined. It is properly viewed as a list of “about” 1768. The Rowan court record assigning justices to the tax districts for the 1768 tax did not assign this district to Gideon Wright, thus it is more likely a 1769 or 1770 list. Also note that the list is certainly for what would later be Surry, for the act creating Surry County in 1770 (to be effective in 1771) required that the court be held at Gideon Wright's house until a courthouse could be built.

Gideon Wright's list (which included parts of present Yadkin, Surry and Wilkes Counties)

Ambrose Bramlet 1

Jno. Shores - 1

**Nichols Cook** – 1 [*erroneously transcribed as “Nicholas” but is “Nichols” in the original*]

Wm Burch - 1

Wm Ridge - 4

## 1771 Tax List (the first tax list for Surry County)

The original lists, now lost, were copied into an alphabetical combined list for the entire county. Only names and polls are listed, which include:

Henry, William & John Burch

Martin Burch

Benjamin Burch

James & William Meredith

Several Martins

Several Cockerhams

Ambrose Bramlet - 1

**Cornelius Cook** – 1

**Henry Cook** – 1

**Abel Cook** – 4

**Joshua Cooks** – 2 [“Cox”?]

**William Nichols Cook** – 1 [*this entry was misfiled under “N”s when list was alphabetized*]

## 1774 Tax List

This list is in enumeration sequence by district, with names and polls only. Locations are deduced from the land locations of polltakers and the known locations of a few entries. Tithables are males over 16 and certain slaves.

### Martin Armstrong’s district (present Yadkin County)

Joseph Williams, Robert Lanier, John Harrison, John Robertson + five Negroes - 9

### Gray Bynum’s district (present Stokes)

**John Cook** – 1

Charles Angle & son Charles – 2 [*consecutive with next entry*]

**Abel Cook & brothers John, William, Thomas** – 4

### McAnnally’s district (lower Stokes)

James Meredith & son Tom - 2

**Henry Cook** – 1 [*consecutive with next entry*]

**Cornelius Cook** – 1

Moses Martin & sons James, John, Moses – 4

### Bonn’s district (upper Forsyth, part of Stokes, part of the Moravian area)

Joshua Cox and negroe Cook – 2

### Deatheredge’s district (present Stokes, mostly upper)

Richard Cox – 1

Joshua Cox & negro – 2 [counted twice?]

Benjamin Cleaveland's district (Wilkes & upper Surry)

David Martin & Salathiel Martin – 2

Samuel Scritchfield & Nathaniel, Arthur, John Scritchfield – 4

Reuben Shores & William Shores – 2

**Richard Cook** (Cox) – 1 [one name separates from next entry]

**Joshua Cook** (Cox) – 1 [these two are Cox from later records]

Samuel Freeman's district (central Surry and upper Yadkin along river)

Olliver Robards & Jesse Sunley, **John Cook**, Thomas Pagit & two Negroes – 6<sup>1</sup>

Burel Bruer – 1

Ambrose Bramlet – 1

**William Nickles Cook & John Cook** – 2 [this John Cook might be counted twice]

David Riggs – 1

William Ridge, Godfrey Ridge & negroes Hanner & Cato – 1

John Burch & William Burch – 2

Joseph Johnson – 1

## 1775 Tax List

All of the tax lists to and including this point counted tithables – males over 16 and certain slaves. Only three of the districts survive, covering perhaps 25% of the population of the county. Two of these lists have Cooks:

Hudspeth's district (lower Surry & along part of the Yadkin River):

**Richard Cook** & Joseph Warburton – 2

Boman Cast & **John Cooke** – 2

Richard Murphy's district (apparently present Yadkin)

William Critchfield – 1 [consecutive with next entry]

John Critchfield – 1

William Burch – 1

John Cook & 3 negroes James, Jo & James (sic) – 4

Samuel Critchfield – 1 [consecutive with next entry]

Nathaniel Critchfield – 1

**Nichols Cook** – 1 [consecutive with next entry]

William Ridge – 1

Arther [sic] Critchfield – 1

Joseph Johnson - 1

John Burch, William Burch – 2

John Critchfield – 1 [note this is a second John Critchfield]

John Shours – 1

William Shours – 1

Reuben Shores - 1

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<sup>1</sup> Note that Oliver Robards (Olive Roberts) also appears on this list separately.

## 1782 Tax List

The lists for 1776-1781 are lost. This is the next surviving list after 1775. Note that Wilkes County was formed from Surry in 1777, thus no Wilkes County residents should be in these lists. Polls are not listed in this tax list – only taxable land, horses & mules, and cattle.

### Salathiel Martin's district:

Reuben Shores	350 SS Yadkin River 200a Deep Crk
Salathiel Martin	230a Grassy Crk
Mary Martin	640a NS Yadkin

(6 names intervene on Pipes Creek, Cobbs Creek and Hunting Creek)

<b>William N. Cook</b>	100a SS Yadkin (3 horses & mules, 2 cattle) 200a Pheasant Branch
John Hurt	300a SS Yadkin River
Wm Clark	(no land)
David Clark	(no land)
Richard Gentry	200a Fox Nobs
William McBride	250a Reed Crk
Zachariah Spurlin	100a Fox Nobs
<b>John Cook</b>	(no land, 5 horses, 11 cattle)
Amos Kilburn	150a Grassy Crk
Nathan Carter	200a Grassy Crk
Olive Roberts	300a SS Yadkin River
Thomas Bullock	(no land)
John Pipes Jr.	100a SS Yadkin
William T. Lewis	950a Yadkin Rv 1150a Brushy Mt 200a Turkey Crk 150a Camp Crk 100a Tallys Crk 100a Carters Branch

(4 names intervene on Reed Crk, Fox Nobs)

William Silvia	200a NS Yadkin
Amos Pugh	(no land)
<b>William Cook</b>	500a SS Yadkin (plus 4 horses, 12 cattle) [ <i>see land grant 1778</i> ]
Manassah McBride	(no land)
<b>William Cook Jr.</b>	400a joining Wm. McBride line (plus 2 horses, 4 cattle)
David Herriman	750a Fox Nobs

Humphrey Cockram      150a Pipes Crk  
200a Reeds Crk

(25 names intervene on Reed Creek, Pine Swamp, Wilkes Co., Fox Nobs, Fall Creek, Brushy Mtn, Peach Bottom Creek, Deep Creek, and Turkey Creek)

John Combs              400a NS Yadkin  
Winney Ridge          (no land)  
Peter Salley             386a SS Yadkin  
Benjamin Allen        300a Waters of B. Elkin  
David Allen             1280a NS Yadkin  
450a B. Elkin  
William Shores        (no land)  
John McConnel        140a branch Yadkin Rv  
John Shores            (no land) – enumerated as single man

(several remaining names complete the district)

Ambrose Blackburn's District: (Central part of present-day Stokes County)

Listed consecutively...

**Thomas Cook**              250a Neatmans Crk – 1 horse – enumerated as single man  
**William Cook**             (no land) – 4 horses  
**John Cook**                (no land) – 1 horse – enumerated as single man

(43 names intervene on Neatmans Creek, Dan River, Flat Shoal, and Town Fork)

Amb. Blackburn Jr.  
for **Mary Cook**            300a Neatman(sic) Crk – 4 horses, 16 cattle  
Anthony Collins        100a Neatman Crk  
**Able Cook**                (no land) – 3 horses – enumerated as single man

Henry Cook's District: (Extreme eastern part of lower Stokes and upper Forsyth, adjacent Guilford County)

**William Cook** (single man) 100a Blews Crk – 2 horses – enumerated as single man  
(29 names intervene)  
**Henry Cook**              (no land, but listed on Blews Crk) – 5 horses, 11 cattle

??? District (southern part of present-day Yadkin):

**William Cook**              100a Hunting Crk – 2 horses, 4 cattle [*This is Reverend  
William Cook*]  
(6 names intervene on Hunting and Deep Crks)  
**Joshua Cook**             300a Waters Deep Crk – 3 horses, 4 cattle

Also, there is “Names of persons in Dyers Dist. By **William Cook**”, which includes a few dozen names on both the north and south sides of the Yadkin, and the Fall Creek area. Among these names are Amos, William, Joshua, and Nathaniel Critchfield; William, Charles, and Nathan Brewer; Isaac Emanuel Jr., and Nathaniel and Joseph Woodruff. Perhaps other names of significance that I did not copy.

### 1784 – 1785 – 1786 Tax Lists (Selected districts)

Polls were males over 21 during this period. Exemptions for age were not established by law, and were left up to the county court.

	<u>1784</u>	<u>1785</u>	<u>1786</u>
<u>Adkins District</u> (upper present Yadkin County)			
<b>William Cook</b>	500-1-5	500-1-5	500-1-5

<u>Lewis’s District</u> (upper present Yadkin County):			
<b>William N. Cook<sup>2</sup></b>	300 – 1	300 – 2	100 – 1
<b>Stage Cook</b>	0-1	320-1	(not found)
<b>William Cook Jr.</b>	400-1	400-1	400-1
<b>John Cook</b>	(not found)	(not found)	320-1

Note: It is not clear how these two districts were defined. Both Lewis’ and Adkins’ districts had been combined into Salathiel Martin’s district until 1783, and both were mainly or entirely south of the Yadkin River. It also appears that most of Dyer’s district of 1782 had been folded into both. Lewis’s District was the westernmost, as it included Cobbs Creek and a number of people living in Wilkes County, while Adkin’s district included Pipes Creek. Thus it appears that Adkins’ is east of some creek and Lewis’s is west of that creek.

#### Hill’s District (Germantown., Walkertown area of Stokes County)

<b>William Cook</b>	0-0	[blank]	0-1
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[The court records for August 1787 note that William Cook of Hill’s district was delinquent and had moved out of the county.]

#### Blackburn’s District (Neatman’s Creek area of Stokes County)

<b>Thomas Cook</b>	250-1	155-1	155-3
<b>William Cook</b>	0-1	0-1	100-1
<b>Mary Cook</b>	300-0	300-0	0-0
<b>John Cook</b>	0-1	0-1	(not found)
<b>Abel Cook</b>	0-1	(not found)	(not found)

[In 1785 Mary is listed under Thomas as “his mother”.]

#### Humphrey’s District (sw of Mt Airy, northeastern Surry)

<b>William Cook</b>	200-1	200-2	200-1
<b>James Cook</b>		40-1	

<sup>2</sup> His name is written slightly differently each year.

Gain's District (northwestern Stokes County)

**James Cook** 130-1

Right's District (deep creek area of southern Yadkin County)

**Josua(sic) Cook** 130-1 (not found) (not found)

Cook's District (eastern part of Stokes County on county line with Guilford County)

**Henry Cook** [list missing] 460-1 460-1

[The 1785 list notes that 150a were in Guilford County.]

**1790-1800 Surry Tax Lists – Selected Districts**

The lists for 1787-1789 are missing. By 1790 Stokes County had been formed and several prior districts are now in Stokes. The specific geography of each district below changed slightly from year to year. The entries below are in the format “acreage – white polls – black polls”; e.g., 300-1 means 300 acres and one white poll. For 1791-1793 it appears white and black polls were combined – I don't recall whether that was my transcription or whether the list did not differentiate, but I think the latter. Polls were males over 21 during this period. Age exemption is uncertain – it was pegged at age 50 by law in 1801, but prior to that time was set individually.

	<u>1790</u>	<u>1791</u>	<u>1792</u>	<u>1793</u>	<u>1794</u>
<u>Benges District:</u>					
<b>William N. Cook</b> <sup>3</sup>	100-0	100-0	100-0	(not found)	100-0
<b>William Cook Junior</b>	133-1-2	140-3	142-3	242-4	250-1-2
<b>John Cook</b>	320-1	320-1	320-1	320-1	320-1
<b>Stage Cook</b> <sup>4</sup>	(not found)	0-1	(not found)	100-1	(not found)
<b>William Cook Senior</b>	(in Meredith's)	(in Burch's)	975-7	875-6	(blank) <sup>5</sup>
<b>Phillip Cook</b>		(in Burch's)	0-1	(in Burch's)	(in Burch's)
<b>David Cook</b>				300-3	300-1-2

Meredith's District:

**William Cook** 750-2-5  
Ridge orphans 200-0

Burch's District:

**William Cook Senior** 750-6  
Ridge orphans 200-0  
**Phillip Cook** 0-1 0-1 150-1

<sup>3</sup> Variously given as Wm. Nicholas, Nicholas Wm., N. William, William Nicholas, W. Nicholas

<sup>4</sup> Variously spelled Estage, Astage, Astadge, Stage

<sup>5</sup> “Ridge's orphans” listed under William Cook Sr. Both entries are blank.

	<u>1795</u>	<u>1796</u>	<u>1797</u>	<u>1798</u>	<u>1800</u>
<u>Willbourn's District:</u>					
<b>William Cook Senior</b>	450-1-5	450-2-5	450-1-4	550-1-5	450-0-3
<b>David Cook</b>	300-1-2	300-1-2	300-1-2	300-1-2	300-1-2
<b>William Cook Junior</b>	242-1-2	242-2-2	242-1-2	243-1-2	242-1-2
<b>John Cook</b>	508-1	511-2	509-2	509-2	509-1
<b>William N. Cook</b>	100-0	100-2 <sup>6</sup>	100-0	100-0	100-0
<b>Grove Cook</b>	0-1	0-1	0-1	342-1	349-1
<b>Stage Cook</b>	0-1	(not found)	0-1	275-1	275-1
<b>Peyton Cook</b>				0-1	0-1
Peter Downey <sup>7</sup>	100-0	100-0	100-0	(not found)	100-1
Abraham Downey	175-1	175-1	175-1	175-1	175-2
James Downey	250-1	100-0	(not found)	(not found)	0-1
Samuel Downey	125-1	125-0 <sup>8</sup>	125-1	225-1	275-1
Daniel DeJarnette			0- 1	27-1	27-1
<u>Burch's District:</u>					
<b>Phillip Cook<sup>9</sup></b>					200-1

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<sup>6</sup> He appealed one of these polls in court and was relieved of tax for the second poll.

<sup>7</sup> Only looked up Downeys in 1794, not before. Only difference from 1795 is Abraham had 475a and James had 200a.

<sup>8</sup> Listed as "constable" in 1796. Possibly exempt for that reason?

<sup>9</sup> Did not look for this name 1795-1799



## 1812 – 1821 Selected Tax Lists

The next surviving list after 1800 is in 1812. Unless noted as “not found” a blank entry does not mean the person did not appear, only that I did not note the entry.

	<u>1812</u>	<u>1815</u>	<u>1816</u>	<u>1820</u>	<u>1821</u>
<u>Martin’s District:</u>					
<b>Keziah Cook</b>	225-0	225-0-3	225-3	225-0-10	125-2 <sup>10</sup>
<b>Isaac Cook</b>	520-2	510-1-2 <sup>11</sup>	670-0-0	580-3-1	670-1-1
<b>William Cook</b>					454-1-0
Daniel DeJarnette	75-1				
Ezekiel Hendrick	450-1	298-0-0			
John Hurt	200-1				
Joseph Johnson	169-1				
Samuel McBride	402-1				
Daniel McBride	243-1				
Martin McBride	-1				
Daniel Cockerham	341-1	490-0-2	341-0-2	341-0-2	341-0-2
William Brewer	305-1	216-1			
John Brewer	80-1				
Simeon Shores	50-0				
Abiram Shores	225-1				
Levi Shores	225-1				
William Burch	(not found)	150-0			

<sup>10</sup> This entry is “The Est. of Wm Cook dec’d”. Not clear who the two white polls are. 125a is probably a typo, since taxable value is same as in 1820.

<sup>11</sup> This entry reads “Isaac Cook for self and mother”. All of Isaac Cook’s lists included 320a on N. side of Yadkin. Listed with various other parcels not apparently adjacent.