

From Martha McCartney, July 18, 2012 Listings in land tax lists

MATHEWS COUNTY MERCHANTS WHO OBTAINED LICENSES

Merchants in 1797. Assessor cited legislation and specific need to collect taxes from retailers: John Billups Jr., James Wilson, John Anderson, William Fitchett, John Brown, John Hudgins (W. Harbor), James Gwyn (island), John Powell, C. Sympkins (E. Shore), Milton S. Glasscock, Ann Burton, George Richardson, Richard C. Jarvis, Richard Billups, James Foster (son of Robert). 15

1798

Retail licenses were issue to John Billups Jr., James Wilson, John Anderson*, William Fitchett*, Joshua Brown*?, John Hudgins of Winter Harbor, James Gwyn (the island), John Powell*, C. Symkins (E. Shore), Milton S. Glascock, Ann Burton, and George Richardson*?. Added via a notation in 1799: John B. Hunley*, William Hudgins*, George Owen, John Patterson*. 16

1800

Retail licenses issued to people selling *foreign goods or manufactures*: John Anderson, James Gray, John Powell, Thomas Dawson, Thomas Litchfield, Richard Billups, Peter Smith & Co., Benjamin Owen, Joseph Billups Jr., William Joynes (Jones), Robert Matthews, James Hamilton, Sands Smith & Co., Thomas Brooks, Richard C. Jones, Richard Davis, George Richerson, William Fitchett, Fitchett & Parrott, Brown & Gayle, Benjamin Owen, William Hudgins, Hunley Gayle, John B. Hunley, John Patterson, Solomon Hotchkiss, Richard White, Phillip Sale, Rich[missing] Thomas, Robert Hunley. 30

1802

Retail licenses were issued to Edmond Tabb, William Dixon, Robert Lewis, John Lewis, George Owen, Hunley Gale, James Gibson, Thomas Hall, Joseph Billups Jr., Peter Smith, John Powell, George Owen, Richard C. Jones, James Gwyn, Thoms Hall, Sands Smith, Thomas Lambe, George Richardson, William Jones, Robert Lewis, Hunley Gayle, Edmund Winder, Edmund Sale, Thomas Smith, John Anderson, William Gilchrist, Francis Litchfield &c. 27

1805

In land tax lists, the assessor recorded names of people with retail licenses: James R. J. Hunley, Zachariah Adams, John Hughes, John Smith, Langley Eddins, John Brownley, Lucy Keeble, John Patterson, John Anderson, John Powell, George

Owen, James Gwyn, James Vaughan, Sands Smith, John Harper, John Brownley, Andrew VanBibber, Joseph Billups, Langley Eddins [2nd listing], William Fitchett, Peter Smith, Benjamin Owens, Edmund Winder, Robert Hunley, John B. Hunley, John Litchfield, Whitney Purkins, Joshua Morgan, Henry Digges, Thomas Smith, Thomas James, Robert Ransome, Richard G. Wiatt. 33

1815

Retail licenses issued in Mathew County, some which covered only a few months. They were bought by Christopher Tompkins, Thomas James, George Owen, Sands Smith, Robert Hunley, Caleb Hunley from 6/15/1815, John Bromley from 7/1/1815; Mathew Anderson from July 1, 1815; William Brooks from 8/7/1815. 9

1816

Retail licenses (prorated by the number of months and licensees weren't always landowners): Robert Billups, John Machen, John D. Fitchett, John Powell, Christopher Tompkins, William D. Steavenson, Joshua G. Brown, John Updike, Thomas James, Caleb Hunley, John L. Hudgins, Barbe Diggs, Sands Smith, and Robert Hunley. 14 A total of 19 licensed merchants.

1820

Merchants licenses issued to: Robert Armistead, Francis Armistead, William Brooks, Benjamin Brownhall, Christopher Clark, Henry Digges Jr., Lewis Deccorus, John L. Hudgins, Thomas James, Miles King, Sands Smith, Christopher Tompkins, Francis L. Hudgins, Thomas Hudgins, Joel Haggy, Richard C. Jones, and Francis Armistead. 17 Note by the last 3 states that they'd been issued licenses before the tax comm. started compiling his list.