

(Note from Brian Bass)

After studying maps against court filings and other documents, I am confident that I pinpointed Andrew's land in Duplin County, North Carolina. I don't believe it's one of the "Andrew Bass" labeled properties but actually the "222 Duplin, William Teague 300 acres, 1759 plot. It all makes sense with the text of the auction, orientation to the river/swamp and neighboring owners land. Where it says" SS (Southside) of the "Northeast Swamp" its referring to the "Northeast Cape Fear River". I believe he had some of the property on the northside of the same swamp/river as the southside was auctioned off (or sold cheap to those seeking damages). Southside in 1784 and northside in 1785.

This land is essentially the starting point for our confirmed, family history. Maps and information are provided in the next tab to locate and visit. The findings and information in section 4d is supported by the below text:

(below repeated from section 4a)

1784 Deed Book 1A, page 30 – J. Pearsall (James), High Sheriff. of Duplin Co. to William Duncan of same, 3rd Sep 1784, for 35 pds, 180 acres in 2 tracts: (1) 80 acres being part of a tract of 300 acres formerly granted to William Teague & since became the prop of **Andrew Bass which fell to Hermon Bass, oldest son & heir of said Bass deceased**, situated on the SS of the Northeast Swamp; (2) 100 acres adjacent the 1st tract, beginning at the pine by **Edmund Duncan's** line, to a white oak by Bass' line, to a pine by Solomon's line, formerly patented by **Thomas Draper** & by him sold to **Andrew Bass** & later became the prop of **Hermon Bass**. The Court of Duplin Co awarded 60 pounds plus cost of 3 pounds 16 shillings 9 pence to Thomas Brooks [Hooks] for the damages in a suit against Hermon Bass, owner of said 180 acres, which was sold for 35 pounds at public auction to William Duncan 2nd Sep 1783. Wit: Daniel Glisson, Edward Pearsall. July Ct 1784. Duplin County, North Carolina - Abstract of Deeds 1784-1813, Vol 1, Eleanor Smith Draughton (Duplin Co Historical Society)

Duplin County NC Deed Book 1 Page 30 September 3, 1784 >From Pearsall (High Sheriff) of Duplin County to William Duncan of Duplin County, 180 Acres to the Sheriff of Duplin County Greetings: You are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels Lands and tenements Herman Bass, if to be found in your Bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of sixty pounds specie....two tracts....property of Andrew Bass...and since the decease of the said Andrew Bass is to become the property of Herman Bass being the oldest son and heir at law to the said Andrew Bass...the said two tracts containing 180 acres. Witness: Daniel Glisson -Edw. E. Pearsall (signed) - J Pearsall.

1785

Book 1A p. 105, James Pearsall, High Sheriff. of Duplin Co. to THOMAS HOOKS of the same. 18th of January 1785, for 20 pounds 10 shillings specie 125 acres on the NS of the NE Swamp joining GEORGE KERNEGAY'S land, being the lands whereon the WIDOW BASS their lived, beginning at a pine said KERNEGAY'S & ANDREW BASS' corners to a dividing line between their lands and along EDMUND DUNCAN'S line, being the prop. of HERMON BASS dec'd. The Court awarded 60 pds., plus cost 3 pds. 16 shill. 9 pence to THOMAS HOOKS for damages in a suit against HERMON BASS dec'd, owner of the said. 125 acres, purchased by said HOOKS at public auction 2 Sep 1783. Wit: W. DICKSON, JOSEPH DICKSON. Jan ct. 1785.

Disclaimer: I'm not sure why they thought Hermon was deceased because he was alive and well with his brother Rice and John after 1785. By this point in time, Hermon, Rice and John were wanted outlaws. I believe they most likely had abandoned their father's land by this point and were either "laying out in hiding elsewhere, or beginning to make their way to the more Tory friendly area in Cumberland County, North Carolina. As this record says, the land was sold at public auction so maybe it was abandoned by Hermon when they joined up with their gang of Loyalists.

This purchase by Andrew would have taken place in Johnston Co., as Dobbs Co. was not formed until 1758 Therefore, in 1756/1757, Andrew was living in Johnston Co. NC. Johnston Co. was formed in 1746 from Craven Co., this possibly places Andrew in Craven Co. prior to 1746.