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**AFRICAN AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH IN NEW LONDON,**

**ANDREW HOLT, FREE MAN OF COLOR,**

**AND**

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

Compiled by Amelia A. Talley  
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**AFRICAN AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH IN NEW LONDON**

Dated 18 November 1851

Andrew Holt to William H. Horton, Octavius Austin, Thomas Stevens, William H. Wade, Thomas L. Austin, Thomas B. Farmer, and George L. Salmons

32 ½ feet on main street running back 40 ½ feet

about 1/22 acre

part of Lot No. 17

“Upon this special trust and confidence nevertheless, that they shall at all times and forever permit such Ministers and Preachers belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the General Conference of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Church or by the Annual Conference to preach and expound Gods (sic) Holy word therein: for the special, but not exclusive benefit of coloured people: Aupon (sic) this further Trust, that as often as any one of the trustees herein before mentioned shall die or cease to be a member of the said Church according to the rules and discipline thereof, then it shall be the duty of the Minister who shall have the pastoral charge of the members of the said Church to call a meeting of the remaining Trustees as soon as conveniently may be and when so met the said Minister shall proceed to nominate another to fill the place of him where office has been vacated as aforesaid, provided the person so nominated shall have been a member of the said Church one year immediately preceding such nomination, and be at least twenty one years of age: and the said Trustees so assembled shall proceed by a majority of votes to appoint one thus nominated to fill such vacancy in order to keep up the number of seven trustees forever and in case of an equal number of votes for an against said nomination, the said Minister shall have the casting vote. Provided nevertheless that if the said trustees or any of them, or their successors, shall advance any sum of money or shall be come uspossible (sic) for any sum of money on account of the said premises, and they be obliged to pay the said sum of money, they or a majority of them shall be fully authorized to raise the said sum of money by a mortgage on the premises or by selling the same, after notice given to the pastor who has oversight of the congregation attending divine worship on the said premises, if the money due be not paid to the said trustees within one year after such notice given: and if such

sale shall take place, the said trustees after paying the debt and other expenses which are due, from the money arising from such sale, shall deposit the balance of the money produced by the said sale in the hands of the Steward belonging to or attending divine worship on the said premises, which sum so deposited in the hands of the said Steward shall be at the disposal of the next Annual Conference authorized as aforesaid, which said Conference shall dispose of the said money according the best of their judgment for the use of the said society....”

Recorded 8 December 1851

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 28, p. 441-442*] aat

Dated 18 April 1933

New London Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and Appalachian Electric Power Company: an indenture

Trustees: Horace Fowler, Thomas D. Bigger, Andrew L. Fowler, Sam Swann, and Roy Fowler

Recorded 26 December 1933

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 165, p. 157-158*] aat

Lot 5 below at 501 Alum Springs Road is the site of New London Methodist Church, North.



### **ANDREW HOLT, FREE MAN OF COLOR**

For records on the chancery case of Thomas Lumpkin and Jesse Witt vs. Thomas Holt, see index number 1799-031 on the Bedford County chancery records index at the Library of Virginia at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>

Dated 14 February 1803

Calloway on M.<sup>o</sup> of the Pliff leave is given him to take the Depo.<sup>s</sup> of Thomas Holt in the state of Kentucky & to be taken before John Breckenridge William Irvine

John Shackelford Charles Lynch & Wm Haslett or any three of them        no  
proved  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 7, p. 234*] aat

For records on the chancery case of Thomas Holt vs. Joseph Holt and others,  
see index number 1804-016 on the Bedford County chancery records index at  
the Library of Virginia at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>

The 1810 Census, Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky, listed a Thomas Holt.  
No blacks were listed in the household.

The 1820 Census, South Side of Licking River, Harrison County, Kentucky, listed  
a Thomas Holt as head of household. Listed within the household with 4 male  
white males and 5 white females, were 1 free colored male under age 14, 2 free  
colored males aged 14-26, 1 free colored male aged 26-45, 1 free colored female  
age under 14, 1 free colored female aged 14-26, and 1 free colored female aged  
26-45.

Dated 21 June 1822  
James Steptoe to Andrew Holt, a free man of colour  
One negro (sic) boy named Andrew, the son of Judy  
\$150  
Recorded 12 August 1822  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 13, p. 411*] aat

Dated 16 October 1826  
George Whitlock to Andrew Holt  
4 lots lying in town of New London: Lots 23, 24, 26, and 27  
\$50  
Recorded 13 November 1826  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 15, p. 414*] aat

The 1830 Census, Eastern District, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Andrew Holt  
as head of household. Listed were 2 free colored males (age less than 10), 1 free  
colored male (age 36-55), and 1 free female (age 36-55).

Dated 2 May 1831  
James James to Andrew Holt  
Tract on Bold Branch of Buffalo Creek  
\$100  
41 acres  
Had been conveyed by James Hendrick, one of heirs of John Hendrick,  
deceased, to James James  
Recorded 31 December 1831  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 18, p. 332-333*] aat



upon being served by the sheriff with a copy of this order, enter into bond with good security, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, payable to the defendants in the said suit, and conditioned to have the said slaves Burwell and Dennis forthcoming to abide and be subject to each future order and decree as the court shall make in the said suit. (Signed) Danl. A. Wilson. 21st Dec. 1850.

Teste,

J. D. Alexander, C.

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Chancery Order Book, 1831-1850*, p. 463] aat

Dated 25 January 1851

Deed of trust

Andrew Holt indebted to Alexander Thompson for \$200 by bond dated 25 January 1851 and payable on 25 January 1853

In event of default, Jeremiah Yancey to sell tracts lots and household and kitchen furniture at auction

5 lots of land in town of New London: Lots Number 17, 23, 24, 26, and 27, each of which contains  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre and is length 316 <sup>23</sup> links by 158 <sup>115</sup> links in breadth

Recorded 27 January 1851

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 28*, p. 272] aat

Dated 17 January 1851

Andrew Holt to Auty W. Templin

\$100

Tract on waters of bold branch of Buffaloe (sic) Creek

41 acres

Had been conveyed by James Hendrick, one of heirs of John Hendrick, deceased, to James James, from which Holt conveyed it by deed of 2 May 1831 recorded 13 December 1831

Recorded 8 May 1851

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 28*, p. 344] aat

Dated 18 November 1851

Andrew Holt to William H. Horton, Octavius Austin, Thomas Stevens, William H. Wade, Thomas L. Austin, Thomas B. Farmer, and George L. Salmons

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Recorded 8 December 1851

[Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 28, p. 441-442] aat

Dated 25 October 1852

Andrew Holt

Plaintiff

against

Henry J. Stevens Robert B Stevens and Thomas

Stevens adms of Henry Stevens deceased

Defendant

This cause came on this day to be heard on the Bill answers exhibits and examination of witnesses and was argued by Counsel, on consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the slaves Burwell and Dennis were purchased by Henry Stevens for the plaintiff Andrew Holt, But that the said Henry Stevens had a lien upon the said slaves for purchase money doth adjudge order and decree that unless the plaintiff shall within sixty days after he shall have been served with a copy of this order, pay to the defendants the sum of \$690<sup>74</sup> with interest on \$555<sup>01</sup> a part thereof from the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831 till paid and an \$135<sup>73</sup> the residue thereof from the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831 till paid that he do deliver the slaves Burwell and Dennis to the sheriff of this County who is directed after advertising them in the manner in which property taken under “?i ?a” is directed to be advertised do sell in front of the Court House of this County and one of said slaves for Cash and if the sale of the said slave shall not produce enough to pay off the sums above mentioned and costs of sale and the deficiency shall not be





Dated 17 August 1858

John F. Teass, administrator of will of Andrew Holt deceased, to Sarah Jordan, a free woman of color for \$300

Tract in lower end of town of New London on north side of Lynchburg and Salem Turnpike and adjoining lands of Hannah Shavers, David F. Cloudis, and others

About 1 acre

Recorded 15 October 1858

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 31*, p. 348] aat

I was unable to find a death record for either Andrew, Juda, or Burwell.

Will of Andrew Holt

Dated 7 June 1851

“... my two coloured (sic) boys Dennis & Burwell, who are my children, and who were purchased by me at the sale of the property of Thomas Steptoe, under a deed of trust, shall immediately upon my death, be emancipated and set free by my executors... Thomas Steptoe and Robert Steptoe....”

Recorded August 1859

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 12*, p. 88-89] aat

Dated 10 October 1859

Ordered that Burwell Holt – a negro (sic) who was emancipated by the will of A. Holt – be registered as a free man of color

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 28*, p. 84] aat

Burwell Holt:

Age 42, 5' 7 ½", dark brown

A white speck in the left eye near the sight, scar on left arm near the elbow, and behind the last joint of the left forefinger, three scars on right about half way between knee and ankle

Emancipated by the will of Andrew Holt of record in Campbell County Clerk's Office

Ordered to be registered on 10 October 1859

[*Free Negro Register: 1802-1864*, Campbell County, Virginia] aat

The 1860 Census, Raccoon, Gallia County, Ohio, listed Berril Holt (age 43, black, and born in Virginia). Could this be Burwell?

The 1870 Census, Western Division, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Dennis Holt (age 63, black, born in Virginia, unable to read or write, and works on farm), Nancy Holt (age 59, black, born in Virginia, and keeping house), and Francis Holt (age 33, black, born in Virginia, female, and domestic servant).

The 1880 Census, Otter River, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Dennis Holt (age 65, black, born in Virginia as were his parents, widowed, servant, laborer, and residing in the residence of J. B. Leftwich.

### **Sarah Jordan, Free Black**

Sarah Jordan

Age 35, height 5' 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  ", black

Born free and a descendent of a female negro (sic) emancipated previous to 1 May 1806 in the county of Frederick

Ordered to be registered on 9 June 1851 and renewed 18 March 1859

[*Free Negro Register: 1802-1864*, Campbell County, Virginia] aat

Sarah Jordan was ordered to be registered as a free black.

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 26*, p. 299] aat

Dated 17 August 1858

John F. Teass, administrator of will of Andrew Holt deceased, to Sarah Jordan, a free woman of color for \$300

Tract in lower end of town of New London on north side of Lynchburg and Salem Turnpike and adjoining lands of Hannah Shavers, David F. Cloudis, and others

About 1 acre

Recorded 15 October 1858

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 31*, p. 348] aat

The 1860 Census, Western District, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Sarah R. Jordan (age 42, mulatto, unable to read or write, having real estate valued at \$500 and personal property at \$50) with children John (age 10, mulatto), Ella (age 6, mulatto), and Sarah (age 7/12, mulatto).

I was unable to find any record of Sarah conveying her 1 acre tract.

The 1870 Census, Eastern Division, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Sarah Jordan (age 46, mulatto, unable to read or write, and washer) and children John L. (age 17, mulatto, unable to read or write, and ostler), Nancy (age 12, mulatto, and attending school), and Susan (age 10, mulatto, and attending school).

The 1880 Census, Lynchburg, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Sarah Jordan (age 50, mulatto, widowed, and chambermaid), daughters Nancy (age 23, mulatto, and washer) and Susan (age 18, black, and chambermaid), and grandchildren John (age 4, mulatto) and Mary E. (age 1, mulatto).

### **Notes on Grantees Cited Above in *Deed Book 28*, p. 441-442**

The 1850 Census, Campbell County, Virginia, listed:  
Andrew Holt: age 77, black, and baker  
William H. Horton: age 50, white, and doctor  
Octavius Austin: age 20, white, and doctor  
Thomas Stevens: age 29, white, and farmer  
William H. Wade: age 28, white, and tailor  
Thomas L. Austin: age 27, white, and farmer  
Thomas C. Farmer: 35, white, and overseer  
George Sammons (sic): age 55, white, and farmer

Dated 11 February 1856  
Account of William H. Horton  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 11*, p. 391-392] aat

The 1860 Census, Western District, Campbell County, Virginia, listed:  
Thomas L. Austin: age 37, white, and farmer  
Thomas J. Stevens: age 37, white, and farmer  
Thomas C. Farmer: age 45, white, and farmer

Dated 20 August 1867  
Will of Thomas J. Stevens of New London  
Recorded 10 March 1868  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 11*, p. 531-532] aat

#### **Notes on Robert Love:**

Dated 10 June 1799  
Thomas Reid and wife Nancy to Robert Love  
Parcel of land  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in town of New London on main street and known in plan of town by No. \_\_\_\_ (sic)  
Recorded 10 June 1799  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 4*, p. 577] aat

Dated 12 August 1811  
Robert Love of town of New London to David I. Thompson  
Parcel lying on main street in town of New London bounded on west by lot of Amos Gore and on east by lot of John Reese and designated on plat of New London by No. x x x (sic) and containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre  
"Robert Love reserving for his own use ten feet square of the ground including the buriel (sic) place of his late spouse"  
Recorded 10 August 1812  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 9*, p. 486-487] aat

9 October 1818  
Robert Love of town of New London to David Campbell of Lynchburg

Tract on south side of road leading from New London to Lynchburg and adjoining land of John Reece  
10 acres  
Recorded November 1818  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, p. 577*] aat

21 November 1818  
Robert Love of New London to Calvin Loving of Lynchburg  
Two ½ acre lots in town of New London: one of which Robert Love now lives on and adjoining lot of A. Donald estate on west and opposite J. Rees lot; other lying on east of above described lot and adjoining it  
Both lots on south side of main street  
The tracts had been conveyed to Robert Love by Elizabeth Calloway on 8 January 1796 and recorded in District Court held at New London. [No record of this transaction was found in the order books in Campbell County.]  
Recorded 14 June 1819  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 12, p. 87*] aat

Dated 14 October 1822  
Robert Love was a tailor.  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 15, p. 58*] aat

Dated 29 January 1823  
Christopher Anthony of Lynchburg, Trustee, to Robert Love  
Calvin unable to repay loan. Anthony sold lot to Love at auction.  
Recorded 11 February 1823  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 13, p. 527-528*] aat

\_\_\_\_, in New London, on Thursday morning, the 4th inst. in the 73d year of his age, ROBERT LOVE, for many years past a most respectable citizen of that place. He was born in Kyulin, near Campbellton in North Briton, whence he emigrated to America, soon after the close of the revolution.

An honest man here lies at rest,  
As e'er God with his image blest.  
[*The Virginian, Lynchburg, Virginia, January 18, 1827, Thursday, p. 3, col. 4*] aat

Dated 12 February 1827  
James Hendrick was given leave to administer the estate of Robert Love, deceased  
[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 17, p. 173*] aat

### **Notes on Amos Gore:**

Dated 8 December 1800  
Amoz Gore was given leave to keep an ordinary at his house in New London

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Order Book 6*, p. 432] aat

The 1820 Census, Campbell County, Virginia, listed Amos Gore as head of household. Two in the household were engaged in manufacturing.

Dated 6 January 1842

Amos Gore of Franklin County to John H. Bailey of the town of New London  
Lot No. 16

Recorded 14 February 1842

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 24*, p. 120-121] aat

### **Notes of John Rees/ Reece:**

14 July 1806

Anthony Evins (sic) and wife Polly of New London to John Rees  
½ acre lot and houses lying on north side of main street in New London, No. 24  
Also two half acre lots adjoining front lot of No. 26 and 27

Recorded 14 July 1806

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 7*, p. 377-378] aat

Dated 13 December 1808

Robert Alexander, John Callaway, and James Callaway, trustees for the town of  
New London to John Reece

Lot No. 23 on plan of town recorded in Court of Bedford

Part of land that William Calloway granted to said trustees

Recorded 12 December 1808

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 8*, p. 391] aat

The 1810 Census, Campbell County, Virginia, listed John Rees as head of household.

Dated 10 January 1820

John Rees and wife Mary of Lynchburg to George Whitlocke with Cornelius  
Baldwin, Jr., as trustee

John Rees' deed of 1 September 1817 conveyed land to George Whitlocke in  
deed of trust and was recorded in Hustings Court in Lynchburg.

\$4,000

John Rees had ten acre of land lying near New London adjoining land of Robert  
Love, John Goodman, John Stevens, and Robert Snoddy

John Rees had been conveyed 10 acres by Anthony Evans and wife Sally Evans

Also three ½ acre lots in New London, lots No. 24, 26, and 27

Also John Reese had been conveyed lot No. 23 by trustees of the town of New  
London

Recorded 10 April 1820

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 12*, p. 347-349] aat

The 1850 Census, Lynchburg, Campbell County, Virginia, listed John Rees (age 75 and blacksmith with real estate valued at \$2,000).

**Notes on David F. Clowdis:**

The 1850 Census, Campbell County, Virginia, listed David Clowdis (age 42 and laborer with real estate valued at \$700) and his family. The residence was listed adjacent to that of Andrew Holt.

Dated 4 January 1854

Andrew Holt to David F. Clowdis, both of town of New London

\$35

Lot Number \_\_\_\_ (blank) and lying west of said Clowdis' own lot on which his blacksmith shop is situated

"Beginning at the S. W. corner of Clowdis' said lot, and running thence parallel with Kabler's line to Thompson's lot"

Recorded 10 September 1854

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 29*, p. 530] aat

Appraisal of estate of David F. Clowdis, deceased

"Pursuant to an order of ... Court... made at March term... 1859"

Recorded 9 May 1859

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 12*, p. 166] aat

Account of estate of David Clowdis

Recorded 14 July 1862

[*Campbell County, Virginia, Will Book 12*, p. 691-692] aat