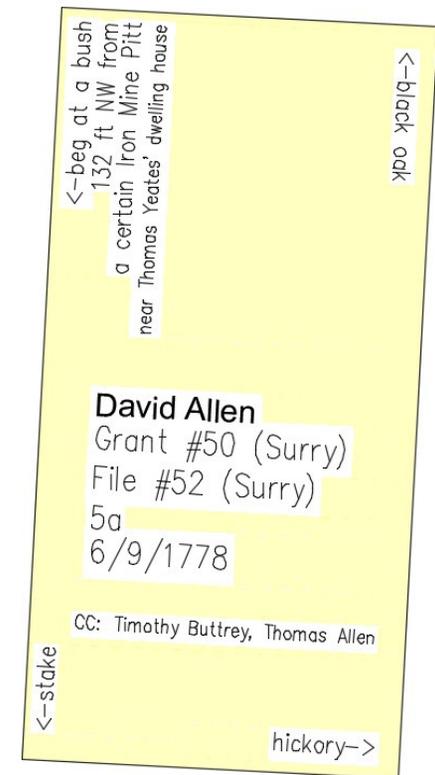


# David Allen's Iron Works

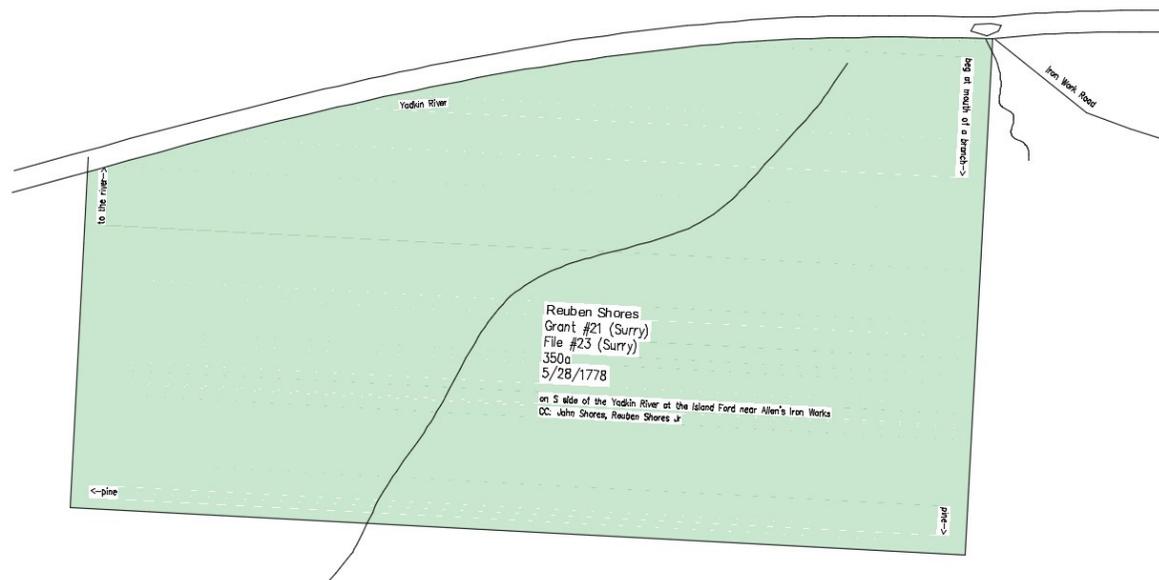
# Early References

- ▶ 1776 – At least 3 mentions of “Allen’s Furnace” in the Moravian Records.
- ▶ 6/9/1778 – Grant #50 entered by David Allen. Located near “a certain Iron Mine Pitt” near Thomas Yeates’ dwelling house. The location is unknown.



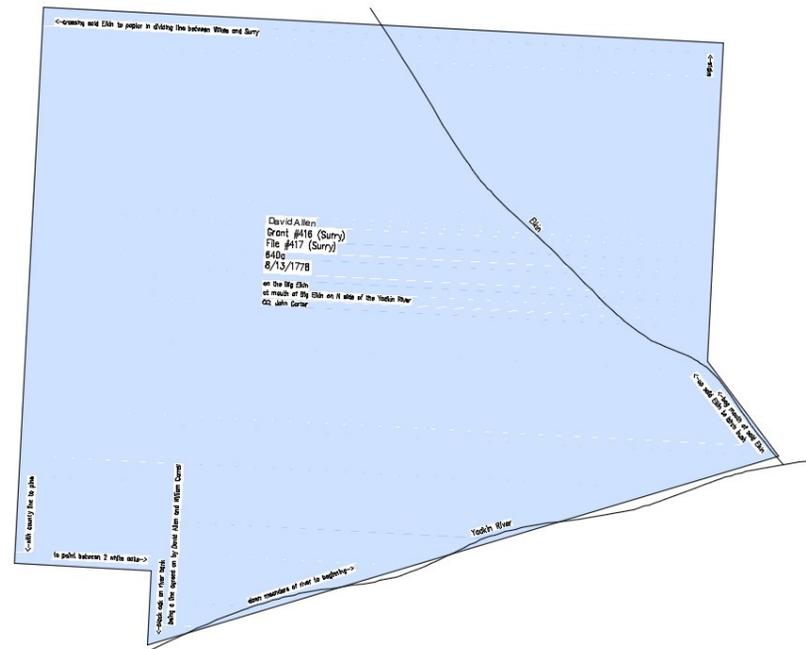
# Southern Neighbor

- ▶ 5/28/1778 – Grant #21 to Reuben Shores for 350 acres on S side of Yadkin River
- ▶ Its NE corner is on the river where the Iron Works Road crosses at the Island Ford.
- ▶ This ford is likely just west of the bridge today over the Yadkin.



# The Iron Works Tract

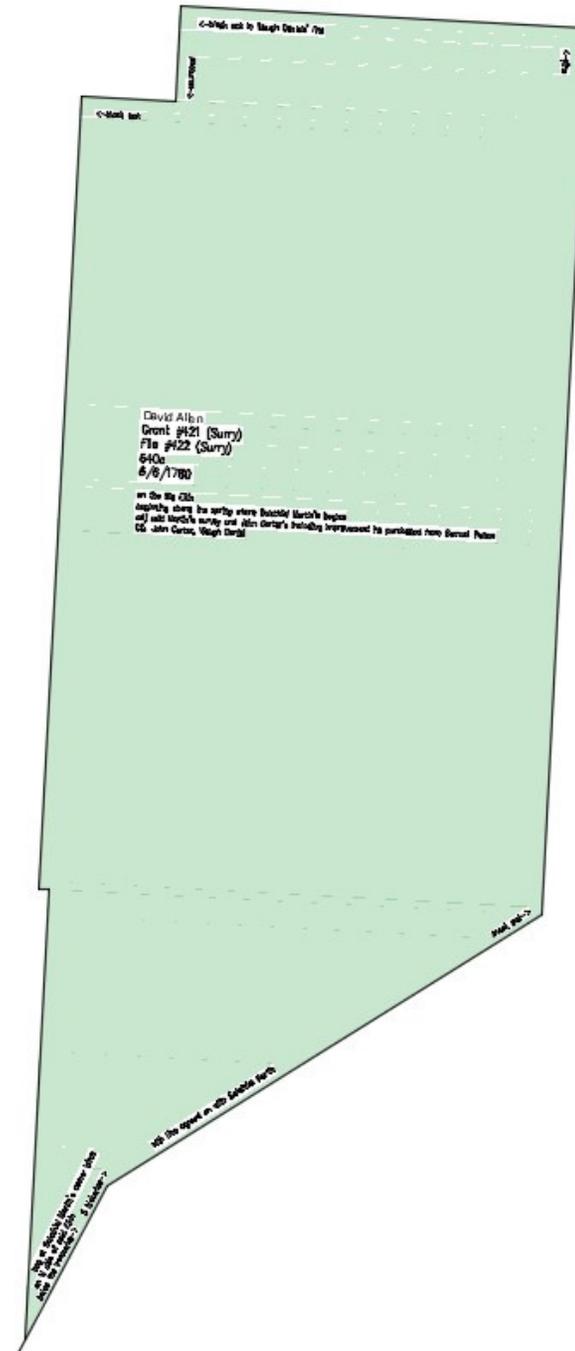
- ▶ 8/13/1778 – Grant #416 entered by David Allen for 640 acres.
  - Bounded by Wilkes Co on west
  - By Yadkin River on south
  - Mouth of Big Elkin
  - Elkin Park and Presbyterian Church
  - All of Elk Spur St in Surry Co



1832 deed will refer to this as the old Iron Works tract.

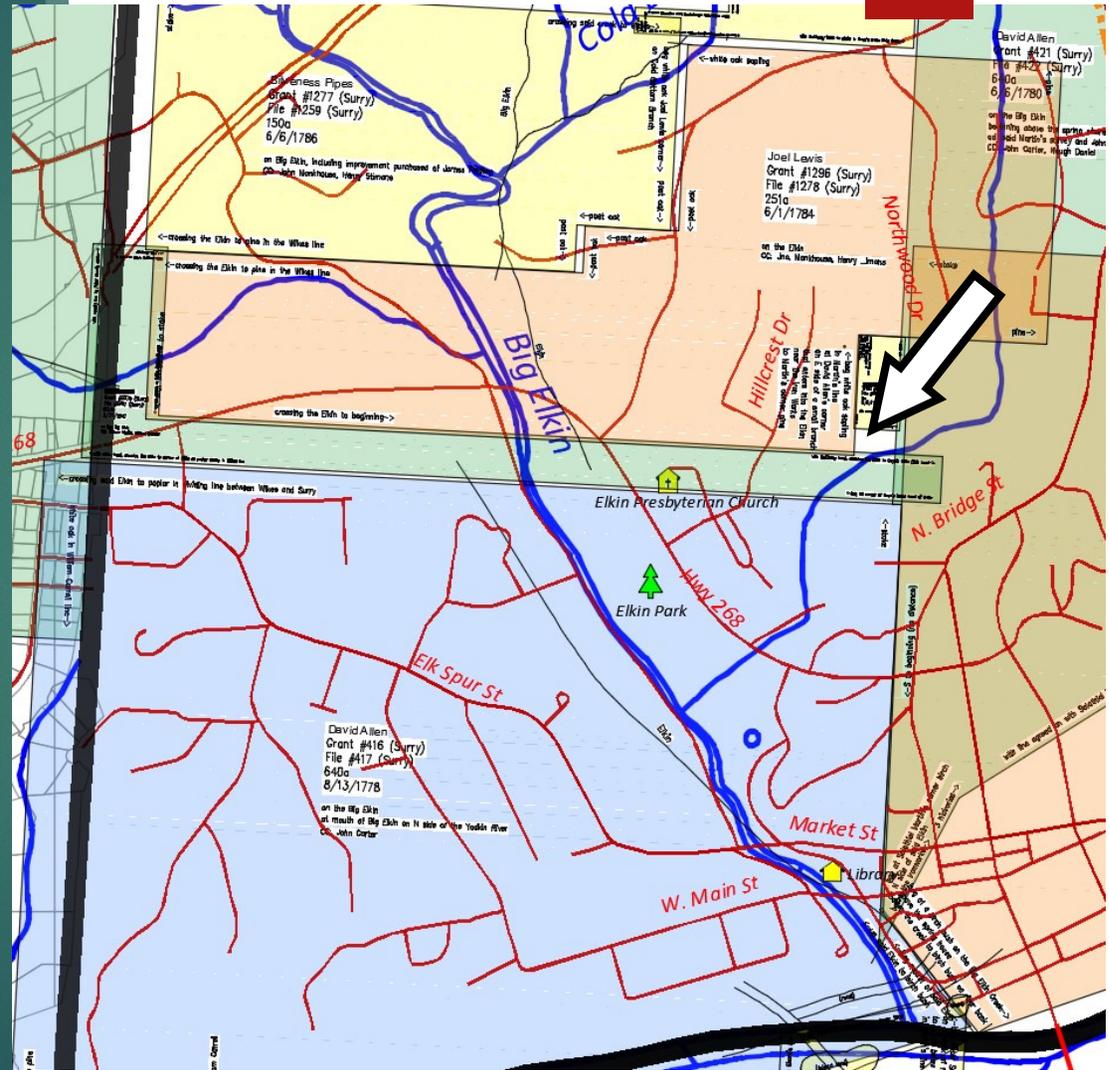
# David Allen's Eastern Grant

- ▶ 6/6/1780 – Grant #421 entered by David Allen for 640 acres.
- ▶ The beginning S corner is at a “birch on the N side of the said Elkin below the Iron Works”.



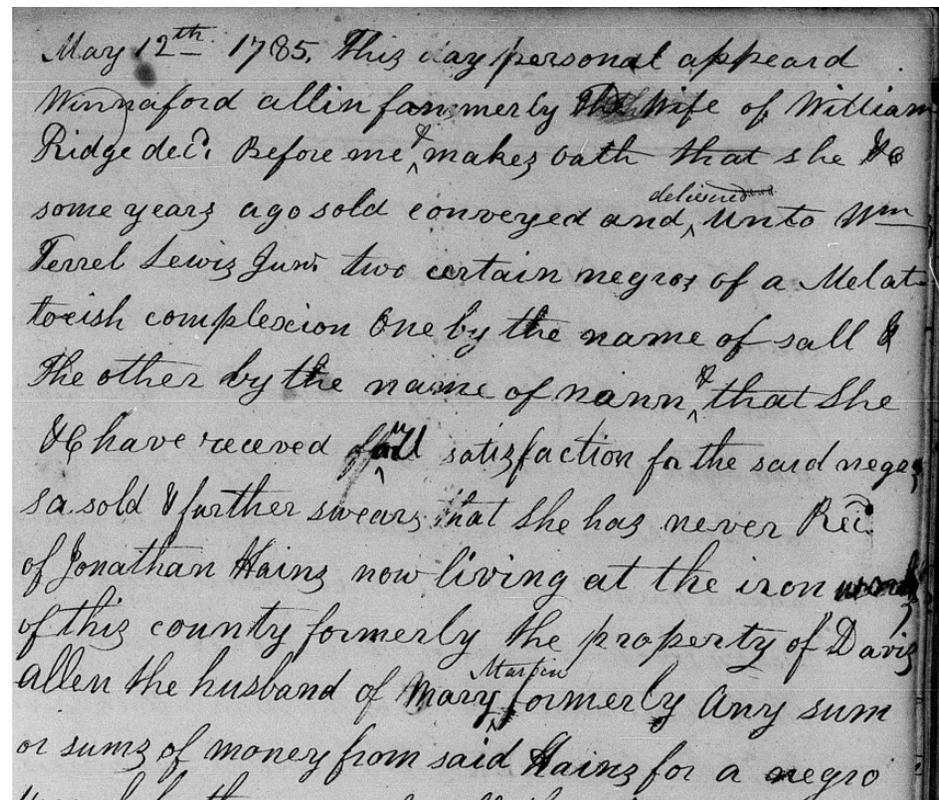
# Northern Neighbor

- ▶ 6/1/1784 Joel Lewis entered 251 acres to the north of the Iron Works tract.
- ▶ Its beginning corner was on a small branch that enters the Elkin near the Iron Works as marked by the arrow.



# Jonathan Hains

- ▶ Winnaford Allin, formerly the wife of William Ridge, deceased, appeared in court in 1785.
- ▶ She said she "never rec'd of Jonathan Hains now living at the iron works of this county, formerly the property of David Allen, the husband of Mary Martin formerly, any sum or sums of money from said Hains..."



May 12<sup>th</sup> 1785. This day personal appeared Winnaford Allin formerly ~~the~~ wife of William Ridge dec'd. Before me & makes oath that she ~~do~~ some years ago sold conveyed and <sup>delivered</sup> unto Mr. Terrel Lewis Junr two certain negroes of a Melatoeish complexion one by the name of Sall & the other by the name of Mann, that she &c have received ~~full~~ satisfaction for the said negroes sold & further swears that she has never rec'd of Jonathan Hains now living at the iron works of this county formerly the property of David Allen the husband of <sup>Martin</sup> Mary formerly any sum or sums of money from said Hains for a negro

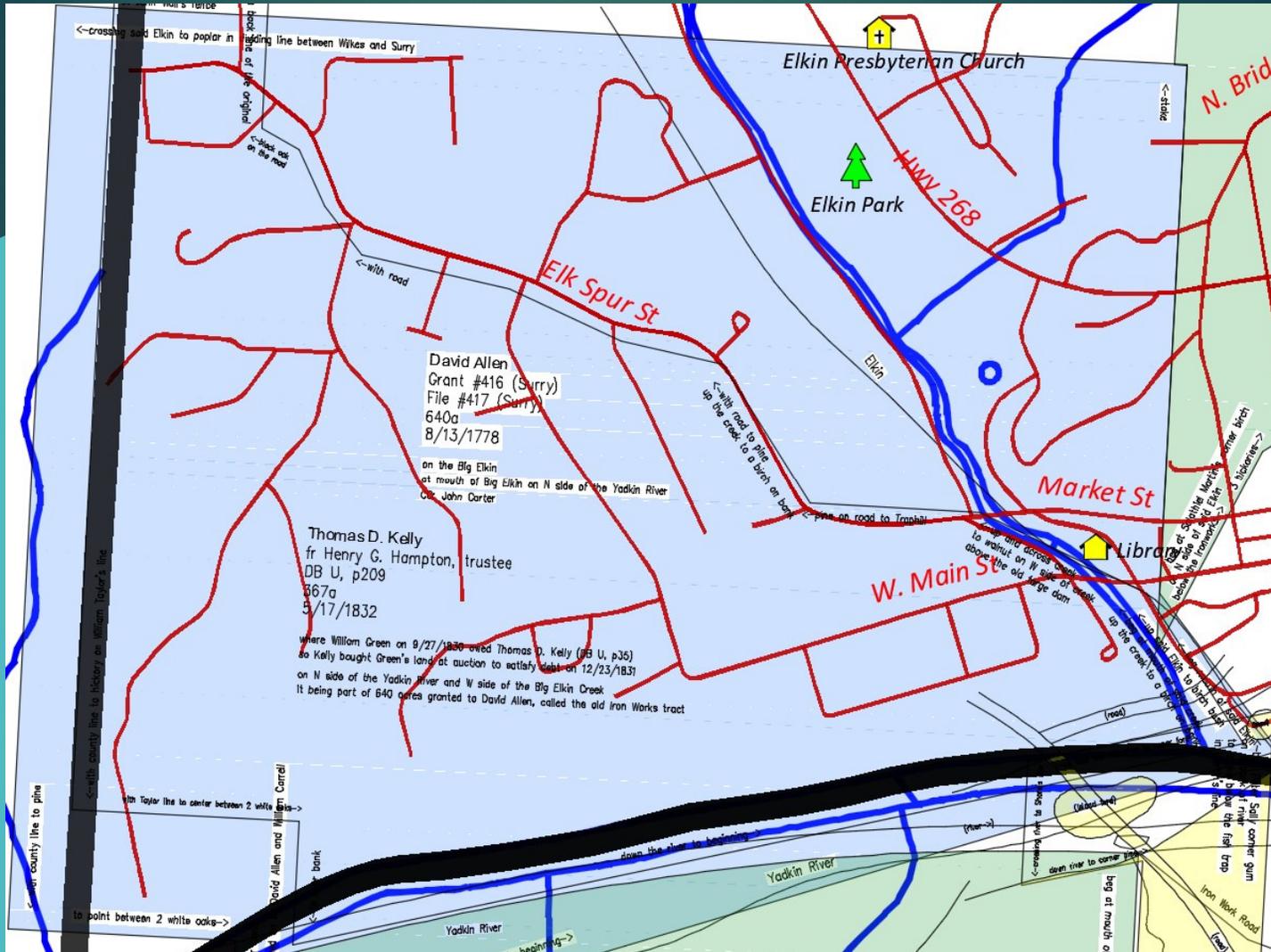
# Sold

- ▶ 12/27/1786 – David Allen sold all 5 of his grants to William Hill
- ▶ Total of 2,482 acres
- ▶ David Allen, late of the county of Surry

David Allen to William Hill, a Deed.  
This Indenture made this twenty seventh day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six and in the Ninth Year of America's Independence, between David Allen late of the County of Surry & State of North Carolina of the one part and William Hill of the County of York & State of South Carolina of the other part witnesseth that the said David Allen for and in consideration of the sum of eighteen hundred pounds North Carolina Currency to him in hand paid by the said William Hill the receipt whereof the said David Allen doth hereby

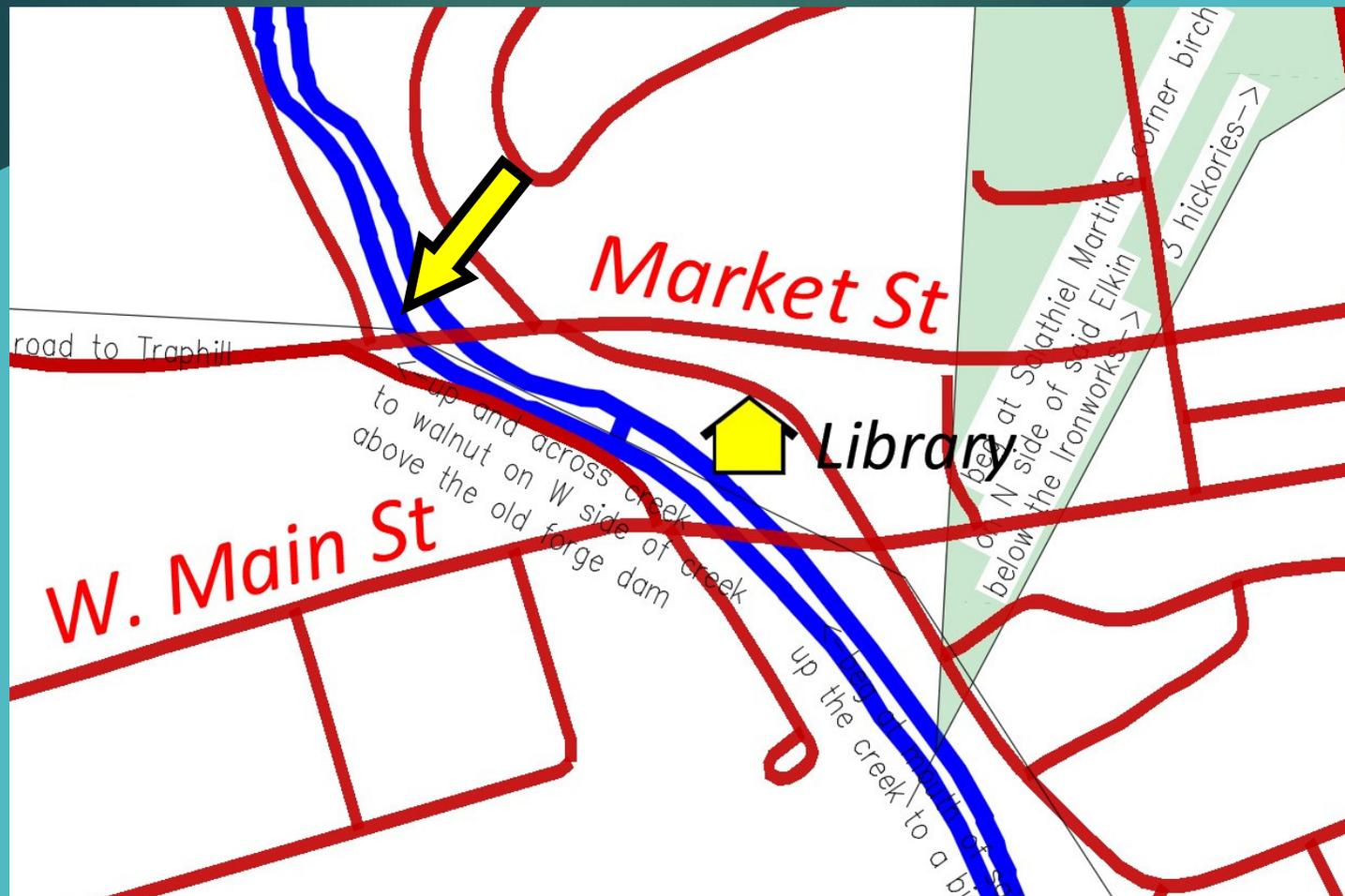
# 1832 Deed

- ▶ 5/17/1832 – part of “old Iron Works tract” sold to Thomas D. Kelly



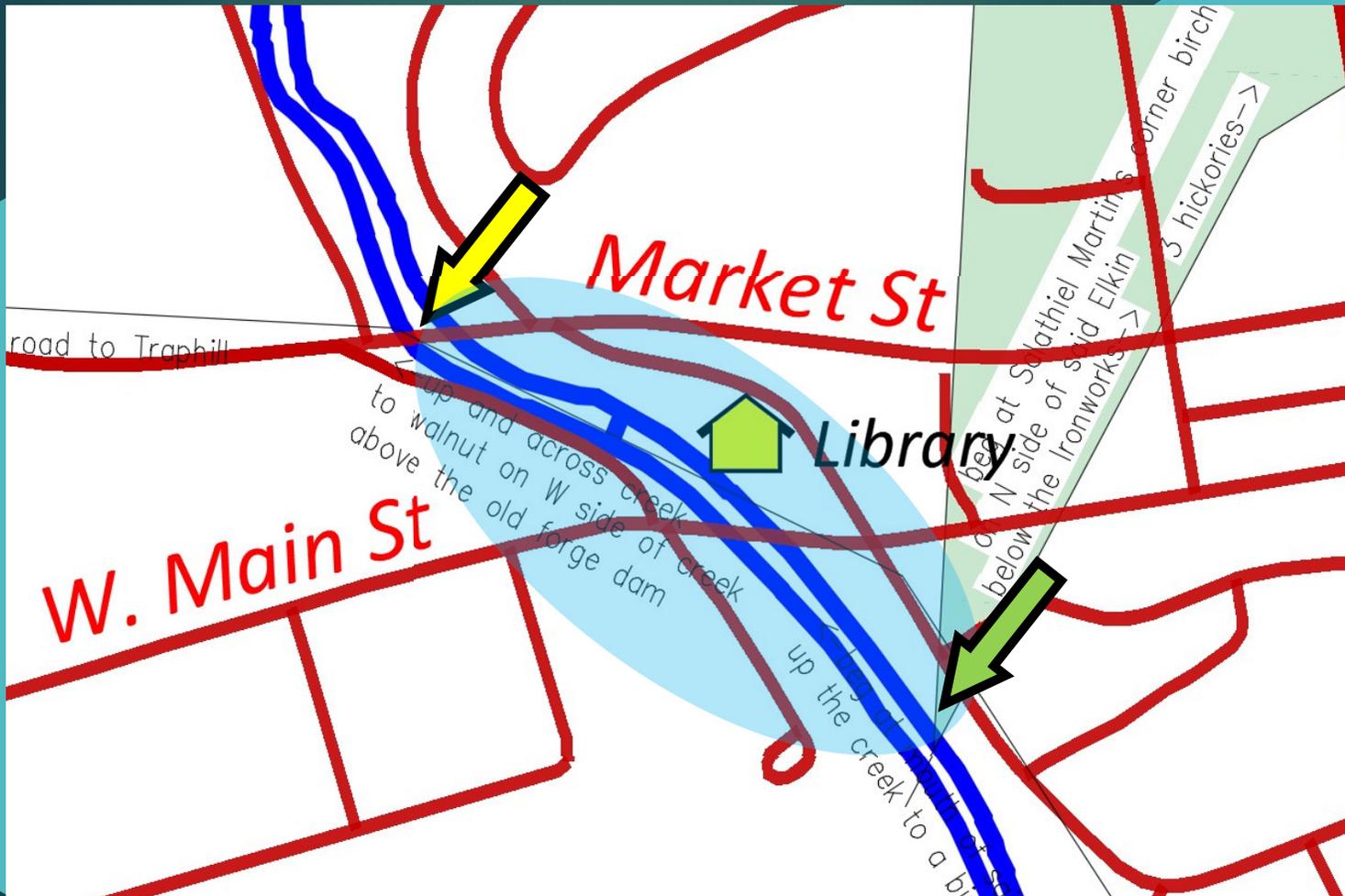
# 1832 Deed

- ▶ One corner of the 1832 deed runs to a point at “a walnut on W side of creek above the old forge dam”. That point is shown with the yellow arrow. The forge must be downstream from this point.



# 1832 Deed

- ▶ The forge must be upstream from the southern point of the 1780 grant as shown by the green arrow. Therefore, the forge site must be along the creek somewhere between these two arrows as shown by the blue shading.



# Richard Gwyn

- ▶ In the 1840s Richard Gwyn moves from Jonesville and buys thousands of acres in Elkin including the David Allen Iron Works tract.
- ▶ In 1847, he started the Elkin Manufacturing Company cotton mill.
- ▶ This mill was likely on the site of the old Iron Works and was powered by water sourced from a location near the old Iron Works dam.
- ▶ Before the 1840s, this site was remembered as “the old Iron Works” in deeds.
- ▶ After the 1840s, it was referred to as “Gwyn’s Mill” or “Gwyn’s Factory”.

