

Rebecca Tatum, daughter of Nathaniel Tatum & Elizabeth Hawthorn, & James Bynum Timeline¹

- abt 1725 **Isle of Wight Co., VA, or Bertie Pct., NC.** James Bynum was born to William Bynum and Mary (probably Fort).
- abt 1733 **Prince George Co., VA.** Rebecca Tatum was born to Nathaniel Tatum and Elizabeth (probably Hawthorn).
- abt 1754 **Probably Edgecombe Co., NC.** Rebecca Tatum & James Bynum were married.
- 31 Jan 1757 **Edgecombe Co., NC. James Bynum** sold to **John Bynum**, both of Edgecombe Co., 300 acres “where **Edward Tatum** now lives” on the north side of Fishing Creek. Robert W. Baird noted that this was the first record found for James Bynum and that how James obtained the land was unclear.
- 08 Oct 1761 **Edgecombe Co., NC. William Bynum [Jr.]**, “son and heir of **William Bynum** late of Edgecombe County” sold to **James Bynum** 100 acres on Fishing Creek (and 200 acres to **Nanny Bynum** of Northampton County), all of which is described as the land on which **James Bynum** then lived.² NOTE: **John Thomas, Edward Tatum, & Edward Tatum** (the Tatums were Rebecca’s brothers) witnessed both deeds.
- 21 Jan 1764 **Halifax Co., NC. James Bynum** sold 50 acres to **Edward Tatum**.³ (**Peter Tatum** also sold 50 acres to Edward Tatum.)
- 22 Feb 1764 **Edgecombe Co., NC. James Bynum** sold the 100 acres on Fishing Creek to **Eustace Daniel (Davis/Daniels?)**.⁴
- 18 Apr 1767 **Orange Co., NC. James Bynum “of Orange County”** bought 450 acres from **William Picket**.⁵
- Sep 1770 **Hillsborough, Orange Co., NC. James Bynum** “was successfully sued by Colonel Edmund Fanning, . . . perhaps the most corrupt and hated local official in the area, who obtained a judgment for £5:6s at the Superior Court in Hillsborough. At the same court session, he was a participant in the ‘Hillsborough riot’ in which the Regulators marched into the courthouse ‘shouting, halooing, and making a great tumult in the streets’, seized the courthouse, beat several officials, burned Fanning’s house, and conducted their own court in defiance of the King.” [Robert W. Baird, p. 69, of discussion of 2.1. William Bynum (c1690? – 1746).]
- 11 Mar 1771 **Orange Co., NC. James Binnum** was among the individuals indicted for his part in the riot of 24-25 Sept 1770.

¹ Nearly all of this information relies on the web page of Robert W. Baird, “Bob’s Genealogy Filing Cabinet,” www.genfiles.com.

² Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Deed Book 1, p. 217 and p. 358, respectively.

³ Halifax County, North Carolina, Deed Book 8, p. 434.

⁴ Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Deed Book C, p. 164.

⁵ Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book A, p. 261.

- 01 Apr 1771 Chatham County was formed from Orange County.
- 27 Jan 1772 **Chatham Co., NC. John Hatley, Jr.**, deeded a gift of household goods “for and in consideration of the love, good will and affection that I have and do bear towards my loving friend **Elizabeth Bynum, daughter of James Bynum and Rebecca.**”⁶
- Sep 1772 **Chatham Co., NC. James Bynum** appears to be the same man listed on the militia roster of **Elisha Cain**’s company.⁷
- 12 Oct 1772 **Chatham Co., NC. James Bynum**’s 450 acres were seized and sold by the sheriff to **Ralph McNair**, to whom Bynum owed a debt on which he had defaulted.⁸
- 10 Dec 1774 **Chatham Co., NC. James Bynum** and **James Bell** witnessed a deed.⁹

NOTE: Robert W. Baird said this was the last known reference to James Bynum in Chatham Co. and that subsequent references to a James Bynum there are for the son of Luke Bynum.

Baird thought he may have been the James Binom in the 1790 federal census of Abbeville Co. of Ninety-Six District, SC, next door to Jesse Binom. He had a nephew and possibly a brother in Wilkes Co., GA. Baird did not find him in the 1800 census.

- 1790 **Greenville District, SC. James Bynum** is in the federal census, perhaps the James Bynum cited here. 2 males under 16, 2 males 16 & older, 2 females, 2 slaves.¹⁰ Because one of the brothers of his wife, Edward Tatum, went to South Carolina by about 1800, it may be because James Bynum was there already.

⁶ Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book A, p. 261. Robert W. Baird wrote: “The story behind this deed is tantalizingly mysterious, though it probably is related in some way to James Bynum’s legal troubles. (I note that a gift to a child would have prevented the goods from being attached for the debts of the parent.” (pp. 69-70)

⁷ Robert W. Baird stated: “Original muster rolls in NC Archives, reproduced in *Colonial Soldiers Of The South 1732-1774*, Murtie June Clark. Although this would seem to conflict with his Regulator activity, I would note that militia service was compulsory and that Orange and Chatham County’s militia was largely sympathetic to the Regulator cause. “

⁸ Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book A, p. 261.

⁹ Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book B, p. 213.

¹⁰ 1790; Census Place: *Greenville, South Carolina*; Series: *M637*; Roll: *11*; Page: *91*; Image: *72*; Family History Library Film: 0568151. From www.ancestry.com.

1790 Greenville SC			The people below may be children of William, not James		
			1800 Pendleton SC		
1 m 16/older	1774/earlier	James			
1 m 16/older	1774/earlier	Jesse?	26-44	1756/1774	Jesse, p. 117
1 m under 16	1775/1790	Unknown			
1 m under 16	1775/1790	Unknown			
1 f any age		Rebecca			
1 f any age		Elizabeth?			
2 slaves					
			26-44	1756/1774	Isaac, p. 116 [1755 s/o Wm]
			26-44	1756/1774	John, p. 114
			45/older	1755/earlier	William, p. 117
			16-25	1775/1784	Benjamin, p. 114 [1768 s/o Wm]
					Rebecca & James Powell, p. 113