Brake (Break, Brechtel) and Related Listings in

Hampshire & Hardy Counties, (W)VA Abstracts

Hampshire County Wills (1780 – 1794) Deeds (1757 – 1786)
Hardy County Wills (1786 – 1824) Deeds (1786 – 1800)

Following are the listings for Brakes extracted from the above references, including one listing for “Brechtel” which might have been the original German spelling of the surname. Some listings are for “Break” and one is for “Brack” which are undoubtedly recording errors. I have included a listing for George Mumford and Abraham House, speculating that George could be the father of Anna Mumford, wife of James Brake, and that Abraham was the husband of Jacob Brake’s sister, Elizabeth. Abraham House is mentioned in other listings here. The original listings were in separate ledgers according to type (will, deed), year, and county. I have arranged them here chronologically to give some sense of continuity.

Perry Brake, 6G grandson of Jacob Brake, Sr.

6 May 1763; Peter HAAS to Jacob BRECHTEL 680 acres for £180 land said HAAS purchased from Peter REED being tract No.1 on the South Fork of the Wappacomo.

10 Jun 1771; James JONES and wife Susanna JONES of New Castle Co PA to Jacob BRAKE of Hampshire CO, 200 acres for £43 at the Little Springs in a fork of the South Branch of the Potomac. Lease and release.

9 May 1775; Jacob BREAK and wife Catharine BREAK to John WOLF 200 acres for £50 on the mountain between the South Fork of the South Branch and adj the KING line. Lease and release.

Catharine STUMP; Will, 4 Dec 1783 probate date not given. Sons; Michael STUMP and Leonard STUMP. Daughters; Catharine BRAKE, Elizabeth WELTON, Magdaline STUMP and Goahline?? STUMP. Wit; John HAYS, Catharine HAYS. Mentions Jacob BRAKE.

Matthew GEORGE; settlement, 7 Jan 1788. Acc’ts of: William DARLING, Nicholas WEATHERHOLT, Joseph NEVITT, George BALTHIS, Jacob BRAKE, John SHEPHERD, John LIBBY, George STUMP, Samuel MAY, Alexander HEATH, Christopher GANTER, George SIMON, Robert MAXWELL, Jonathan
HEATH, sheriff, Sam SPARKS, Robert STEPHEN, Henry Monday MARRS. Negros, but none named.


20 May 1794; Jacob BRAKE and wife Catharine BRAKE to Adam HARPOLE, 134 acres for £40 on Middle Mountain near the head of Brakes Mill Run.

13 Jan 1796; Benjamin CHAMBERS of Chambersburg, Franklin Co PA to Jacob CONKLIN, John NIXON, Alexander MORRATT and John WARDELL SHAVER, John HARNESS, Jacob BRAKE, Leonard SIMPSON, Michael STUMP, Leonard STUMP Jr and Sr, heirs of Matthew GEORGE, Manis SHOOK, William SEARS, George LEE, George HARNESS, George NAVE, George STUMP, Moses HUTTON, Thomas McCARTY and on Cornwall Run.

Martin REAGER; appr, 20 May 1796 by Jacob RANDAL, George SIMON, John BRAKE.

Michael STUMP; sale, 12 Jun 1799. Exec; Sarah STUMP and Leonard STUMP. Buyers; Peter ALKIRE, Jacob ATTERMAN, George BARKDAL, Jacob BERGER Jr, Jacob BRAKE, John BROWN, Charles BURGAIN, John COFFEL, Jacob CRITES, James DAVIS, Conrad ELING, Conrad ERLING, John HAYS, Vinsted HAYS, Jehu HOUSE, Michael KESSLE, George KISSEL, Michael KISSEL, Martin LEONARD, Mary MANGOLD, Samuel MORRIL, Nathan MORRIS, Jacob PITSENBERGER, Jacob PITSENBUR, John REYNOLDS, Jehu REZZIN, Jacob RITHERSON?, Adam SEE, George SEE, Frederick SHAVER, Frederick SHAVER, Henry SHIPLER, Harmon SHOOK Jr, Harmon SHOOK, Christian SIMBON, George SIMON, Leonard STUMP, Leonard STUMP Jr, Sarah STUMP, George WHITECOTTON, Isaac WHITECOTTON, George YERGIN, George YOAKUM, Michael YOAKUM.

James MORROW; Will, 5 Apr 1800 prob 10 Sep 1800. Wife, Ellointz? MORROW. Children; Thomas MORROW, Robert MORROW, James MORROW, David MORROW. Exec; son, James and Christian SIMON. Wit, Daniel SITES, Michael BRAKE, Jacob SULLOUVORN.
Adam RADABOUGH Sr; sales, 14 Oct 1807. Exec; Peter RADABOUGH. Buyers; Michael BRAKE, Valentine COOPER, John DASHER, Leonard DASHER, Abraham DEHART, George DOVE, Jacob FENT, Philip FISHER, John FOWLER, William FOWLER, George HARNESS, Michael HARNESS, Lewis HEAVENOR, Mary HEGLER, Peter HEGLER, Abraham HOUSE, George KELLY, Barbara KESNER, George KESSEL, Jacob KETTERMAN, John McCORD, John MITCHEL, James MORROW, John MUMBERT, Jacob NEFF, Caleb PEACOCK, Thomas PEACOCK, Peter PUP, Andrew RACE, John RACE, Catharine RADABOUGH, Peter RADABOUGH, Jacob, RANDALL, John REAGER, George SHOEMAKER, Harmon SHOOK, Abraham SIMON, Christian SIMON Jr, Christian SIMON, Daniel SITES, James SMITH, John SPOHR, John SPOLER, Leonard STUMP, Andrew TRUMBO, Jacob TURNIPSEED, John WEESE, Charles WILSON.

Jacob BREAK; appr, 10 Feb 1809 by Leonard STUMP, Harmon SHOOK, Adam SEE. Notes of; Peter SHOOK, John CULP, Michael BRAKE, Isaac BRAKE.

Jacob BRAKE; sale, 10 Feb 1809 by George SIMON. Buyers; John ALKIRE, John BRAKE, Michael BRAKE, widow BRAKE, Valentine COOPER KISSEL, George MONGOLD, James MONROE, Jacob MORROW, James MORROW, George NEFF Jr, Sigman OEN?, Caleb PEACOCK, Silas PHILIPS, Maryann RATLIFF, William RATLIFF, Jacob RORHBOUGH, John SHIRK, Harmon SHOOK, John SHOOK Sr, John SHOOK Jr, John SHOOK, Abraham SIMON, Benjamin SIMON, George SIMON, Peter SIMS?, Daniel SITES, Jacob SITES, Jesse STUMP, Leonard STUMP.

Jacob BREAK; sett, 5 Nov 1810 and 12 Nov 1812 by Abel SEYMOUR, John CRAIGON. Exec; George SIMON Sr. Note and debts; Michael BREAK, Jno CALPS, Isaac BREAK, Peter SHOOK.


George MONGOLD; appr, 30 Jun 1820 by James MORROW, Marshall BRAKE, Jacob KETTERMAN.

George MONGOLD; sale, 1 Jul 1820 by Christian SIMON. Buyers; Charles BOROR, Elizabeth BRACK, Michael BRAKE, Leonard DASHER, John DAVIS, Lewis DAY, George DOVE, George HARNESS, Abraham HINKLE, Jacob KETTERMAN Sr, George LAUENMAN?, Mrs. MONGOLD, Wm. D. MONGOLD, David MORROW, James MORROW, Eulius
OVERMAN, John RATLISS, William RATLIFF, Adam RICE, Adam RICE, Jr., Jacob RIGLEMAN, Thomas SALTERS, Adam SEE Sr., Christian SIMON Sr, and Jr. Jacob SIMON, Daniel SITES, Isaac WEES, Catharine WHITECOTTON.

George MONGOLD, settlement, 1 Ju1 1820. Acc’ts of; Jacob EYMAN, Lewis DAY, Michael BREAK, Leonard DASHER, Isaac BREAK, John HOPEWELL, Ruth CALENDAR, Isaiah McCORD, George DOVE, Thos BRYAN, Warner THROCKMORTON. Auditor; John CRAIGEN.

John ROHRBOUGH; sale, 1 Dec 1822 by George SIMON and Jacob ROHRBOUGH. Buyers/notes; James BRAKE, Michael BRAKE, John DAVIS, Frederick DOVE, George DOVE, Josiah FOX, Jacob HARNESS, Francis IDLEMAN, Jacob IDLEMAN, John MYERS, Peter RADABOUGH, Jacob RIGLEMAN, Anthony ROHRBOUGH, Jacob ROHRBOUGH, Abraham SIMON, Adam SIMON, Barbara SIMON, Christian SIMON, George SIMON.