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KEGLEY'S VIRGINIA FRONTIER

THE BEGINNING OF THE SOUTHWEST

THE ROANOKE OF COLONIAL DAYS

1740-1783

WITH MAPS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

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THE SOUTHWEST FRONTIER BELOW THE MOUNTAINS¹

On the south side of the James below the mountains the frontier at this time was represented by the Welsh settlement on the Meherrin; Col. Byrd's improvements on the Roanoke above Sandy Creek, including the three charming islands, Sapponi, Occaneeche and Totero; Major Munford's Quarter nearby; Col. Byrd's Land of Eden on the Dan and Major Mayo's Survey adjoining; Richard and William Kennon's grant on Cub Creek which supplied farmsteads for John Caldwell's Presbyterian Colony; Col. Richard Randolph's Quarter at the Mouth of Little Roanoke; Col. Clement Read's Bushy Forest Settlement; and John Irvine's Hat Creek Colony. Nearer the mountains on the southern branches of the James and the northern branches of the Staunton were such pioneers as Charles Lynch, Sr., David Ervin on the south side of Otter River opposite the Buffalo Lick, John Phelps on Otter River and between Buffalo and Elk Creeks, Abraham Cocke on the north side of Roanoke, James Daniel on the ridge between the head branches of Buffalo and Elk Creeks, Thomas Jones on the north side of Falling River and Col. John Bolling and Nicholas Davies on the Fluvanna.

On the South eastern creeks were Richard Moore, Thomas Jackson, John Lynch, John Davis, Richard Vaughan, Thomas Lloyd, John Mason, John Coles, Harry Morris at Col. Byrd's, Joseph Colson at Major Mumford's, John Tomasin at Col. Stith's, John Butcher an early adventurer and Peter Mitchell, the highest inhabitant on Roanoke River, about six miles above the fork. Among the first to become settled on Cub Creek were John and William Caldwell, James Logan, William Fuqua, Andrew Cunningham, John Stewart, David Logan, Thomas Cunningham, James Frankling, Thomas Daugherty, Alexander McConel, Israel Pickings, William Harwood, Thomas Vernon, David Caldwell, Richard Dudgeon, John McDaniel, James McLaughlin, John Walke, James Caldwell, John Waller, James Walkup, Thomas Blanks, George Harwood, William Stewart, Richard Treadaway, John Orr, William Rutherford, James Ferris, William Dudgeon. At Bushy Forest there were besides the Reads and Bouldins, Coles, Mortons, Jenningses, Cobbs, Spencers, Marshalls, Bedfords, McNesses, Carringtons, Erwins, Woodsons, Friends and Baldwin's.

In 1740 some traders went among the Cherokees from Virginia. They employed a Mr. Vaughan as a packman to transport their goods. West of Amelia County, the country was then thinly inhabited; the last hunter's cabin that he saw was on Otter River, a branch of the Staunton, now in Bedford County, Virginia. The route pursued was along the Great Path, to the centre of the Cherokee nation.²

¹A Journey to the Land of Eden by William Byrd.
The Cub Creek Settlement,
Early's Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches.
Virginia Land Office and Brunswick and Lunenburg County records.
²Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee.

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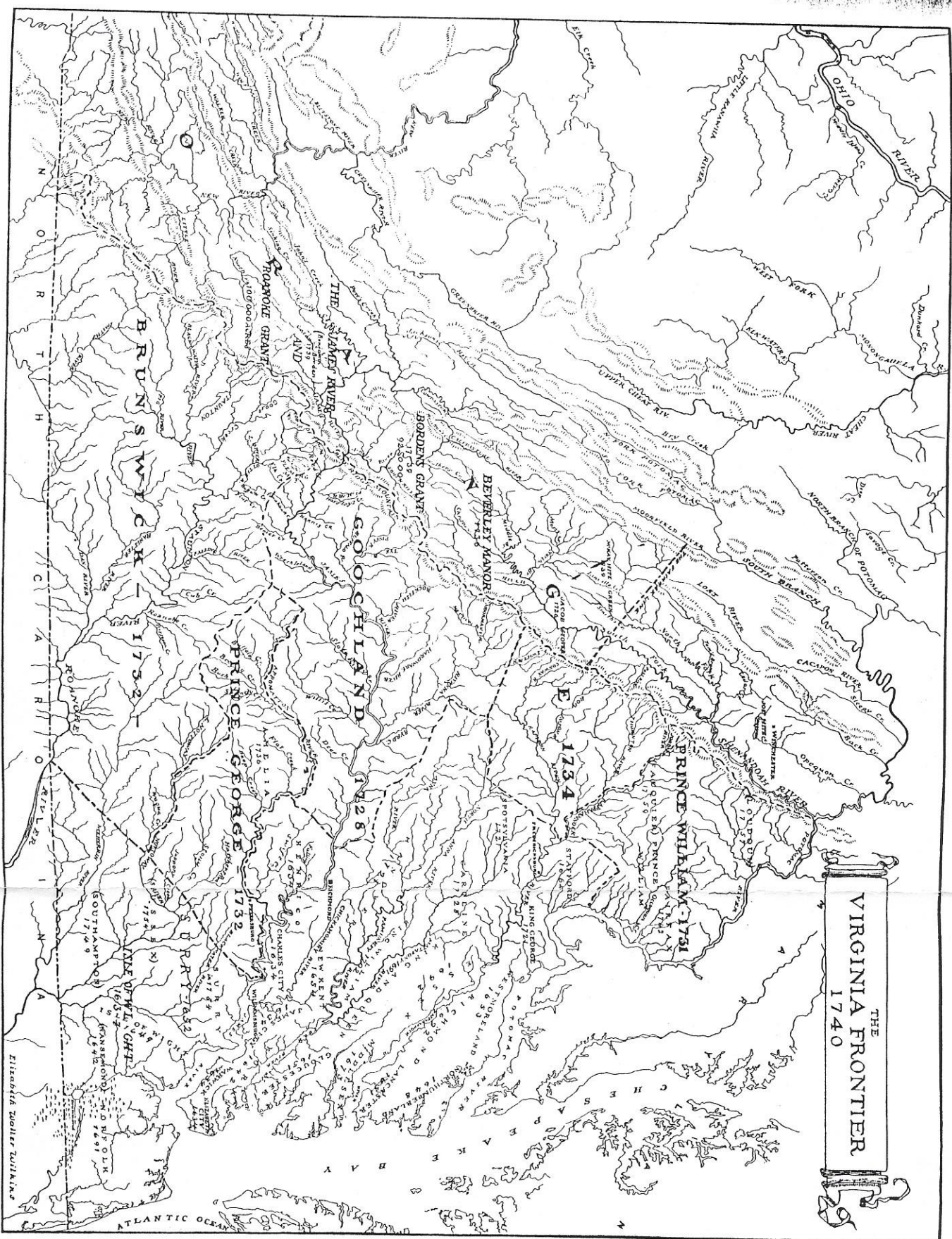
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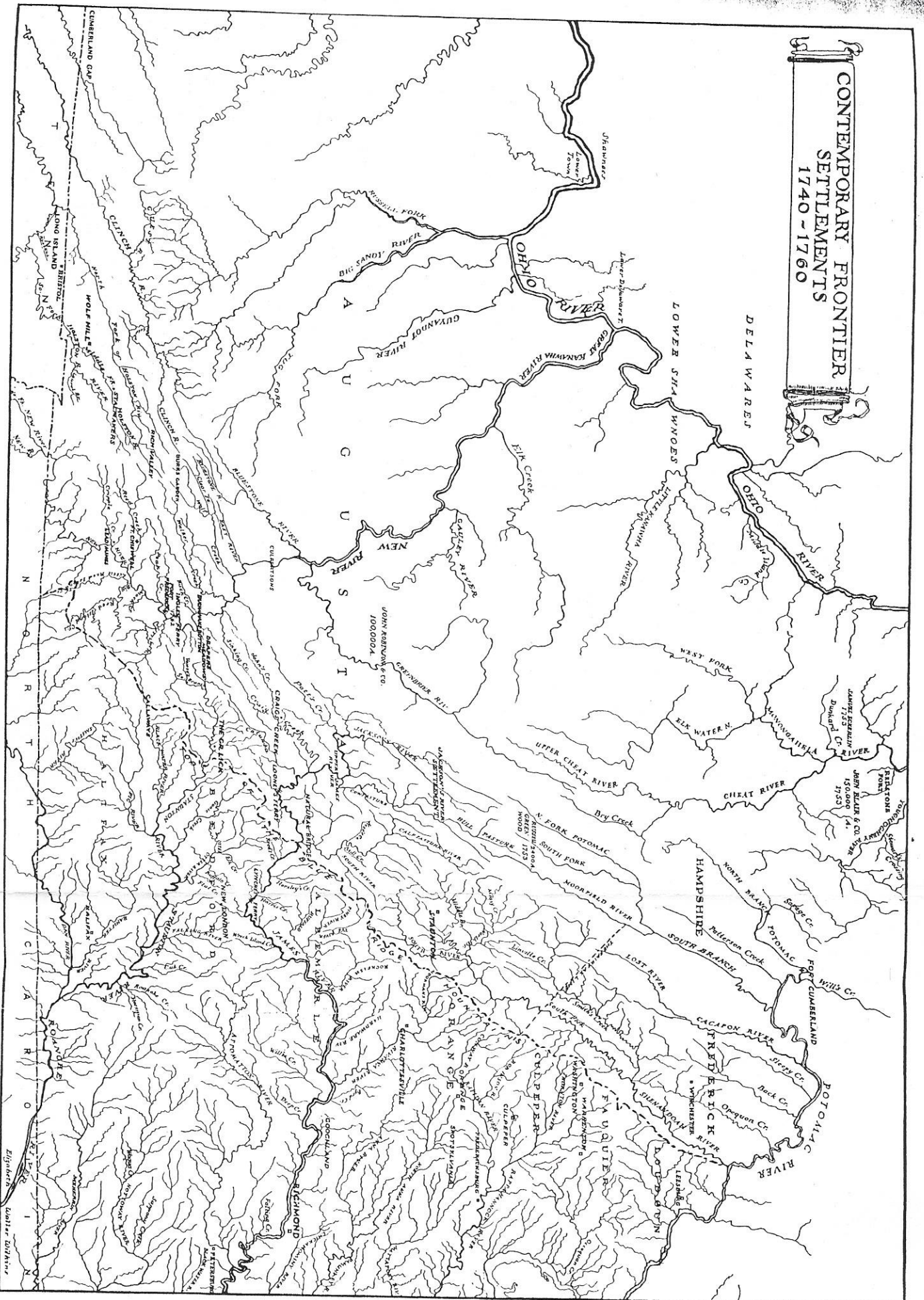
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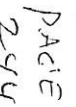


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"Officers are to apprehend those fleeing from justice and return them for trial."

FURTHER PAY OF MILITIA ALLOWED BY THE ASSEMBLY

1765. Pay of militia called into service and for provisions furnished, some account of which was annexed to the bill. Further accounts were to be settled by the commissioner appointed for the western counties.

Items of local interest:

To Alexander Sayers, deceased, Israel Christian, Admr. For his pay as Captain of Militia in 1759, £12/6/0.

To Audley Paul, Lieutenant, 6/3/0.

To Joseph Ray, Sergeant, 2/14/9.

To Thomas Walker, Thomas Lewis and Peter Hog, each for four days attendance as commissioner to settle accounts, 2/0/0.

To John Armstrong for provisions, 1758, 30/0/0.

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To James, Mathew and John Arbuckle, for service, each 2/1/0.

To Alexander Sayers, for wagonage and provisions, 1761, £281/9/6.

To James Amox (Emacks) service, 2/1/0.

To John Chiswell, for company, *lead* and provisions, 1763, 110/6/4.

To Robert Breckenridge, late Captain of a Company of militia stationed at Fort Chiswell, 1761, £251/18/0.

To Lieut. William Woodward for conducting a party of Cherokees to the City, 1762, 25/1/6.

To Leonard Price, Adjutant for the 700 additional forces for the relief of Fort Loudoun—.

THE AUGUSTA MILITIA OFFICERS IN THIS PERIOD

August 16, 1763. Col. John Buchanan, Lieutenant of the County; Elijah McClenachan, Lieut. of militia; Robert Shanklin, Capt. of militia; Andrew Lewis, Lieutenant of the County; William Preston, Colonel of the County; Walter Cunningham, Alexander McClenachan, William Crow, John Bowyer, Captains of militia; John McClenachan, Michael Boyer, William McKee, David Long, Lieutenants of Militia; James Ward, Ensign.

September 21. Samuel McDowell, Capt. of Militia; John Greenlee and Wm. Edmiston, Lieutenants of Militia; Robert Curry and Samuel Edmiston, Ensigns.

June 22, 1764. John McNeill, Colonel of Militia; William Christian, Captain of a company by Act of the Assembly; George Skillern, Captain in the place of James Alexander by order of Col. Andrew Lewis.

1765. James Robinson, Captain of Militia.

1767. Andrew Hays, Captain; James Cloyd, Captain; Jas. Lapsley, Ensign. Abraham Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel of the County; Thomas Madison, Capt. of Militia; Samuel Wallace, Lieutenant of Militia; Mathew Arbuckle,

Oct. 13th 1764

Sir

I Deliberate and Hegelesee of Capt. James Allen makes that Company useless. therefore you are appointed Capt. over that Company in his Room. this you are to make I Men acquainted with. and with I. Company to obey such orders as I shall from time to time send you. you are to show this to James Alexander that he may have no further pretensions to I Company

I am your servant

To Capt. George Skillern

And Lewis

George Skillern Appointed Captain to Succeed James Alexander

Lieutenant; James Robinson, Ensign; Jonathan Smith, Captain of Militia; John Skidmore, Captain; Peter Vaneman, Lieutenant; George Poage, Captain; Andrew Lockridge, Captain; James Elliot, Lieutenant.

1768. Mathew Patton, Captain; Robert Lusk, Ensign.

SHIFTING OF POPULATION, 1760-1770

In 1761, Edmund Burke, in his "Account of the European Settlements in America," says:

"The number of white people in Virginia is between sixty and seventy thousand; and they are growing every day more numerous by the migration of the Irish, who, not succeeding so well in Pennsylvania as the more frugal and industrious Germans, sell their lands in that province to the latter, and take up new ground in the remote counties in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. These are chiefly Presbyterians from the northern part of Ireland, who in America are generally called Scotch-Irish."—Ford—The Scotch-Irish in America, 198.

"At the close of the French and Indian War, notwithstanding the vast extent of territory which the provinces of Virginia and Pennsylvania contained, such was the nature of the Country, that a scarcity of improvable lands began to be felt in these colonies, and poor people could not find spots in them unoccupied equal to their expectations. Most of the richest valleys in these more populous provinces lying to the east of the Alleghany Mountains were either

Lt. Peter Vaneman
Augusta Co., 1767

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