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"Beg at Chestnut oak ~~at~~^{on} a Nob
a cor. to the F. G. L. Benning and
John Adams, thence S. $41\frac{1}{2}$ W. 68 poles
to 2 small white oaks on the
Shoemaker Nob, thence

S. 25 E. 110 poles to a stake
N. 70 E. to Adams line &
thence with sd. line to Beg
to include 50 a.

Also gives boundaries of the 100 a
Tract.

Kentucky Trace (Old Ky Trace)

Deed Bk 12 p 596.

Dec. 23, 1854, Edmund & Polly
Mc Ginnis, for \$900, ^{& Int.} deeds to Solomon
Hatten of Cabell Co., in Wayne &
Cabell Co., "on the old Kentucky
Trace", the "head waters of one
of the forks of four pole, and
the Long Branch, & being a 50 a.
lot settled by John Houghland
and an hundred acre adjoining
purchased of Albert Landley" etc

KENTUCKY TRACE

According to Calvin Price, of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, in an interview in 1936, Kentucky Trace was the name the Scotch Irish gave the old Seneca Trail.

(W.Va? Place Names, by Keeny, page 347.)

The Seneca Trail came into Virginia-West Virginia about Hagerstown, or Martinsburg, ~~these~~, perhaps about Cumberland, thence through the Eastern Panhandle, Hampshire, Randolph, Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Mercer, according to most authorities.

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HENRY BANKS SURVEYS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE "KENTUCKY TRACE".

900 Acres, waters of Hurricane Creek,

1100 " " " " and Mud Run *etc*

695 Acres North East Fork of Mud River, (Trace Fork?).

800 " " " " " "

800, 863, 529 Acres on both sides of Kentucky Trace

1124 Acres on Waters between Guyandotte and Mud River

1160 " " East bank of Guyandotte River

860 " " South West Side " "

886 Waters of Guyandotte River,

900 Acres " " "

1400 " " " "

1130 " " " "

1553 Acres Dividing Ridge between Guyandotte and Twelve Pole,

920 " Twelve Pole Creek,

775 " " " "

530 " " " "

643 " Forks of Twelve Pole

764 " Right Fork 12 Pole, beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ miles above Forks,

630 " " "

660 Right Branch of 12 Pole

1160 Acres " of 12 Pole,

1590 " Waters of 12 Pole and Big Sandy,

1238 " on a creek emptying into Great Sandy River $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile, above the Forks of
270 " East side Great Sandy. Mill Creek.

The John P. DuVall 500 acre survey sold to William Thompson 1811, crossed the Kentucky Trace" run by John Hanks in 1789, on Mill Creek, two miles above its mouth.

Cabell Co. Deed Bk. 12 p. 596
I believe another deed will show that
it was sold to John Hanks in 1789, on Mill Creek, two miles above its

The Kentucky Trace

This was an old road, the date of which is unknown to this writer. The first mention of this road that the writer has seen was on Hurricane Creek now Putnam County.

For some unexplained reason, Henry Banks took a large number of Land grants involving many ~~acres~~ thousands acres of land on "both sides of the Kentucky Trace". He evidently had a reason for so doing. Probably he thought he could more easily sell his lands to pioneer settlers coming this way, by having access to a road. These various grants extended all the way from Hurricane Creek, down through Jays Valley, past the present site of Barbourville to Four Pole Creek.

to Beech Fork, and over
to the Falls of Twelve Pole
about a half mile above
the present Wayne Court
House, up the right ~~hand~~
fork of Twelve Pole, and
over the ridges to the
waters of the Big Fork of
Sandy River, about a half
mile above Louisa.

I will now take some
notes on these various grants
in order to try to locate
this Trace more closely.

The first of the grants
to Henry Banks, in this sec-
tion were from Greenbrier
Co., and are to be found
in Entry Book No. 1, in Kanawha
County.

Feb. 1, 1787, Henry Banks takes
a grant of 3000 acres,
joining the land of Andrew

Donnelly and William Morris,
at Morris Creek above Charleston

Feb. 1, 1787 - Same. 5000 a.
at Three Mile Cr. on
Great Kanawha, & up to
the Falls.

April 26, 1788 - Henry Banks
enters, 1000 a. just below
above.

Several in about same
location, & dates.

Other entries on Gauley
River and elsewhere.

Others on Paint Creek,
and a short distance
below the mouth of
the Kanawha, on the
Ohio River.

"Henry Banks by virtue of ~~an~~ a
number of State Warrants lodged
in the Surveyors Office of
Montgomery. This day makes
the following entries. 3000 acres
joining round Morris and Fuller
Tomb Entries of 5000 acres

on Indian Creek to extend
on both sides the New Road
towards Sandy, for quantity
to be laid ~~off~~ in one or
more surveys. Feb. 7, 1787
May 23, 1787

Also 3000 acres joining Morris
and Fullerton's and extending
up both sides the New Road
leading towards the Kanawha
in one or more surveys

Also 3000 acres on the South
Fork of Little Sandy, begin-
ning at a Beech tree where
the Indians have dug out
Beaver, supposed to be about
25 miles from the Fork.

(I believe this Little Sandy
was up Elk River some distance)
(Geo Washington is mentioned
in several surveys)

Also 3000 acres, at the
mouth of Turkey Creek, on the
said Fork of Little Sandy

where the road turns off to
run up and down Little
Sandy for Quantity.

Also 30 acres on the N.
Fork of Little Sandy, on the
first large creek to extend
up Sd. Creek for Quantity.

Also 3000 acres at a large
Buffalo lick, about the divid-
ing of Guyardotte and Sandy
Beginning at a Beech Tree
on which is William Morris
~~~~~?

May 23, 1787

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Also 300 acres at The East  
Side Sandy Creek opposite the  
mouth of Big Paint Lick  
Creek

March 17, 1786.

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Also 300 acres on the  
first big Bottom above the  
mouth of Big Paint W. Lick  
Creek on the East side of  
Sandy River, March 17, 1786

Also 300 acres on the first big  
Bottom above the Mouth of  
Big Paint W Lick Creek on  
the East Side of Sandy River

March 17, 1786.

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April 7th, 1787, Henry Banks  
next enters land above the  
Falls of Kanawha River

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Jan. 6, 1796

Banks enters 6758 a. on  
Gauley River

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Jan. 6, 1796, 23242 a.  
on Cole River, "between the  
Marsh Fork of Cole & also  
up Tomp's Fork, for Quantity.

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Henry Banks lifts 85 acres  
of his entry of 9755 acres, and  
enters the same to join  
his surveys along the Kentucky  
Trace between  (?)  
handy to be laid off all  
and with the surveys on.

and as the same directs for  
Quantity. The above 9755 is  
now Banks assn. of Broadhead  
(Assignee)  
Nov. 29, 1786.

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"Land Cases No 2"

N. 379

Feb. 6, 1794, a deed from  
Wm. W. Hening & Wm. B.  
Banks, trustees of Henry Banks,  
to Claudius Buster Jr. for  
a. on Hurricane Creek, Kan. Co.  
Jones Valley, 500 a. Both  
of Albemarle Co. (Henry Banks  
~~no doubt~~ was <sup>not</sup> from Albemarle  
County. "Ky Trace" not mentioned)

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May 11, 1818 — Same parties  
for Henry Banks of City of  
Richmond, deed to George &  
Sally Hilliard 200 a. on water  
of Hurricane Creek, in ~~Leary~~ <sup>see</sup> Valley

A Land Grant made to the Trustees of Henry Banks, for survey made Feb. 18, 1786, for same, 700 a. "lying and being in the County of Montgomery in Teas's Valley on the waters of "Hurricane" Creek, joining the land of Thomas Edgar," etc. One call says "near Teas Cabin" (See p 368 & 369 above)

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p. 306 - Teas Cabin again mentioned on Hurricane Cr.

p. 341 - A deed locates one entry to Henry Banks, "about six miles from the mouth of Hurricane Cr.

p. 346 - Locates some of his land about 4 mi up Hurricane Cr. Other deeds locate some near head of same.

p. 347 - A long deed tells of one tract on Guyandotte

and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. below same  
on Guyandotte R. — a buffalo  
lick is mentioned at bottom  
of p. 347. by grant of April  
3, 1795. He owned several patents  
on Guyan River both above Mud  
about 3 mi, & also about 3 mi  
~~about~~ above present Guyandotte.  
This long deed shows lands  
4 to 7 miles up 12 Pole & also  
land about 5 mi. up Guyan R.  
7 mi, & 10 mi up Guyan.

It seems that all the  
above lands were sold under  
a deed of Trust

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Above seems to finish all  
the Banks land grants along  
the Ky. Trace as well as many  
elsewhere. I now go to  
the deed books but don't find  
many. See

1804 - Deed Bk B p. 331 (not ment  
ed)  
1816 - " " D. N. 444 "  
1819 - " " E. N. " "



1822 — F p. 65

1825 — F p. 425

1828 (By Atty G p. 26) (Shows he had  
moved to Frank-  
fort, Ky.)

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G p. 371

1830

G p. 461

1832

H p. 97

1842 By Com M p. 512

O p. 62

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April 29, 1830, Henry Banks  
of Va. but now of Frankfort  
Ky. for \$500, & other consid-  
erations or settlement, sold  
all his Va. land etc. to  
James W. Denny of Frankfort, Ky.

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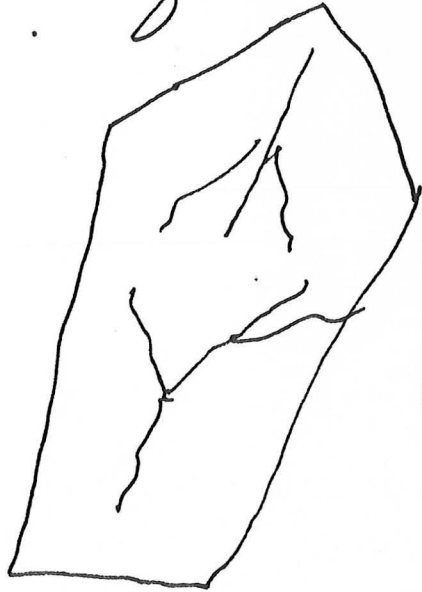
Mr. Hamilton Adkins who lived below Wayne County gave me this description of the western end of the Kentucky Trace:

It came about five miles up Mill Creek, then crossed a mountain toward Twelve Pole to the Felix Wilson farm, then to the Baptist Church on the Left Fork of Mill Creek, then up a small creek called Watts Branch, and around the ridge, and to Radnor on Twelve Pole three miles and then turned left and crossed another mountain to the Left Fork of Twelve Pole, about five miles above East Lynn.

# The Kentucky Trace

Survey Record No 1 p. 195

May 19, 1796, surveyed for Henry Baules, 1100 a., "including part of the dividing Ridge between the waters of Mud River & the Hurricane Creek, including both sides of the Kentucky Trace," etc.



(This seems to indicate that the Kentucky Trace went from Hurricane Cr. over the ridge to Trace Creek of Mud,

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Henry Banks

Sur. Rec. 1 p. 194.

May 20, 1796, sur. for Banks,  
1295 a., on the waters of  
Mud River and the Hurricane  
Cr.

May 20, 1796

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Same

p. 194 - May 20, 1796

Surveyed for above 900 a  
adjoining survey made for  
Wm. Morris & Co. in Teays  
Valley, on waters of Hurri-  
cane Cr., and on both  
sides of the ~~Kana~~ Ken Trace  
(This seems to be in head  
of Hurricane Creek.)

(Andrew Hatfield was a  
chairman on these surveys)

Andrew Johnston, Deputy  
Ruben Slaughter, Surveyor

Other grants show land  
on head of a creek leading  
into Mud River (Trace Forks?)

Several surveys were made on both sides of Guyan River & gives the "Ky. Trace" as passing over a ridge located on the S.W. side of Guyandotte River

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In some of these surveys, Thos. Tease is given as a Marker with the chairmen.

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Many grants to Banks on 12 Pole Creek.

May 9, 1796, a survey was made for him, one of the calls of which was for a "computed half mile below the forks."

May 10, 1796 (p 133, Same book 1-9) is a call for "on the dividing ridge between the waters of 12 Pole Creek and Big Sandy River, and on both sides of the Kentucky Trace."

Another grant of May 12, 1796,  
locates the "Trace" as "a computed  
half mile above the main fork"  
One of the calls is "on the  
bank of Sandy River opposite  
Vancouver's Improvement"

(Charles Vancouver - See Connelley's

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"The Founding of Harmon's Station  
for this and the story of Jenny  
Wiley and other Big Sandy history."