

Joseph Shelton and William H. Diggs, to John Alford, \$261, land in Anherst Co. Oct. 19, 1802.

John Skelton and wife Elizabeth, of the County of the one part, and William Blain of the County of Augusta, of the other part, 50 pounds, 64 acres, joins land of James Burton, William Harris Robinson, Sept. 1 1793. recorded July 7, 1798, (Written Shelton, part of the time.)

Joshua Shelton liberated his slaves Jan. 1 1793, (Benjamin, Jean and Cate, Names of Negroes)

I hereby relinquish all my right and title and claim to the said negroes at the time above said

Signed Joshua Skelton (Seal)

William Martin of the County of Bedford to David Shelton of Amherst, 200 pounds, land in Amherst, Sept. 6, 1779.

David Shelton to John Harris, south side of Rockfish River. BK E, p 608, 1785, Recorded 1804.

Samuel Shelton Sen. of Albemarle County to Joseph Skelton, of Amherst Co. on waters of Davis Creek, 400 acres, proved April 2 1787, BK F, p 136.

Richard Shelton to James Bennett, BK. M, p564, 1814.

William Shelton, one of the witnesses.

Richard Shelton and Mary his wife to Richard Lee 50 pounds, 46 acres, south side of Harries Creek, Bk. E, p331, 1782.

John Mcannally and wife Ruth of Amherst Co. to WILLIAM SKELTON of the same Co., 25 pounds, 50 acres, Bk. G, p48, 1791, land on Rockfish River.

This was no doubt the William Skelton who came to Hawkins County, Tenn. in 1797.

Rockfish River is in the northeastern part of what is now Nelson County, Va. The river runs south, and forms part of the line between Nelson and Albemarle Counties, and into the James River. While these Skeltons or Sheltons then lived in Amherst County, they lived in that section of Nelson Co. which was cut off from Amherst in 1810. The Christians also lived near by and in Buckingham, and Albemarle Counties, which join Nelson. It is said that Alexander Skelton, eldest son of John and Betsy Roberts Skelton, married Susannah Christian*, perhaps the daughter of Charles

*Alexander Skelton married in Hawkins County, Tenn. Sept 4, 1813, Susanna Dollins (Veterans Records Wash. D. C.) (This could have been a second wife)