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1	1750-00-00	Great Britain forbids forges	The manufacture of any iron product except pig and bar iron had been forbidden by Great Britain in 1750.	NC Historical Review, Vol IX, Num 4, Oct 1932, p332	
2	1769-02-16	David Allen's mill on Great Elkin	A road is to be laid out from David Allen's mill on the Great Elkin along the east side of the Yadkin River to above the Moravian town. This generally seems to be the route of Hwy 268 leaving Elkin, except that it would have stayed closer to the river toward Bethabara.	Rowan Minutes PQ Vol 3, p75	
3	1770-00-00	Two furnaces in operation in Orange Co	By the end of 1770, two furnaces were in operation on branches of the Deep River in Orange County.	NC Historical Review, Vol IX, Num 4, Oct 1932, p332	
4	1770-00-00	Elkin River named on 1770 map	The Elkin River is named on the 1770 John Collet map.	map	
5	1771-00-00	1771 Surry Tax List includes David Allen	1771 Surry Tax List includes David Allen charged with one poll.	tax list	FHL 19957, img575
6	1772-00-00	1772 Surry Tax List includes David Allen	1772 Surry Tax List includes David Allen charged with one poll.	tax list	FHL 19957, img576
7	1772-02-00	Road from Longbottom to David Allen's	Jury including Riggs, Cobbs, Adnirum Allen, Graves, Nall, Hardy, Parks, David Martin, Dodson, Greenstreet lay off road from Thomas Jones at Longbottom on Roaring River to David Allen's and return to next court.	court book image from Eldon Joines	
8	1773-02-04	Road to Allen's Iron Works (earliest mention of the Iron Works)	A road is to be laid out from Joseph Gentry's ferry on the south side of the river to Fox Knobb's leading to Allen's Iron Works, and on the north side to Salem. Very generally, this road likely followed Hwy 421 to the south side of Jonesville where it intersected with another road that led north to the iron works.	Rowan Minutes PQ Vol 4, p8	

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9	1775-00-00	Provincial Congress offers incentives for furnaces	The Provincial Congress of 1775 offered bounties of from 100 to 500 pounds for rolling and slitting mills, first steel furnace, or first furnace for pig iron and castings.	NC Historical Review, Vol IX, Num 4, Oct 1932, p332	
10	1776-04-23	Moravians go to Allen's Furnace for iron	A new dwelling-house was raised at Br. Baumgarten's, several Brethren from here assisting. Br. Charles Holder has gone to Allen's Furnace for iron which we need fo rhte new saw-mill.	Records of the Moravians in North Carolina by Adelaide L. Fries, p1061	
11	1776-05-10	Moravians received iron from Allen's Furnace	We heard that two Expresses from Wilmington had brought the news that Lord Cornwallace, with 7000 English soldiers, had run in by Brunswieg, and had landed. The iron ordered from Allen's furnace arrived just in good time. As this evening storms came up from every quarter only the twilight service could be held.	Records of the Moravians in North Carolina by Adelaide L. Fries, p1063	
12	1776-06-14	Moravians travel to Allen's Furnace	Charles Holder rode to Allen's Furnace to get an iron plate, on which lead can be burned. Yesterday Br. Heckewalder was at Richmond. General Muster was being held, and an Express arrived with word that the English had landed at Charlestown, and therefor the Militia from here shall march to Cross Creek next week.	Records of the Moravians in North Carolina by Adelaide L. Fries, p1066	
13	1778-06-09	David Allen 5a Surry entry (requested)	5a in Surry near a certain Iron Mine Pit (Grant #50, File #52)	Land Grants	
14	1778-08-13	David Allen 640a Surry entry (requested), Iron Works Tract	640 acres in Surry along Yadkin River and Wilkes line, later called the Iron Works Tract (Grant #416, File #417)	Land Grants	
15	1778-11-11	road from Allen's Iron Works	Charles Waddal appointed overseer of the road leading from Surry Court House to Allen's Iron Works. Beginning at the Yellow Banks, from thence to his house	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img006

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16	1778-11-11	to the Iron Works Road	Hankins appointed overseer of the road from Reuben Riggs' to the Iron Works Road	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img007
17	1779-02-12	road off of Allen's Iron Works road	Jury to lay off road off of the road that leads from Richmond to Allen's Iron Works, crossing the Yadkin at the White Rock and into the road that leads from Richmond to Salisbury near Deep Creek	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img021
18	1779-08-12	road off of Allen's Iron Works road	Jury from 2/12/1779 returned that a road off of the Allen's Iron Works road will be advantageous to the inhabitants.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img029
19	1779-09-20	David Allen 5a Surry grant issued	5a in Surry near a certain Iron Mine Pit (Grant #50, File #52)	Land Grants	
20	1780-06-06	David Allen 640a Surry entry (requested), NE of Iron Works	640 acres in Surry NE of the Iron Works Tract was entered (Grant #421, File #422). Includes a point on N side of the Elkin below the Iron Works.	Land Grants	
21	1780-09-26	Troops assembled at the Big Elkin to begin search for Ferguson and the upcoming Battle of Kings Mountain	Maj. Joseph Winston raised 100 troops from Surry, and the next day met Col. Cleveland's 250 troops in Wilkes. They eventually defeated Ferguson's loyalist troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain.	ncmarkers.com data on historical markers	
22	1781-03-06	Road across the Yadkin River to road that leads to Allen's Iron Works	Jury to lay off road from the White Rock near William Gray's, cross the Yadkin River to the road that leads to Allen's Iron Works and make report	County Court Records 1778-1797 Wilkes Co, NC by James Alan Williams, p69	
23	1781-03-07	Overseer of road from Grays Creek to county line near Iron Works	Evan Davis appointed overseer of road from Grays Creek to the county line near the Iron Works.	County Court Records 1778-1797 Wilkes Co, NC by James Alan Williams, p70	
24	1781-06-30	David Allen and Company workers exempt from military duty	Any 12 persons who shall be employed by David Allen and Company, in the business of the Iron Works, shall during the time they shall be so employed be exempted from all military duties and drafts if work for at least six months.	Minutes of NC House of Commons General Assembly, Vol 17, p917	

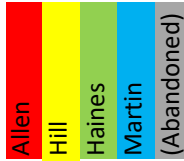
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25	1781-11-15	bid to build bridge across Elkin Creek	William Terril Lewis, Salathial Martin, and Gibson Wooldridge appointed to seek lowest bidder to build bridge across the Elkin Creek below Allen's Iron Works and make report next court.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img060
26	1781-11-15	suspend efforts for bridge across Elkin Creek	Order entered in minutes of this session to build a bridge across the Elkin be suspended and that the clerk notify those commissioners not to proceed in the said business.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img063
27	1782-00-00	1782 Surry Tax List includes David Allen	1782 Surry Tax List, Martins Dist, includes David Allen: 1,280 acres on N side Yadkin River, 450 acre on Big Elkin, 1 horse, 14 cattle, £220 assessment.	tax list	FHL 19957, img625
28	1782-02-15	bid to build bridge across Elkin Creek	William Cook, William T. Lewis, Henry Speer seek lowest bidder to build a bridge across the Elkin Creek below Allen's Iron Works	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img068
29	1782-03-05	Road into the road cleared from Col. Cleveland's to the Iron Works	Order to turn the road from Roaring River to Little Bugaboo from the Burnt Meeting House to go by Adone Allen's mill and so into the new road cleared from Col. Cleveland's to the Iron Works.	County Court Records 1778-1797 Wilkes Co, NC by James Alan Williams, p86	
30	1782-05-15	not to proceed with business to build bridge	Ordered that commissioners who are seeking lowest bidder for bridge across the Elkin be notified not to proceed in said business until further directed by the court.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img074
31	1782-08-17	rescind order to build bridge	Ordered by the court that any order of this court for building a bridge over the great Elkin leading to Allen's Iron Works at the expense of the county be and is hereby rescinded.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img084
32	1782-10-24	David Allen 640a Surry grant issued, Iron Works Tract	640 acres in Surry along Yadkin River and Wilkes line, later called the Iron Works Tract (Grant #416, File #417)	Land Grants	
33	1782-10-24	David Allen 640a Surry grant issued, NE of Iron Works	640 acres in Surry NE of the Iron Works Tract was entered (Grant #421, File #422)	Land Grants	

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34	1786-11-17	road from Hill's Iron Works on the Elkin	Ordered that (14 people) lay off road from Hill's Iron Works on the Elkin to begin near Henderson's old place. The nearest and best road that leads from Scritchfield's ford to the Shallow Ford above John Martin's near the Chestnut Hill.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img179
35	1786-12-27	David Allen sold all 2,482 acres of his land to William Hill.	David Allen, late of Surry Co, sold all 2,482 acres to William Hill of York Co, SC. Land was in both Wilkes and Surry. Witnesses Adoniram Allen, Job Allen, Jonathan Sutton. Proven January 1787 Wilkes court (DB A1, p535) and Surry May 1790 court.	Surry DB D, p138	
36	1787-01-23	Road from the Iron Works Road on the Elk Spur to north fork of Roaring River	Jury to lay off road from Iron Works road on the Elk Spur to the north fork of Roaring River above William Hargis's then to the south fork of Roaring River near Roger Turner's then by George Wheatley's old place to Wilkes CourtHouse and make report.	County Court Records 1778-1797 Wilkes Co, NC by James Alan Williams, p178	
37	1788-08-12	Richard Horn overseer on Iron Works road	Richard Horn appointed overseer on the Iron Works road from Fish River to the Double Creeks	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img255
38	1788-08-16	bid to build bridge across the Elkin at the Iron Works	William T. Lewis and Jonathan Haines appointed to seek lowest bidder for bridge across the Elkin at the Iron Works not to exceed £30 and it is to be warranted for 7 years.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img260
39	1788-11-16	NC law 3000 acres for anyone to set up iron works	NC law for 3000 acre for anyone to set up iron works, if land is unfit for other cultivation, and if 5000 lbs within 3 years, then the land will be granted to them for free without tax for 10 years.	NC Laws, by Potter, Taylor, Yancey, p592-3	
40	1790-00-00	1790 Surry Tax List includes Jonathan Hains	1790 Surry Tax List, Bengé Dist, includes Jonathan Hains: 2,792 acres, 1 white poll, 3 black polls, 200 acres west of Appalachians	tax list	FHL 19959, img440
41	1790-05-14	road into road from Iron Works to the Yellow Bank	Jury to mark road from Brooks' Ferry into the road that leads from the Iron Works to the Yellow Bank near Samuel Haggards, and make report	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img309

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42	1794-00-00	1794 Surry Tax List includes Jonathan Hains	1794 Surry Tax List, Benge Dist, includes Jonathan Hains: 3,480 acres, 1 white poll, 6 black polls	tax list	FHL 19959, img515
43	1794-00-00	Land entry to William Williams is located on the road that goes to Haine's Iron Works	William Williams entered 100a on the Little Elkin that lies "upon the road that goes to Haine's Iron Works". This was likely located just south of the intersection of Austin Traphill Rd and CB Eller School Rd	Land Grant file #2599 to William Williams	
44	1795-05-13	bridge on Big Elkin Creek	Ordered that James Bryson, James Badgett, Martin Armstrong inquire what is the value of a bridge built by Jonathan Haynes on the Big Elkin Creek, which report shall be his allowance if concurred with.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img483
45	1795-05-14	value of bridge on Big Elkin	The committee to value a bridge built by Jonathan Haynes made the following report, that Jonathan Haynes ought to be allowed £20 for building a bridge across the Big Elkin, upon the said Haynes keeping the same in good order for 5 years.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img488
46	1798-00-00	Martin Iron Works named on 1798 map	The Martin Iron Works is shown on the Big Elkin on the 1798 Price and Strother state map.	map	
47	1801-02-13	bounty land of Jonathan Haines at Allen's old Iron Works	Jury to view bounty lands entered by Jonathan Haines and Hill, adjoining Allen's old Iron Work tract and make report to next court per act of Assembly.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img740
48	1801-08-12	bounty land of Jonathan Haines at Allen's old Iron Works	Jury to view bounty lands entered by Jonathan Haines and Hill, adjoining Allen's old Iron Work tract and make report to next court per act of Assembly.	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img759
49	1801-11-11	land entered by Jonathan Haines and William Hill	Jury has viewed land entered by Jonathan Haines and William Hill and granted by the State for purpose of erecting Iron Works do certify the lands not to be fit for cultivation. [JMD: so land can be used for Iron Works.]	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img770

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50	1802-02-10	Iron Works on the Big Elkin has produced at least 5000 lbs	Proved to the court that there has been at least 5000 lbs of iron made (in the past year?) at the old Iron Works belonging to Hill and Haines on the Big Elkin in this county. It is ordered that warrants be issued on the entries made by them as bounty lands. (Those 2 entries are closer to Mitchell River, east of Brookwood Dr.)	Surry Co Court Minutes	FHL img780
51	1808-00-00	Martin Iron Works named on 1808 map	The Martin Iron Works is shown on the Big Elkin on the 1808 Price and Strother state map.	map	
52	1810-00-00	5 forges or foundries in Surry Co in census	5 forges or foundries in Surry Co in 1810 census. It is unknown if the iron works on the Big Elkin was one of them.	NC Historical Review, 1992, Vol 4, p79	
53	1830-09-27	William Green mortgages southern part of the old iron works tract	William Green owes money to Thomas D. Kelly, so he borrows from H. G. Hampton to pay it back by January 1831. As collateral he uses his 367 acres which had been part of the old iron works tract. It is unknown who previously sold the land to William Green.	Surry DB U, p35	
54	1832-05-17	William Green fails to pay debts and old iron works tract auctioned to Thomas D. Kelly	Henry G. Hampton, trustee, sold William Green's 367 acres to Thomas D. Kelly for failure to repay borrowed money. Called the old Iron Works Tract of David Allen. Boundary includes a point up the Big Elkin Creek to a walnut on W side of creek above the old forge dam.	Surry DB U, p209 (also DB U, p35)	
55	1833-00-00	No iron works is shown on the Big Elkin on 1833 map	No iron works is shown on the Big Elkin on 1833 map.	map	