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November 26, 1980

Dear Mrs. Brown,

We are "stalled" on your line. It is not hopeless by any means, but might be a long drawn-out search. You may want to wait until some of the family can work on this--or until you run across another clue such as James and Spencer going to Ga. I am sending some charts which I have used, so ignore the scribbling. You will note the many counties formed from Edgecombe, so one could continue searching for some time. I put quite a bit of my time on this in order to give this search a good chance for finding a ~~good~~ clue, but I have not seen anything which really looks like a good possibility. Swem's Index, together with volumes which it covers, are in most of the State Archives. You might like to go into these yourself and see if anything appears to connect with our research. I'm enclosing index from Swems. There were, of course, many records lost or burned in the early days in the Eastern Counties, so the connection we need may not be available.

You will note in my report the idea--probably far-fetched--about Peter Bruce's Will. It is also possible, that George was one of several brothers who came here from Va. Also, Granville (part of it) was formed from Edgecombe, so Bruce's shown in early Granville could easily be down in the eastern counties. At present, it appears none of George Bruce's land was inherited as I cannot find another Bruce who owned land on White Oak Swamp prior to George. There are, however, other Bruces near some of the Barnes family. Barnes printed genealogies might be a source, but there are many of those.

Sampson Co. is a possibility as some of the land mentioned is now located there--or a stream by the same name. Also, there is a clue, through land descriptions, for Wilson, Green and Lenoir Counties (Contentnea Creek). You see, a search could be rather involved at this point.

To answer your question - - I was told by the Supervisor of the Search Room that 620 acres was the maximum grant. When I said, "I've seen a number of larger ones", he grinned and said, "Those were the exceptions." I believe 420 a. is also our Military land Grant.

We do not know the exact time Jordan died. An Estate Record does not always indicate the year of death, and you know how long an Estate can drag out sometimes. However, I read a booklet that indicated a battle, the War of 1812 took place on the Coast of N. C. in 1815, and Jordan died in or before 1815. I believe the battle was Fort Macon near Morehead City.

Note: Jordan was a name in the Barnes Family.

There are other printed records on the Bruce family which might be researched. One contains a McKinney line.

I repeated one or two searches, but I will just leave them in. As I said, I did give some extra time--this always clears my conscience!

Perhaps you will find clues in the land records which I overlooked.

Have enjoyed your search for Bruces and wish you continued success with them--in the event you do not wish another search at this time.

Very truly yours,

Ann Henry
Ann R. Henry

P. S. Spencer Jackson m. Rainey (usually Lorraine)

Brinton - 20 Dec 1875 - Caswell Co -

*George Jackson m. Francis Spencer - 1785 -
Caswell Co.*

Halifax - Deeds - Microfilm Index and Books Grantee Index

A. T. and C. Bruce from W. Joyner - Bk 36, pg 633
" " from John T. Alsop - Bk 45, pg 333
" " " Annie Alsom - same
" " " P. B. Key, Bk 46, pg 423
" " " James Moseley - Bk 47, pg 411 (also Nancy Moseley)
" " " P. B and Anna T. Key - Bk 50, pg 40
" " " Ellis Levy - Bk 54, pg 29

Abner Bruce from James Hargas - Bk 18, 110

John Bruce from James Spier - Bk 1, pg 438

Researched: James Spier of Edgcombe sold to John Bruce of same, planter, 200a, originally granted to Spier in 1737: Descript: Begin Calebs pocusin thence 70 W - - - - -to illegible along Beaverdam - S 20 W 100 poles to a white oak on side of Fishing Creek along the winding of creek to the 1st station. Nov. Ct. 1740.

James C. Bruce from J. G. and J. B. Claiborne - Bk 28, pg 150

" " Isaac Medley - Bk 28, pg 379

John T. Bruce from Adam T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273

John T. Bruce from Robert M. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273

John T. Bruce from George B. Curtis - Bk 52, 243

James M. Bruce from A. T. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211 (or Bk 52?)

" " Robert M. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211

" " John R. Whitaker - 71B, pg 204

" " Nannie N. Whitaker - 71B - 204

" " James H. Whitaker - 71B - 207
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Halifax Deeds - Grantors

Also Bruce to John Taylor - Bk 19, 218

Allen Bruce to Benjamin Dicken - Bk 25, pg 162

A. T. Bruce to John T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 278

" to P. A. Dunn and Co. - Bk 55, pg 133

Christian Bruce to John Taylor - Bk 19, pg 218

A. T. Bruce to James W. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211

Ann C. Bruce to George B. Curtis - 73B, pg 371

(I did not research this and should have. She might be George's Mother.) No, this date is probably too late.

Elijah Bruce - Div of land - Bk 18, pg 388

This Deed was listed wrong. It is Eliza ^{beth} Bruce, re: Est. of Amos Bruce. ~~Eliz~~ Amos and Elizabeth Worrel filed Petition. Elizabeth was wife of Abner Bruce prior to marriage to Worrel. Abner died intestate sometime about March last seized and possessed of a tract of land lying in Deep Creek joining Lemuel Hogun and Carter Comacks land - petitioner in right of Elizabeth entitled to 1/3 part of said land for life of said Elizabeth. Feb. Ct. 1798 Description of land included in this.

Deeds - Halifax - Grantor - Cont'd

James Bruce to Loyal Smith and Co. - Bk 26, pg 55

James Bruce to A. D. Bird - Bk 33, pg 298

" " N. M. Long - 33, pg 298

" " Wiatt and Smith - Bk 32, pg 514

✓ John Bruce to Hardy Holman - Bk 1, pg 388

I John Bruce of Edgecombe Co. (found in Halifax) to Hardy Holmes - 25 pds - tract or parcel containing 200 a lying on North side Fishing Creek in County aforesaid which tract was granted to James Spiers by patent bearing date 17 Feb 1837 and is butted and bounded as follows: Begin at a white oak on creek side - N 26 E 160 poles - N 70 W 208 poles - along Beaverdam S 20 W 100 poles to Fishing Creek along windings of creek to 1st station.

Wit: Walter McLaclin, Roger Hodges - Edgecombe - 1741.

John Bruce to John Gray - 19, 168

James Bruce Esq to Seaboard and Roanoke RR Co. - Bk 33, pgs 429-430.

James C. Bruce to N. M. Long - Bk 34, pg 97

✓ Peter Bruce to Isaac Reeves - Bk 3, pg 371:

Peter Bruce of Edgecombe Co. - for 5 pds - to Isaac Revis of Edgecombe - tract of land lying in Edgecombe Co., N. C. - 100a Begin round oak S _____ Westerly along line marked trees to white oak in Marsh Swamp - down swamp - courses of run to Smith's line - August 1749.

Wit: William Reves, Peter Broos Junr

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Peter Bruce to John McKinne Jr. - Bk 3, pg 96 - (previously reported.)
(150 a Rounding Branch and lower Jumping Run)

Peter Bruce to John Bates, et al - Bk 7, pg 3

Peter Bruce Sr. of Halifax and John Bates and Robert Fountain of same - one message or dividend of land - Co. of Halifax - on side of Marsh Swamp - 100a - - - (*for natural love & affection*)

Wit: David Duncan, Manuel Gordon - March Ct. 1759.

(This was shown on page 4 instead of 3)

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Peter Bruce to Thomas Pace - Bk 9, pg 503:

13 Nov. 1766 - Peter Bruce of Halifax Co. to Thomas Pace of Northampton Co., N. C. - for 70 pds - tract lying in County of Halifax - Begin in "Old" Peter Bruce back line next to Quankey at a Red oak - S 24 E 80 poles along line to red oak - S 120 poles to a red oak Thos Smiths corner tree - thence E 160 poles to a white oak - - - N 120 poles to a pine - N 20 poles West 80 poles to ~~xxxxxx~~ center of two red oaks and a hickory - W 160 poles to 1st station containing 200a - - -

Wit: William Rone (X)

/s/ Peter Bruce

John Roan Halifax Ct 1767

Thomas Pace

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Halifax Deeds - Grantor - Cont'd

Lemuel Bruce to Benjamin Dicken - Bk 25, pg. 162
Robert M. Bruce to John T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273
" " James W. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211
James Bruce to James H. Whitaker - 71B, pg 381
John T. Bruce to George B. Curtis - 73B, pg 871
Robert M. Bruce to Nat Dunn - Bk 75A, pg 587
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The following Deeds researched in Edgecombe Co.

John Martin Stricker to William Bruce - 11 Mar 1783 - both of Halifax - \$100 - land lying in Hills Road near Jaccoates Swamp, beginning at said road in Drury Harrington's line, thence along said Harringtons to a white oak Sheppards corner - along Sheppards line to a pine - a dividing line - along the said dividing line of marked trees to the aforesaid Hills road to a white oak - - up various courses of said road to 1st station - 100 acres.

(There ~~is~~ was a Hills Community in Robeson Co.)

Wit: William Wright, Jesse Wheelles Jr.

Halifax Co May Court 1783. (Should have been with Halifax Deeds)

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Bk 7, pg 140 - George Bruce to Benjamin Johnston.
21 Feb 1793 - George Bruce of Edgecombe sold to Benjamin Johnston of same - no amount given - tract of land - begin White oak swamp up water course of said White Oak Swamp to gum and maple - N. to pine - West to Lgtwood not - S to beginning - 160a - patent to me dated 1793.

Wit: Aziel Bruce
Jordan Bruce
James Bruce

George Bruce (uncertain as to whether he made a mark)

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Bk 8, pg 490 - 10 July 1795 George Bruce of Edgecombe, planter to William ~~Bruce~~ ^{Johnston} of Edgecombe, planter - no amount given - tract of land lying on the South side White Oak Swamp beginning at Black gum in the water course of said White Oak Swamp - along a new lane to a pine in Theoph^s Thomas line - along said line to Black oak - along James Barnes line to a gum and maple in said swamp - down water courses of White Oak Swamp to the beginning - 150a land granted unto said William Johnston and his heirs forever.

Benjamin Johnston (X)
James Bruce

George Bruce

Filed _____ 1796

(These two Deeds must be to relatives as no amount given.)

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Book 9, pg 376 - 12 Feb. 1799 - Aziel Bruce of Co. of Edgecombe, to Lamuel Daniel of same - 90 pds. - -Tract situate Co. of Edgecombe - N. side white oak swamp as follows - Begin at two poplars and a white oak in said swamp and run along a line of marked trees N 5° E 196 poles to lightwood stake and line on George Bruces pattend line then with his line W 128 poles to corner pine - then with another of his patent lines So 15° W 180 poles to a water oak in said swamp - then up various courses of said swamp to 1st station - 160½ - being part of a larger tract.

Wit: Josiah Daniel - Asa Daniel

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Bk 10, pg 233 - Estate of Absalum Bruce - Isaac Hill, Sheriff of Edgecombe Co. and Martin Thorn of Edgecombe - Court Order to sell land and tenements of Absalum Bruce to satisfy ~~xxxxxxx~~ debts - 101 pds - tract situate on S. side of Town Creek and bounded by the lines of said Martin Thorn, Micajah Pittsway and others being all that tract of land granted to the said Absalum Bruce in his own name - containing 200a. 3 Apl 1799

Wit: Hardy Scarborough

William Drake

Feb. Court 1802

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The following Deeds abstracted for Co. of Halifax for Barnes

Book 2, pg 406 - 2 Dec. 1755 Deed between William Moore and Judith his wife of Co. of Orange - planter of one part and Abram Barnes of Co. of Edgecombe of other part - 10 pds - 150a N side Contentney Creek - Co. of Edgecombe - beginning red oak a corner of John Williams line - N 45 E to a corner red oak near the _____ of Toisnot Creek thence along the low grounds to a white oak in said line - along a line of marked trees to 1st station - being part of patent to William Moore and dated 11 Apl 1745.

Wit: Beni Saxon

Charles Saxon
Edward (X) Barnes

/s/William Moore

Judith Moore X

Edgecombe Co.

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Bk C, pg 347 - Edgecombe Deeds

6 Oct 1765 - Nathan Barnes of Edgecombe, planter, and Ephraim of said - no amount given - tract on White Oak Creek - adjoining Jacob Barnes - granted to Nathan Barnes by patent of 1760.

Wit: James Barnes, William Robson. (No mention of joining one of the Bruces.

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Bk 6, pg 178 - James Barnes Grant - Halifax

Land in Granville Co. to James Barnes - 13 May 1757

James Barnes of Edgecombe, planter, for 3 shillings - land lying Co. of Edgecombe - begin at Thomas Barnes corner at a hickory thence along William Johnston's line S 43 W 282 poles to his corner a gum in Kahakee Swamp then various courses of swamp - 1st N 40 W 80 poles - - N 50 W 110 poles - N 40 W 52 poles to gum - Richard Mills line - - with line N 60 E 260 poles to a corner in Thomas Barnes line thence by the line to 1st station - 226 a.

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Bk 17, pg 447 - James Barnes from Dudley Whitaker - 21 Nov. 1791 - land lying in Halifax between head of little Cohuca and deep creek - begin at a pine in John Edwards line - run along Susannah Whitehead's line to a corner pine - then running over the main ridge by line of marked trees over great branch to a sweet gum - up a line of marked trees to John Edwards line - various courses of his line to 1st station - part of tract granted to Lunsford Whitaker.

Wit: Lunsford Whitaker, John Pope,

Halifax Ct. - 1st Aug Session 1792

Reg. Oct. 17, 1792

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Nov. 18, 1980 - Bruce

Re-searched the Will of Peter Bruce in Halifax - Book 1, pg 69.

In the original Will, he lists the heirs in the following order: Wife Mary; Peter Bruce, Ann Fountain, Elizabeth Coats, Jean Bruce, Sarah Braswell, Alice Huett. March 1762. Exrs: Peter Bruce, ~~JakxxBaitis~~ and wife, Mary Bruce. Trustees: Peter Bruce, John Fountain. In his Will he also listed as Exrs: ~~Rxxxx~~ John Baitis and Robert Fountain. He does state "five" children in his Will and then lists six. The way I originally found this abstract was a listing of Peter Bruce and then Jean Bruce. I kept in mind that Jean might be Peter's wife, as they were listed together and he stated "five" children. Now, I'm beginning to wonder if "Jean" was French for John. You recall that the Will of George Bruce was translated as "George" and "Jacob" in the Court Records, and he signed his name "Jorg". We keep several things in mind. 1. Even if he could write, he was probably very sick. In fact in his Will he stated that he was sick and weak. 2. Then, they usually called in the nearest person who could write. I'm sure many of them had accents, and if they were sick they might not say things clearly. 3. The clerks did not use a uniform spelling. On the way home this afternoon, it occurred to me that Jean may be George. I found Peter with George so much that I felt that George must be the son of Peter, Jr. However, the dates of his grants etc. indicates that his age would really fit in better with Peter, Sr. This is probably the line to follow--try to find the different children of Peter, Sr. All the other girls were married. Peter and Jean are the only ones with the name of Bruce. *we found land in all children except "Jean"*

Other Wills listed on the microfilm index of the first Will Books are: Halifax

1. Thomas Bruce from William Sills - June Court 1761 - Will of William Sills - Halifax Co.
Brothers: John, Isham, Peter, Morris, Lambert, Drury, & David Sills. Sisters: Sarah Sills, Lucy Freeman. Friends: Richard Baley, Phillip Baley, Thomas Bruce and Thomas Pope. (Friend could also mean a cousin or other relative.)
2. William Bruce (already reported) wife Christian
3. Will of Joseph Wheeler - Feb. 1787 - Book 3, 119.
Shows Christian Bruce as daughter of Joseph Wheeler -

Searched Index Books to all pertinent counties. *Books are* (Typed indexes of all Original Wills in Archives.)

Craven Co.

Francis Brice - pg 29 - Vol. CR 28.801.1 - 1761

Francis Brice 1755-1764 - CR 28.801.5

William Brice - pgs 8-9 - 1738 - CR 28.801.6

Stephen Brice - pg 45 - 1749-1766 part III - CR 28.801.3

Index to Original Wills Cont'd.

John Acton Brice - 1761,62,63 - pg 25 1749-1766 part 3 CR 28.801.2.

(These indexes were usually typed in the county from which they came. The above list includes references to miscellaneous items in Court records also.)

Oops - more from Craven County- - -

Francis Brice - Part II CR 28.801.5 - 1761 - pg 8

Rigdon Brice - 1761 - pg 52 - CR 28.801.7

Stephen Brice (no date) pages 49-50

Francis Brice (no date) page 82 - 1756-1765 CR 28.801.9

John Brice - pg 82 - 1756-1765 CR 28.801.9

The numbers are no longer correct. Instructions say to multiply page number by 4 and add 11 and search in the general area. I included these instructions for my own use--or anyone else who wants to search.

Guilford County - 1832 - Charles Bruce

Richmond County - Francis Brice - 1780 - Estates

Searched: Francis Brice - 1761 - list of property of Orphans of Francis Bruce to John Pindar.

Rigdon Brice - 1760 - Acct of John Fonville, Gdn of Rigdon Brice.

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Craven County - Index to Deeds - ~~Miscellaneous~~ - Grantor - 1744-1864

William Brice to William Wilson - Bk 1, pg 123

William Brice to John Fonville - Bk 1, pg 130

William Brice - a patent - Bk 1, pg 98

William Brice - patent - Bk 1, pg 354

Francis Brice to James Davis - ~~xxxxxx~~ Bk 2, pg 177

John Acton Brice to ~~James Davis~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~Bk 2~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ Lewis Williams - Bk 2, pg 301

Francis Brice, Sr. to Frances Brice Jr. - Bk 2, pg 95

William Brice to Jacob (Visemore?) Bk 2, pg 623

William Brice (Will)- Bk 4, pg 288

Francis Brice to Francis Brice - Bk 6, pg 422

A. John Brice to Rigdon Davis - 15, Bk 9 - 1753

Francis Brice - Deposition - Bk 11, pg 116

Francis Brice - Deposition Book 11, pg 276

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A. John Brice to John Pender - Book 11, pg 285 (Indications are that this is John Acton or Acton John Brice.)
 A. John Brice to Charles Cogsdell - Bk 11, pg 315
 Francis Brice to Timothy Clear - Bk 12, pg 120
 Rigdon Brice to Alex^t Gaston - Bk 12, pg 298
 Rigdon Brice to Moses Allmand - Bk 13, pg 120
 Francis Brice to Robert Reynolds - Bk 13, pg 120
 A. John Brice to Rigdon Brice - Bk 14, pg 141
 Rigdon Brice to Alex Gaston - Bk 15, pg 296
 Rigdon Brice to Alex Gaston - Bk 15, pg 296
 Francis Brice to Richard Spaight - Bk 17, pg 199
 Francis Brice to Timothy Clear - Bk 18, pg 165
 Rigdon Brice to William Heath - Bk 19, pg 398
 Francis Brice to Samuel Cornell - Bk 19, pg 95
 Francis Brice to Timothy Clear - Bk 19, pg 400
 Rigdon Brice to Edmund Wrenford - Bk 22, pg 134
 John A. Brice to Cassandra Brice - Bk 25, pg 234
 Rigdon Brice to Barell (Burell?) Smith - Bk 27, pg 58
 Francis Brice to Boneta McCartney - Bk 29, pg 280
 James Bruce Sr. to James Bruce Jr. - Bk 32, pg 445
 James Bruce to Jacob Phelps - Bk 32, pg 584
 James Bruce to Jenny and Susanah Thomas - Bk 33, pg 508
 James Bruce to Frederick Jones - Bk 34, pg 258
 Mary Ann Bruce to Joseph Wade - Bk 37, pg 271
 Francis Brice to William Wilson - Bk 39, pg 78
 Marg Brice to Hallon and Vinct Know - Bk 39, pg 551

Stopped approx. 1817

(Many of these may be Brice, but as the indexes indicated there may be some confusion, we need to check everything.--or Include everything.)

Craven County - Index Book Vol I of II (A-K) Grantees

Re-searched the Deeds - Grantees. Will not list at this time except for the names involved in the Deeds, and the ones shown as Bruce. Names involved in land transactions: Harris, Porter, Turner, Pindar, Williams, Hall, Bryan, ~~Bryan~~, Coor, Mallet.

One Deed: Judge I. Br(u or a) ce from Katherine Harris - Bk 4, pg 68.

James Bruce from James Coor - Bk 28, pg 269

James Bruce from James Coor - Bk 28, pg 245 - 1788

James Bruce Junr from James Bruce Sr. - Bk 32, pg 445

James Bruce from John Davis - Bk 34, pg 300 - 1800

James Bruce from Jane Thomas - Bk 34, pg 141 - 1800

BARNES ~~ESTATES~~ ~~CRAVEN COUNTY~~ Edgecombe County - WILLS

The following ~~Estate Records~~ ^{Wills} prior to 1900:

Absalom Barnes - 1792 - ✓

Archelaus Barnes - 1802 ✓

Wills

Estates for Barnes in Edgecombe Cont'd

- Aziel Barnes - 1805 ✓
- Breton Barnes - 1818 ✓
- Bryan Barnes - 1839 ✓
- Edward Barnes - 1762 Edgecombe Co. - Parish of St. Marys ✓
- Elizabeth Barnes - 1794 ✓
- Thomas Barnes - 1761 ✓
- James Barnes - 1805 ✓
- Jacob Barnes - 1764 ✓
- Jordan Barnes - 1822 ✓
- Joseph Barnes - 1824 ✓
- Nancy Barnes - 1835
- Nathan Barnes - 1777 ✓
- Patience Barnes - 1818
- Peggy Barnes - 1816
- Burwill Barnes - 1881
- Charles Barnes - 1841
- Dempsey Barnes
- Edith Barnes - 1849
- Edwin Barnes - 1807
- Edwin Barnes - 1843
- Jesse Barnes - 1843
- James A. Barnes - 1849
- James W. Barnes - 1845
- John Barnes - 1823
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- Julon Barnes - 1824
- Nathan Barnes - 1777 ✓
- Patience Barnes ✓
- Peggy Barnes ✓
- Polly Barnes - 1845
- Polly Barnes - 1848
- Sarah Barnes - 1834
- Reddick Barnes - 1835
- Sarah Barnes - 1854
- Stephen Barnes - 1823 ✓
- Thomas Barnes ✓
- Williamson Barnes - 1814 ✓
- Wright Barnes - 1857 ✓

(The ones checked have been researched.)

The only one which mentioned a Bruce was Nathan - 1777. I believe we have already found this in some abstracts.

Nathan Barnes - 1777 *Nancy*
 Daughter: Sarah Daniel, Nancy Bruce, Selah Barnes.
 Sons: Ephraim Barnes, Leamon Barnes, Aziel Barnes.
 Grandsons: Lemuel Daniel, Elias Daniel
 Ephraim and Absalom Barnes, Exrs.
 Wit: Ephraim Barnes, Aziel Barnes, Absalom Barnes

Edward Barnes - 1762 - Edgecombe - Parish of St. Marys.
 Sons: Nathan, William, Jacob, Abraham, ~~M~~
 Daughters: Mourning Barnes, Charity Sims, Mary Sims,
 Elizabeth Leigh, Sarah Amason, Patience Barnes.
 Grandsons: Jacob Barnes, Michael Barnes. Granddaughters:
 Barbary and Fereby Wiggins. Wife, Sarah.
 Wit: Patience Barnes - James Barfield, Eliza Barfield.

Several did mention land on White Oak Swamp. James Barnes, 1805, stated "his mill - white oak swamp - just below Knights Mill". Several mentioned land in Nash County.

Jordan Barnes - 1822 - mentioned that wife, Sarah, was to have the money from rent of land in Tenn., Sumner County, on the waters of Dunken Creek (approx 100⁰a). Stated that "Brother Nathan lives there" and Jordan has asked him to sell for him.

Marriage and Death Notices - Newspapers - Wilmington, N. C. -
1797-1842

Marriage - Francis Brice - 24 Jan. 1784 - to Elizabeth Jones -
only daughter of Marmaduke Jones Esq. - Brunswick Co.
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Enclosed are pages from Swem's Index for Virginia. Would
suggest you begin with these when you feel you have ~~xx~~ covered
N. C. Sometimes references from Swem's will carry a family
on into to N. C. You may have already researched these. ~~xxxx~~
Most Archives have them.
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From Vertical file of Edgecombe County by Hugh Buckner Johnson.

1800 - Jordan Bruce, and (many) Barnes, listed as Petitioners
of West Part - Edgecombe - request more convenient place to vote.
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Also, a request was made by the Militia Companies in Edgecombe
to divide them into 3 Batns. Capts. Eason, Todd, Robbins, Ruffin,
Woods and Routh.
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William Whites Account Book - Edgecombe Co. - Tarboro Road near
Hominy Swamp - Nil for Bruce but a John Brice.
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Additional Information from Hofmann's Abst. of Deeds, Northampton
Co. - Public Registry: Halifax Co.

1756 - George Bruce was witness to Deed - Samuel Holliman of
Duplin Co. to Moses Hare, Edgecombe Co. - S. Side Tar River -
joining Hare, John Jameson - Walnut creek, the river and Cahoons
former land.

Pg 61 - Peter Bruise and Thomas Richison Witness to deed of John
and Mary Thompson of Edgecombe Co. to William Roan of Edgecombe -
1755 - joining Myrick and Bobit.

Pg 107 - Peter Bruce of Edgecombe Co. to Isaac Reves of Edgecombe -
joins Smith and Marsh swamp. Wit: Peter Broos Jr. 1749.

pg 173 - Jos. Sims of Edgecombe to Peter Bruce of Edgecombe -
May 1742 - 200 a joining Joseph Sims on Elk Marsh - - -. (Sampson)

pg 183 - Thomas Howell - Edgecombe to John McKinnie, Jr. - Edgecombe -
1743 - 100 a joining Peter Bruce - all houses, etc. Wit: John
Lund, Sr., John Lane. Reg. Edgecombe Co. May Ct. 1743.

pg. 202 - Joseph Sims, Edgecombe to John Myrick of Va. 1745 - 100a
N. side Elk Marsh - tract whereon Peter Bruce now lives. Part of
Grant to Joseph Sims. Wit: William Williams.

The N. C. State Census of 1784-1787 lists the following:
Bruce/Bruice - Alexander, pg 23 - George pg 55 - Robert 21 -
William 66 - Brice - Abigail 35, John 35, John Acton 88.

1784-1787 Census Cont'd

George Bruce was listed in Oxford Dist of Caswell Co. Robert was listed in Gloucester District of Caswell Co.

William Bruce in Dist 11 of Halifax Co. by Matt Whitaker

- 1 white male 21 to 60
- 2 white males under 21 or above 60
- 2 white females all ages
- No slaves

Edward and William Jordan also listed in that District.

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I also checked 1790 and 1800 Census as I didn't have anything on these; however, you probably already have these. In 1800 there was a George Bruce in Edgecombe and the only Peter Bruce was in Iredell Co. I believe I ran across the information that he was a Minister. Most of the time early settlers owned land in several areas--all the way from the East Coast to the Mountains.

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In 1811 and 1812, Thomas Bruce was a witness to two Deeds. No others mentioned in Abstract of Deeds for Pitt County.

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Johnston Co. Court Min. - 1759-1766 - Haun

An Edward Brice was mentioned as Justice of the Peace - S. side of Nuse, Dobbs County.

Burwell Bruce and Peter Bruce were witnesses to Deeds.

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Refer to page 1 of Report. List from Wills and Estates, Craven County.

Francis Bruce - 1761 - Estate. Account of Estate of Orphans of Francis Brice as it was turned over to John Pindar: Slaves as follows: Boy, Bull; wench, Bella; children Will and Belinda. Mentions Thomas Miles or Mills and _____ Brice. "Old Francis Brice". David Holland.

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Rigdon Brice - 1760 - Estate - 3 negroes, hired out to Capt Pender, being the Dower of said Gearld for her maintenance - - - . John Fonville, Gdn of said Rigdon. Mentions Benoto Brice (her).

Stephen Estate - 1764 - Heirs appear to be widow, Mrs. W. Cartney and Penelope, Nancy, Francis. Names mentioned Jos. Leech, R. Cogdell, John Smith and John A. McCartney, Gdns. Slaves: Aug., ~~NAMES~~ Jem, Cato and Jenny - Estate of Stephen Brice, deceased.

William Brice Estate - 1746.

Could not understand all this note but mentions Estate of John Simons, deceased. Others mentioned: John Rice, John Grenade, Arthur Johnston, and a land dispute with Saunders.

Mary S. Bruce - 1891 - Estate - Letters of Administration granted to Henry Bruce. Heirs are Thomas Bruce and H. S. Bruce.

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We have very little re: the War of 1812. I'm sure that some misc. printed record would give the officers, but there is no definite information about this. In the following listing, a place was left for the officers' names but it was left blank for 1st Regiment, Edgecombe.

James Bruce - Eleventh Co., Caswell Reg.
Joel Bruce - 6th Co. - detached from Iredell
John Bruce - Wilkes Co. - Ambrose ~~xxxx~~ Carleton, Officer
Jordan Bruce - 1st Regiment - Edgecombe - _____
Robert Bruce - 11th Co. Caswell Reg.

I have been told that the Nat'l Archives is planning to send us the records of N. C. for the War of 1812. At present, you might be able to get some information from them. *one of the ~~major~~ battles took place on the N.C. coast, I believe it was as late as 1815.*