

Greathouse Tax Lists of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky 1767 to 1816

Location	Tax Year	Greathouses										
		(names in column headers are identified below table; numbers in boxes refer to tax list references below chart)										
		John Artz	John Sr	John	Wm.	Sam	John Jr	David	Harm	Will	Chas	Dan
Heidelberg Twp, Berks County, PA	1767	1	1*									
Shenandoah County, VA	1782		2,4,5	4	4							
	1783		3,4	4	4							
Fayette County, VA (later KY)	1787		7	7	7							
	1788		8	8	8							
	1789		9	9	9							
	1790		10	10	10							
	1791		11	11	11							
Fayette County, KY	1792		12	12	12							
	1793		13	13								
	1795		15			15						
	1796		16									
	1797		17									
Jessamine County, KY	1799		18		18							
	1800		20		20							
	1801		21		21							
	1802		22		22		22					
	1803		23									
	1804		24									
	1805		25				25	25				
	1806		26				26	26	26			
	1807		27				27	27	27			
	1808		28				28	28	28	28		
	1809		29				29	29	29	29		
	1810		30				30	30	30	30		
1811		31				31	31	31	31			
Henderson County, KY	1812		33					33	33	33	33	
	1813							34	34		34	
	1814		35					35	35			
	1815		36					36		36		
	1816							37		37		37

* In the 1767 Heidelberg Twp, Berks County, PA, Vivian Taylor considers this entry to be probable but not proven for John Sr.

Greathouse Names in Table Columns:

John Artz – John Artz married Elizabeth Greathouse, daughter of Henry and Ann Greathouse

John Sr - John Greathouse Sr (abt 1746 to 1816), married Elizabeth

John – John Greathouse (abt 1737 to 1840), married Catharina Elissen Haack - Note: "Vivian Taylor believes that John the husband of Catharina was born about 1756 in PA and died in 1834 in Wabash Co., IL; that he was the son of John (abt. 1734-1796), the youngest son of Henry and Ann; and that John (abt. 1756-

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1834) was called "Junior" or "the Younger" when he was in the same county (especially Shenandoah and Fayette) with John "Senior" (abt. 1746-1816). This reference to John as Jr did not mean that he was the son of John Sr, but merely that he was younger than John Sr."

Wm.- William Greathouse (abt 1760 to 1819), married Mary Ann Livingston

Sam – Samuel Greathouse – This may be the Samuel who first appeared in Baltimore records and was a brother to David (husband of Pensilla) and Elizabeth (who married William Hays in Warren County). David, Samuel, and Elizabeth were probably the children of Eva Ann Greathouse [apparently a widow], who married James Majors, Sr., in Baltimore. [Eva's first husband is unknown at this time; he may have been a son of Christian.]

John Jr – John Greathouse Jr (1777 to 1840), son of John Greathouse Sr and Elizabeth

David – David Greathouse (abt 1782 to 1827), son of John Greathouse Sr. and Elizabeth, married Sarah Callender

Harm – Harmon Greathouse (abt 1784 to 1831), son of John Greathouse Sr and Elizabeth, married Elizabeth Masoner

Will – William Greathouse (abt 1786 to 1845), son of John Greathouse Sr and Elizabeth, married Nancy Gibson

Chas – Charles Adams, married Polly Greathouse (abt 1792 to 1820), daughter of John Greathouse Sr and Elizabeth.

Dan – Daniel Greathouse (abt 1773 to 1820), son of John Greathouse Sr and Elizabeth

Tax Lists and References

Contributed by Louise Johnson and Vivian Taylor

1. Tax List of Berks County, Pennsylvania, **1767**. (Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. XVIII.) Transcribed by F. Edward Wright. Bowie, Maryland: Willow Bend Books, 2003.

Page 33, Heidelberg Township: **John Artz**, with 100 acres, 4 horses, 6 cattle, 6 sheep, and tax of 21 [shillings].

Page 37, Heidelberg Township, Single Man [21 or over]: **John Grotheiser**; tax of 15 shillings. [PA Archives, page 53.]

Comments by Vivian M. Taylor: John Artz married Elizabeth Greathouse [daughter of Henry and Ann Greathouse] on January 5, 1748, in Christ Church at Philadelphia. [Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810, Vol. 1, page 104.] The Artz family is well documented for several generations by Daniel W. Bly in *From the Rhine to the Shenandoah*, Volume Two (Baltimore, Maryland: Gateway Press, Inc., 1996). The biography of Johannes (John) Artz is given on pages 10 and 11. John and Elizabeth Artz sold their land in Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 1771 [Berks County Deed Book 6, pages 470-471 and 485-486]. "By the early 1770s John Artz and his family had moved to Virginia and were settled near the Shenandoah River east of Woodstock. The first record of John "Ortz" in Shenandoah County is a suit against him to collect a debt owed Jacob Miller in November 1772 (Shen. Co. Order Book #1, p. 91)." Since neither John Grotheiser/Greathouse nor John and Elizabeth Artz are listed in Berks County after 1771 but all three appear in Shenandoah County records after that, it is reasonable to assume that they migrated to Shenandoah County, Virginia, about 1771.

2. Personal Property Tax List of **1782**, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Microfilm reel #89, Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, Virginia, photocopied by Vivian Taylor.
Greathouse, John: 2 poll tithables, 12 horses, 19 cattle; tax of 2 pounds, 12 shillings, and 9[?] pence.
3. A List of the Polls & Taxable Property in the County of Shenandoah for the Year **1783**. Microfilm reel #89, Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, Virginia, photocopied by Vivian Taylor.
Greathouse, John: 1 White tithe, 1 slave over sixteen, no slaves under sixteen, 14 horses, 22 cattle; tax of 2 pounds, 13 shillings, and 6 pence.
4. First Census of the United States, 1790: Records of the State Enumerations, **1782 to 1785**: Virginia. Spartanburg, South Carolina: The Reprint Company, 1961. Reprinted in 1974.
Shenandoah County:
Greathouse, Will: 2 Whites, no Blacks.
Greathouse, Jno.: 7 Whites, 1 Black.
Greathouse, John: 4 Whites, no Blacks.
5. "Virginia Publick Claims: Shenandoah County." Compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten. Athens, Georgia: Iberian Publishing Company, [n.d.]. [Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.]
"A list of claims produced to Court and ordered to be certified of the County of Shanandoah August 29, **1782**"
Page 10 (original page 10): **John Greathouse**, 35 bu vcorn, 3 pounds, 10 shillings.
Page 11 (original page 11): **John Greathouse**, 10 rations, 7 shillings, 6 pence.
"At a court held for adjusting or settling[sic] the claims of the County of Shanando agreeable to law on the 31st October 1782, present Wm. Bird, Jno. North, Alexr. Hite, Jacob Rinker, Gents. the following were produced and ordered to be certified."
Page 14 (original page 16): **John Greathous**, 280# beef, 2 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence.
Page 15 (original page 16): **John Greathouser**, 5 bu rye, 12 shillings, 6 pence.
6. Note by Vivian Taylor: Subsequent tax lists for Shenandoah County contained no entries for "Greathouse" from **1784 through 1790**. Shenandoah County deed books did not show land purchases or sales by John Greathouse. The only county marriage record for a

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Greathouse male was that of William, who married Mary Ann Livingston in 1782. These tax lists were photocopied by Vivian Taylor from the sources cited.

7. Fayette County, Virginia [Kentucky area], **1787** Tax Assessment Book. Kentucky State Archives, microfilm roll 007957. May 20, 1787. [Abstracts made at Kentucky State Archives by Charles and Vivian Taylor.]
Jno. Greathouse-----taxable and white free male over 21, 10 horses, 9 cattle;
Jno. Greathouse Jun.--taxable and white free male over 21, 2 horses, 5 cattle;
Wm. Greathouse-----taxable and white free male over 21, 2 horses, 1 cattle.
8. Fayette County, Virginia, **1788** Tax Assessment Book. Kentucky State Archives, microfilm roll 007957.
Greathouse, John-----1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 10 horses;
Greathouse, Wm.-----1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 2 horses;
Greathouse, John Jr.---1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 2 horses.
9. Fayette County, Virginia, **1789** Tax Assessment Book. Kentucky State Archives, microfilm roll 007957.
Greathouse, Jno. Jnr.--1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 14 horses; [Note by Vivian: J and S are very similar letters in the handwriting!]
Greathouse, Jno. Snr.--1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 2 horses; If the designations are correct, there was a reversal of wealth. I think that
Greathouse, Wm.-----1 tithable, 0 Negroes, 3 horses. John Senior probably had the larger number of horses.]
10. Fayette County, Virginia, **1790** Tax Assessment Book. Kentucky State Archives, microfilm roll 007957.
Greathouse, Wm.-----1 W. tithable, 2 horses;
Greathouse, Jno. Jun.--1 W. tithable, 19 horses;
Greathouse, Jno. Sen.--1 W. tithable, 4 horses.
11. Fayette County, Virginia, **1791** Tax Assessment Book. Kentucky State Archives, microfilm roll 007957.
Greathouse, Jno. Jr.--1 tithable, 21 horses;
Greathouse, Wm.-----1 tithable, 3 horses;
Greathouse, Jno. Sr.--1 tithable, 3 horses.
12. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **Oct 22 1792** Tax Lists, Company 11, Book 2., Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
Greathouse, John (big)--1 taxable, 25 horses, 16 cattle, 1 stud horse, and 600 acres of land @ tax rate of 61
[larger number of horses is clearly John Senior's property];
Greathouse, John (little)--1 taxable, 4 horses, 17 cattle;
Greathouse, William-----1 taxable, 4 horses, 7 cattle.
13. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **20 Sept 1793**, Book 3, Charles Morgan's District, Company 11; Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
Greathouse, John (big)---1 taxable, 29 horses, 10 cattle, and 600 acres @ tax rate of 61;
Greathouse, John (little)--1 taxable, 5 horses, 4 cattle.
14. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **1794**: Tax Book No.2, Charles Morgan's District., Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.

No Greathouses listed.
15. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **1795**: District No. 2, Andrew McCala's Company; Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
Greathouse, John--1 taxable white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, 26 horses, 18 cattle, 12 stud horses, and 300 acres of first-rate land. He paid tax for years 1792, 1793, and 1794. John also owned land in Fayette County, 350 acres on Jessamine Creek, on which he paid the tax for 1794; and he owned land in Shelby County on Mill Creek, for which he paid the tax for 1794.
Greathouse, Samuel--1 taxable white male (with zero in the other columns).
16. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **1796**: Tax Book #1; vouchers by Francis Dallum, Fayette County, Kentucky: Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
Greathouse, John--1 white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, 26 horses, 20 cattle, 11 stud horses, and 300 acres of first-rate land in Fayette County, watercourse Jessamine; surveyed in name of Edward Bradley.
17. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky) **1797**: Francis Dallum's District, Fayette County, Kentucky: Fayette County, Virginia, Tax Lists, 1787-1804. State of Kentucky after 1 June 1792. LDS microfilm roll #28739. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
Greathouse, John--1 white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, 28 cattle, 1 stud horse, and 121 acres.
18. Fayette County, Virginia (later Kentucky), **1798**: No tax book found. No further Greathouse entries in Fayette County, 1799-1805. Jessamine County was formed from Fayette in 1799.

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19. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1799**: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, John**--1 white male over 21, 2 males over 16, 34 horses, 2 slaves, and 300 acres on watercourse Jessamine, patented and entered in name of Isaac Hite.
Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21, 0 over 16, and 3 horses.
20. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1800**: Tax List taken May 31 and June 22, Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, William**--1 white male over 21, 0 white males over 16, 1 horse, and 0 slaves.
Greathouse, John--2 white males over 21, 1 white male over 16, 5 horses, 0 slaves, and 600 acres on watercourse Jessamine.
21. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1801**: Tax List taken Aug. 3 and Aug. 11; Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, William**--1 white male over 21, 0 horses.
Greathouse, John--1 white male over 21, 17 horses, 300 acres on watercourse Jessamine (patented and entered in name of Hite), and 400 acres on watercourse Licking, 150 acres [*sic*].
22. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1802**: Tax List taken April 19 and May 21: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, William**--1 white male over 21 and 1 horse.
Greathouse, John--1 white male over 21, 2 white males over 16, 14 horses, 1 stud horse, and 300 acres.
Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21 [and no other entries].
23. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1803**: Tax List of May 16: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, John**--2 white males over 21, 1 white male over 16, and 18 horses.
24. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1804**: Tax List taken April 2: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, John**--2 white males over 21, 1 white male over 16, 13 horses, 1 stud horse, and 300 acres.
25. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1805**: Tax List taken May 3: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, John, Sr.**--1 white male over 21, 2 white males over 16, 21 horses, and 300 acres.
Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21 and 1 horse.
Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 5 horses, and 200 acres in Warren County, Kentucky, on Buck Creek (entered, surveyed, and patented in name of Sampson Greathouse).
26. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1806**: Tax List taken April 19: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Greathouse, John, Sr.**--1 white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, and 14 horses.
Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21.
Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 4 horses, and 200 acres in Warren County on Buck Creek (entered, patented, and surveyed in name of Sampson Greathouse).
Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21 and 4 horses.
27. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1807**; Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Tax List taken May 2:
Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21 and 3 horses.
- Tax List taken May 16:
Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 2 horses, and 250 [*sic*] acres in Warren County on Buck Creek.
- Tax List taken July 22:
Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21 and 1 horse.
- Tax List taken July 27:
Greathouse, John, Sr.--1 white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, 18 horses, 300 acres in Jessamine County, 300 acres in Franklin County on Savern[?] Creek, and 200 acres in Warren County, Ky.
28. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1808**: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.
- Tax List taken May 28:

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Greathouse, John, Sr.--1 white male over 21, 1 white male over 16, 15 horses, 300 acres in Jessamine County, and 200 acres in Warren County.

Tax List taken June 20:

Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21 and 3 horses.

Tax List taken August 18:

Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21 and 3 horses.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21 and 3 horses.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21 and 1 horse.

29. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1809**: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.

Tax List taken July 29:

Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21 and 3 horses.

Tax List taken August 2:

Greathouse, John, Sr.--1 white male over 21, 15 horses, 450 acres in Jessamine County, and 200 acres in Warren County.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21 and 4 horses.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21 and 2 horses.

Tax List taken August 18:

Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21.

30. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1810**: Tax List (undated); Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21 and 6 horses.

Greathouse, John, Sr.--1 white male over 21, 17 horses, 1 stud horse, 450 acres in Jessamine County, and 200 acres in Warren County on Buck Creek.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21 and 6 horses.

Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21, 1 black male over 16, and 3 horses.

Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male and 4 horses.

31. Jessamine County, Kentucky, **1811**: Tax List taken June 28: Jessamine County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1799-1825. Abstracted by Louise Franklin Johnson.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21 and 7 horses.

Greathouse, John, Sr.--1 white male over 21, 1[*sic*] horse, 502 acres in Jessamine County, and 200 acres in Warren County.

Greathouse, John, Jr.--1 white male over 21 and 4 horses.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21 and 7 horses.

Greathouse, Harmon--1 white male over 21 and 5 horses.

32. Note by Louise F. Johnson: Jessamine County, Kentucky: No Greathouses found in Jessamine County, KY, **after 1811**.

33. Henderson County, Kentucky, **1812**: Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Rolls, 1799-1840. LDS Microfilm G41815-0008032. Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.

Page 1: **Adams, Charles**--1 white male above 21 and 1 horse. [Number of acres is blurred.]

Page 7: **Greathouse, David**--400 acres in Henderson County, on Pond Creek; land entered in name of Larkin Smith; 1 white male over 21 and 9 horses.

Greathouse, Hermon--1 white male over 21 and 4 horses.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21 and 4 horses.

Greathouse, John, Sr.--200 acres in Warren County, on Buck Creek; land entered in name of Sampson Greathouse; 1 white male over 21 and 13 horses.

34. Henderson County, Kentucky, **1813**: Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Rolls, 1799-1840. LDS Microfilm G41815-0008032. Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.

Page 1: **Adams, Charles**--1 white male above 21.

Page 5: **Greathouse, Hermon**--Company of R. [or A.] Smith; 1 white male over 21 and 11 horses.

Greathouse, David--Company of H[?] James; 400 acres of 3rd-rate land in Henderson County on Pond Creek; name under which entered or by whom surveyed and patented--Tad Kuykendall; 1 white male over 21 and 5 horses.

35. Henderson County, Kentucky, **1814**: Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Rolls, 1799-1840. LDS Microfilm G41815-0008032. Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.

Page 5: **Greathouse, Harmon**--1 white male over 21, 6[?] horses, and \$350 total value.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 7 horses, and \$230 total value.

Greathouse, John--200 acres in Jefferson County on Floyd's Fork, entered by Mordica Reed; 1 white male over 21; 15 horses; value of land = 1.00 per acre; \$800 total value.

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36. Henderson County, Kentucky, **1815**: Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Rolls, 1799-1840. LDS Microfilm G41815-0008032. Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.

Page 8: **Greathouse, John**--200 acres of 3rd-rate land in Warren County on Buck Creek, entered by S. Greathouse and surveyed for same; 1 white male over 21; 11 horses; value of land = 1.00 per acre; \$600 total value.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 7 horses, and \$200 total value.

Greathouse, William--1 white male over 21, 4 horses, and \$200 total value.

37. Henderson County, Kentucky, **1816**: Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Rolls, 1799-1840. LDS Microfilm G41815-0008032. Abstracted by Vivian Taylor.

Page 1: **Adams, Charles**--1 white male over 21, 2 horses, and \$80 total value.

Page 8: **Greathouse, William**--1 white male over 21, 2 horses, and \$140[?] total value.

Page 9: **Greathouse, Daniel**--1 white male over 21.

Greathouse, David--1 white male over 21, 7 horses, and \$245 total value.

[John in no longer listed.]