

Joshua Speer (c1758-June 1843)

Joshua Speer (c1758-June 1843), born in Somerset Co MD, and died in Scott Co VA, was co-executor of his brother Robert's estate in 1782 in Surry County NC, along with his father 1.1.7 Andrew Speer.

1.1.7.3 The Joshua Speer who had 3 males over 16, a male under 16 and 3 females in 1790 Surry County Census was evidently not this Joshua; that person may have been Aaron Speer's son, named Joshua Kennerly Speer.

Likewise, 1.1.7.3 Joshua isn't the Joshua Speer listed on the 1800 Surry Census, age 26-45 with 2 males under 10, 3 males 10-16, 3 females under 10 and 1 10-16, with spouse over 45, based on what I found of this Joshua's family makeup in Scott County.

What may have led Joshua to Lee/Scott county was an earlier migration by members of the Flinn family from Surry County to Lee: George Flinn was listed on tax books from 1795 and William and Jacob Flinn from 1797. Forrest Faris said that these Flinns later left Lee County for Shelby County KY, where Joshua's father 1.1.7 Andrew Speer went. Later, both Flinn and Speer families left Kentucky for Lawrence County, Indiana.

A cousin of 1.1.7.3 Joshua Speer, Spencer Speer (son of 1.1.1.1 Thomas Speer, who d 1796 in Surry County) bought and sold land on Copper Creek and Sorrells Creek in the 1804-1813 period; those transactions took place in what was then Russell County, later becoming part of Scott County VA. According to tax lists for Russell County from 1787, Spencer and his brother Thomas Speer were in Russell County from 1788.
