

Beaufort County, N. C., List of Taxables, 1764

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Beaufort County, named for Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, was formed in 1712 from Pamptecough Precinct (1705) of old Bath County (1696). The county seat was originally Bath, incorporated in 1705, but later, in 1785, the county seat was moved to Washington.¹

The three oldest extant tax lists for Beaufort County, North Carolina, are those for 1755, 1764, and 1779. The 1755 list was published by William Perry Johnson in 1956 and the 1779 list by Plummer Alston Jones, Jr., in 1989. A different transcription of the 1764 list was published by the Eastern North Carolina Genealogical Society in 1986, but the version below is more literal.²

Beaufort County in 1764 included areas which were later annexed to Craven County in 1801 and Martin County in 1816, as well as the extreme southeastern portion which was taken in 1872, along with a portion of Craven County, to form Pamlico County.³ Researchers in the records of all of these counties will thus be interested in the 1764 tax list.

The original tax list is housed in the Archives, Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. The list is in good condition, with one minor tear, and, on the whole, legible, although the ink has faded. Physically, the document consists of twelve encapsulated sheets of paper, each 12½" x 4½", sewn together and covered with stiff paper to form a booklet. As both sides of each leaf were used for recording information, the resulting twelve leaves of the transcription are numbered in brackets [1-12] below for ease of reference.

Technically, the 1764 tax list is a poll tax list, no valuation of each taxpayer's property being given. The list is not divided into tax districts as many lists of this period were, but rather is a single alphabetical listing of taxables. According to the regulations in force at that time, the 1764 tax list records all white males, of sixteen years and upwards, and all blacks, male and female, freemen and slaves, of twelve years and upwards.⁴

There are three hundred seventeen separate household entries. For each household, the following information is noted in three columns: (a) Number of taxable whites, (b) number of taxable blacks, and (c) total of white and black taxables.

As indicated by the testifying signature of Wyriott Ormond, which appears on the second leaf of the document, it is apparent that the whole list is in Ormond's handwriting. The second leaf of the document also included addenda added after the tax list was completed as well as Ormond's calculation that there were seven hundred fifty-two taxable citizens, including three hundred fifty-five whites and three hundred ninety-seven blacks, in Beaufort County in 1764. A recalculation of the totals shows that there were at least seven hundred eighty citizens, including three hundred seventy-nine taxable whites. Eliminating the data torn from columns (b) and (c) of Reading Blount's entry on the third leaf of the document, there were at least four hundred one taxable blacks as well.

Many father-son relationships, including the first names of the sons, are indicated in the 1764 tax list. The entry for Bettey Powers on the tenth leaf of the document indicates that she had a daughter living with her, and some widowed female heads of households are identified by name. Some men and their wives were listed, but not taxable, presumably because of advanced age. The first names and sometimes the surnames of free blacks are also given.

Of all the extant tax lists for Beaufort County, the 1764 tax list is the richest treasure trove of genealogical data for proving relationships and indicating social and economic status within this eighteenth-century population.

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Beaufort
List of Taxables for the Year
1764

For the Secretary's Office

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North Carolina
Beaufort County

The following is a List of the Taxable
Persons in the County as
were Returned by the Respective
Justices for the Year 1764

Whites	354	Totals	731
Blacks	377		

Test

Wyriott ORMOND C.I.Ct.

James CALEF Sarah	1- 1- 2
18 Negroes belonging to A CALDOM	--18-18
Free Sarah to be added to Colb	
PALMERS List	-- 1- 1
	1-20-21

NB The Last above 21 were Given
in after the List was Completed

The whole amount
is 752

Wyriott ORMOND CICT

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List of Taxables 1764	Whites	Blacks	Total
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A

ADAMS James junr Wm James	2	2	4
ADAMS William	1	-	1
ADAMS James Senr	1	-	1
ADAMS Joseph	1	3	4
ARCHBELL Nathan & Son	2	-	2
ARCHBELL John	1	-	1
ADAMS William	1	-	1
ALDORSON Ann widow	1	4	5
ARNOL Thos	1	-	1
ARNOL James	1	-	1
ADAMS Wm & Son Isaac	2	-	2
ARNOLL William	1	-	1

B

BILLOAT Hillery & Son Ceasar	2	-	2
BOYD Thomas	1	-	1
BOYD Robert	1	6	7
BLAIR John	1	-	1
BAILEY David	1	-	1
BAILEY Henry	1	1	2
BLIN Peter	1	4	5
BROWN John & Son Thomas	2	-	2
BOYD Robert Junr	1	-	1
BOYD Wm & John BOWEN	2	-	2
BARROW John & Sons Samuel & John	3	10	13
BALCOM Jacobod	1	1	2
BOYD John, Thos CROFTON	2	6	8
BRICKILL James	1	1	2
BOUTWELL Samuel & Son Burtonhead & Richd GOODEN	3	-	3
BONNER James	1	4	5
BANES Richard	1	1	2
BROWN John Miles BARFIELD	2	-	2
BONNER Henry	1	2	3
BONNER Thos	1	7	8
BEASLEY Thomas	1	-	1
BROWN Jacob	1	-	1
BLOUNT Readg & Sons Readg Joseph Nathaniel	4	[Torn]	[Torn]

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BLOUNT John & Sons Jacob Churchill	3	2	5
BOND Sarah widow	-	5	5
BROOKES William	1	1	2
Blango Sarah Free Negro	-	2	2
BONNER Thos junr Saml COOK	2	6	8
BOND Richard	1	-	1
BOND John	1	1	2
BOND Robert	1	3	4
BOND James	1	1	2
BROWN Dorothy widow	-	3	3

C

CAILA Peter John JONES	2	2	4
CLEMENT Thomas	1	1	2
CUSTIS Handcock	1	3	4
CONE Joseph	1	-	1
CAMPBELL James	1	1	2
CONE Peter & Son John	2	-	2
CLARK Joseph & Son John	2	-	2
CROFTON Theophilus	1	-	1
CUTLER Robert & Son Robt	2	-	2
CORPEW Samuel	1	4	5
CHESTER John	1	-	1
CHERRY John	1	2	3
COOPER James	1	-	1
CHAUNCEY Jemimah widow	-	2	2
CLIFFORD James Wm CROFTON	2	-	2
CONGLETON James Jas WILKINS	2	-	2
CAPPS Thos & Son Wm	2	-	2
CAMPEN Sarah widow	-	9	9
CARY Andrew	1	-	1
CAMPEN John	1	-	1
CAMPEN Joram Geo SPRINGLE	2	3	5

CLARK Edward	1	-	1
CLARK John	1	-	1
CAMPEN Joseph	1	-	1
CRICKMAN William	1	-	1
CONNER Isaac	1	-	1
CHADWICK John	1	-	1
CORTIS [?] [Torn] Eli	1	-	1

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CLARK John	1	-	1
CARRAWAY Wm	1	2	3
CORTIS Richd & Son James	2	-	2
CAPPS John	1	-	1
CAMPEN Thomas Henry HANDCOK	2	3	5
CLARK William	1	-	1
COX Solomon	1	-	1

D

DIXON Thomas junr	1	-	1
DIXON Wm junr	1	-	1
DIXON Wm & Son James	2	-	2
DESDON Jacob	1	-	1
DICKINSON John	1	-	1
DIXON Walter	1	-	1
DUNBAR Samuel	1	2	3
DAW Nicholas	1	-	1
DAW Wm John BELL	2	1	3
DOWTEY Elisha	1	1	2
DUNBAR Elizabeth widow	-	6	6
DRIGGOTT John & Wife	-	2	2
DAVIS Samuel	1	-	1
DEEL John	1	-	1
DEEL Adam	1	-	1
DIXON Benjamin	1	-	1
DAW Dinah widow	-	1	1
DAW John	1	-	1
DIXON Thomas	1	1	2
DIXON Choswell	1	-	1
DIXON John	1	-	1
DIXON Draper	1	-	1

E

EDWARDS Joseph	1	-	1
EDWARDS Benjamin	1	-	1
EDWARDS William	1	-	1
ELLISON Aldorson	1	2	3
ELLIOTT Peter	1	-	1
EBORN Elisha	1	1	2
ELLIWOOD John, Francis & Jacob ELLIWOOD	3	-	3

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EVITT Walter	1	-	1
EDWARDS James & Ambrose	2	-	2
ECKLIN Charles & Sons Christopher & Chas	3	1	4
ECKOLS James	1	-	1
EVERITT Henry & Sons Henry Francis James & Robt	5	-	5

F

FULLERTON Andrew	1	3	4
FREEMAN John	1	-	1

FATHERREE Hillery	1	-	1
FATHERREE Benjamin	1	-	1
FLOYD Peter	1	6	7
FLANNAKIN Richard	1	2	3
FATHERREE William	1	-	1

G

GARRETT John	1	-	1
GARRETT John Junr	1	-	1
GUTEN Joseph	1	1	2
GERKIN Benjamin	1	-	1
GRIFFIN John Henry and David CONGLETON	3	3	6
GARRETT Daniel	1	1	2
GIDDINS Jacob, Constable John NEVIL	1	1	2
GILBERT Francis	1	-	1
GARRETT John	1	-	1

H

HAMILTON John	1	-	1
HALES Wm	1	-	1
HENRY William	1	1	2
HAWKINS Benjamin & Son	2	-	2
HAWKINS William	1	-	1
HILBORN John	1	-	1
HARVEY John	1	-	1
HARE Moses	1	5	6
HERRINGTON Jacob	1	-	1
HILL Harmon Adam BARTHOLOMEW	2	3	5

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HARVEY James	1	-	1
HARVEY Thomas	1	-	1
HADDER Warrin	1	-	1
HERRINGTON John	1	-	1
HERRINGTON Charles	1	-	1
HODGISON James	1	-	1
HARRISON John	1	-	1
HANDCOK William	1	-	1
HANTON John	1	-	1
HARRIS Jacob	1	-	1
HALL Samuel	1	-	1
HALTON Jessey & Son Jessey	2	-	2

J

JONES Walter	1	-	1
JONES William	1	-	1
JEWILL Thomas	1	2	3
JONES Walter	1	-	1
JONES Thos & Thos LAWSON	2	-	2
JONES Thomas	1	-	1
JONES John	1	-	1
JONES David	1	-	1
JONES James	1	-	1
JONES Ann widow	-	1	1
JOHNSTON Abraham & Wife	-	2	2
JOHNSTON Jessey & Wife	-	2	2
JOHNSTON Wm & Wife	-	2	2
JONES Francis	1	4	5
John & Rachael free Negro's	-	2	2

K

KEE Thomas	1	-	1
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KITTERLIN Absolom	1	-	1
L			
LANGLEY Azaniah	1	-	1
LANGLEY Stephn	1	-	1
LATHAM Phenias	1	2	3
LEWIS John & Son Wm	-	2	2
LOURTON John Thos WORSLEY	2	2	4
LUCAS Samuel	1	3	4
LOCKEY Henry Abs NEVIL	2	5	7

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LEACH John	1	-	1
LEE Levin	1	-	1
LEE John	1	-	1

M

McKEEL John	1	-	1
McMAHON Bryan	1	1	2
MILLER Nicholas	1	4	5
McKEEL Edmond	1	-	1
McDUNNUCK Andrew	1	-	1
McKEEL John	1	-	1
MARTIN Lodwick & Sons Solomon Richd William	4	-	4
MARTIN William	1	1	2
MEGOWN George	1	-	1
McINTOSH Wm	1	-	1
MAUL John	1	11	12
MANER Christr	1	-	1
MOORE Kesiah John Jas & Penellipy free Negroes	-	4	4
MAYO John Henry	2	-	2
MAYO Thomas	1	-	1
MUCKELROY Adam	-	1	1
MUCKELROY James & Son	-	2	2
MUCKELROY Thos & Son	-	2	2
MUCKELROY James & Son	-	2	2
MILLER Nathan & Son Able	2	-	2
MIXON John	1	-	1
MESSINGER John	1	-	1

N

NEWMAN Richard	1	1	2
NEWMAN John Denis CONDRA	2	2	4
NOBLE Mark	1	2	3
NEWALL Samuel	1	-	1
NEVIL Moses	1	-	1

O

ORMOND Wyrriott, Henry ORMOND	2	5	7
ORMOND Wm	1	1	2
ODEON Richard	1	1	2
ORMOND Roger	1	5	6

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ODEON Eliz widow	-	3	3
OMERY Richard	1	-	1
OWENS Branack	1	-	1

P

PALMER Robert, Robt NEWAL			
Peter JOHNSTON Abraham TRUITT			
John CROSLY	5	23	28
PRICE Wm	1	1	2
PRICE Wm Junr	1	-	1
PRICE Wm	1	-	1
PAUL Jacob	1	-	1
PECO Daniel	1	-	1
PRICE John	1	-	1
PAUL Ann widow	-	1	1
PERKINS William	1	-	1
PILLEY Thos	1	-	1
PILLEY John	1	-	1
PUTNELL John	1	1	2
POYNER Edmond & Son James	2	-	2
PHILLIPS William	1	-	1
PUSSIL James	1	-	1
PEARCE Thos Heseiah PEARCE	2	2	4
PEARCE Joshua	1	2	3
PEARCE Rachael widow Joshua PEARCE	1	4	5
PRESCOTT Charles	1	-	1
PRESCOTT John Junr Jacob JONES	2	1	3
PRITCHITT Phillip	1	5	6
POOLE Moses Levin STANFORD	2	1	3
PRITCHITT Joshua	1	3	4
PHILLIPS Michl	1	1	2
PRITCHITT James	1	2	3
PURSER James	1	-	1
PRITCHITT Simon	1	-	1
PRESCOTT Moses	1	-	1
PRITCHITT Peter	1	1	2
PARDUE John & Sons Wm & Jas	3	-	3
PURSER Richd & Son Robt	2	-	2
PEYTON William	1	3	4
PRESCOTT Charles	1	-	1

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POWERS Bettey & Daughter	-	2	2
PURSER Robert	1	-	1

R

ROOKES James	1	-	1
RESPESS Thos & Son Chrstr			
Simon ALDORSON	3	8	11
ROBINSON Edward	1	-	1
ROBINSON John	1	-	1
ROE John	1	1	2
ROE Joshua Richd HARVEY	2	-	2
ROWLAND Robert & Son John	2	-	2
ROE Sarah widow	-	7	7
RIGGS John & Son James	2	-	2

S

SEXTON John	1	-	1
SMITH Jervis	1	-	1
SMITH George	1	-	1
SMAW John	1	2	3
SQUIRES Appleton	1	-	1
SMITH An Benj WILKINS	2	-	2
SMITH James	1	-	1
STEWART Alexander	1	19	20
SIMON William	1	1	2

SIMON Thos	1	1	2
SLADE Ann widow	-	2	2
SPRINGL Wm	1	3	4
SPRING Aaron	1	-	1
STRAUGHAN Thos Richd HOLTON	2	-	2
STEWART George	1	-	1

T

TRUITT Lodwick	1	-	1
THOMAS Lewis	1	-	1
TAYLOR Samuel	1	5	6
THOMPSON John	1	-	1
THOMPSON Samuel	1	-	1
TAUNT Wm	1	-	1
TRIPPE Robert	1	-	1
TRIPPE Wm	1	7	8

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TINDALL John & Son	2	2	4
TOOLEY Adam	1	-	1
TRIPPE John & Sons, Wm, Jno, Henry	4	3	7
TRIPPE Nevill Exempt	-	3	3
TAYLOR John	1	-	1

V

VINES Wm Ambrose CROFTON	2	-	2
VINES Samuel & Son Wm	3	3	6
VOSS Thos & Son James	2	-	2

W

WALER James	1	1	2
WOOLARD Michael	1	-	1
WALKER Thos & Sons Jno, Daniel	3	-	3
WILLSON Lemuel	1	12	13
WILIT Matthew & Son Wm	2	-	2
WORSLEY Stephen	1	-	1
WINDLEY Israel	1	-	1
WINDLEY Aaron	1	-	1
WATERS John	1	-	1
WATERS Amos	1	-	1
WHITE Jacob	1	-	1
WOOLARD Absolom	1	1	2
WHEATLEY Arthur J SIMONS	2	-	2
WORSLEY Wm Perry TIPPIN	2	-	2
WOOLARD Martin	1	-	1
WOODWARD John Jno BROWN	2	4	6
WARWICK John	1	5	6
WOOLARD Benjamin	1	-	1
WOOLARD John	1	-	1
WAGONER Susannah widow	-	3	3
WILLSON Samuel	1	-	1
WALKER George Wm WINFIELD	2	1	3
WILLIAMS Robert	1	-	1
WALLIS Wm	1	2	3
WARNER Richard	1	-	1
WALLIS John	1	3	4
WILLIAMS David	1	-	1
WUGH Joseph	1	-	1
WEBB Charles	1	-	1

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