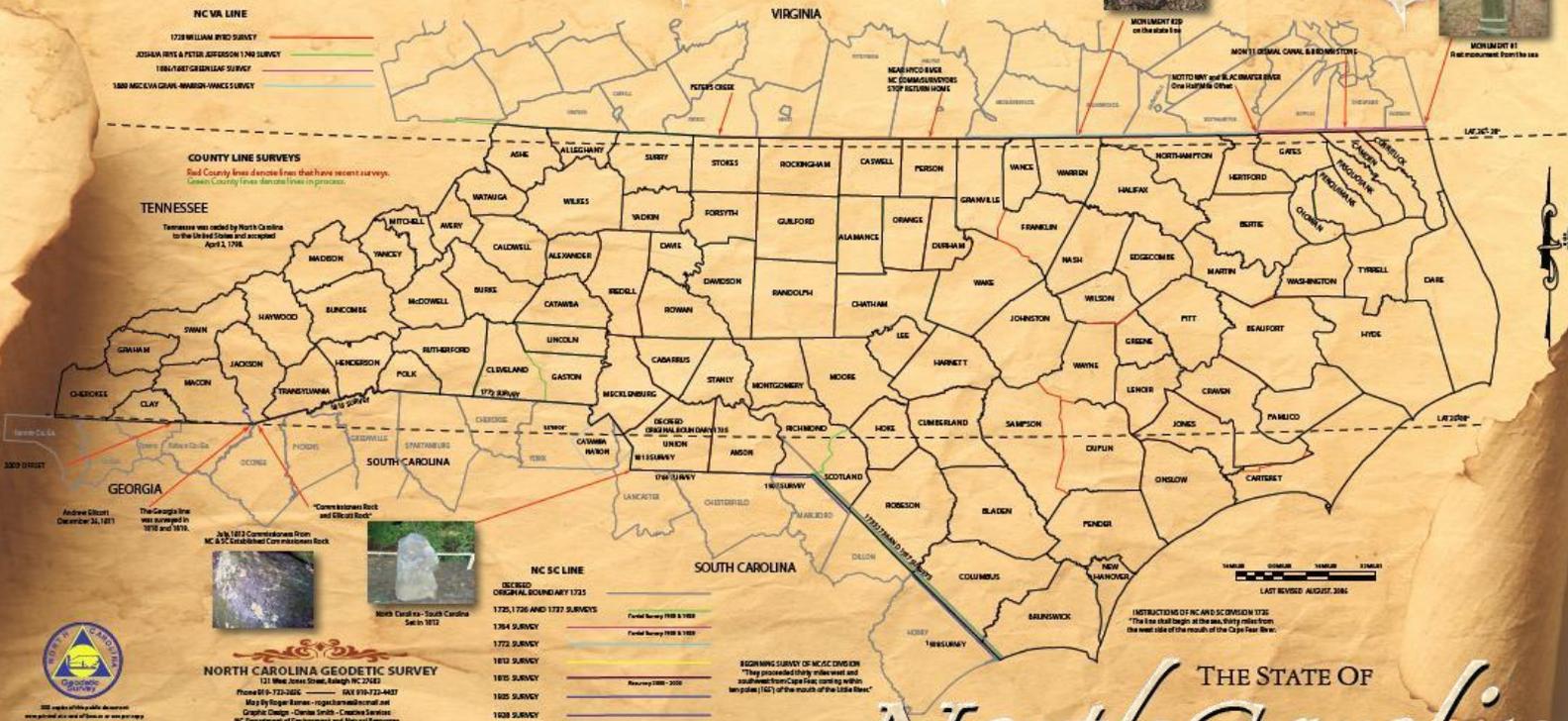


A History of the Boundaries Surveyed



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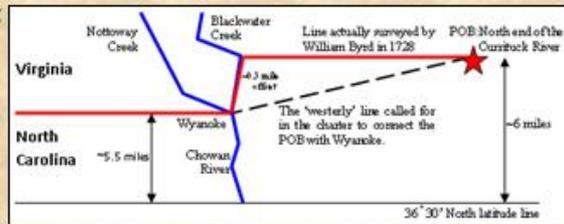


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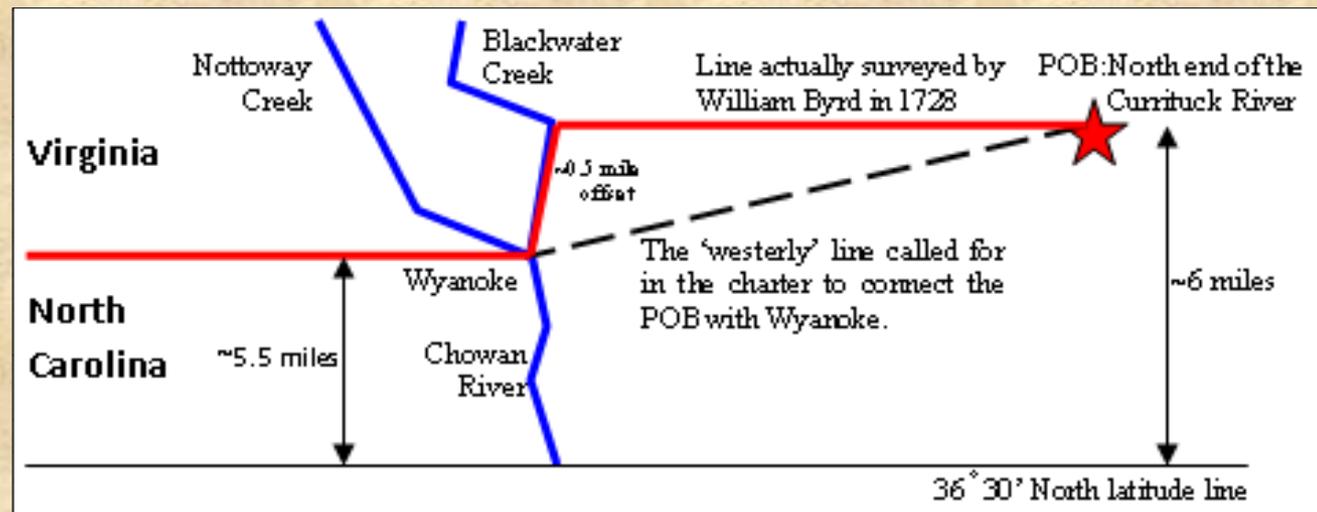
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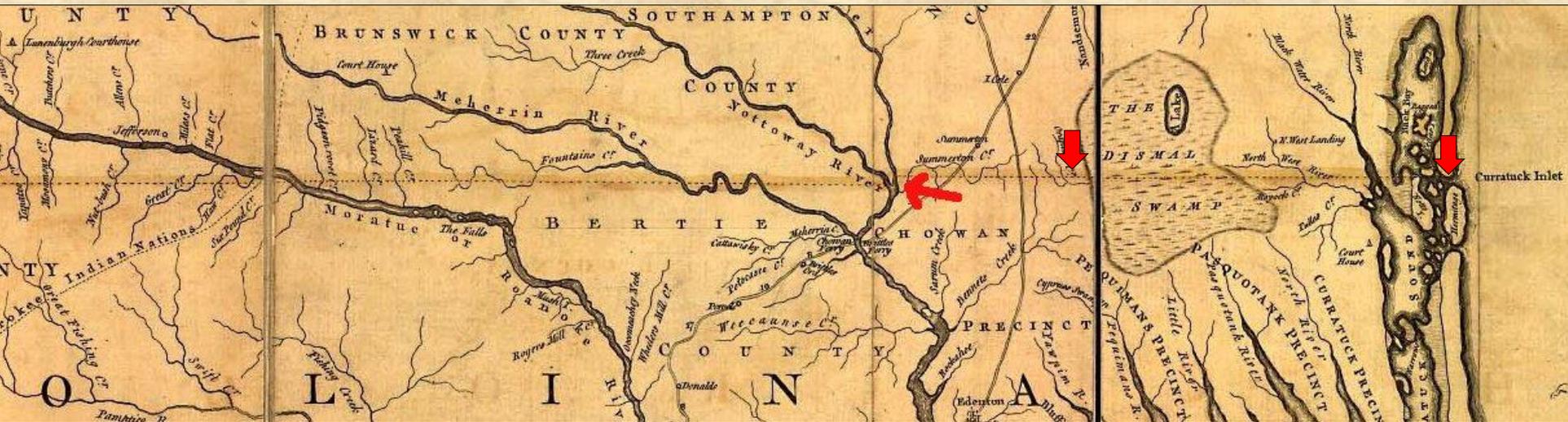
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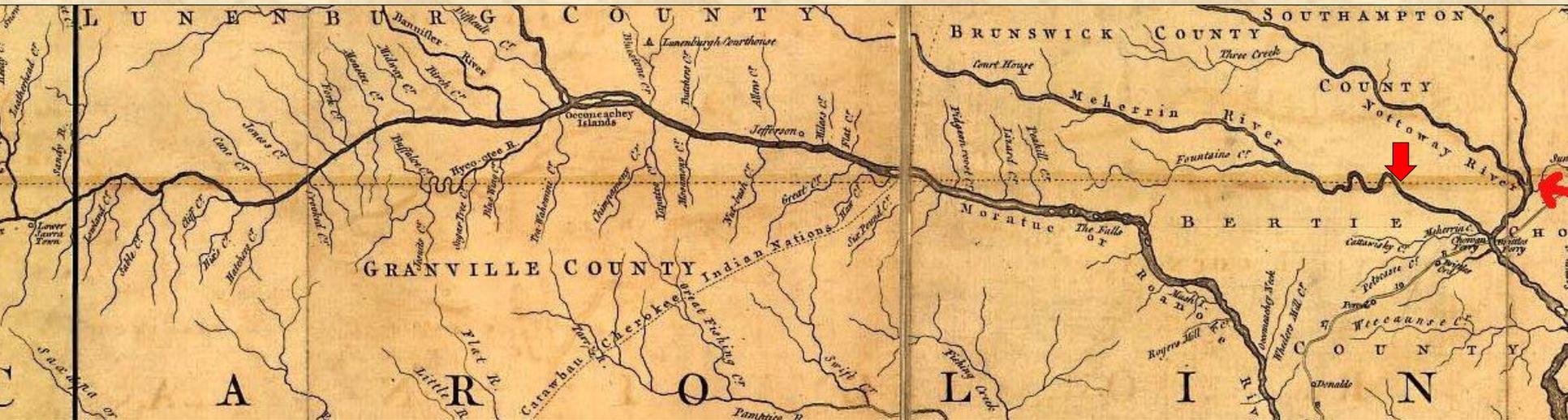


- Began at Currituck Inlet on the Atlantic Ocean and then surveyed through the Dismal Swamp, which was very difficult.
- Did their "Blackwater Creek to Wyanoke" jog, continued on surveying for a total of 73 miles, and then stopped for a break in April 1728



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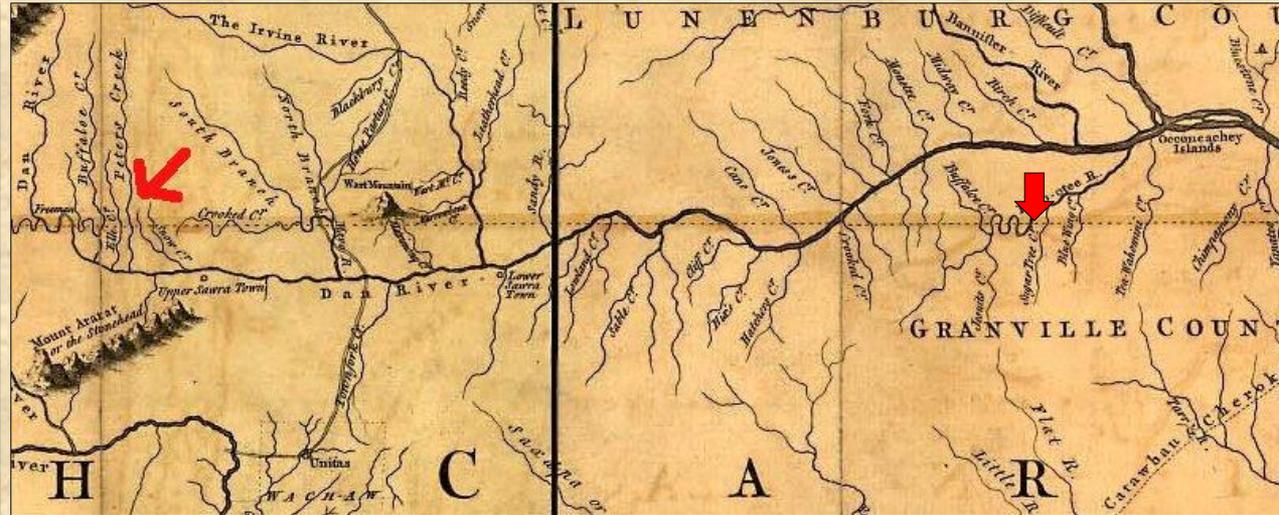


- Returned to the boundary survey in the fall of 1728, surveyed through stream after stream for a total of 100 miles, and then the North Carolina commissioners and surveyors quit along with one of the Virginia commissioners.



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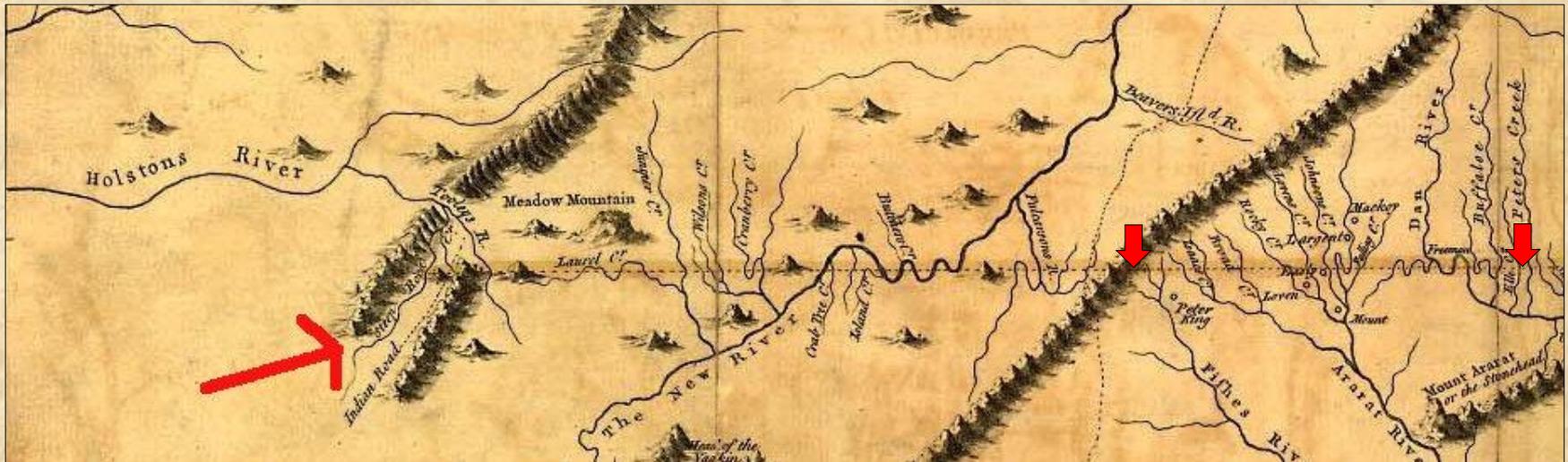


- After half the party left, they continued to survey for another 64 miles and stopped at Peters Creek, because winter was approaching and they were running out of food.
- However, they lamented at stopping, because they could see a place about 30 miles westward (Fisher Peak) where two ledges of mountains closed that the “Hand of Nature” had made so very remarkable.



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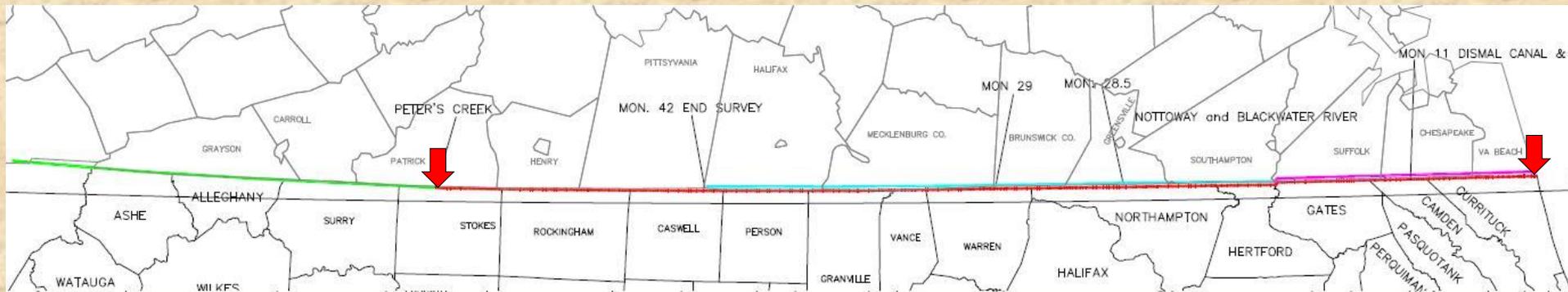


- Began at the terminus of the 1728 survey (Peters Creek)
- Surveyed to the Allegheny Ridge and crossed over at Fisher Peak
- Surveyed to the Stone Mountain Range and ended at Steep Rock Creek, which is at the base of White Top Mountain



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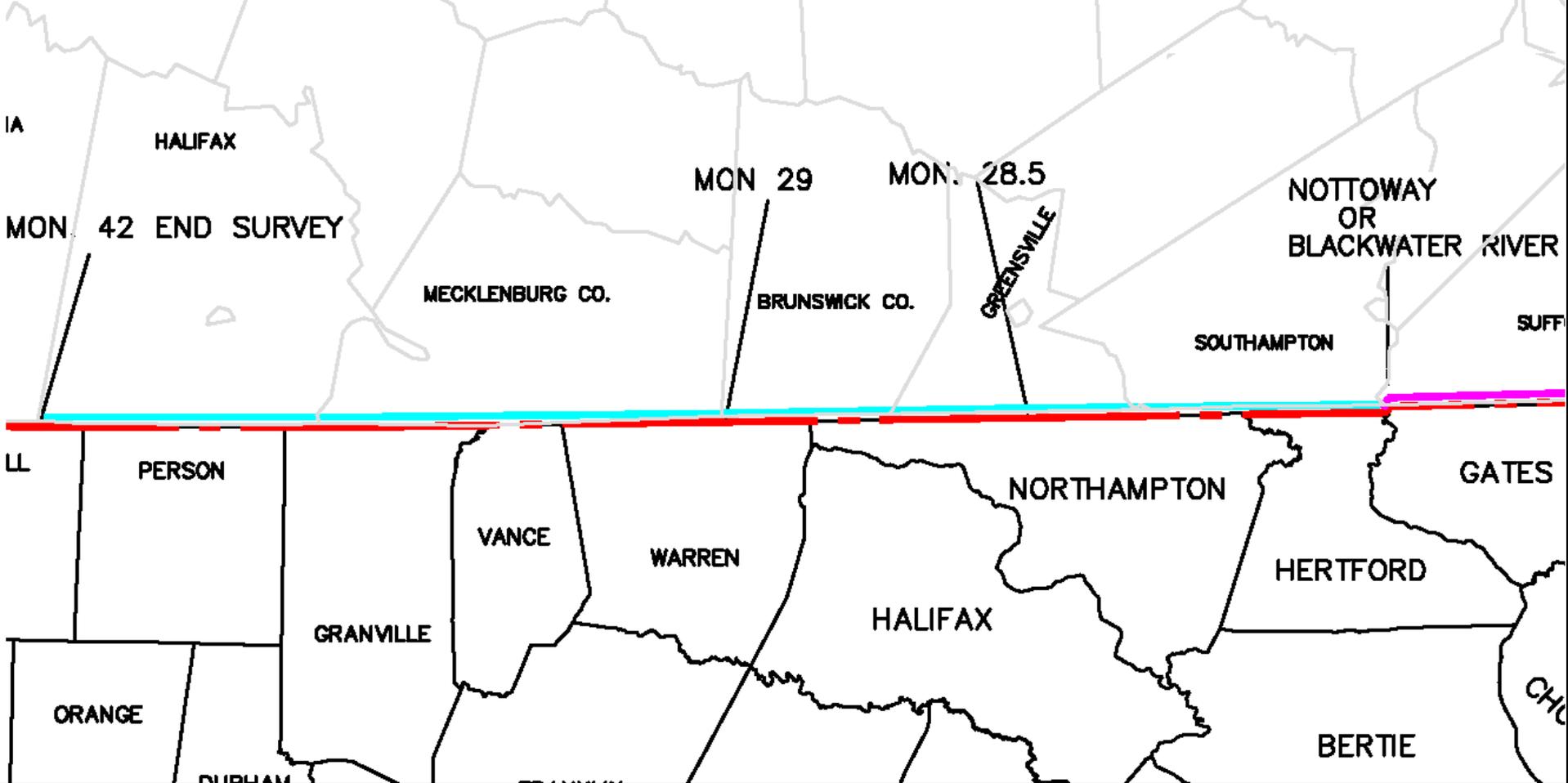


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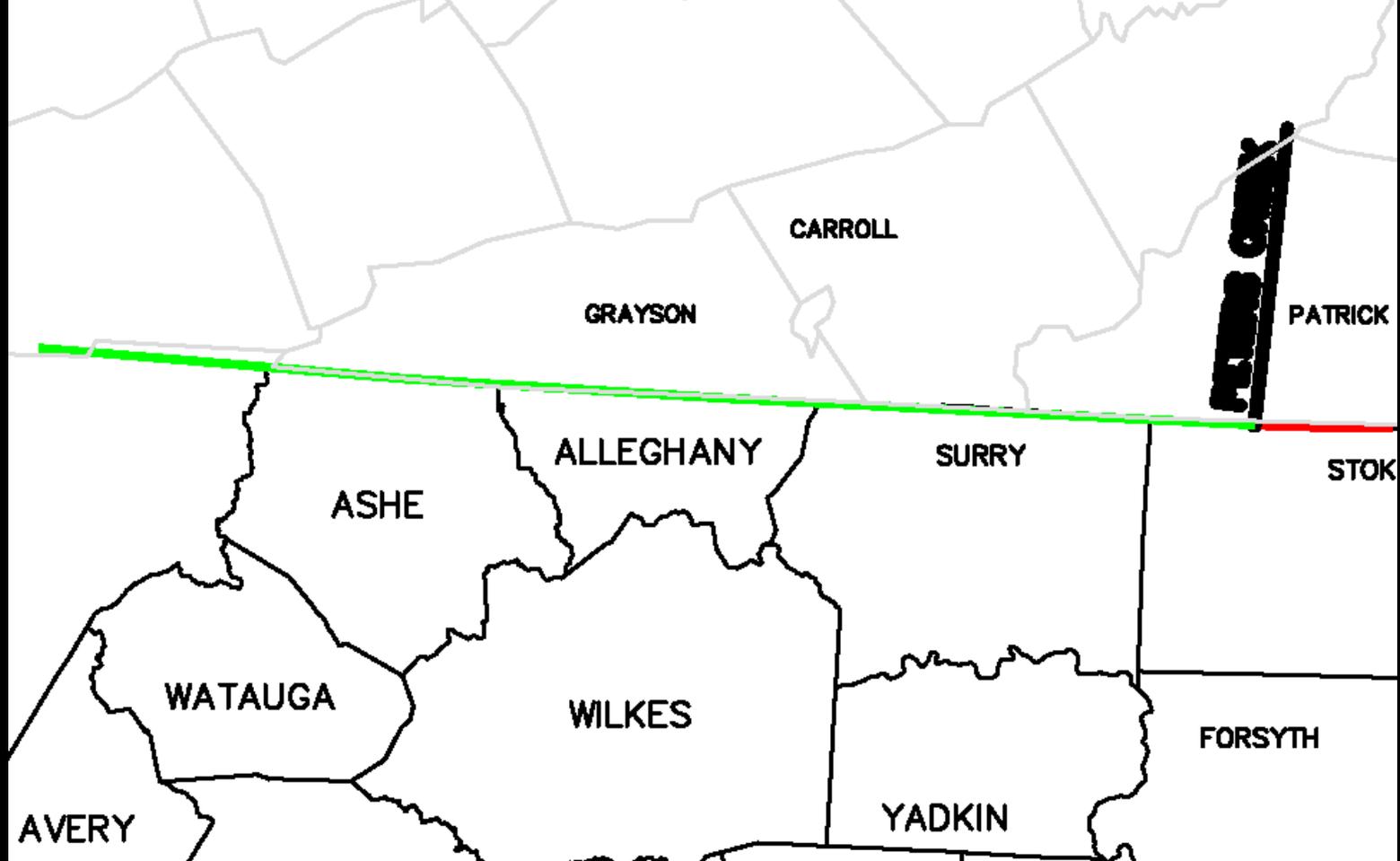


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