

Paradise

Land tax assessments before 1860

Early land tax assessments

year	owner	acres	rate	value
1782	Lee Land	1440	12s.6d	£900.5s
1789	Philip Lee	1400	6s.2p	£431.13s.4p
1791	Philip Lee	1400	6s.2p	£431.13s.4p
1791	Philip Lee	400	3s.9p	£75
1819	Philip Lee, dec'd	1400	\$1.030	\$1,442.00
1819	Philip Lee, dec'd	400	\$0.625	\$250.00

Philip Lee's land holdings changed only a little before 1820.

1820 land tax assessments

owner	description	acres	rate	buildings	value
Philip Lee dec'd	mill seat incl.	400.0	\$5.3100	\$125.00	\$2,124.00
Philip Lee dec'd	"Paradise"	900.0	\$6.2500	\$0	\$5,625.00
Thomas R. Corr	forest land	500.0	\$7.4175	\$583.32	\$3,708.75
TOTAL		1800.0			\$11,457.75

Transactions before 1850

- 1839 – John Booker purchased the 500 acre tract from Thomas Corr's heirs, with building
- 1840 – Lee estate stopped being assessed for any buildings
- 1842 – Lee tracts coalesced into one 1300-acre parcel
- 1842 – Booker sold 38.5 acres to John Mann, 94 acres to Dawson Cooke, Jr., kept 367.5 acres and building
- 1846 – 327.5 acres to Thorntons, leaving 972.5 acres

1850 land tax assessments

owner	description	acres	rate	buildings	value
Philip Lee dec'd	"Paradise"	972.5	\$3.3100	\$0	\$3,218.98
Thornton	Philip Lee estate	327.5	\$3.3100	\$0	\$1,084.03
John Booker		367.5	\$5.7400	\$1,000.00	\$2,119.45
John Mann		38.5	\$3.0000	\$0	\$115.50
Dawson Cooke Jr	forest	94.0	\$3.0000	\$0	\$282.00
TOTAL		1,800.0		\$1,000.00	\$6,819.96

Transactions 1850-1855

- 1851 – 367.5 acres with building Booker tract purchased by George Jeffries
- 1852 – 1300 acre Paradise tract reassembled by Barbour's from Lee and Thornton
- 1854 – Barbour's sold 655 acres to Absolom Bland, 203 acres to Thomas P. Fary, 21.625 acres to Thomas Cooke. 10 acres unaccounted for.
- 1855 – Archie Bland acquired half of Absolom's tract.
- 1855 – William Southern purchased Jeffries "Paradise" property with building.

1855 land tax assessments

owner	from	acres	buildings	value
Lucy Barbour, executor for J. Barbour, of Paradise	Lee, Thornton	410.38		\$820.75
Absolom Bland, of Paradise	Barbour's 1300 ac	327.50		\$655.00
Archie Bland, of Paradise	Absolom's 655 ac	327.50		\$655.00
Thomas Cooke, of Paradise	Barbour's 1300 ac	21.62		\$43.25
Thomas P. Fary, of Paradise	Barbour's 1300 ac	203.00		\$406.00
William Southern - Paradise	Jeffries from Booker	367.50	\$800.00	\$1442.43
John Mann	Booker	38.50		\$77.00
Dawson Cooke, Jr. Estate	Booker	94.00		\$188.00
TOTAL		1790.00	\$800.00	\$4287.43

Transactions 1855-1859

- 1857 – William P. Baker bought 50 acres from William Southern.
- 1857 – Cooke's parcel mysteriously got 10 acres bigger.
- 1858 – William P. Baker bought 11 acres from Barbour's, who also sold 54.66 acres to Elizabeth Bayse, 38.75 acres to Rowland Fletcher, and 43.75 acres to Thomas P. Fary.
- 1859 – William Southern sold out to Albert D. Mitchell after owning it only since early 1855. Parcel included the only buildings that had been taxed since 1820.

1859 land tax assessments

owner	from	acres	buildings	value
Lucy Barbour, executor for J. Barbour	Lee & Thornton	262.21		\$655.53
Absolom Bland	Barbour's 1300 ac	327.50		\$900.62
Archie Bland	Absolom's 655 ac	327.50		\$900.62
Thomas S. Cooke	Barbour's 1300 ac	31.63	\$600.00	\$2003.55
Thomas P. Fary	Barbour's 1300 ac	203.00		\$1737.50
Thomas P. Fary	Barbour's 410 ac	43.75		\$109.38
William R. Fletcher	Barbour's 410 ac	38.75		\$96.87
Elizabeth Bayse	Barbour's 410 ac	54.66	\$300.00	\$457.30
William P. Baker	Barbour's 410 ac	11.00		\$27.50
William P. Baker	Southern 1857	50.00		\$166.16
Albert D. Mitchell - Paradise	Southern 1859	317.50	\$800.00	\$1855.09
Dawson Cooke, Jr. Estate	Booker 1842	94.00		\$470.00
John Mann	Booker 1842	38.50		\$192.50
TOTAL		1800.50	\$1,700	\$9,572.62

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