Debt Books & Rent Rolls

(Ended with Revolutionary War)

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John England

Frederick County Debt Book (March 1764-March 1765)

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The Debt Book entry for John England sheds light on several issues. First item is the tracts listed that John England is paying tax on. I noticed the tracts Resurvey on High Germany and Frys Delight were listed. In the deeds John England never shows up owning these tracts. After investigating the issue it was found it was John Yingland who owned these tracts. John Englands tract Brothers Inheritance is southeast of New Windsor (Carroll County). Resurvey on High Germany and Frys Delight are near Silver Run (Carroll County). **Record takers did make mistakes so take this into consideration and verify the information.**

In the second image it shows Robert Strawbridge, John Myers, Samuel & John England. Who are these people? Are they related to John England or not? Could Strawbridge and Myers be son in laws? In this case Strawbridge and Myers have no connection to John England. Samuel and John England are the sons of John England.

The listing for Robert Strawbridge also provides important information in regards to the origins of the Methodist Church in America. Question in church history was "When did Robert Strawbridge arrive in Frederick County? Oral history passed down gave conflicting dates as to the date. This 1764-1765 record is the earliest dated official government document showing his presence. The next record that shows up is Robert Strawbridge obtaining a deed for the 50 acres in 1771.

Card Index 58 list names and tract names. It may be advantageous to view the original record so one can see the grouping of names and possible relations they show.