

There are other printed records on the Bruce family which might be researched. One contains a McKinney line.

I repeated one or two searches, but I will just leave them in. As I said, I did give some extra time--this always clears my conscience!

Perhaps you will find clues in the land records which I overlooked.

Have enjoyed your search for Bruces and wish you continued success with them--in the event you do not wish another search at this time.

Very truly yours,

Ann Henry
Ann R. Henry

*P. B. Spencer Jackson m. Rainey (usually Lorraine)
Brenton - 20 Dec 1815 - Caswell Co -
George Jackson m. Francis Spencer - 1785 -
Caswell Co.*

Halifax - Deeds - Microfilm Index and Books Grantee Index

A. T. and C. Bruce from W. Joyner - Bk 36, pg 633
" " from John T. Alsop - Bk 45, pg 333
" " " Annie Alsop - same
" " " P. B. Key, Bk 46, pg 423
" " " James Moseley - Bk 47, pg 411 (also Nancy Moseley)
" " " P. B and Anna T. Key - Bk 50, pg 40
" " " Ellis Levy - Bk 54, pg 29

Abner Bruce from James Hargas - Bk 18, 110

John Bruce from James Spier - Bk 1, pg 438

Researched: James Spier of Edgcombe sold to John Bruce of same, planter, 200a, originally granted to Spier in 1737: Descript: Begin Calebs pocusin thence 70 W - - - - -to illegible along Beaverdam - S 20 W 100 poles to a white oak on side of Fishing Creek along the winding of creek to the 1st station. Nov. Ct. 1740.

James C. Bruce from J. G. and J. B. Claiborne - Bk 28, pg 150

" " Isaac Medley - Bk 28, pg 379

John T. Bruce from Adam T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273

John T. Bruce from Robert M. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273

John T. Bruce from George B. Curtis - Bk 52, 243

James M. Bruce from A. T. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211 (or Bk 52?)

" " Robert M. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211

" " John R. Whitaker - 71B, pg 204

" " Nannie N. Whitaker - 71B - 204

" " James H. Whitaker - 71B - 207
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Halifax Deeds - Grantors

Alse Bruce to John Taylor - Bk 19, 218

Allen Bruce to Benjamin Dicken - Bk 25, pg 162

A. T. Bruce to John T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 278

" to P. A. Dunn and Co. - Bk 55, pg 133

Christian Bruce to John Taylor - Bk 19, pg 218

A. T. Bruce to James W. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211

Ann C. Bruce to George B. Curtis - 73B, pg 371

(I did not research this and should have. She might be George's Mother.) No, this date is probably too late.

Elijah Bruce - Div of land - Bk 18, pg 388

This Deed was listed wrong. It is Eliza ^{both} Bruce, re: Est. of Amos Bruce. ~~Eli~~ Amos and Elizabeth Worrel filed Petition. Elizabeth was wife of Abner Bruce prior to marriage to Worrel. Abner died intestate sometime about March last seized and possessed of a tract of land lying in Deep Creek joining Lemuel Hogun and Carter Comacks land - petitioner in right of Elizabeth entitled to 1/3 part of said land for life of said Elizabeth. Feb. Ct. 1798 Description of land included in this.

Deeds - Halifax - Grantor - Cont'd

James Bruce to Loyal Smith and Co. - Bk 26, pg 55

James Bruce to A. D. Bird - Bk 33, pg 298

" " N. M. Long - 33, pg 298

" " Wiatt and Smith - Bk 32, pg 514

✓ John Bruce to Hardy Holman - Bk 1, pg 388

I John Bruce of Edgecombe Co. (found in Halifax) to Hardy Holmes - 25 pds - tract or parcel containing 200 a lying on North side Fishing Creek in County aforesaid which tract was granted to James Spiers by patent bearing date 17 Feb 1837 and is butted and bounded as follows: Begin at a white oak on creek side - N 26 E 160 poles - N 70 W 208 poles - along Beaverdam S 20 W 100 poles to Fishing Creek along windings of creek to 1st station.

Wit: Walter McLaclin, Roger Hodges - Edgecombe - 1741.

John Bruce to John Gray - 19, 168

James Bruce Esq to Seaboard and Roanoke RR Co. - Bk 33, pgs 429-430.

James C. Bruce to N. M. Long - Bk 34, pg 97

✓ Peter Bruce to Isaac Reeves - Bk 3, pg 371:

Peter Bruce of Edgecombe Co. - for 5 pds - to Isaac Revis of Edgecombe - tract of land lying in Edgecombe Co., N. C. - 100a Begin round oak S _____ Westerly along line marked trees to white oak in Marsh Swamp - down swamp - courses of run to Smith's line - August 1749.

Wit: William Reves, Peter Broos Junr

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Peter Bruce to John McKinne Jr. - Bk 3, pg 96 - (previously reported.)
(150 a Rounding Branch and lower Jumping Run)

Peter Bruce to John Bates, et al - Bk 7, pg 3

Peter Bruce Sr. of Halifax and John Bates and Robert Fountain of same - one message or dividend of land - Co. of Halifax - on side of Marsh Swamp - 100a - - - (*for natural love & affection*)

Wit: David Duncan, Manuel Gordon - March Ct. 1759.

(This was shown on page 4 instead of 3)

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Peter Bruce to Thomas Pace - Bk 9, pg 503:

13 Nov. 1766 - Peter Bruce of Halifax Co. to Thomas Pace of Northampton Co., N. C. - for 70 pds - tract lying in County of Halifax - Begin in "Old" Peter Bruce back line next to Quankey at a Red oak - S 24 E 80 poles along line to red oak - S 120 poles to a red oak Thos Smiths corner tree - thence E 160 poles to a white oak - - - N 120 poles to a pine - N 20 poles West 80 poles to ~~xxxxxx~~ center of two red oaks and a hickory - W 160 poles to 1st station containing 200a - - -

Wit: William Rone (X)

/s/ Peter Bruce

John Roan Halifax Ct 1767

Thomas Pace

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Halifax Deeds - Grantor - Cont'd

Lemuel Bruce to Benjamin Dicken - Bk 25, pg. 162
Robert M. Bruce to John T. Bruce - Bk 50, pg 273
" " James W. Bruce - Bk 55, pg 211
James Bruce to James H. Whitaker - 71B, pg 381
John T. Bruce to George B. Curtis - 73B, pg 871
Robert M. Bruce to Nat Dunn - Bk 75A, pg 587
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The following Deeds researched in Edgecombe Co.

John Martin Stricker to William Bruce - 11 Mar 1783 - both of Halifax - \$100 - land lying in Hills Road near Jaccoates Swamp, beginning at said road in Drury Harrington's line, thence along said Harringtons to a white oak Sheppards corner - along Sheppards line to a pine - a dividing line - along the said dividing line of marked trees to the aforesaid Hills road to a white oak - - up various courses of said road to 1st station - 100 acres.
(There ~~is~~ was a Hills Community in Robeson Co.
Wit: William Wright, Jesse Wheelles Jr.

Halifax Co May Court 1783. (Should have been with Halifax Deeds)
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Bk 7, pg 140 - George Bruce to Benjamin Johnston.
21 Feb 1793 - George Bruce of Edgecombe sold to Benjamin Johnston of same - no amount given - tract of land - begin White oak swamp up water course of said White Oak Swamp to gum and maple - N. to pine - West to Lgtwood not - S to beginning - 160a - patent to me dated 1793.

Wit: Aziel Bruce George Bruce (uncertain as to whether he made a mark)
Jordan Bruce
James Bruce

Bk 8, pg 400 - 10 July 1795 George Bruce of Edgecombe, planter to William ~~Bruce~~ Johnston of Edgecombe, planter - no amount given - tract of land lying on the South side White Oak Swamp beginning at Black gum in the water course of said White Oak Swamp - along a new lane to a pine in Theoph^s Thomas line - along said line to Black oak - along James Barnes line to a gum and maple in said swamp - down water courses of White Oak Swamp to the beginning - 150a land granted unto said William Johnston and his heirs forever.

Benjamin Johnston (X) George Bruce
James Bruce Filed _____ 1796

(These two Deeds must be to relatives as no amount given.)
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Book 9, pg 376 - 12 Feb. 1799 - Aziel Bruce of Co. of Edgecombe, to Lamuel Daniel of same - 90 pds. - -Tract situate Co. of Edgecombe - N. side white oak swamp as follows - Begin at two poplars and a white oak in said swamp and run along a line of marked trees N 5° E 196 poles to lightwood stake and line on George Bruces pattend line then with his line W 128 poles to corner pine - then with another of his patent lines So 15° W 180 poles to a water oak in said swamp - then up various courses of said swamp to 1st station - 160½ - being part of a larger tract.

Wit: Josiah Daniel - Asa Daniel
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Bk 10, pg 233 - Estate of Absalum Bruce - Isaac Hill, Sheriff of Edgecombe Co. and Martin Thorn of Edgecombe - Court Order to sell land and tenements of Absalum Bruce to satisfy ~~xxxxxxx~~ debts - 101 pds - tract situate on S. side of Town Creek and bounded by the lines of said Martin Thorn, Micajah Pittsway and others being all that tract of land granted to the said Absalum Bruce in his own name - containing 200a. 3 Apl 1799
Wit: Hardy Scarborough
William Drake Feb. Court 1802
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The following Deeds abstracted for Co. of Halifax for Barnes

Book 2, pg 406 - 2 Dec. 1755 Deed between William Moore and Judith his wife of Co. of Orange - planter of one part and Abram Barnes of Co. of Edgecombe of other part - 10 pds - 150a N side Contentney Creek - Co. of Edgecombe - beginning red oak a corner of John Williams line - N 45 E to a corner red oak near the _____ of Toisnot Creek thence along the low grounds to a white oak in said line - along a line of marked trees to 1st station - being part of patent to William Moore and dated 11 Apl 1745.
Wit: ~~Beni Saxon~~ Charles Saxon /s/William Moore
Edward (X) Barnes Judith Moore X
Edgecombe Co.
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Bk C, pg 347 - Edgecombe Deeds
6 Oct 1765 - Nathan Barnes of Edgecombe, planter, and Ephraim of said - no amount given - tract on White Oak Creek - adjoining Jacob Barnes - granted to Nathan Barnes by patent of 1760.
Wit: James Barnes, William Robson. (No mention of joining one of the Bruces.
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Bk 6, pg 178 - James Barnes Grant - Halifax
Land in Granville Co. to James Barnes - 13 May 1757
James Barnes of Edgecombe, planter, for 3 shillings - land lying Co. of Edgecombe - begin at Thomas Barnes corner at a hickory thence along William Johnston's line S 43 W 282 poles to his corner a gum in Kahakee Swamp then various courses of swamp - 1st N 40 W 80 poles - - N 50 W 110 poles - N 40 W 52 poles to gum - Richard Mills line - - with line N 60 E 260 poles to a corner in Thomas Barnes line thence by the line to 1st station - 226 a.
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Bk 17, pg 447 - James Barnes from Dudley Whitaker - 21 Nov. 1791 - land lying in Halifax between head of little Cohuca and deep creek - begin at a pine in John Edwards line - run along Susannah Whitehead's line to a corner pine - then running over the main ridge by line of marked trees over great branch to a sweet gum - up a line of marked trees to John Edwards line - various courses of his line to 1st station - part of tract granted to Lunsford Whitaker.
Wit: Lunsford Whitaker, John Pope,
Halifax Ct. - 1st Aug Session 1792
Reg. Oct. 17, 1792
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Nov. 18, 1980 - Bruce

Re-searched the Will of Peter Bruce in Halifax - Book 1, pg 69.

In the original Will, he lists the heirs in the following order: Wife Mary; Peter Bruce, Ann Fountain, Elizabeth Coats, Jean Bruce, Sarah Braswell, Alice Huett. March 1762. Exrs: Peter Bruce, ~~John Baitis~~ and wife, Mary Bruce. Trustees: Peter Bruce, John Fountain. In his Will he also listed as Exrs: ~~John Baitis~~ John Baitis and Robert Fountain. He does state "five" children in his Will and then lists six. The way I originally found this abstract was a listing of Peter Bruce and then Jean Bruce. I kept in mind that Jean might be Peter's wife, as they were listed together and he stated "five" children. Now, I'm beginning to wonder if "Jean" was French for John. You recall that the Will of George Bruce was translated as "George" and "Jacob" in the Court Records, and he signed his name "Jorg". We keep several things in mind. 1. Even if he could write, he was probably very sick. In fact in his Will he stated that he was sick and weak. 2. Then, they usually called in the nearest person who could write. I'm sure many of them had accents, and if they were sick they might not say things clearly. 3. The clerks did not use a uniform spelling. On the way home this afternoon, it occurred to me that Jean may be George. I found Peter with George so much that I felt that George must be the son of Peter, Jr. However, the dates of his grants etc. indicates that his age would really fit in better with Peter, Sr. This is probably the line to follow--try to find the different children of Peter, Sr. All the other girls were married. Peter and Jean are the only ones with the name of Bruce. *we found Jean to all children except "Jean"*

Other Wills listed on the microfilm index of the first Will Books are: Halifax

1. Thomas Bruce from William Sills - June Court 1761 - Will of William Sills - Halifax Co.
Brothers: John, Isham, Peter, Morris, Lambert, Drury, & David Sills. Sisters: Sarah Sills, Lucy Freeman. Friends: Richard Baley, Phillip Baley, Thomas Bruce and Thomas Pope. (Friend could also mean a cousin or other relative.)
2. William Bruce (already reported) wife Christian
3. Will of Joseph Wheeler - Feb. 1787 - Book 3, 119.
Shows Christian Bruce as daughter of Joseph Wheeler -

Searched Index Books to all pertinent counties. *Books are* (Typed indexes of all Original Wills in Archives.)

Craven Co.

Francis Brice - pg 29 - Vol. CR 28.801.1 - 1761

Francis Brice 1755-1764 - CR 28.801.5

William Brice - pgs 8-9 - 1738 - CR 28.801.6

Stephen Brice - pg 45 - 1749-1766 part III - CR 28,801.3

Index to Original Wills Cont'd.

John Acton Brice - 1761,62,63 - pg 25 1749-1766 part 3 CR 28.801.2.

(These indexes were usually typed in the county from which they came. The above list includes references to miscellaneous items in Court records also.)

Oops - more from Craven County- - -

Francis Brice - Part II CR 28.801.5 - 1761 - pg 8

Rigdon Brice - 1761 - pg 52 - CR 28.801.7

Stephen Brice (no date) pages 49-50

Francis Brice (no date) page 82 - 1756-1765 CR 28.801.9

John Brice - pg 82 - 1756-1765 CR 28.801.9

The numbers are no longer correct. Instructions say to multiply page number by 4 and add 11 and search in the general area. I included these instructions for my own use--or anyone else who wants to search.

Guilford County - 1832 - Charles Bruce

Richmond County - Francis Brice - 1780 - Estates

Searched: Francis Brice - 1761 - list of property of Orphans of Francis Bruce to John Pindar.

Rigdon Brice - 1760 - Acct of John Fonville, Gdn of Rigdon Brice.

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William Brice to William Wilson - Bk 1, pg 123

William Brice to John Fonville - Bk 1, pg 130

William Brice - a patent - Bk 1, pg 98

William Brice - patent - Bk 1, pg 354

Francis Brice to James Davis - ~~xxxxxx~~ Bk 2, pg 177

John Acton Brice to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Bk 2, ~~xxxxxx~~ Lewis Williams - Bk 2, pg 301

Francis Brice, Sr. to Frances Brice Jr. - Bk 2, pg 95

William Brice to Jacob (Visemore?) Bk 2, pg 623

William Brice (Will)- Bk 4, pg 288

Francis Brice to Francis Brice - Bk 6, pg 422

A. John Brice to Rigdon Davis - 15, Bk 9 - 1753

Francis Brice - Deposition - Bk 11, pg 116

Francis Brice - Deposition Book 11, pg 276

A. John Brice to John Pender - Book 11, pg 285 (Indications are that this is John Acton or Acton John Brice.)
 A. John Brice to Charles Cogsdell - Bk 11, pg 315
 Francis Brice to Timothy Clear - Bk 12, pg 120
 Rigdon Brice to Alex Gaston - Bk 12, pg 298
 Rigdon Brice to Moses Allmand - Bk 13, pg 120
 Francis Brice to Robert Reynolds - Bk 13, pg 120
 A. John Brice to Rigdon Brice - Bk 14, pg 141
 Rigdon Brice to Alex Gaston - Bk 15, pg 296
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 Francis Brice to Richard Spaight - Bk 17, pg 199
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 Rigdon Brice to William Heath - Bk 19, pg 398
 Francis Brice to Samuel Cornell - Bk 19, pg 95
 Francis Brice to Timothy Clear - Bk 19, pg 400
 Rigdon Brice to Edmund Wrenford - Bk 22, pg 134
 John A. Brice to Cassandra Brice - Bk 25, pg 234
 Rigdon Brice to Barell (Burell?) Smith - Bk 27, pg 58
 Francis Brice to Boneta McCartney - Bk 29, pg 280
 James Bruce Sr. to James Bruce Jr. - Bk 32, pg 445
 James Bruce to Jacob Phelps - Bk 32, pg 584
 James Bruce to Jenny and Susanah Thomas - Bk 33, pg 508
 James Bruce to Frederick Jones - Bk 34, pg 258
 Mary Ann Bruce to Joseph Wade - Bk 37, pg 271
 Francis Brice to William Wilson - Bk 39, pg 78
 Marg Brice to Hallon and Vinct Know - Bk 39, pg 551

Stopped approx. 1817

(Many of these may be Brice, but as the indexes indicated there may be some confusion, we need to check everything.--or Include everything.)

Craven County - Index Book Vol I of II (A-K) Grantees

Re-researched the Deeds - Grantees. Will not list at this time except for the names involved in the Deeds, and the ones shown as Bruce. Names involved in land transactions: Harris, Porter, Turner, Pindar, Williams, Hall, Bryan, ~~Bryan~~, Coor, Mallet.

One Deed: Judge I. Br(u or a) ce from Katherine Harris - Bk 4, pg 68.

James Bruce from James Coor - Bk 28, pg 269

James Bruce from James Coor - Bk 28, pg 245 - 1788

James Bruce Junr from James Bruce Sr. - Bk 32, pg 445

James Bruce from John Davis - Bk 34, pg 300 - 1800

James Bruce from Jane Thomas - Bk 34, pg 141 - 1800

~~BARNES ESTATES - CRAVEN COUNTY~~ Edgecombe County - WILLS

The following ~~Estate Records~~ ^{Wills} prior to 1900:

Absalom Barnes - 1792 - ✓
 Archelaus Barnes - 1802 ✓

