

# William Carroll Byrd family

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William Carroll Byrd (b. Aug. 23, 1815 in Stewart Co. TN) was the oldest son of John Wesley "Jack" Byrd (b. Jan. 1792; Washington Co. GA - d. July 3, 1866; Stewart Co. TN) and Luna Louisa Brigham (b. 1797; Sullivan Co., TN. - d. Dec. 5, 1875; Stewart Co. TN); see: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18125862/john-wesley-byrd>

William Carroll Byrd married Margaret Elizabeth Jackson (b. Sept. 22, 1827 in Sumner Co. TN) in Calloway Co. KY on Mar. 7, 1844 across the Tennessee River from his home on Byrd Creek, Stewart Co. TN. Margaret was the oldest daughter of Alexander Dameron Jackson (b. May 7, 1797 Nottaway Co. VA - d. Apr. 15, 1886 New Concord, Calloway Co. KY) and Margaret E. Stalcup (b. Nov. 9, 1797 Smith Co. TN - d. Sept. 8, 1886 New Concord, Calloway Co. KY); see: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24285932/alexander-dameron-jackson> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24285945/margaret-jackson>

Carroll and Margaret's first two children, Alfred Marion Byrd (b. ~1847) and William Conley Byrd (b. ~1849) were born in Stewart Co. TN, probably along Byrd Creek in District 8. On April 3, 1849 William Carroll Byrd sold 50 acres of his land in District 8 of Stewart Co. TN to Frances W. Marberry and moved his family to the area of Brunot, in then Wayne (later Iron) Co. MO where the rest of his children were born: George Washington Byrd (b. Apr. 19, 1851 Wayne Co. MO), John Alexander Byrd (b. ~1853 Wayne Co. MO), Martha Ann Byrd (b. ~1855 Wayne Co. MO), Andrew Jackson Byrd (b. Mar. 29, 1857 Pilot Knob, Iron Co. MO), Louisa Catherine Byrd (b. ~1859 Iron Co. MO), Carroll Jefferson Byrd (b. ~1861 Iron Co. MO), and Margaret Elizabeth Byrd (b. ~1862 Iron Co. MO). [see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2].

A General Land Office document dated Oct. 2, 1854 indicates that William Carroll Byrd had also received a Military Land Warrant (No. 35142 for 40 acres) near Brunot and assigned to him by his father-in-law, Alexander Dameron Jackson – a War of 1812 veteran (Private, Captain Holder's Company, North Carolina Militia). This assigned land to William Carroll Byrd was located near Brunot (*"South half of Lot number two, of the North West quarter, of Section six, in Township twenty nine of Range five, East, in the District of Land subject to sale at Jackson, Missouri..."*) [see Fig. 3].

William Alexander Jackson, the younger brother of Margaret Elizabeth Jackson and the brother-in-law of William Carroll Byrd, received a GLO Land Patent on July 1, 1857 near Patterson, Wayne Co. MO for 200 acres. He then obtained another GLO Land Patent for an additional 120 acres on Oct. 30, 1857 [see Fig. 4].

A March 18, 1858 Iron County land deed (Iron County Record Book A, page 551) also documents the transfer of 40 acres in Iron County from James

and Mary Chilton "...of the County of Wayne..." to William Carroll Byrd; this in consideration of \$500 [see Fig. 5 and transcription in Fig. 6a and Fig. 6b]. An April 1, 1858 GLO Land Patent to William Carroll Byrd for 86.76 acres and another one on Sept. 1, 1859 for 120 acres are shown in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8.

Robert Payne Byrd, the younger brother of William Carroll Byrd, married Mary Catherine Callaway in Arcadia, Iron County, MO on September 25, 1857, after he had moved to Missouri from District No. 8, Stewart Co. TN; no doubt with the encouragement of his older brother living near Brunot in Wayne (later Iron) County. Sometime after his marriage, Robert Payne Byrd moved to Fredericktown, in Liberty Township of Madison County, MO; he and his wife Catherine were listed as living here in the Federal census taken on June 14, 1860 (page 55, dwelling #400, family #400). Interestingly, he apparently gave his place of birth as Kentucky rather than the correct Tennessee. His older brother William Carroll Byrd, living near Brunot in now Iron County, MO also gave his place of birth as Kentucky in the 1860 census -- perhaps a reflection of the increasing sectional tensions between North and South states during this time?

During this turbulent time in United States history (not unlike what we currently experience in modern-day America), a series of mysterious land transactions occur between William Carroll Byrd and his neighbors in Iron County. The first dated December 7, 1860 between William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to David W. Shaver [see Figs 9, 10a, 10b, and 10c]. The next occurs March 23, 1863 where David W. Shaver and his wife Elisabeth Shaver sell this same land back to William Carroll Byrd for the "...Sum of One Dollar received to our full satisfaction...." [see Figs 11, 11a, and 11b]. Then, on the same day William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd sold this land (230 acres) to Charles M. Roberts for \$278 [see Figs 12, 12a, and 12b].

The above land transactions by William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd between 1860-1863 in Iron County have been interpreted by some as reflecting the possible service of William Carroll Byrd in the Confederate Army, or at the very least his sympathy for the Southern cause. There was a William C. Byrd in Co. F, 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry who enlisted in Pocahontas, Arkansas and WIA at Peach Tree Creek outside Atlanta GA in 1864; unfortunately there is no home address or age information for this soldier.

In addition, Iron County historians have indicated that David W. Shaver was supposedly a well-known Southern sympathizer in the area and that the practice of "holding land" for a minimum payment (one dollar) was often done for those more active supporters of the Confederacy. Robert Payne Byrd, the younger brother of William Carroll Byrd did enlist in the Confederate army and served as a Private in Company F of Colonel James White's 3rd (later 9th) Missouri Infantry, CSA on August 2, 1862. This occurred after the Battle of Fredericktown in Madison County, MO on October 21, 1861 and after the issuance of General Order No. 19 by Union General Schofield on July 22, 1862; this edict ordered all able-bodied Missourians to report for service in the Federal army within six days -- thus effectively forcing any neutral Missourians to choose between the Union and the Confederacy. More details re the CSA service of

Robert Payne Byrd and his fate can be seen at <http://www.civilwarstlouis.com/gratiot/robert-payne-byrd-by-kenneth-byrd/> [see Fig. 13].

Yet another younger brother of William Carroll Byrd served in Confederate armed forces back in Stewart County TN; George Wesley Byrd was a Private in Captain Taylor's Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Artillery. He was captured at Fort Henry on Feb. 6, 1862 by Union forces under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant. For more details re George Wesley Byrd's CSA service see: [http://www.tngenweb.org/stewart/family/Pvt.%20George%20Wesley%20Byrd\\_StewartCo\\_TNGenWeb%20bio\\_Byrd.pdf](http://www.tngenweb.org/stewart/family/Pvt.%20George%20Wesley%20Byrd_StewartCo_TNGenWeb%20bio_Byrd.pdf) <http://www.tngenweb.org/stewart/150thAnnivFortHenry.pdf> Ironically, U.S. Grant also commanded Federal forces which earlier raided Brunot and impacted William Carroll Byrd's immediate family (see below).

The brother-in-law of William Carroll Byrd, William Alexander Jackson also served in the Confederate forces. He served as a Private in Captain Holmes' Company B, Clardy's Battalion Missouri Cavalry and was surrendered by CSA Brigadier General M. Jeff Thompson to Union Major General G.M. Dodge on May 11, 1865 at Wittsburg, Arkansas, being paroled there on May 25, 1865. He then swore another oath of allegiance to the United States in Memphis, TN on May 30, 1865. Very little information is known about his service in Clardy's Missouri Cavalry, but it is thought that the unit operated as a partisan (guerrilla) unit and participated in CSA General Sterling Price's 1864 invasion of Missouri. William Alexander Jackson returned to live near his parents in Calloway County, KY after the war – suggesting his possible activity as a Missouri partisan/guerrilla and post-war ostracism by pro-Union neighbors in the Patterson, Wayne Co. MO area where he lived [see Fig. 14]. William Alexander Jackson died in 1911; see: [https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24802993/william\\_a.-jackson](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24802993/william_a.-jackson) .

Lastly, William Carroll Byrd appears on a List of Lands and Lots in Iron County, MO for which taxes are due and unpaid for the years 1861 through 1865 [see Fig. 15 and Fig. 16]. This may reflect not only his absence during those years but possibly his pro-Southern activities. A family story recorded by his grandson, Rev. James Elburn Byrd Sr., (b. Feb. 7, 1886 Ravenden Springs, Randolph Co. AR - d. Jan. 8, 1966 Phoenix, Maricopa Co. AZ) may be related to this non-payment of Iron County taxes: *"...grandfather had a pen full of fat hogs with which to make the final payment on his farm. But one day a squad of northern soldiers were out foraging for food and discovered the fat hogs. They tore down a corner of the pen and drove the fat hogs away. One of the hogs broke a leg while crossing a river bridge one mile from the farm and the Yankee soldiers were nice enough to return the crippled hog which they promptly butchered and consigned the smoke house."*

This Byrd family story above does have some historical documentation supporting it; on Aug. 15, 1861 then Brigadier General U.S. Grant and based out of Ironton, sent two Federal infantry regiments on an expedition to Brunot, against suspected Confederate sympathizers in the area and arrested several neighbors of William Carroll Byrd and Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd at that time [see Fig. 17]. Although drawn for Southwest Missouri, the rendition by

Robert O. Sweeny would seem applicable to the interactions between Union soldiers and pro-southern civilians in Iron County (see Fig. 18).

There is no currently known documentation for William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd after March 23, 1863. Margaret apparently died sometime between then and when William married his second wife, Chloe Davis Looney in Walnut Hill (near Ravenden Springs), Randolph Co. AR; this occurred on Christmas Eve, 1868. Prior to that event, on Oct. 19, 1867, William Carroll Byrd purchased 160 acres at Ring, NW Randolph Co. AR from John and Hannah Canada of Lawrence Co. AR.

On June 1, 1870 William Carroll Byrd of Randolph County AR sells his remaining land back in Stewart County TN to his younger brother, George Wesley Byrd; this land was previously owned by his father John Wesley "Jack" Byrd and grandfather Shadrack Byrd. This land is then District No. 8 of Stewart County, is along Lick (now Byrd) Creek which flows into the Tennessee River. This document (Stewart County land deed, Roll 75, Book 25, pages 420-421) confirmed the familial origins of William Carroll Byrd to the Stewart County Byrds that lived along the Tennessee River since the early 1810s. See: <http://www.tngenweb.org/stewart/family/byrd.htm>

Probate court documents indicate that William Carroll Byrd died in Randolph Co. AR, sometime during 1875; like his first wife, Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd, the exact time, place, and burial site are also unknown at this time. He is not buried with his second wife, Chloe David Looney in the Yadkin Cemetery, Randolph County, Arkansas; speculations are that he is perhaps buried with his first wife, Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd somewhere in Southeast Missouri or Northeast Arkansas – sadly, no documentation has yet been discovered. It is hoped that this Byrd family history document may help historical and genealogical researchers in locating this information.

A possible image may exist for William Carroll Byrd and his second wife, Chloe Davis Looney [see Fig. 19] that might have been taken in Randolph County, Arkansas during the 1870s sometime before he died. Confirmed images for two of his children with Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd do exist for Martha Anne Byrd Looney (b. Mar. 4, 1855 – d. Nov. 17, 1942) and for her younger brother Andrew Jackson Byrd (b. Mar. 29, 1857 Pilot Knob, Iron Co. MO - d. Apr. 1, 1930, Morris Ranch, Gillespie Co. TX).

- by Kenneth E. Byrd, Indianapolis, IN<sup>1</sup> September 4, 2018

<sup>1</sup>great-great-grandson of William Carroll Byrd and Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd

*"To speak the name of the dead is to make them live again."*

(excerpt from the Ancient Egyptian "Book of The Dead")



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in District No. 101 Being in the County of Wayne State  
of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1850. Amos Smith Ass't Marshal

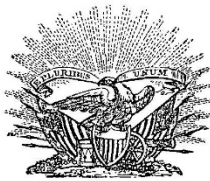
1	2	3	DESCRIPTION			7	8	9	10 11 12			13
			Age	Sex	Color							
		The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.				Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Males within the year. Attended School within the year. Females over 15 years of age who cannot read & write.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1		Martha A. Elings	29	f				N.C.		1		
2	119 126	Jacob W. Miller	77	m		Farmer	300	Pa				
3		Orina	34	f				Tenn		1		
4		Lane Humble	14	m				Mo				
5		James	4	m								
6	120 127	Nathan Montgomery	49	m		Farmer	500	Ky				
7		Rebecca	31	f				Mo				
8		Mary E.	18	f						1		
9		Lorena E.	7	f						1		
10		William R.	4	m								
11		Eliza M.	2	f								
12		John E.	28	m		Labourer		Ky				
13	121 128	Isaac Nichols	43	m		Farmer	250	N.C.				
14		Sarah	39	f				" "		1		
15		Isaac W.	14	m				" "		1		
16		David M.	13	m				" "		1		
17		Sarah E. L.	12	f				" "		1		
18		Martha E.	8	f				Ky		1		
19		Emily C.	6	f				"				
20		Felicia W.	5	f				"				
21		William L.	2	m				Mo				
22		John F.	1 1/2	m				"				
23	122 129	Joseph Crowley	34	m		Farmer	100	Ky				
24		Hannah	35	f				S.C.		1		
25		John	11	m				Ky		1		
26		Joseph	9	m				"				
27		Lashua	7	f				"				
28		Charles	4	m				"				
29		Benjamin F.	2 1/2	m				Mo				
30	123 130	William C. Byrd	34	m		Farmer	120	Tenn				
31		Margaret E.	21	f				"				
32		Alfred M.	3	m				"				
33		William C.	1	m				"				
34	124 131	John Chilton	25	m		Farmer	200	Mo		1		
35		Almuda	20	f				"		1		
36		William E.	1 1/2	m				"				
37	125 132	Robert P. Rapp	34	m		Farmer	150	"		1		
38		Rebecca	30	f				"		1		
39		Amelia E.	13	f				"				
40		William	10	m				"				
41		Charles G.	8	m				"				
42		Cynthia A.	6	f				"				

Figure 1 – Sept. 5, 1850 census for District 101 of then Wayne Co. MO; William Carroll Byrd and family listed on lines 30-33.

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Union Township in the County of Iron State 749  
 of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1860. W. C. Byrd Ass't Marshal  
 Post Office Brunot

Dwelling-houses— numbered in order of valuation.	Families numbered in order of valuation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year if of age whether male or female.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, lame, idiotic, pauper, or servant.
			Age.	Sex.	Color, White, or Negro.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	741	720 Anna J. Moore	18	F					Alabama	✓		
2	"	" Polly "	7	F					Missouri	✓		
3	"	" Abner P "	5	M					"	✓		
4	742	721 Solomon Gorman	60	M		Farmer	500	400	Virginia	✓		
5	"	" Nancy A "	36	F					"	✓		
6	"	" Susan "	14	F					Missouri	✓		
7	"	" Martha L "	18	F					"	✓		
8	"	" Harriette "	12	F					"	✓		
9	"	" Geo "	18	M					"	✓		
10	"	" Prudence "	7	F					"	✓		
11	"	" Malinda "	4	F					"	✓		
12	"	" Narcissa E "	2	F					"	✓		
13	"	" Julia Carter "	14	F					"	✓		
14	743	722 Goody Funk	35	M		Farmer	300	150	Germany	✓		
15	"	" Vilhannuah "	35	F					"	✓		
16	"	" Herman "	6	M					"	✓		
17	"	" Delolph "	5	F					"	✓		
18	"	" Adolph "	3	M					"	✓		
19	"	" Charles "	1	M					Missouri	✓		
20	744	723 Thompson Winn	31	M		Farmer		300	Missouri	✓		
21	"	" Sarah "	31	F					Missouri	✓		
22	"	" Rachel L "	10	F					"	✓		
23	"	" Andrew "	8	M					"	✓		
24	"	" David "	5	M					"	✓		
25	"	" Elizabeth "	3	F					"	✓		
26	"	" Mary J "	1	M					"	✓		
27	745	724 W. C. Byrd	44	M		Farmer	1600	800	Kentucky	✓		
28	"	" Margaret E "	30	F					"	✓		
29	"	" Alfred M. "	13	M					"	✓		
30	"	" William C. "	11	M					"	✓		
31	"	" Geo. W. "	9	M					Missouri	✓		
32	"	" David A. "	6	M					"	✓		
33	"	" Martha A. "	5	F					"	✓		
34	"	" Jackson "	3	M					"	✓		
35	"	" Louisa "	1 1/2	F					"	✓		
36	746	725 Mary Wallace	52	F			1800	800	Kentucky	✓		
37	"	" Geo "	24	M		Farmer			Missouri	✓		
38	"	" Geo "	22	M		"	500	100	"	✓		
39	"	" Cynthia M. "	16	F					"	✓		
40	747	726 William Wallace	38	M		Farmer		1300	Missouri	✓		
No. white males, 20 No. colored males, No. foreign born, No. blind,			4700			1850			No. idiotic, No. pauper, No. servant,			
No. white females, 20 No. colored females, No. deaf and dumb, No. insane,												

Figure 2 – July 16, 1860 census for Union Township, now Iron County MO, Brunot post office; William Carroll Byrd and family are listed on lines 27-35.



# The United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 35142, for 40 acres, issued in favor of Alexander D. Jackson, Private, Captain Holder's Company, North Carolina Militia, Mar 1812,

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South half of Lot number two, of the North East quarter, of Section six, in Township twenty nine, of Range five, East, in the District of Land subject to sale at Jackson, Missouri, containing fifty two acres, and forty four hundredths of an acre,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL: Which has been assigned to William C. Byrd,

Now know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said William C. Byrd, and to his heirs,

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said William C. Byrd, and to his

heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand, at the City of WASHINGTON, the second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-ninth,

BY THE PRESIDENT,

By H. E. Baldwin, atty. Sec'y.

J. A. Grainger, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Figure 3 – GLO Military Land Grant to Alexander Dameron Jackson assigned to his son-in-law William Carroll Byrd, Oct. 2, 1854.





MAR. 18, 1858

Know all men by these presents that we James Chilton and Mary Chilton (wife of the said James Chilton) of the County of Wayne in the State of Missouri in consideration of the sum of Five hundred Dollars to us paid which we do hereby acknowledge to have received of William C. Byrd of the County of Iron and State of Missouri do grant bargain sell and Convey unto the said William C. Byrd his heirs and assigns the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in the County of Iron and being the South east quarter of the South east quarter of Section No three and thirty acres of the north part of the north East quarter of the north east quarter of Section No ten in township No thirty North of range No four east in the district of lands subject to sale at Jackson Missouri Containing Seventy acres and held by Patent from the general Land Office at Washington City, DC also the north east <sup>quarter</sup> of the south East quarter of Section No three in township No thirty North of Range No four east containing forty acres and held by Certificate of entry at the Land Office at Jackson Missouri and for ourselves and our heirs do Covenant with the said William C. Byrd his heirs and assigns that we will warrant and defend the premises hereby Conveyed against the lawful Claims of all persons whomsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1858

Signes sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

John M. Cain

James Chilton  
mark

James Chilton Seal  
Mary Chilton Seal

State of Missouri  
County of Iron

Be it remembered that James Chilton and Mary Chilton his wife who are personally known to me to the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the said County to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within Deed as parties thereto this day appeared before me and acknowledged that they executed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and Deed for the use and purposes therein contained And the said Mary Chilton being by me made acquainted with the contents of said Deed acknowledged on an examination apart from her said husband that she executed the same relinquishes her dower in the real estate therein mentioned freely and without Compulsion or undue influences of her said husband.

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1858

D. W. Shaver Justice of  
the Peace

Filed and for record September 30<sup>th</sup> 1858 & recorded October 20<sup>th</sup> 1858

Attest John S. Edwards Clerk

By Joseph Huff Sec

Figure 5 – Mar. 18, 1858 land deed (Iron County Record Book A, page 551) from James and Mary Chilton to William Carroll Byrd; obtained from Iron County Courthouse by KEB September 1994.



**James and Mary Chilton to William C. Byrd** March 18, 1858

Iron County, Missouri Land Deed (Book Record A, p. 551)

Know all men by these presents that we, James Chilton and Mary Chilton (wife of the said James Chilton) of the County of Wayne in the State of Missouri, in Consideration of the sum of Five hundred Dollars to us paid which we do hereby acknowledge to have received of William C. Byrd of the County of Iron and State of Missouri do grant, bargain, sell, and Convey unto the said William C. Byrd, his heirs and apiges (?) the following described tract or parcels of land situated in the County of Iron and being the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section No. three and thirty acres of the North part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section No. ten in township No. thirty North of range No. four East in the district of lands subject to sale at Jackson, Missouri Containing Seventy acres and held by Patent from the general Land office at Washington City, DC, also the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section No. three in township No. thirty North of Range No. four East containing forty acres and held by Certificate of entry at the Land Office at Jackson, Missouri and for ourselves and our heirs do Covenant with the said William C. Byrd, his heirs and apignes that we will warrant and defend the premises hereby Conveyed against the lawful Claims of all persons whomsoever. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seal this 18th day of March A.D. 1858.

Figure 6a – transcription of Mar. 18, 1858 land deed (Iron County Record Book A, page 551) from James and Mary Chilton to William Carroll Byrd.



Signed sealed and delivered	}	<u>James Chilton</u>
in the presence of <u>John McCarn</u> ( <u>McCain?</u> )	}	X (his mark)
<signature>	}	<u>Mary Chilton</u>
<u>Isom</u> (?) <u>Chilton</u>	}	X (her mark)
X (his mark)		(seal)

Be it remembered that James Chilton and Mary Chilton his wife who are personally known to me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within And for the said County to be the persons whose names are Subscribed to the within Deed as parties thereto this day appeared before me and acknowledged that they executed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and Deed for the uses and purposes therein Contained, And the said Mary Chilton being by me made acquainted with the contents of said Deed acknowledged on an examination apart from her said husband that she executed the same, relinquishes her dower in the real estate therein mentioned freely and without Compulsion or undue influence of her said husband.

Given under my hand this 18th day of March, 1858

D. W. Shaver <signature>

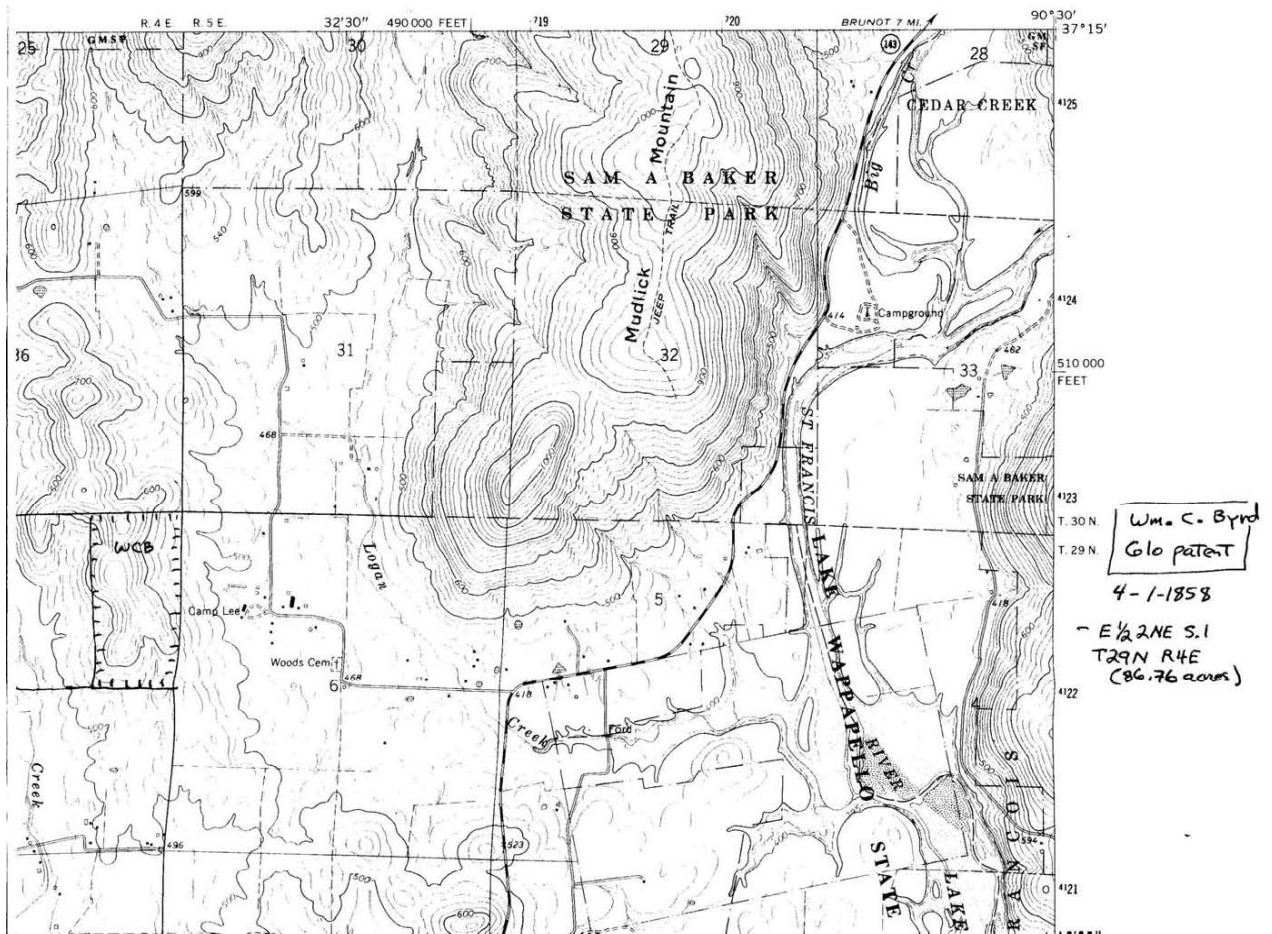
Justice of the Peace

Filed and for record September 30, 1858 and Recorded October 28th, 1858.

Attest. John F. T. Edwards Clerk <signature>

By Joseph Huff D.C. <signature>

Figure 6b – transcription of Mar. 18, 1858 land deed (Iron County Record Book A, page 551) from James and Mary Chilton to William Carroll Byrd.

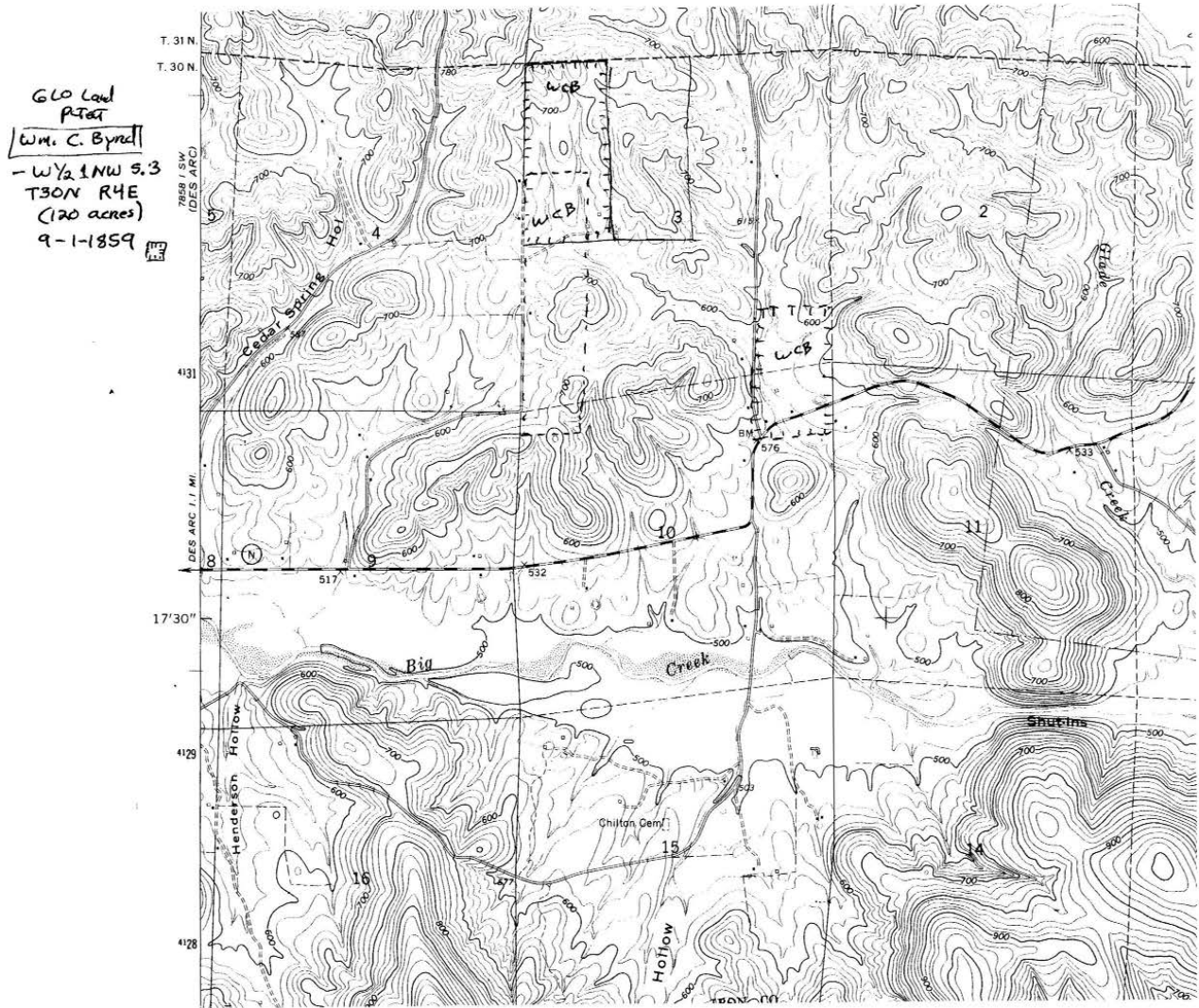


Wm. C. Byrd 1858 Wayne Co. MO land Patent\_Patterson 7.5 topo quad

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Figure 7 - GLO Land Office patent received by William Carroll Byrd on April 1, 1858 (86.76 acres). Land located near WSW of Mudlick Mountain, near modern-day Camp Lee and Woods Cemetery; shown here in USGS Patterson MO 7.5 topo quad.





Wm. C. Byrd 1859 Wayne Co. MO land Patent\_Bruno 7.5 topo quad

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Figure 8 - GLO Land Office patent received by William Carroll Byrd on Sept. 1, 1859 (120 acres). Land located North of Big Creek, West of Glade Creek, and NW of Shut-Ins, near Brunot; shown here in USGS Bruno MO 7.5 topo quad.

These all given by these presents, that we William C. Byrd and Margaret Eliza both  
 Byrd, the wife of the said William C. Byrd, of the County of Iron in the State  
 of Missouri, have this day for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred  
 and eighteen dollars to the said William C. Byrd in hand paid by  
 David W. Shaver of the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, the receipt  
 whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and  
 by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, unto the said David W.  
 Shaver, the following described tracts or parcels of land, situate and  
 being in the County of Iron, and State of Missouri and further known  
 as being the South west quarter of the South west quarter and the South  
 west quarter of the north west quarter of Section number three containing  
 an hundred and twenty acres, and thirty acres of the south part of  
 the north east quarter of the north east quarter of Section number ten,  
 and the South east quarter of the South east quarter of Section  
 number ten and the north east quarter of the north east quarter  
 of Section number ten containing eighty acres, and the north east  
 quarter of the South east quarter of Section number ten containing  
 forty acres, all lying and being in Township number thirty, North of  
 Range number four east, and containing in all one hundred and  
 seventy acres. Do have and to hold the premises hereby conveyed,  
 with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging,  
 or in any way appertaining, unto the said David W. Shaver his heirs and  
 assigns forever. And the said William C. Byrd, hereby covenants to and  
 with the said David W. Shaver his heirs and assigns, for himself, his  
 heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and defend the title  
 to the premises, hereby conveyed against the claim of every person what-  
 ever. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our  
 names, and affixed our seals, this seventh day of December one thousand  
 and eight hundred and sixty.

William C. Byrd  
 Margaret E. Byrd

State of Missouri,  
 County of Iron. Be it remembered that William C. Byrd and Margaret  
 Eliza both Byrd his wife who are personally known to the undersigned,  
 a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Iron, and State of  
 Missouri to be the persons, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed ap-  
 pertain thereto, this day appeared before me, and acknowledged that they  
 executed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses  
 and purposes therein contained and the said Margaret Elizabeth Byrd  
 being by me made acquainted with the contents of said deed, acknowledged  
 on examination apart from her said husband that she executed the  
 same, and relinquishes her dower in the real estate therein mentioned,  
 freely and without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband.

Given under my hand this 7th day of December 1860.  
 Albert Hoyer,  
 Justice of the Peace.

Filed January 31st A. D. 1861.  
 John F. Edwards Clerk  
 By the Iron County L. S.

Figure 9 – December 7, 1860 deed between William Carroll Byrd and wife  
 Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to David W. Shaver; Iron County MO land  
 deed, Record Book C, pages 441-442.



**William C. Byrd and Margaret Elisabeth Byrd to D.W. Shaver**

December 7, 1860

(Iron County, Missouri land deed, Book Record C pp. 441-442)

*Know all men by these presents that we, William C. Bird (sic) and Margaret Elisabeth Byrd (sic), the wife of the Said William C. Byrd (sic) of the County of Iron in the State of Missouri, have this day for and in Consideration of the Sum of two hundred and eighteen dollars to the Said William C. Byrd in hand paid by David W. Shaver of the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, and Sold, and by these presents - do grant, bargain and Sell unto the Said David W. Shaver, the following described tracts or parcels of Land, Situated and being in the County of Iron, and State of Missouri and further Known as being the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section number three Containing one hundred and twenty acres, and thirty acres of the South part of the Northeast quarter, of the Northeast quarter of Section number ten, and the Southeast quarter, of the Southeast quarter, of Section number three and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section number ten Containing eighty acres, the Southeast (?) quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section number three Containing forty acres, all lying and being in Township number thirty North of Range number four East, and containing in all one hundred and seventy acres. To have and to hold the premises hereby Conveyed, with all the rights, privileges*

Figure 10a – Transcription of December 7, 1860 deed between William Carroll Byrd and wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to David W. Shaver; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book C, pages 441-442.



and appurtenances as hereto belonging, or in any ways appertaining (sic) unto the Said David W. Shaver, his heirs and assigns forever. I, the Said William C. Byrd, hereby covenanting to and with the Said David W. Shaver, his heirs and assigns, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators to Warrant and defend the title to the premises, hereby Conveyed against the Claim of every person whatsoever. In Witness Whereof we have hereunto Subscribed our names and affixed our seals, this seventh day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and Sixty.

William C. Byrd {seal}

<signature>

Margaret E. Byrd {seal}

<signature>

State of Missouri }

County of Iron }

Be it remembered that William C. Byrd and Margaret Elisabeth Byrd, his wife, who are personally known to the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, to be the persons, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed as parties there to, this day appeared before me, and acknowledged that they executed and delivered the Same, as

Figure 10b – Transcription of December 7, 1860 deed between William Carroll Byrd and wife Margaret Elisabeth Jackson Byrd to David W. Shaver; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book C, pages 441-442.

their Voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes Therein Contained, and the Said Margaret Elizabeth (sic) Byrd, being by me made acquainted with the Contents of Said deed, acknowledged in an examination apart from her Said husband that She executed the Same, and relinquishes her dower in the real estate Therein mentioned, freely and without Compulsion or undue influence of her Said husband.

Given under my hand this 7th day  
of December 1860

Albert Floyd <signature>  
Justice of the Peace

Filed January 31st A.D. 1861

John F. T. Edwards Clerk  
<signature>

by Wm Nixon Gugery (?) D.C.  
<signature>

Figure 10c – Transcription of December 7, 1860 deed between William Carroll Byrd and wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to David W. Shaver; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book C, pages 441-442.



Known all men by these presents that we D W Shaver and  
 Elisabeth Shaver his wife of Iron County and State of  
 Missouri for divers good causes and Considerations therein  
 expressing especially for the sum of One dollar received  
 To our full satisfaction of William C Byrd of Iron County  
 and State of Missouri have remised released and for  
 ever quit Claimed and do by these presents for the sum  
 of One dollar fully and absolutely remise release and  
 forever quit Claim unto the said William C Byrd and  
 to his heirs and assigns forever all such right and  
 title as within said D W Shaver and Elisabeth Shaver  
 have or ought in or to the South West quarter of the South  
 West quarter and the South West quarter of the North West  
 quarter of section No three containing One hundred  
 and twenty acres and thirty acres of the North part  
 of the North part of the North East quarter of section No.  
 twelve and the South East quarter of the South East quarter  
 of section No ten and the South East quarter of the  
 South East quarter of section number three '3' and the  
 North East quarter of the North East quarter of section  
 number ten containing eighty acres and the North East  
 quarter of the South East quarter of section number three  
 '3' containing forty acres all being in Township No  
 Twelve North of Range four East  
 To have any to hold the premises aforesaid unto him  
 the said William C Byrd and his heirs and as-  
 signs forever so that neither we the said D W Shaver  
 and Elisabeth Shaver nor our heirs or any other person  
 for us or in our names and behalf shall or will be  
 or after Claim or demand any right or title to the prem-  
 ises or any part thereof but they and every of them  
 shall by these presents be excluded and forever barred  
 In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands  
 and seals this 23 day of March 1863  
 D W Shaver  
 Elisabeth Shaver

State of Missouri }  
 County of Iron } ss  
 Be it remembered that on this 23 day of March 1863  
 before me Homer F Bailey a Notary Public in and  
 for the County and State aforesaid personally app-  
 eared David W Shaver and Elisabeth his wife to me  
 personally known to be the persons whose names are  
 subscribed to the foregoing deed and acknowledged  
 that they executed the same for the purposes therein  
 mentioned and the said Elisabeth being by me  
 examined apart from her husband and made fully  
 acquainted with the contents of the foregoing deed  
 acknowledged that she executed the same (and also  
 signed the deed in the Real Estate therein mentioned)  
 freely and without fear compulsion or undue in-  
 fluence of her said husband  
 Witness my hand and the official seal of  
 my office this day and year first above written  
 Homer F Bailey  
 filed March 27 1864 and Recorded March 17 1864  
 attest David Campbell Clerk

Figure 11 – March 23, 1863 deed between David W. Shaver and wife Elisabeth Shaver to William Carroll Byrd; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 687-688.

D.W. Shaver and Elisabeth Shaver to William C. Byrd

March 23, 1863

(Iron County, Missouri land deed, Book Record D pp. 687-688)

Know all men by these presents that we, D.W. Shaver and Elisabeth Shaver, his wife, of Iron County and State of Missouri, for divers (sic) good causes and Considerations thereto receiving especially for the Sum of One Dollar received to our full satisfaction of William C. Byrd of Iron County and State of Missouri, have remised, released and forever quit claim and do by these presents for the Sum of One Dollar Justly and Absolutely remise, release, and forever quit Claim unto the said William C. Byrd and to his heirs and assigns forever all Such right and title as with (?) Said D.W. Shaver and Elisabeth Shaver have or ought (?) in or to the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section No. three Containing One hundred and twenty acres and thirty acres of the North part of the North part of the Northeast quarter of section No. twelve and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of section No. ten and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of section number three "3" (sic) and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of section number ten Containing eighty acres and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Number three "3" (sic) Containing forty acres all being in Township No. thirty, North of Range four East. To have and to hold the premises aforesaid unto him the said William C. Byrd and his heirs and

Figure 11a – Transcription of March 23, 1863 deed between David W. Shaver and wife Elisabeth Shaver to William Carroll Byrd; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 687-688.



assigns forever so that neither we the Said D.W. Shaver and Elisabeth Shaver nor our heirs or any other person for us or in our names and behalf Shall or will hereafter Claim or demand any right or title to the premises or any part Thereof but they and every of them Shall by these presents be excluded and forever baned (sic). In Witness whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals this 23 day of March 1863.

Revenue Stamp 50 c

D. W. Shaver {seal}

<signature>

Elisabeth Shaver {seal}

<signature>

State of Missouri }

County of Wayne\* } (\* "Wayne" is written over something)

Be it remembered that on this 23 day of March A.D. 1863 before me, Horace T. Bailey, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared David W. Shaver and Elisabeth, his wife, to me personally known to be the persons whose names are Subscribed to the foregoing Deed and Acknowledged that they executed the Same for the purposes therein mentioned, and the said Elisabeth, being by me examined apart from her Husband and made fully acquainted with the Contents of the foregoing Deed, acknowledged that she executed the Same and relinquished the dower in the Real Estate therein mentioned, freely and without fear, Compulsion or under influence of her said Husband. Witness my hand and the official seal of my office the day and year first above written.

Horace T. Baley (sic) {seal}

<signature>

Filed March 7th 1864 and Recorded March 17th 1864

Attest. David Humphreys Clerk

<signature>

Figure 11b – Transcription of March 23, 1863 deed between David W. Shaver and wife Elisabeth Shaver to William Carroll Byrd; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 687-688.

Know all men by these presents that the William  
 C. Byrd and Margaret C. Byrd his wife of the County  
 of Iron and State of Missouri have this day for and  
 in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and  
 seventy eight (\$278.00) Dollars to us in hand paid  
 by Charles M. Roberts of the County of Iron and State  
 of Missouri the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
 do hereby grant bargain sell and convey to the  
 said Charles M. Roberts the following described tracts  
 or parcels of Land lying and being in the co-  
 unty of Iron State of Missouri as follows to wit: The  
 North part of the North West quarter of the North West  
 quarter of section Number ten containing thirty (30)  
 Acres also the South East quarter of the South East  
 quarter and North East quarter of South East quar-  
 ter the North West quarter of the South West quarter  
 and the South West quarter of the North West quarter  
 of section Number three all in Township Number  
 thirty (30) North of Range Number four East (4)  
 Containing in all Two Hundred and thirty (230) acres  
 To have and to hold the same unto the said Charles  
 M. Roberts his heirs or assigns forever and the said  
 William C. Byrd and Margaret his wife does  
 further agree to warrant and defend the title to  
 the aforesaid described premises against the cl-  
 aims or Claims of all persons whatsoever  
 In Witness whereof we hereunto subscribe our names  
 and affix our seals this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A.D. 1863  
 Revenue Stamp 50 C. William C. Byrd  
 Margaret Elizabeth Byrd

State of Missouri } so  
 County of Iron }  
 Be it remembered that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March  
 A.D. 1863 before me Horace T. Bailey a Notary Public  
 in and for said County and State personally ap-  
 peared William C. Byrd and Margaret his wife  
 to me personally known to be the persons whose  
 names are subscribed to the foregoing deed  
 as parties thereto and acknowledged that they  
 executed the same for the purposes therein men-  
 tioned and the said Margaret being by me ex-  
 amined apart from her husband and made fully  
 acquainted with the contents of the foregoing ack-  
 nowledgement that she executed the same and  
 relinquished the dower in the real estate therein  
 mentioned fully and without force compulsion or  
 undue influence of her said husband

Witness my hand and the official seal  
 of my office this day and year first  
 above written  
 Horace T. Bailey  
 Notary Public  
 Filed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1864 & Recorded March 16<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Albet David Humphreys Recorder

Figure 12 – March 23, 1863 deed between William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to Charles M. Roberts; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 685-686.



William C. Byrd and Margaret E. Byrd to Charles M. Roberts

March 23, 1863

(Iron County, Missouri land deed, Book Record D pp. 685-686)

Know all men by these presents that We, William C. Byrd and Margaret E. Byrd, his wife, of the County of Iron and State of Missouri, have this day for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two Hundred and Seventy eight (278.00) Dollars to us in hand paid by Charles M. Roberts of the County of Iron and State of Missouri the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey to the Said Charles M. Roberts the following described tracts or Parcels of Land lying and being in the County of Iron, State of Missouri as follows. To Wit, the North part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of section Number ten containing thirty (30) acres, also the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter the Northwest quarter of Southwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Number three (3), all in Township Number 30 (30) North of Range Number four East (4), Containing in all Two Hundred and Thirty (230) acres to have and to hold the Same unto the said Charles M. Roberts, his heirs or assigns, forever and the said William C. Byrd and Margaret, his wife, does further agree to Warrant and defend the title to the afforesaid (sic) described premises against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof we hereunto Subscribe our names and affix our Seals

Figure 12a – Transcription of March 23, 1863 deed between William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Jackson Byrd to Charles M. Roberts; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 685-686.

this 23rd day of March A.D. 1863.

Revenue Stamp 50 c

William C. Byrd {seal}

<signature>

Margaret Elisabeth Byrd {seal}

<signature>

State of Missouri }

County of Wayne\* } (\*"Wayne" is written over something)

Be it remembered that on this 23d day of March A.D. 1863, before me, Horace T. Bailey, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared William C. Byrd and Margaret, his wife, to me personally Known to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed as parties thereto and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes Therein presented, and the said Margaret, being by me examined apart from her Husband and made fully acquainted with the Contents of the foregoing acknowledgement that she executed the same and relinquished the dower in the real estate therein mentioned, fully and without force, Compulsion or undue influence of her said Husband.

Witness My hand and the  
Official Seal of My office,  
the day and year first above  
written

Horace T. Bailey

<signature>

filed March 7, 1864 and Recorded March 16th 1864

Attest.

David Humphreys Recorder

<signature>

Figure 12b – Transcription of March 23, 1863 deed between William Carroll Byrd and his wife Margaret Elisabeth Jackson Byrd to Charles M. Roberts; Iron County MO land deed, Record Book D, pages 685-686.





(Confederate.)

*J* *Clardy's Battle Mo*  
*Wm. A. Jackson*  
*Pvt. B. Clardy's Battl. Mo*

Name appears on an  
**Oath of Allegiance**  
 to the United States, sworn to at Memphis, Tenn.,  
 May 30, 1865.

Date, *May 30*, 186*5*  
 Place of residence *Wayne Co. Mo*  
 Complexion *Fair*; hair *Dark*  
 Eyes *Grey*; height *6* ft. *1* in  
 Age *40*

Remarks:

Indorsement shows: "Report of Paroled prisoners of war  
 that have taken the oath to U. S. Govt."

Number of roll:  
**19;** sheet 1. *R. B. Duane*  
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Figure 14 – Compiled Service Record card for Private William Alexander Jackson, Captain Holme's Company B, Clardy's Battalion Missouri Cavalry. Notice the indicated Wayne County Missouri place of residence.



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Figure 16 – List of Lands and Lots in Iron County, Missouri for which taxes are due and unpaid for the year 1865. William Carroll Byrd land and unpaid taxes are highlighted for that year.



To Capt. John C. Kelton

Head Quarters Ironton Mo  
August 15th 1861

SIR:

I have to-day to note the arrival of two regiments of Infantry, Col. Lawlann<sup>1</sup> 7th Iowa Regt, and Col Thayer,<sup>2</sup> 1st Nebraska Regt. I have also ordered the 21st Regt Ill. Vols under Col Alexander, forward upon the Greenville road, and Col Fr Hecker (24th Ill. Vol) upon the Fredericktown road,—taking five days rations—with instructions to form a conjunction at Brunot.<sup>3</sup>

I expect to follow to-morrow,<sup>4</sup> with Artillery should any arrive;—a few companies of infantry, more provisions if means of transportation can be procured, otherwise I shall send teams back from Brunot or Greenville for additional rations.

I purchased to-day sixteen wagons and sixty eight mules, subject to the approval of Maj. Gen. Fremont.

These teams are well adapted for our use; more suitable and more efficient than those which we have heretofore employed or found in the service of this command. I shall to-morrow purchase five more wagons and twenty mules, on the same terms.<sup>5</sup> The teams which I have conditionally purchased five more was have been for some time, in the service of the government without charge, if now purchased, otherwise to receive compensation.

Requisitions were made upon Qr. Master McKinstry, some days since, for camp equipage, &c &c but as yet I have received nothing. At this time I have not a single tent for my headquarters, nor is there any stationery in the Qr. Masters Department. Several prisoners now in my charge, I shall at the earliest convenience, send to the Arsenal for with charges accompanying.<sup>6</sup>

Since writing the above a messenger has come in from a spy I have out, who reports the rebel force much greater than has heretofore been represented—from (25000 to 30000) twenty five to thirty thousand.

The spy mentioned is an officer in disguise. From representations made by the messenger the information which has caused them to retreat was obtained from a preacher of this place, who managed to get out of camp, and is now back again, without a pass. I have ordered his arrest and will have him sent to St Louis, if caught.

I shall move with the detachments of my command viz: the 21st and 24 (Ill Vols) regiments, towards Brunot, subject to any order from your Department, and will report as often as practicable

U. S. GRANT  
Brig. Gen. Com



(Excerpt from pages 113-114 in: *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*)

Figure 17 – Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant, commanding general in Ironton, and his order to move “towards Brunot”, August 15, 1861. Portrait and excerpt from *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*; see: [http://digital.library.msstate.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/USG\\_volume/id/16321/rec/2](http://digital.library.msstate.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/USG_volume/id/16321/rec/2) ).





Figure 18 – Cartoon by Robert O. Sweeney commenting on interactions between Union soldiers and pro-Southern civilians in Southwest Missouri during the Civil War. Image courtesy of The State Historical Society of Missouri – Columbia Research Center.



**Possible image of William Carroll Byrd and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Chloe Davis Looney (left); two of his children: Martha Anne Byrd Looney (middle) and Andrew Jackson Byrd (right).**

Figure 19 – Possible image of William Carroll Byrd and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Chloe Davis Looney (left) perhaps taken in Randolph County, Arkansas in the 1870s. Confirmed image of his daughter Martha Anne Byrd Looney (middle) taken in Randolph County, Arkansas perhaps in the 1890s. Confirmed image of his son Andrew Jackson Byrd and family (right) taken in Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas probably in the early 1900s. (William Carroll Byrd and Andrew Jackson Byrd images from collection of Mildred Mayme Byrd Jenkins; Martha Anne Byrd Looney image from collection of William A. Looney). See:  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21258814/cloah-looney>  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58218474/martha-ann-looney>  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/53463786/andrew-jackson-byrd>  
<http://www.argenweb.net/randolph/photos/family/ajbyrd.htm>