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## ABSTRACT

On behalf of Prince William County, Dovetail Cultural Resource Group (Dovetail) conducted oral history interviews, genealogical research, and property research with current and former residents of the unincorporated village of Thoroughfare in Broad Run, Virginia. This work commenced in the fall of 2021 and continued into the spring of 2022. This project built upon existing historical research and studies compiled for the Thoroughfare Historic District, including archaeological and architectural resources in the surrounding area.

This report summarizes the oral histories and archival research associated with the individuals interviewed during this effort—all of whom are descendants of long-time residents in the community. The information obtained from this oral history project adds notable data to the understanding of Thoroughfare’s historical development and occupation as well as the architectural, archaeological, and landscape features that reflect its historic significance as a rural village established in northwestern Prince William County after the Civil War.

The Thoroughfare Historic District contains a postbellum community founded by a mix of free and formerly enslaved people of color as well as Native Americans who purchased property, erected houses, established businesses, and created communal resources that have been passed down through several generations. The land which they were deeded were parcels from former plantations. Additional information on the district and historical significance of this community has been recorded with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and compiled within a Preliminary Information Form (PIF) presented to the State Review Board in June 2022, at which time the Thoroughfare Historic District (identified with the DHR ID 076-5150) was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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## **INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY**

On behalf of Prince William County (the County), Dovetail Cultural Resource Group (Dovetail) conducted oral interviews, genealogical research, and property research with residents of the unincorporated village of Thoroughfare in Broad Run, Virginia, in the fall of 2021 through the spring of 2022. The project area encompassed a rural community known as Thoroughfare that became an enclave for people of color after the Civil War and throughout the mid-twentieth century. Free and formerly enslaved individuals as well as those of Native American descent established a community around “Thoroughfare Station” on the Manassas Gap Railroad (MGRR), now Norfolk Southern Railroad, purchasing small tracts of land and erecting dwellings, stores, and communal buildings that continue to serve their descendants today.

### **Project Background Information**

The rural village of Thoroughfare, Virginia, was initially documented as a historic district with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) in the mid-1990s and has been increasingly noted by local historians in print and in the archival records at local repositories. A greater awareness of the history of Thoroughfare was generated by many area residents and their descendants who protested against large-scale development projects in the 1990s and 2000s, including a Walt Disney Company theme park known as “Disney’s America” and Dominion Valley racetrack. Neither project came to fruition, while knowledge of the area’s historical value was maintained in the cultural consciousness.

In 2021, Prince William County officials, Dovetail staff, and local residents worked to further study the area’s history and historic cultural resources through the Thoroughfare Historic District recordation project. This called for the compilation of roughly a dozen oral histories, defining the historic district boundaries, a reconnaissance-level architectural survey of the properties located within the historic district boundaries and preparation of a Preliminary Information Form (PIF), and an archaeological assessment in the proposed district. This report details the oral history component of this documentation project.

### **Oral History Project and Methodology**

Working with the County and community partners, 11 individuals connected to Thoroughfare volunteered to give an oral history to assist in the documentation of the people, events, places, and historical significance of the Thoroughfare Historic District (DHR ID 076-5150). These oral histories generated dialogue around the history of the area, including social events, buildings, and landscapes, as well as the individuals and families that nurtured the community throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century.

The goal of this research was to place each participant within the broader context of Thoroughfare’s history and illustrate the physical contributions made by their ancestors in the community’s physical development. Data from these histories was used to supplement

information to support a PIF and a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility recommendation prepared by Dovetail staff in association with this project. As the first step in the NRHP nomination process in Virginia, the PIF was presented to the State Review Board in June 2022, which resulted in the district being determined eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with important local events related to the establishment and development of the village of Thoroughfare, illustrating new patterns of dispersed settlement in the Postbellum period, and also for its association with important social and ethnic trends led by its African American and mixed-race citizens, which resulted in greater autonomy for its residents and supported the socio-economic growth of this and other rural Prince William County communities of color into the twentieth century

The oral history interviews were conducted between October 2021 and April 2022 by Dovetail historian and architectural historian, Danae Peckler. Mrs. Peckler meets and exceeds the professional qualifications for Historian and standards established by the Secretary of the Interior. In-person, virtual, and telephone interviews were conducted during this project. Each interview was recorded using an audio and/or video device. Each participant volunteered to share their story and consented to its legal use in preparing documents associated with this project. The list of potential interview questions was provided in advance to each participant along with a legal release form (copies of these documents are provided in Appendix A). The questions were organized thematically and began by focusing on the individual's lives and their family's history as it related to the community. Subsequent questions related to Thoroughfare's history including important individuals, events, buildings, or landscape features. Several candidates opted to participate in a group interview with other members of their family. Many participants shared supporting documents including photographs, records, and memorabilia detailing their lives in Thoroughfare. Each interview took its own course following the content and tone of the subject(s) being discussed and lasted between one and a half to two and a half hours.

A brief summary of each individual's oral history is included with the results of genealogical and property research in the body of this report. Copies of the raw audio visual files and transcripts of each interview, edited for clarity, along with gathered archival data specific to this effort, are available from the Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation and other local repositories to assist future research.

The selected parcels and properties researched for interviewed candidates is known to have been owned or occupied by their ancestors, or is specifically related to the history shared during their interview. This research reviewed various historic land, court, probate, and tax records, previous cultural resource investigations, local history publications, and additional information provided by area residents to create a chain of title for the selected parcels. Records consulted during this work were viewed at local repositories like the Prince William County Circuit Clerk's Office, the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC) Room at Prince William County's Central Library, and the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County as well as online. Electronic repositories were also utilized including, but are not limited to, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Newspapers.com, the Washington, D.C., Public Library, and Library of Virginia, and the Library of Congress. Each chain of title starts with the current parcel data and extends to a point in time prior to its association with the candidate's ancestors;

additional information on properties in and around Thoroughfare Historic District is included in Appendix B to provide historic context and aid future research.

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## ORAL HISTORY SUMMARIES

Dovetail staff interviewed 11 residents or former Thoroughfare residents as part of the Thoroughfare Historic District Recordation Project. Each individual volunteered to participate, sharing their personal experience and knowledge of Thoroughfare and the people, events, and places that comprise the community's history. Several candidates opted to participate in group interviews with members of their family. Many also shared supporting documents including photographs, records, and memorabilia detailing the lives of Thoroughfare residents. This section of the report features brief summaries of each individual's oral history interview, including biographical information, stories from their life's experience and those of their ancestors in Thoroughfare, and other data pertaining to their family's historic connections to the community. Each summary is supplemented by supporting documentation provided by the candidates as well as information derived from genealogical and property research. This includes family trees generated from a variety of primary sources, such as census, birth, marriage, and death records, followed by a table containing the chain of property research.

The summaries are presented in kinship groups to illustrate each individual's historical and genealogical connections to the Thoroughfare community. This includes the following candidates in order, beginning with first cousins: Donald Christian and Gina Allen-Thomas, who simultaneously interviewed with Gina's daughter, Daneylle Thomas-Jeudi. Donald and Gina are great-great-grandchildren of Alexander and Mahala Johnson, two of Thoroughfare's earliest African American property owners and founders of its first church, the Oakrum Baptist Church.

The second group begins with the Fields family, including the eldest oral history candidate: Willie Fields. Interviewed with Mr. Fields were three children of his late brother: Deborah, Ernestine, and Gregory Fields. The Fields are related to the following pair of interviewees, Harvey Allen-Jones and Victoria Price, through their maternal connections to other prominent early Thoroughfare residents: Cornelius and Mary Susan Allen, and her parents, Frank and Katherine Fletcher. Cornelius Allen, a Pamunkey Indian, became Frank Fletcher's son-in-law, as did another of Victoria Price's ancestors, John Edward Andrew Peyton—all three of these men worked as carpenters in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century and purchased property in Thoroughfare close to its railroad station in the 1880s.

The last grouping includes the Reverend Dulany Washington, who is also related to Cornelius and Mary Susan Allen as well as the Fetters on his father's side of the family, and his mother, Isabell Washington, who still resides in the house she built with her late husband, on Thoroughfare Road. Isabell's maternal ancestors include long-time area residents like "free born" African Americans, Joseph and Lucretia (a.k.a. Lucinda) Thomas. Isabell's paternal ancestors resided for generations in a nearby village on the other side of Thoroughfare Gap over the county line into Fauquier County, known as The Plains.

## Donald Christian

On November 7, 2021, Danae Peckler interviewed Donald Henry Christian. Donald was born on April 1, 1941 in Washington, D.C., to William Francis Christian II (1919–1972) and Thelma Marie Simmons (1920–1974). Both of his parents were born in D.C. His father worked at a department store as a clerk and enjoyed playing the saxophone. His mother worked as a secretary at the United States Marine Corps barracks in D.C. and was the pianist for their church. She also enjoyed dancing and listening to jazz music and was a good athlete.

Growing up, Donald's family would make near weekly trips to Thoroughfare, spending Saturdays at his maternal grandparent's house with his grandfather, Thorton Henry Simmons [Sr.] (1897/98–1984), and grandmother, Mary Ann Bigelow Simmons (1899–1978). Thorton Henry Simmons was born around 1898 and dropped out of Armstrong High School (a.k.a. Armstrong Manual Training School in D.C.) around the age of 15. He then left home to work in a coal mine in Pittsburgh to help with the family expenses. When he moved back to the area, he wore many different hats, serving as President of the Deacon Board at Oakrum Baptist Church, which was founded by one of Donald's great-great-uncles. Thorton H. Simmons also ran his own trucking company, owning a moving truck, van, and an ash truck. As he got older, he went blind from glaucoma, but was fond of listening to his children and grandchildren talk about D.C. politics and current events.

Donald's grandmother, Mary Ann Bigelow, was originally from North Carolina. At the age of 13 she moved to the area around Thoroughfare and met Thorton Simmons while they attended school. Donald remembered his grandmother always carried a .32 pistol and that they had a piano in their house in Thoroughfare that was formerly used for Sunday services before the church was built. Thorton Henry Simmons' parents were William Marshall Simmons (1872–1950) and Fannie Johnson Simmons (circa 1874–1949). Fannie was said to be of Cherokee descent and had high-cheek bones and straight hair. Donald himself identifies as Black Indian. Fannie's father, Alexander Johnson (circa 1812–circa 1905; also seen as Alexandria) was one of the founders of Oakrum Baptist Church. William Marshall Simmons' father, Hayward Simmons (circa 1842–circa 1910s), was born in Duplin County, North Carolina and was mustered into the U.S. Colored Infantry at Faison's Depot in March 1865, serving in Company F of the 37th Regiment (Ancestry.com 2022c).

Donald's paternal grandparents were William Francis Christian, Sr. (1896–1972) and Madeline Abey Christian (1895–1970), from Frederick County, Maryland. His grandfather, William Christian, is believed to have come there from St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Donald spent several of his childhood summers working and living at the farm of Spanish-American War veteran, Thomas Berry, in Thoroughfare. Thomas Berry fought alongside the Rough Riders during the Battle of San Juan Hill and had a large house with many bedrooms on his farm situated on the south side of the railroad and east side of what is now Thoroughfare Road. Donald worked Berry's farm along with four or more other boys each summer and every morning they would wake at 6:00 A.M. to fetch cows from the pasture and take them to the barn for milking. Afterwards, they all had breakfast in Berry's house before feeding the pigs and chickens. Then they worked in the fields, growing mostly corn and wheat. By around noon, their chores were finished, and they had the rest of the day to themselves. Sometimes they rode



horses to swim in Berry's pond on the property or played baseball. Donald recalled that on Sundays they made ice cream in an old churn and attended church. When Donald was a teenager, he stopped working at Tom Berry's, but continued to stay with his grandparents in Thoroughfare for long periods of time during the summer.

He fondly remembers day-long bike rides with friends throughout the area, riding through Thoroughfare Gap and travelling to towns like Warrenton and Melbourne, and playing baseball. He also attended local baseball matches organized by his cousin, Pete Nickens, on Sundays after church where teams from neighboring communities would play against a nine or two from Thoroughfare. Pete Nickens was the manager, catcher, coach, and the cashier for these games, but Donald also recalled that Howard Cornelius Washington (1936–2008), the husband of Isabell Washington whose nickname was "Sonny," was revered locally as an outstanding ballplayer.

Donald attended St. Augustine's University in North Carolina and studied Elementary Education. At a young age he was inspired by his sixth-grade teacher who was his first male teacher and as he remembers would play ball with the kids during recess. However, Donald would not realize his goal to be a teacher, rather he joined the D.C. Police Department and worked there for 35 years.

He also talked about annual "Homecomings" held at Oakrum Baptist Church every summer, generally on the second Sunday in August. This event was regularly attended by former Thoroughfare residents and family relations, including Donald's from Washington, D.C., to visit the community and celebrate together. So many Thoroughfare residents had moved to D.C., that a group in the church was formed, known as "The D.C. Club." Some of its members would commute back and forth between Thoroughfare and the D.C. area for work on a daily or weekly basis.

Donald remembers his grandparents' house being jacked up and moved when Route 66 was constructed. The new roadway was planned to pass right through their living room and a portion of their property was seized through eminent domain. The Simmons House was relocated to its present location (now addressed at 17016 John Marshall Highway, DHR ID 076-6052) in June 1966. The house was of masonry construction, built and designed in the 1950s by his uncle, Thorton H. Simmons [Jr.], who was an architectural engineer.

When asked what modern issues he cares about most, gentrification and encroaching new development came to mind. He mentioned new homes and a Home Depot recently built in Thoroughfare where farmland previously existed. He also noted that a cousin and his brother had relocated from the area for employment or the perception of better opportunities for their families, yet their descendants continue to maintain connections with relatives and celebrate their heritage here.

Donald provided many photos showing family members, events, and important places within the community, several of which are included in this report (Figure 1–Figure 6, pp. 8–10). Additional genealogical research is included in this section of the report (Figure 7, p. 11). Also included is the "Chain of Title Associated with Donald Christian: Simmons-Johnson Family Cemetery (DHR ID 076-6049), 17012 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia" (p. 12).



Figure 1: Historic Photographs Showing Simmons House Being Moved in June 1966, Courtesy of Donald Christian.



Figure 2: August 28, 1933, Photograph Courtesy of Donald Christian. From left to right: his grandmother (Mary Ann Bigelow Simmons), mother (Thelma Marie Simmons), grandfather (Thorton Henry Simmons, Sr., rear middle), uncle (Thorton H. Simmons, Jr., front middle), great-grandmother (Fannie Johnson Simmons), and aunt (Elizabeth Eleanor Simmons) in front of their first house, the site of which is near the current family dwelling.



Figure 3: 1919 Photograph of Mary Ann Bigelow Simmons (Mrs. T.H.S.), “Mrs. M. F. + F.F + Dolley[?]” in Thoroughfare, Virginia, Courtesy of Donald Christian.



Figure 4: 1918 Photograph of North Fork School, Thoroughfare, Virginia, Courtesy of Donald Christian.



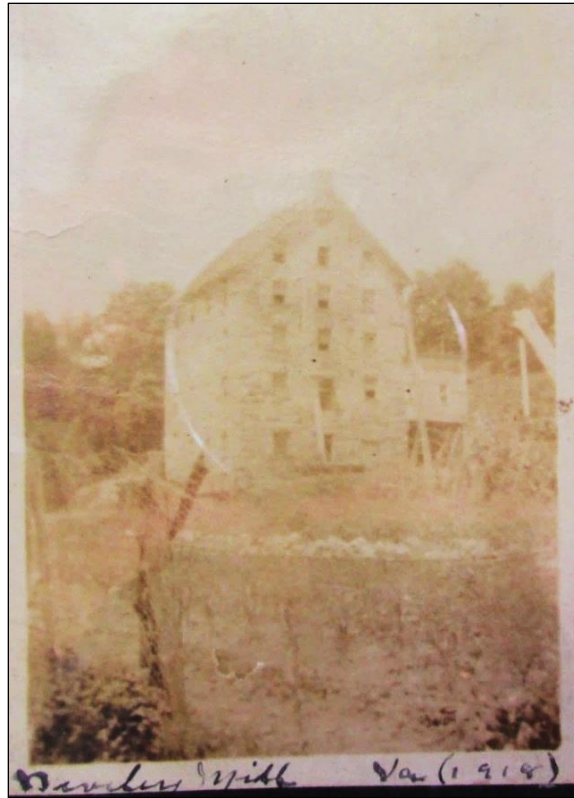


Figure 5: 1918 Photograph of “Beverly Mill,” Courtesy of Donald Christian.



Figure 6: Undated Photograph of William Marshall Simmons and Calf, Courtesy of Donald Christian.

*Donald Christian's Genealogy*

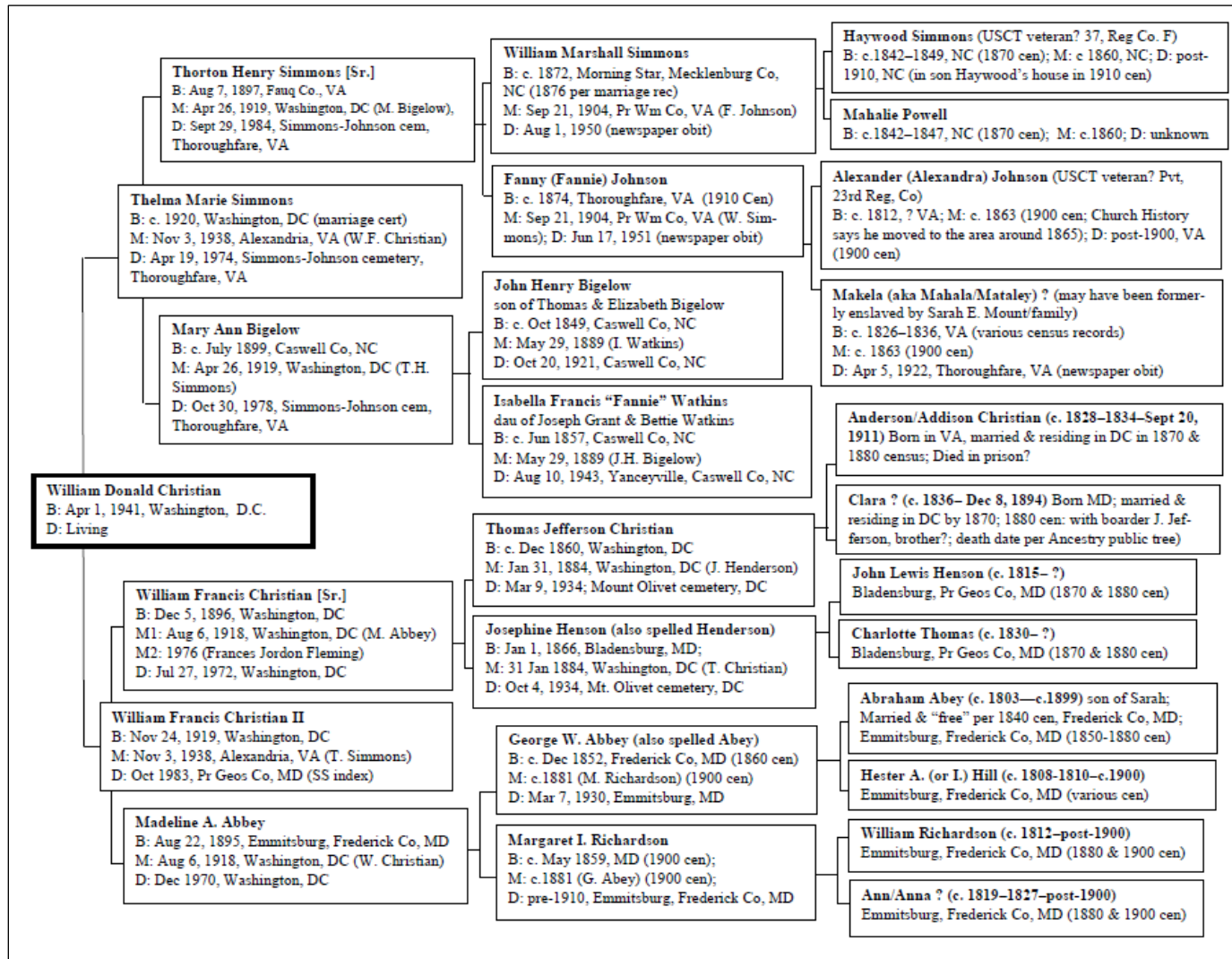


Figure 7: Donald Christian Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022c).

***Chain of Title Associated with Donald Christian: Simmons-Johnson Family Cemetery (DHR ID 076-6049), 17012 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia***

Recorded as the Simmons-Johnson/Johnson Family Cemetery, this 1.3-acre parcel is owned by Thorton Henry Simmons, Jr.'s estate. It has been estimated to contain more than two dozen internments, 15 of which are denoted by headstones or markers. The earliest marked burial is for Moses Johnson (1897–1965) with the most recent internment being William A. Willis (1942–2000).

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Will/ Probate	Will Book (WB) 58	377	10/1/1984	Thorton H. Simmons	Gina L. Allen, Trustee	6.26 A	Thorton Simmons died September 29, 1967 and by his LWT devised the house and roughly 5 acres to Gina Allen and other heirs. Gina Allen named executrix. [This includes the parcel currently addressed as 17016 John Marshall Highway containing 5.04 acres, and the 1.3-acre family cemetery parcel at 17012 John Marshall Highway]	Thorton H. Simons [Sr.] died on Sept. 29, 1984
Deed	387	146	3/16/1966	Marshall Simmons Estate	Thorton H. & Mary A. Simmons	6.26 A	This conveyance made Thorton & Mary A Simmons "tenants entirely with common law rights." He obtained this tract from his father's estate in 1950. Marshall Simmons purchased this property from Thorton Johnson & wife on May 23, 1932 (DB 4, p. 365), excepting the 1.22 acres sold to the Commonwealth of VA Mar 4, 1966.	
Deed	387	143	3/4/1966	Thorton H. Simmons, Admin of Marshall Simmons Estate	Commonwealth of VA	1.22 A	For \$2,604; Being shown on sheet 8 of plans for Route 66 (State Hwy 006-07-182, RW-201) on S side of westbound lane and adjacent to lands of heirs of late George Johnson and Thorton Simmons from lands of Samuel & George Bleight and Allen for channel change opposite station (1263+20).	See Sheet 8, Book 3 p 187. Marshall Simmons died intestate in 1950.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	94	365	5/23/1932	Thorton & Susie Johnson	Marshall Simmons	7.26 A	Land 1 mile W of Thoroughfare, adj lands of Bleight and John Marshall Hwy, originally containing 7.62 acres conveyed by Matilde M. Holmes et al. on Sept 15, 1927 (DB 53, p 503).	Includes 1.3-acre cemetery parcel
Deed	83	503	9/15/1927	Matilde M. Holmes (widow), Alexander Morrison, Sr. & Leanna; Mary M. & Lewis Coleman; Peyton Robinson (widower), Louise R. & William Keyser, Fannie R. & Robert Slaughter, Mildred Robinson—all heirs of Moses Morrison	Thorton Johnson, Sr. of Thoroughfare	7+ Acres	For \$500... land adjoining Johnson lot and Bleight (formerly Chapman) conveyed by A.D. Smith et al. to Moses Morrison on Dec 13, 1879 (DB 32, p 213); subject to ROW for benefit of Johnson lot, and reserving the graveyard located at corner of said lot herein conveyed.  All parties of the first part, excepting Alexander Morrison Sr. and his wife, Leanna, lived in D.C. at this time. Alexander Sr. lived in Centre County, PA. Heirs & children of Moses Morrison: Matilde M. Holmes (widow), Alexander Morrison, Sr. & Leanna; Mary M. Coleman & husband Lewis. Peyton Robinson was the widower of Lucinda Morrison Robinson, and Louise Keyser, Fannie Slaughter, and Mildred Robinson were their children	Included the cemetery and home lot (17012 and 17016 John Marshall Hwy).  Future research: Moses Morrison, Alexander & George Johnson probate records.

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Deed	32	213	12/13/1879	A.D. & Susan N. Smith [White]	Moses Morrison	7+ Acres	Both parties "of the counties of Fauquier & Prince William"...For \$318, lot of land on which Morrison now lives, being a part of the C.C. Dulany tract of land purchased by Smith of Commissioners...Beginning at "8" corner to Chapman, then to corner of Elick Johnson...to N side of the Turnpike... Containing 7 acres, 3 rods, and 17 poles subject to right way for Alexander Johnson from No. 8 to the pike as arranged in a division between them in the purchase as first made of A.D. Smith before mentioned. Filed Jan 5, 1880. [Note suggests that Dulany's sale may have carried conditions or previous agreement in Lot 2's division?]	PWC Birth Register notes Wesley Morrison, son of Moses & Julia, was born in 1874 on Walnut Farm (name Cassius Carter gave to the Washington Leaseland)
Deed	33	108	10/4/1879	Eppa Hunton, Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Anderson D. Smith of Fauquier County	544 Acres (Lot 2)	Cassius C. Dulany's Cloverland tract, Lot 2 (west half) - divided as a result of various lawsuits after his death in early 1869 (Chancery Court: Dulany v. Dulany).	See plats of 1870 and 1871 (Dulany v. Dulany)
Mortgage /DOT	28	32	11/27/1870	Caroline Dulany	Charles C. Simms	556 Acres (Lot 1)	This is a mortgage that uses Lot 1 as collateral, noting that Caroline Dulany, widow of Captain Bladen Dulany, had purchased this property from Eppa Hunton, Jr., Spec. Commissioner, in the Chancery Court suit of Dulany v. Dulany, although this purchase does not appear to have been filed in Prince William County land records.	See PWC Chancery Court Causes: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)
Chancery Court			11/27/1870	Eppa Hunton Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Caroline Dulany	556 Acres (Lot 1)	Record of this sale has not yet been found in Prince William County land records but was noted in a deed/mortgage of Caroline Dulany to Charles C. Simms, as having been conveyed to Caroline by Eppa Hunton in the Chancery Court case of Dulany v. Dulany.	See PWC Chancery Court Causes: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)



Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Will/ Probate			1869	Cassius Dulany			Cassius Dulany died in November 1868. His estate is later divided in Chancery Court.	
Deed	26	765	12/24/1867	Cassius Dulany	Elizabeth A. Catts	25 A	For \$625... 25 acres adjoining Harrison, Catts, Clark, C. Carter, and the road from Haymarket to Antioch... Filed Feb 12, 1869.	
Will/ Probate			died 1856	Captain Bladen Tasker Dulany		Clover- land	Cassius Dulany inherited the Cloverland tract, while his older brother, Bladen T. Dulany received the farm known as Saint's Hill. Both were, however, charged with providing a sizable annual sum of money from their farms to support their step-mother & young half sisters.	<b>For additional information on the historical development of this tract, see Appendix B</b>

## **Gina Allen-Thomas and Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi**

On November 7, 2021 Danae Peckler interviewed Gina Allen-Thomas and her daughter, Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi. Gina Lizzone Allen was born on August 28, 1962 in Washington, D.C., to Elizabeth Eleanor Simmons (1921–1983) and Howard Allen (1902–1994). Gina’s mother was born in D.C. to Thorton Henry Simmons [Sr.] (1897–1984) and Mary Ann Bigelow Simmons (1899–1978). Elizabeth Simmons attended school in D.C. and obtained a college degree in Education, but worked for much of her life with the federal government at the Bureau of Engraving. Gina’s father grew up in Thoroughfare and moved to D.C. as a young man. He worked as a Pullman Car Porter on the railroad and as a waiter for the Congressional Hotel after he and Elizabeth got married in 1951. Howard Allen was born and raised in Thoroughfare—one of the 15 children of Cornelius Allen (1858–1941) and Mary Susan Fletcher Allen (1861–1930).

Both of Gina’s maternal and paternal grandparents were long-time residents of Thoroughfare. Elizabeth Simmons’ father, Thorton H. Simmons [Sr.], was born and raised in Thoroughfare, the son of William Marshall Simmons (circa 1872–1950) and Fannie Johnson Simmons (circa 1874–1951). Fannie’s parents, Alexander (a.k.a. Alexandria) and Mahala Johnson, are known to have resided in Thoroughfare as early as 1865. In 1879, Alexander Johnson obtained title to the 5-acre lot where he resided, adjoining the land Gina now owns, sold around the same time to Moses Morrison, another early African American resident of Thoroughfare.

Howard Allen’s parents, Cornelius and Mary Susan Allen, purchased land in the community in the 1880s. Mary Susan’s parents, Frank (a.k.a. Franklin) Fletcher (1833–1917) and Katherine Fletcher (1838–1915), moved to Thoroughfare around the same time, purchasing a lot of land adjoining their daughter and son-in-law. Cornelius and Mary Susan Fletcher Allen had at least 15 children together. Gina and her daughter, Danyelle, identify as Black Indian, with ancestral connections to the Pamunkey Indian tribe through Cornelius Allen and several other Thoroughfare ancestors. Gina remembers going with family members to Mechanicsville, Virginia, and visiting Elizabeth Allen, daughter of her mother’s cousin Baker Allen.

Gina has deep connections to the community and spent many summers and weekends with relatives prior to permanently relocating to Thoroughfare in 1981 to care for her aging parents. She now owns and resides in the circa-1956 house at 17016 John Marshall Highway built for her maternal grandparents by her great-uncle, Thorton Henry Simmons, Jr. She recalled when the house was moved, and Route 66 was constructed through her family’s property. Gina graduated in 1984 from Virginia State University with a degree in sociology and criminology, and married Lawrence Wesley Thomas, Jr. (1960–2021), with whom she had her two daughters, Danyelle and Dominique Elyse Thomas.

As a child, Gina recalled spending a lot of time at Oakrum Baptist Church, buying candy at Chambers store in Thoroughfare, and walking around the community to visit various family members’ houses and help care for them. She also remembers her grandfather, Thorton H. Simmons [Sr.] talking about his work as President of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter: “He talked about the inequity between the different races. And he spoke on it from the Christian aspect that we are all one, and we need to respect each other such. He led them—I think he did two terms as President—and as a blind

man.” She also recollected her aunt Betty’s story about caring for her brother, Gina’s uncle, Cornelius Allen [Jr.] (1881–1932) as he died from tuberculosis. Given the contagious-nature of his illness, Cornelius’ body was buried in a field outside of the Fletcher-Allen cemetery.

Danyelle Thomas Jeudi was born on October 8, 1988. Her father, Lawrence, worked as a mail courier for Fairfax County government and retired in 2017. He recently passed away in 2021. His parents were Lawrence Wesley Thomas, Sr. (1926–1980) and Rosa Roberta Settles Thomas (b. 1931). Her grandmother is still living in an African American community known as The Settlement near Haymarket.

Danyelle continues to live in the house where she grew up with her mother. Her sister, Dominique, is working to obtain a degree in Engineering and currently studying abroad in Spain. Danyelle attended school in Prince William County at George D. Tyler Elementary, Stonewall Middle School, Bull Run Middle School, and was part of the second graduating class of Battlefield High School. She followed in her mother’s footsteps, attending Virginia State University and majoring in criminal justice and sociology. Both women also joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

She described her childhood as being filled with strong, older role models, including her grandfather, Howard, and “Aunt Betty,” (her great aunt Betty V. Allen Berry), both of whom shared much of their life’s experiences and history in Thoroughfare to her. Danyelle was part of Aunt Betty’s social club and spent a lot of time with other older women in Thoroughfare and the surrounding African American community. She and Dominique recorded Aunt Betty telling them stories about owning a Model T and finding Civil War buttons in the gullies behind her house.

Gina and her daughters began advocating for the preservation of Thoroughfare, protesting with others in the community against the proposed construction of “Disney’s America” in the 1990s. Both Danyelle and Gina drew from the experiences of family members’ work to create a sustaining, supportive community in Thoroughfare throughout the toughest of times, rooted in their Christian faith, advocating for equal rights, education, and preservation of the area’s history and rural character. As Danyelle observed, “Just knowing where I have come from, it makes me very proud and very interested in making sure that I am the embodiment of what all they fought for.”

Additional documentation of Gina’s family and property are included in this section of the report (Figure 8–Figure 10, pp. 18–19). Genealogical research of Gina Allen-Thomas and Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi is also included (Figure 11–Figure 12, pp. 20–21), as well as the “Chain of Title Associated with Gina Allen-Thomas and Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi: Thorton [Sr.] & Mary Simmons House (DHR ID 076-6052), 17016 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 22).

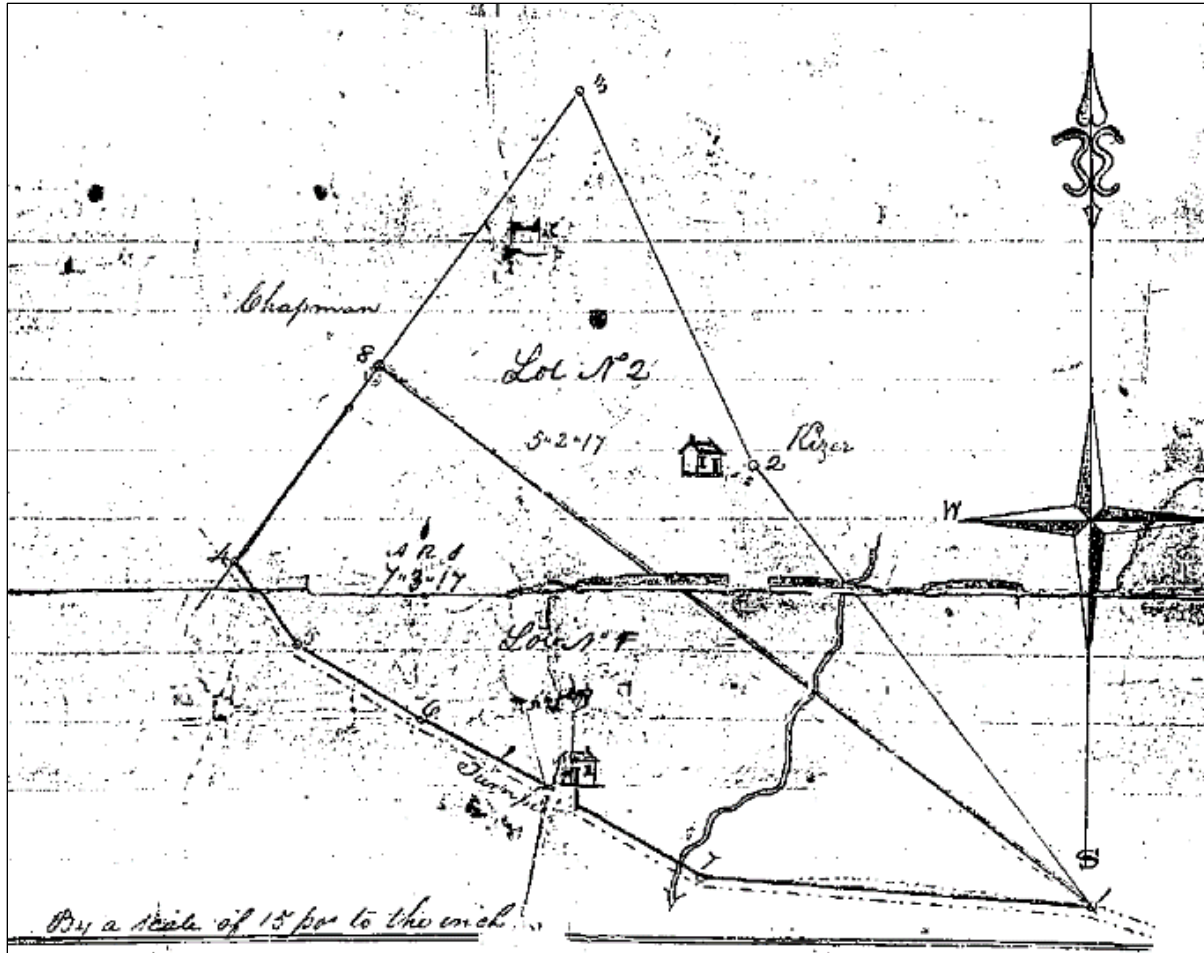


Figure 8: Image of Plat Filed in Association with 1927 Deed from Matilda Holmes and the Heirs of Moses Morrison Conveying Lot 1 to Thornton Johnson, Sr. (Prince William County Courthouse Records Room [PWCCRR] 1927:Deed Book [DB] 83:503, Plat Book [PB] 2:48). Plat likely dates to 1879 when these lots were sold to Alexander Johnson and Moses Morrison by A.D. Smith. Image not to scale.

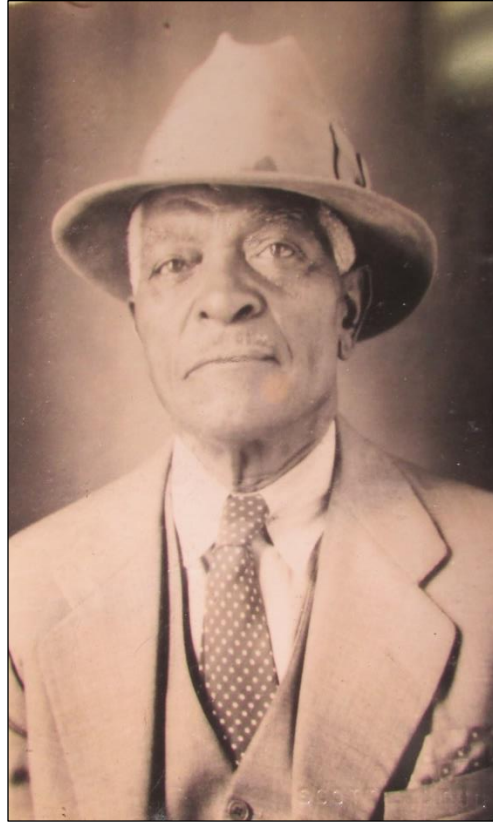


Figure 9: Undated Photograph of Gina's Grandfather, Thorton Henry Simmons [Sr.],  
Courtesy of Donald Christian.



Figure 10: Undated Photograph of Thorton Henry Simmons [Sr.] and Others in Front of  
Oakrum Baptist Church, Courtesy of Donald Christian.

## Gina Allen-Thomas' Genealogy

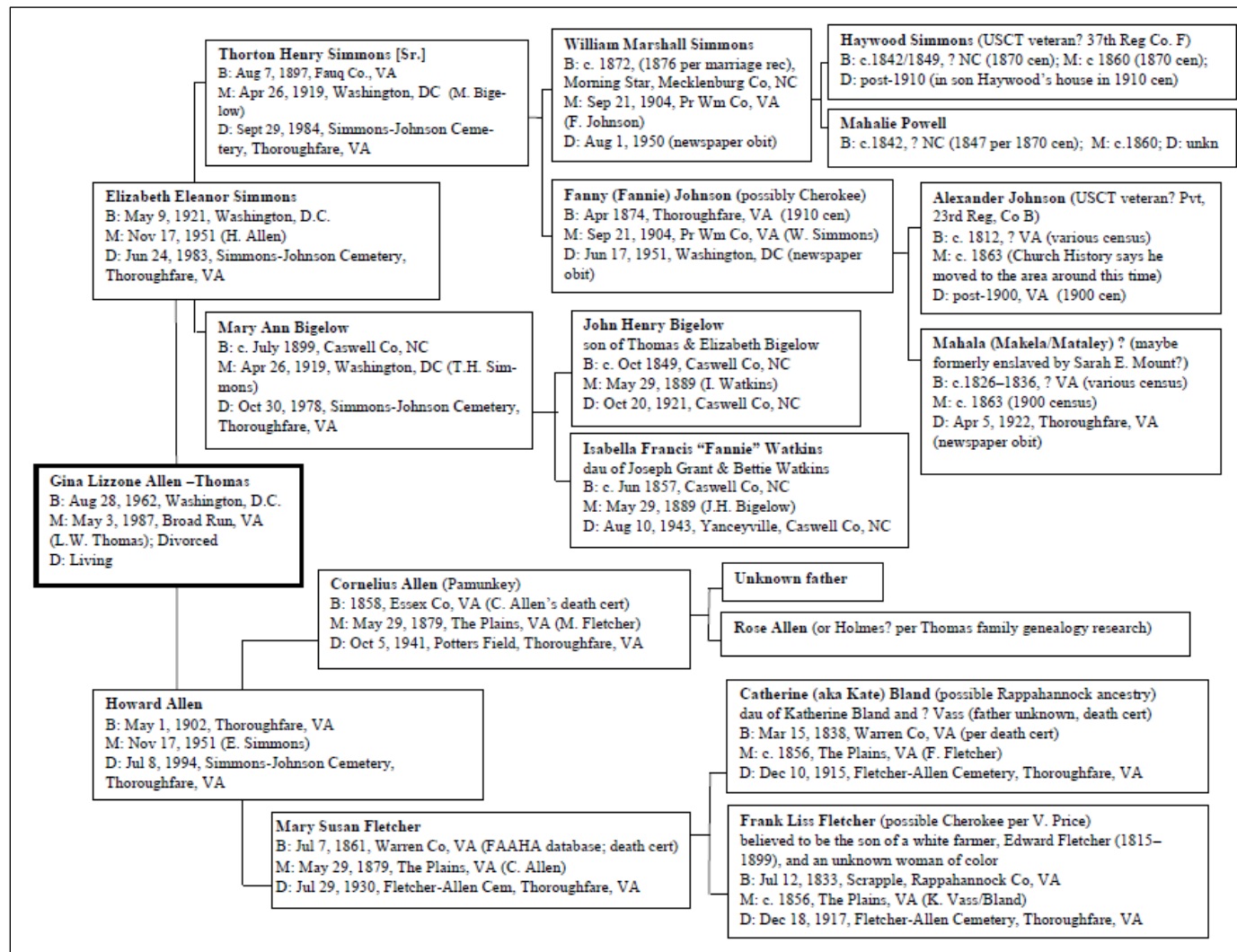


Figure 11: Gina Allen-Thomas Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a; 2022c).



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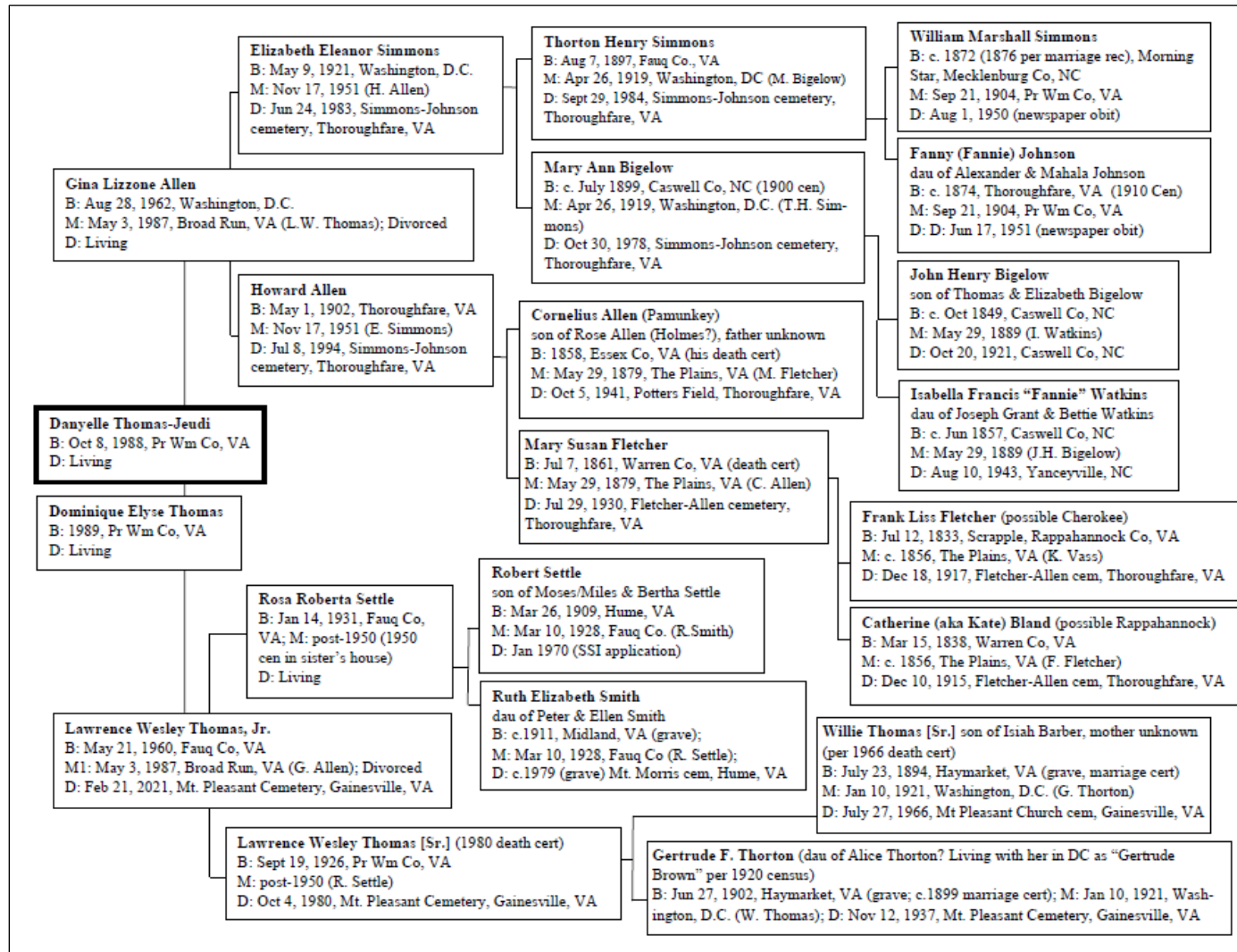


Figure 12: Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a; 2022c).

***Chain of Title Associated with Gina Allen-Thomas and Danyelle Thomas-Jeudi: Thorton [Sr.] & Mary Simmons House (DHR ID 076-6052), 17016 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia***

Gina Allen-Thomas and her daughter, Danyelle, reside at 17016 John Marshall Highway in the house constructed circa 1956 for Thorton H. and Mary Simmons on land the couple had purchased from the estate of his father, William Marshall Simmons. A portion of this property was condemned by the state for construction of Route 66, creating the 6.26-acre lot that extends across the current path of John Marshall Highway. This parcel retains much of its original boundary lines, created in 1879 when the land was subdivided from the Dulany's Cloverland tract and sold to Moses Morrison.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	200708310099 652		8/31/2007	Gina L. Allen-Thomas & Lawrence W. Thomas Jr.	Gina L. Allen-Thomas	6.26 A	Land adjoining John Marshall Highway & property of Bleight... Includes decree of divorce, and conveys property solely to Gina L. Allen-Thomas.	
Deed	200307160128 133		7/16/2003	Gina L. Allen, Trustee	Gina L. Allen-Thomas & Lawrence W. Thomas Jr.	6.26 A	Land adjoining John Marshall Highway & property of Bleight... excepting that portion sold to the Commonwealth of VA (DB 387, p. 143).	
Will/ Probate	WB 58	377	10/1/1984	Thorton H. Simmons	Gina L. Allen, Trustee	6.26 A	Thorton Simmons [Sr.] died September 29, 1967 and by his LWT devised the house and roughly 5 acres to Gina Allen and other heirs. Gina Allen named executrix. [This includes the parcel currently addressed as 17016 John Marshall Highway containing 5.04 acres, and the 1.3-acre family cemetery parcel at 17012 John Marshall Highway]	Thorton H. Simons [Sr.] died on Sept. 29, 1984
Deed	387	146	3/16/1966	Marshall Simmons Estate	Thorton H. & Mary A. Simmons	6.26 A	This conveyance made Thorton & Mary A Simmons "tenants entirely with common law rights." He obtained this tract from his father's estate in 1950. Marshall Simmons purchased this property from Thorton Johnson & wife on May 23, 1932 (DB 4 p. 365), excepting the 1.22 acres sold to the Commonwealth of VA Mar 4, 1966.	



Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	387	143	3/4/1966	Thorton H. Simmons, Admin of Marshall Simmons Estate	Commonwealth of VA	1.22 A	For \$2,604; Being shown on sheet 8 of plans for Route 66 (State Hwy 006-07-182, RW-201) on S side of westbound lane and adjacent to lands of heirs of late George Johnson and Thorton Simmons from lands of Samuel & George Bleight and Allen for channel change opposite station (1263+20).	See Sheet 8, Book 3 p 187. Marshall Simmons died intestate in 1950.
Deed	94	365	5/23/1932	Thorton & Susie Johnson	Marshall Simmons	7.26 A	Land 1 mile W of Thoroughfare, adj lands of Bleight and John Marshall Hwy, originally containing 7.62 acres conveyed by Matilde M. Holmes et al. on Sept 15, 1927 (DB 53, p 503).	Includes 1.3-acre cemetery parcel
Deed	83	503	9/15/1927	Matilde M. Holmes (widow), Alexander Morrison, Sr. & Leanna; Mary M. & Lewis Coleman; Peyton Robinson, Louise R. & William Keyser, Fannie R. & Robert Slaughter, Mildred Robinson—heirs of Moses Morrison	Thorton Johnson, Sr., of Thoroughfare	7+ Acres	For \$500... land adjoining Johnson lot and Bleight (formerly Chapman) conveyed by A.D. Smith et al. to Moses Morrison on Dec 13, 1879 (DB 32, p 213); subject to ROW for benefit of Johnson lot, and reserving the graveyard located at corner of said lot herein conveyed.  All parties of the first part, excepting Alexander Morrison Sr. and his wife, Leanna, lived in D.C. at this time. Alexander Sr. lived in Centre County, PA. Heirs/children of Moses Morrison: Matilde M. Holmes (widow), Alexander Morrison, Sr. & Leanna; Mary M. Coleman & husband Lewis. Peyton Robinson was the widower of Lucinda Morrison Robinson, and Louise Keyser, Fannie Slaughter, and Mildred Robinson were their children	Included the cemetery and home lot (17012 and 17016 John Marshall Hwy)  Future research: Moses Morrison, Alexander, and George Johnson probate records.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	32	213	12/13/1879	A.D. & Susan N. Smith	Moses Morrison	7+ Acres	Both parties "of the counties of Fauquier & Prince William"...For \$318, lot of land on which Morrison now lives, being a part of the C.C. Dulany tract of land purchased by Smith of Commissioners... Beginning at "8" corner to Chapman, then to corner of Elick Johnson...to N side of the Turnpike... Containing 7 acres, 3 rods, and 17 poles subject to right way for Alexander Johnson from No. 8 to the pike as arranged in a division between them in the purchase as first made of A.D. Smith before mentioned. Filed Jan 5, 1880. [Note suggests that Dulany's sale may have carried conditions or previous agreement in Lot 2's division?]	PWC Birth Register notes Wesley Morrison, son of Moses & Julia, was born in 1874 on Walnut Farm (the name Cassius Carter had given to the Washington Leaseland)
Deed	33	108	10/4/1879	Eppa Hunton Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Anderson D. Smith of Fauquier Co.	544 Acres (Lot 2)	Cassius C. Dulany's Cloverland tract, Lot 2 (west half) - divided as a result of various lawsuits after his death in early 1869 (Chancery Court: Dulany v. Dulany).	See plats of 1870 and 1871 (Dulany v. Dulany)
Mortgage /DOT	28	32	11/27/1870	Caroline Dulany	Charles C. Simms	556 Acres (Lot 1)	This mortgage uses Lot 1 as collateral, noting that Caroline Dulany, widow of Capt. Bladen Dulany, purchased this property from Eppa Hunton, Jr., Spec. Commissioner, in the Chancery suit of Dulany v. Dulany. That purchase does not appear filed in Pr Wm Co land records.	See PWC Chancery Court Causes: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)
Chancery Court			11/27/1870	Eppa Hunton, Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Caroline Dulany	556 Acres (Lot 1)	Record of this sale has not yet been found in Prince Wm Co land records but was noted in a deed/mortgage of Caroline Dulany to Charles C. Simms, as having been conveyed to Caroline by Eppa Hunton in the Chancery Court case of Dulany v. Dulany.	See PWC Chancery Court Causes: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)
Will/ Probate			1869	Cassius Dulany			Cassius Dulany died in November 1868. His estate is later divided in Chancery Court.	<b>For additional information, see Appendix B</b>

## **The Fields Family**

On October 17, 2021 Danae Peckler interviewed Willie Franklin Fields (b. 1928), and his nephew, Gregory Hampton Fields, Sr. (b. 1950), and two nieces, Ernestine Patricia Fields (b. 1952), and Deborah Marie Fields Holland (b. 1955), three of five children born to Willie's brother, Ernest Hampton Fields. For the purpose of clarity, this summary has been divided into two subsections, the first summarizes information gained from Willie Fields and the second focuses on his nieces and nephew.

### ***Willie Fields***

Willie Franklin Fields was born on June 14, 1928 and at the time of this interview, is 93 years old. He was born in Broad Run, Fauquier County, Virginia, to Charles Joseph Fields (1873–1957) and Mary Alice Pendleton Fields (1887–1982). Mary Fields had two children with her first husband, while Charles had children from his first marriage as well. Mary and Charles had children together: Willie was the youngest with two older brothers, Ernest Hampton Fields (1921–2005) and Thomas Henry Fields (1924–2008).

Willie's parents were both born in Fauquier County. Mary was born in 1887 to James Cloe Pendleton (1866–1940) and Mary Catherine Mercer (1861–1932), while Charles was the son of Porter Fields (circa 1839–1928) and Amy Granison (circa 1835–post-1910). His paternal grandparents did not live to see Willie's birth, and he was too young to remember much about his maternal grandparents.

Willie and his family moved to Thoroughfare shortly after he was born. Their first house was situated just south of Oakrum Baptist Church on property owned by the Mitchell family to which his mother was connected by her first marriage. The family later moved to the two-story house currently addressed as 6500 Beverly Road, and briefly operated a store nearby. Years later, they moved to family-owned land closer to Gainesville, but continued to attend Oakrum Baptist Church and visit Thoroughfare regularly.

Willie's mother, Mary Alice Pendleton Fields, worked as a domestic cook for the white family of a local judge named Howard Smith, whose house was within walking distance from their own. Charles Fields worked as a tenant farmer on land owned by Judge Smith. Willie indicated that a formal contract was not made between his father and Judge Smith, rather an informal agreement let Charles farm a portion of the property and retain the harvest for his family. Willie and his siblings worked on the farm, shucking corn and harvesting crops like hay and molasses. They also raised chickens and hogs, which Willie liked, turning the animals into pets and playmates. Willie started attending school when he was nine years old, but did not go to school in Thoroughfare.

As a teenager, Willie worked in construction and learned carpentry skills from his cousin Anthony Warfield, and "building houses when I should have been in school." He also learned automotive mechanics, working for Peak Sales and Service, and Volvo in D.C. for many years. Willie later started his own bus service business, shuttling people from the Gainesville area up to Fort Meade and making other stops around D.C. for 25 years with a fleet of seven charter busses.

As adults, Willie and his brother Ernest and Thomas Fields became Trustees and then Deacons at Oakrum Baptist Church and sang in the men's chorus for many years there. They also worked together to maintain and repair the building, as their father had done before them. Willie also recalled his father, Charles Fields, participating regularly in meetings at Thoroughfare's Oddfellows Hall, back when Broad Run had a single post-office and a one-room general store.

### ***Gregory, Ernestine, and Deborah Fields***

Gregory ("Greg"), Ernestine ("Patricia"), and Deborah ("Debbie") Fields are the children of Willie Fields's brother, Ernest. Their father, Ernest Hampton Fields, was born on August 5, 1921. As an adult, their father lived in Washington, D.C., and worked for Sears and Roebuck before starting his own trucking business, focused mainly on handling asphalt and gravel. Their mother, Mary Virginia Washington Fields (1931–2012) was born June 28, 1931, in Washington, D.C., but lived in Thoroughfare for much of her childhood. She worked as clerk for Oakrum Baptist Church for over 50 years. Mary and Ernest Fields had five children together: Gregory Hampton Fields (b. 1950), Novella Susan Fields (b. 1951), Ernestine Patricia Fields (b. 1952), Marcus Dulaney Fields (1953–2020), and Deborah Marie Fields (b. 1955).

Mary Virginia Washington was one of four children born to Rosier Dulaney Washington (circa 1877–?) and Beatrice Marier Allen Washington (1896–1973). Beatrice was the daughter of Cornelius and Mary Susan Fletcher Allen, and lived for a time in her parents' house (known as the Cornelius and Mary Allen House) in Thoroughfare—located on the property currently addressed as 16127 John Marshall Highway. The Fields siblings recalled drawing water from the well on the lot just west of their grandmother's house in Thoroughfare (currently addressed as 16205 John Marshall Highway), since the old Allen House did not have running water.

As relatives of Cornelius Allen, Kate Vass, and Frank Fletcher on both their mother and father's side, the Fields family all identify as African American and Black Indian. Patricia Fields explained that Cornelius Allen walked from the Richmond area to The Plains, where he met Frank Fletcher and later married one of his daughters. The Fields children recalled visiting the Pamunkey Reservation on occasion in their youth. They also recalled a Native pipe ceremony performed after the death of their great uncle, Howard Allen, when he was buried in the Fletcher-Allen cemetery.

Greg recalled that they lived in Aunt Betty's house (a.k.a. Betty Allen Berry, sister to their maternal grandmother who owned the house at 16123 John Marshall Highway) in Thoroughfare while his father, grandfather, uncle Willie, and Albert 'Rat' Robinson worked to build them a new dwelling on property closer to Gainesville adjoining other Fields family members. That house was completed around 1955. Greg and his siblings sometimes stayed at their paternal grandmother's house while attending school.

The Fields siblings attended Prince William County public schools as they transitioned from the period of segregation to integration during the Civil Rights movement. Greg and Patricia initially attended Antioch-McCrae School in Thoroughfare. In the early years of integration, Black children were given the choice as to which school they wanted to attend. In seventh grade, Greg went to the school founded by Jennie Dean and established as the Manassas

Industrial School for Colored Youth, but is more commonly known as the Jennie Dean school. Patricia went to the newly integrated Marstellar Middle School in Manassas, Virginia, when she was in the seventh grade. Deborah's education was not discussed, but the siblings all indicated that the school buses essentially remained segregated during their childhood.

Patricia attended Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Virginia, from the ninth through the twelfth grades. She worked as a Summer Aid for various branches of the Federal Government during the summers of 1969 and 1970. After graduating from Stonewall Jackson in 1971, Patricia was recruited to work for the Federal Government. She worked there until she retired April 2019. Patricia's brother Marcus began working as a police officer in D.C. Greg worked a part-time job during high school, and stayed in Manassas after graduation, later marrying and starting a family. He worked for Giant Food grocery for 25 years before getting into the trucking business with his father and brother Marcus. Deborah went to live in Maryland after school and worked various jobs, including one at President Home Mortgage where she joined some coworkers to form a semi-professional singing group called "Sha-De-Va." Deborah and Willie recalled some local dance halls like the Sunshine Inn in Haymarket, which was in a former train depot, and the Shady Inn at The Settlement.

The Fields' recreational activities as children came from their family's connection to Oakrum Baptist Church and congregation. Their entire family sang and played music there. Uncle Willie and his brothers, Ernest and Thomas, were part of a gospel group known as the Goodwill Singers and sang in the men's chorus at Oakrum. Their children ended up singing in the group as well. They also grew up playing musical instruments. Ernest Fields played piano and guitar. Willie also taught himself to play guitar. Marcus later served as a minister at Oakrum Baptist Church for a time, while Greg and Willie both continue to serve as Deacons.

Both of their parents, Mary and Ernest, were heavily involved in the area's network of African American churches, attending multiple congregations and organizing events at Oakrum, The Plains, Antioch, and Morgantown. They were also active in the NAACP during the Civil Rights movement. The children attended many NAACP meetings at Oakrum Baptist Church and throughout the area. Greg Fields went to the march in D.C. to hear Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech with Uncle Willie, his mother, Mary Virginia Washington Fields, and a few other family members. Patricia and Debbie stayed home to watch it on TV with their grandmother, but were aware of some general apprehension about the event being a potential target for opponents to the cause.

The Fields siblings all described Thoroughfare as being important to their family's heritage and despite residing outside the community, they all continue to return there for communal gatherings and events at the church. Greg specifically notes that it hurts to see the place they were born and raised change so much and watch the destruction of sacred places like cemeteries in the community.

They all recalled Thoroughfare as being a place where everyone knew each other and chipped in to help others in the community. This kind of support was critical to many during the Civil Rights era, as they were able to escape the pressure and racial tensions that seemed ever-present elsewhere. As Patricia observed:

Because of the people, during the time when there was segregation—here in Thoroughfare, we didn't feel that. There was nothing here to say, 'This is for you to drink out of, and this is for you to drink out of.' Those kinds of things. We didn't feel that that pressure because everybody was friendly and family and neighbors. That's just the way everybody treated each other.

Fields family members provided photographs as well as a copy of a 1966 publication about the history of Oakrum Baptist Church, excerpts from which are included in this report (Figure 13–Figure 18, pp. 28–31). Additional genealogical research of Willie Fields and the Fields siblings (Figure 19–Figure 20, pp. 32–33) as well as the “Chain of Title Associated with Willie Fields: House (DHR ID 076-6043), 16411 Thoroughfare Road, Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 34) and the “Chain of Title Associated with the Fields Family: 16133–16221 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 36) are included in this section of the report.



Figure 13: Recent Photograph of Willie Fields, Courtesy of His Daughter, Francine.



Figure 14: Photograph of Ernestine (Left), Deborah (Center), and Gregory Fields (Right) on Steps of Oakrum Baptist Church, October 2021.



Figure 15: 1942 Photograph of Cousin Mary Virginia Washington Fields in Front of Tom Berry's House on Thoroughfare Road, Courtesy of Donald Christian.



*100th Anniversary*  
of  
*Oakrum Baptist Church*



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Figure 16: Cover Image of the 1966 100th Anniversary of Oakrum Baptist Church Publication, Courtesy of the Fields Family.



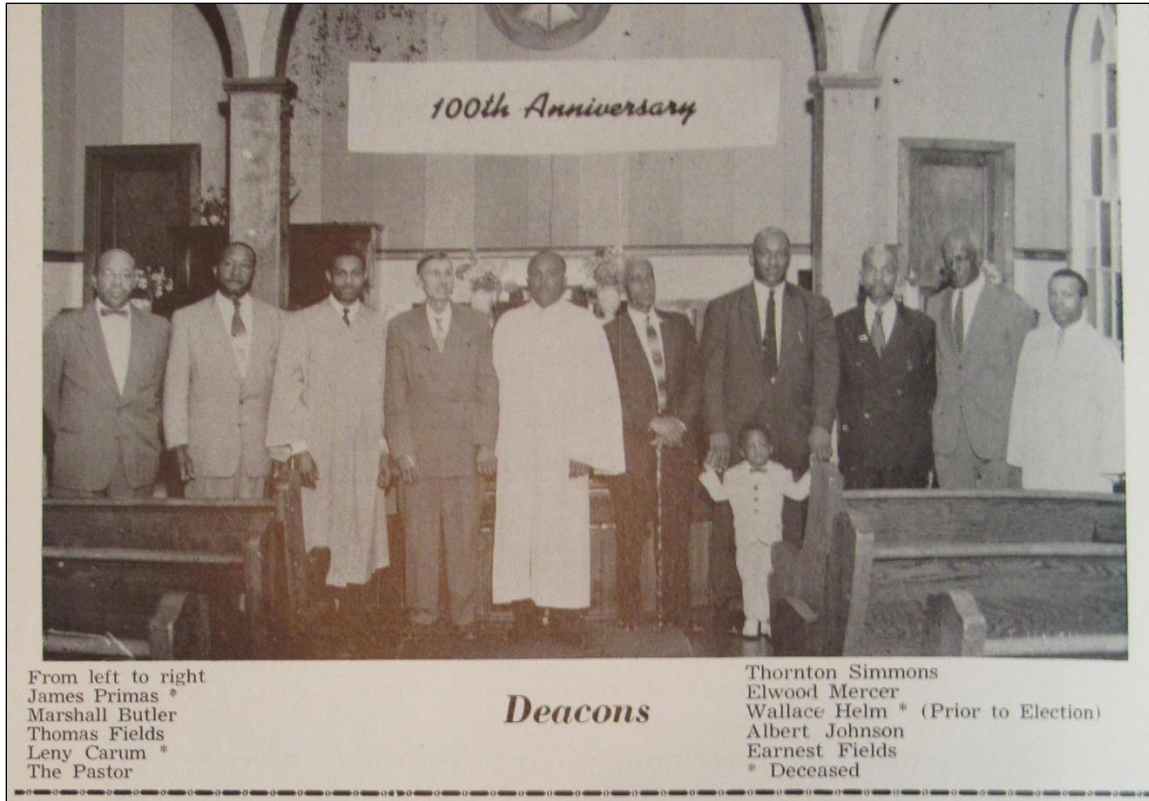


Figure 17: Image of the Deacons at Oakrum Baptist Church Printed in the 1966 Anniversary Publication, Courtesy of the Fields Family.

**THE D. C. CLUB**

The D. C. Club of the Oakrum Baptist Church, Thoroughfare, Va., was organized in 1942 under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Fairfax, Oakrum's pastor at that time. The Club was started to get the members of Washington to work in connection with the Church. Rev. Fairfax requested sisters Betty V. Berry and Arzalia R. Brown to contact the members. The first meeting was held at 2298 Champlain Street in the home of the Simmons Family. We have supported the Church through these 24 years with rallies and various other things. Since organizing the D. C. Club we have inspired others to take this step namely the Pen Jersey Club of Camden, New Jersey, who will celebrate their 7th anniversary this year.

He that never Climbed never fell  
 Never was good work done without much trouble  
 Cheap things are not good; Good things are not cheap.

Figure 18: Brief History of "The D.C. Club" at Oakrum Baptist Church Presented in the 1966 Anniversary Publication, Courtesy of the Fields Family.

## Willie Fields' Genealogy

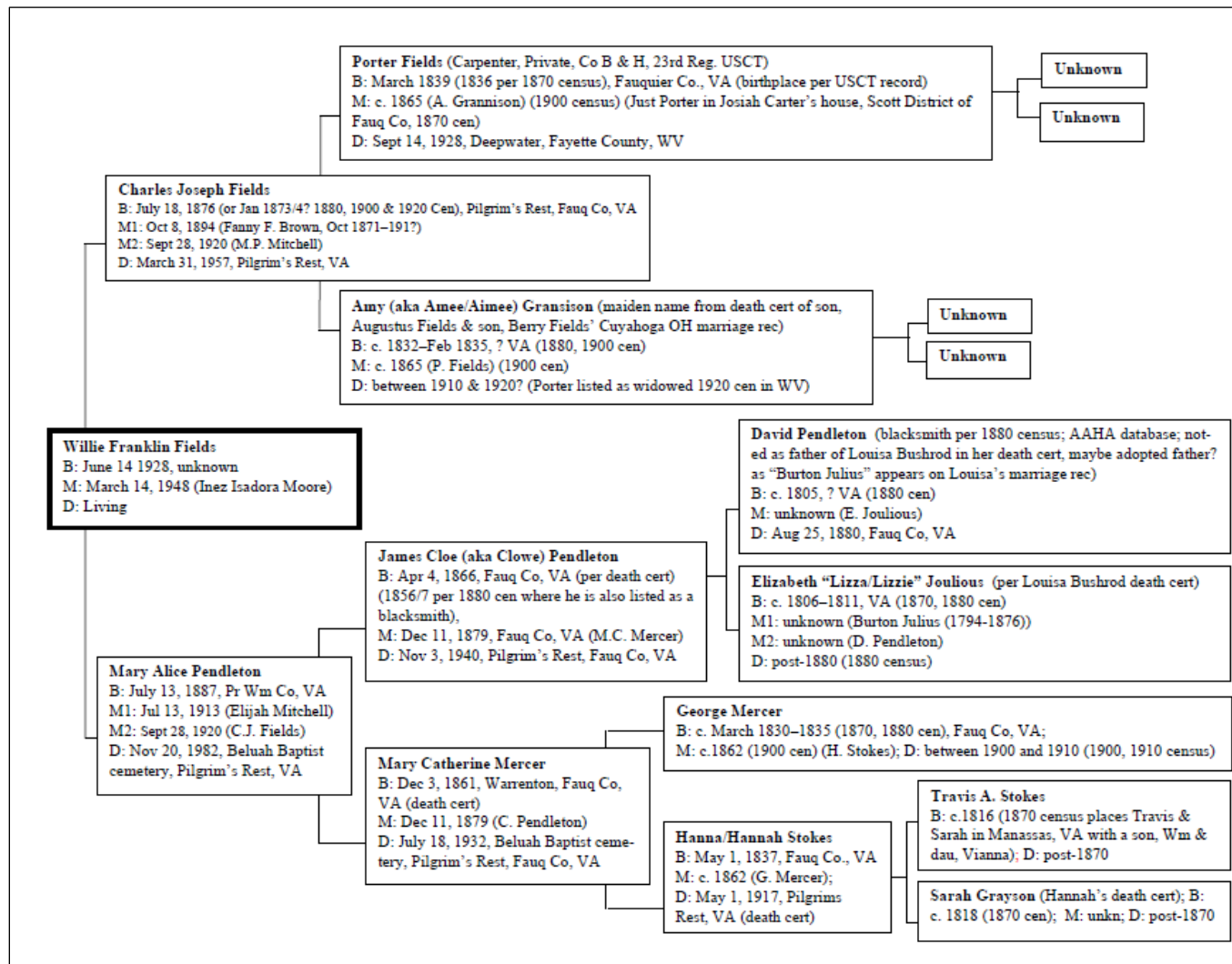


Figure 19: Willie Fields Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a; 2022b).

## Fields Siblings' Genealogy

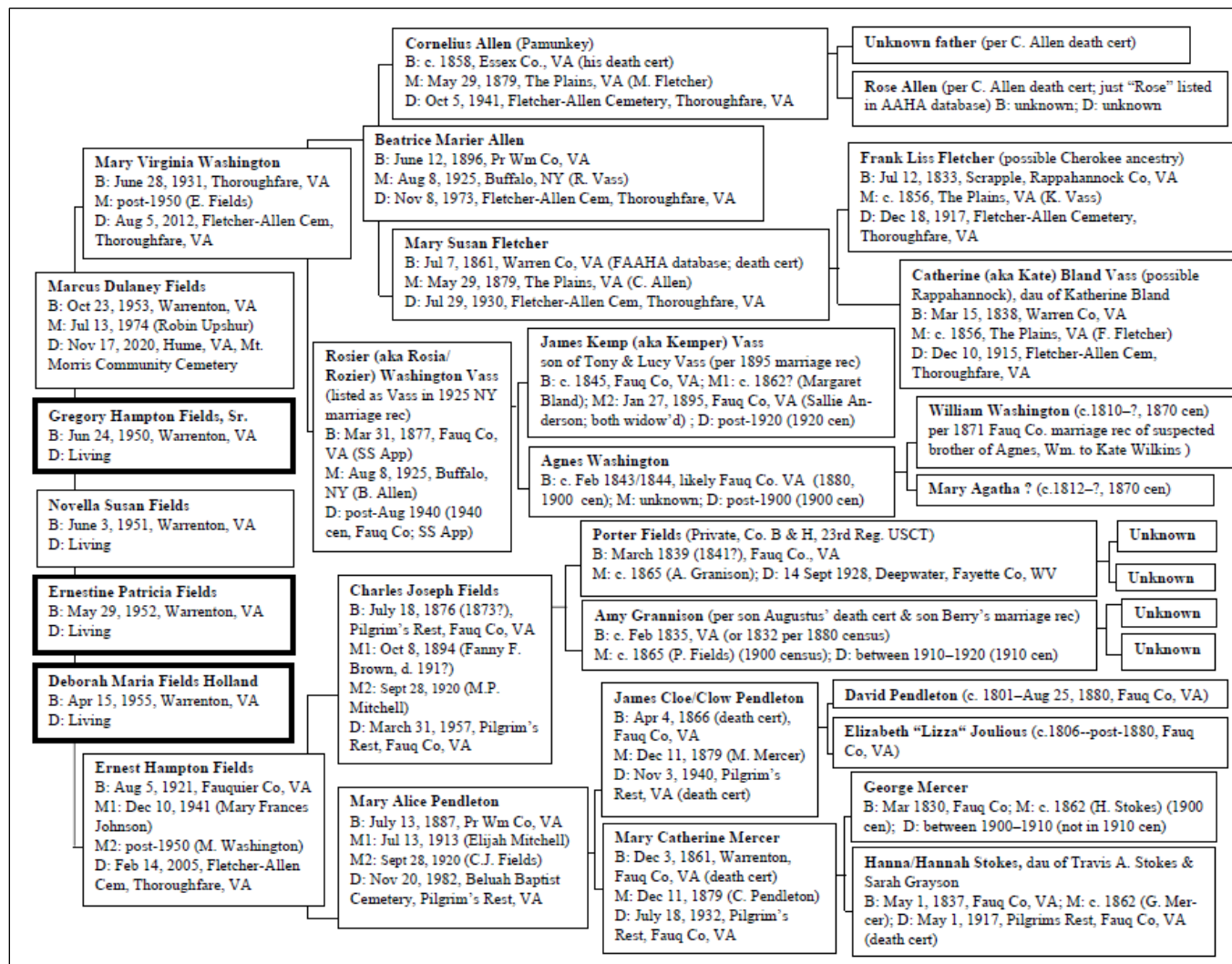


Figure 20: Gregory, Ernestine, and Deborah Fields Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a; 2022b).

***Chain of Title Associated with Willie Fields: House (DHR ID 076-6043), 16411 Thoroughfare Road, Broad Run, Virginia***

Willie Fields lived in two different houses in Thoroughfare as a child, one of which remains standing at 6500 Beverly Road (DHR ID 076-0550). This extant circa-1890 dwelling rests near the northeast corner of the 20 acres of land that Cassius Dulany (1826–1868) directed to be sold to Thomas Primas from his Cloverland estate. The house is located on a portion of the tract Elizabeth Berry Primas (1833–1920) sold to their son, Lewis Walter Primas (1852–1920), in 1892. Willie Fields’ family is not immediately related to the Primas family whose descendants continue to retain ownership of the property today.

The first house in which Willie Fields resided as a child in Thoroughfare is no longer extant but was located on the parcel addressed as 16411 Thoroughfare Road. Presently, this lot contains a circa-1966 dwelling constructed by subsequent owners and a few gravesites, but was created by Charles Keyser and purchased in 1890 by James Mitchell (1853–post-1930), Willie’s mother’s father-in-law from her first marriage. At that time, the 1-acre lot was described as adjoining the lands of Caroline R. Dulany, the new road (now Route 682/Thoroughfare Road), and property Keyser sold Bertha Robinson (nee Tabitha Primas) a few years prior.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	200312010219 047		12/1/2003	Wilbur R. Washington	James R. & Phillip J. Shadyac	1 A	“James R. Shadyac & Phillip J. Shadyac, Surv”	
Deed	2419	155	2/26/1997	Lena & Michael U. Dawes	Wilbur R. Washington	1 A	Transaction denoted as a “Gift Sale” on property card.	
Deed	214	125			Lena Peyton Dawes		Lena Peyton Dawes was a daughter of Cornelius and Mary Susan Allen.	
								Chain of title broken between the above and below transactions. Additional research needed.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	43	340	9/1/1890	Charles & Elizabeth Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	James Mitchell of Pr Wm Co, VA	1 A	For \$40... 1 acre near Thoroughfare Sta adjoining B. Robinson, the new road, & [Caroline] Dulany. No tavern, sale or distilling of liquor allowed on the premise. Filed Jan 7, 1895.	James Mitchell (1853–post-1930) was a person of color
Deed	36	584	9/10/1886	Chas & Elizabeth Keyser	Bertha Robinson	2 A	For \$75... 2 acres in T-fare Sta adjoining Dulany & others... Filed Sept 24, 1886.	Bertha (nee Tabitha Primas) Robinson was a person of color
Mortgage / DOT	27	53	5/29/1869	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	Charles S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	800 A	A deed of trust to secure the payment of \$2,000... drawn by Keyser to Cassius Carter before the 1st day of June 1870 (see Deed Book 33:344 for release).	See DB 33, p. 347 for release
Deed	27	52	5/29/1869	Cassius & Fanny S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	800 A (2 Tracts)	For \$12,000... two tracts "containing 800 acres. 1) containing 400 acres known as the Washington Lease lying immediately on the north side of the Turnpike leading from Thoroughfare Gap to Gainesville adj the lands of C.C. Dulany's estate, Geo Chapman's estate, and on the Manassas Gap Rail Road; 2) 400 acres called 'Belted Field' farm lying on the turnpike adj lands of C.C. Dulany (dec'd), B. E. Harrison. Both of which tracts...devised to the said Cassius Carter by the will of his uncle Cassius Carter in 1821 (copy in clerk's office, Loudon Co, VA)." Filed June 7, 1869.	Includes the Washington Leaseland (also called Walnut Farm) & Belted Field tracts. Cassius Carter, advertised three farms for sale in Pr Wm Co. as early as 1859.
Deed	27	54	5/21/1869	Charles S. & Lucy Carter, John Carroll Carter, Bladen T. & Jane M. Dulany	Cassius Carter	1,136 A	For \$10... all right and title to the land devised by the late Cassius Carter (the elder) to said Cassius Carter of the second party by codicil to will dated December 27, 1820: 3 tracts; about 1,136 acres in Pr Wm Co adjoining the late Capt. C. Dulany, John Chapman, & others, lying immediately upon the turnpike and near the Manassas Railroad. Filed in PWC Quarterly Court in June 1869.	<b>For additional information on this tract, see Appendix B</b>

***Chain of Title Associated with the Fields Family: 16133–16221 John Marshall Highway, Broad Run, Virginia***

Gregory, Ernestine, and Deborah Fields resided for a time with their grandmother, Beatrice Marier Allen Washington, in the house built for Cornelius and Mary Susan Fletcher Allen at 16127 John Marshall Highway (DHR ID 076-6039) which is no longer standing; however, the siblings also maintain a connection through their great-grandmother to land purchased by Frank and Kate (a.k.a. Catherine) Fletcher, including parcels addressed as 16133, 16141, 16151, and 16205 John Marshall Highway, which were created from a 2-acre lot sold to Catherine Fletcher in 1882.

Extant historic features of these lots include the Fletcher-Allen family cemetery (DHR ID 076-6017) at 16151 John Marshall Highway, and the well at 16205 John Marshall Highway previously recorded in association with the Allen House site. This chain of title includes references to property adjoining the west side of the lots associated with the Fields siblings (two parcels currently addressed at 16221 and 16217 John Marshall Highway), that Frank Fletcher purchased in 1884 from Thomas C. and Cornelia Smith. Dr. Smith was a permanent resident of Washington, D.C., who purchased a portion of the farm initially created for Nicholas and Lavinia Carter Goldsborough from her father’s Falkland tract at public sale from the creditors of Robert F. Mason. Both Mason and Smith subdivided and lots around Thoroughfare Station on the south side of what is now John Marshall Highway in the 1870s through the 1890s.

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Deed	202101210006 905		1/21/2021	Anthony Jennings et al., admins of Regina Washington Estate	Flint Rock Builders LLC	5 lots	This transaction includes several parcels containing 0.726 acres [with extant well]; 0.76 acres; 0.68 acres; 1.91 acres; and 1.58 acres [with Wilbur Washington/Wikie’s house thereon] as noted in plat of 4/2/2020.	These lots are addressed as follows: <b>16205 John Marshall Hwy</b> (0.726 A); <b>16133</b> (0.76 A); <b>16141</b> (0.68 A) and the recently created parcel at <b>16151</b> with Fletcher-Allen family cemetery); <b>16217</b> (1.58 acres) & <b>16221</b> (1.91 acres). All these lots purchased by Frank and Kate Fletcher in the 1880s
Will/ Probate				Wilbur Ray Washington	Reginia Washington		Wilbur Washington died in October 2011, his Thoroughfare real estate passing to his unmarried daughter, Regina Denise Washington (1959–2019).	



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Deed	200405040075 243		5/4/2004	Betty Berry, widow	Wilbur R. Washington, unmarried	1.625 A	For \$10... Being same land conveyed to Edward Frank Fletcher & Thomas Sheridan Fletcher by deed April 11, 1912 (DB 94, p. 504) depicted in survey of May 30, 1911 by Clarkson. And also being a portion of the property devised to Thomas Fletcher from his father's estate; Thomas' undivided 1/2 interest passed by operation of the law upon his death in 1929 to his brothers and sisters: Edward Fletcher; Anna Farrish Wilson; Annetta McKnight; Mary Susan Allen; and Sarah Peyton (heirs of Frank Fletcher noted in WB 16:319). And being a portion of the same property conveyed by Edward Fletcher to Betty & P.G. Berry, including his 1/2 undivided interest as heir to Thomas, by deed Feb 4, 1935 (DB 94:505). Excepting a right of way dedicated May 9, 1934 (DB 94, p. 345).	This property was also noted as a portion of that which was conveyed by the heirs of Mary Susan Allen to Betty Berry on July 26, 1967 (DB 487:29); and also Anna Catherine Wilson (a.k.a. Anna Farrish Wilson) devised by will upon her death in 1949 to Edward Frank Fletcher, her grandson (WB 10:318), which said Edward Frank Fletcher conveyed to Betty Berry in 1967 (DB 487:29). A portion of the same property inherited by Thomas Fletcher's siblings: Sarah Fletcher Peyton (whose interest remains outstanding) and Annetta McKnight who died intestate in 1947, leaving a sole surviving heir—sister, Sarah Peyton (see DB 147:255) concerning the conveyance of a different parcel.
Probate			post- 8/7/1973	Frettie Washington (widow of John Hill Washington)	Wilbur R. Washington, unmarried		Frettie Washington died in August 1973. Genealogical research indicates Frettie Washington (1910–1973) was the second wife of John Hill Washington. The pair had no children of their own, but J.H. Washington had at least two sons from his previous marriage to Georgianna Louise Brent: Alfred Brent (1926–2013) and Wilbur Ray (1932–2011) Washington	This included the lot at <b>16217 John Marshall Hwy</b> (with "Wikie's House" thereon, as Wikie was Wilbur Washington's nickname). His daughter, Regina Denise Washington (1959–2019), inherited this property.

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Deed	487	38	7/26/1967	Edward & Juanita D. Fletcher	Betty Berry, widow	2 tracts (1.0 A & 1.652 A)	These tracts from Edward Frank Fletcher and his wife Juanita were part of what he had inherited from Anna Catherine Fletcher Farrish Wilson and other Fletcher family members.	The ladle-shaped 1.65-acre parcel addressed as <b>16217 John Marshall Hwy</b>
Deed	147	254-55	2/13/1950	Sarah Peyton, widow, of D.C.	John Washington	1 A	Land of Thomas Sheridan Fletcher devised by Frank Fletcher's LWT (WB Y, p. 314), written in 1911. Sarah Peyton obtained the land from her brother's will (Thomas died in 1929).	John Washington's widow was Frettie Washington. This reference appears in association with the current tax parcel addressed at <b>16133 John Marshall Hwy</b>
Deed	147	252	10/03/1950	Sarah Peyton, widow, of D.C.	Arthur & John Washington	2 A	Sarah Peyton was the mother of Arthur and John Washington.	This reference appears in association with the current tax parcel at <b>16221 John Marshall Hwy</b>
Deed	142	124	2/10/1950	Frank Fletcher, TR for heirs of John Washington	Sarah Peyton, widow, of D.C., Arthur Washington & John Washington	2 Acres	Sarah Peyton, then widow of J.E. Peyton, was first married to John Washington with whom she had three surviving children. Frank & Kate Fletcher put this property in trust for the children of her first marriage, including Arthur & John Washington.	This reference appears in association with the current tax parcel at <b>16221 John Marshall Hwy</b> containing 1.91 acres.



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Deed	94	505	2/4/1935	Edward Fletcher, single	Betty V. & P.G. Berry	1.625 A	For \$1 all his interest in lot in Thoroughfare adjoining Peter Grigsby and "Billy Mount" containing 1.625 acres; being same land conveyed to Edward Franklin Fletcher and his brother Thomas S. Fletcher by deed April 11, 1912 (see DB 94:504). And also being a portion of the same property devised to Thomas Fletcher from his father, Frank. Thomas died in 1929 without issue. His property was divided between his siblings (list of heirs, see WB 16:319).	See Plat Book 4, p. 14: "Land adjoining Peter Grigsby & Emily Mount (formerly);" plat filed in association with 1935 deed [but originally produced in May 1911 for Frank & Kate Fletcher]. See also DB 94:504.
Will/ Probate	Y	314		Franklin ("Frank") Fletcher			Frank Fletcher's will was written/dated March 16, 1911 and probated April 8, 1918.	
Probate				Catherine Fletcher	Frank Fletcher		Died intestate in 1915; property passed to her husband, Frank Fletcher.	
Deed	94	504	4/11/1912	Frank & Kate Fletcher	Edward & Thomas Fletcher	1.625 A	Land on Southern RR, corner to Grigsby. Survey of C. Clarkson 5/30/1911	This is the parcel at <b>16217 John Marshall Hwy</b> . This transaction completed on the same day that Frank & Kate deeded John, Frank & Arthur Washington 2 acres.
Deed	66	81	4/11/1912	Frank & Kate Fletcher	John, Frank, & Arthur Washington	2 A	For \$10... tract of land on the Haymarket-Thoroughfare Pike adjoining lands of Peter Grigsby and Thoroughfare School House [lot T.C. Smith sold Gainesville School Dist]. Containing 2 acres more or less per survey of C.D.S. Clarkson dated May 30, 1911.	A plat accompanied this deed showing the full 2 acres. This parcel is currently addressed as <b>16221 John Marshall Hwy</b> (containing 1.91 acres with no improvements).

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Deed	41	218	8/20/1891	Frank & Kate Fletcher	Frank Fletcher Trustee for minor children of John Washington	2 A	Lot beginning at the NE corner of the schoolhouse lot on the Haymarket-Thoroughfare Road (Rt 55) ... adjoining Mima Grigsby's line, containing 2 acres in trust for the exclusive benefit of four minor children: Arthur, John W., Frank, and Hattie Washington. As trustee, Frank Fletcher is permitted to occupy the property as a partial support for the four children until the youngest is of age. Filed Dec 12, 1891.	This is the undeveloped 1.91-acre lot at <b>16221 John Marshall Hwy</b>
Deed	35	114	8/6/1884	Frank & Catherine Fletcher, his wife, and Mary Allen	Emily Mount (widow)	10'-wide ROW	For \$20/per acre... a road or outlet 10-feet wide running from Mount's yard fence on the line between Fletchers/Allen to the Haymarket & Thoroughfare Turnpike. Filed Sept. 17, 1884.	Catherine Fletcher is also known as Kate.
Deed	35	497	2/20/1884	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	Frank Fletcher	5 A	Written 2/20/1884. For \$5... 5 acres adjoining Mimia Grigsby [formerly Washington Allen], [Catherine] Fletcher, [Emily] Mount, the MBRR, and the schoolhouse lot on the south side of the turnpike from Haymarket to etc.	When platted with deed-mapping software, this deed encompassed roughly 3.9 acres. This currently includes the lots at <b>16217 John Marshall Hwy</b> and <b>16221 John Marshall Hwy</b>
Deed	33	412	1/7/1882	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Catherine Fletcher	2 A	For \$30...Lot near T-fare Station on S side of the turnpike, adjoining Dr. Smith's land & that of Mount, containing 2 acres... Filed 1/7/1892.	This lot includes parcels at <b>16205, 16151, 16141, and 16133 John Marshall Hwy;</b> Tax lists indicate a building valued at \$100 here in 1889 & at \$200 in 1892 (perhaps suggests a 2nd dwelling on the property?)

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Deed	33	277	10/20/1881	Dr. Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	John E. Peyton & George Gibson of Fauquier Co	18 A	For \$270... lot adjoining James Mount near Thoroughfare Sta, and others, beginning at Mount's SE corner and running with VMRR to Fletcher's land purchased of said RR Company, then with it to the turnpike from Haymarket to Thoroughfare, and with the road on S side of the same to Mount's lot... Containing 18 acres. Filed April 3, 1882.	Contains current tax parcels at <b>16105–16205 John Marshall Hwy</b> , with the exception of 16119 and 12123 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	30	122	3/6/1875	Wm. H. Payne TR (in a DOT from Sweeton to Payne of Dec 24, 1873)	Thomas C. Smith	132 A	Whereas Wm H. Payne was required by R. F. Mason and his creditors secured in the DOT to advertise in the Alexandria Gazette the property heretofore conveyed. Thos. C. Smith was highest bidder at \$1,650... Containing 132 acres, excepting 3 acres Sweeton sold to Washington Allen. Filed Mar 17, 1875.	The three-acre lot excluded from this transaction includes the current tax parcel at 16330 Thoroughfare Road.
Deed/ DOT	29	452	12/24/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	W.B. Sweeton of Chester, PA	139 A	For \$4,000... tract of land on the south side of Haymarket Tnpk, bounded on the E and S by lands of WCVM&GRR, and on the W by Mrs. Dulany & Nathaniel Brown; containing 139 acres, minus 4 acres sold to J.W. Mount. Filed Jan 30, 1874.	The four acres excluded from this transaction include current tax parcels at <b>16119 and 12123 John Marshall Hwy</b> (excepted from the 1881 sale of 18 adjoining acres to Peyton and Gibson)
Deed	29	147	12/10/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason	Orange Alexandria & Manassas Gap Rail Road Company	150 A	For \$3,000... According to recent survey by Silas Butler, land adj Carter estate, Thoroughfare Trnpk, and Cloverland tract, containing 150 acres and 25 poles. Filed March 4, 1873.	

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Deed	28	511	12/20/1871	R. F. & Margaret Mason	James W. Mount (Trustee for Emily Mount)	4 A	For \$80.75 paid in hand this day... a tract bounded on the S by the OAMRR, on the N, E, & W by R.F. Mason... containing 4 acres and 6 poles. Filed March 4, 1872.	
Mortgage	28	83	7/1/1868	R. F. & Margaret Mason	Eppa Hunton	304+ A	All that land conveyed to Mason from John H. Carter & wife to Nicholas Goldsborough on the Haymarket Tpk, containing 304 acres, 2 rods, & 7.5 poles.	In trust to secure \$1,194 to N. Goldsborough of Essex County, VA by 1 July 1869
Deed	29	85	6/10/1868	Nicholas & Lavina Turner Goldsborough of Essex Co, VA	R. F. Mason of Pr Wm Co, VA	304+ A	For \$6,094.20...a tract of land bounded on the N by the Haymarket Turnpike, on the W by the lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by the lands of John Hill Carter... containing 304 A, 2 Rods, and 37.5 poles. Filed in Pr Wm Co Dec 2, 1873.	
Deed	25	5	2/21/1859	John Hill & Mary Jane Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot Co, MD	304+ A	For \$5.00... a tract of land bounded on the N by the Haymarket Turnpike, on the W by the lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by the lands of John Hill Carter... containing 304 A, 2 Rods, and 37.5 poles. Filed in Pr Wm Co Court: Feb 4, 1866; original deed admitted to Court on Mar 14, 1859. "The book in which said deed was recorded has been lost or destroyed." (Copy filed in Chancery Case 1883-049: Smith TR vs. John Hill Carter ETC; Re-recorded in Pr Wm Co Deed Book 29, p. 85).	<b>For additional information on John Hill Carter's Falkland tract, see Appendix B</b>

## Harvey Allen-Jones

On March 23, 2022, Danae Peckler interviewed Harvey Cecil Allen-Jones. Harvey was born on June 30, 1945, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Robert Archer Allen-Jones, Sr. (1900–1971) and Mary Alice Toliver (1904–1984). His father was born in Thoroughfare and lived there until he was a teenager, when he and his siblings moved to Washington, D.C., to attend high school. He completed his high school education and graduated from Middletown High School, Middletown, Connecticut. Robert followed his older brother Harvey to Philadelphia and later moved to New York City with his brothers and attended New York University. Robert desired to become a doctor but did not have the financial resources to complete his education. He and his siblings migrated to Washington, D.C., to attend high school since there were no secondary schools for African Americans in Thoroughfare, Virginia, at that time.

In the early 1930s, Robert moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and married Mary Alice Toliver, where he started two newspapers (St. Paul Sun and the Minneapolis Recorder) that served the African American communities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He also served as assistant postmaster. He never took any of their six children back to Thoroughfare, but Harvey has enjoyed discovering his relatives in Thoroughfare and ancestral roots with the Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

Harvey Cecil Allen-Jones grew up in St. Paul and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. After accepting a position with IBM in Gaithersburg, Maryland, he later joined the National Urban Coalition and became a Director of the Health Manpower Development Corporation, funded by the Department of Health, Education, Welfare. He also became an advisor to seven U.S. House Representatives and assisted with the establishment of the Congressional Black Caucus. He worked for Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon, and later established his own consultant firm that provided services to selected Federal agencies for six years. Harvey worked with political leaders like Senator Ted Kennedy and Dick Cheney with the Health Manpower Development Corporation to increase the number of African Americans in the allied health and para-professional fields.

Harvey began visiting Thoroughfare with his children and explored his father's connections to the area, meeting kinfolk at Oakrum Baptist Church and learning more about the community's history. He discovered that his father, Robert Archer Jones, was born out of wedlock to Nancy "Nannie" Evans Jones (1875–1908) and Cornelius Allen [Sr.] (1850–1941) and went by the name of Robert or Archie Allen for a time.

During his interview, Harvey Allen-Jones provided a Grigsby family bible with notes on the births, marriages, and deaths of several family members. His father, Robert, was one of five children born to Nannie Evans Jones before she died in March 1908. Genealogical research indicated that Nannie, the daughter of Thomas Evans (circa 1843–?) and Betsy "Bettie" Grigsby Evans (1854–1889), and her husband, Robert Adams Jones (1864–1932), had lived with her grandmother, Jemima (a.k.a. Mima or Mimy) Grigsby in the decades prior to her death. Harvey's family believes Mima Grigsby to have been enslaved by members of Robert E. Lee's family, and worked as a midwife in the Thoroughfare community.

A month after Nannie's passing, Mima Grigsby legally appointed Robert Adams Jones guardian of three of their five children—Harvey E., Archie [a.k.a. Robert], and Oliver (Prince William County Courthouse Records Room [PWCCRR] 1908:Deed Book [DB] 57:228). It is unclear why such a document was necessary if Jones was their biological father. However, it is established that Robert Archer Allen was fathered by Cornelius Allen (genealogical research documents Cornelius Allen fathered at least fifteen children in Thoroughfare), and the brothers may not have been his biological children. Harvey indicated that his uncle, Douglas—the youngest of their children—was sent to live with relatives in Gloucester County, Virginia, after his mother's death. Harvey's aunt Marion recalled that their parents' first house in Thoroughfare burned down, and their father, Robert A. Jones purchased a neighboring dwelling in 1910—this was the property he bought from Emily Mount and the same house that Jones later sold “Aunt Betty” Berry (PWCCR 1910:DB 60:221). Soon after meeting Aunt Betty, Harvey took his children to her house where much of the old furniture from his family remained in place.

Harvey Allen-Jones was a leader in the effort to defend Thoroughfare from Disney's plans to redevelop the area in the 1990s. He hired an attorney and began communicating with legislators and protesting Disney's plans to build an Amusement Park and holding meetings at the Oakrum Baptist Church about it. Harvey credits the response of local citizens, including prominent American families who owned sizable estates in the area, as well as the response to President Carter's former press secretary, Jody Powell's statement, “You can't save all history.” The response by residents in the County and pressure on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors turned the tide against Disney's America.

To Harvey, the importance of Thoroughfare's history to his own family and the community's broader connections to so many historic events in America's history has brought great satisfaction to him and others who can trace their ancestors to the area. He believes that this project and continued research and documentation of the Thoroughfare community will be greatly valued by future generations and particularly for people of color in the area.

Harvey provided copies of photographs and a turn-of-the-century family bible, excerpts of which are included in this report (Figure 21–Figure 24, pp. 45–46). Additional genealogical research of Harvey Jones (Figure 25, p. 47) as well as the “Chain of Title Associated with Harvey Allen-Jones: House, 16123 John Marshall Highway (DHR ID 076-0594), Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 48) are included in this section of the report.



Figure 21: Image of a Twentieth-Century Photograph of Aunt Betty Berry's House (Currently Addressed at 16123 John Marshall Highway), Previously Owned by Robert Adams Jones, Courtesy of Harvey Allen-Jones.



Figure 22: Image of Historic Photographs of Cornelius Allen, Sr. (Left) and Robert Allen Jones (Right), Courtesy of Harvey Allen-Jones.





Figure 23: Photograph of Harvey Cecil Allen-Jones with Grigsby-Jones Family Bible, March 2022.

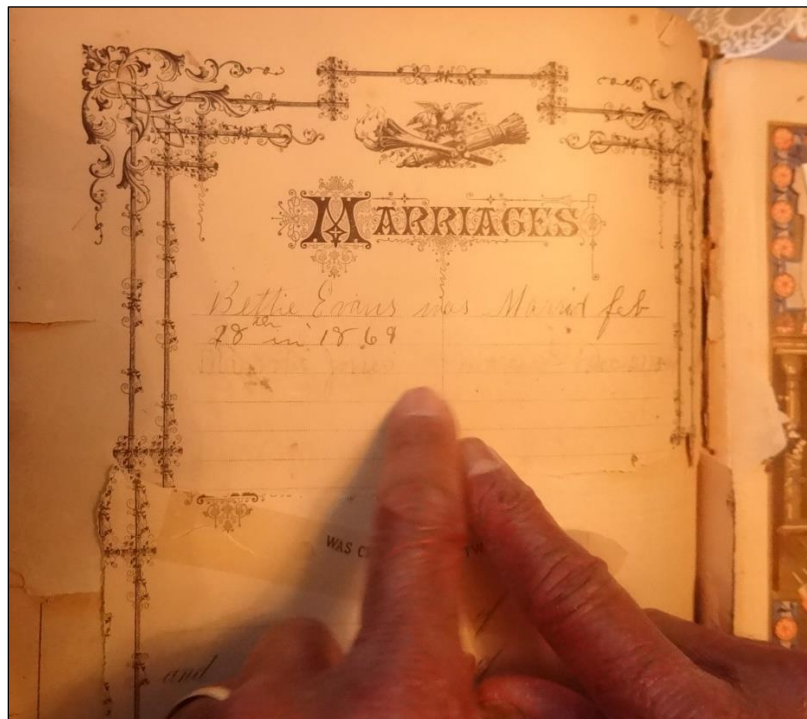


Figure 24: Image of "Marriages" Recorded in Jones Family Bible with Harvey Jones Fingers Tracing the Entries, March 2022.



## Harvey Allen-Jones' Genealogy

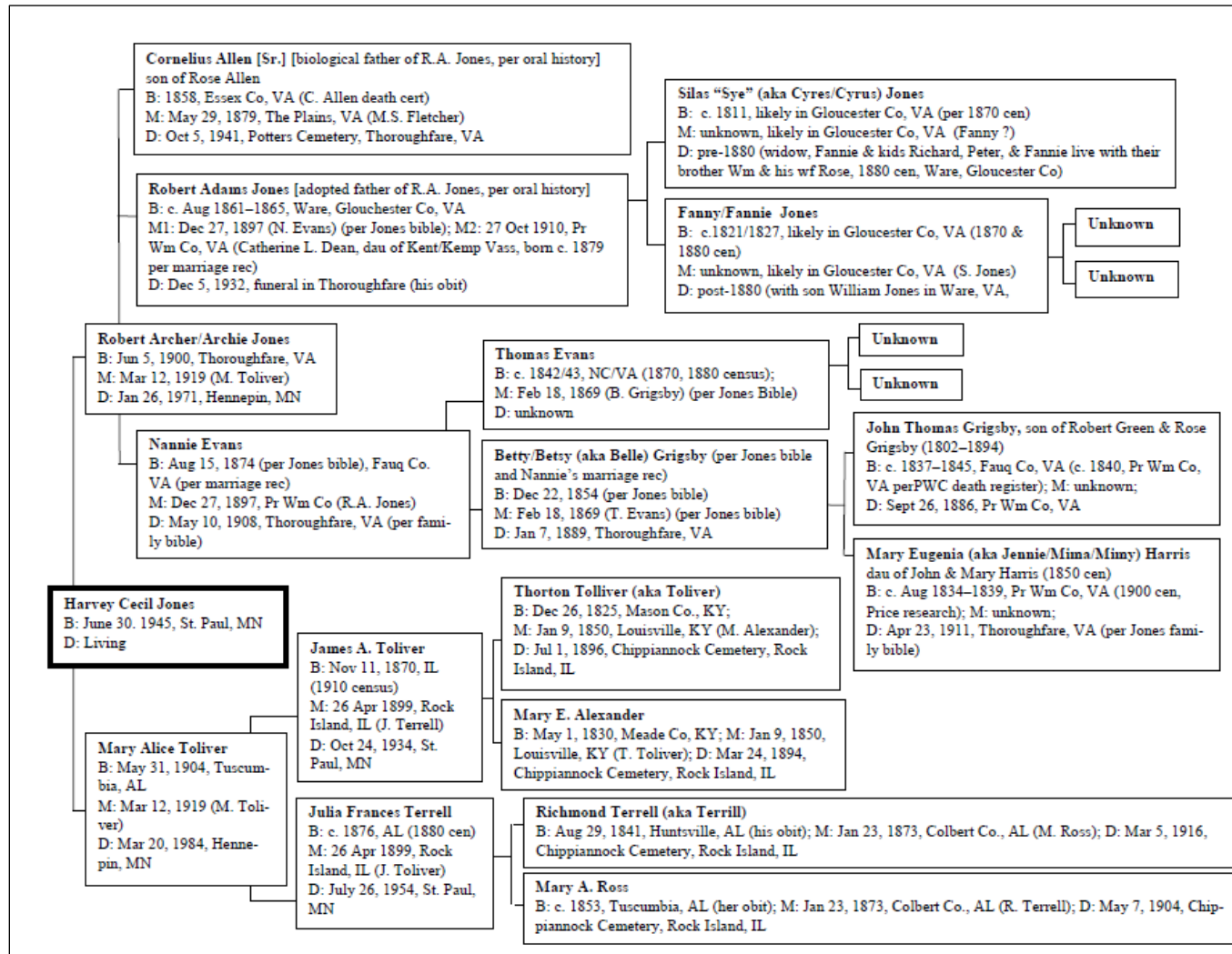


Figure 25: Harvey Jones Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a).

***Chain of Title Associated with Harvey Allen-Jones: House, 16123 John Marshall Highway (DHR ID 076-0594), Broad Run, Virginia***

Harvey Allen-Jones’ grandfather, Robert Adams Jones, purchased the house and lot currently addressed at 16123 John Marshall Highway in 1910 from Emily Mount, widow of a white carpenter named James W. Mount. Today, most Thoroughfare residents refer to this property as “Aunt Betty’s house,” as Betty V. (nee Allen) Berry lived there for most of her long life. The extant house thereon dates from around 1875 and was built for James and Emily Mount. James W. Mount was a White carpenter who resided in Haymarket prior to the Civil War. In 1871, he purchased 4 acres of land from Robert F. Mason for his wife, who occupied the property into the early 1900s. Local history suggests, and it is certainly reasonable to believe, that Mount’s construction business was assisted by carpenters of color like Frank Fletcher, John Edward Peyton, and Cornelius Allen. Emily Mount occupied the 4-acre property—encompassing what is now 16123 and 16119 John Marshall Highway—into the early 1900s, selling it to her recently widowed neighbor and local school teacher, Robert Jones, who promptly relocated there with four young children. Twenty years later, Jones and his second wife, Catherine, sold the property to Peter Berry and his wife, Betty, as well as her brother, Howard Allen.

This chain includes the transfer(s) of surrounding and adjacent lots where relevant to place this property in context. This parcel was subdivided by Robert F. Mason from the farm created for Nicholas and Lavinia Carter Goldsborough in the early 1850s. Dr. Thomas Smith and his wife Cornelia further subdivided the property, selling several lots around Thoroughfare Station on the south side of John Marshall Highway in the 1880s and 1890s.

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Deed	200209260123 663		9/26/2002	Raymond Wilson	Raymond Wilson & Vera L. Labrie	2.4 A	For \$187,000... [Same description as previous deed.] This transaction was recorded as an RTDD, or Revocable Transfer on Death Deed.	This is the tax parcel currently addressed at 16123 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	200207310097 973		7/31/2002	Betty Berry & Gina L. Allen- Thomas (devisee of Howard Allen)	Raymond Wilson	2.4 A	Parcel of land adj Southern RR, Allen, Fletcher, etc. containing 5 acres and excepting 0.5 A and 1.07 A sold to Edward & Grace Allen (DB 131, p. 251) and Lusby & Alberta Tines (DB 1283, p. 1821). Also references DB 88, p. 403 and DB 109, p. 283.	Howard Allen died on July 8, 1994, leaving the property to Gina L. Allen-Thomas.

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Deed	1283	1821	1/30/1984	Howard Allen (single) & Betty V. Berry (widow)	Lusby & Alberta Tines	1.07 A	For \$10.00... all that property containing 1.07 acres more or less, depicted in 1983 survey of R. Goode, subject to all covenants and restrictions of record. "This deed prepared without benefit of title examination." Filed Jan 30, 1984.	Identified as Tract "B" in plat of re-subdivision and consolidation by Richard Goode made Dec 20, 1983. This parcel combined with Tract A comprises the lot addressed as 16119 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	1237	1586	10/24/1983	Edward & Grace Allen	Lusby & Alberta Tines	0.5 A	Portion of the lot bounded by the railroad, L.H. Johnson, Berry & Allen, and Fletcher. Land conveyed to the Allens by Howard Allen & Betty Berry, widow of Peter Berry.	Identified as Tract "A" in plat of re-subdivision and consolidation by R. Goode made Dec 20, 1983. This parcel combined with Tract B is currently addressed as 16119 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	131	251	4/20/1948	Howard Allen & Betty V. Berry	Edward & Grace Allen	0.5 A	Portion of a lot bounded by Southern RR, Moses N. Johnson, Berry & Allen, Wilson... part of land conveyed to Betty & Peter Berry by R.A. Jones & wife in 1930 (DB 88, p. 403)	
Deed	109	283	5/18/1942	J.N. Berry, Walter L. Berry, T.G. Berry, William Berry, Ethel Ewell Summers, & Houston Summers	Bettie V. Berry, widow of Peter Berry	5 A	Lot with improvements adj So. RR Co., Allen Fletcher, etc. being same property conveyed to H. Allen and P. Berry (DB 88, p 403).	Peter Berry's relations release claim/convey their interest in the property to Betty. This 5-acre lot includes the current tax parcels at 16123 and 16119 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	88	403	11/22/1930	Robert A. & Catherine Jones	Howard Allen & Peter Berry (Betty V. Berry, widow)	5 A	For \$250... lot with improvements... conveyed to Robert Jones by Emily Mount on Oct 1, 1910 (DB 60, p. 221).	

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Deed	60	221	10/1/1910	Emily Mount (widow)	Robert Jones	5 A	For \$1,000, with \$300 paid in cash at time of transaction... lot of land with improvements adj Sou. RR Co., Allen Fletcher, etc. containing nearly 5 acres, being composed of two tracts conveyed to Mount by deeds from Fletcher et al in 1884 (DB 35, p. 114) and from R.F. Mason in 1871 (DB 28, p. 511).	Robert Jones appears as a school teacher living in Mimy Grigsby's house with Nannie in the 1900 Census, but lives with four children in a separate dwelling in the 1910 census.
Deed	35	114	8/6/1884	Frank & Catharine Fletcher, and Mary Allen	Emily Mount (widow)	ROW	Road or outlet 10-feet wide running from Mount's yard fence on the line between Fletchers and Mary Allen's property to the Haymarket & Thoroughfare Tpk. Filed Sept 17, 1884.	This driveway/ROW remains extant, passing through the current tax parcel at 16127 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	35	497	2/20/1884	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	Frank Fletcher	5 A	Written 2/20/1884. For \$5... 5 acres adjoining Mima Grigsby [formerly Washington Allen], [Catherine] Fletcher, [Emily] Mount, the MBRR, and the schoolhouse lot on the south side of the turnpike from Haymarket to etc.	When platted with deed-mapping software, the courses in this deed encompass roughly 3.9 acres (including current tax parcels at 16217 and 16221 John Marshall Hwy)
Deed	33	412	1/7/1882	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Catherine Fletcher	2 A	For \$30...Lot near T-fare Station on S side of the turnpike, adjoining Dr. Smith's land & that of Mount, containing 2 acres. Filed 1/7/1892.	This 2-acre lot includes current tax parcels at 16133, 16141, 16151, and 16205 John Marshall Hwy

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Deed	33	405	1/7/1882	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Mary Allen	2 A	For \$36...Lot near T-fare Station on S side of the turnpike, corner to lot 1 [sold to Catherine Fletcher] ... with the roadway to lot (no. 2) Mount's line, then with his line to stake (no. 3), then with Dr. Smith's line to the pike (no. 4), containing 2 acres... Filed 8/4/1882. *Note in margin indicates this deed was delivered to Corn. [Cornelius] Allen on June 4, 1896.	This includes the current tax parcel at 16127 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	33	277	10/20/1881	Dr. Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	John E. Peyton & George Gibson of Fauquier Co	18 A	For \$270... lot adjoining James Mount near Thoroughfare Station, and others, beginning at Mount's SE corner and running with VMRR to [J.W.] Fletcher's land purchased of said RR Company, then with it to the turnpike from Haymarket to Thoroughfare, and with the road on the S side of the same to Mount's lot... Containing 18 acres. Filed April 3, 1882.	Contains current tax parcels at 16105-16205 John Marshall Hwy, excepting those at 16119 and 12123 John Marshall Hwy, which were previously sold to Mount
Deed	30	122	3/6/1875	Wm. H. Payne, trustee (via deed of trust from Sweeton of Dec 24, 1873)	Thomas C. Smith	132 A	Whereas Wm H. Payne was required by R. F. Mason and his creditors secured in the DOT to advertise in the Alexandria Gazette the property heretofore conveyed and Thos. C. Smith was the highest bidder for \$1,650, containing 132 acres as advertised, excepting 3 acres Sweeton sold to Washington Allen. Filed Mar 17, 1785,	Washington & Jenny Allen later sold the 3-acre lot [on the east side of the driveway to Mason's dwelling and N of the railroad] to Mima Grigsby in 1878 (DB 31:552). This property is detailed in association with oral history candidate Harvey Jones

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Deed	29	452	12/24/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	W.B. Sweeton of Chester, PA	139 A	For \$4,000... tract of land on the S side of Haymarket Tnpk, bounded on the E and S by lands of the WCVM&GRR, and on the W by lands of Mrs. Dulany & Nathaniel Brown, containing 139 acres minus 4 acres sold to J.W. Mount on the railroad. Filed Jan 30, 1874.	
Deed	28	511	12/20/1871	R. F. & Margaret Mason	James W. Mount (Trustee for Emily Mount)	4 A	For \$80.75 paid in hand this day... a tract bounded on the S by the OAMRR, on the N, E, & W by R.F. Mason... containing 4 acres and 6 poles. Filed March 4, 1872.	This parcel contains the current tax parcels addressed at 16119 and 16123 John Marshall Hwy.
Deed	29	85	6/10/1868	Nicholas & Lavinia Turner Goldsborough of Essex Co, VA	R. F. Mason of Pr Wm Co, VA	304+ A	For \$6,094.20...a tract of land bounded on the N by the Haymarket Tnpk, on the W by the lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by lands of John Hill Carter, containing 304 acres, 2 rods, and 37.5 poles. Filed Dec 2, 1873.	Mason sold 150 acres from the eastern half of this tract to the Orange, Alexandria & Manassas Gap Rail Road Company in 1872 (DB 29:147)
Deed	25	5	2/21/1859	John Hill & Mary Jane Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot Co, MD	304+ A	For \$5.00... Tract of land bounded on the N by Haymarket Tnpk, on the W by lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by lands of John Hill Carter, containing 304 A, 2 R, and 37.5 P. Filed in Pr Wm Co Court: Feb 4, 1866; original deed admitted to Court on Mar 14, 1859. "The book in which said deed was recorded has been lost or destroyed."	A copy of this deed was also filed in Chancery Case 1883-049: Smith TR vs. John Hill Carter ETC; Re-recorded in DB 29, p. 85.  <b>For additional information on the development of John Hill Carter's tract, see Appendix B</b>

## Victoria Price

On October 21, 2021, Danae Peckler interviewed Victoria “Vicki” Price and Bill Backus from Prince William County’s Preservation Department. Vicki was born in Washington, D.C., on January 21, 1950, to James Worder Price (1915–?) and Florence Elaine Harris Price (1918–2004). They had four children, including Vicki’s brothers, Vincent (b. 1949) and Roger (b. 1951), and her younger sister, Adrian (b. 1954). Vicki’s mother was a sergeant in the Women’s Army Corps (WAC), attended Dunbar High School and attended Miners Teachers College (now University District of Columbia) and majored in French. She worked as a teacher’s assistant in D.C. schools and was employed for a time at the Federal Bureau of Engraving. Her father also worked for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for 45 years and knew how to repair watches, having learned the trade from his father, James Albert Price (1881–1933).

Both Vicki’s parents were also born in D.C., though her mother’s relatives came from Thoroughfare. Her maternal grandmother, Florence Louise Peyton (1899–1953), was born in Thoroughfare, the daughter of John Edward (J.E.) Peyton (1840–1950) and Sarah Frances Fletcher Washington (1863–1950). Vicki explained that Peyton was an anglicized version of an old Powhatan name, and also noted some Native American ancestry on the Fletcher side of the family, as Sarah was the daughter of Frank and Katherine Fletcher. Vicki recalled Aunt Betty telling her that Frank Fletcher was part Cherokee, Native peoples who were characteristically tall, since he was reported to be 6-foot, 1-inch tall in his “walking papers.” The term walking papers refers to the documents carried by free people of color to prove their status, as required by law. Vicki noted that his wife, Katherine (a.k.a. Kate) Bland Vass, had been previously enslaved and after their marriage, Frank Fletcher was recorded in many records as “Black” where he was previously listed as “mulatto” or a “free person of color.” Vicki’s mother and their family members identify as “colored” with mixed-race ancestors, but also as what many refer to as Black Indian. Her cousin, James Nickens, is a lead researcher with the Virginia Indian Heritage Association who has connected many of their ancestors to area Native tribes.

Growing up, Victoria and her family visited Thoroughfare quite regularly in the summers to escape D.C. Victoria fished at Berry Pond with her family and enjoyed the undisturbed landscape before the construction of Interstate 66. She recalled that Thoroughfare and Gainesville were quiet when she used to visit with her mother. Victoria and her brother spent a lot of time outside there, participating in archery and riding horses with her mother, who rode just with a blanket and saddlebags, never using a rope or bridle. Vicki recalled gardening with her Aunt Betty (a.k.a. Betty V. Allen Berry) and learning much about the natural world as a child in Thoroughfare. Wildlife would regularly visit Aunt Betty’s house before the construction of several residential developments and shopping centers.

Ms. Price credited her love of nature and her family’s Native American heritage as the impetus in creating an organization for Afro-Native people that aired locally on public access television called “The Painted Gourd,” where she shared her knowledge of nontoxic household products, organic gardening, and heirloom plants. She also became active in the “DC Native People Network,” a group of Native people that advocated for the preservation of their heritage and discussed social issues plaguing Native American and Black Indian people in the region. This work raised awareness of the harmful consequences of white supremacists like Walter Plecker,

who worked to systematically exclude Native peoples and mulattos from government records and advocated for arresting those who tried to register as Native American on their birth certificates. Vicki also participated in Rose Powhatan's first Pow-Wow in Washington, D.C., and was among those in the grand entry service.

She recalled Aunt Betty talking about the Civil War paraphernalia, including buttons, she had found behind her house. Vicki and other family members also traced some of their ancestors' involvement in the Civil War and the role which Thoroughfare Gap and the area around it played during the conflict. She became a Civil War reenactor, participating in many events in and around Thoroughfare, and giving presentations at places like the Afro-American Civil War Soldiers Museum in D.C.

Some of her older family members, including her maternal grandparents, Florence Louise Peyton and John Edward Harris, told Vicki that Thoroughfare was once the site of a slave auction block and shared stories about some of the punishments of slaves being hung by their thumbs from rafters. Her mother also recalled the practice of economically disadvantaged families to lease, rent, or apprentice their children to area landowners or tradespeople when they could not afford to keep them at home, telling her that some of her grandfather's siblings were contracted out and were never seen or heard from again. She and her sister have provided copies of family photographs and other historical documents to the Afro-African Historical Association (AAHA) of Fauquier County in support of the area's history.

Ms. Price was an active participant and engaged in planning some of the "Stop Disney" protests in the 1990s, working against what fellow Civil War reenactors called "Disney's Plastic History." She gave a passionate speech at the protest march on the National Mall about Thoroughfare's natural resources as well as cultural features like burial grounds, and the deep-rooted African and Native American history. She recalled that Aunt Betty reported one of Disney's promoters tearing down a fence around one of the cemeteries in Thoroughfare to the local sheriff. Shortly afterwards, Disney withdrew its plans for the park.

Vicki's work to record and advocate for the preservation of Thoroughfare's history and rural character stems from her great appreciation for the natural world and the ancestral ties of her and her kinfolk. Like many small rural communities being so close to D.C., residential subdivision and infrastructure projects have changed much of the area landscape. Despite the failure of Disney's theme park and the Dominion Valley racetrack, development pressures continue to threaten the community and increase area infrastructure. Last April, Ms. Price was one of several advocates that formed the Coalition to Save Thoroughfare, and continues to support those working to preserve its rural character for future generations.

Vicki and other relatives provided photographs of some of their ancestors, several of which are included in this report (Figure 26–Figure 29, pp. 55–56). Genealogical research of Victoria Price is also included (Figure 30, p. 57), as well as the "Chain of Title Associated with Victoria Price: Allen House Site, 16127 John Marshall Highway (DHR ID 076-6039), Broad Run, Virginia" (p. 58).





Figure 26: Historic Images of Frank (Left) and Katherine (Right) Fletcher, Courtesy of Frank Washington.

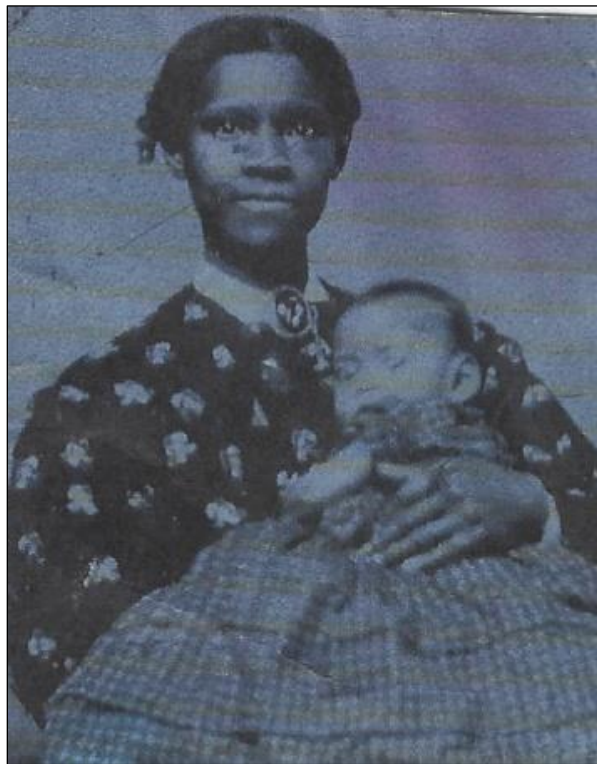


Figure 27: Circa-1882 Tintype Photograph of Charlotte Greene Burke (1845–1914) and Baby, George Burke, Born January 18, 1882, in Waterfall, Prince William County, Courtesy of Victoria Price.



Figure 28: Historic Photograph of Florence Louise Peyton Taken Before She Married John Edward Harris, Courtesy of Victoria Price.



Figure 29: Photograph of Florence Elaine Harris Price and James Worder Price, Courtesy of Victoria Price.

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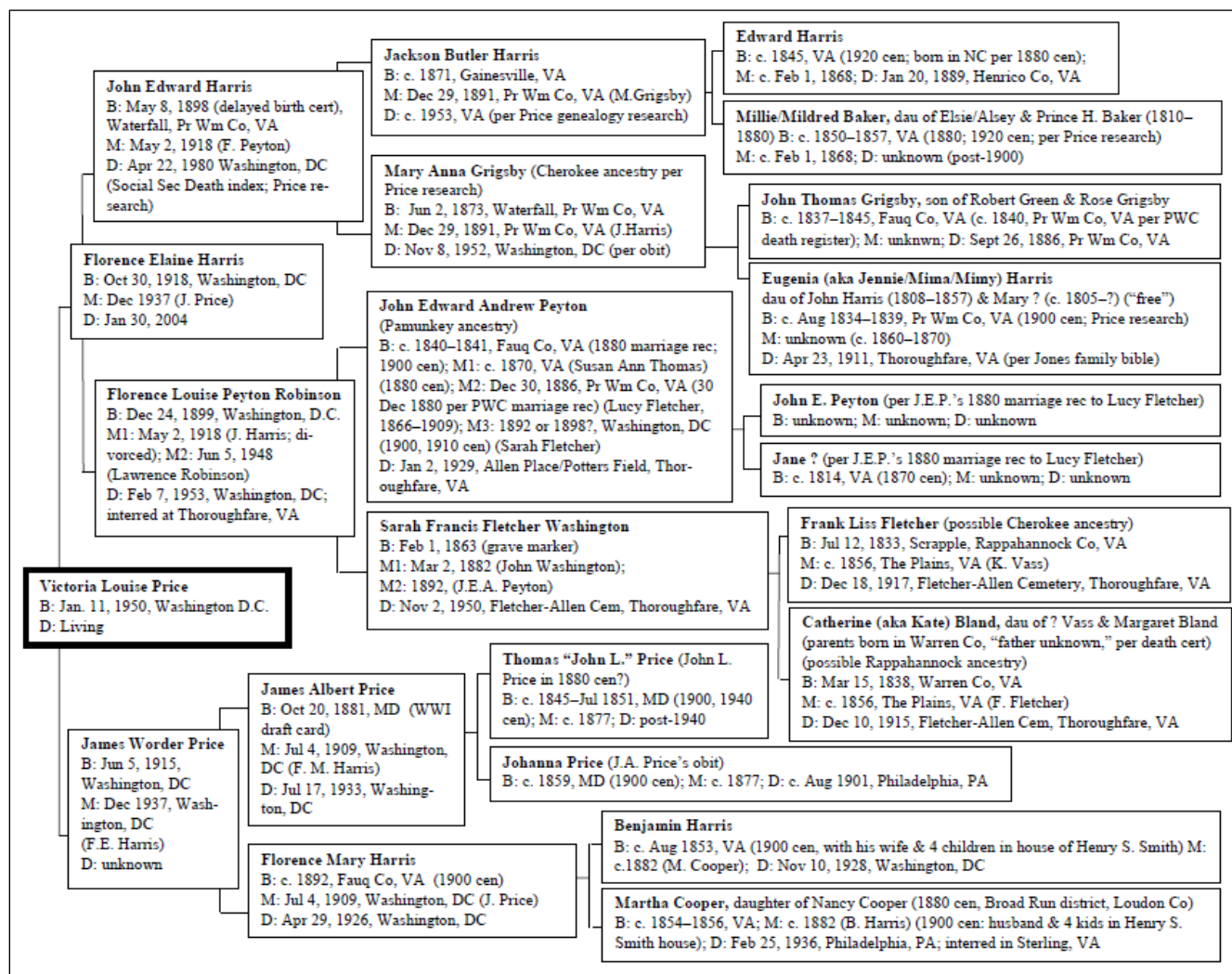


Figure 30: Victoria Price Family Tree (Ancestry 2022a; 2022b).

***Chain of Title Associated with Victoria Price: Allen House Site, 16127 John Marshall Highway (DHR ID 076-6039), Broad Run, Virginia***

Victoria Price’s grandfather, John Edward (J.E.) Peyton, was instrumental in securing land for people of color near Thoroughfare Station, purchasing several parcels from Dr. Thomas Smith in the 1880s and creating smaller lots for resale to members of the Fletcher, Allen, and Wallace families. J.E. Peyton’s first wife, Susan Ann Thomas, died in 1884, and two years later, he married Lucy Fletcher, daughter of Frank and Kate Fletcher. In the 1890s, Peyton married her sister, Sarah—reflecting his strong connections with the Fletcher family. As early as 1893, J.E. Peyton appears in Washington, D.C., city directories as a builder and carpenter (Ancestry.com 2022a). It is likely that he learned the trade from or alongside Fletcher, Allen, and other Thoroughfare area carpenters.

This chain of title traces the 2-acre lot J.E. Peyton sold Cornelius and Mary Susan Fletcher Allen in 1882—one of three similarly shaped parcels created from the 18 acres Peyton purchased the previous year with another African American, George Gibson—and includes transfer(s) of adjacent lots to place this lot in context. Tax records indicate that a dwelling was erected on the Allen’s property as early as 1886. This is likely the same dwelling recorded during an architectural survey of the area in 1995; satellite imagery indicates that this house was demolished sometime between 2006 and 2008.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	201001222226	454	1/22/2010	International Investments LLC	Deutsche Bank National Trust Company TR	2.0	Foreclosure sale	This is the current tax parcel addressed as 16127 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	201001220006	455	1/22/2010	Roberto & Raisa Berriz SURV	International Investments LLC	2.0	Bank sale	
Deed	200611010155	800	11/1/2006	Commonwealth Building and Design	Roberto & Raisa Berriz SURV	2.0	Note indicates that the description was changed after sale	
Deed	200504120057	352	4/12/2005		Commonwealth Building and Design	2.0	The two-acre lot addressed as 16127 John Marshall Highway.	Cornelius & Mary Allen’s house was demolished between 2006 and 2008
								Chain of title broken between the above and below transactions. Additional research needed.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
				Heirs of Mary Susan Allen			Oral histories indicate Beatrice Washington Allen resided in her parents' house after their death. She passed away in 1973.	
Probate	487	29	ca. 1960s	Mary Susan Allen Estate		2.0	Mary Susan Allen died intestate on July 29, 1930. Her heirs at law included Beatrice M. Washington; Howard & Elizabeth Allen; Bettie V. Berry; Frank Allen; Louis B. Allen; and John T. Allen et al.	Howard Allen, son of Cornelius and Mary, lived in the house on this property into the early 1990s.
Deed	35	114	8/6/1884	Frank & Catherine Fletcher, his wife, and Mary Allen	Emily Mount (widow)	10'-wide ROW	For \$20/per acre... a road or outlet 10-foot wide running from Mount's yard fence on the line between Fletchers/Allen to the Haymarket & Thoroughfare Turnpike. Filed 9/17/1884.	Kate Fletcher a.k.a. Catherine
Deed	34	151	9/6/1883	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Louisa Johnson	2 A	For \$40... lot adj Cornelius Allen, Gibson, and Lot No. 1.. Containing 2 acres. Filed May 14, 1883.	This is the tax parcel addressed as 16117 John Marshall Hwy (containing Potters Cemetery)
Deed	33	412	1/7/1882	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Catherine Fletcher	2 A	For \$30...Lot near T-fare Station on S side of the turnpike, adj Dr. Smith's land & that of Mount, containing 2 acres. Filed 1/7/1892.	This 2-acre lot includes 16205, 16141, and 16133 John Marshall Hwy parcels
Deed	33	405	1/7/1882	J.E. & Susan Peyton and George Gibson	Mary [Susan] Allen	2 A	For \$36...Lot near T-fare Station on S side of the turnpike, corner to lot (no. 1) ... with the roadway to lot (no. 2) Mount's line, then with his line to stake (no. 3), then with Dr. Smith's line to the pike (no. 4), containing 2 acres... Filed 8/4/1882. *Note in margin indicates this deed was delivered to Corn. [Cornelius] Allen on June 4, 1896.	This is the same parcel currently addressed as <b>16127 John Marshall Hwy</b> ;  Tax lists indicate a building valued at \$100 here in 1886 & 1892

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	33	277	10/20/1881	Dr. Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	John E. Peyton & George Gibson of Fauquier Co	18 A	For \$270... lot adjoining James Mount near Thoroughfare Station, and others, beginning at Mount's SE corner and running with VMRR to Fletcher's land purchased of said RR Company, then with it to the turnpike from Haymarket to Thoroughfare, and with the road on the S side of the same to Mount's lot... containing 18 acres. Filed April 3, 1882.	This deed conveyed land containing the current tax parcels as 16113-16205 John Marshall Hwy
Deed	30	122	3/6/1875	Wm. H. Payne TR (in a DOT from Sweeton to Payne of Dec 24, 1873)	Thomas C. Smith	132 A	Whereas Wm H. Payne was required by R. F. Mason and his creditors secured in the DOT to advertise in the Alexandria Gazette the property heretofore conveyed and Thos. C. Smith was the highest bidder for \$1,650, containing 132 acres as advertised, excepting 3 acres Sweeton sold to Washington Allen. Filed Mar 17, 1875,	
Deed	29	452	12/24/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	W.B. Sweeton of Chester, PA	139 A	For \$4,000... tract of land on the south side of Haymarket Turnpike, bounded on the east and south by lands of the WCV&GRR, and on the west by lands of Mrs. Dulany & Nathaniel Brown... containing 139 acres minus 4 acres sold to J.W. Mount on the Railroad. Filed Jan 30, 1874.	Robert F. Mason is known to have worked for the MGR Company and purchased in 1868 the farm property created for Nicholas and Lavinia Carter Goldsborough by her father, John Hill Carter, in the 1850s from his Falkland tract. <b>See Appendix B for additional information.</b>

## **The Washington Family**

On November 7, 2021, Danae Pecker interviewed Reverend Rosier Dulany (“Dulany”) Washington (b. 1960) and his mother, Isabell Washington (b. 1943) as part of the Thoroughfare Oral History Project. For the purpose of clarity, this summary has been divided into two subsections, the first detailing the interview of Isabell Washington and the second being focused on her son, Dulany.

### ***Isabell Washington***

Isabell was born Isabell Elizabeth Tibbs on April 24, 1943 in the Thoroughfare area of Prince William County, Virginia. Her parents were Isabell Gaskins Tibbs (1906–1996), housewife, and William McKinley Tibbs (1902–1952), who worked at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. William McKinley Tibbs died in 1952 when Isabelle was nine years old, leaving behind his wife and seven children. Her sisters were Ethel Priscilla Johnson (1927–2019), Mary Hazel Tibbs (1933–1949), and Evelyn Marie Murphy Griffith (1939–1985). Her brothers were William E. (1925–1953) and Frederick H. Tibbs (1932–1978).

Growing up, Isabell lived with her parents and siblings in a house on Thoroughfare Road, sharing a bedroom with her older sisters. She and her siblings spent many of the summer months living with their maternal grandparents, Mary Frances Priscilla Robinson Tibbs (1880–1960) and Bernard Edward Tibbs (1875–1967), in The Plains, Virginia. As a child, Isabelle attended school at Antioch-McCrae and Manassas Regional High School.

Howard Cornelius Washington (1936–2008) joined the Navy in 1955, serving in active duty for four years before returning to Thoroughfare. Howard and Isabell Tibbs were married on May 7, 1960, in Washington, D.C., and celebrated afterward with a ceremony and reception at his mother’s house in Thoroughfare. Howard Washington’s parents were Beatrice Marie Allen Washington (1896–1973) and Rosier Dulany Washington (1877–194?). Beatrice Allen Washington lived in what had previously been her parents’ home, near the Allen-Fletcher Cemetery (the dwelling was located on the parcel currently addressed at 16127 John Marshall Highway and is no longer extant). One of her sisters, Betty V. Allen Berry, resided behind her in the house at 16123 John Marshall Highway.

Isabell and Howard had three sons: Rosier “Dulany,” Frank, and Victor Washington. Both parents worked to support the family. Isabell held a series of summer jobs before beginning a career in caregiving. Isabell only recently stopped working in homecare. In regard to her interests, Isabell has always enjoyed attending services at Oakrum Baptist Church and was involved in the choir and various church groups. She now has four grandsons and two granddaughters with whom she enjoys spending as time as she can.

### ***Rosier Dulany Washington***

Rosier Dulany Washington (“Dulany”), son of Howard and Isabell, was born on September 17, 1960 in Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton. He has two brothers, Frank (b. 1959) and Victor (b. 1961), both of who are still living. They all grew up in the house at 16431 Thoroughfare



Road, which was built on the property passed down through their father's family. Howard and Isabel purchased parts for the house, building it in sections and completing it in 1962.

Growing up, the woods were their playground, as was the local baseball field owned by Pete Nickens, operator of the local "gin joint." The boys also spent a lot of their time with family members, including both grandmothers, who lived within walking distance. Dulany went to Antioch-McCrae, Gainesville School, Tyler Elementary, old Marsteller School in Manassas, then finally Stonewall High School. After graduating from Stonewall High School, Dulany joined the Navy. He was in the Navy from 1978 to 1985. He did not serve in any conflicts. Dulany's little brother, Victor, also served in the Navy.

After the Navy, Dulany worked for a while as an electrician. He then spent 20 years working for BFI, a solid waste company. During this time period, Dulany met his wife at a cookout in 1986. The pair married in 1990, and then ministered together for about 14 years at Joe Gibbs' Youth of Tomorrow in Bristow, Virginia. In 2014, they returned to Thoroughfare where Dulany assumed the position of assistant pastor at Oakrum Baptist Church. For the past several years he has served as the church's pastor. His cousin, Marcus "Mark" Fields, was the pastor at Oakrum Baptist for some time before him.

Oakrum Baptist Church where Dulany currently serves as pastor is the same church he attended with his family growing up. He recounted that church was every other Sunday and on the off Sundays he and his brothers would go to the church to hold their own services. Dulany also participated in the youth choir and later the men's and senior's choir. In his early 20s, he became a Deacon at the church. Dulany discussed how the Oakrum Baptist Church has been an important part of the community for many years. One major event held at the church is homecoming/second Sunday. For this event, families come from across the country, arriving by the busload. Youth activities and outings have also been important and include trips to Marshall Hall in Maryland, an amusement park, and Hershey Park. All children could attend these activities, even if their families could not afford the ticket.

Dulany also observed on how unique the community of Thoroughfare was when it came to race. According to his Uncle Howard Allen, Gina Allen-Thomas' father, the old railroad depot had colored and white signs; however, no one paid attention to the signs. Mr. Chambers, a white man who owned a local store, was known to give all children rides on his horse regardless of their race. He was also known for giving out candy on Halloween and being a surrogate parent when no other adults were around. Dulany actually used Mr. Chambers as a reference when joining the Navy. Others that knew the good reputation of the Washington family include Judge Smith in Manassas and those at Gossum's Grocery Store in Haymarket, which interestingly had a hardware store inside.

Both Dulany and his mother feel that development in and around Thoroughfare has threatened this tight-knit community. No longer do families live close together, rather they are spread out. However, the church remains the center of the community. Threats have included a proposed Disney park and raceway, Dominion Valley, and a golf course. Interstate 66 and Route 55 have also had a great impact on the community. Initially, Route 55 went through Thoroughfare and brought with it a lot of traffic and noise. The construction of Interstate 66, which was later connected to Route 55, took some of the traffic pressure and noise off of Route 55.



Frank Washington, the eldest son of Isabell and Howard, provided copies of some family photographs, several of which are included below along with a plat depicting the land sold to Oakrum Baptist Church trustees in 1907 (Figure 31–Figure 34, pp. 63–65). Genealogical research of Isabell and Dulany Washinton is also included (Figure 35–Figure 36, pp. 66–67), as well as the “Chain of Title Associated with Isabell Washington: Cornelius & Isabelle Washington House, 16431 Thoroughfare Road (DHR ID 076-6047), Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 68) and the “Chain of Title Associated with Dulany Washington: Oakrum Baptist Church, 16419 Thoroughfare Road (DHR ID 076-6044), Broad Run, Virginia” (p. 71).



Figure 31: Undated Photograph of Isabell (Right) and Daughter Evelyn (Left) Tibbs, Courtesy of Frank Washington.



Figure 32: Undated Photograph of Isabell Tibbs and Howard “Sonny” Washington, Courtesy of Frank Washington.

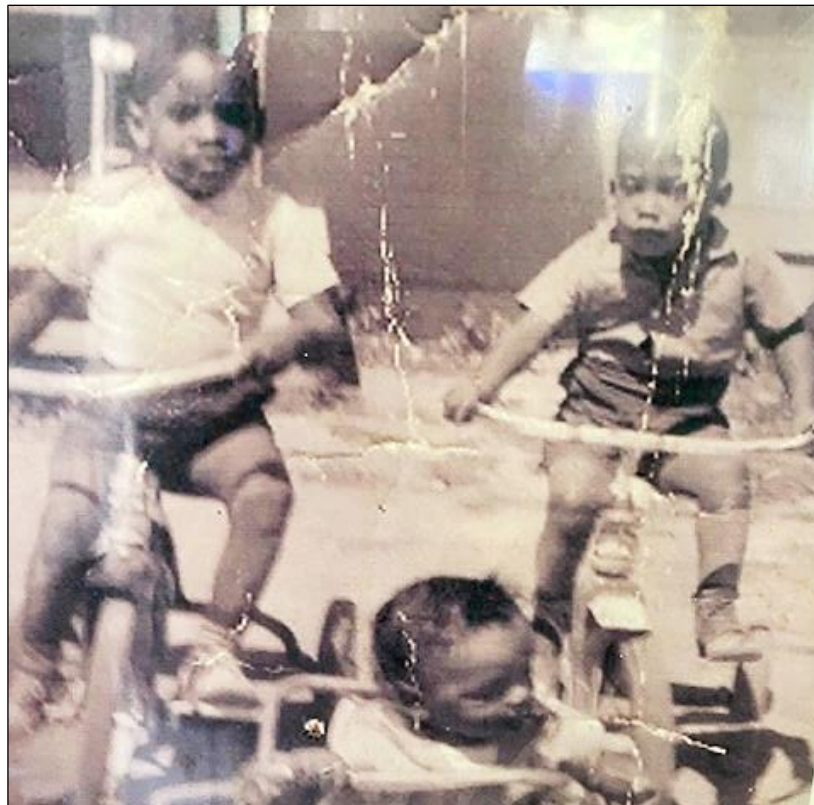


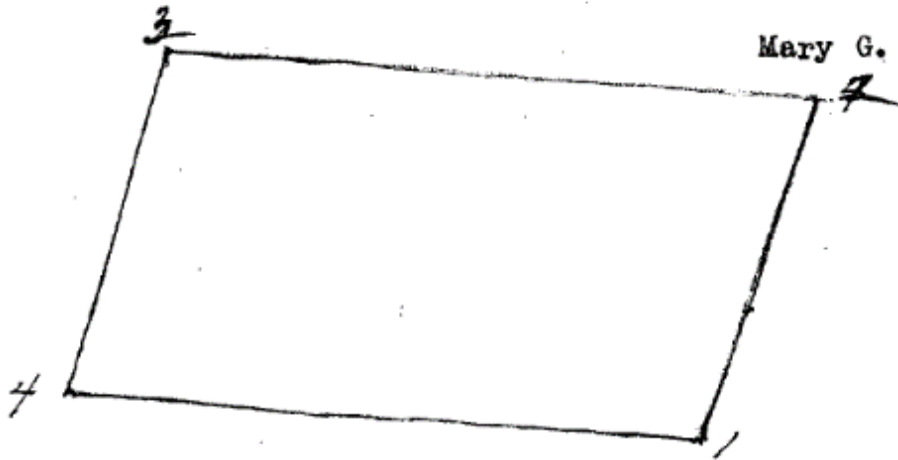
Figure 33: Undated Photograph of Frank, Dulany, and Victor Washington, Courtesy of Frank Washington.

Charles Eugene Keyser

(Seal).

Mary G. Keyser

(Seal).



The above plat made by request of C.E. Keyser, Esq., represents the Oakham Baptist Church lot. Beginning at 1, a stake in new road, thence N. 20° E. 9.29 poles or 153.28 feet to 2, thence N. 85° W. 17.8 poles to 293.7 feet to 3, thence S. 20° W. 9.29 poles or 153.28 feet to 4, thence S. 85° E. 17.8 poles or 293.7 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre. June 6, 1907. G. W. Nutt .

Figure 34: Sketch Plat Made in 1907 Deed to Sidney Mercer, Berryman Marlow, and George Johnson as Trustees of Oakrum Baptist Church (PWCCR 1908:DB 56:493).

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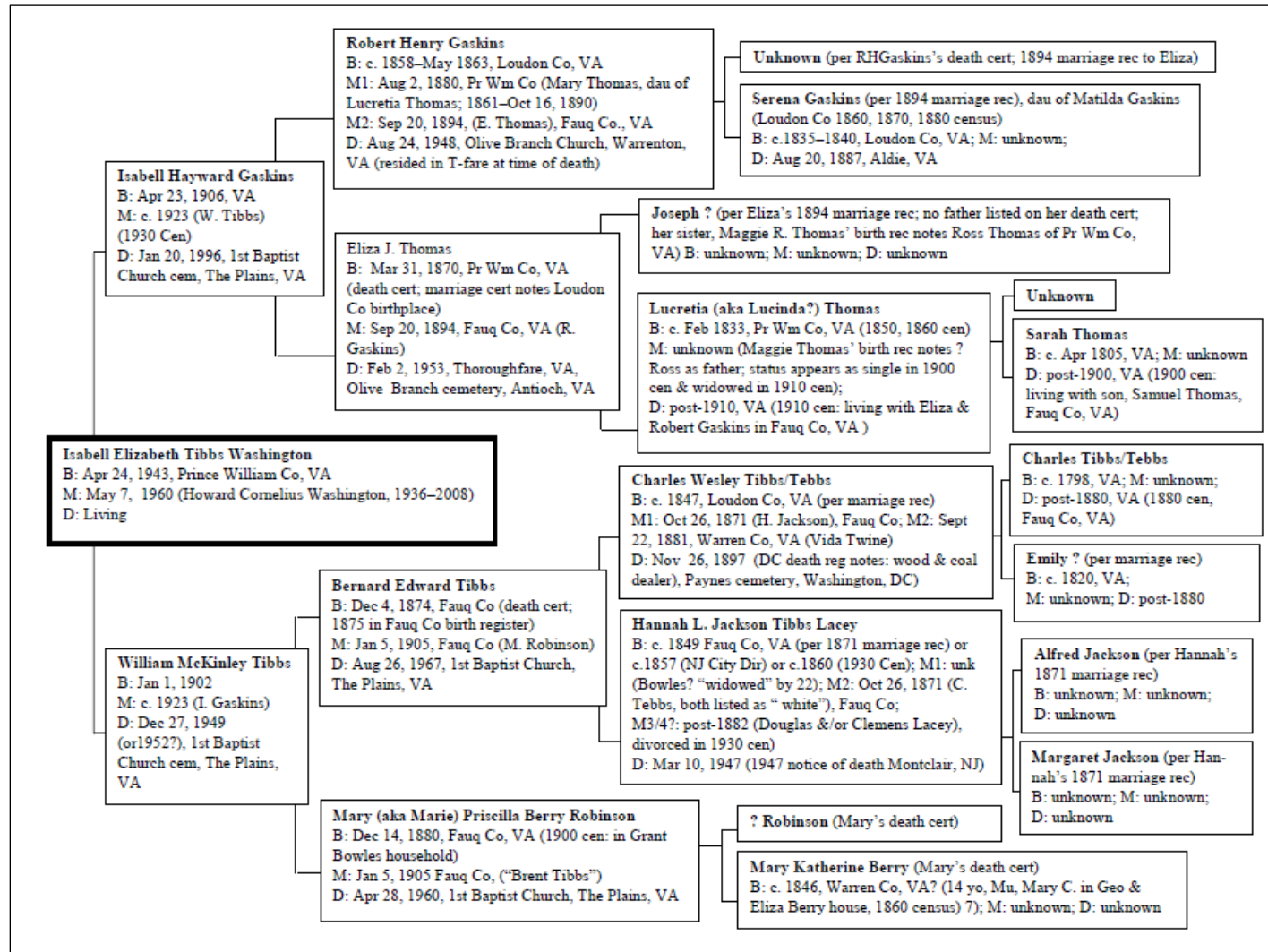


Figure 35: Isabell Washington Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a).

## Dulany Washington's Genealogy

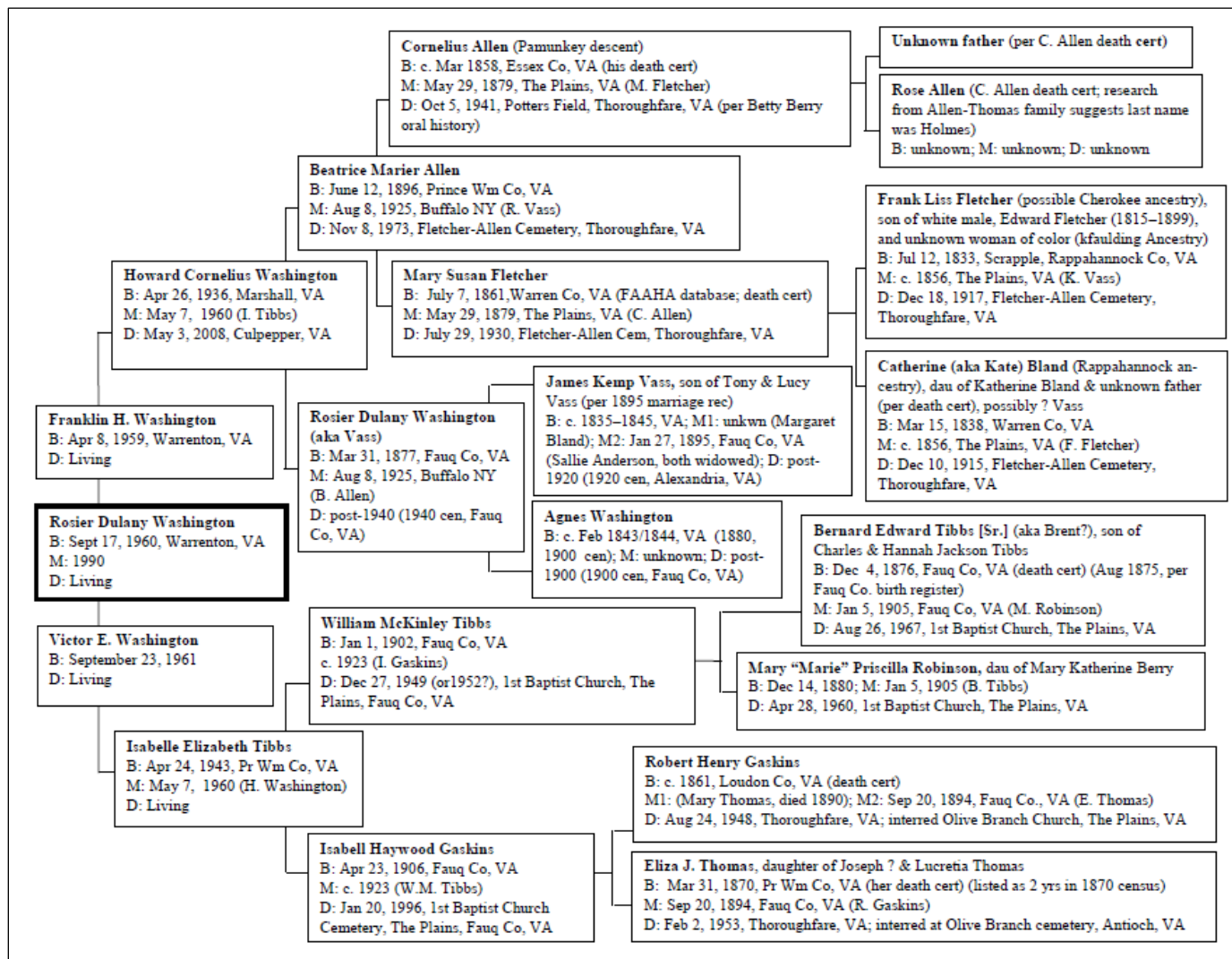


Figure 36: Dulany Washington Family Tree (Ancestry.com 2022a).



***Chain of Title Associated with Isabell Washington: Cornelius & Isabelle Washington House, 16431 Thoroughfare Road (DHR ID 076-6047), Broad Run, Virginia***

Situated north of Oakrum Baptist Church at 16431 Thoroughfare Road, the lot of land on which Cornelius and Isabell Washington built their house was purchased by his grandmother, Mary Susan Fletcher Allen, in 1908. The extant dwelling on the property was built by Cornelius Washington over time and completed in 1962. This chain includes the transfer of surrounding and adjacent lots where such context relates to the property's ownership by people of color. This lot was one of several similarly sized parcels created and sold by Keyser to people of color along the west side of Route 682 (Thoroughfare Road) and was subdivided from the Belted Field tract purchased in 1869 from Cassius Carter, son of John Hill Carter and heir of his uncle, Cassius Carter's estate.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	200111203012 8840		12/3/2001	Isabell E. Washington	Isabell E. Washington	1 Acre	Homestead deed: 16431 Thoroughfare Rd, Broad Run, VA	
Deed	363	44	8/12/1965	Edward B. Wright TR, Edward B. & Barbara Wright	Howard C. & Isabell E. Washington	1 A	Lot on Route 682 [Thoroughfare Rd]	
Mortgage	346	439	3/8/1965	Edward B. Wright TR	Howard C. & Isabelle E. Washington	1 A	Lot on Route 682 [Thoroughfare Rd]	
Mortgage	328	397	9/1/1964	Harold Wood Jr. SUB TR, Howard & Isabelle Washington	Southern Holding Corp	1 A	Release from Deed of Trust written 9/18/1961 on 1 acre lot, Route 682 (ref DB 274, p. 411)	
Deed	290	724	11/5/1962	Kale Homes Inc of Warrenton, Howard & Isabelle Washington	Kale Homes Inc.	1 A	Release from Deed of Trust written 9/18/1961 on 1 acre lot, Route 682 (ref DB 274, p. 411)	

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Mortgage	274	411	9/18/1961	Howard C. & Isabelle E. Washington	William E. Anderson of Danville, VA & Kale Homes Inc	1 A	Deed of trust on 1 acre lot, Route 682 near Oakrum Baptist Church, corner to Jack Johnson property... conveyed to Mary Susan Allen by C.E. Keyser on Feb 17, 1908 (DB 74, p 71).	
Deed	274	408	6/22/1961	Beatrice Washington, Houston & Elizabeth Allen, Bettie V. Berry, Frank L. Allen, Louise B. Allen, & John T. Allen	Howard Cornelius Washington	1 A	1 acre lot on Route 682... Mary Susan Allen (widow) died intestate on July 29, 1930. The heirs of Mary Susan Allen unite to sell this lot.	3 acres of this property was conveyed by heirs of Mary Susan Allen to Oscar & Cornelia L. Cuthbert in August 1966 (DB 415, p. 392).
Probate			7/29/1930	Mary Susan Allen			Mary Allen died intestate on July 29, 1930. Her heirs included: Beatrice Washington, Houston & Elizabeth Allen, Bettie V. Berry, Frank L. Allen, Louise B. Allen, and John T. Allen.	
Deed	75	116	3/10/1917	Mary Susan & Cornelius Allen	Clora & Cornelius Allen, Jr.	4.07 A	Land near Oakrum Baptist church and bordering road, being land bought of Keyser in 1908	
Deed	74	71	2/17/1908	Charles Eugene Keyser & wife, Mary G.	Mary Susan Allen	8.15 A	For \$203.75... Land on county road leading from Thoroughfare Station to Antioch Road on north side of lot conveyed to Oakrum Baptist Church	Plat made by J. M. Nourse, April 1903; this land previously part of Belted Field farm
Will/ Probate	V	420	4/3/1900	Charles F. Keyser	Charles Eugene Keyser		The residue of two tracts of land in Pr Wm Co that Charles F. Keyser bought from Cassius & Fanny Carter in 1869 known as Washington Lease (400 A) and Belted Field (400 A).	

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Mortgage	27	53	5/29/1869	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	Charles S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	800 A	A deed of trust to secure the payment of \$2,000... drawn by Keyser to Cassius Carter before the 1st day of June 1870 (see DB 33, p. 344 for release).	
Deed	27	52	5/29/1869	Cassius & Fanny S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	800 A (2 Tracts)	For \$12,000... two tracts in Pr Wm Co "containing 800 acres. 1) 400 acres known as the Washington Lease on the N side of the Turnpike leading from Thoroughfare Gap to Gainesville adj lands of C.C. Dulany's estate, Geo Chapman's estate, and on the Manassas Gap Rail Road; 2) 400 acres called 'Belted Field' farm on the turnpike adj lands of C.C. Dulany (dec'd), B. E. Harrison. Both tracts devised to the said Carter by the will of his uncle Cassius Carter in 1821 (copy clerk's office, Loudon Co, VA)." Filed June 7, 1869.	
Deed	27	54	5/21/1869	Charles S. & Lucy Carter, John Carroll Carter, Bladen T. & Jane M. Dulany	Cassius Carter	1,136 A	For \$10... all right and title to the land devised by the late Cassius Carter (the elder) to said Cassius Carter of the second party by codicil to will dated Dec 27, 1820 & recorded in Loudon County on Jan 14, 1822 consisting of 3 tracts amounting to about 1,136 acres in Pr Wm Co adj lands of late Capt. C. Dulany, John Chapman, and others, lying immediately upon the turnpike near the Manassas Railroad... Filed in PWC Quarterly Court in June 1869.	The grantee is the son of John Hill Carter (d. 1862). J.H. Carter estate division finalized in Oct 1882. Debts required the sale of a portion of his real estate.  <b>For additional information on the development of John Hill Carter's tract, see Appendix B</b>



***Chain of Title Associated with Dulany Washington: Oakrum Baptist Church, 16419 Thoroughfare Road (DHR ID 076-6044), Broad Run, Virginia***

Dulany Washington currently serves the congregation of Oakrum Baptist Church at 16419 Thoroughfare Road. The lot of land on which the church was constructed in 1909 was sold to trustees of the congregation by Charles and Elizabeth Keyser. It is situated amidst a string of parcels subdivided from the “Belted Field” tract that Keyser purchased in 1869 from Cassius Carter, son of John Hill Carter and heir of his uncle, Cassius Carter’s estate.

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
	195	196			Oakrum Baptist Church	0.98 A		This is the current tax parcel at 16419 Thoroughfare Road
Deed	56	492	9/16/1907	C. Eugene & Mary Keyser	Sidney Mercer, Berryman Marlow, & George Johnson, TRs of Oakrum Bapt Church	1 A	For \$100 paid... Lot near village of Thoroughfare, beginning at a stake in new road... 1 acre, being part of "Belted Field" farm bought from Cassius Carter. Survey by G.W. Nutt of June 6, 1901. Filed Oct 21, 1907.	Mercer, Marlow, and Johnson were people of color.
Deed	54	67	6/1/1904	Charles Eugene & Mary G. Keyser of Thoroughfare, VA	Appalachian Conduit Company, Inc.	Lease of Mineral Rights to 783 A	For \$1... a lease for the exclusive rights to mine, quarry, excavate & procure oil, gas, and minerals including coal from the 783 acres of land in two tracts known as Washington Lease (adj LaGrange & Galts on the N, Bleight and others on the W, the Gainesville-Gap Turnpike on the S, and E by Edwards line) & Belted Fields (N and E by Antioch Road, W by J. Blews line, and S by turnpike)... Filed May 24, 1905.	

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Will	V	420	4/3/1900	Charles F. Keyser	Charles Eugene Keyser		The residue of two tracts of land in Pr Wm Co that Charles F. Keyser bought from Cassius & Fanny Carter in 1869 known as Washington Lease (400 A) and Belted Field (400 A).	
Deed	51	222A	12/1/1902	Charles F. Keyser	Allen A. Barmore	1 1/4 A	For \$125... 1.25 acres at NW corner of Turnpike and road leading from Thoroughfare Station on the Southern Railway also cor to Ed Moore lot (also known as George Gibson lot) adj Coleman. Filed Jan 21, 1903.	This is the parcel at 16312 John Marshall Hwy. Barmore was a person of color.
Deed	43	340	9/1/1890	Charles & Elizabeth Keyser of Philly	James Mitchell	1 A	For \$40... 1 acre near Thoroughfare Station adj B. Robinson, the new road, & Dulany. No tavern, sale or distilling of liquor allowed on the premise. Filed Jan 7, 1895.	This is the 1.0-acre parcel at 16411 Thoroughfare Road. Mitchell was a person of color.
Deed	37	515A	8/20/1885	C.F. & E. Keyser	Harriet Coleman	2 A	For \$75.00... 2 acres near Thoroughfare Station adj said Keyser, George Gibson lot, and Dulany. No tavern, sale or distilling of liquor allowed on the premise. Filed Sept 5, 1887.	Believed to have been largely consumed by/condemned for I-66. A portion of this property may be included in the 2.45-acre parcel at 16405 Thoroughfare Road. Coleman was a person of color.
Deed	36	584	9/10/1886	Chas & Elizabeth Keyser	Bertha Robinson	2 A	For \$75... 2 acres in Thoroughfare Station adj Dulany & others... Filed Sept 24, 1886.	Believed to be part of the parcel at 16405 Thoroughfare Road. Robinson was a person of color.

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Deed	37	65	1/29/1886	Charles & Elizabeth Keyser	Nettie P. Leary	1 A	For \$400... 1 acre at Thoroughfare Station implied to have buildings thereon, but bounded entirely by Keyser (as one of the first lots sold, little detail in survey courses.). Filed Dec 18, 1886.	May have included portion of parcel at 16314 John Marshall Hwy. Leary was a person of color.
DOT/ Mortgage	27	53	5/29/1869	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	Charles S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	800 A	A deed of trust to secure the payment of \$2,000... drawn by Keyser to Cassius Carter before the 1st day of June 1870 (see DB 33, p. 344 for release).	See DB 33, p. 347 for release
Deed	27	52	5/29/1869	Cassius & Fanny S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	800 A (2 Tracts)	For \$12,000... two tracts in Pr Wm Co "containing 800 acres. 1) 400 acres known as the Washington Lease lying immediately on the north side of the Turnpike leading from Thoroughfare Gap to Gainesville adj the lands of C.C. Dulany's estate, Geo Chapman's estate, and on the Manassas Gap Rail Road; 2) 400 acres called 'Belted Field' farm lying on the turnpike adj lands of C.C. Dulany dec'd, B. E. Harrison. Both tracts...devised to the sd Carter by the will of his uncle Cassius Carter in 1821 (copy in clerk office, Loudon Co, VA)." Filed June 7, 1869	Washington Leaseland (also called Walnut Farm) & Belted Field Farm. Cassius Carter advertises 3 farms for sale as early as 1859.  <b>For additional information on the development of John Hill Carter's tract, see Appendix B</b>

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## APPENDIX A: ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Dovetail conducted a series of interviews with current and former Thoroughfare residents to inform current studies of the Thoroughfare Historic District in Prince William County, Virginia. Each interview was recorded using an audio and/or video device. Each participant volunteered to share their story and consented to its legal use in preparing documents associated with this project. Full transcripts of each interview were prepared in conjunction with this project but were not included in this report given their sizable length. These transcripts will be made available to the public at local repositories.

The following list of potential questions was provided in advance to each participant; however, each interview took its own course following the content and tone of the participant(s). The first set of questions focused on the individual's lives and their family's history in the community, followed by questions related to Thoroughfare's history including important individuals, events, buildings, or landscape features.

### Potential Interview Questions

- Identification and early life:
  - What is your full name and birth date? What were the names of your parents?
  - Where do [or did] you live in Thoroughfare and at what point in time or in your life/how long? (*Please note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.*)
  - Do you know precisely where were you born or other details surrounding your birth?
  - Can you provide details about your mother and her life? What was her maiden name, when and where was she born? What did she do for a living? What activities were most important to her?
  - Can you provide details about the life of your father? What was his full name, when and where was he born? What did he do for a living? What activities were most important to him?
  - Can you generally describe your household—what was your immediate family like? Did you have any siblings or other family members with whom you resided?
  - Can you generally describe your childhood—where did you go to school and what were some of the activities you participated in the community during your youth?
  - Did you leave Thoroughfare at any point for education, employment, service, or your family life?
  - What were the circumstances that brought you back to the area or encouraged you to stay in Thoroughfare?
  - What events, activities, and individuals have shaped or come to define your life as an adult?

- Extended family history:
  - Who were your mother’s parents and where did they reside? What were some of the significant events or activities that shaped their lives? *(Please circle or otherwise note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.)*
  - Who were your father’s parents and where did they reside? What were some of the significant events or activities that shaped their lives? *(Please circle or otherwise note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.)*
  - Do you get to know any of your great-grandparents? Can you recall details about their lives—when and where they were born, any significant events or activities shaped their lives, when they died, or where they are buried? *(Please circle or otherwise note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.)*
  - Are there any stories that have been passed down in your family about your ancestors and their lives in Thoroughfare?
  - Do you or anyone in your family identify as a Black Indian? Do you know of any historic connections your family has to Native Americans in the region?
  
- History and development of Thoroughfare:
  - Can you describe some of the places you and your family visited frequently in the community growing up (i.e., a church, store, swimming hole, etc.)? *(Please circle or otherwise note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.)*
  - Do you recall any events or physical changes—like the introduction of a new technology, construction of a new facility, or modifications to infrastructure—that directly impacted or altered daily life for Thoroughfare residents?
  - Are there any specific annual events, traditions, or celebrations that Thoroughfare residents cherish more than other people?
  - What places or physical features of the community today resonate most strongly with your memories and the lives of your ancestors here? *(Please circle or otherwise note the location of these places on the map(s) provided.)*
  - Do you recall what drove you to actively participate or first speak publicly about preserving the historic character, or even a particular historic site/building, in Thoroughfare?
  - What have recent events in Thoroughfare’s history meant to area residents? How do you think people’s perspectives on this small, rural community have changed?
  
- What has sharing your experience and knowledge of Thoroughfare’s history and the places that make this community unique meant to your family?



## **APPENDIX B: ADDITIONAL CHAIN OF TITLES**

Chain(s) of Title produced for properties associated with the oral history candidates interviewed for this project were included in the body of this report; however, additional information data was compiled to trace the ownership and occupational histories of land in and surrounding the Thoroughfare Historic District. This work reviewed various historic land, court, probate, and tax records, as well as previous research conducted by local residents to create additional chains believed value to future researchers.

Land within the Thoroughfare district was shaped by large land- and slaveholding Anglo-Americans in the late-eighteenth century as part of a 1724 patent from Robert “King” Carter (1704–1732) to his sons, John and Charles Hill Carter. Charles later passed 5,720 acres of this grant to his son, Edward Carter (1767–1806), who took residence on the property and named it “Cloverland” (also referred to as Clover land) (RELIC City and Towns Files n.d.). After Edward Carter’s death in 1806 and that of his wife a few years later, the property was divided between their children (Figure 37, p. 97).

Parcels within the district were created from four large tracts formed through the division of Edward Carter’s estate: Cloverland, Washington Leaseland or Walnut Farm, Belted Field Farm, and Falkland. The boundary lines of these four tracts influenced the development of the area’s transportation network at the fringe of these larger plantations. The earliest parcels subdivided from these larger tracts and sold to residents of Thoroughfare were situated along important transportation routes, particularly the Manassas Gap Railroad and the Thoroughfare-Haymarket Turnpike previously referred to as “the Old Gap Road.”

This appendix contains chains of title for the four tracts established from Edward Carter Sr.’s Cloverland tract throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, including images of historic plats and surveys that illustrate the development of the area around Thoroughfare.

## Cassius Dulany's Cloverland Tract

In the mid-nineteenth century, the core of the Cloverland tract—including an estimated 950 acres of land and the main dwelling of Edward Carter [Sr.] (1767–1806)—was owned by Mary Walker Carter Dulany (1802–1839) and her husband, Captain Bladen Tasker Dulany (1793–1856). This property passed to the youngest of their two sons, Cassius Carter Dulany (circa 1826–1868), while Saints Hill, an adjoining farm on the south side of Broad Run in Fauquier County, fell to his older brother, Bladen Tasker Dulany (circa 1839–1893), after their father's death. However, their father's will burdened the brothers with large financial obligations to their step-mother, Caroline R. Dulany, and younger half-sisters. After Cassius Dulany's death in November 1868, debts and several lawsuits forced the division and sale of this property (Figure 38, p. 98). In 1870, Caroline R. Dulany bought the eastern half of the tract including the mansion house while the western half of the tract was sold to a prominent Fauquier County farmer, Anderson D. Smith (1829–1912), whose daughter Emma (1856–1947) married Prince William County farmer, Acelpha A. Marsteller (1844–1904). The eastern half of Cloverland later passed to Thomas J. Chew (1845–1924), the husband of Caroline Dulany's daughters, Rose (1852–1879) and Phoebe (1850–1883).

Type	Book	Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acreage	Notes	Comments
Deed	34	350	10/22/1883	Eppa Hunton, Special Commissioner	Caroline Dulany	547 A	For 10... 547 acres and 18 perches known as the eastern division of Cloverland (a.k.a. Lot 1) adjoining B.T. Dulany, J.H. Carter heirs, Thomas Primas, and the turnpike road, Harrison, Foote... Filed Oct 25, 1883.	This portion of the tract later becomes the property of Phoebe Dulany and her husband, Thomas J. Chew
Deed	33	108	10/4/1879	Eppa Hunton Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Anderson D. Smith of Fauquier Co, VA	544 Acres (Lot 2)	Cassius C. Dulany's Cloverland tract, Lot 2 (west half) - divided as a result of various lawsuits after his death in early 1869 (Chancery Court: Dulany v. Dulany).	See plats of 1870 and 1871 filed in Chancery Court
Mortgage / DOT	28	32	11/27/1870	Caroline Dulany	Charles C. Simms	556 Acres (Lot 1)	This is a mortgage that used Lot 1 as collateral, noting that Caroline Dulany, widow of Captain Bladen Dulany, had purchased this property from Eppa Hunton, Jr., Spec. Commissioner, in the Chancery Court suit of Dulany v. Dulany, although this purchase does not appear to have been filed in Prince Wm County land records.	See Pr Wm Co. Chancery Court Causes: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)

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Chancery Court			11/27/1870	Eppa Hunton Jr., Spec. Commissioner	Caroline Dulany	556 Acres (Lot 1)	Record of this sale has not yet been found in Prince Wm Co land records but was noted in a deed/mortgage of Caroline Dulany to Charles C. Simms, as having been conveyed to Caroline by Eppa Hunton in the Chancery Court case of Dulany v. Dulany (see above).	See Pr Wm Co. Chancery Court Cause: Caroline Dulany v. Exrs Bladen Dulany (1894-072)
Will/ Probate			1869	Cassius Dulany			Cassius Dulany died in November 1868.	
Deed	26	765	12/24/1867	Cassius Dulany	Elizabeth A. Catts	25 A	For \$625... 25 acres adjoining Harrison, Catts, Clark, C. Carter, and the road from Haymarket to Antioch. Filed Feb 12, 1869.	
Will/ Probate	26	387	1/27/1857	Commodore Bladen Tasker Dulany			Will written Nov 7, 1856, and filed in Fauq Co Court Jan 27, 1857. Dulany gave his youngest son, Cassius, the Cloverland tract and his older brother, Bladen T., the property known as Saint's Hill. Both sons were, however, charged with providing a sizable annual sum of income from these farms to support their step-mother & half-sisters who were still minors at the time of their father's death.	
Tax Assessment			circa 1838		Captain Bladen Dulany	Cloverland	Tax records indicate that Dulany obtained this property in 1838; however, records have not yet been found to detail how he and Mary came into possession of the property from her brother Charles Shirley Carter.	
Deed	10	134	2/1/1825	Bladen & Mary Walker Carter Dulany	Charles Shirley Carter	252 A	This is the property surveyed and platted in the division of Edward Carter's estate as a 275-acre parcel & allotted to his daughter, Mary Walker Carter.	

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Deed/ Release	8	441	10/27/1822	Alexander S. Tidball of Frederick County, VA	Charles S. Carter (heir & devisee of Edward E. Carter, dec'd) of Pr Wm Co, VA	Cloverland (950 A)	Whereas on 23 Feb 1821, Edward E. Carter executed a deed of trust now of record in Pr Wm Co to the said Alexander S. Tidball to secure to Dawson McCormick of Frederick County, VA, the payment of \$1700 with interest from the 23rd of Feb 1821, said trust given on a certain tract of land in Pr Wm Co called Clover land containing about 950 acres being the same land on which the said Edward E. Carter then resided & on which the said Charles S. Carter at present resides... and whereas the said Charles S. Carter has fully paid off and discharged the sum with McCormick, this indenture releases Carter of this trust claim.... Filed in Court of Quarterly Sessions of Pr Wm Co on Nov 5, 1822.	
Will/ Probate			10/1/1821	Edward E. Carter		Cloverland & Washington Lease land	Written 20 Nov 1820. Proven in court October 1, 1821 & January 7, 1822. Edward E. Carter's will suggests he was unmarried & without issue. Left Cloverland tract to his brother [Charles] Shirley Carter, including all its stock, slaves, etc... and the Washington Leaseland to his brother, Cassius, with all of the same. Appointed his brothers executors.	Required both brothers to pay their sister, Mary Walker, \$1000 from those properties... Also, to pay the farm's current overseer, Bazil Taylor, \$500 within twelve months of his death.

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Probate			1/14/1822	Cassius Carter			Will written Dec 1820 suggests he was unmarried & without issue. Left 1) all of his land in Pr Wm Co above Haymarket to brother Edward... 2) to brother Charles [Shirley], my farm called Tecumsach, partly in Loudon Co & part in Pr Wm Co and "all my personal property of every classification. 3) to the poor people within 5 miles of my premise, the proceeds of the said mill or one hundred barrels of corn - the option of Charles for ten years... after this period, the mill is bequeathed to Charles S. in fee. To my brother John H. Carter, I leave nothing. Not that I love him any less, but because I think he has more property than either Edward or Shirley. To my sister, Mary, I leave a ring of the first value, diamond, worn for my sake Cassius Carter. It is my request that Shirley will be attentive to the happiness of my negroes. To attend to himself not to dispose or oversee and that he will sell his own before he does those I leave him. That Miller Lee (or Loo, Zoe?) and wife remain where they are forever. That he will retain Lee in the house and...keep it for the negroes. That he will take care of the tried and faithful old men on the farm..." Proven in Loudon County court January 14, 1822.	A codicil added after death of brother Edward leaves land previous of Edw to first son of brother John H. Carter... Said son to receive his name. Should this first-born male die, all this land to go to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and so on in fee forever. Written October 12, 1821.... Another item added indicates that the land passed to Shirley Carter should go to his eldest surviving son should he also die...
Will/ Probate/ Chancery			circa 1818	Edward Carter Estate	Edward E. Carter	1,350 A	This tract included the main dwelling and was referenced as "Cloverland" in subsequent land records.	See 1818 plat of division, Pr Wm Co Chancery Cause, Smith Trustee vs. J.H. Carter Admrs (1883-049)
Patent			circa 1724		John Carter & Charles Hill Carter	5,270 A	This land was inherited and occupied by Edward Carter (1767-1806), son of Charles Hill Carter, in the late-eighteenth century.	

## Cassius Carter's Washington Leaseland & Belted Field Tracts

On the north side of the Thoroughfare-Haymarket Turnpike, the Washington Leaseland or Walnut Farm tract and Belted Field tracts flanked Dulany's portion of Cloverland. Both tracts were devised to Cassius Carter (1835–1914), son of John Hill and Mary J. Carter. Each contained roughly 400 acres of land in 1869 when they were purchased by Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His son, Charles Eugene Keyser (circa 1855–circa 1917), moved to Thoroughfare and managed the property. Between 1886 and 1907, the Keyzers sold no fewer than six 1- to 2-acre lots bordering the north side of the turnpike and the west side of Thoroughfare Road (Route 682) to African Americans, including the lot on which the Oakrum Baptist Church now rests. Charles Eugene Keyser later sold the Washington Leaseland tract to his son, Charles H. Keyser, who also came to purchase adjoining acreage that was previously part of Cassius Dulany's Cloverland lot from Elizabeth Edwards. In the early 1930s, Charles H. Keyser's 614 acres of the Washington Leaseland and Dulany's Cloverland tracts, and Charles Eugene Keyser's 333 acres of the Belted Field tract were seized by creditors.

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DOT/ Mortgage	82	499	12/30/1926	Charles H. Keyser	Andrew L. Todd, Murfreesboro, TN	614 A	Filed 12/30/1926. Includes a 3rd party, The New York Life Insurance Company of New York... For the debt and trust created herein... four tracts of real estate in Pr Wm Co containing 614 acres by 1918 survey of Charles Allen. Being the same land devised to Keyser from 1) D. Stover in 1913 (DB 64, p. 198) containing 26.1 acres; 2) from Elizabeth Edwards in 1911 (DB 61, p. 422) containing 21 acres; 3) from the said Edwards in 1918 (DB 71, p. 267) containing 163 acres; and 4) from Charles E. Keyser in 1917 (DB 69, p. 395) containing 404 acres.	Washington Lease Land tract & land from Edwards' part of Cloverland
DOT/ Mortgage	82	502	12/30/1926	Charles Eugene & Mary G. Keyser	Andrew L. Todd, Murfreesboro, TN	333 A	Includes a 3rd party, The New York Life Insurance Company of New York... For the debt and trust created herein... certain real estate in Pr Wm Co containing 333 acres by survey of Charles B. Allen dated March 21, 1920. The same land on which said Keyser resides, devised to him by will of Charles F. Keyser (WB V, p. 420).	Remainder of Belted Field tract from Cassius Carter's allotment of Edward Carter's estate

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Deed/ Lease	76	429	3/20/1922	G.G. Donaldson of D.C.	Pamunkey Oil & Development Co. (VA)		Whereas 1st party is "sole owner of all oil, gas, and mineral rights on hereafter described land... constituting part of what is known as the C.H. Keyser farm, the leases recorded on 17 March 1921 (DB 75 p. 260-263) & 1st party has drilled a well (1,004 ft deep) to find oil and is "unable to further finance his undertakings"... 1st party transfers 1/2 interest in this land and the tools he has there to 2nd party on certain terms: said oil & gas leases covers 40 acres (14.69 A in Sec F; 11 A in Sec E; 15 A in Sec C as described in blue print on record at clerk's office) and all development of said 1004-foot well. 2nd party will dig a new 447-foot-deep well where it chooses... with expenses not to exceed \$10k... 1st party guarantees clear title...	This contract will not become operative until the part for the 2nd part starts operations in at least one of the wells mentioned & if operations are not started by 15 April 1922, then contract is void.  See associated plat (PB 2, p. 22)
DOT/ Mortgage	75	463	7/8/1921	Charles H. Keyser	C.J. Meetze	2 tracts (21 A & 163 A)	Two tracts to secure notes/debts to several individuals... Tract 1) the 21-acre parcel with improvements thereon from Elizabeth M. and Howard Edwards by deed of Oct 29, 1911 & 2) the 163-acre parcel adjoining the Manassas Gap Railroad (Southern Rwy), being the remaining portion of the land conveyed to Elizabeth M. Edwards by A.D. Smith, et al by deed of Aug 11, 1897 (DB 45, p. 467), and the same tract Elizabeth M. & Howard Edwards sold to Keyser on July 2, 1918 (DB 71, p. 267).	Portion of the western half of Cassius Dulany's Cloverland tract

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Deed	71	267	7/2/1918	Elizabeth M. & Howard Edwards	Charles H. Keyser	163 A	For \$5,000... land on the N side of the Manassas Gap Railroad (Southern Rwy), between lands of Keyser and T.J. Chew, running from the RR to the Antioch-Thoroughfare road, containing 163 acres more or less and being the remaining portion of the land conveyed to Elizabeth M. Edwards by A.D. Smith, et al by deed of Aug 11, 1897 (DB 45, p. 457) including 10 acres sold to Smith and later repurchased by Edwards. See survey of Nourse dated 1898..	Portion of the western half of C. Dulany's Cloverland tract
Deed	61	422	11/29/1911	Elizabeth M. & Howard Edwards of Kingston, Rhode Island	Charles H. Keyser	21 A	For \$3,000...that parcel one-half mile west of Thoroughfare Station bounded on the north by the Harrisonburg branch of Southern Railroad, on the east by the private land belonging to the grantors that is expressly exempt from this grant, on the south by the Beverly Mill Turnpike, and on the west by the lands of Eugene Keyser.	A.D. Smith [Sr.] died intestate, but gave daughter, Elizabeth Edwards the adjacent tract of land known as the Roach Mountain farm (119.25 acres adj lands of Bleight, Monroe, Yeatman, etc.) sold Smith by R. Taylor Scott, Commissioner (DB 67, p. 24)
Deed	58	172	19 Sept 1907	Charles Eugene & Mary G. Keyser	A.D. Riden, F.B. Fousold, & D.H. Synder	2 A +	For \$253.13... 2 acres, 2 rods, 5 poles on the north side of the Turnpike. Filed Mar 6, 1909. [This same tract of land sold back to Chas. H. Keyser in 1915, DB 66, p. 215]	From Belted Field tract
Deed	56	492	16 Sept 1907	C. Eugene & Mary Keyser	Mercer, Marlow, Johnson, TRs of Oakrum Bapt Church	1 A	For \$100... 1 acre, part of "Belted Field" farm adj the new road. Filed Oct 21, 1907.	Mercer, Marlow and Johnson were people of color. Land taken from Belted Field tract



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Deed	45	457	8/11/1897	A.D. & Susan Smith	Elizabeth M. Edwards of Michigan		Tract of land west of Thoroughfare Station, known as described as a portion of the Old Dulany tract... less roughly 100 acres on the south side of the Thoroughfare Turnpike between the lands of Emma Marsteller and the Dulany land now occupied by T. J. Chew... Filed August 30, 1897.	Portion of the western half of Dulany's Cloverland tract
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Deed	37	515A	8/20/1885	C.F. & E. Keyser	Harriet Coleman	2 A	For \$75.00... 2 acres near Thoroughfare Station adj said Keyser, George Gibson lot, and Dulany. No tavern, sale or distilling of liquor allowed on the premise. Filed Sept 5, 1887. [Coleman was a person of color.]	Largely consumed/condemned for I-66. A portion of this property may be included in the 2.45-acre parcel at 16405 Thoroughfare Road
Deed	36	584	9/10/1886	Chas & Elizabeth Keyser	Bertha Robinson	2 A	For \$75... 2 acres in Thoroughfare Station adj Dulany & others... Filed Sept 24, 1886. [Robinson (nee Tabitha Primas) was the daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Primas and a person of color.]	This lot is believed to be part of the 2.45-acre parcel at 16405 Thoroughfare Road
Deed	37	65	1/29/1886	Charles & Elizabeth Keyser	Nettie P. Leary	1 A	For \$400... 1 acre at Thoroughfare Station implied to have buildings thereon, but bounded entirely by Keyser (perhaps little effort put into survey). Filed Dec 18, 1886. [Leary was a person of color.]	Likely portion of parcel at 16314 John Marshall Hwy. First lot Keyser sold from Belted Field; courses/ description are vague.
DOT/ Mortgage	27	53	5/29/1869	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	Charles S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	800 A	A deed of trust to secure the payment of \$2,000... drawn by Keyser to Cassius Carter before the 1st day of June 1870 (see Deed Book 33:344 for release).	See DB 33, p. 347 for release

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Deed	27	52	5/29/1869	Cassius & Fanny S. Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Charles F. Keyser of Philadelphia, PA	800 A (2 Tracts)	For \$12,000... two tracts in Pr Wm Co "containing 800 acres. 1) 400 acres known as the Washington Lease lying immediately on the north side of the Turnpike leading from Thoroughfare Gap to Gainesville adj the lands of C.C. Dulany's estate, Geo Chapman's estate, and on the Manassas Gap Rail Road; 2) 400 acres called 'Belted Field' farm lying on the turnpike adj lands of C.C. Dulany dec'd, B. E. Harrison. Both of which tracts...devised to the said Cassisu Carter by the will of his uncle Cassius Carter in 1821 (copy in clerk office, Loudon Co, VA)." Filed June 7, 1869	Washington Leaseland (which Cassius Carter also called Walnut Farm) & Belted Field Farm
Deed	27	54	5/21/1869	Charles S. & Lucy Carter, John Carroll Carter, Bladen T. & Jane M. Dulany	Cassius Carter (son of John Hill Carter)	1,136 A	For \$10... all right and title to the land devised by the late Cassius Carter (the elder) to said Cassius Carter of the second party by codicil to will dated December 27, 1820 & recorded in Loudon County on Jan 14, 1822 consisting of 3 tracts of about 1,136 acres in Pr Wm Co adjoining the lands of late Capt. C. Dulany, John Chapman, and others, lying immediately upon the turnpike and near the Manassas Railroad... also the right to lands which might arise or accrue. Filed in Quarterly Court for Pr Wm Co in June 1869.	Cassius Carter advertises 3 farms for sale as early as 1859.

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Will/ Probate			1/14/1822	Cassius Carter (son of Edward Carter [Sr.])	Charles Shirley Carter (brother) & Cassius Carter (his nephew, son of John Hill Carter)	Belted Field, Tecumsah	Cassius Carter's will, written in 1820 suggests he was unmarried & without issue. Left all of his land in Pr Wm Co above Haymarket to his brother Edward; To his brother Charles [Shirley], my farm called Tecumsah, partly in Loudon Co & Part in Pr Wm Co... & all my personal property of every classification; To the poor people within 5 miles of my premise, the proceeds of the said mill or one hundred barrels of corn-the option of Charles for ten years... after this period, the mill is bequeathed to Charles S. in fee; To my brother John H. Carter, I leave nothing. Not that I love him any less, but because I think he has more property than either Edward or Shirley; To my sister, Mary, I leave a ring of the first value, diamond, worn for my sake Cassius Carter. It is my request that Shirley will be attentive to the happiness of my negroes. To attend to himself not to dispose or oversee and that he will sell his own before he does those I leave him. That Miller Lee (or Loe?) and wife remain where they are forever. That he will retain Lee in the house and that he will not sell part for a few dollars but keep it for the negroes & will take care of the tried and faithful old men on the farm. Written Dec 1820... Codicil noted death of brother Edward & .leaves land previously devised Edward to first son of his brother, John H. Carter. That son should receive his name [Cassius]. If this first-born male died, all this land to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and so on in fee forever. Written Oct 12, 1821....	Cassius Carter died in the winter of 1821-1822. Belted Field Farm (part of the 736 acres allotted Cassius in 1818 division plat of Edward Carter estate); Tecumsah also referred to as "Mountain Farm" in related records.  Another item added notes that land passed to Shirley Carter should go to his eldest surviving son should he also die... Proven in Loudon County court Jan 14, 1822.

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Will/ Probate			10/1/1821	Edward E. Carter	Charles S. & Cassius Carter (his brothers)	Cloverland & Washington Lease land	Edward E. Carter's will indicates he died unmarried & without issue. He left his Cloverland tract to brother [Charles] Shirley Carter, including att its stock, slaves, etc... and the Washington Leaseland to his brother, Cassius Carter, with all of the same. Required both brothers to pay their sister, Mary Walker Carter, \$1000 from those properties... Also, to pay the farm's current overseer, Bazil Taylor, \$500 within twelve months of his death. Appointed bros execs, written 20 Nov 1820. Proven in court October 1, 1821 & January 7, 1822.	Cloverland; Washington Leaseland (1818 division of Edward Carter's estate notes that the Washington Leaseland was occupied by "Washington John Washington," who was listed along with E. Carter as trustees of the town of "Hay Market" in 1799 (Burton 1974:37).
Will/ Probate/ Chancery Court			circa 1818	Edward Carter Estate	John Hill, Edward E., Cassius, Charles Shirley, and Mary Walker Carter (heirs of Edward Carter)	5,270 A	Division of Edward Carter's estate for his five children after the death of their mother, Janet Hamilton Carter. Said to contain 5,270 acres in full.	Described in copy of 1818 plat/survey of division, recorded in Prince William Co Chancery Cause, Smith Trustee vs. J.H. Carter Admrs (1883-049)
Will/ Probate				Charles Hill Carter	Edward Carter (his son)		Charles Hill Carter and his son, Edward, both died in 1806.	
Patent			circa 1724		John Carter & Charles Hill Carter	5,270 A		

## John Hill Carter’s Falkland Tract

Much of the Thoroughfare community, including the lot on which the Thoroughfare Station on the MGRR was constructed, was part of the 2,039-acre tract devised to John Hill Carter (1800–1862). Adjoining the eastern boundary of Dulany’s Cloverland, the Falkland tract extended east along the south side of the Thoroughfare-Haymarket Turnpike, now John Marshall Highway, and south along both sides of Thoroughfare Road. John Hill Carter was a prominent Prince William County farmer whose son, John Hill Carter, Jr., was elected chairman of the Manassas Gap Rail Road Company (MGRR) when it was formed in 1850 (Alexandria Gazette 1850:3). His daughter, Lavina Turner Carter (1835–1889), married Nicholas Goldsborough, and in 1859, the couple purchased 304 acres at the northwest corner of the Falkland tract, including the railroad station then known as “Carter’s Switch.” The Goldsborough’s farm was purchased by Robert F. Mason in 1868 and later sold to Dr. Thomas C. Smith of Washington, D.C. Both Mason and Smith subdivided and sold smaller lots around the station, helping establish the village of Thoroughfare in the late-nineteenth century. Two plats from the 1870s were found depicting portions of John Hill Carter’s Falkland following his death, though neither details land currently located within the Thoroughfare Historic District (Figure 39 and Figure 40, pp. 99–100).

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Deed	35	497	2/20/1884	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	Frank Fletcher	5 acres	Written 2/20/1884. For \$5... 5 acres adjoining Mima Grigsby [formerly Washington Allen], [Catherine] Fletcher, [Emily] Mount, the MBRR, and the schoolhouse lot on the south side of the turnpike from Haymarket to etc.	
Deed	35	107	1884	T.C. & C.F. Smith	Gainesville School Board	lot	Lot of land adjoining Grigsby for white "free school"	
Deed	34	606	1884	T.C. & C.F. Smith	Edwin Jones & wife, Amy	142 A	142 acres adjoining land of Griffith and the Thoroughfare-Buckland Road... Included 50 A from Railroad lawsuit. This same property is mortgaged back to Smith and others appearing in two other deeds, the latter of which is a release (DB 34, p. 460 & 36, p. 201)	Release filed in 1886 (see DB 36:201)

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Deed	32	502	1881	H.R. Garden, Spec Commissioner, City of Alexandria	Dr. Thomas C. Smith of D.C.	50 A	50 A adjoining the Thoroughfare-Buckland Road (south of project area)	lawsuit against the Railroad
Deed	32	499	6/1/1880	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	William H. Yeatman of Pr Wm Co	1 Acre	For \$20... tract of land known as the piece of ground on which Thoroughfare Sta of the Manassas Division of the VA Midland RR now stands containing 1 acre +/- bordered by the RR on the S, Peyton's line on the E, Haymarket turnpike on the N, and Peake's line on the W. Filed Jan 20, 1881.	
Deed	32	361	4/23/1880	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	J.E. Peyton of Fauquier Co	3 A	For \$100... lot adjoining the land on which the Thoroughfare Station House is built and the lot of Thomas Evans.. S side Haymarket Trnprk; W side of road leading to the RR; N side RR	
Deed	31	510	5/15/1878	Thomas C. & Cornelia F. Smith of D.C.	Charles & Sarah Butler	1 Acre	For \$20... tract of land between the Railroad and Thoroughfare Turnpike... Beginning on the N side of RR, then to south side of Turnpike, west with pike to intersection with RR, then east to beginning. Containing roughly 1 acre of land. Filed Sept 5, 1878.	
Deed	30	122	3/6/1875	Wm. H. Payne TR (DOT from Sweeton to Payne of Dec 24, 1873)	Thomas C. Smith	132 A	Whereas Wm H. Payne was required by R. F. Mason/his creditors in the Deed of Trust (DOT) to advertise in the Alexandria Gazette the property heretofore conveyed, and Thos. C. Smith was the highest bidder for \$1,650, containing 132 acres as advertised, except 3 acres Sweeton sold to Washington Allen. Filed Mar 17, 1875	

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Deed	29	452	12/24/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	W.B. Sweeton of Chester, PA	139 A	For \$4,000... tract of land on the south side of Haymarket Tpk, bounded on the east and south by lands of the WCVM&GSRR, and on the west by lands of Mrs. Dulany & Nathaniel Brown... containing 139 acres minus 4 acres sold to J.W. Mount on the RR. Filed Jan 30, 1874.	OA&MGRR is now the Washington City Virginia Midland & Great Southern Rail Road (WCVM&GSRR)
Deed	30	10	12/20/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	Nathaniel Brown of Pr Wm Co	8 A	For \$160... A tract beginning on S side of the Railroad... to an old fence row... back to S side Railroad, cor to Fletcher's lot, then with Railroad to beginning... containing 8 acres. Filed Sept 17, 1874.	This property is currently part of the parcel addressed at 16261 Thoroughfare Road. Brown was a person of color.
Deed	29	147	12/10/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason	Orange Alexandria & Manassas Gap Rail Road Company	150 A	For \$3,000... According to recent survey by Silas Butler...tract adj Carter Estate/C. S. Carter's lot, Thoroughfare Turnpike, Cloverland Tract... containing 150 acres and 25 poles. Filed Mar 4, 1873.	
Deed	29	144	12/14/1872	Eppa Hunton	Orange Alexandria & Manassas Gap Rail Road Company	598 A	Whereas Pr Wm Co Court decree appointed Hunton Special Commissioner for the purpose of conveying certain lands to the OA&MGRR with special warranty... a tract adjoining Thoroughfare Station on said RR bounded according to a new survey by Butler... containing 598 acres, two rods, and 23 poles... Filed March 4, 1873.	
Deed	30	15	4/3/1872	R. F. & Margaret Mason of Pr Wm Co	J. W. Fletcher of Pr Wm Co	8 A	For \$160, \$120 of which has been paid in hand... A tract beginning at Nathaniel Brown's corner on the Rail Road and running with it... containing 8 acres. Filed Oct 5, 1874.	This property is currently part of the parcel addressed at 16261 Thoroughfare Road



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Deed	28	511	12/20/1871	R. F. & Margaret Mason	James W. Mount (Trustee for Emily Mount)	4 A	For \$80.75 paid in hand this day... a tract bounded on the S by the OA&MRR, on the N, E, &W by R.F. Mason... containing 4 acres and 6 poles. Filed Mar 4, 1872.	James W. Mount was a white carpenter who relocated to this property with his wife, Emily, and their family from Haymarket.
DOT/ Mortgage	28	83	7/1/1868	R. F. & Margaret Mason	Eppa Hunton	304+ A	All that land conveyed to Masons from John Hill Carter & wife to Nicholas Goldsborough. Beginning at stone in Haymarket Tpk, then with... containing 304 acres, 2 rods, & 7.5 poles. In trust to secure \$1,194 to Nicholas Goldsborough of Essex County, VA by 1 July 1869.	
Deed	29	85	6/10/1868	Nicholas & Lavina Turner Goldsborough of Essex Co, VA	R. F. Mason of Pr Wm Co, VA	304+ A	For \$6,094.20... a tract of land bounded on the N by the Haymarket Turnpike, on the W by the lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by the lands of John Hill Carter... containing 304 acres, 2 rods, and 37.5 poles. Filed in Pr Wm Co on Dec 2, 1873.	Lavina Turner Goldsborough, daughter of John Hill Carter. Mason noted as resident of Pr Wm Co, suggesting he occupied the property at the time of purchase.
Deed	25	5	2/21/1859	John Hill & Mary Jane Carter of Pr Wm Co, VA	Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot Co, MD	304+ A	For \$5.00... a tract bounded on the N by the Haymarket Trnpk, on the W by the lands of Cassius Dulany, and on the S & E by the lands of John Hill Carter... containing 304 acres, 2 rods, and 37.5 poles. Filed in Pr Wm Co Court: Feb 4, 1866; original deed admitted on Mar 14, 1859.	"The book in which said deed was recorded has been lost or destroyed" (filed in Chancery Cause 1883-049: Smith TR vs. John Hill Carter ETC; Re-recorded in Pr Wm Co DB 29, p. 85).

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Will/ Chancery Court			1818	Edward Carter	John Hill Carter	2,039 A	Part of his inheritance from his father, Edward Carter (d.1806) and the property J.H. Carter named Falkand.	Described in 1818 plat/survey of division, recorded in Pr Wm Co Chancery Cause, Smith Trustee vs. J.H. Carter Admrs (1883-049).
Will/ Probate				Charles Hill Carter	Edward Carter			
Patent			ca. 1724		John Carter & Charles Hill Carter	5,270 A		

## Plats and Surveys Related to the Carter and Dulany Family Tracts Around Thoroughfare

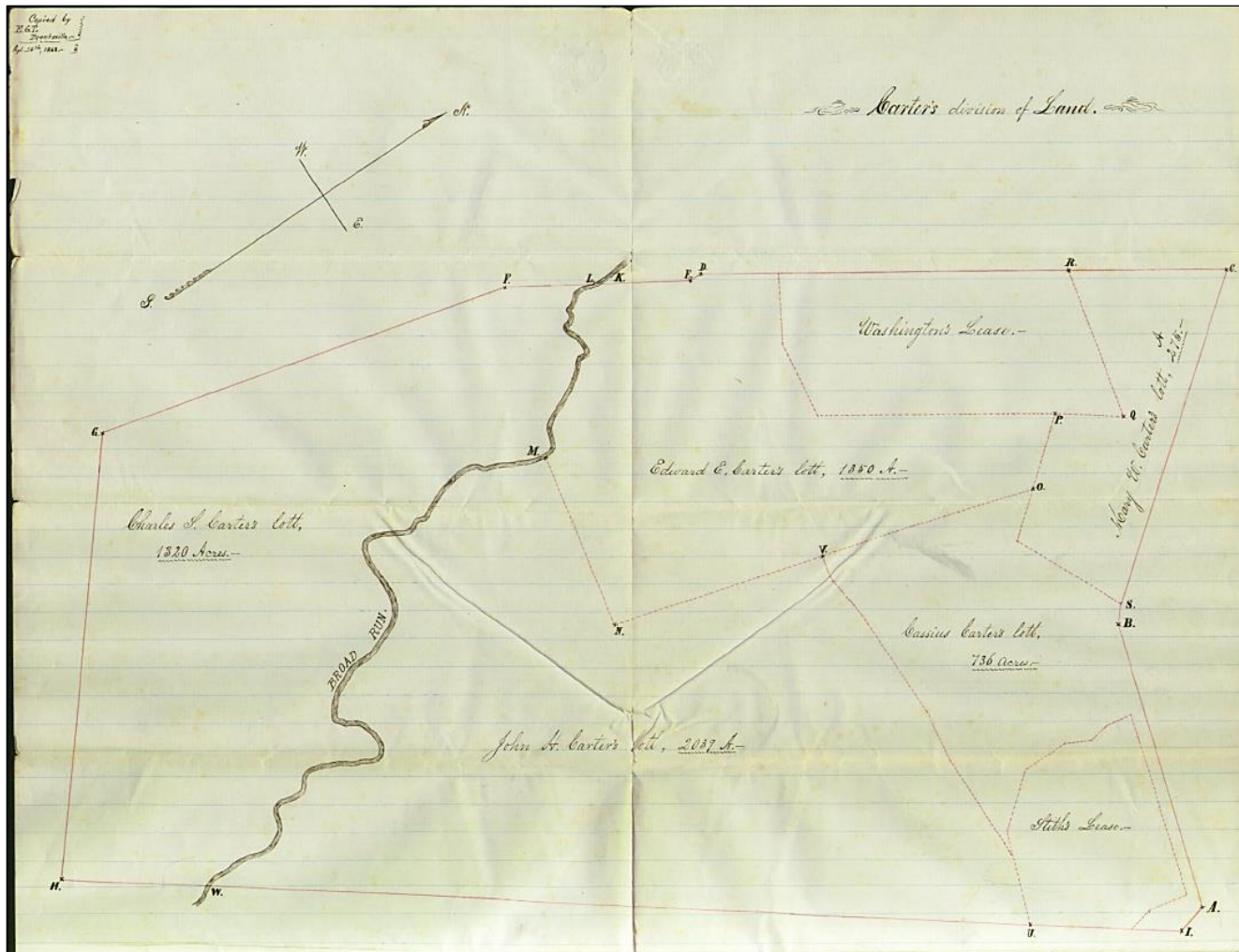


Figure 37: Detail of 1818 Survey for the Division of Edward Carter's Estate (Prince William County Chancery Causes, Local Government Records Collection, The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia [PWCCC] 1883).

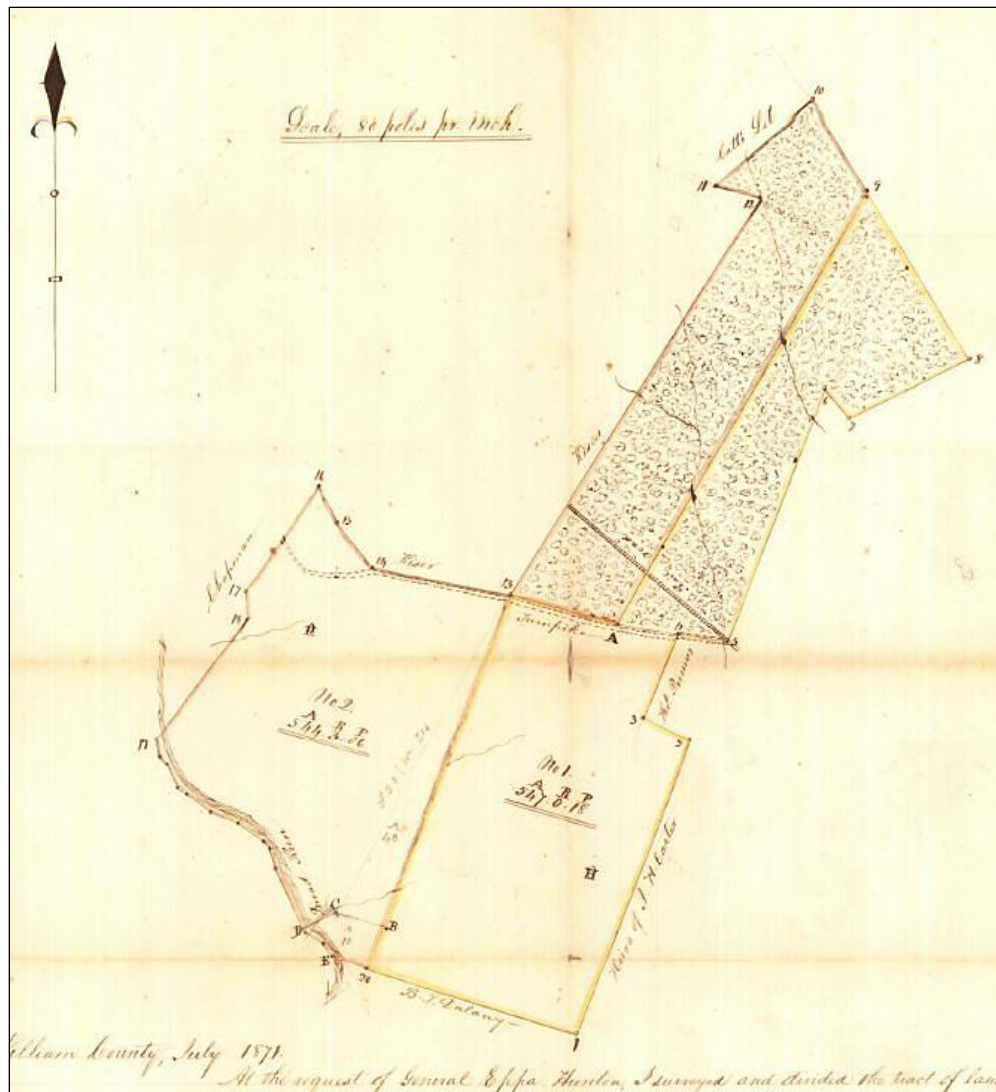


Figure 38: Detail of 1871 Survey of Eastern and Western Divisions of Cassius Dulany's Cloverland Tract (PWCCC 1894).

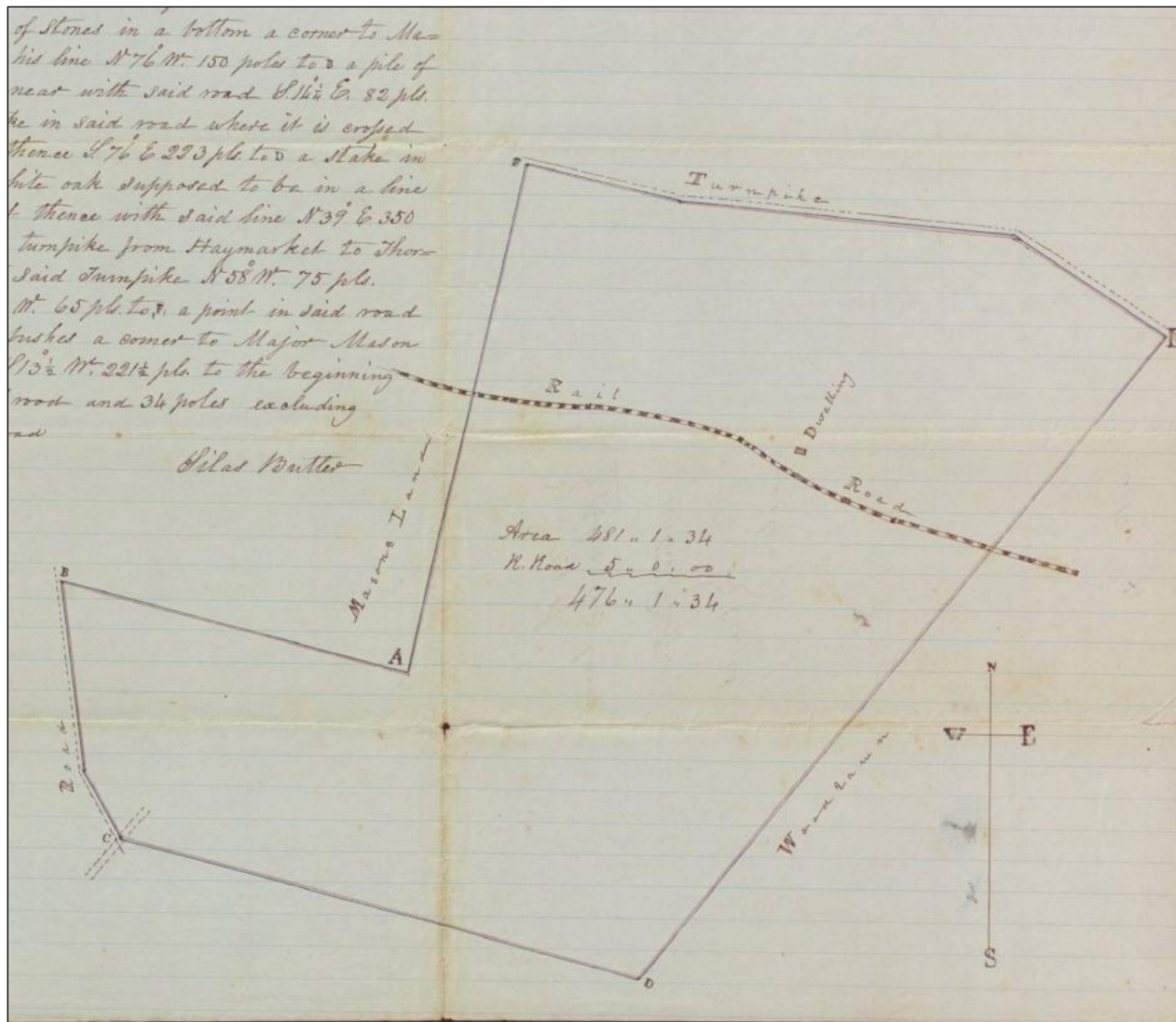


Figure 39: Detail of 1870 Survey and Plat Showing Portion of John Hill Carter Estate Previously Sold to the MGRR Showing Land East of the Thoroughfare Historic District (PWCCC 1883).



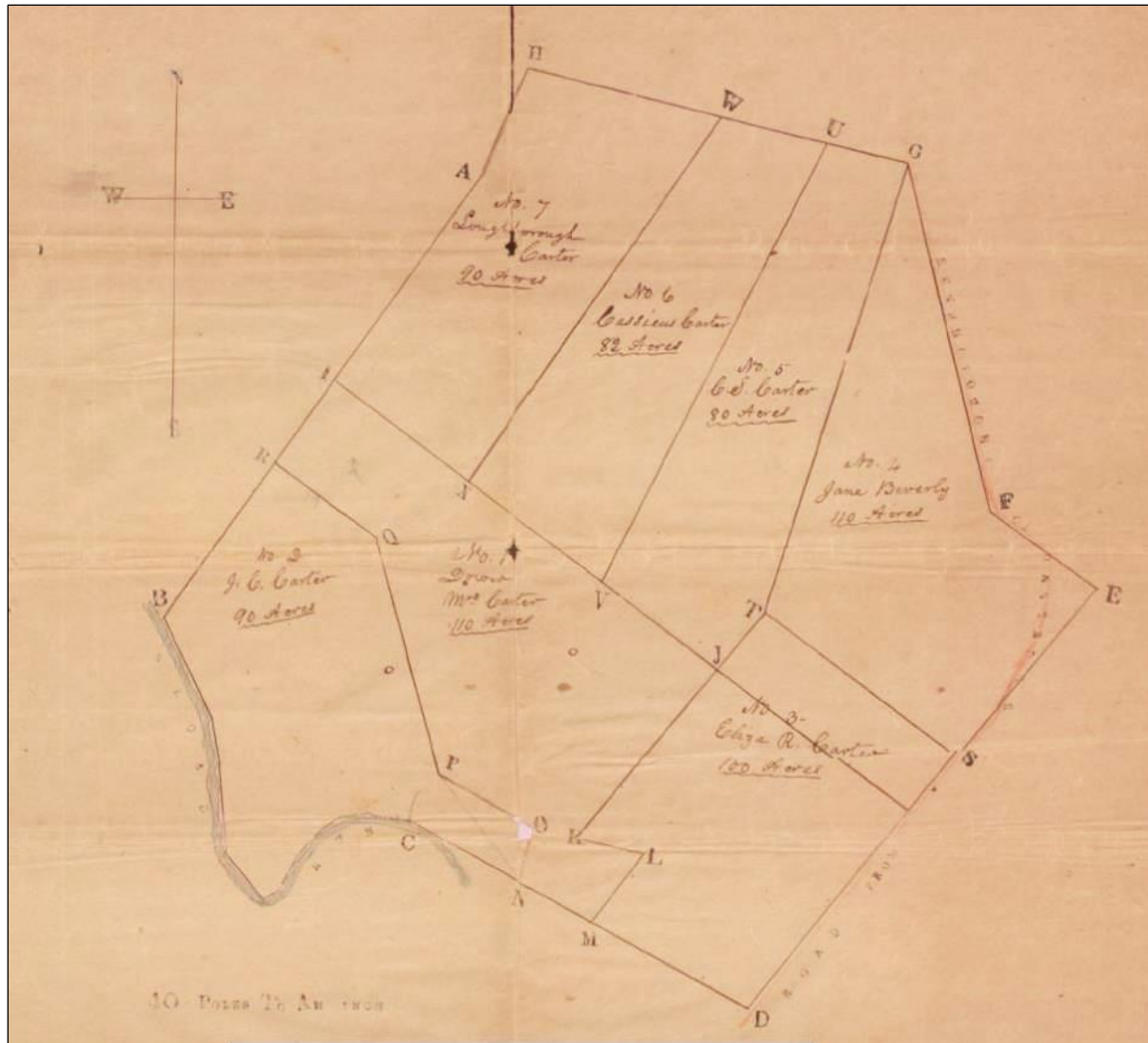


Figure 40: Image of 1874 Plat of Division for the Falkland Estate of John Hill Carter [Sr.] Showing Land South of the Thoroughfare Historic District (PWCC 1883).