

AVINTON FELPS

Born in Baltimore County Maryland abt.1711
Died in Rowan County North Carolina abt.1790
"Blacksmith"
Son of Thomas Felps & amp; Mrs. Rosanna Swift

Shown in the St. George's Parish Register in Baltimore County, Maryland is the marriage record of Avinton Felps and Rachel McElroy dated April 23, 1730. Rachel was born Aug. 7, 1713 and was the daughter of John and Francis McElroy.

On June 20, 1725 John McElroy was granted a survey for 100 acres that was named "Rachel's Delight" and this tract of land was located on the head of a small draught being a draught of the upper groom spring the west side of Deer creek. John had conveyed 50 of the 100 acres of "Rachel's Delight" to his daughter at the time she had married.

On Sept. 5, 1732 the father of Rachel, who referred to himself as a planter in various deeds, had sold the last of his land "John's Beginning" in Baltimore County, Maryland to John Long of Cecil County, L50, 200 acres, John (x) Mackelroy. Wit: Signed Avinton Felps and Stephen Onions.

One must assume now that the McElroy family, Avinton and Rachel Felps, had began their Southwest movement on the trail of "The Great Wagon Road" also known as "The Carolina Road".

It does appear that both families left Baltimore County Maryland during the later part of 1732. The family of John and Francis McElroy have disappeared into the wilderness from the years of 1732 until 1742, about 10 years before surfacing in the North Carolina frontiers. It appears from the following land deed that Avinton and Rachel Felps, temporarily located in Orange County Virginia.