



## **Thomas B. Hash Mill**

### *On Big Fox Creek*

One of the corner stones of the development of the early frontier settlements was the water powered mills located on the streams of Grayson County, Virginia. In the days of a society based on the strength and durability of horses, a cheap source of power was exploited by hardy settlers who chose a homestead site by the availability of running water. Fresh water was a priority but a fast running stream was an economic boon to a rapidly expanding settlement.

At first, settlers were not able to pick a site and develop that area to its full value. The Indians were a constant threat to their very lives. More common and more deadly was disease that killed the weak and elderly. Some disease didn't care about age or fitness. Early settlers died from simple things such as measles, smallpox, infections, childbirth, and many other illnesses that are controlled today by medicines we take for granted. The lives of our forefathers were a constant struggle just to stay alive and be able to raise a family. Little time was available to develop trades beyond the basic skills needed to survive.

However, as the volatility of the area calmed, the industrious families started looking for an easier way to live and provide the shelter and basic needs for their families and neighbors. By the first part of the 1800's, some trades evolved towards community support. Locals found that they had some time to spend on building a trade that would not only fill their own needs but those needs of neighbors.

As these trades started expanding in Grayson County, areas began being known by those trades. An example was the streams of the area. Although most were named early on, some creeks and streams were simple designated by the type of trade it supported.

Many creeks and streams were mill streams or had mill dams and locals called them by what they represented.

One such stream was Fox Creek. Most old local maps called this stream Big Fox Creek, Middle Fox Creek and Little Fox Creek. This stream runs north to south on the north side of New River. Its mouth is located between Bridle Creek to the east and Wilson Creek to the west. This stream carried a large volume of water into the New River. As the stream continues north, the volume dwindles as the stream narrows and branches out into smaller feeders.

In the area just north of New River, the Fox Creek is a vigorous and fast running example of Mother Nature's power. The Fox Creek flowed so hardy that few

could ford the creek near the New River. Halsey Ford was later located on the Fox Creek near its mouth.

When settlements began in the Appalachian Mountain regions, native timber was the only source of materials for homes, farm buildings, and many other needs. Axes were the basic tools used to transform a tree trunk into a timber used in a log home or structure. Many such structures were built by the sweat of a man's bough and the strength of his back.

In addition to wood, some crops required extra labor to make them as useable as they could be. Corn and grains were very common crops raised by these struggling families. These grains required grinding and much effort was used to perform this task.

Early efforts to find an easier way to do these chores was in the form of water powered mills. First came the grist mills that ground flour into food items for the settlers and for their livestock. Many farmers living near a good running stream attempted to harness the flow of water in these streams by damming the stream and, with the use of water wheels, they could use the power of the running water to turn machinery that was geared to other various types of machinery.

Thomas B. Hash was one of these hardy millers who developed a trade on the Fox Creek. A grist mill was established about 2 miles upstream from New River and was known as the Hash Mill. Probably built around the time of the Civil War, this mill was a grist mill and served the locals well.

The Hash family was well established in the area as "ol" John Hash had been one of the original settlers on the New River in Fincastle County.

Virginia was going through many changes and this territory was originally Fincastle County. In 1793, Fincastle County was abolished and this area on the river became Montgomery County.

Fincastle County was a large territory and its county seat was in Newbern, Va. Many of the papers that have been saved from that early period have come from the old files stored continuously in the courthouse in Newbern.

When Grayson County was established, the seat was to become Independence, Va. Beginning in 1793, the records would be stored in the courthouse vaults of the courthouse. Grayson County has an area of 500 square miles.

"ol" John Hash came into the New River area around 1765. Prior to that time, the area was very hostile to settlers – the local Indians were trying to protect their hunting grounds and had run several earlier individuals from the river area before they could establish permanent settlements. Andrew Baker had claimed land on the

New River around 1754 but had been forced out by Indians. He later returned around 1765 with families of Hash, Cox, and Osborne to resettle lands abandoned earlier.

The Hash, Cox, and Osborne families were from the area of Upper Dublin and Whitemarsh, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Land and tax records show these families in this area and later records indicate these families intermarrying to form a diversified settlement in the new frontier of the New River.

Records indicate that as these families migrated down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, “ol” John Hash’s first born son, John—by his first wife- stopped off in Shenandoah County and settled there. 1785 tax records list a John Hash in Shenandoah County.

“ol” John’s family that settled on the New River included his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, probably Elizabeth Sturgill, and several children by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife. Records show that a John, James, and William Hash were in the area. “ol” John and James probably were brothers and William probably was “ol” John’s son.

“ol” John and Elizabeth Hash settled at the mouth of Bridle Creek on New River. This family lived on these lands several years before the land was surveyed in December of 1773. His 250 acre land survey included land on both sides of Bridle Creek and bordering the New River.

Most early land grants were for military service and records show local groups of militia and their members including members of the Hash family.

Soon descendants of this “ol” John Hash settled all of the land north of New River several miles up Bridle Creek to its beginning. Within two generations those lands also included most of the lands from New River up the Fox Creek.

“ol” John’s son, William Hash, was granted 430 acres up the Bridle Creek near Buck Mountain at its beginning.

William and his wife, Eleanor Osborne, bore at least 6 children in the area. One son, John Hash II, was raised on Bridle Creek and married Rebecca Anderson around 1793.

This John Hash II and Rebecca had at least 10 children, one of which was a son – Allen C. Hash. He was born September 13, 1803 near Flatridge, VA (not far from his grandparents’ home at Buck Mountain).

This Allen C. Hash married Elizabeth Rutherford on June 1, 1826. Elizabeth was born August 16, 1807 in Grayson County. Her parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Rutherford. According to census records, Elizabeth and Allen Hash had 11 children- five sons and six daughters.

### Family Group Sheet for Allen C. Hash Sr.

<b>Husband:</b>		Allen C. Hash Sr.
	Birth:	13 Sep 1804 in Near Flatridge, VA
	Marriage:	01 Jun 1826
	Death:	21 Feb 1869 in Fox Creek , Va
	Burial:	body @ Allen Hash Cemetery
	Father:	John Hash II
	Mother:	Rebecca Anderson II
<b>Wife:</b>		Elizabeth Ann Rutherford
	Birth:	16 Aug 1807 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	06 Nov 1869 in Fox Creek , Va
	Name:	Polly Elizabeth Rutherford
	Burial:	body @ Allen Hash Cemetery
	Father:	Thomas Rutherford II
	Mother:	Elizabeth
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	Nellie Hash
F	Birth:	25 Feb 1825 in Va.
	Marriage:	1847 in Ashe Ct., NC
	Death:	29 Mar 1909
	Spouse:	Joshua Ward
2	Name:	Rosamond Hash
F	Birth:	05 Mar 1827 in Grayson, Co., Va.
	Marriage:	10 Apr 1848 in Ashe County, NC
	Death:	30 Nov 1881
	Burial:	Jesse Cox Family Cemetery
	Spouse:	Jesse Cox
3	Name:	Lewis Bryant Hash
M	Birth:	27 Jul 1828 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Marriage:	12 Jul 1850 in Ashe Co., NC
	Death:	11 Mar 1915 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Prnitive Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Mary Halsey
4	Name:	Jestine Hash
F	Birth:	1830
	Marriage:	05 Dec 1850 in Ashe Ct., NC
	Death:	1902
	Spouse:	Churchwell Harvey Anderson
5	Name:	John C. Hash
M	Birth:	28 Jul 1832
	Death:	19 May 1904
	Burial:	Fox Creek Primate Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Rosamond Anderson
6	Name:	female Hash
F	Birth:	Bet. 1835-1840
	Death:	Bet. 1840-1850
	Burial:	census records show 11 kids -- 5 m, 6 f
7	Name:	Thomas B. Hash
M	Birth:	19 Jul 1836
	Death:	25 May 1915
	Burial:	Thomas Hash Cemetery, Fox
	Marriage:	Grayson Co.
	Spouse:	Malinda M. Brewer
8	Name:	Elizabeth Jane Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1838
	Marriage:	26 Oct 1854 in Ashe County, NC
	Spouse:	Lorenzo Garfield Thomas
9	Name:	Rebecca A. Hash
F	Birth:	27 Dec 1841
	Death:	27 May 1929
	Burial:	William C. Halsey Family Cemetery
	Spouse:	William Cecil Halsey
10	Name:	Allen C. Hash Jr.
M	Birth:	09 Jun 1842 in VA
	Marriage:	04 Feb 1866 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	01 Jul 1906
	Burial:	Youngs Chapel, Mouth of Wilson
	Spouse:	Sarah Jane Perkins
11	Name:	Jackson Hash
M	Birth:	Abt. 1844
	Death:	Bef. 1850



*House that Allen built about 1833*



*View from the cemetery backside*



Allen Hash owned at least one slave.

One of Allen Hash's first land acquisitions was 60 acres of land transferred to Allen in 1833. Allen's father, John Hash, sold to Allen this tract of 60 acres on March 15, 1833 for a sum of \$ 250.00. This 60 acre tract was purchased by John Hash from David Cornett who had purchased the same tract from William Sparks. William Sparks had purchased this tract from James Cordell in 1796.

This original 60 acre tract remained intact from its first grant to James Cordell to Allen Hash in 1833.

This tract transferred to Allen Hash in 1833 contained the old log home place that served as the home of Paul Trachy until about 2010. It is widely assumed that this log structure was the home of Allen Hash, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth. The last of their children were probably born in this house -- Thomas, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Allen, Jr.



*Old Allen Hash log home - view from the cemetery hill 2004.*

Allen Hash, Sr. became a large land owner in the Fox Creek area and at the time of his death in 1869, he owned most of the land from the mouth of Fox Creek to above the old T.B. Hash Mill and east encompassing the Fox Cemetery and most of the land north of Rt. 58 for about 1 mile east of the mouth of the Fox Creek. Records show at least nearly 500 acres of adjoining lands.

Family members have told that Allen, Sr. was mostly a farmer and that he had lived in the log home most of his later years and that he had died there. Allen was

buried directly above his home on a knoll that overlooks a large portion of the Fox Creek valley.

The first graves on this knoll were surely one son, Jackson, and an unknown daughter. Both died before 1850 as young children. Allen Hash, Sr. died February 21, 1869. He was 65 y, 5 m, and 8 d old. Polly Ann Rutherford Hash died November 8, 1869. She was 62 y, 2 m, and 22 d old. In the following year, two more graves were added to this small knoll - Lee Melvin Hash, b. March 18, 1865, d. August 27, 1867 and Allen Marion Hash, b. December 13, 1855, d. September 1, 1867. These two small boys were sons of John C. Hash and grandsons of Allen Hash, Sr. There should be a least 6 graves on this hill top.

This small Hash Cemetery located above the old log home of Paul Trachy is a clean knoll today. There is little evidence of there ever being a cemetery on this site. The only positive markers are the daffodils that bloom in the spring at the graves of Allen and his family.



*Daffodils are the only reminder of the location of the Allen Hash Cemetery sitting high on the hill beside the old log home. Photo 2004.*

After this land was seized out of control of descendants of Allen Hash, Sr. in 1966, the fences and gate to the cemetery were allowed to crumble into the ground. Although not abandoned completely, the site was left unattended over the years. Around 1990, two of Allen's family elected to move the headstones from their original posts to be relocated in the nearby Fox Cemetery.



Virginia McMillan Porter and her cousin Kelly Hash moved three headstones from the knoll to the Fox Cemetery. Virginia and Kelly placed the stones adjacent to the headstone of Lewis Bryant Hash.



*Markers moved from the Allen Hash Cemetery to the Fox Creek Cemetery. Three stones were placed between the headstones of Lewis (s/o Allen) and Mary Halsey Hash. The 2 children are grandchildren of Allen Hash and Elizabeth Rutherford. Elizabeth's stone was lost. The bodies of at least 6 souls remain in the Allen Hash Cemetery.*

Virginia is a daughter of Manley E. and Rosa Eudora Hash McMillan, Dora is a daughter of Lewis Bryant Hash, and Lewis is a son of Allen Hash, Sr. Virginia is a wife of Dr. Walter Porter of Galax, VA. Both Virginia and her husband are buried in the Felts Cemetery in Galax.

Manley and Dora McMillan, the parents of Virginia Porter, owned the tract of land containing the old log house and cemetery from 1915 to 1921.

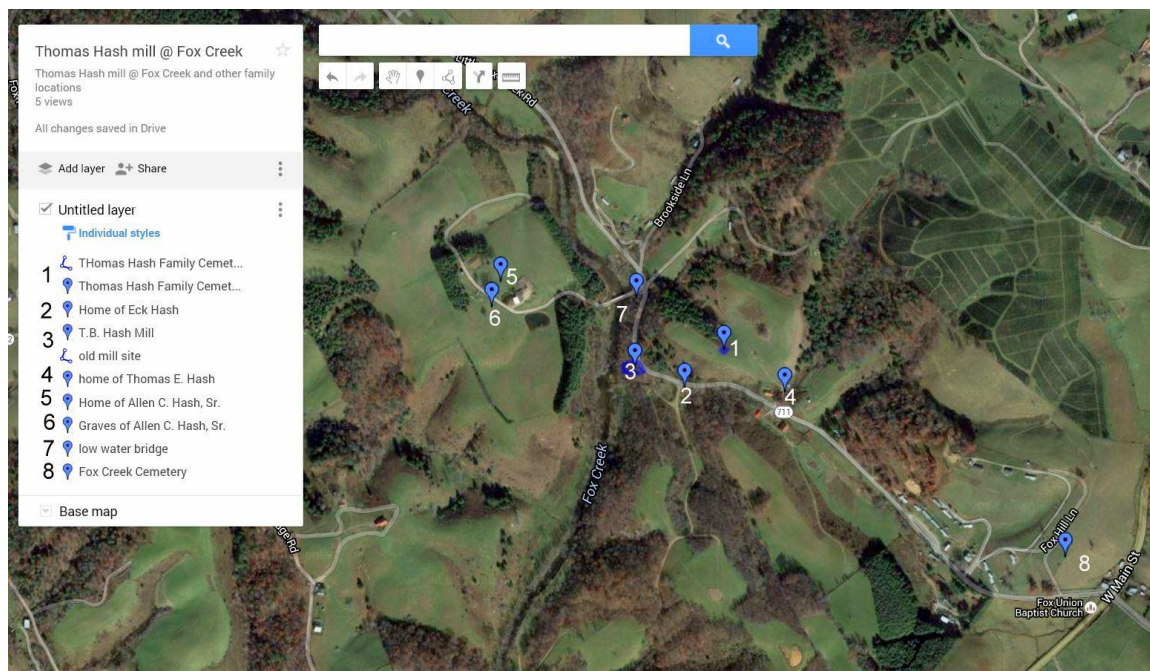
Kelly Gleason Hash is a son of Charlie Gleason Hash. Charlie is a son of Alexander Norman Hash who is a son of Lewis Bryant Hash who is a son of Allen Hash, Sr. Kelly Hash is still living and told the story of the headstones.

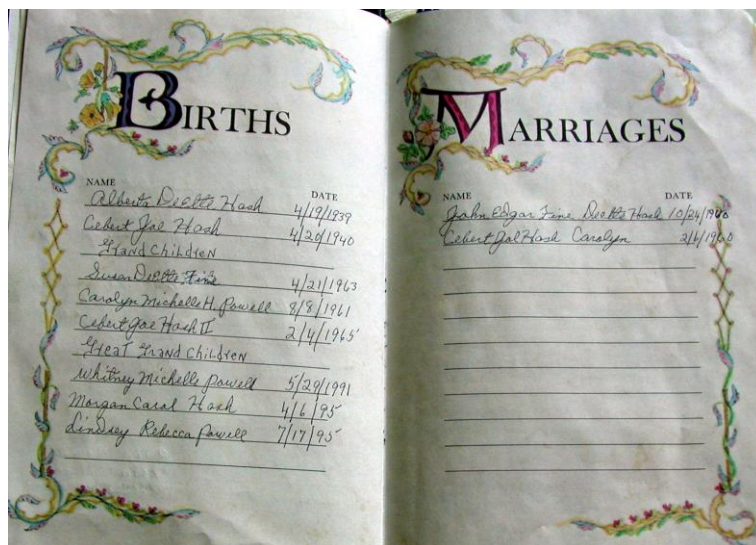
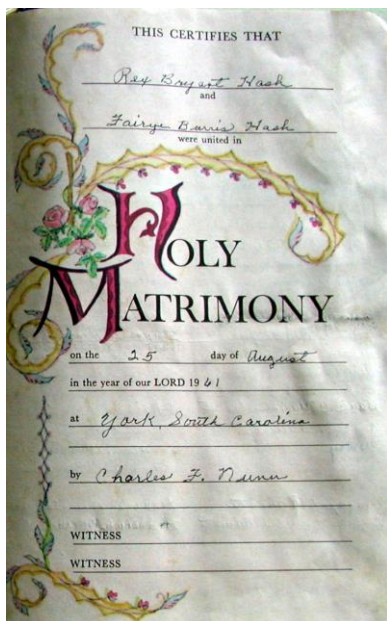
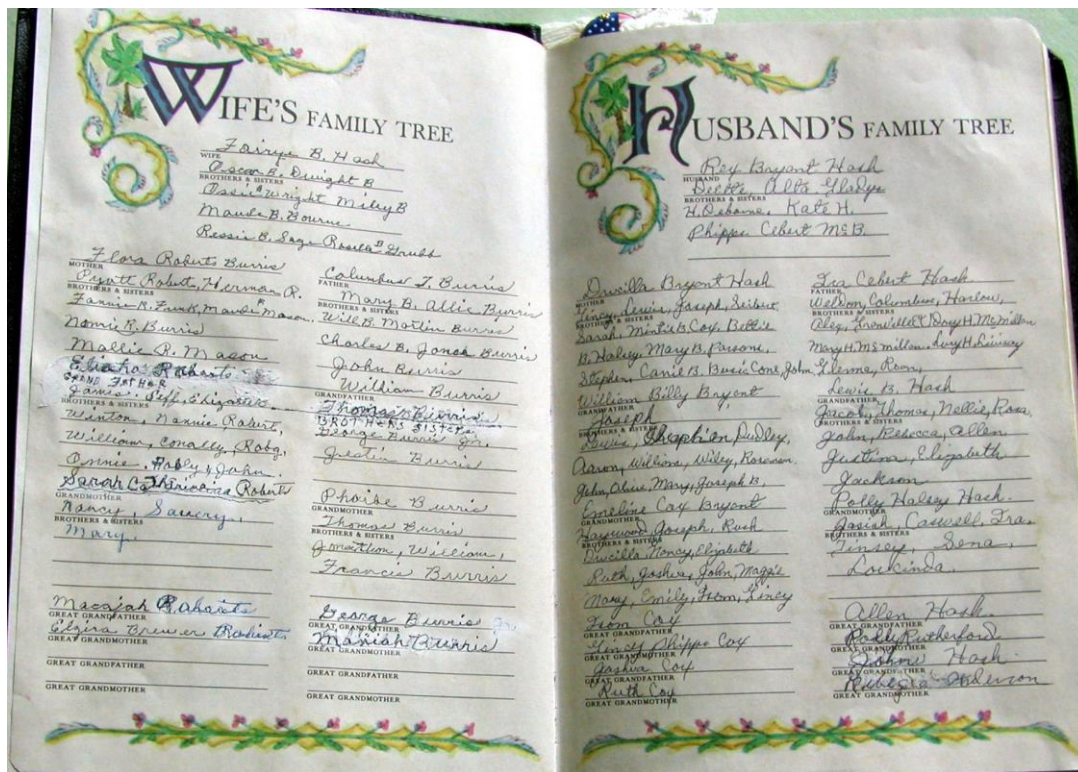


According to Kelly, Virginia (Kelly's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin once removed) wanted to move the stones to her grandfather's burial site in the Fox Cemetery. She was unhappy about the condition of the old cemetery site and did not have any hopes of the site being improved and maintained. She enlisted the help of Kelly and together they moved the stones to the Fox Cemetery in the back of Kelly's pickup. Kelly does not remember about the headstone of Polly Hash. He cannot recall if there was a stone or not. There has been no luck in locating this stone if it existed. Both Virginia and Kelly wanted the stones protected from the cattle that were trampling the old grave site. The bodies have never been moved or tampered with.

Following the death of Allen Hash, Sr. in 1869, his land holding were divided among his children. 115 acres of land east of the Fox Creek were sold to Lewis Bryant Hash for a total of \$800.00 on December 30, 1869.

On December 30, 1872, 265 acres of lands acquired by his father, Allen, were sold to Lewis Bryant Hash. These lands were west of the Fox Creek and included Allen Hash's home place and cemetery.





Pages copied in 2003 from the family Bible of Rex Bryant Hash, s/o Ira Sebert Hash, s/o Lewis Bryant Hash.



## Family Group Sheet for Lewis Bryant Hash

<b>Husband:</b>		Lewis Bryant Hash
	Birth:	27 Jul 1828 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Marriage:	12 Jul 1850 in Ashe Co., NC
	Death:	11 Mar 1915 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primative Church Cemetery
	Father:	Allen C. Hash Sr.
	Mother:	Elizabeth Ann Rutherford
<b>Wife:</b>		Mary Halsey
	Birth:	19 Jul 1831
	Death:	15 May 1912 in Grayson Co.
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primative Church Cemetery
	Father:	William Buckley Halsey
	Mother:	Juda Peak
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	William Weldon Hash
M	Birth:	14 Feb 1852 in Nc
	Marriage:	30 Sep 1883
	Death:	22 Mar 1912
	Spouse:	Juda Ennice Halsey
2	Name:	Allen Columbus Hash
M	Birth:	09 Dec 1853
	Marriage:	09 Aug 1876
	Death:	01 Jul 1920 in Fox, Va.
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primative Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Rachael Emmaline Kirk
3	Name:	Harlow W. Hash
M	Birth:	17 Feb 1856
	Death:	17 Sep 1918
4	Name:	Alexander Norman Hash
M	Birth:	01 Jan 1859 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Marriage:	28 Dec 1879 in Grayson Co., Fox, Va
	Death:	15 Mar 1930 in Statesville Hospital
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primative Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Susanah Caroline Kirk
5	Name:	Glenna Hash
F	Birth:	02 Jan 1861
	Death:	11 Mar 1862
6	Name:	Granville R. Hash
M	Birth:	07 May 1863 in NC
	Marriage:	05 Oct 1889
	Death:	01 Sep 1944
	Burial:	Fox Baptist Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Cora Lee Wyatt
7	Name:	Lindsay Rowan Hash
M	Birth:	17 Feb 1866
	Marriage:	03 Jan 1901
	Death:	27 Sep 1928 in Fox Creek
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primative Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Virginia Gamble
8	Name:	Mary Jane Hash
F	Birth:	30 Apr 1868
	Marriage:	28 Sep 1904
	Death:	06 Jan 1960
	Spouse:	Walter Warner McMillan
9	Name:	Lura Virginia Hash
F	Birth:	20 Jul 1871 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	May 1892
	Death:	03 Mar 1966
	Spouse:	John Fielding Livesay
10	Name:	Ira Ceberth Hash
M	Birth:	30 Apr 1873 in Above old mill in Trachy house
	Marriage:	08 Aug 1901 in Bristol, VA
	Death:	04 Nov 1948
	Burial:	Billy Byrant Cemetery, Grayson
	Spouse:	Drucilla Moelick Bryant
11	Name:	Rosa Eudora Hash
F	Birth:	11 Mar 1877
	Marriage:	19 Oct 1898 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	11 Aug 1935
	Burial:	Fox Creek Cemetery
	Spouse:	Manley Eugene McMillan



Lewis and Mary Hash had 11 children, seven sons and four daughters. Following his fathers death in 1869, Lewis and Mary took the old log home place as their home.



*Lewis and Mary Hash*

Lewis was a large land owner and he farmed and did some trading. Lewis died on March 11, 1915. Mary died May 15, 1912. Both were buried in the Fox Cemetery on lands owned by Lewis.

# Family Group Sheet for Alexander Norman Hash

<b>Husband:</b>		Alexander Norman Hash
	Birth:	01 Jan 1859 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Marriage:	28 Dec 1879 in Grayson Co., Fox, Va
	Death:	15 Mar 1930 in Statesville Hospital
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Father:	Lewis Bryant Hash
	Mother:	Mary Halsey
<b>Wife:</b>		Susanah Caroline Kirk
	Birth:	10 Sep 1863 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	09 Feb 1956 in Grayson Co., Fox Creek
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Father:	Jones Minitree Kirk
	Mother:	Susannah Griffiths
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	Colonel Lee Hash
M	Birth:	01 Apr 1881 in Fox, Va.
	Marriage:	25 Mar 1903 in Volney, Va.
	Death:	01 Apr 1959
	Burial:	Sunset Cem., Bozemann, Montana
	Spouse:	Carrie Irene Young
2	Name:	Mary Belle Hash
F	Birth:	24 Feb 1884 in Grayson Co., VA
	Marriage:	27 Nov 1907 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	12 Jan 1974
	Spouse:	Grover Cleveland Livesay
3	Name:	Arthur Estel Hash
M	Birth:	06 Apr 1886 in Grayson Co., VA
	Marriage:	17 Feb 1915
	Death:	03 Mar 1980 in Salem, VA
	Spouse:	Rose M. Hash
4	Name:	Charles Gleason Hash
M	Birth:	20 Nov 1888 in Major, VA
	Birth:	20 Nov 1888 in Grayson Co., Major, NC
	Marriage:	25 Feb 1913 in Oak Hill Academy by Rev. Walter Hash
	Death:	04 May 1970 in Galax, Va
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Christie Anna Halsey
5	Name:	Effie Stella Hash
F	Birth:	04 Apr 1891
	Marriage:	12 May 1912
	Death:	13 Apr 1946
	Spouse:	Reginald Pierce

6	Name:	Cebert Corbet Hash
M	Birth:	03 Oct 1893
	Marriage:	15 Apr 1917
	Death:	26 Nov 1984 in Troutdale, Va
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Etta Pierce
7	Name:	Ollie Mae Hash
F	Birth:	01 Feb 1896 in Fox Creek, Va.
	Marriage:	12 Feb 1917
	Death:	01 Jan 1957
	Spouse:	John Cleve Pierce
8	Name:	Zollie Hash
F	Birth:	01 Feb 1896
	Marriage:	08 Sep 1912 in Major, Va.
	Death:	1985 in New Hope Med. Church
	Spouse:	Grover Hurley Cornett Sr.
9	Name:	Albert Hobson Hash
M	Birth:	29 Sep 1898 in Fox Community, Grayson Co., Va.
	Marriage:	27 Dec 1922 in Grayson Co., VA
	Death:	14 Jan 1992 in Independence, Va.
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Eva Notra Graybeal
10	Name:	Susie Viola Hash
F	Birth:	08 Jul 1901
	Death:	25 May 1986
	Burial:	Fox Creek Cemetery
	Spouse:	Fred Roosevelt Phipps

Alex died on March 15, 1830 and Susannah died February 9, 1956. Both are buried in the Fox Cemetery.

Charlie Gleason Hash was born the fourth child of Alex and Susannah Hash on November 20, 1888. He married Christie Halsey, a d/o John and Maggie Hash Halsey, on February 25, 1913. Christie was born December 25, 1892. Charlie and Christie were third cousins descending from William Halsey and Rachael Cobb, their common ancestor. The Hash and Halsey family are intermarried several times in this family tree.

Charlie and Christie Hash had 10 children, 7 daughters and 3 sons. Ruth Montana Hash and Kelly Gleason Hash are two of these children and both have supplied valuable information to this author.



*Grandma Susie with her children and some of her grandchildren. Susie Kirk Hash is in the center holding the hands of Hobson's daughters, Carolyn & Jerry. Walbert Hash is on the far left. Hobson is in the back-center, next to his daughter Wilma with his wife Notra nearby.*

Photo shared by Judy Hash Crowl, d/o Walbert Hash, s/o Hobson Hash, s/o Alex Hash, s/o Lewis B. Hash, s/o Allen C. Hash. Susie Kirk Hash is w/o Alex Hash.

*Charles Gleason Hash is white haired man extreme right behind young man.  
Photo about 1943.*



## Family Group Sheet for Charles Gleason Hash

<b>Husband:</b>		Charles Gleason Hash
	Birth:	20 Nov 1888 in Grayson Co., Major, NC
	Marriage:	25 Feb 1913 in Oak Hill Academy by Rev. Walter Hash
	Death:	04 May 1970 in Galax, Va
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Father:	Alexander Norman Hash
	Mother:	Susanah Caroline Kirk
<b>Wife:</b>		Christie Anna Halsey
	Birth:	25 Dec 1892 in Fox, VA
	Death:	08 Oct 1980 in Marion, VA hospital
	Burial:	Fox Creek Baptist Primitive Church Cemetery
	Father:	John Ander Halsey
	Mother:	Maggie Robena Hash
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	Ruth Montana Hash
F	Birth:	05 Jan 1914 in Harlowton, Montana
	Marriage:	21 Dec 1935 in Independence, VA
	Death:	17 May 2011 in Alleghany Memorial Hospital
	Burial:	Youngs Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery ; Mouth of Wilson, VA
	Spouse:	Paul Jackson Phipps
2	Name:	Ollie Virginia Hash
F	Birth:	17 Mar 1915 in Montana
	Marriage:	05 Aug 1939 in Abington, Va
	Death:	10 Jan 2010 in Chilhowie, VA
	Burial:	Macedonia Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Amos Lee Sullivan
3	Name:	Logene Adelaide Hash
F	Birth:	31 Aug 1916 in Harlowton, Montana
	Marriage:	04 Aug 1937
	Spouse:	Ralph Lee Overbay
4	Name:	Charlotte Lorraine Hash
F	Birth:	28 Jul 1918 in Harlowton, Montana
	Marriage:	08 May 1937 in Sparta, NC
	Death:	2011
	Burial:	Ashelawn Memorial Gardens ; West Jefferson, NC
	Spouse:	Edgar A. Ashley
5	Name:	Kelly Gleason Hash
M	Birth:	25 May 1920 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	21 Mar 1942 in York, SC
	Burial:	Fox Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
	Spouse:	Nena Hale
6	Name:	Eva June Hash
F	Birth:	18 Jul 1922 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	Dec 1946 in Marion, VA
	Spouse:	Roy G. Miller
7	Name:	Susie Robena Hash
F	Birth:	26 Aug 1924 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	30 Jun 1962 in Atlanta, GA
	Spouse:	Chares Bennett Huggin Jr.
8	Name:	Kathleen Hash
F	Birth:	04 May 1928 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	26 Mar 1948 in Bristol, TN
	Spouse:	Richard Arrington
9	Name:	John Alexander Hash
M	Birth:	09 May 1930 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	05 Apr 1957 in Fries, VA
	Spouse:	Peggy Joan Hamm
10	Name:	Joseph Dale Hash
M	Birth:	24 Jun 1932 in Fox, VA
	Marriage:	1953 in Sparta, NC
	Death:	11 Feb 2012 in Galax, Virginia
	Burial:	Felts Memorial Cemetery ; Galax, VA
	Spouse:	Evahnell Anders

Following the death of Lewis Bryant Hash in 1915, the executor of his will (Ira Ceibert Hash) sold 204.5 acres including the old home place and cemetery to Manley E. McMillan and his wife Dora Hash (d/o Lewis Bryant Hash). The price was \$9,611.50.

The McMillans sold 84 acres of the original 204.5 acre tract to Charlie Gleason Hash and his wife Christie in 1921. Charlie and Christie Hash moved their

family to the old Allen Hash home place and stayed there raising their 10 children on Big Fox Creek.

Charlie Hash sold 20.16 acres of his holdings to John Halsey on Oct 15, 1924.

In the early 1960's, APCO tried to locate a hydro-electric dam on the New River to enable more power to be generated for the area. By 1966 they had bought up much of the several thousand acres of river bottom for this project. However, locals and others fought with so much vigor that APCO dropped the idea in the mid 1980's. They started selling off the land soon thereafter.

During this period, Charlie Hash had been forced to sell his remaining 65.46 acres to the APCO holding company- Franklin Real Estate. Charlie and Christie signed over the deed to their home on March 28, 1966.

Franklin Real Estate held the lands acquired for APCO for several years as APCO attempted to get permits for their project. After the dam was stopped, APCO allowed Franklin Real Estate to sell off the land to the original owners if possible. Much of the land holdings went to Charles Cassell. He was a prominent land holder in the area and stood to make a tidy profit from the resale of the lands.

Franklin Real Estate sold 64.71 acres of the original Allen Hash lands to Charles Cassell on January 2, 1981. He immediately resold this tract to Paul Trachy and his wife Catherine on January 29, 1981. Paul and Catherine own the track today and operate a mail order leather business from there. Paul had a low water bridge built to cross the Fox Creek. It replaced the old swinging bridge that was located 100' below the new bridge.

Until 2010, the Trachy family lived in the old log house that has stood for about 170 years. Comparing the log structure to other similar structures in the area, this author places the date of construction about the time that Allen Hash bought the lands from his father in 1833. Allen probably used slave labor to build the home from timbers cut from the immediate area.

Following the death of Allen Hash, Sr. in 1869, his heirs sold 115 acres of land on the Fox Creek to Thomas B. Hash, the 7<sup>th</sup> child of Allen and Elizabeth Hash. T.B. (Thomas) Hash was born July 19, 1836 in his father's home just north of the old mill site.

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Birth:	19 Jul 1836	
Death:	25 May 1915	
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Father:	Allen C. Hash Sr.	
Mother:	Elizabeth Ann Rutherford	
<b>Wife:</b>		Malinda M. Brewer
Birth:	31 Jan 1844 in Grayson County, Virginia	
Death:	05 Apr 1923 in Mouth of Wilson, Grayson, Virginia	
Burial:	Thomas Hash Cemetery, Fox	
Father:	Linear L. Brewer	
Mother:	Elizabeth Phipps	
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name: Mack Ellis Hash	
M	Birth: 13 Aug 1872 in Grayson Co.	
	Marriage: 13 May 1893 in Grayson Co.	
	Death: 24 May 1924	
	Spouse: Rosa Ettie Martin	
2	Name: Eck Louisville Hash	
M	Birth: 27 Apr 1877 in Fox-- in old Thomas Hash home below mill	
	Marriage: Abt. 1903	
	Death: 12 Oct 1956 in Maryland	
	Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Pylesville. MD; Hartford Co., MD	
	Spouse: Mary Beatrice McKinney	
3	Name: Callie Virginia Hash	
F	Birth: 21 May 1878	
	Death: 13 Jul 1883 in Big Fox Creek	
	Burial: Thomas Hash Cemetery, Fox	
4	Name: Thomas Earl Hash	
M	Birth: 16 Jun 1886 in Fox, VA	
	Death: 02 Feb 1945 in Fox, VA	
	Burial: Fox Creek Cemetery	
	Spouse: Anna Marie Mink	

**MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING**

**WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK--THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.**

**N. B.--** Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH.</b> County of <u>Grayson</u> District of <u>Wilson</u> Inc. Town of _____ City of _____		<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b> Registration District No. _____ Primary Registration District No. _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)		<b>COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA</b> STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Bureau of Vital Statistics File No. <u>11446</u> Registered No. _____ (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME, located of street and number.)	
<b>2. FULL NAME</b> <u>Thos. B. Hash</u> Residence _____ Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Days _____					
<b>PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS</b> 3 SEX <u>Male</u> 4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, (Write the word) <u>Married</u> 6 DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____ 7 AGE <u>78</u> yrs. <u>11</u> mos. <u>6</u> ds. or min? 8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Farmer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Grayson County Va.</u>			<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b> 10 DATE OF DEATH <u>May 24, 1915</u> (Day) _____ (Month) _____ (Year) _____ 11 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>April 15th, 1915, to May 23rd, 1915</u> that I last saw him alive on <u>May 23rd, 1915</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: <u>Legionnaires T. Brundage</u> (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. 12 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. (Signed) <u>E. Phipps</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Small Branch</u> *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.		
<b>PARENTS</b> 10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Allen Hash</u> 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Grayson County Va.</u> 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Polly Hash</u> 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Grayson County Va.</u>			14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>H. B. Hash</u> (Address) <u>Fox Va.</u> 15 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death? Former or usual residence. 16 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Fox Va.</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>May 26, 1915</u> 17 UNDERTAKER <u>H. B. Barber</u> ADDRESS <u>Independence Va.</u>		
18 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>H. C. Hash</u> (Address) _____ 19 FILED _____ 1915 <u>H. C. Hash</u> LOCAL REGISTRAR					



On March 28, 1870 T.B. Hash purchased 115 acres of land on the Big Fox Creek from his siblings. This tract of land lies just below the Paul Trachy holding and contains the T.B. Hash Mill site.

Thomas was listed as a single man but living with Malinda Brewer in the 1870 census. Thomas set about building a dam on Big Fox Creek to provide a constant source of water to operate a grist mill. By 1880, the census listed Thomas as a married man with 3 kids. His occupation was a miller.

Kelly Hash remembers as a youngster playing around the dam constructed of logs and stone. The mill pond was a sizeable pool of water that was at times a fast flowing body of water.

The T.B. Hash Mill was operated for several years as a grist mill. The local farmers would bring in small quantities of grains to have ground for the preparation of meals and into chop for livestock. The miller would keep a portion of the grain for his services and sell meals and chop to other patrons who did not have grains to grind.

After the mill was well established, T.B. Hash added a sash mill to the grist mill and operated a multi-purpose mill on the Fox Creek. Heavy machinery was purchased to cut and form lumber being used in homes and buildings. All of these machines were powered by the water-powered wheel thru the use of belts and pulleys that varied in size to change speed and the power delivered to that particular machine running.

T.B. Hash and his wife Malinda Brewer reared 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. The three sons would become millers for the entirety of their lives.

The eldest son, Mack Ellis Hash (Ellis) was listed as the owner and operator of a mill on Potato Creek. This mill offered millwright work and grist mill work.

The second son, Eck Louisville Hash, helped his father in the T.B. Hash Mill and later he and younger brother, Thomas E. Hash, ran the mill following the father's death in 1915.

The only sister, Callie Virginia Hash, was killed in the mill when her father started up the mill and she was crushed in the pulleys of the mill. She was just over 5 years old when she died on July 13, 1883. The accident was so traumatic to her father that he never ran the millwright again.

Thomas and Malinda Hash lived in a large wooden house just below the mill. This house is gone but it was located directly across from the high knoll that T.B. selected to bury his darling Callie. As his sons grew older they set up housekeeping near the mill and lived there most of their lives.



*These photos supplied by Sharon Hash Falat (gd/o Mack Ellis Hash).  
l-r Thomas B., Malinda, Thomas Earl, Mack Ellis, Eck Louisville Hash  
man extreme right is one of Thomas' free slaves. Above photo about 1890.  
Single photos –Thomas B. Hash - Malinda Brewer Hash*

Thomas B. Hash was a successful miller as you can see by the size of his home on Fox Creek.

The youngest child, Thomas E. Hash built himself and his wife Anna Maria Mink a small house just across the Fox Creek directly below the cemetery where his parents and sister are buried. Following Thomas E. Hash's death, his wife left a fire burning too hot in a sunroom and burnt the house to the ground. It was later rebuilt and her descendents now live there.

Eck Hash built his family the small house that stood directly below the mill. Eck and his wife Mary Beatrice McKinney had one son, Fred Burlin Hash. Fred Hash (June 24, 1916 – March 27, 2006) lived in Independence, VA with his wife Mae West. Eck Hash moved his family to Maryland following the 1940 flood and he died there in 1956.



*This was the 2003 views of Eck Hash's home he left in 1940. It sat just downstream of the mill. It was bulldozed about 2012.*



*Out Ecks' back door*



### Family Group Sheet for Eck Louisville Hash

<b>Husband:</b>		Eck Louisville Hash
	Birth:	27 Apr 1877 in Fox-- in old Thomas Hash home below mill
	Marriage:	Abt. 1903
	Death:	12 Oct 1956 in Maryland
	Burial:	Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Pylesville. MD; Hartford Co., MD
	Father:	Thomas B. Hash
	Mother:	Malinda M. Brewer
<b>Wife:</b>		Mary Beatrice McKinney
	Birth:	27 Feb 1882
	Death:	24 Jun 1974 in Pylesville, MD 21132
	Burial:	Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Pylesville. MD; Hartford Co., MD
	Father:	
	Mother:	
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	Callie Blanch Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1905 in VA
2	Name:	Ola M. Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1906 in VA
3	Name:	Annie L. Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1909 in VA
4	Name:	Carlile Hash
M	Birth:	Abt. 1911 in VA
5	Name:	Robert Jelene Hash
M	Birth:	17 Feb 1913 in VA
	Marriage:	20 Jan 1939 in Grayson Co., VA
	Death:	26 Dec 1998
	Burial:	Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Pylesville. MD; Hartford Co., MD
	Spouse:	Reba L. Halsey
6	Name:	Lesslie Lee Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1915 in VA
7	Name:	Fred Burlin Hash
M	Birth:	24 Jun 1916 in Fox in Eck Hash home beside mill
	Death:	27 Mar 2006 in Independence, VA
	Burial:	Pleasant Home Baptist Church Cemetery ; Ashe County, NC
	Spouse:	Mae B. West
8	Name:	Virginia Ruth Hash
F	Birth:	Abt. 1919 in VA
	Spouse:	Roby Joe Ward
9	Name:	James G. Hash
M	Birth:	Abt. 1921 in VA
10	Name:	Mary Glorias Hash
F	Birth:	1922 in VA
	Death:	1943
	Burial:	Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Pylesville. MD

Mack Ellis Hash and his wife Rause Martin operated a mill on Potato Creek.

#### Family Group Sheet for Mack Ellis Hash

<b>Husband:</b>		Mack Ellis Hash
	Birth:	13 Aug 1872 in Grayson Co.
	Marriage:	13 May 1893 in Grayson Co.
	Death:	24 May 1924
	Father:	Thomas B. Hash
	Mother:	Malinda M. Brewer
<b>Wife:</b>		Rosa Ettie Martin
	Birth:	13 Apr 1870
	Death:	Oct 1952
	Father:	William Carter Martin
	Mother:	Mary Jeston Cox
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name:	Carrie Virginia Hash
F	Birth:	Mar 1894 in VA
	Spouse:	Gwyn Cornett
2	Name:	Glen Hash
M	Birth:	Nov 1896 in VA
3	Name:	Madge Ruth Hash
F	Birth:	28 Jul 1899 in VA
	Marriage:	Aft. 1957
	Death:	09 Aug 1972 in Roanoke, VA
	Burial:	Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem, VA
	Spouse:	Kirby
4	Name:	Gency M. Hash
F	Birth:	1904 in VA
	Death:	30 Jan 1930 in Roanoke VA
	Burial:	Round Hill Cem., Marion, VA
5	Name:	William Thomas Hash
M	Birth:	03 Dec 1908 in VA
	Death:	07 Nov 1982 in Smyth Co., VA
	Burial:	Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, VA
	Spouse:	Edna Cox
6	Name:	Avery Martin Hash
M	Birth:	23 Apr 1911 in Fox, Grayson Co., Va.
	Birth:	Abt. 1912 in va
	Death:	19 Jan 1989 in Salem, VA
	Name:	Avary M. Hash
	Spouse:	Sadie Virginia Brickey



*l-r Glen, Mack Ellis, Rause Etta Martin, Madge Ruth, Carrie Virginia Hash  
photo about 1900 & courtesy of Sharon Hash Falat*



*l-r Glen, Rause, Willie (on lap), Gincy, Carrie, & Madge—  
courtesy of Margaret Kirby Ratcliff (d/o Madge Hash Kirby) about 1909*



Following the death of T. B. Hash in 1915, sons, Eck and Tommy, ran the Hash mill until on August 14, 1940, a hurricane blew into the Appalachians from Beaufort, SC producing heavy rains and flooding along the New River. The resulting high waters washed the log mill dam out.

Tommy worked at the Cox Mill on Saddle Creek until his death in 1945 at the age of 59. Both Tommy and his wife are buried in the Fox Cemetery.

Members of the T.B. Hash family established and operated the mill on Fox Creek for nearly 70 years and were well know to the local population. This mill offered a reasonable alternative to hand grinding of grains and hard sawing of millwork items. Today this old mill is still very visible to those interested in seeing a part of the past. Although the wood portions of the mill and dam have long since rotted away, the stones and heavy machinery are still in place. The old roadway leading past the mill and on up the creek is still there; further up the creek the old cables and anchors to the swinging bridge still exist. The creek was forded when the waters levels allowed.

The Fox school within easy walking distance and the big wide place in the road called Fox had the necessities commonly needed. Independence was just a few miles east for all legal needs and medical services. Beautiful land, plenty of fresh water and of course, the New River just over in the next valley.

When the Hash family came to this area around 1765, they spread from New River north along the Fox Creek into Hedrick Mountain/Flatridge and along Bridle Creek to Buck Mountain. Hash family owned most of the lands along these creeks then and their descendants still do so today.



*Thomas B. Hash Cemetery 2003*



*Malinda Brewer Hash w/o Thomas B. Hash  
their daughter*

*Callie—*

Since writing this article in 2006, many things have changed on Fox Creek. By 2015, the old log house has been completely razed, Eck's home was bulldozed, and the bridge crossing Fox Creek in front of the old Allen Hash home has been rebuilt.





Paul Trachy had purchased this property in 1988 and lived in the old log house until he could no longer heat the home. By 2009, he had moved his family from the old house and started tearing it apart. He painstakingly dismantled the house and the logs were removed to another location unknown. At the same time he rebuilt the old Fox Creek crossing in front of his home.



2009 photos of old Allen Hash home



*Paul Trachy 2009*







This old home was probably built about the time Allen purchased the land in 1833 from his father. When the young family of 6 or 7 outgrew the one room 2 story home, they simply added another 1 ½ story structure directly against it. Both structures had wood floors and a large fireplace in each end.

Over the years, upgrades were made but the structure itself was a cold place to heat in the hard winters. By the time Paul Trachy purchased the place in 1988, it was over 150 years old. Paul lived there some 20+ years. He built himself living quarters in his business store next door.



*Location of the old mill pond wooden dam - photo 2009*











*2003 photos of mill foundations and equipment*



*Old steel cables remain of the swinging bridge crossing from the mill to the old log home on Fox Creek (2004).*



The site of the Thomas B. Mill on Big Fox Creek is due west of Independence about 8+ miles off Hwy 58. Turn right on Hwy 711 away from New River and go less than a mile until Fox Creek comes in view on the left. The mill lies under the road in that curve at Fox Creek. The area is overgrown but was very evident when last surveyed in 2012 by this author.

*Authors notes:*

*This article was written in 2006. Many photos were taken and a few are presented here. As you can see, this is an area of much old history of which some is still evident today if one looks closely.*

*Many thanks to Margaret Kirby Ratcliff and her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, Sharon Hash Falat for their photos and input.*

*My work on this project has progressed over a period of some 15 years but many facts are missing. Hopefully something written here will benefit others not able to visit in person but can still see it thru my camera lens.*

*Larry Hash -----1<sup>st</sup> cousin 4 times removed of Allen Hash, Sr.*

*September 6, 2015  
Clemmons, NC  
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*Tobacco in 2003*







*New River beauty*