

*Early Western Virginia*  
*“Sproul” Families*



*Sproul, Sprowl, Sproule, Sprouls,*  
*Sproull, and Others*

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## Preface

### ***Abstract -***

The pre-1800 settlers of Western Virginia (Augusta County at that time) included at least ten different Scots-Irish “Sproul” families. Their names were variously spelled Sproul, Sprowl, Sproule, Sprouls, and Sproull. Most of these families dispersed throughout our developing country in the early 1800’s, settling in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and Texas. This genealogy documents those ten families and provides source reference documentation and records on their early period. The family of the Settler William Sproul of the Cowpasture River and later, Moffatts Creek, is addressed in great detail in a separate document, ***Sproul Family of Early Augusta County, Virginia – the Middlebrook William Sproul Family.***

### ***Purpose of this Genealogical Collection -***

The purpose of this genealogical collection is to identify the various “Sproul” families of Western Virginia and provide the descendants of those early Scots-Irish settlers with a solid and documented basis for conducting their genealogical research from this point of settlement in the colonies before these families multiplied and spread so rapidly westward. As many genealogical documents as possible are contained in this collection and directly accessible throughout this website.

Errors in data and its interpretation are already present in our genealogical references, and some will undoubtedly be repeated in this collection. Readers of this material are requested to send in any corrections and comments on accuracy or conflicts as well as additional new data items.

### ***Content Description -***

**Section 1 - Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Families** - Section 1 presents an introduction to the early settler families, their identification, a physical location map, and a chronological listing of parallel families and names.

**Section 2 - Ten “Sproul” Settler Families** - Section 2 contains the detailed description and all reference documentation of that is known of the ten families, excluding the details of the Middlebrook Settler William Sproul Family.

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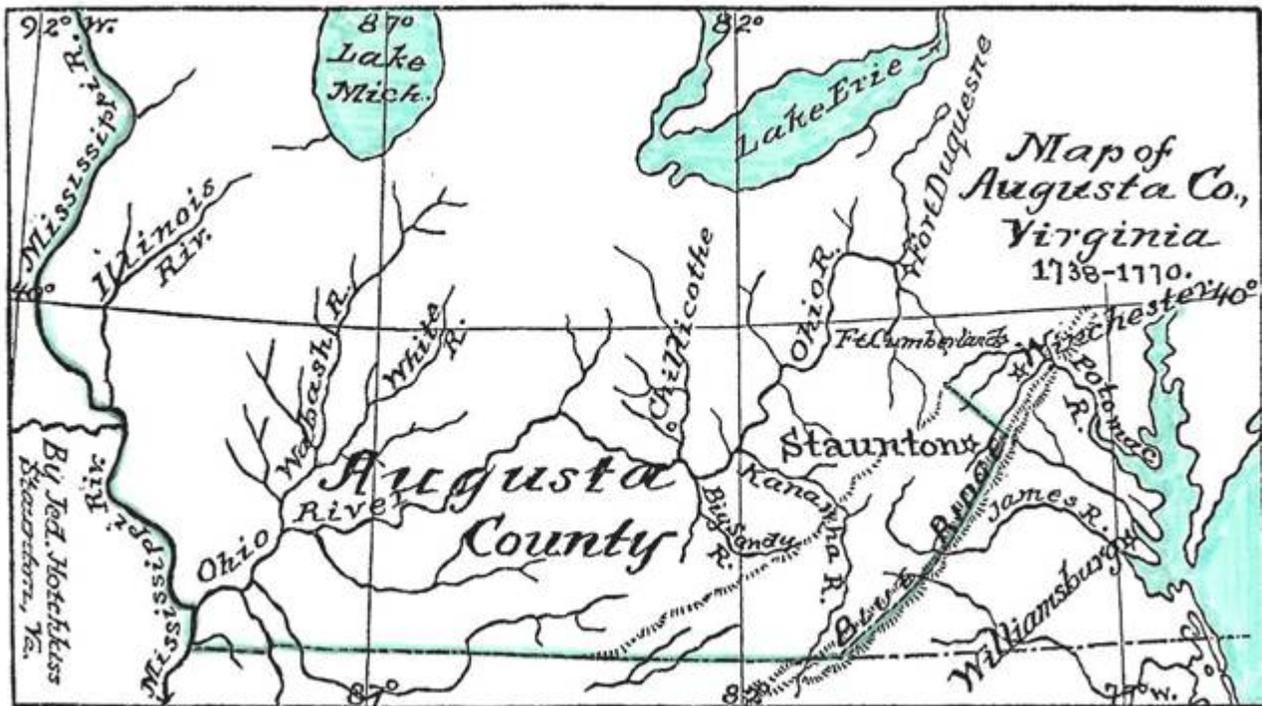
This document may be updated occasionally with more reference documentation added. The first release of this document was in April, 2004.

## Early Western Virginia “Sproul” Families

### Introduction

The first explorers crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Valley of Virginia by about 1716. The **Early** settlement of Western Virginia began soon thereafter with many settlers crossing the Blue Ridge to enter the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1700s, somewhat before Augusta County was established in 1745. This early time frame nominally extends to 1800.

**Western Virginia** during this period may be defined as the vast original area of Augusta County when it was established in 1745. This Virginia county bordered the Blue Ridge on the East, extending south to North Carolina, west to the Mississippi River through what is now West Virginia and Kentucky, and north to include much of what is now Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Early “Sproul” settlers were found in many of the Virginia counties subsequently established in this area including Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, Botetourt, Wythe, Washington, and Highland Counties. This vast area is shown so vividly in the Early Augusta County map by Hotchkiss below.



**Figure 1 - Early Augusta County, Virginia**

*When established in 1745, the vast area of Augusta County extended South along the Blue Ridge to the North Carolina border, West to the Mississippi and rather indefinitely Northward.*

Among the early Scots-Irish settlers of this Western Virginia area were the numerous **Sproul**, **Sprowl**, **Sproull**, **Sproule**, and **Sprouls** families. With the use of common first names and more than twenty spellings and misspellings of the last name, there is often confusion over the attribution of specific records to actual individuals and families. The Washington County records, for example, show twelve different “Sproul” spellings in what appears to be a single family.

Presented herein is a compilation of early records providing an initial identification and separation of ten early “Sproul” families. There still remain numerous “Sproul” records which appear ambiguously applicable

to several families or apparently not applicable to any of the families as now defined. As more records become available, certainly a clearer picture will emerge.

### **Ten “Sproul” Settler Families**

At least nine unique “Sproul” settler families have been identified, with probable elements of a tenth family. Figure 2, *Nine Early Families*, shows a picture of the nine families, graphically mapping these families, the settlers and their children, against time. All of these families seem to be of Scots-Irish origin. While most of these families appeared in the same locale at the same time and many share similar given names, so far there is little evidence of the family relationship between these immigrant families. Being Scots-Irish generally means these families were of Scottish origins, and participated in the plantation of Ireland in the 1615 to 1630 time frame. These Augusta County families then emigrated to the American colonies in the 1800s.

Figure 3 is a map of today’s Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath and Highland Counties of Virginia, indicating where the early “Sproul” settlers located, and including their paths of movement from one location to another. Shown here are the locations of the first four “Sproul” settlers, all arriving within a five year period after 1751, and then another three by 1784, all within or near today’s Augusta County, Virginia. This figure reveals the emerging picture of seven Scots-Irish Sproul settler families closely grouped in an area between Staunton and Lexington, Virginia. Today, there is but one of those families still resident in the area.

Recognizing that there are numerous unique “Sproul” families in the same area at the same time using similar given names is important when attempting to attribute recorded events to specific individuals and families. For example, there are at least nine William and seven John “Sproul” in this period, and the identifying family name is frequently misspelled, illegible, or garbled in this early period.

Family folders have been established for each of the ten identified early “Sproul” settler families and are addressed in Section 2. These contain a genealogical sketch showing their first two or three generations as may be available and then whatever records have been associated with that family. Occasionally, images of documents such as wills or marriage bonds, which are highly informative prime sources, are noted and made available online.

Briefly, the Ten Early “Sproul” Families are:

**William Sproul of Cowpasture River and Moffatts Creek** settled first on the Cowpasture River in today’s Highland County and later moved to the head of Moffatts Creek between Staunton and Lexington. This 1756 Scots-Irish settler is forefather of the current Augusta County Sproul family, some of whom still reside at his “Locust Grove” homestead near Middlebrook. With his first wife, Jane, and second wife, Susanna Ewing, there were fifteen Sproul children. Many of these children and grandchildren moved westward to settle Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and elsewhere. Descendant lines from these dispersed ancestors have been found and extensive documentation on the Middlebrook Sproul family is available.

**John Sprowl of Jackson River** appeared in 1753, settling first in Augusta County in the Bordon Tract near today’s Brownsville and moving to the Jackson River of today’s Bath County in about 1770. John and his wife Margaret had four daughters, several marrying into families of the area, and five sons whose descendants have not been located.

There is a possible family relationship suggested between this John and William of Locust Grove by there being six children names in common. A relationship could also be suggested with this John and William of Rockbridge, their using the same “Sprowl” spelling and sharing four common children names. This John did move on to the Jackson River, however, probably about the time that both of the two possibly related William’s arrived in the near vicinity of John’s original Beverly Manor location.

**Samuel Sproul on Back Creek** was among the earliest “Sproul” settlers, first recorded as purchasing 210 acres on Back Creek in the Beverly Manor of Augusta County in 1753. Samuel was also probably the oldest early settler, in 1763 being “exempted from levy due to great age and infirmity.” Samuel died in 1773, leaving his wife Margret and three married daughters. No male offspring have been indicated.

**Broad Springs John**, perhaps the earliest “Sproul” settler, showed up in 1751 but may not be a Sproul at all, although frequently listed as such. With the final “t” often not crossed in the script of the day, “Sproul” and

“Sprout” often become indistinguishable. At any rate, this John died in 1755 and his wife withdrew the family from the colony. This John “Sproul” settled in the Bordon Tract in approximately the same year and within a mile or two of John Sprowl of Jackson River.

**William Sprowl of Rockbridge**, an Irishman and former British soldier is first noted in Western Virginia purchasing 323 acres of land in 1771 on a bend of the North Fork of the James, now called the Maury River, about 6 miles north of Lexington. He had about ten children, most of whom moved to on Preble County, Ohio in the early 1800’s. One son, William, remained in Rockbridge County until about 1840 before joining the others.

**James of Augusta and Rockbridge Counties** arrived and acquired land adjacent to Settler William’s Locust Grove in 1773 suggesting a possible family relationship. James and Catherine were married in 1786. They sold their land and possessions and moved to Kentucky by 1800. No offspring have been noted.

**James Sprouls of Washington County** settled along the Holston River and Abram’s Creek in about 1770. This family has not been well sorted or documented yet. Recently found census information gives much more detail of the second generation of this family, but little identity of the settlers. Variations on spellings in Washington County documents for this family include Sprouls, Sprowl, Sproles, Sproules, and Sproule.

**John Sproul of Dry Branch** at the Jackson River is first noted in 1784. Surveyor and school teacher, he left his alleged feeble-minded wife in Ireland. Bridgett, however managed to catch up with him teaching school along the Jackson and, reunited, they raised numerous offspring, the daughters marrying into families still in the Bath County area, and the sons, apparently, moving on.

**William Sproull of Wythe County** married Elizabeth Cooper in Ireland about 1776. They arrived in Wythe County, Virginia in 1793 with six children. This family has good documentation and traces to the present descendants.

**Samuel “the Unknown”** was active in the area in the 1770’s and 1780’s but appears to have left before 1790. His participation with other Sprouls in legal, military, and marriage events define him to be a known friend, but no picture has emerged of his location, family, or eventual residence.

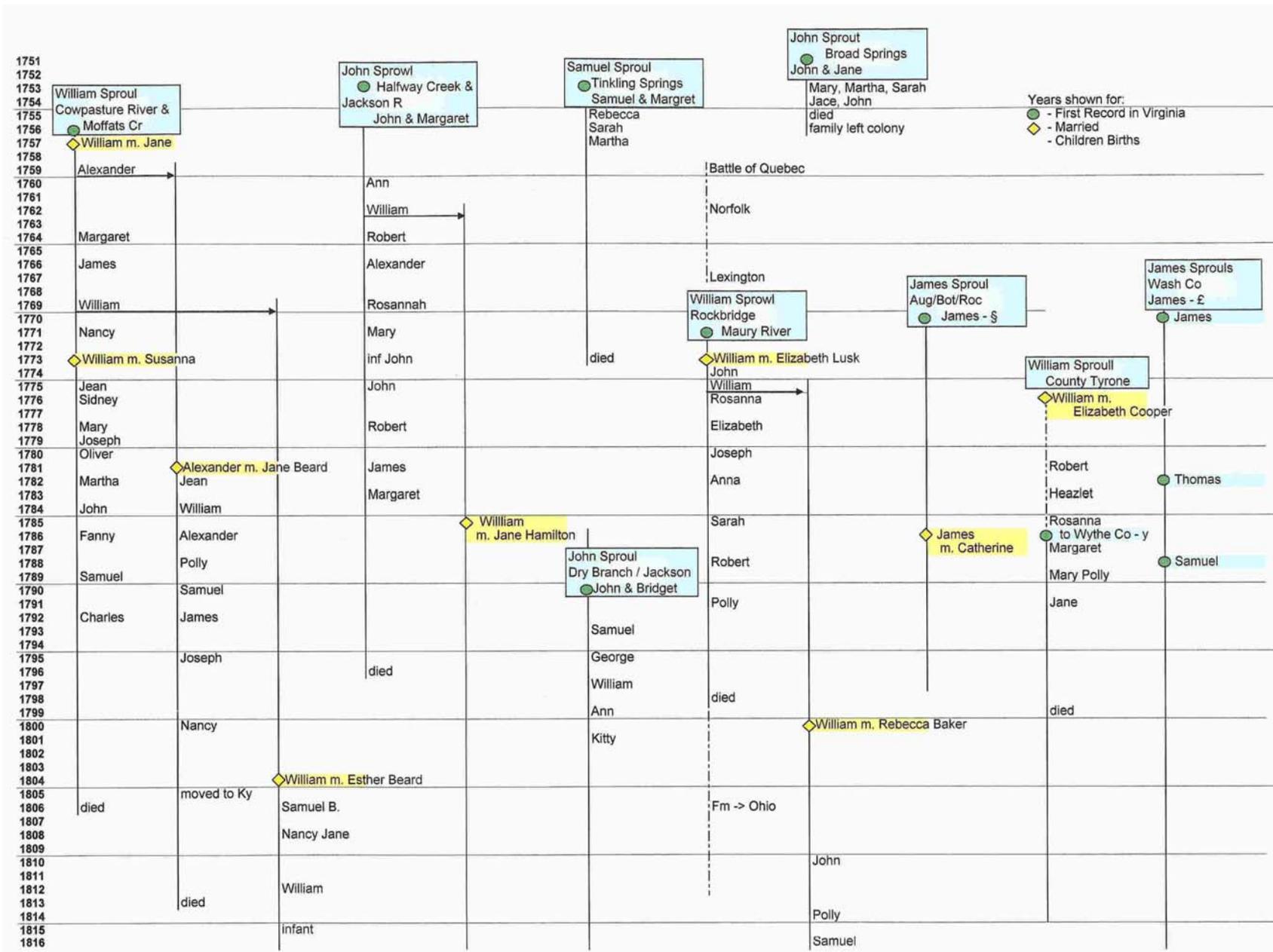
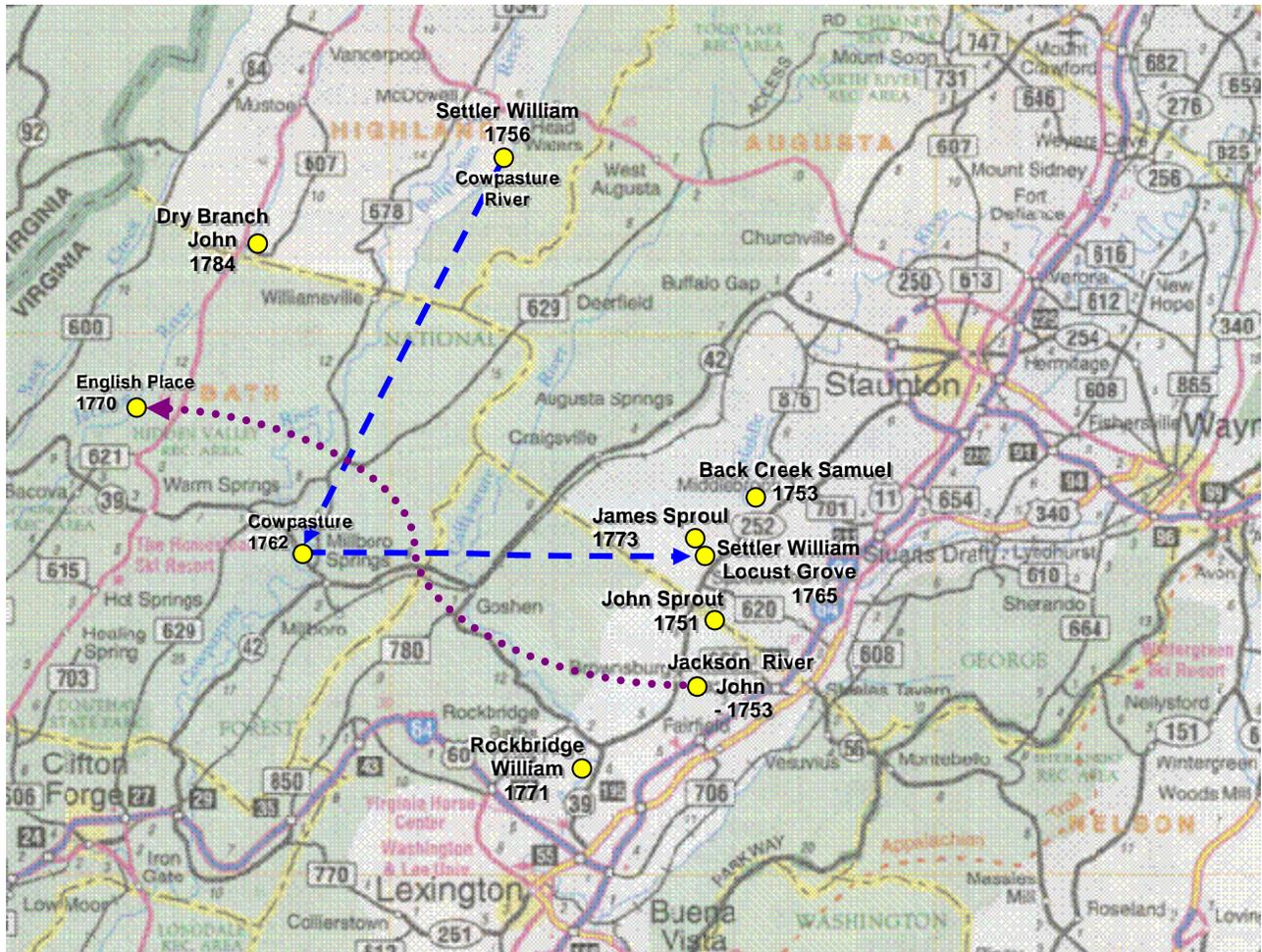


Figure 2 – Nine Early Families in Augusta County and SW Virginia – Sproul, Sprowl, Sproule, Sprouls, Sproull



**Figure 3 – Early “Sproul” Settler Locations**

*There were four “Sproul” settlers within a five year period after 1751 and eight by 1784 within or near today’s Augusta County, Virginia.*

- 1751 - Broad Springs John*
- 1753 - Jackson River John*
- 1753 - Back Creek Samuel*
- 1756 - Settler William*
- 1770 - James Sproul*
- 1771 - Rockbridge William*
- 1776 - Samuel the Unknown {no defined location}*
- 1784 - Dry Branch John*

## Ten “Sproul” Settler Families

A description of each of the ten settler families follows, listing one or two generations. All known references and early records are included to establish the identity of each family and provide the basis for further research. Some of the data contained in these Section 2 descriptions is from family and web-based sources not well-supported with verifiable documentation. Family members and readers of this material are invited to provide additional reference sources wherever it is available.

Only a short record of William Sproul of Cowpasture River and Moffatts Creek is given here because a separate document, the *[Sproul Family of Early Augusta County, Virginia – the Middlebrook William Sproul Family](#)*, is devoted entirely to that family.

Referenced sources and backup documentation available is provided online. Clicking on [items in blue](#) provides direct linkage to that item within this document, in the reference database, or elsewhere via the web.

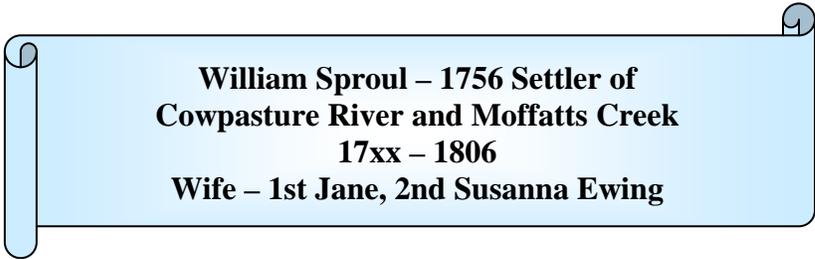
Sproul data records which have not been associated with a specific family are listed in Section 3

Reference source codes of the data tables in each section are identified in Section 4

The following sections then, address each of these settler families:

	<u>Settler Reference Used</u>
2.1 William Sproul – 1756 Settler, Cowpasture River and Moffatts Creek	<a href="#">Settler William</a>
2.2 John Sprowl – 1753 Settler of the Bordon Tract and Jackson River	<a href="#">Jackson River John</a>
2.3 Samuel Sproul – 1753 Settler on Back Creek	<a href="#">Back Creek Samuel</a>
2.4 John Sprout – 1751 Settler near Broad Springs	<a href="#">Broad Springs John</a>
2.5 William Sprowl – 1771 Settler on North Fork of James River	<a href="#">Rockbridge William</a>
2.6 James Sproul – 1770 Settler in Augusta and Rockbridge	<a href="#">Augusta James</a>
2.7 James Sprouls – 1770 Settler of Washington County	<a href="#">Washington Co. Sprouls</a>
2.8 John Sproul – 1784 Settler on Dry Branch at Jackson River	<a href="#">Dry Branch John</a>
2.9 William Sproull – 1793 Settler of Wythe County	<a href="#">Wythe County Sproull</a>
2.10 Samuel Sproul – 1770 Transient in Augusta County	<a href="#">Samuel the Unknown</a>
3 Unassigned Records	
4 Reference Sources Codes for Records of Settler Families	

2.1



This Scots-Irish William Sproul was the progenitor of the current Sproul family of Augusta County, Virginia. With numerous offspring and an expanding frontier, the family spread rapidly across the country in the early 1800s. Of the fifteen second generation children, all seven daughters stayed in the local area but five of the sons moved to Kentucky.

**First Augusta County Records**

- 1756 – Muster Roll of Capt. George Wilson’s Company of Augusta County Militia
- 1757 – William Sprowl marriage license
- 1759 – Land Patent for 168 acres on Cowpasture River
- 1759 – Land purchase of 320 acres on Moffatts Creek
- 1761 – William and Jean sell 320 acres on Moffatts Creek
- 1761 – William and Jean sell 168 acres on Cowpasture River
- 1761 – Several privy examinations of Jane, wife of William
- 1762 – William purchase of 200 acres on Cowpasture River

**Probable Location Dates**

- 1756-1762      Cowpasture River at Shaws Fork
- 1762-1765      Cowpasture River at Stuart Run
- 1765-1806      Locust Grove, headwaters of Moffatts Creek

<b>Children</b>	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> wife - Jane</b>		1771-73	m. Aug. 1757
<b>Alexander</b>	1758-9	1813	<b>Jane Beard</b> May 15, 1781
<b>Margaret</b>	1764 ?	after 1817	<b>John McCutchen</b>
<b>James</b>	est. before 1766	after 1817	<b>Frances McCutchen</b>
<b>William “Squire Billy”</b>	Aug 8, 1769	Aug 18, 1837	<b>Esther Beard</b>
<b>Nancy</b>	1770-1	before 1806	<b>James McNutt</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> wife- Susanna Ewing</b>		after 1806	m. Jun 23, 1773 ?
<b>Jean (Jane)</b>	Feb 24, 1775	1 Jan 1837	<b>John Weir</b> Jun 23, 1793
<b>Sidney (fem.)</b>	May 11, 1776	before 1817	<b>Joseph Beard</b> Jan 21, 1799
<b>Mary</b>	Jan 21, 1778	after 1817	<b>s.</b>
<b>Joseph</b>	Aug 15, 1779	after 1817	<b>Rachael Davis</b>
<b>Oliver</b>	Dec 15, 1780	after 1817	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Mary Davis</b>
<b>Martha</b>	Dec 10, 1782	Jun 23, 1859	<b>Robert Hutcheson</b> (aft 1806)
<b>John “Capt.”</b>	Mar 28, 1784	May 22, 1849	<b>Matilda King Scott</b> Sept 13, 1821
<b>Fanny</b>	Jan 29, 1786	Nov 30, 1867	<b>Thomas Thompson</b> (aft 1806)
<b>Samuel</b>	Jul 19, 1789	d. after 1806, before	finish education, before 1817
<b>Charles</b>	Sep 28, 1792	Feb, 1817	<b>Margaret Humphreys</b>

**William Died 1806**

Will proved July 22, 1806. All fifteen children named and three sons-in-law. Copy available.

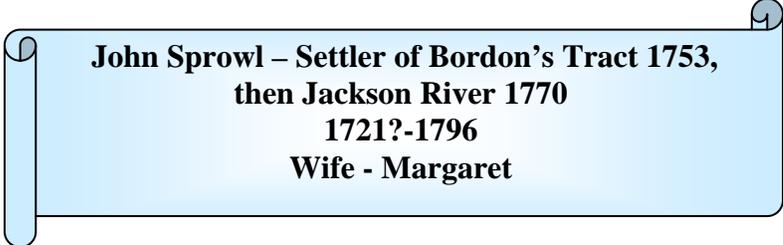
**Burial** – at Airy Knoll Cemetery –

Tombstone inscription - **William Sproul & Susannah his wife Died 1806**

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Note: This family is addressed in great detail in a separate document, [Sproul Family of Early Augusta County, Virginia – the Middlebrook William Sproul Family](#).

2.2



John Sprowl was born in County Tyrone, Ireland in 1721. He married Margaret Paul who was born in Scotland 1739<sup>1</sup>. (Name spelled Sproul often in earlier records but later Sprowl.)

**First Augusta County Records of John Sprowl in 1753 –**

- Communicant at Timber Ridge signing call of Rev John Brown {about 6 mi. NE of Lexington}
- Purchased 194 acres in Beverly Manor {on SE Bordon Tract line}
- Purchased 285 acres on drafts of James {nearby just to the South in Bordon Tract}
- Road worker from North Fork of James {now Maury River} to Renix Road
- Road worker from Edmonston’s Mill to Fork Meeting House

**Location –**

In 1753 John purchased land both in the lower area of Beverly Manor on the Bordon Tract line near Halfway Creek on a parcel first patented to William Robinson (194 ac) and a nearby 285 acre parcel in the Bordon Tract. He sold the Beverly land in 3 years but kept the Bordon land for at least 17 years, so most certainly lived there. He also bought another 250 acre parcel in 1768 in Bordon Tract but held that for only a year. These parcels may be located on the respective tract maps: Beverly Manor 1736<sup>2</sup> and Bordon Tract 1739<sup>3</sup>

John and Margaret moved on to Jackson River in 1770 to 85 acres on the Jackson River {now in Bath Co}, known by name of “English Place.” This was purchased by John Sproul and wife Margaret for £20.

**Children<sup>1</sup> –**

<b>Ann</b>	Feb 2, 1760		m. <b>Garnett McAllister</b> <sup>4</sup> 1792
<b>William</b>	1762		m. Jane Hamilton, 1785
<b>Robert</b>	1764	died infant	
<b>Alexander</b>	1766		m. <b>Elizabeth Right</b> 1792
<b>Rosanah</b>	1769	died young	
<b>Mary</b>	1771		m. <b>John Rice</b> of Monroe Co, WV, no children
<b>William Rice, father of John and Sarrah Rice was born Ireland 1760, and immigrated to Monroe Co, WV<sup>5</sup></b>			
<b>John</b>	1773	died infant	
<b>John</b>	1775		
<b>Robert</b>	1778	d.1807 (app copy avail)	s.
<b>James</b>	1781	d. July 17, 1850	m. <b>Sarrah Brison Rice</b> , in Monroe, WV, Oct 5, 1809
<b>Moved to Kosciusko Co., Indiana, schoolteacher</b>			
Seven children, including:			
Rebecca Ann Sprowl Borthwick, mother of Ada Martindale,			
<b>Elizabeth Sproul Ballard</b> remained in WV			
<b>M. Catherine Sproul</b> unmarried			
<b>Margaret</b>	1783		m. <b>David Straton</b> 1806, mother Margaret consents
Located near Terrahaute			

<sup>1</sup> **Ada Martindale (great granddaughter of John & Margaret) letter to Mrs. Alfred Beach – 1925.**

<sup>2</sup> J.R.Hildebrand. *The Beverley Patent, 1736 including original grantees 1738-1815*, 1954.

<sup>3</sup> J.R.Hildabrand. *Map Showing 92,100 Grant for Benjamin Borden, November 6, 1739*, 1964.

<sup>4</sup> **Descendants of Garrett McCallister and Anna Sprowl** are found at <http://millennium.fortunecity.com/donald/547/>

<sup>5</sup> **Letter from Sue Rice, Fresno, 2006 <Reference Rice Letter Document>**

**John Died 1796 –**

Bath Co, Va. Will proved Jan 1796, Devises:  
Wife **Margaret** – £70  
Sons **William** and **Alexander** and dau, **Anne McCallister** – 5 shilling  
Son **John** – £8  
Daughter **Mary** – £25 , bed and furniture  
Daughter **Margaret** – £25  
Grandson **Andrew Robinson** – £3  
Two sons **Robert** and **James** – plantation {on Jackson River}  
Executor: wife **Margaret Sproul** and John McKee

**Margaret Died 1815 –**

Monroe Co, WV Will, Probated Dec 1815,  
**Margaret Sprowl**, relict of **John Sprowl**: Devises:  
Son **James**  
Daughter **Mary Rice**  
Grandson **Robert McKee Sprowl**, s/o James  
Executors: son **James, John Rice** {son-in-law}  
Estate Appraisal – Monroe Co 1816 - \$64.76 (copy avail)

**Land and Location of Jackson River John Sprowl**

John and Margaret Sprowl bought two parcels of land in 1753, located about six miles apart. One parcel of 194 acres was in Beverly Manor on the southern border adjacent to the Bordon Tract. This was part of the 1749 William Robinson 380 acre parcel shown on the Beverly Manor Map. This land was sold three years later.

- 1753 Augusta Deed Book No 5, p.292 Samuel Houston to John Sprowl, 194 acres in Beverley Manor on Beverley Manor and Borden's lines; John Montgomery's line; corner Patrick Hays; corner Robert Ramsey, part of 380 acres purchased by Samuel from Wm. Robinson. Teste: Thomas Paxton, James Edmiston, Francis Beaty.
- 1756 Augusta Deed Book No 7, p.275 John ( ) Sproul, weaver, to William Purris, weaver, £45, 194 acres in Beverley Manor conveyed to John by Samuel Houston, a stony timber hill in John Montgomery's and Beverley Manor's and Borden's patents line. Pat. Hays' cor.

The second parcel was of 285 acres located in the reaches of Cedar Creek, between today's Fairfield and Mountain View, near I81 and about three miles SE of Brownsburg. 200 acres of this land is shown on the Bordon Tract map as the grant to James Patton in 1750. It is presumed that John and Margaret lived here until moving to the Jackson River.

- 1753 Augusta Deed Book No 5, p.299 Col. James Patton to John Sproul, 285 acres patented 3d November, 1750. Drafts of James.  
Sold when? Augusta, Botetourt, or Rockbridge records?

John and Margaret purchased an additional 250 acre parcel in 1768, reselling it in 1769. This was also nearby, on the reaches of Goose Creek and about 2 miles East of Brownsburg

- 1768 Augusta Deed Book No 15, p.200 Borden's executors to John Sproul, £10, 250 acres, part of 92100, corner Andrew Steel and Wm. Alexander; corner Robert Telford. Robert Lowry's line.
- 1768 Rockbridge Conveyances in Borden Tract 1741-1780 Sproul, John (Margaret) 250 A, £10, 1768 corner to Andrew Steel and William – sold to Alexander Wilson, 1769, £40
- 1769 Augusta Deed Book No 15, p.381 John ( ) Sproul and Margaret to Alexander Wilson, £40, 250 acres of Borden's tract; corner Andrew Steel and William Alexander; corner Robert Telford, Robert Lowry's line. Teste: Charles Campbell, Thomas Alexander, Robert Wardlaw. Delivered: Alexander Wilson, March, 1772.

After 27 years in the Bordon Tract, John and Margaret purchased land and moved to the Jackson River in today's Bath County.

1770 Bath The Lewis Land Grant Lewis, Thomas---560—BC—P, 1761—sold, 1761 to James and Robert Allen for 80p—280 A sold by the Allens, 1763, to John Young for 45p—sold by Young, 1766, to John Davis for 67p, and by latter to James Gregory, 1768 for 75p—280 A sold by Robert Allen, 1763, to John Davis for 100p, and 85 A sold by Davis, 1768, to David Tate for 17p, and by latter to John Sprowl, 1770 for 20p.

1770 Botetourt David Tate (Margaret) to John Sproul and wife Margaret, 85A, £20, on Jackson River, known by name as “English Place”

<b>Jackson River John Sprowl – 1753 Settler</b>						
Fm: j – Jackson River John and Margaret, j. – their children						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Ch1-61	Augusta	Tax	1753	j	John	Order Book VI, p.75 John Mathews to be overseer of road from North Fork of James River, near John Mathew's, to Renix's Road, with these workers: {inc.} John Sprowl
Ch3-313	Augusta	Land	1753	j	John	Deed Book No 5, p.292 Samuel Houston to John Sprowl, 194 acres in Beverley Manor on Beverley Manor and Borden's lines; John Montgomery's line; corner Patrick Hays; corner Robert Ramsey, part of 380 acres purchased by Samuel from Wm. Robinson. Teste: Thomas Paxton, James Edmiston, Francis Beatcy.
Ch3-314	Augusta	Land	1753	j	John	Deed Book No 5, p.299 Col. James Pattern to John Sproul, 285 acres patented 3d November, 1750. Drafts of James.
Ch3-318	Augusta	Land	1753	j	John	Deed Book No 5, p.490 John Doughert (signed Jocort) to Alex. Walker, 1753, 94 acres. From Patton, 1751, Craig's Creek at Indian Camp. Teste: John Smith, Adam Lewnis, Richard Borton, Jno. Sproul, Ro. Rennix, Samuel Walker.
Ch3-318	Augusta	Land	1753	j	John	Deed Book No 5, p.493 Thomas Williams to John Mathews, Jr., 65 acres on North Branch James opposite Ann Sally's land. Delivered to John Mathews, son of Richard, 6th March, 1773. Teste: John Maxwell, Jno. Sprott, Joshua Mathews.
Kegl, p.125		Tax	1753	j	John	John Sprowl worker, John Paxton overseer from Edmonston's Mill to Fork Meeting House
MoRb, p.459	Rockbridge	Tax	1753	j	John	Communicants at Timber Ridge, 1753 signing call of Rev John Brown) inc. John Sproul {Timbre Ridge about 6 mi. NE of Lexington}
Ch1-62	Augusta	Tax	1754	j	John	Order Book IV, p.126 Road ordered from Campbell's School House to Renix's Road--Saml. Walker, overseer--with these workers: {inc.} John Sprowl
Kegl, p.146		Tax	1754	j	John	John Sprowl worker, Campbell's School house to Renix Road
Ch3-341	Augusta	Land	1756	j	John	Deed Book No 7, p.275 John ( ) Sproul, weaver, to William Purris, weaver, £45, 194 acres in Beverley Manor conveyed to John by Samuel Houston, a stony timber hill in John Montgomery's and Beverley Manor's and Borden's patents line. Pat. Hays' cor.
Bock, p.206,7	Augusta	Mil	1758	j	John	Military service John Sproul
Heni, v.7, p.195	Augusta	Mil	1758	j	John	Paid for provisions to the Militia of Augusta Co.
HenM	Va	Mil	1758	j	John	Under Lt. James McDowell was John Sproul.
Ch3-59	Augusta	Will	1760	j	John	Will Book 2, p407 Thomas Stuart's bond (with Thomas Fulton, Jno. Sprowl) as administrator of Wm. Hart.
Ch1-138	Augusta	Ct	1767	j	John	Order Book XI, p.248 John Sproul
Ch3-461	Augusta	Land	1767	J	John	Deed Book No 13, p.68 John Sproul to Samuel Lyle, £14, one horse and eight cows.
Ch3-478	Augusta	Land	1768	J	John	Deed Book No 15, p.200 Borden's executors to John Sproul, £10, 250 acres, part of 92100, corner Andrew Steel and Wm. Alexander; corner Robert Telford. Robert Lowry's line.

## Jackson River John Sprowl – 1753 Settler

Fm: j – Jackson River John and Margaret, j. – their children

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
MoBa, p.343	Rockbridge	Land	1768	J	John Margaret	Conveyances in Borden Tract 1741-1780 Sproul, John (Margaret) 250 A, £10, 1768 corner to Andrew Steel and William Alexander– sold to Alexander Wilson, 1769, £40
Ch3-484	Augusta	Land	1769	J	John Margaret	Deed Book No 15, p.381 John ( ) Sproul and Margaret to Alexander Wilson, £40, 250 acres of Borden's tract; corner Andrew Steel and William Alexander; corner Robert Telford, Robert Lowry's line. Teste: Charles Campbell, Thomas Alexander, Robert Wardlaw. Delivered: Alexander Wilson, March, 1772.
MoBa, p.31	Bath	Land	1770	J	John	Land-J5 The Lewis Land Grant Lewis, Thomas---560—BC—P, 1761—sold, 1761 to James and Robert Allen for 80p—280 A sold by the Allens, 1763, to John Young for 45p—sold by Young, 1766, to John Davis for 67p, and by latter to James Gregory, 1768 for 75p—280 A sold by Robert Allen, 1763, to John Davis for 100p, and 85 A sold by Davis, 1768, to David Tate for 17p, and by latter to John Sprowl, 1770 for 20p.
SumVa, p.537	Botetourt	Land	1770	j	John Margaret	David Tate (Margaret) to John Sproul and wife Margaret, 85A, £20, on Jackson River, known by name as "English Place"
TG	Botetourt	Tax	1771	j	John	1771 John Sproe Tithable List Botetourt Co
TG	Botetourt	Tax	1771	j	John	tithable List
Angl	Botetourt	Ct	1772	j	John	1772-3 Botetourt Court Order Book – John Sprowl mentioned several times (look up Botetourt Co records)
Ston	Botetourt	Tax	1772	j	John	Tithable On Jackson River – Botetourt Co
SumVa, p.168	Botetourt	Tax	1772	j	John	Jury Duty
Angl	Botetourt	Tax	1773	j	John	1773 Botetourt county list of Tithables – John Sprowl living in William Hughats's district of the Jackson River
SumVa, p.179	Botetourt	Tax	1773	j	John	Jury duty
Angl	Botetourt	Tax	1774	j	John	1774 Botetourt county list by William McClenahan – John Sprowl located in the Cowpasture/Jackson River area
SumVa, p.254	Botetourt	Tax	1776	j	John	Jury Duty
AbrVa p.130	Botetourt	Mil	1782	j	John	Sprouls, John. 1782 Botetourt Co Claims – 375lb beef £3.2.6
AbrVa, p.130	Botetourt	Mil	1782	j	John	Publik Claims Sprouls, John, 1782 Botetourt Co Claims – 375lb beef £3.2.6
Bot CH Records	Botetourt	Mil/Tax	1782 1783 1784 1785 1786	j j j j j	John Alexander William	On Capt Bollar's list for tax and military draft (Allegheny County area west of and adjacent to juncture of Jackson River and Dunlap Creek – see Bot Co map of 1782) Sprowl: John (105 acres), William Sprowl: John, William Sprowl: John Sprowl: John (105 acres), Alexander, William Sprowl: John, Alexander
Angl	Botetourt	Tax	1784	j	John	1784 John Sproul listed as debtor in Mann estate
Ston.	Botetourt	Tax	1785	j	John	Tax List for 1785 John Sprowl, 105A, 5.5, 28.8.9 ??? (handwritten list) – Botetourt Co
Worr, p.44	Botetourt	Mar	1792	j	John	Alexander Sproul marriage Elizabeth Right, John Sproul surety
Brun, p.11 Torr	Bath	Will	1796	j	John Margaret, children (7)	Will Book 1, 1791-1813, p.82. Will prob. Oct 1796 Wills and Inventories of Bath Co – Will of John Sprowl 25 Jan 1796 – copy at LVA Wife - Margaret - 70 p Sons - William and Alexander and daughter Anne McCallister - 5 shilling Son – John - 8 p Daughter – Mary - 25p , bed and furniture Daughter - Margaret - 25p Grandson - Andrew Robinson – 3p Two sons - Robert and James – plantation

## Jackson River John Sprowl – 1753 Settler

Fm: j – Jackson River John and Margaret, j. – their children

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Torr	Bath	Will	1796	j	John	Will Sproul, John {Brun says Sprowl}
Meth, p.32	Bath	Mar	1806	j	Margaret	Feb 2 1806; Margaret Sprowl marriage. David Straton; surety-James Sprowl; consent-mother Margaret
Johr	Monroe	Will	1815	j	Margaret	1815 - Sprowl, Margaret, Will, Monroe Co; Devises: James-son and Mary Rice-daughter
Johr	Monroe	Will	1816	j	Margaret	1816 – Sprowl, Margaret, Inventory, Monroe Co
MoAl, p.139	Allegheny	Tax	1782	j.	William	1782 William Sprowl; 4 horses, 7 cattle – 1782 Personal Property Book by Capt John Boller
Ston, p.127	Botetourt	Mil	1782	j.	William	Militia William Sprowl – Company of Botetourt Co 27 <sup>th</sup> District August 1782 Botetourt Co VA (Rev. War) - William Sprowl of Capt. Baird's Company
Worr, p.68	Botetourt	Mil	1782	j.	William	Aug 1782 Capt John Baird's Company ... that Wm Sprowl, Thomas McCallister be in 27 <sup>th</sup> District
MoBa, p.111	Bath	Tax	1783	j.	William	Heads of Families – List for Jackson River below Botetourt Lone – 1783 - Bath Co McCalister, Garrett 1 horse Sproul, William 4 horses, 7 cows
Wulf, GPVM, Wrig	Greenbrier, WV or Rockingham	Mar	1785	j.	William Jane	William marriage Jane Hamilton - Rockingham Co or Greenbrier Co - Rev John Alderson – Baptist Church {Greenbrier}
SumVa, p.430	Botetourt	Ct	1786	j.	Alexander	June 8, 1786 Alexander Sprowl appointed constable succeeding Thomas McCalister {Alex sister Ann m, Garnett McCallister}
TG	Greenbrier	Tax	1788	j.	William	1788 William Sproul Delinquent Taxes Greenbrier Co
LVa-Pat	Greenbrier	Land	1791	j.	Alexander	95 ac, Sprowle, Alexander, Turkey Creek
MoBa, p.118	Bath	Tax	1791	j.	Alexander	Heads of Family, Second District, Bath Co. Sprowl, Alexander
Sims	Greenbrier	Land	1791	j.	Alexander	1791 Land Grant Sprowle, Alexander, 95 ac, Turkey Creek, now Greenbrier Co
Sims	Greenbrier	Land	1791	j.	Alexander	1791 - Sprowle, Alexander, 95 ac, Turkey Creek, now Greenbrier Co
MoBa, p.118	Bath	Tax	1791	j.	William	Bath Co Heads of Family Second District, Bath Co.
	Botetourt	Mar	1792	j.	Alexander	1792-March 16: Alexander Sproul M: Elizabeth Right, daughter of Peter Right, John Sproul, surety. - Botetourt Co VA Marriages (see John Rinehart; Hamilton)
Worr, p.44 Wulf	Botetourt	Mar	1792	j.	Alexander Elizabeth	Alexander Sproul marriage Elizabeth Wright/Right, John <sup>l</sup> Sproul surety
Meth, p.2	Bath	Mar	1792	j.	Ann	Feb 14 1792; Ann Sprowl marriage Garret McCallister; consent-father John; wit.-Alexander
MoBa, p.127	Bath	Mar	1792	j.	William dau Ann	Ann Sproul marriage to Garnett McAllister – Bath Co
Meth, p.3	Bath	Mar	1793	j.	Alexander	1793; marriage wit.-Alex
	Rockbridge	Mar	1798	j.	William	Morton on Sprowl (p.530): William D:1798 M: Elizabeth ??=C. ;
TG	Bath	Tax	1800	j.	James	1800 James Sprowl Tax List Bath Co
Meth, p.22	Bath	Mar	1800	j.	John	1800; John wit at marriage of Bob Nutt
TG	Bath	Tax	1800	j.	Robert	1800 Robert Sprowl Tax List Bath Co
Meth, p.28	Bath	Mar	1803	j.	John	1803; marriage wit-John
Brun, p.46	Bath	Will	1807	j.	Robert	1807 – Inventory of Robert Sprowl in Bath {prob son of Settler John of Greenville}
Brun, p.46	Botetourt	Will	1807	j.	Robert	1807 – Inventory of Robert Sprowl in Botetourt {prob son of Settler John of Greenville} {have copy of original}
LVa-Pat	Bath	Land	1808	j.	James Robert	130 ac, Reese, John. grantee, Jacksons River, adj Thomas McCallester, and Robert and James Sprowel {McCallister m. Ann, dau of John & Margaret, Greenville Settler}
LVa-Pat	Bath	Land	1808	j.	John	100 ac, Curry, James. grantee, adj John Sprowel and Andrew McCartney
LVa-Pat	Bath	Land	1808	j.	John	200 ac, Kelly, William. grantee, on Jacksons River, adj John Sprowel and Andrew McCartney

## Jackson River John Sprowl – 1753 Settler

Fm: j – Jackson River John and Margaret, j. – their children

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
LVa-Pat	Bath	Land	1810	j.	John	50 ac, Sproul, John ,E side of Jacksons River, east of his own land adj land of Isaac Barnard
LVa-Pat	Bath	Land	1819	j.	John	50 ac, Sproul, John , both sides of Jacksons River, adj land he lives on
LVa-Pat	Alleghany	Land	1830.	j.	James	13 ac, Sprowl, James. grantee, Grantees Sprowl, James and Rice, John.

**Samuel Sproul – 1753 Settler on Back Creek  
d. 1773  
wife – Margret d. 1782**

***First Augusta County Records of Samuel Sproul in 1753 –***

- Purchase of 210 acres on a small branch of Back Creek in Beverly Manor, 3 ½ miles NNE of Settler William's 1765 Locust Grove. {Back Creek runs through Middlebrook and Samuel was about a mile westward down that creek.}
- Road worker from Cambell's field to the town

***Samuel was probably older than settlers William Sproul and John Sprowl***

- June 21, 1763: Samuel Sproul exempted from levy – great age and infirmity.

***Location –***

- First settled about 3 ½ miles north of the later William the Settler homestead on Moffitt's Creek
- This land, first owned by Jacob Lockhart, may be located on map of Beverly Manor 1736<sup>6</sup>
- Will refers to Margret being of Tinkling Springs after Samuel died.

***Children –***

- birth dates unknown: **Sarah, Rebecca, Martha**

***Samuel died 1773 –***

- Leaving 210 ac land: ½ wife Margret and ½ Wm Mitchell,
- Daughters: **Rebecca** m. **William Mitchell**  
**Sarah** m. **James Patterson**  
**Martha** m. **Alexander Thompson**

children of Martha - **Agnes, Martha, Margaret, Sarah, and Alexander Jr**

***Margret died 1782 –***

***1781 Will of Margret Sprowl - Augusta Co., Will Book VI, p.221.***<sup>7</sup> Margret (copied as Sprewl and Spruel in will, but Sproul in Augusta Co Will Book Clerk of Court notation) of Tinkling Springs, Recorded Feb 19. 1782

£20 each to her four granddaughters: **Agnes, Martha, Margret, and Sarah Thompson**

*“Then I will leave and bequeth my tiding mare and saddle and all my Munny in land and all my other Movable Estate unto my soninlaw Alexander Thompson”*

<sup>6</sup> J.R.Hildebrand. *The Beverly Patent, 1736*, op. cit.

<sup>7</sup> ***1781 Will of Margret Sprowl - Augusta Co., Will Book VI, p.221.***

## Back Creek Samuel Sproul – 1753 Settler

Fm: s – Back Creek Samuel

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Ch3-312	Augusta	Land	1753	s	Samuel	Aug. Co. Deed Book No 5, p.238, April, 1753. Jacob Lockhart and Mary to Samuel Sprowl, 210 acres in Beverley Manor.
Ch1-443	Augusta	Ct	1753	s	Samuel	Aug. Co. Court Judgments, May 16, 1753. To ye worshipful bench, if I be continued overseer of ye road from John Cambel's field to the town for this year, that you allow me {inc.}Samuel Sprowl, --all for to keep the said road in repairs for the year 1753. (Signed) John Henderson.
Ch3-337	Augusta	Land	1755	s	Samuel	Aug. Co. Deed Book No 6. P.127, 20th May. 1755. Beverley to John Kirkpatrick, £3, 200 acres in Beverley Manor; Thomas Kirkpatrick's old line by the Back Creek; Saml. Sprouls line.
Ch2-441	Augusta	Land	1755	s	Samuel	Augusta Parish Vestry Book p.154 – Procession, 1755 --1755: John Risk and John Shields processioned as follows, viz: For Robert Campbell, for James Hunter, for James Trotter, for John Shields, for James McCutcheon, for Widow Campbell, for Widow Campbell, for Wm. Hunter, for Saml. McCutchen, for Thos. Berry, for John McCutcheon, for David Campbell, for Wm. Campbell, for Wm. Ledgerwood, for James Moffet, for Nathl. Davies, for Nichs. Leeper, for Danl. Downey, for George Peny, for Saml. Sprowl, for Thos. Kirkpatrick, for Jno. Kirkpatrick, for Jno. Risk, for Jno. Risk, for Jno. Risk, for James Clark, for John Shields, Jr., for David Cunningham, for Chas. Berry, for James Callison, for James Marten, for Josiah Richarts, for David Hays, for Alex. McFeeters, for James Gilmore, for James Lockhart, for Alex. Richey, for Jacob Lockhart, for John Peny, for Mathew Willson, for John Willson, for Widow Patterson, for John McCillery, for James McCillery, for Arter Hamilton, for Wm. Buntin, for Robert Gamel, for Jno. Buchanan, for Patrick Cooks (deceased), for David Richey; Wm. Brown (said he was going to leave his land and didn't care about it).
Ch1-106	Augusta	Ct	1763	s	Samuel	Aug. Co. Order Book VIII, p106, June 21, 1763. Samuel Sproul exempted from levy--great age and infirmity.
Ch3-93	Augusta	Will	1765	s	Samuel	Aug. Co. Will Book 3, p.439, 22d October, 1765. Joshua Mathew's estate settlement, by George Mathews, recorded--25th December, 1764, paid Edward Sharp; 16th March, 1765, paid Darby Shay; 7th June. 1765, paid Benj. Bennett; 23rd August, paid Jas. Hartgrove; November, 1764, paid Wm. Saxton, Alex. Baggs, Danl. Goodwin, Stephen Arnold, Sarah Sproul, John Sawyers; paid George Darr, per Col. Preston. Contra--19th October, 1764, by Capt. Audley Paul's bill; Jacob Click's; Jeremiah Dennis' bill; Edmond Crump's; Benj. Watson's.
Ch3-536	Augusta	Land	1773	s	Samuel Margaret	Aug. Co. Deed Book No 19, p.78, 1st October, 1773. William Mitchell and Rebecca ( ), of 1st part; Margaret ( ) Sprowl, widow and relict of Samuel Sprowl, deceased, of 2d part; James Patterson and Sarah ( ) and Alex. Thompson and Martha ( ) of 3d part; George Peerey of 4th part. Samuel Sproul devised one-half of 210 acres to Mitchell with remainder in other half after death of widow; died leaving three daughters, who are women above. Mitchell has sold his interest to George Peerey. Delivered: George Peerey's son, February, 1782
Fm-Wm	Augusta	Will	1781	s	Samuel Margret	<b>1781 Will of Margret Sprowl</b> {wife of Samuel} . July 20, 1781. (copy on file) Augusta Co., Will Book VI, p.221. Margret (copied as Sprewl and Spruel in will, but Sproul in Augusta Co Will Book Clerk of Court notation) of Tinkling Springs, Recorded Feb 19. 1782 Executor: son-in-law – Alexander Thompson To be buried at discretion of Alexander Thompson, Sr £20 each to her four granddaughters: Agnes, Martha, Margret, and Sarah Thompson “Then I will leave and bequeth my tiding mare and saddle and all my Munny in land and all my other Movable Estate unto my soninlaw Alexander Thompson” Teste: James Spence, Mary Palmer, Robert Thompson. Proved, 19th February, 1782, by Spence and Thompson. {it may be presumed that her daughter and Alexander's wife, Martha Thompson (unmentioned), is dead} {Alexander Thompson referred to as senior implying he has son Alexander}

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**John Sprout - 1751 Settler  
on Broad Springs Run  
d. 1755  
Wife - Jane**

Although Broad Springs John was the earliest recorded “Sproul” settler, he perhaps was not really a Sproul although his records were often written as Sproul and distinguishing a non-crossed final “t” versus a final “l” is difficult. John Sprout had arrived in Augusta County by 1751 and died in 1755, leaving a young family including two infants, all of whom soon left the colony.

John’s 320 acres has not yet been precisely located, but the short Broad Spring Run is within two miles of Settler William Sproul 1765 purchase of Locust Grove and also within two miles of Jackson River John Sprowl’s 194 acres purchased in 1753 and his 250 acres purchased in 1758.

**First Augusta County Records of John Sprout**

1751 John purchased 320 acres of land from Col. James Patton

**Location –**

Broad Springs of the James River in 1751

**Wife –**

Jane

**Children –**

Sons – **Jace, John** (both infants in 1755)

Daughters – **Mary, Martha, Sarah**

**John died 1755 -**

Will<sup>8</sup> proven 19 March 1755, leaving Mary, Martha, Sarah what is theirs.

Inventory<sup>9</sup> 5 April 1755 listing estate goods at £46, s4.

Family left Colony in 1756.

<b>John Sprout– 1751 Settler</b>						
Fm: t – John Sprout						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Ch	Augusta	Land	1751	t	J Sprout	DB4-139, Nov 28, 1751. James Patton to John Sprout, 320 ac patented Nov 3, 1750, Broad Spring of James
Ch	Augusta	Land	1751	t	J Sprout	DB6-480, Oct 8, 1754, John Sprout to John Bowen, £_____, 320 acres by deed from Col. Patton, 28th November, 1751, on Broad Spring, a branch of James River. Signed “John Sprout” Oct 8, 1754. By deed from Col. Patton 28 Nov 1751.
Ch	Augusta	Will	1755	t	J Sprout	WB2-88, Feb 21, 1755. John Sprout's (Sproul) will. Executors, wife and daughter Mary; sons, John and Jace, infants. Mary and Martha and Sarah to have what is their own. Additional executor, Robert Renick. Proved by Walker. Jane and Mary Sprout qualify.
Ch	Augusta	Will	1755	t	J Sprout	WB2-111, Apr 5, 1755. John Sprout (Sproul?) appraisement by John McAxwell and Michael Dougherty.
Ch	Augusta	Ct	1756	t	J Sprout	OB V, p.246, Nov 18, 1756. Jane and Mary Sprout, admes of John Sprout, about to leave the Colony
Ch	Augusta	Will	1769	t	J Sprout	WB4-235, Aug 17, 1769. The estate of Col. James Patton, mentions Jno. Sprout
Ch	Augusta	Will	1769	t	J Sprout	WB4-237, Aug 17, 1769. The estate of Col. James Patton (cont.) , mentions Jno. Sprout (again)

<sup>8</sup> *Will of John Sprout – Augusta Co Will Book 2, p.88-89*

<sup>9</sup> *Inventory of John Sprout – Augusta Co Will Book 2, p.111*

**William Sprowl – 1771 Settler  
on North Fork of the James River  
b. Ireland, d. 1798 - Rockbridge Co.  
Wife - Elizabeth Lusk, m. 1773**

There is a great deal of information on William Sprowl, not all of which has source documentation and much of the documented data has not been fully compiled into a family genealogy. William settled on a bend of the North Fork of the James (now the Maury River) in 1771, about 12 miles south of where William Sproul of the Cowpasture and Moffatts Creek settled at approximately the same time. The records of these two are particularly confusing since many of the early William Sproul records were recorded as William Sprowl and vice versa. Both also had sons and grandsons named William. These families still vie for claim to the June 23, 1773 Augusta County marriage license which can only really belong to one of them. Jackson River John Sprowl lived slightly east of halfway between these two William's but moved 50 miles away to the Jackson River area about the time they arrived.

William Sprowl came to America from Ireland as a soldier in the British army, and took part in the Battle of Quebec during the French and Indian war. After this battle he was left to do guard duty in that city, where he continued until the expiration of his period of enlistment. Instead of returning to his native country he remain in America, and some time after receiving his discharge he went to Norfolk, Virginia, thence a little later to the town of Lexington in the same state. There he purchased a tract of 323 acres on the North Fork of the James River in 1771 and entered upon the duties of farm life. He married Elizabeth Lusk in 1773.<sup>10</sup>

William and Elizabeth had ten children. After William died in 1798 in Rockbridge County, the family began their westward move, to Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. The land on the Maury River was sold in 1806 and most of the family moved to Preble County, Ohio. Son William and his family were the last of the children to have relocated in Ohio in 1841.

***First Augusta County Records of William Sprowl***

1771 – purchased 323 acres of land on Maury River

***Location –***

Near Lexington, on a bend of the Maury River, just below intersection of today's Rt 39 and Rt 252. This is labled as the Jacob Anderson land on the Bordon Manor map.<sup>11</sup>

***Wife – Elizabeth Lusk, b. 1755 Augusta Co, Va d. 1845 Preble Co, Oh m. 1773***  
daughter of **William and Elizabeth Lusk**

***William died 1798<sup>12</sup>***

***Children –*** (all born in Rockbridge Co, Va.)

<b>John</b>	1774	d. 1850-1860 Oh
m. <b>Polly (Mary?) Holderman</b> 1810 in Preble Co		
<b>William</b>	Jan 8, 1775	d. Nov 17, 1872, Oak Grove, Mercer Co, Illinois.
m. <b>Rebecca Baker</b> Sep 18, 1800 in Rockbridge Co, Va <sup>13</sup> , b. Mar 17, 1782, Va, d. 1842		
approximately 8 children: ???		
<b>John</b>	b.1810	m. <b>Jane Dixon</b> 1835 (b. 1811)
<b>William G.</b>	b.1837	
<b>Betsy A.</b>	b.1840	
<b>John A.</b>	b.1843	
<b>Polly (Mary)</b>	b.1814	m. <b>James McGown</b> 1828

<sup>10</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of Huntington County, 1901, John S. Sprowl, M.D.* - from pages 546-549

<sup>11</sup> J.R.Hildabrand. *Map Showing 92,100 Grant for Benjamin Borden, op. cit.*

<sup>12</sup> *Will of William Sproull, Rockbridge Co, Will Book 2, p.108, recorded Dec 4, 1798.*

<sup>13</sup> *Marriage Bond – William Sprowl and Rebecca Baker – Rockbridge County, VA, 1800*

### Samuel

William and family moved to Greene Co, Oh. in 1841. Spent his last years with his son Samuel in Oak Grove, Illinois.

- Rosanna** May 5, 1776 d. 1833  
 m. **Samuel Patterson** 1813 in Preble Co
- Elizabeth** 1778 d. 1855 Huntington Co, Ind  
 m. **James L Purivance** 1808 in Preble County  
 Later moved to Huntington County Ind.
- Samuel** d. bef 1815  
 Moved to Preble Co, Oh by 1806
- Joseph M.** 1780 d. 1858 Huntington Co (Traces to present exists)  
 m. **Jennie (Jane) Armstrong** Apr 14 1814, Rockbridge Co, Va  
 Moved to Preble Co, Oh in 1814 and to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1834
- Anna W.** 1782 d. 1853 New Paris, Preble Co, OH  
 m. **David Parsons Purivance** 1809 in Preble Co
- Sarah L.** 1785 d. aft 1850 OH  
 m. **James Reed** 1833 in Preble Co
- Robert** 1788 d. aft 1860 in Preble Co  
 m. **Mary**  
 Moved to Preble Co, OH by 1806
- Polly** 1791 d.s.

As subsequently shown, most of the family moved to Ohio, then some to Indiana and Illinois, presumably after the death of William and sale of the 323 acres in 1806. Robert and Samuel appear to have left for Preble Co Ohio before 1806. William (son of William) left Virginia in 1841 according to Ohio census records.

Rockbridge William Sprowl – 1771 Settler						
Fm: r – Rockbridge William, r. – children of William and Elizabeth						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
CAu-DB	Augusta	Land	1771	R	William	1771 – <b>Augusta County, Deed Book No XVII</b> , p.297 -20th August, 1771. Robert ( ) Allison and Ann ( ) to <b>William Sprowl</b> , £104, part of Borden's tract conveyed to Robert by Borden's executors in two deeds: A, containing 108 acres of which 25 acres have been conveyed by Robert to Jacob Anderson; B, containing 240 acres; corner Jacob Anderson, North Fork of James River. Teste: John Thompson, Daniel Lile, John McKee, <b>William Sprowl</b> . Delivered: <b>William Sprowl</b> , August Court, 1774. Ch3-p.511 {Note: 108 + 240 – 25 = 323 ac}
Map	Rockbridge	Land	1771	R	William	1771 – <b>Bordon Tract Map</b> showing Robert Allison land and adjacent Jacob Anderson land
Vm	Rockbridge	Tax	1787	R	William	1787 Rockbridge Co VA personal property tax list "A", Wm. Sprowl self 0 0 0 3 19
CRb-WB 2-365	Rockbridge	Mil	1797	r.	John	(1797-1806) John Sproul qualified as Ensign of the Militia
CRb-WB, p.108	Rockbridge	Will	1798	r	William	1798 – <b>William Sproul, Rockbridge Co, Will Book 2</b> , p.108, recorded Dec 4, 1798. (copy of will in file) Will signed Jan 8, 1798 bequeath land and movable estate to wife <b>Elizabeth</b> during the minority of the children bequeath to each of my daughters {at least three daughters} and to each of my sons {at least three sons} At Court held for Rockbridge Co 4 <sup>th</sup> of December 1798 Witnesses: Peter Lowery, Robert Telford, John McKee Executors: William Walker, John Davidson, and <b>Elizabeth Sproul</b>

## Rockbridge William Sprowl – 1771 Settler

Fm: r – Rockbridge William, r. – children of William and Elizabeth

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
						Clerk of Court recorded name as Sproul.
CRb-WB	Rockbridge	Will	1799	r	William	1799 – Sept 5, <b>William Sprowl</b> , <i>Rockbridge Co Will Book 2</i> – Inventory of the estate of <b>William Sprowl</b>
CRb-MB	Rockbridge	Mar	1800	r.	William	<b>Rockbridge Co Marriage Bonds</b> Sept 15, 1800 - <b>William Sprowl</b> and <b>Rebecca Baker</b> , daughter of William Baker of Rockbridge Co Bonds: William Sprowl, William Baker, and Alexander McKeemy (copy of bonds on file)
Kirk, p.198	Rockbridge	Mar	1800	r.	William	<b>William Sprowl &amp; Rebecca Baker</b> , dau of William Baker, 18 Sept 1800, Rev John Cree
CRb-DB, p.88	Rockbridge	Land	1806	r r.	Elizabeth, William	1806 – April 1 - <b>Rockbridge Co Deed Book F, p.88.</b> – <b>Sprowl ( William, John, Joseph, and Elizabeth)</b> , 323 ac on bank of North Fork of James River {N Fork of James is now Maury River and passes thru Lexington} to Henry Horn “and being the same land formerly sold by Robert Allison to William Sprowl deceased and by his heirs to the said Henry Horn being part of Bordon’s Great Tract...”
McCow	Rockbridge	Mar	1806	r.	Mary	<b>McCow - McCown Family Records</b> James G. McCown (~1804 - 1874) married Mary Sproul (*1806 - ) m. 19 Aug 1828 father: John McCown (1755 - <1817), mother: Eleanor McCampbell (1750 - 1821) Children: Andrew 1829 - 1859 Nancy A. ~1831 - 1897 Jane Eliza 1833 - 1897 James William 1836 - John Alexander 1840 - 1918 Samuel Thompson 1841 - 1908
CRb-DB	Rockbridge	Land	1815	r r.	Elizabeth, William	1815 – Nov 5 - <b>Rockbridge Co Deed Book J, p.461</b> – <b>Robert Sprowl</b> of County of Preble, Ohio and <b>William Sprowl</b> of Rockbridge Co to Henry Horn for £800 land on the N Branch of the James River being the same as conveyed by <b>Elizabeth, William</b> , et al in 1806. <b>Robert Sprowle</b> sells his interest and mentions <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> , his brother who died without leaving a will.
CRb-MB	Rockbridge	Mar	1827	r..	Elizabeth	Sept 29, 1827 - <b>Samuel P. Torbet</b> and <b>Elizabeth Sprowl</b> , daughter of William Sprowl Bond: Samuel Torbett and William Sprowl Sr of Rockbridge Co
Kirk, p.407	Rockbridge	Mar	1827	r..	Elizabeth	1827 <b>Elizabeth Sprowl</b> (dau Wm) & <b>Samuel P.</b> {Torbit or Forbet}, 4 Oct 1827, Rev Andrew Heron, Presbyterian
CRb-MB	Rockbridge	Mar	1828	r..	Polly	Aug 16, 1828 - <b>James G. McGown</b> and <b>Polly Sproul</b> , daughter of William Sproul Bond: James G. McGown, Peter Hull, William Sproul Sr.
Kirk, p.407	Rockbridge	Mar	1828	r..	Polly	1828 <b>Polly Sproul</b> (dau William) & <b>James G McGown</b> , Presbyterian, 19 Aug 1828, Rev Andrew Heron
CRb-MB	Rockbridge	Mar	1833	r..	William	Jun 10, 1833 - <b>William Sprowl</b> and <b>Rachel L. Torbit</b> , daughter of John Torbit Bond: William Sprowl and Eli Torbet. Consent: John Torbet
Kirk, p.198	Rockbridge	Mar	1833	r..	William	1833 <b>William Sproul &amp; Rachel L Tarber</b> (dau John), 12 June 1833, Rev Andrew Davidson, Presbyterian
CRb-MB	Rockbridge	Mar	1835	r..	John	Nov 23, 1835 - <b>John Sprowl</b> and <b>Jane Dixon</b> , daughter of Robert Dixon Bond: John Sprowl and Robert Dixon
Kirk, p.198	Rockbridge	Mar	1835	r..	John	1835 <b>John Sprowl &amp; Jane Dixon</b> (dau Robert), 23 Nov 1835,

### Census 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840

<b>William Sprowl</b> – Rockbridge Co, Virginia	{inconsistent data}, son of Wm/Elizabeth	{M/F est.}
1810	M: 1 0 0 1 0 F: 2 0 0 1 0 0 S: 3	<10, 16, 26, 45, 45+ 26-45/26-45
1820	M: 2 1 0 1 0 1 F: 3 2 1 1 0	<10, 15, 18, 25, 44, 45+ 45+/26-45
1830	M: 1 1 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 F: 1 1 1 2 0 1	<5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 , 30-40/30-40
1840	M: 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 F: 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 1	<5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 , 60-70/50-60

3 farmers

*Note on Code: in 1810, M: 2 1 0 .... Following the code to the right of data, this implies males, 2 less than 10, 1 older but less than 16, and none older but less than 26,...*

**John Sprowl** – Rockbridge Co, Virginia

1840	M:10001, F: 10001	<5, 10, 15, 20, 30 ,40, 50, 60, 70		son of Wm/Rebecca	
1850	John	40	M	Farmer	son of William and Rebecca
	Jane	39	F		wife of john => m. ~1835
	William G	13	M		
	Betsy A	10	F		
	John A	7	M		
	Poly Denon	36	F		

**Ohio Records:**

The Ohio Census and other documentary records, as captured in the Pat Thomas Gedcom web files of worldconnect.rootsweb show a lot about the family before and after moving to Ohio. Those files (ID: I7345, I18610, I17058, I20188, I7349, I20189) are attached. Their data is summarized below. Note that these records are not fully consistent with the preceding tabular data.

ID I7345, I17058, I7349 – **William Sprowl** – son of William & Rebecca

William Sprowl b. Jan 8, 1775, Va d. Nov 17, 1872, Oak Grove, Mercer Co, Illinois. United Presbyterian  
Moved to Greene County OH in 1841. Spent his last years with his son Samuel in Oak Grove.  
married: Rebecca Baker (m. Sep 18, 1800 in Rockbridge Co, Va.), b. Mar 17, 1782, Va, d. 1842  
parents: William Sprowl and Elizabeth Lusk  
children: all children born Rockbridge Co, Va  
Rebecca b. 1808, d. Mar 1893  
m. Enos Ward Nov 26 1861  
Christina b. Feb 8 1825, d. Mar 23, 1910, Illinois  
m. Joseph Pease in 1866, 2 ch: Mary b. 1867, George b. 1869  
Martha B. b. 1825  
Sarah b. 1827  
m. George S. Moore in Jun 3, 1862  
Samuel b. 1832, d. Feb 21, 1888  
William b. 1838

ID I20188, I18610, I20189 – **John Sprowl** – { presumed son of William and Rebecca as other family had moved to Ohio }

John Sproul b. May 14, 1810, Va. d. Feb 14, 1883, Warren Co, Illinois, Cedar Creek Cem  
married: Nov 23, 1835, Rockbridge Co, Va., Jane Dixon b. Jan 5 1811, d. Nov 7, 1879  
children: William T. Sprowl, b. Jul 17, 1837 (1842?), Va. d. Feb 28, 1873, Illinois  
m. Deborah Ann Wiley b. May 28, 1849  
John A. Sprowl, b. 1844 d. Sep 8 1900 Illinois

**Biographical data with references:**

**The Lusk Family – Louisa County Genealogical Society – Norma Jennings**

William Lusk – d. 1746 w. Sarah, bro. John  
Children – David, James, Samuel, John, William, Hugh, Sarah

William Lusk (son of above) – d. 1771 w. Elizabeth  
Children – John, William, Mary Phillips, Joseph, **Elizabeth**, Sarah, Margaret

**The Other Lusk's in America Home Page** - [www.hilconet.com/home/kensmith/othrlusk.html](http://www.hilconet.com/home/kensmith/othrlusk.html)  
(containing detailed family tree from John Lusk (b. 1672) and father of William above through Elizabeth (1755) who married Mr. Sprowl.)

**The Patterson Family Line - Second Generation**

Samuel<sup>2</sup> Patterson (Samuel<sup>1</sup>) was born in Ireland 17 Oct 1765. Samuel died 20 Dec 1833 at 68 years of age.  
He married three times. He married Rebecca Carswell. He married Agnes ?? bef 1792. He married Rosannah Sprowl in Preble Co, OH, 27 Jul 1813. Rosannah was born 05 May 1776. Rosannah was the daughter of William Sprowl and Elizabeth Lusk. Rosannah died abt 1833.

He made a will in Preble Co, OH, 04 Sep 1833. Samuel Patterson - Book B Pg 252 signed 4 Sep 1833; recorded 21 Dec 1833. Wife Rosannah,...

***Biographical data without referenced sources:***

**John S. Sprowl, M.D.** - from *Biographical Memoirs of Huntington County, 1901*, pages 546-549 {full text in file}

**William Sprowl** came to America from Ireland as a soldier in the British army, and took part in the battle of Quebec during the French and Indian war. After this battle he was left to do guard duty in that city, where he continued until the expiration of his period of enlistment. Instead of returning to his native country he concluded to remain in America, and some time after receiving his discharge he went to Norfolk, Virginia, thence a little later to the town of Lexington in the same state. There he met and married Elizabeth Lusk, and within a few years became a large land owner, purchasing a tract of three hundred acres in the bend of the James river, and entered upon the duties of farm life.

**William and Elizabeth Sprowl** were blessed with a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, one of the sons, **Joseph**, marrying, on the 14th day of April, 1814, **Miss Jennie Armstrong**. In October of the same year this couple took up their residence in Preble county, Ohio, and in 1834 moved to the new and sparsely settled region of Huntington county, Indiana, located near the site of Lancaster in the township of the same name. They were the first permanent settlers in that part of the county, and did much toward developing the country and inducing other families to locate in the same neighborhood. They had a family of eight children, one of whom, **Robert** by name, married, August 1, 1849, **Hannah Shaffer**, a daughter of John C. and Sarah Shaffer.

***Other:***

Steve Collins of Grant Co, Indiana and Clyde Sprowl of Huntington, Indiana have information on the line to present from **Joseph M. Sprowl**.

## 2.6

### James Sproul - 1773 Settler of Augusta and Rockbridge

James first appears the area in 1773, acquiring two parcels adjacent to Settler William on Moffatts Creek – 80 acres to the North and 193 acres to the West. This land is identified on the Bordon Tract Map in the section on Settler William's Moffatts Creek Land, Sec. 3.4.3.

There are several references to this James of Augusta County over the next ten years including serving in Capt McCutchen's Augusta County militia company along with Alexander and Samuel Sproul in about 1777 and also being teste at a Tate/Newlan 1787 marriage along with Samuel Sproul and James Beard.

In 1784, James purchases 283 acres in Rockbridge County from James McChesney. The following year it is noted in the Tax Alterations list that James Sproul's Augusta Co land (300 acres although purchase of only 273 acres has been noted) had been transferred from James Sproul to James McChesney, suggesting a land exchange between Sproul and McChesney. The 283 acre Rockbridge parcel has not yet been located.

James Sproul of Rockbridge married Catherine in 1786.

There are several more Rockbridge County references to James, but in 1789 he either was in debt or needed a loan, because he pledged all his stock, grain in the fields, furniture, bedding, and even wearing apparel against a one year obligation for £45.

In 1795 James and Catherine sell their Rockbridge County land to John Thomas.

James and Catherine next appear in numerous records in Gallatin, Kentucky, perhaps as early as 1796 and certainly by 1800. James was Deputy Sheriff and owned a considerable amount of land there.

No birth date, birthplace, or death record found. No parents, siblings, or children found. His will might be in Gallatin Co, Ky.

James is suggested to be related to Settler William (brother, cousin, nephew?) by his acquiring adjacent land in 1773, his serving in the militia in 1777 with Alexander and Samuel, and by his role in the Tate marriage along with Samuel Sproul. It should be noted that the Samuel Sproul of these references is unidentified and is not one of the currently defined settlers or their sons.

<b>James of Augusta and Rockbridge</b>						
Fm: § - James of Augusta and Rockbridge, Vm – Vicki Miller data						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Ch3-531	Augusta	Land	1773	§	James	DB 19-291. 19 May 1773, between John Shields, eldest son and heir to James Shields decd. and Margaret his wife of Amherst Co of the one part and James Sproul of Augusta County, that for £60 doth grant two parcels of land in Augusta County, one containing Eighty acres, part of a Tract of 298 ½ conveyed by Samuel McCutchen and Frances his wife in 1746 and the other containing 193 acres conveyed to John Shields decd. by Benjamin Bordon 1752. Delivered to Wm. Sprowl, 19 Jan 1782.
GwatR	Augusta	Mil	1777	§	James	Sproul, James, Capt McCutchen's Co, Augusta {Alexander and Samuel Sproul also in same list}
AberVa p.98	Augusta	Mil	1780	§	James	Publik Claims Sproe, James, 1780 Augusta Co Provisions Procured – 183lb flower, £91.13.8
Ch2-429	Augusta	Tax	1781	§	James	Tithables William McPheeters's List {including} Wm. Sprowl, James Sprowl, Alex. Sprowl
SumVa, p.1008	Botetourt	Tax	1781	§	James	James Sprouls to be overseer of Road from Col Fulkinsons to the Line between Virginia and North Carolina and that James Gentleman is to give him a List of Tithables
CRbDB-A p.324	Rockbridge, VA	Land	1781	§	James	Rockridge County Deed Book A, p.324 2 Oct 1781, Indenture Benjamin Blackburn and Mary and James McChesney in

## James of Augusta and Rockbridge

Fm: § - James of Augusta and Rockbridge, Vm – Vicki Miller data

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
						consideration of £300 parcel of Rockbridge Co in Bordon's Tract of 283 acres. M&B Begin S1°W 192 poles, S89°W 12p, S½°W 118p, N85°W 10p, S ½°W 102 p, NW 260 p, NE 320p to Beg. {This land is later sold to James in 1784}
Spar1, p.24	Augusta	Tax	1782	§	James	1782 land tax – James Sproul, 300 ac
	Rockbridge	Tax	1783	§	James	James Sprowl – 1 white male, 6 horses, 18 cattle
CRbDB-A p.456	Rockbridge, VA	Land	1784	§	James	Rockridge County Deed Book A, p.456 3 Aug 1784. Indenture between James McChesney and Sara his wife of Augusta Co and James Sprowl of Rockbridge Co. for £300 convey parcel of 283 in Rockbridge County and in Bordon's Tract. Delivered James Sprowl 1795.
Spar1, p.35	Augusta	Tax	1785	§	James	1785 land tax Alterations: James Sproul to James McChesney, 300 ac
CRb-DB A-576	Rockbridge	Land	1786	§	James	1786, Sept 5 - Rockbridge Co Deed Book A, p.576 – 52 ac from James Sproul and Catherine his wife of CRb to Battorf for £67, 10s
MoRb, p.530	Rockbridge	Mar	1786	§	James	Sprowl, James m. Catharine by 1786
Ch2-306	Augusta	Mar	1787	§	James, Samuel	Marriages Benj. Newlan and Saml. Sprowl, surety. Benj. Newlan and Catherine Tate, daughter of Saml. Tate (consent). Teste: James Beard, James Sprowl.
Vm	Rockbridge	Tax	1787	§	James	1787 Rockbridge Co VA personal property tax list "A", James Sprowl self 0 1 0 7 8
SchC	Rockbridge		1787	§	James	The 1787 Census of Virginia: James Sprowl
CRbDB-B p.106	Rockbridge, VA	Land	1789	§	James	Rockbridge County Deed Book B, p.106 24 Dec 1789 – James Sproul of Rockbridge County for the one part and Samuel Ranick of Rockbridge County of the other part. Sproul sells two bay mares, two colts, one black horse, ten head of cattle, ten sheep, all my hogs, my waggon , two ploughs, all my waggon and plough goods, bed and bedding, household furniture, all my wearing apparel, and all grain in barn. If the said James Sproul do well and pay the said Samuel Renick the sum of £45 current money of Virginia by 24 Dec of the next year, then the above obligation shall be void. Witnesses include William Sproul
CRbDB-B p.141	Rockbridge, VA	Land	1795	§	James	Rockbridge County Deed Book B, p.141 7 April 1795. between James Sproull and Catharine his wife of Rockbridge Co and John Young for consideration of £500 a parcel of 272 acres
LVa-Pat	Rockbridge	Land	1796	§	James	431 ac, Greenlee, John. grantee, adj. land of George Gall, Wm Patton, David Potter, James Sproul &c. {=> James owned land in Rockbridge Co, find land records}}
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Tax	1800	§	James	1800 KY, James Sproul Gallatin Co
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Ct	1801	§	James	1801-March 10 Gallatin Co KY: James Sproul Dep Sheriff of Gallatin Co KY to John Nicholson of Fayette Co PA £1 13s property of Francis Cunningham (p12 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James	1804-February 5 Gallatin Co KY:Alex Reed to James Sprowl of Shelby Co KY 20A (p71 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James	1804-Gallatin Co KY:James Sproul, Sally Sproul wit: to deed of Benj. Craig & Nancy to Thomas Jones of Bourbon Co(p66 32/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James	1804-February 14 Gallatin Co KY:Alex Reed late Sheriff of Shelby Co KY to James Sproull of Gallatin Co KY land of John Stewart which was sold for taxes situated on KY River being 20A which was part of 1,000 A tract owned by James Sproull (p74 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James	1804-April 6 Gallatin Co KY:James Sproul wit: to deed (p35 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James & Cath	1804-July 25 Gallatin Co KY:James Sproull to Garrard Dement part of Lot # 2 in town of Preston for £100. James Sproull, Catherine Sproull (p33 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Land	1804	§	James & Cath	1804-Gallatin Co KY:James Sproull & Kitty his wife to Jeremiah Clemens & James Wilson of Mercer Co KY part of Lot #2 £40 part of Lot # 3 in Port William -James Sproul & Catherine Sproul (p30 3 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Will	1807	§	James	1807-March 22 Gallatin Co KY:Nicholas Braston will date 3-22-1807

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Fm: § - James of Augusta and Rockbridge, Vm – Vicki Miller data

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
					Jr	wit: James Sproull Jr. probated June 1807, To James Sproull Sr. my horse mill in Port William and the land thereunto belonging, to Wm. Haydon \$200 owed to him on purchase of mill & land (p4 4 2/2)
Vm	Gallatin, KY	Cen	1810	§	James	1810 Census KY, James Sproul 31101-00200-00 p248 Gallatin Co 45+
Vm	Henry, KY	Cen	1810	§	James	1810 Census KY, James Sproul 22001-30010-00 p351 Henry Co 45+
Vm	Owen, KY	Cen	1830	§	James	1830 Census KY, James Sproule 0210001-200001 p331 Owen Co

## 2.7

## James Sprouls – 1770 Settler of Washington County, Va

There is plenty of Washington County land, census, and marriage data but a good early family picture has not emerged. The land data ties this family together; land along the Abrahams Creek, south branch of the north fork of the Holston River. The census records present the picture of an early and large family with several branches. The family name spellings are so uniquely different in almost every record that it challenges explanation. At least twelve different last name spellings are found, some differences even occurring within a single record.

James Sproul appears to be the original settler here, first acquiring land along Reed Creek in Wythe County in 1769 but moving directly to Washington County. The wills of Samuel Sproles in 1839 and John Sproles in 1841 provide listings of some family members,<sup>14</sup> but this is will after the early settlement period.

<b>Washington County Sprouls</b>						
Fm: £ - Washington Co. Sprouls Vm – Vicki Miller data Rr – Rhonda Robertson data						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
KegM, p.43		Land	1769	£	James	April 1769, 190 ac on New River corner Walravin {Reed Creek flows into New River in Wythe Co}
Vm	Wythe	Land	1769	£	James	1769 Wythe Co VA: James Sproul 190 ac Reed Creek (p550 1 11/10)
Rr – CWaSR p.144	Washington	Land	1770	£	James	James Sprowl. 220 ac Commissioners Certificate...on both sides of Abrahams Creek, south branch of the north fork of Holston River...Beginning corner to John Robinsons land...December 16, 1782 - James Sprowl, assignee of James Hobbs...220 ac...in the Rich Valley on the north fork of Holston River surveyed for Sprowl on February 16, 1774, actual settlement made in 1770...August 16, 1781
TG	Botetourt	Tax	1771	£	James	1771 James Sprouls Tithable List Botetourt Co
Rr - CWaSR p.144	Washington	Land	1782	£	James	James Sprowl...220 ac...Commissioners Certificate...on both sides of Abrahams Creek, south branch of the north fork of Holston River...Beginning corner to John Robinsons land...December 16, 1782 –
Rr - CWaSR p.185	Washington	Land	1782	£	Thomas	Richard Moore, assignee of John Robinson...250 ac...Commissioners Certificate...on both sides of Abrams Creek, south branch of the north fork of Holston River...Beginning corner to Thomas Brights land...corner to Thomas Sprouls land that he now lives on...December 16, 1782
KegM, p.34		Land	1783	£	James	before 1783, 190 ac, land survey on New River, Holston, and Clinch
KegM, p.38		Land	1783	£	James	before 1783, 220 ac
WaSR p.456	Washington	Land	1783	£	James	William Smith - 49 ac - treasury warrant #20702 dated November 11, 1783 - on the waters of Abrams Creek, a south branch of the north fork of Holstein - corner of James Sproles, Sr. - on a spur of Walkers Mountain - crossing a branch of Abrams Creek - May 16, 1796...John Campbell, heir at law to John Campbell, decd, assignee of John Gates - 100 ac - adjoining John Campbell and William Bennet, includes improvements, actual settlement made in 1775 - August 24, 1781
Hiat p.102	Washington	Mar	1834	£	William	Oct 23, 1834 William Sprawles and Lavina Gobble
Hiat p.102	Washington	Mar	1835	£	Mordica	Jan 8, 1835 Mordica Sprawles and Judy Woods
Vm	Wythe	Land	1785	£		1785-March 4 Wythe Co VA:Robert Ewing treasury warrant 703A 1782 and assigned by Alex Willey enters same as follows: 100A to begin at Godfrey's Antrem's NE corner near the road that runs from Antrem's to Sprouls (p29 1 11/10)
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1787	£	James	1060 ac, John Lathem grantee, Holstein River N of James Sprows settlement in the Rich Valley
Vm	Washington	Tax	1787	£	James	1787 Washington Co VA personal property tax list "A", James Sproll self 0 0 0

<sup>14</sup> Samuel Sproles and John Sproles wills – 1839 and 1841 – Washington Co Will Book

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Fm: £ - Washington Co. Sprouls Vm – Vicki Miller data Rr – Rhonda Robertson data

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
						6 8
Vm	Washington	Tax	1787	£	James	1787 Washington Co VA personal property tax list "A", James Sproll self 1 0 0 2 0 (not tithable, prob. 16-21 yrs)
Hiat p.102	Washington	Mar	1788	£	Samuel	Sept 4, 1788 Samuel Sprouls and Susanna Thomas
Hiat p.102	Washington	Mar	1793	£	James	Feb 21, 1793 James Sprouls and Sarah Pitts
Vm	Wythe	Land	1793 bef.	£	James	1793-October 1 Wythe Co VA:David Ross, assne of Stephen Trigg assne of Richard Chapman and Francis Farmer assne of William Probat, assne of James Sprowl, 400A on Commissioner's Certificate on Reed Ck p50 (p108 1 11/10)
Rr - CWaSR p.439	Washington	Land	1795	£	James	James Sproules, assignee of James Smith - 256 ac - part of 3 treasury warrants, 88 ac by warrant #2464 and 62 ac by warrant #9063 and 106 ac by warrant #2734 - on the south branches of Abreham's Creek, a branch of the north fork of Holstein - corner to Cornelius Carmack, Jr.'s land on the top of Walkers Mountain - by the Kentucky Road - by a path - corner to Benjamin Thomas's land - January 28, 1795
Rr - CWaSR p.475	Washington	Land	1795	£	James	James Sproules - 43 ac - treasury warrant #1927 dated December 12, 1781 - on the waters of Abram's Creek, a south branch of the north fork of Holstein River - corner to his own land and Lathem's survey - near a low gap in a ridge - corner to William Smith's land - crossing Abram's Creek - June 10, 1795
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1796	£	James	220 ac, James Sproul, Abraham's Creek, Holstein River
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1796	£	James	256 ac, James Sproul, Abram's Creek
Rr - CWaSR p.456	Washington	Land	1796	£	James	William Smith - 49 ac - treasury warrant #20702 dated November 11, 1783 - on the waters of Abrams Creek, a south branch of the north fork of Holstein - corner of James Sproles, Sr. - on a spur of Walkers Mountain - crossing a branch of Abrams Creek - May 16, 1796
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1798	£	James	1 ½ ac, James Sproule Sr, adj James Sproule Sr
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1800	£	James	43 ac, James Sprouls, Abram's Creek
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1801	£	John	29 ac, John Sproles, Holstein River, Abram's Creek
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1809	£	James	47 ac, James Sproles, Holstein River, Abram's Creek
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1811	£	John	30 ac, John Sprouls, Holstein River, N Caney Valley
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1811	£	Samuel	60 ac, Samuel Sproles, Barren Spring Branch
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1812	£	James	600 ac, Elijah Gillenwaters, Holstein River adj James Sprowl
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1812	£	John	50 ac, Martin Cox, Holstein River adj land of John Sproul.
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1819	£	James	226 ac, James Sprouls Jr, Holstein River, Cove Creek
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1822	£	James	50 ac, James Sprouls, corner to Elijah Green
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1826	£	James	50 ac, James Sproles, Wolf Run (off N Fork Holston River)
Hiat p.102	Washington	Mar	1830	£	James	July 16, 1830 James Sprouls and Sarah Baker
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1831	£	James	40 ac, James Sproules Jr, on Abraham's Creek
LVA-Gt	Washington	Land	1874	£	Samuel	98 ac, Samuel Sproles, Abram's Creek

There is a lot of census data available from the 1850 and later records, although that does not give good coverage to the earlier times. Much more data is available than is included here.

From: Barbe, Waverly W. *1850 Census of Washington County, Virginia, Annotated*

#1529 John Sproles 43 (b.1807, d.1883) farmer \$600, Sara 33, James 16, Martha A 14, Elizabeth 10, Isaac 80, Elizabeth 60, William 45.

#1790 Samuel Sproles 43 (b.1807, son of John and Margaret Sproles) farmer \$700, Nancy 35, Letty 5, Mary 3

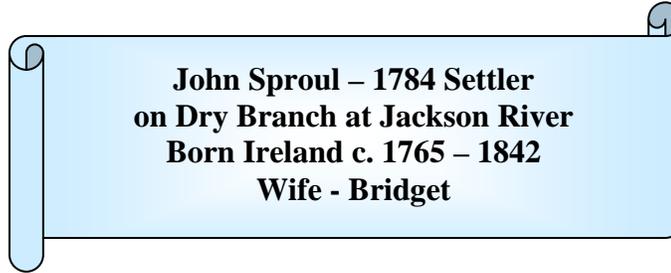
#1796 Isaac Sproles 60 (b.1790, son of Samuel and Susan Thomas Sproles m.1788, d.1870) farmer \$650, Susanna 64, Susanna 29, Ann 27, Delila 25, Samuel 23, Joseph 21, Elizabeth 19, Sarah 17

#1802 Thomas Sproles 29 (b. 1821, son of James Sproles m. Elizabeth ) farmer, m. 1848 Elizabeth 24, Sara 1

#1810 Jonathan Sproles 46 (b.1804, son of John and Margaret Ringley Sproles, d.1875) farmer \$900, Jane 39, John 19, Margaret 17, Barbary 15, Emaline 13, William 8, Oliver 2.

- #1847 James Sproles 64 (b. 1786 son of John and Margaret Ringley Sproles) farmer, Charity 64, Margaret 21, Susan 19
- #1848 Barbara Sproles (Sprouls) 30 (b.1820), Samuel 7, Elizabeth 4 mo.
- #1863 Lewis Sproles 49 (b. 1801, son of James and Sara Pitts Sproles) farmer, m.Letitia Childs (decd.), Elizabeth 18, Sarah 17, Mary 15, Solomon 13, Marian 11, Lucy 10
- #1867 Solomon Sproles 50 (b.1800, son of James and Sara Pitts Sproles) farmer, Malinda 41, Sarah 15, Hugh 12, Letty 10, Mary 8, Lewis 6, Ann 4, David 5, Bailie 1
- #1868 Noa Sproles 37 (b.1813, son of Samuel and Susanna Sproles) farmer, Mary 36, Martha 16, James J 14, Elizabeth 12, Emmett 10, Wesley 8, Albert 6, Samuel 4, Margaret 2
- #1875 Matilda Sproles 26 (b.1824), husband Samuel Sproles (decd.), James 6, Francis 5
- #1879 James Sproles 56 (b.1794, son of Samuel & Susanna Sproles, d.1763) farmer \$1000, Rachel 54, Elizabeth 30, Mary 23, Sarah 22, Rachael 20, Sherwood 17, Joseph 9
- #1882 Judith Woods Sproles 36 (b.1814) m.Mordeci Sproles (Sprowles?) in 1835 (decd.), John 14, Jane 16, William 12, Sarah 8, Lewis 6 mo.
- #1884 Dempsey Sproles 40 (b.1810) farmer, Jane 35, Mary 2
- #1885 William Sproles 40 (b.1801) farmer \$250, Lavinia (Gobble) 30, Andrew 13, Peter 12, Jacob 10, Moses 8, Mary 6, Jonathan 3

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John Sproul immigrated from Ireland before 1784 to the Jackson River in today's Highland County. Surveyor and school teacher, he left his somewhat feeble-minded wife in Ireland. Bridget, however managed to catch up with him teaching school along the Jackson and, reunited, they raised numerous offspring<sup>15</sup>, the daughters marrying into families still in the Bath Co area, and the sons apparently, moving on.

***First Record in Virginia***

1784 – Surveyor of the Road – Botetourt Co

***Location***

Dry Branch at Jackson River

***Wife***

m. **Bridget** in Ireland

***Children*** (after 1790):

Sons –

Samuel b.1794<sup>c</sup>

George

William b.1806<sup>c</sup>

Daughters -

Kitty m. James McLaughlin 1826

Ann b.1800<sup>c</sup>, m.1826 Michael Doyle b.1778<sup>c</sup>

Doyle Grandchildren:

Biddy b.1830<sup>c</sup>

Margaret

Sally b.1835<sup>c</sup>

Ester Doyle b.1838<sup>c</sup>

Alexander b.1840<sup>c</sup>

Elizabeth b.1847<sup>c</sup>

***Died*** – 1842

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<sup>15</sup> Morton, Oren. *A History of Highland County, Virginia*

## Dry Branch John Sproul - 1784

Fm: d - Dry Branch John family

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
SumVa, p.394	Bath	Ct	1784	d	John	August 10, 1784 Surveyor of Road John Sproul Botetourt Co
MoHi, p.150	Highland	Bio	1790	d	John	1790 Story on John Sproul (below), schoolteacher and surveyor, arrived from Ireland, had m. Bridget there Home near mouth of Dry Branch (at Jackson River – see Va Map p.65, B-5)
MoHi, p.280	Highland	Bio	1790	d.	John	Michael Doyle (1779-18xx) m. Ann Sprowl. Catherine (Kate) m. John Dever Bridgett m. John Howdershelf Margaret m. Thomas Granfield Esther s. Susan A. m. James H. Corrigan - 1866 Elizabeth s. Sarah R. m. David Groves – 1881 Leona m. Ewing Dever - 1897
Meth, p.66	Bath	Mar	1826	d.	Kitty	1826; Kitty Sproule m. James McLaughlin
Meth, p.70	Bath	Mar	1826	d.	Ann	1826; Ann Sprowl m. Michael Doyle
BCHS	Bath	Fam	1828	d.	Anne	Michael Doyle b. 1779 in Ireland m. Anne Sprowl 1 Nov 1828 d. 1860 Children: Catherine Sprowl Doyle m. John Dever 1846 Bridget Esther Asa Susan Amanda Elizabeth Sarah R Sally Margaret
LVaPat	Bath	Land	1837	d.	Ann	Doyle, Michael. Grantee, 1837, 61 ac, Bath Co, E. of Jackson River and E of John Sproul's land {m. Ann, dau of John & Bridget}
Brun, p.209	Bath	Will	1843	d	John	Will of John Sproul – Jan 2 1843: land on Jackson River Revised per Bath Co Will Book 4 / p.598 reference Exec – son-in-law – Michael Doyle Son in law – James McLaughlin – (was bequeathed land on Jackson River for purpose of maintaining himself and my sons Samuel, George, and William) and then to Ann Doyle , Little granddaughter Kitty Sproule – (2 cows and 3 sheep) Grand children Biddy, Margaret, Sally, and Esther Doyle – (residue of the flock of sheep) Ann Doyle (daughter) – (residue of personal property)
Whit, Vol I, p.616	Bath	Mil	1860	d.	Ann	Michael Doyle – Ann G. Sproul WC-20328 Bath City, Va 20 April 1860, Highland City, Va widowed about 1880, served in Joseph Hood's Co 36 <sup>th</sup> US Inf

## CHAPTER XV

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### SCHOOLS AND THE PROFESSIONS

Early Educational Conditions - School Districts of 1848 - Schools of the Period - Teachers - Academies - Higher Education - Attorneys - Physicians - Authorship - Political Parties.

**A**S to when and where the first schoolhouse in Highland was built we have no knowledge. Until within the recollection of people still living our educational history is well-nigh a blank. However, it is safe to assume that it would be a meager chapter if known.

The earliest teacher of whom we have knowledge was William Steuart, progenitor of the Steuart family. He taught quite regularly from the time of his arrival about 1755, and appears to have been well educated, especially in the mathematics. Another early pedagogue was John Sprowl of Ireland, who was teaching at his home near the mouth of Dry Branch about 1790. He was also a surveyor. It is related of Sprowl that he had wedded in Ireland a feeble-minded woman whom he thought it best to leave behind. Yet while at his vocation he was one day thunderstruck to see Bridget Sprowl step into his schoolroom. The teacher accepted the situation and thenceforward lived with her. But several of their offspring were blighted with the inheritance of a weak mind.

Until 1810 the state government of Virginia took no official

**William Sproull - 1793 Settler  
of Wythe Co, Virginia  
d. 1799  
Wife – Elizabeth Cooper**

**William Sproull** of Scotland married **Elizabeth Cooper** in Ireland around 1776. The family immigrated to America in 1793 headed for North Carolina. Their ship was taken to Baltimore, Maryland, and from there, they eventually traveled to Wythe County, Virginia where **William Sproull** purchased land from **Thomas Marrs** on the Peek River near the present day location of Newbern, in Pulaski County, Virginia.

**William** and **Elizabeth Sproull** had six children: **Robert, Heazlet, Rosannah, Margaret, Jane** and the last **Mary Polly**, who was born in Virginia in 1798. **William Sproull** died in Virginia in September of 1799.<sup>16</sup> **Elizabeth Cooper Sproull** died in Wythe County, Virginia in April of 1816.

**Robert Sproull** married **Rachel Montgomery**, the daughter of **Joseph Montgomery** and **Rachel Ramsay**, around 1804 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Their children were **Susannah, Rhoda, Joseph, Stephen, Heazlett, Virginia, Robert, Anna, Elizabeth, Louisa** and **Placentia Sproull**. **Robert** and **Rachel** moved their family from Wythe County, Virginia in the 1820's to Adams County, Ohio.

**Heazlet Sproull** married **Elizabeth Fergus**, the daughter of **Francis Fergus** and **Mary McCormick** of Wythe County, Virginia. Their children were **Eliza, Mary, Francis, Elizabeth, Anna**, and **Robert H. Sproull** who was born in 1816 after his father's death. **Elizabeth Fergus Sproull** remained in Wythe County, Virginia until after 1830. She married **Joseph Montgomery**, the brother of **Rachel Montgomery** of Wythe County, Virginia in Lafayette County, Missouri in 1835.

**Eliza Sproull** (1806-1865) was born in Wythe County, Virginia and married **Hayden Bowler**. They had two **Bowler** sons; **Thomas Francis** and **Henry Hayden**. **Eliza Sproull Bowler** moved to Missouri and married **Ashley Duncan** in Howard County, Missouri in 1832. They had eight **Duncan** children; **Prior White, Jesse Riddlesbarger, Lavalette Elizabeth, James Caswell, William Patton, Rush Floyd, Tyson Dines, John Ashley**, and **Robert**. She reportedly died 1865 in Montana where her sons **Thomas** and **Henry** lived at the time. The **Duncan** Family is well recorded.

**Mary Sproull** was born in Wythe County, Virginia. She married **Jesse Riddlesbarger** 1827 in Wythe County, Virginia. Their children were **Heazlett M., Madison Maitland, James H., Harriet N., Robert C., Sarah E., William P., John P.**, and **Rufus Zachary**. Both **Jesse** and **Mary Sproull Riddlesbarger** died in Missouri.

**Francis Sproull** was born in Wythe County, Virginia and married **Lucy Williams** in Missouri. Their children were **Robert, Susan Elizabeth, Mary M.**, and **Joseph Montgomery Sproull**. Both **Francis** and **Lucy Sproull** died in Missouri.

**Elizabeth Sproull** (1812-1870) was born in Wythe County, Virginia and married **Peter Ball Cockrell**, the son of **Peter Ball** and **Sarah Smither** of Virginia in Howard County, Missouri. Their children were **Mary, John, Hazelett, Nancy, Eliza, Sarah, Lucy, George**, and **Alice Cockrell**. They were all born in Missouri. **Elizabeth Sproull Cockrell** is buried in Missouri.

**Anna Sproull** was born around 1812. She may be a twin to **Elizabeth**. It is not known if she reached maturity.

**Robert Hazelett Sproull** (1816-1895) was born in Wythe County, Virginia after his father died that year. **Robert Sproull** was a resident of Henry County in 1834. He married **Margaret Robinson**, the daughter of **Cyrus Robinson** and **Lucinda Charlton** of Wythe County, Virginia, who resided in

<sup>16</sup> [Will of William Sproull](#)

[Wythe Co, Will Book No. 1, p.124, recorded Oct 8, 1799](#)

Rivas County, Missouri in 1840. Their children were **James, Cyrus and Harriet Sproull**. **Robert Sproull** married **Margaret's** widowed sister, **Juliet Robinson Burke** after 1850. Their children were **Mary, John, and Abigail Sproull**.

**Margaret Sproull** married **Mathias Hines**, of Lee County, Virginia about 1807 in Wythe County, Virginia. Their children were **Hazlet, Mathias, Andrew, A.F., John, Elizabeth, Rosannah, Anthony, Margaret,** and **Susan Hines**. They migrated to Alabama before 1830. **Mathias and Margaret Sproull Hines** both died in Alabama.

**Rosannah Sproull** married **John William Russell** in 1803 in Wythe County, Virginia. Her mother's will states **Rosannah** was married to a **Mr. Lenty** prior to 1816. No other information is known about **Rosannah** at this time.

**Jane Sproull** married **Mr. Owens** prior to 1816. It is believed they remained in the Newbern, Virginia area.

**Mary Polly Sproull** was born in Wythe County, Virginia in 1798. She married **Joel D. Chrisman**, the son of **Gabriel Chrisman** and **Jane Cox** of Virginia in 1817 in Lee County, Virginia. Their children were Chelnessa, Elizabeth, Gabriel, Eleanor, Izza, William McConnell, Campbell Ewing and Rebecca Chrisman. This family traveled the Oregon Trail in 1844. **Polly Sproull Chrisman** died in Oregon in 1852.

Much of the information above has been provided by Sharon Sproull Vieyra, Bakersfield, CA.

**William Sprowll**      *Wythe Co, Will Book No. 1, p.124, recorded Oct 8, 1799.*

Will signed Sept 4, 1799

bequeath to my wife Elizabeth and to all my children divided real and personal property to the said Robert and Hazlett the land

Wife Elizabeth and son Robert as executors

At a Court held for the County of Wythe the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1799

Witnesses: William Cooper, James Montgomery, and Joseph Montgomery

Clerk of Court recorded name as Sprowll.

Wythe County Sproull – 1793 Settler						
Fm: y - Wythe Co Sproull Vm – Vicki Miller data						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
Vm	Wythe	Land	1798	y	Hazlett	1798-Grayson Co VA:Petition of Robert Sproull for himself and for the heirs of Hazlett Sproull presented an unusual problem to the members of the legislature. The petitioners were sons of William Sproull deceased, who immigrated from Ireland to Wythe Co about 25-35 years before, and who had settled on 300-400 A of land purchased from Joseph Marrs. William Sproull died 18 or 20 years before, the sons having made improvements on the land after their father's death. The sons heard that because their father, William had never taken the oath of fidelity to this country, their land would be escheated to the Commonwealth, and it was their desire to prevent this from happening, by an act giving them all right and title to the land. The bill was drawn in their favor (Wythe Co Legislative Petition Dec 16-1817, VA State Library Archives)
Vm	Wythe	Land	1798	y	William	1798-Wythe Co VA:Joseph & Rachel Mares to William Sprowll. Two tracts on Peek Creek for \$1166.67. 1 <sup>st</sup> –390A adj. Montgomery, except 95A granted Conrad Hanashew by Joseph & Rachel in 1796. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 70A on Peek Creek p256 (p17 3 11/10)
Vm	Wythe	Land	1799	y	William	1799-August 4 Wythe Co VA:William Sprowll 27 A entered in name of Joseph Mairs and transferred to Sproul one entered 1793 the other 1795 both on treasury warrant 1781 on Peek (Peak) Creek beginning corner to his land as purchased of Joseph Mairs and corner to Henry Patton p486 (p151 1 11/10)
Vm	Wythe	Will	1799	y	William	1799-September 4 Wythe Co VA:William Sprowll (Sproull) will written 9-4-1799 probated 10-8-1799 (p124) mentions wife Elizabeth, sons Robert and Hazlet; the other children not named, executors wife and son Robert; inventory 12-14-1799, rec'd 1-15-1800 (pp 128-131); appraisal of real estate 10-19-1789, rec'd Oct 1807 p398) (p207 1 11/10)
Docmt	Wythe	Will	1799	y	William	1799 Will of William Sprowll – {copy document on file} mentions w.

## Wythe County Sproull – 1793 Settler

Fm: y - Wythe Co Sproull Vm – Vicki Miller data

Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
						Elizabeth, sons Robert and Hazlett, with inc James and Joseph Montgomery
Vm	Wythe	Tax	1800	y	Robert	1800 Tax List Wythe Co VA, Robert Sprawls-1 0 0 (p8 3 11/10)
Vm	Wythe	Will	1800	y	Elizabeth	1800-January 14 Wythe Co VA:Elizabeth Sprowl appointed gdn to Margaret, Jane, and Mary Sprowl, orphans of Wm. Sprowl deceased (p95 2 11/10)
VoWy p.208	Wythe	Mar	1803	y	Rosanna	Rosanna Sprowl and John Russell Sept 23, 1803
LVA-Gt	Wythe	Land	1804	y	Hazlett	200 ac, Hazlett Sproull
LVA-Gt	Wythe	Land	1804	y	Montgomery	200 ac, Montgomery Sproull
Doutp.27	Wythe	Will	1806	y	Robert	Inv of Conrod Henskin, by Robert Sprowl
Doutp.30	Wythe	Will	1807	y	William	1807 Settlement of William Sproull, mentions James Montgomery
VoWy p.208	Wythe	Mar	1807	y	Margaret	Sprowl: Margaret and Matthias Hines. May 11, 1807 d of William, bondsman- Michael McKinney
Dout p.33	Wythe	Will	1809	y	Heazlet	1809 Will of James Montgomery mentions: w. Cynthia, bros. Joseph and John, neph. James (son of Joseph), Exec inc. Robert Sproll, Witt inc Heazlet Sprowl
Vm	Wythe	Will	1816	y	Robert	1816-October 8 Wythe Co VA:Polly Sproull, orphan of William Sproull, upwards of age 14, chose Robert Sproull her gdn (William Sproull died sometime between 9-4-1799 when his will was written and 10-8-1799 when it was probated. Elizabeth {Cooper} Sproul was appointed administrator of the estate and appointed gdn for the children. On 10-8-1816 the noncupative will of Elizabeth presented to the court, where she names several of her children incl: Jane Owens, Rosanna Lentz, son Robert, Polly and {son-in-law} Mathias Hines and son Heazlett's widow. She died on 4-12-1816 {Wythe Co Order Bk 1815-1820 p92} Family researchers indicate William was born in Glasgow, Scotland moved to Northern Ireland and then about 1793 came to America. They had 5 known children: Heazlet, Robert, Margaret, Rosa, and Mary.)
VoWy p.208	Wythe	Mar	1825	y	Eliza	Sproul: Eliza and Hery Bowler Dec 11, 1825
Vm	Wythe	Will	1827	y	Hazlett	1827-April 10 Wythe Co VA:Mary Sproull, orphan of Hazlett Sproull, dec'd upwards of age 14, chose Joseph Montgomery as guardian. (Mary Sproull {also Sprowl} M: Jesse Riddlesbarger on or about 4-10-1827 as her gdn Joseph Montgomery signed the marriage bond that day. Notice it was obtained the same day as Montgomery was chosen as her gdn {Wythe Co Marriages}. Hazlett {Heazlet} and Elizabeth {Betsy} Fergus {M:1804 Montgomery Co VA} had 6 children: Eliza, Mary {mentioned here}, Francis, Elizabeth, Anna and Robert H. Following the death of Heazlet, the widow M: Joseph Montgomery mentioned here, and the moved to MO {Family records} ). (p134 2 10/12)
LVA-Gt	Wythe	Land	1827	y	Elizabeth	22 ac, Elizabeth Sproull
VoWy p.208	Wythe	Mar	1828	y.	Mary	Mary Sprowl and Jesser Riddlesbarger Sept 12, 1828 d of Hazlett, bondsman Joseph Montgomery

Samuel Sproul, not associated with any of the other defined Sproul families, passed through the Augusta area during the 1770's and 1780's, serving in the military with other Sproul's and participating in marriage ceremonies. He may have moved on to Blount/Sevier County, Tennessee and died there in 1795, leaving his land to William Sproul {which William?}.

<b>Samuel Sproul the Unknown</b>						
Ref. Source	County	Cat	Date	Fm	First Name	Notes
FmFiles	Va	Mil	1776	u	Samuel	Va State Library Virginia Regiment <b>Samuel Sproul</b> received £22.8 for his services from May 25, 1776 to April 13, 1777.
GwatR	Va	Mil	1777	u	Samuel	<b>Sproul, Samuel</b> , 8 CL {Continental Line}
GwatR	Va	Mil	1777	u	Samuel	est.1777. Samuel, Alexander, and James Sproul listed in Capt. Samuel McCutchen's Co. Augusta
Ch1-411	Augusta	Ct	1781 1795	u	Samuel, William	County Court Judgements MAY, 1797 (H to W). Writ, 18th March, 1795. <b>James McNutt vs. Wm. Sprowl</b> , devisee of <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> . -Writ, 1st August, '95. Notice given by plaintiff to take depositions of Robert Gamble, <b>James Beard</b> and other witnesses of the inhabitants of the Southwest Territory. Depositions of Saml. Henry, James Tedford and <b>James Ewing</b> before David Craig, James Gillespy and James Houston, in Blount County, Territory S. Ohio {Tennessee} October 30, 1795, that they viewed 320 acres and appraised it. Depositions of Robert Gamble and <b>James Beard</b> before Thomas McCulloch, James Gillespy and James Houston, in Blount County, Territory S. Ohio, 22d December, 1795, say: <b>James Beard</b> sent the pocket book and papers of <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> , deceased, to his house, and when <b>William Sprowl</b> came out to this Country, Ro. Gamble delivered the whole of the papers of <b>Samuel</b> , deceased, to <b>William Sprowl</b> . Covenant by <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> to convey land to <b>McNutt</b> , in Sevier County, State of Franklin, 18th September, 1781. <b>James McNutt</b> , of County of Augusta, and <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> , of County Sevier, in State of Franklin. {Tennessee} The land joins Jacob Alexander.
FmFiles	Va	Mil	1783	u	Samuel	Va State Library Virginia Line of Continental Army <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> soldier in infantry having received on August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1783, the sum of £16.7.8 for his services
Ch2-306	Augusta	Mar	1787	u	Samuel	Marriages Benj. Newlan and <b>Saml. Sprowl</b> , surety. Benj. Newlan and Catherine Tate, daughter of Saml. Tate (consent). Teste: <b>James Beard, James Sprowl</b> .
MoAl p.126	Allegheny		1794		James Beard	<b>Beards</b> – settled on Cowpasture near Bath line (Beards Mountain). <b>James</b> went to Tennessee in 1794. {related to McNutt vs Sproul item ?}
Ch2-25	Augusta	Tax	1801		William	SEPTEMBER, 1801. Circuit Court - Executions Boggas vs. Sprowl-- Deposition taken in Blount County, Tennessee, 1800, of <b>John Ewing</b> . In 1790 he went with <b>William Sprowl</b> down into the Tennessee country and helped him build a cabin; planted a crop. Also of Mathew Wallace. Also George Townsley, taken before J. Houston, James Gillespy, James Campbell, <b>James McNutt</b> .

## Unassigned Family Data

The following references have not been associated with a specific individual or family. Some have ambiguous applicability and some have no apparent applicability at this time. There are many more unassigned references which will be added in later revisions.

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Bock, p.327	VA		Mil	1758		John	Military service <b>Jean Sproud</b> acknowledges pay for <b>John Sproud</b>
HenM	VA		Mil	1758		John	Under Col John Buchanan in charge of building Ft. Fauquier was <b>John Sproud</b>
Ch3-88	VA	Augusta	Ct	1765		Andrew	Au Co - Will Book 3, p. 386 - 1st February, 1765. John McNeill's will, late Major in Virginia Regiment--All estate to be sold and proceeds put in hands of friend, <b>Mr. Andrew Sproul, of Gosport, merchant</b> , to and for the sole use and benefit of my father if he should be living at the time of my death; if dead, then to be given to brother Hector McNeill, on condition that he get his discharge from the Army within 12 months; if Hector refuse, then to be given to Aunt Henrietta McNeill. To Miss Jenny McClenachan, her choice of the horses he bought from her brother when they came from Carolina; also an antient family white stone ring, set in gold, which I hope she will wear as a memorial of the great esteem and affection I have long had for her. To good friends. Colonel Andrew Lewis and George Weedon—to former, best set of pistols; to latter, his sword. Hopes the following will accept and wear, for the sake of him who has long esteemed them, a plain mourning golden ring, viz: Thos. Lewis, Jno. Madison, Gabriel Jones, my cousin, Annabella McNeill, and Mr. Andrew Sproul. Executor, Col. Andrew Lewis. Teste: Gabriel Jones, Felix Gilbert, Jno. Madison. Proved, 19th March, 1765, by Jones and Madison. Executor qualifies, with Jno. Madison. {Gosport located on James River about 10 miles below Lexington}
Ch1-373	VA	Augusta	Ct	1779		William	Court Judgements Thomas Mines and <b>Wm. Sprowle</b> vs. John Lockyer.--Writ, 18th March, 1779. "Listed for a soldier and marched."
LVa-Pat	VA	Botetourt	Land	1780		John	25 ac, Hammelton, Samuel, grantee, adj George Daugherty and <b>John Sprouts</b> land in the forks of James River
Ch1-411	VA	Augusta	Ct	1781 1795		Samuel, William	County Court Judgements MAY, 1797 (H to W). Writ, 18th March, 1795. <b>James McNutt vs. Wm. Sprowl</b> , devisee of <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> .--Writ, 1st August, '95. Notice given by plaintiff to take depositions of Robert Gamble, <b>James Beard</b> and other witnesses of the inhabitants of the Southwest Territory. Depositions of Saml. Henry, James Tedford and <b>James Ewing</b> before David Craig, James Gillespy and James Houston, in Blount County, Territory S. Ohio {Tennessee} October 30, 1795, that they viewed 320 acres and appraised it. Depositions of Robert Gamble and <b>James Beard</b> before Thomas McCulloch, James Gillespy and James Houston, in Blount County, Territory S. Ohio, 22d December, 1795, say: <b>James Beard</b> sent the pocket book and papers of <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> , deceased, to his house, and when <b>William Sprowl</b> came out to this Country, Ro. Gamble delivered the whole of the papers of <b>Samuel</b> , deceased, to <b>William Sprowl</b> . Covenant by <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> to convey land to <b>McNutt</b> , in Sevier County, State of Franklin, 18th September, 1781. <b>James McNutt</b> , of County of Augusta, and <b>Samuel Sprowl</b> , of County Sevier, in State of Franklin. {Tennessee} The land joins Jacob Alexander.
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Johr Torr	WV	Berkley	Mil	1785		Samuel	1785 Sprowl, Sam, Estate appraisalment, Berkley Co
Ch2-306	VA	Augusta	Mar	1787		Samue,	Marriages Benj. Newlan and <b>Saml. Sprowl</b> , surety. Benj. Newlan

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Ch2-14	VA	Augusta	Ct	1797		Alexander	Circuit Court <b>Alexander Sproul</b> vs. Jacob Minnick--Caveat. Writ, 28th March, 1797.
Sims	WV	Randolph	Land	1800		John	1800 Land Grant <b>Sproul, John</b> , 106 ac, Wts. Tygert's Valley, now Randolph Co
Ch2-25	VA	Augusta	Tax	1801		William	SEPTEMBER, 1801. Circuit Court - Executions Boggas vs. <b>Sproul</b> -Deposition taken in Blount County, Tennessee, 1800, of <b>John Ewing</b> . In 1790 he went with <b>William Sproul</b> down into the Tennessee country and helped him build a cabin; planted a crop. Also of Mathew Wallace. Also George Townsley, taken before J. Houston, James Gillespy, James Campbell, <b>James McNutt</b> .
Johr	WV	Berkley	Ct	1804		Samuel	1804 <b>Sproul, Sam</b> , Administrator, Berkley Co
Johr	WV	Randolph	Will	1837		John	1837 <b>Sproul, John</b> , Will, Randolph Co, wife Esther

## Reference Sources Codes for Records of Settler Families

The following reference source codes have been used in referencing all the compiled data tables.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Reference Source</u>
AbrVa	Abercrombie, Janice L.; Slatten, Richard. <i>Virginia "Publick" Claims</i> , 1992
Angl	Anglefire. <i>The Mann Family of Botetourt County, Virginia</i>
BCHS	Bath County Historical Society. <i>The Bicentennial History of Bath County, Virginia 1791-1991</i>
Bock	Bockstruck, Lloyd. <i>Virginia's Colonial Soldiers</i>
Bot CH	<i>Botetourt County Court House Records</i>
Brun	Bruns, Jean R.. <i>Abstracts of the Wills and Inventories of Bath County, Virginia 1791-1842</i>
Ch	Chalkley, Lyman, <i>Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish settlement in Virginia</i> , extracted from the original court records of Augusta County 1745-1800, 1912
Ch-1	Chalkley, Vol 1 – Order Book
Ch-2	Chalkley, Vol 2 - Judgments
Ch-3	Chalkley, Vol 3 – Wills, Deeds
CRb-DB	Rockbridge County – Deed Book
CRb-MB	Rockbridge County – Marriage Book
CRb-WB	Rockbridge County – Will Book
Docmt	Document, original or copy
Dout	Douthat, James L. <i>Wythe County, Virginia, Will Books 1-2</i>
Fm-Wm	Family Papers – William Sproul
GPVM	Genealogical Publishing Co. <i>Virginia Marriage Records</i>
GwatR	Gwathmey, John H. <i>Historical Register Of Virginians In The Revolution: Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, 1775-1783</i> . (1938).
Heni	Hening, William W. <i>The Statistics at Large – Virginia</i>
HenM	Hening, William. <i>Augusta County Militia of French and Indian War</i>
Hiat	Hiatt, Marty. <i>Washington County Virginia Marriages 1776-1885</i>
Johr	Johnson, Ross. <i>West Virginia Estate Settlements to 1880</i>
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