

## MARTIN V. KITZMILLER

1772 - 1861

Martin Kitzmiller was born 11 Feb 1772 and was born in York County, Pennsylvania. He and wife, Mary Elizabeth DeVault came into the Washington District, and purchased land. The first land record on file in the county for Martin Kitzmiller was dated 1801, described as being on Sinking Creek and the Reedy Branch....130 acres, purchased from James Owens. His first appearance in the Washington County Tax Lists is in 1801 where he was listed as Marten Cittsmiller, in Morrison's Company with only one white poll.



A handwritten tax list from 1801 for Morrison's Company. The document is on aged, yellowed paper with cursive handwriting. It lists several individuals and their associated land and tax information.

Capt Morrison's Compny	Wp	Sp	Land	St	For 1801
Henry Devold	--	--	640	--	
Gabriel Devold	1	"	"	"	
Nicolaus Cevhoven	1	"	"	"	
Marten Kittmiller	1	"	"	"	

1801 Washington County Tax List, Morrison's Company; original at the Washington County Archives.

Martin and Mary settled on property that was once a part of the land grant belonging to Jesse BEAN, and built a beautiful, stone house that is still standing today in the Boones Creek area, just off North Roan Street.



The Martin Kitzmiller house, built in the early 1800s, was a stagecoach stop.  
The barn, built in 1847 was used for the care of the stagecoach horses.



**Green line** – dated December 26, 1801, is a deed between James Owen and Martin Kitzmiller (purchaser).

**Purple line** – dated March 11, 1808 a deed between Samuel Hunt and Martin Kitzmiller (purchaser).

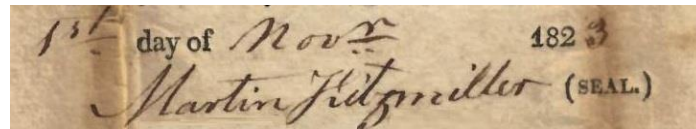
**Blue line** – dated November 10, 1784 shows North Carolina land grant # 519 to Jesse Bean, son of William Bean.

**Red line** – the location of Martin Kitzmiller's stone house.



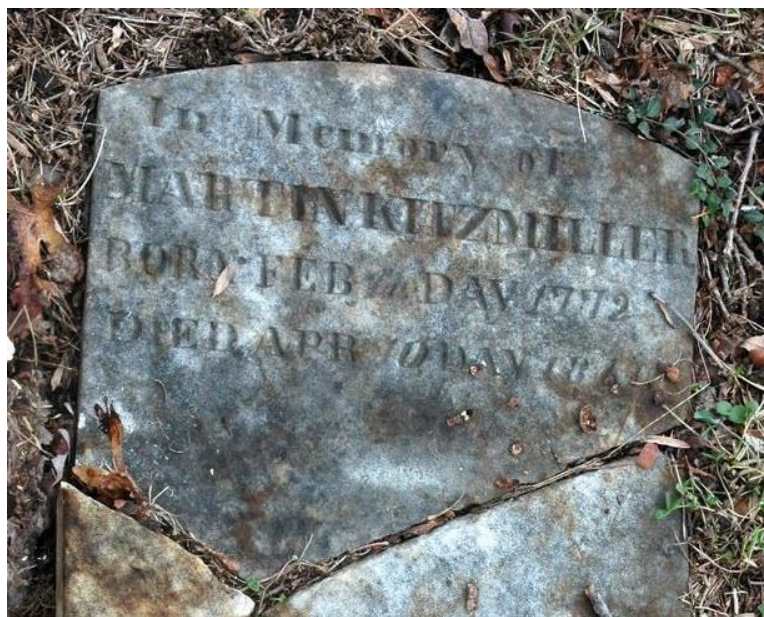
Martin Kitzmiller and wife were the parents of David, John, Henry, Martin, Elizabeth, Jacob, and Joseph. The genealogy of this Kitzmiller family is difficult to sort, as the names, Martin, David, and Henry were used over and over for several generations. The next installment of the *Early Landowner* series will feature property owned by sons, David, and Henry.

The first document found in the county bearing his signature was dated November 1, 1823, and was a lawsuit for debt, Martin Kitzmiller vs. Elijah Crouch filed in Judicial Court.



1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1823  
Martin Kitzmiller (SEAL.)

Martin Kitzmiller died on April 10, 1861, and is buried in the Buffalo Ridge Church Cemetery, on Freeman Lane, just off Hales Chapel Road in the Gray community. Several other members of the family are also buried here, including Martin's wife, Mary, and sons, Jacob, and David.



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