

The Todd Lands
in Madison County Kentucky
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The map on the next two pages shows the creeks upon which the Todd family of Rowan Co North Carolina came to settle upon in Madison County, Kentucky in the 1790s.

The first wave of Todd settlement consisted of the brothers Joseph Todd b 1748 and Thomas Todd (sons of Caleb Todd b abt 1731 d 1795 Rowan Co) who appeared on the 1792 tax list in Madison County and settled on Otter Creek. Thomas bought land there in 1808 and Joseph in 1811.

In the second wave, about 1797, came Benjamin Todd b 1732 and his children (Peter b 1756, Joseph b 1757, Benjamin b 1759, Thomas b 1761, and William b 1768 and daughters). They all settled on Muddy Creek though Benjamin b 1759 may have settled on Drowning Creek where it approaches Muddy Creek since he sold land there in 1806.

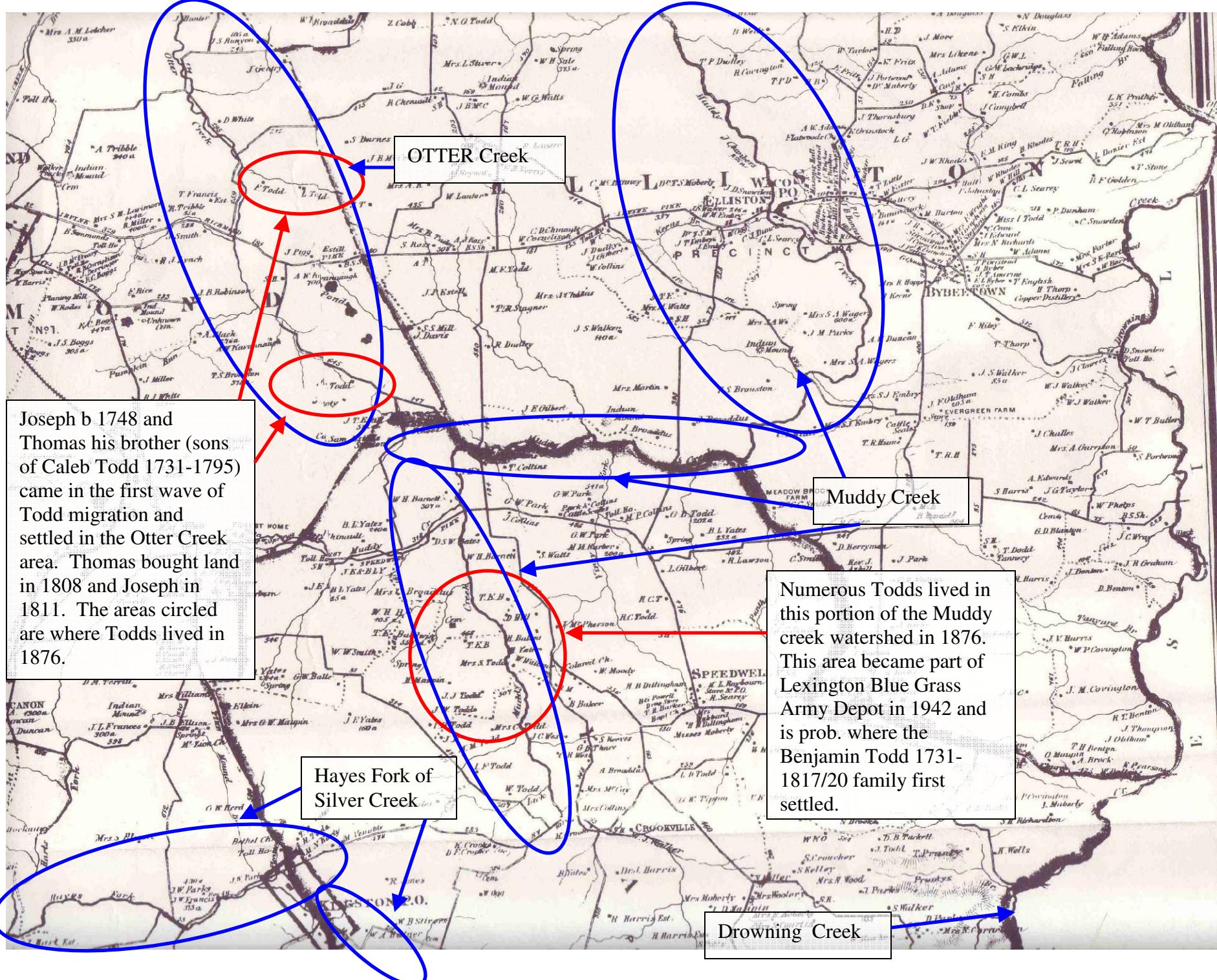
Also in this second wave, came John Todd b 1773, Joshua b 1769 and Caleb Todd b 1758, sons of Caleb Todd who had died in 1795 just before his sons went to KY. They seem to have settled initially in the Muddy Creek/Drowning Creek area, for John b 1773 acquired land from his father-in-law John Collier on Muddy Creek in 1819. But John soon appears on Silver Creek, in 1821 buying land on Hayes Fork of Silver Creek (32 acres) and then in 1832 on Silver Creek (120 acres). Prior to John settling on Silver Creek, William Todd (presumably William b 1768, son of Benjamin b 1732) bought land in 1799 and 1811 on Silver Creek and a Thomas Todd sold 776 Acres on Silver Creek in 1816.

Joel Todd, son of John Todd b 1773 and Patsy Collier b 1782, bought land on Brushy Fork of Silver Creek.

The Madison County Tax lists show the following on Silver Creek:
Benjamin Todd 70 Acres 1804 (first appears on tax lists in 1797)
John Todd 120 acres 1804 (first on tax list in 1797)

Though Joshua Todd b 1769 (son of Caleb b 1758) appears only on Muddy Creek
Joshua Todd 1809 Muddy Creek (first on tax list in 1797)

John appears on the 1811 tax lists as 120 acres on Hayes Fork of Silver Creek.



Muddy Creek where Benjamin Todd 1731-1817/20 family first settled.

Hayes Fork of Silver Creek

Silver Creek

Though William Todd and Thomas Todd had land on Silver Creek, it was John Todd b 1773 (son of Caleb 1731-1795) that made his permanent home there. John bought land on Hayes Fork in 1821 and on Silver Creek in 1832. The tax lists however show John in the county in 1797 and on Silver Creek in 1804-1809 and then on Hayes Fork of Silver Creek in 1811.

His son Joel Todd bought land on Brushy fork of

Brushy Fork of Silver Creek