Avon Hill Properties
McCurdy-Mountain View Farm, Chain of Title
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Jefferson County DB 6, p. 124
29 May 1810
To: Henry Gantt
From: John Gantt Sr. and John Gantt Jr.

> 350 acres for the "natural love & affection" of father to son; land purchased of Ralph Wormeley; where Henry now resides (this is Mountain View according to Between the Rivers); beginning at a post, corner to Battaile Muse; bordering on the east to John Jr.'s part of Avon Hill (DB 6, p. 124).
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> **The 1798 Berkeley Co. House tax did not have an assessment for Henry Gantt, indicating that the brick house on Mountain View farm was not yet constructed. Henry was at least 33 years old by then and apparently still living in his father's house. By 1810 he was married, had a child at least 10 years old, and was residing on Mountain View. So it appears the house was constructed between 1798 and 1800. (see attached photo from Between the Rivers)**

1810 Census record listed Henry Gantt and his wife age 45+, with one female age 26-44, one male age 10-15, one male and two females under age 9, and 24 slaves. John Gant's household had two men and one woman age 45+, two men and one woman age 26-44, one male under age 9, one female age 10-15, and 25 slaves. The Gantt's were among the larger slave holders, however, neighbor Henry S. Turner owned 37 slaves and William Lee owned 68 slaves.

9 April 1813 – Henry Gantt placed an advertisement in the Charles Town newspaper Farmer's Repository:

> **"*LAND FOR SALE.* I WILL sell the farm on which I reside on Bullskin, containing 350 acres – at least one third of the land is in wood, and the cleared land in a high state of cultivation [fold in paper]…and a sufficiency of meadow. This farm may be laid off in fields of 30 acres, and every field with very little trouble may have water. The improvements are a good dwelling house, barn, stables, and every necessary out building; a large garden, and a peach and apple orchard of choice fruit, just beginning to bear. If convenient to the purchaser 250 acres of this land with all the improvements will be sold separate from the other part; there will be on it about 18 acres of very valuable meadow land, and a sufficiency of wood. To a person wishing to purchase a small farm, it would be a very desirable one."**