

Moravian Case Files, NC Supreme Court Cases 298-299a

Deposition of William Allison on 8/28/1806 (starts at image 542)

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I did not conceive them to sell as well, but there was not much odds, as axe entries generally sold cheap. The place where Benjamin Howard now lives, at the mouth of Elk Creek, sold in the year 1769 as well as I can recollect for about 15 or 20 pounds, which I think is now worth \$4,000. The place where John Ferguson now lives on Stony Fork about the year 1774, as well as I can recollect, sold for 70 pounds in trade, which I think is now worth \$3,500. And the place whereon I now live I purchased in the Fall of 1765 for 27 pounds 10 shillings in trade of Nicholas Angel, and he defended it from the claim of all other persons, and I think it is now worth \$3,000.

And the year I bought place last above mentioned, I was offered the place where Mr. Benjamin Martin now lives for a greyhound bitch, which place was lately sold for \$500, but in those days, a valuable improvement might have been bought for a good dog, and about the year 1769 as well as I can recollect, the place whereon Mrs. Triplett now lives including the place last above mentioned containing about 400 acres was sold by Benjamin Angel to **George Boon** for 70 odd pounds, part money and part trade, and in time of making the second crop, said **Boon** sold said land to Ross for a hundred odd pounds, the height of it in money.

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at this time there was about 4 or 5 acres cleared, but when Angel sold to **Boon**, there was nothing but a cabin. Said place is now worth about 900 or \$1000 which place I think was sold as clear according to the value of it as any place I know sold about that time. The place where Mr. Owen now lives which is in the Moravian claim sold since the war as I understood for 60 pounds. At the same time I heard that Mr. McClain had some hand in it by which he intended to prevent the old woman Ann Patterson from selling it. I would not take \$6,000 for that tract now had I a right to it, but I know nothing of the above sale of the tract last mentioned, only from hearsay. The reason why Benjamin Howard bought his land so cheap was because Duke Kimbrough had an entry in Granville's office for the same as I understood, but said Howard held said land by the right he had bought as aforesaid at the time Benjamin Howard bought his claim....

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