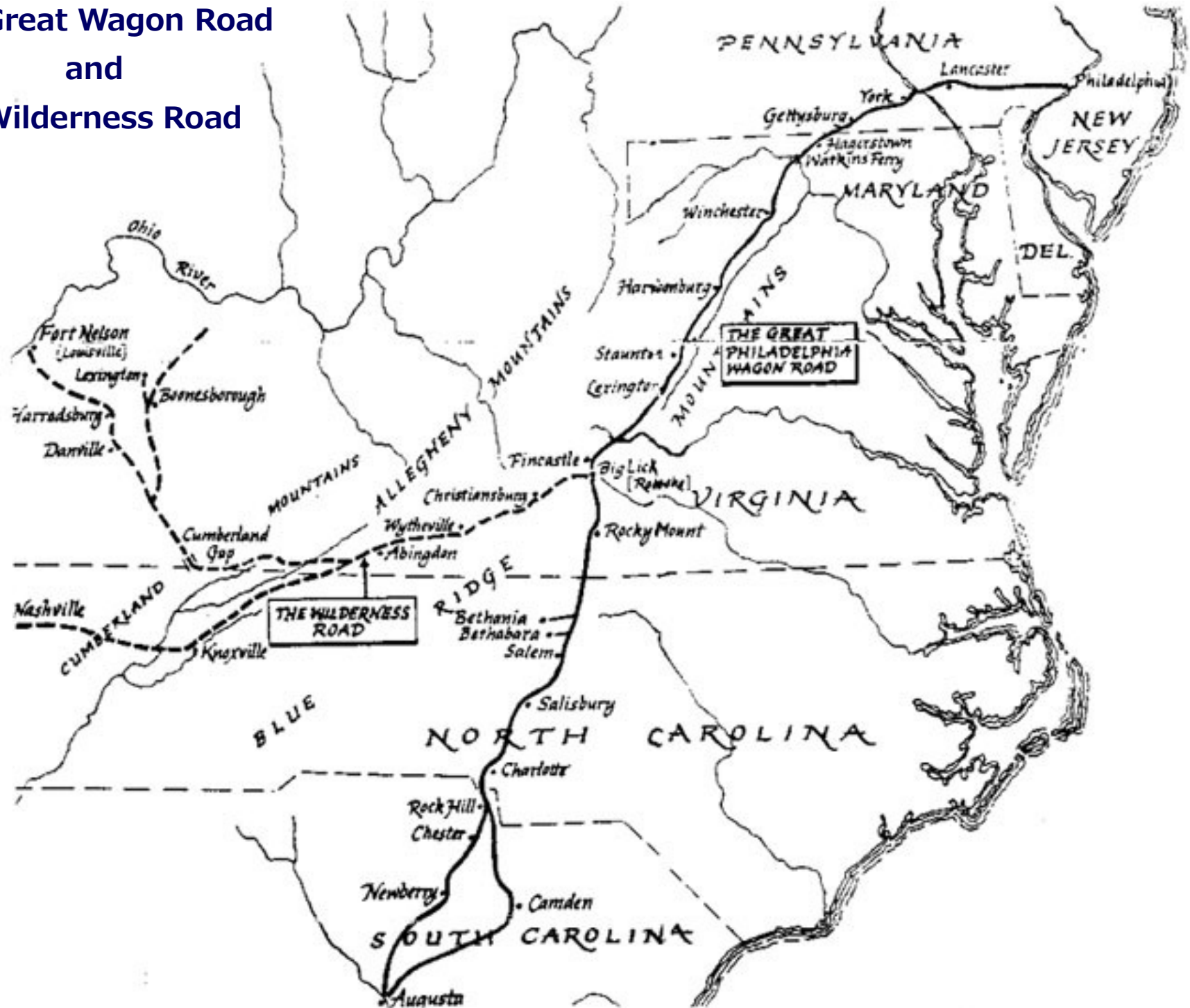


The Great Wagon Road and The Wilderness Road



A note from the snidow.org webmaster, Jane Snidow Lloyd:

Jay Henderson was a resident of Richlands, VA in Tazewell County, an attorney and an avid blogger. His excellent blog "Backcountry Notes" was about the history and geography of Southwestern Virginia. He wrote one of the best descriptions of the Great Wagon Road that I have ever seen. He described himself as "an ex-urbanite who escaped the city life and has lived for the past 29 years in a rural, mountainous area of southwestern Virginia" which in colonial and early-American times was part of the "Backcountry." He went on to say that this backcountry is the true melting pot of the U.S.A., its culture and traditions dominated by "born fighting" Scotch-Irish immigrants and enhanced by German, Highland Scot, Dutch, Welsh, and yeoman English settlers. *"Having absorbed and inculcated the history, values and views of the Backcountry, I would like to share information and insights from the place where America began. - - Jay Henderson"*

Jay Henderson lost his battle against cancer in October of 2010 and his domain name and website/blog expired in July of 2011. I saved a few of the best web pages of that blog but now we need to get permission to use it here on the Snidow website. So far I have been unable to accomplish that. If anyone knows how I can get that permission, please let me know.