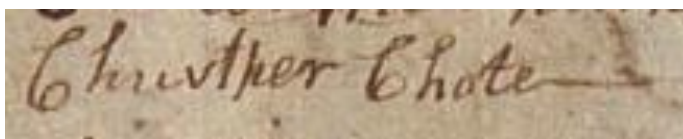


CHRISTOPHER CHOATE

Christopher Choate was not a familiar name to me, nor was it a common name here in Washington County. Choate was a near neighbor of several members of my family tree and I noticed his name on early land records, in the Kendricks Creek area, near the Sullivan County and Washington County line.

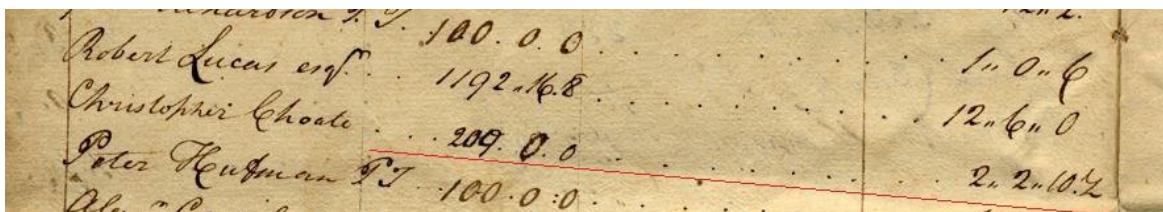
Researchers agree that Choate was born in 1720, in Baltimore County, Maryland, at Choate's Fancy. He left Maryland, and was found here in our area by 1776, where his signature is found on the Petition of the Watauga Residents.

1776: His signature as one of the Watauga residents on the Petition to North Carolina. This petition, written in 1776, asked that the area be annexed into North Carolina. In November 1777, the area was annexed, and placed under a county government, "Washington County, North Carolina."



*The Watauga Petition is housed at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, North Carolina. We have a scanned copy of this document in our files.

This 1778 document below was a tax document, called "The Sheriff's Report to Court" (page 10) that showed what each person's estate was worth, and the amount of taxes they were to pay.



Robert Lucas esq.	100. 0. 0	1 ⁰ 0 ⁶
Christopher Choate	1192. 16. 8	12 ⁰ 6 ⁰ 0
Peter Heutman Jr.	209. 0. 0	2 ⁰ 2 ⁰ 10 ⁴
Alvin P.	100. 0. 0	

Choate had an estate worth 209 pounds. His taxes were 2 pounds, 2 shillings, and 10 pence.

*Washington County, Tennessee Archives, 1778 Sheriff's Report to Court, Tax Lists

A Judicial Court case file, dated 1782, John McCullough of Washington County, Virginia, accused David Choat and Christopher Choat as having possession of a "Dunish Coulered Horse to the Value of Fortey pounds..." There were only two pages in this file, and one document alluded to the idea that David had taken the horse from McCullough, but Christopher had possession. Nothing more was found, either loose document or in the County Clerk's minute books about the case, so since neither of them were hanged, we assume the case was settled.

*The case file mentioned above was found in the County Clerk Records, Judicial case files (RG5.F.1).

Land Grants

Choate had three land grants from the State of North Carolina, descriptions below. Kendricks Creek is a long stream that runs from the Harmony area of Washington County, passing through Colonial Heights in Sullivan County.

An aerial photograph of a rural area in North Carolina, centered on the Kinchloe Mill. A large, bright pink rectangular boundary is superimposed on the map, enclosing the central portion of the image. The terrain is a mix of green fields, brown patches of bare earth, and dark, wooded areas. Several roads are visible and labeled with white text: E. Campground Rd at the top left; Rock Spring Rd running diagonally from the top left towards the center; Fordtown Rd running horizontally across the middle left; Kinchloe Mill Rd running horizontally across the bottom; Eastern Star Rd running vertically on the right side; and various other roads like Double Springs Rd, Ascot Dr, Winchester Dr, and Lancaster Rd. A dashed white line runs diagonally from the top left towards the center. A small, light-colored building with a dark roof is visible near the center of the pink boundary. The overall scene depicts a typical rural landscape with agricultural fields and scattered residential or commercial buildings.

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