

LAND GRANTS FORKS OF THE YADKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

In 1836, this area became known as Davie County.

Land Grant History in North Carolina

Three different time periods are involved:

- 1663-1729: Provincial or Proprietary Era
- 1729-1775: Colonial, British Crown, or Royal Era
- 1777-1959: Revolutionary War and State Era

For a description of Land Grants, see:

http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/North_Carolina_Land_and_Property

Land Grant Indexes and Maps

LAGLE MAP

In 1976, the Lagle Map was published. Deed research was by Miss Pink Tatum; lettering was by George Hairston, and Andrew Lagle supervised and compiled. Miss Flossie Martin also assisted.

See link on home page to article in 1977 about creating map. Lagle flew an airplane over the county and took notes of tree lines that still marked Land Grant boundaries. Miss Tatum found records in Rowan County and transcribed them.

Photograph of Lagle working with George Hairston:

<http://library.digitalnc.org/cdm/ref/collection/ncimages/id/1196>

This map and index can be ordered from Davie County Historical and Genealogical Society at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncdvhgs/sales.pdf>



Andrew Lagle points to the distinct land grant boundaries on aerial photos which helped to compile the map of Davie County Land Grants.

URDANICK MAP

Description of process from creator, Bill Urdanick

When I went to get the Lagle map from the drawer for searching of names, it was done in pencil and over the years from continuous handling, some of the names were fading and not legible. I thought it best to redo the map to scale in ink so that it will be available for many years to come.

Otherwise it [Lagle's map] would have been lost forever. It was too important of a map not to save. Lagle's map was only a start, a beginning. He was working without computers and the more developed map department of our county.

It all started in 2000 when I lived in and restored a very old home located in Jerusalem Township and wanted to trace the title on the land back to a land grant.

Lagle's map didn't do it. There were no reference points to relate to and it was way out of scale. I tried to reference landmarks on his map, and it could not be done -- the Yadkin Rivers were both way out of scale and with those two out of scale nothing else within the map could be coordinated. For example, where were the major roads located, 601 or 801? Where were the creeks located and the very important historical sites. Who were the current land owners of the original land grantees? How many owners live on the Squire Boone properties on Milling Road and 64? Where was I-40, Advance, Clemmons, Cornwallis' march, Bryan settlement, Joppa Cemetery? With an overlay and coordinates, each could be quickly found on a new map.

I talked to Lagle's wife to get her permission before I started to update. She was happy to see another person improving on his work. I asked her how he accomplished the map. She stated he worked many hours with state archives and also he flew a plane. He would fly over the county looking for identifying land marks, write them down, and plot them on a map.

So I started from the beginning, really from scratch. I had to redraw the map completely and make it larger and to scale using Latitude and Longitude grids to comply with national standards. I went to Terry Brawley and explained what I wanted to do and when he gave me his blessing he wrote a letter to give me complete access to the Tax and Records Departments of the county.

It took me five years to develop the map with coordinates so that it can be placed over a current Davie County map so that researchers can discover the original owners of their land.

