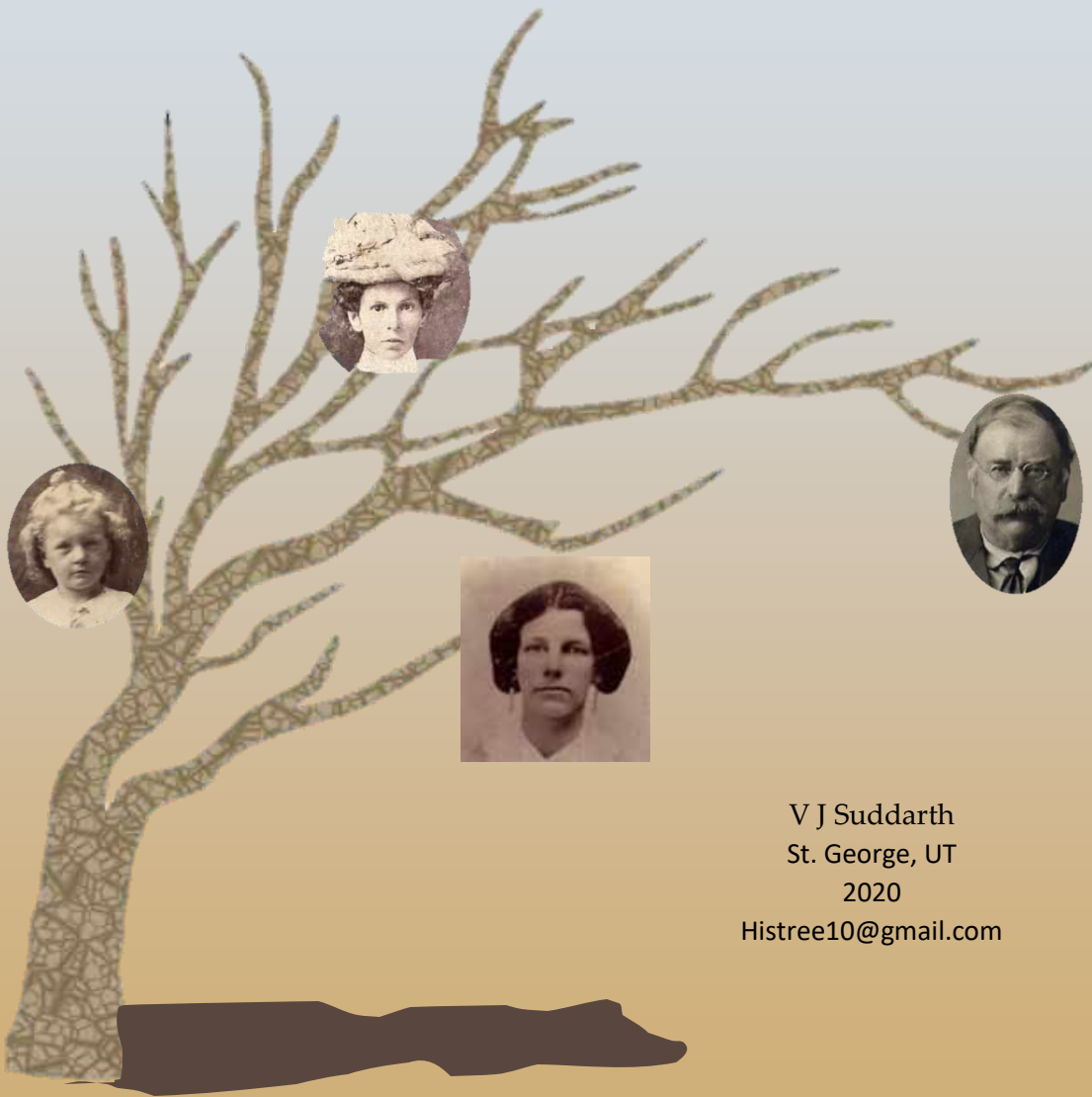


Overlooked Facts About the Meadors of Colonial Virginia & Beyond



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INTRODUCTION

One of the most difficult families to research appears to be that of John Meador's (d 1721, Essex County, Virginia) ancestry. It isn't because researching is difficult; it's because so many find it easier to copy another's tree or information from a book without verification. Once false information is passed along for so many years, it's almost impossible to correct.

The intent in writing this book is not to regurgitate everything that has been written although there will be some repetition. It is to offer a different perspective of the records and those cited have been personally searched and analyzed by the author. In doing so, it has resulted in very different conclusions from those which have been so widely accepted.

Genealogy is not a quick process. It's not as simple as clicking on a leaf to have an instantaneous family tree. One really needs to learn what they can of county formation, laws during the time period and location, the meaning of words and phrases during the time period and really make a concerted effort to interpret existing recorded documents. Sometimes those documents can be very confusing. For every document that is not easily understood, there may be at least three different interpretations of that document unless one becomes acquainted with the time period and understands the actual meaning of the document....and sometimes that isn't easy.

People often mistake the person's "mark" on a document as a middle initial. Countless times one will see a middle name assigned to an individual because of a mark. Middle names were extremely rare and were not common until around the Revolutionary War so if there is a middle name assigned to a person in the 1600s and there is no document to support it, that the person never existed. A great website which can answer a lot of questions on a variety of subjects in the Colonies is Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, <https://genfiles.com/articles/>

Family Data Collections are not useful in genealogical research as these records were collected from millions of records for a study of human genetics and disease and cannot be traced back to the original source. Sometimes the source is just another person's tree. Take the time to see how these collections were assembled; sources for the Family Data Collections are there if one reads it entirely.

Millenium Files were intended to identify links to nobility and royalty. This may come as a great disappointment to many but the chance of those being your particular line is not great. Because information often comes from trees compiled by others, it is not truly a source...only a lead and should be noted as such in your database. More information regarding these collections can be found online.

ABOUT OLD RAPPAHANNOCK AND ESSEX CO., VA RECORDS

Sparacio's Books & the Courthouse Records

Sam Sparacio and his wife did the genealogical community a great service by transcribing microfilms (from the Library of Virginia) and putting them in book form. At the time it was about the only way one could easily search the records for a multitude of people in one location. But also be cautious with this

source or any other because the document is not always in its entirety. I've found a mistake in a name in one document (which you will see later). These are abstracts, after all but they are the most complete abstracts available. It's always safer to use these as a stepping stone to the recorded copy.

It's easier today. Copies can be obtained from the Library of Virginia (as always) but can be quite cost prohibitive if you are located out of state but there is always interlibrary loan. Lucky are those who live near the LVA because information can be downloaded to one's heart content for free.

A personal favorite is LDS Family Search but in order to download the microfilmed records for Virginia, one must go to a LDS Family History Center. Currently, you can access the records from home to "read only" which has only been in effect for a few months. There are some Virginia counties that do allow downloading just as there are other states and their counties that allow it.

Sometimes the record books which are housed in the County Clerk's Office needed to be recopied due to disintegration (by the County Clerk's Office). This resulted in two copies of the same book. The second copy is generally referred to as a "transcript" of the original. The page numbers may not match the original due to differences in handwriting and one may also find the original page numbers located in the middle of a page in the transcript book. When using Sparacio's books, one needs to verify from which book the information was taken. Was it the original or was it the transcript? Old Rappahannock County Deed & Will Book 2 is the primary example for our purposes regarding the Meador line. Sparacio denotes which microfilm copy he used by including the word "Transcript" within the title. According to Family Search, the transcript made for D&W Bk 2 was made in 1893 and documents are more complete than from the original book so apparently they were able recopy the book before the original became so mutilated. When a book has been recopied, the transcript book will usually have a page at the beginning which tells you when it was recopied and by whom at the County Clerk's Office but those pages are not often included in the microfilming--resulting in confusion.

If you write the County Clerk's Office (Essex Co.) to obtain copies, it is better to give them the person's name, type of record (deed, will, etc.), date of document, and recorded date. The reason is that the county sent the "new" books (transcripts) to the Library of Virginia but only retained the older books in the County Clerk's Office. Page numbers will not match. The Essex County Clerk's office does not have microfilm. The Library of Virginia has microfilmed both the original book and the transcript book.

Index to Marriages and Old Rappahannock Counties, VA

Many people think this book gives the actual date of a marriage. What it actually does is references dates and names of those who were already married by a specific date. This is not the date of their marriage. It references court orders, deeds, wills, etc. in order to tell the researcher from whence the information came. The compiler was looking at a specific document and it becomes an error when a researcher uses the book as a marriage record. It's exactly what the compiler called the book....an INDEX, a reference source or tool. It does not document multiple marriages for one person so if this book is used as a "marriage record" without verification, one might find their family tree is incorrect.

The Meador Family

The source most widely quoted for the ancestry of John Meador (d 1721), Essex County, Virginia is Our Meador Families of Colonial America by Victor P. Meador and Bernal M. Meador. In depth research has uncovered overlooked details and different interpretations of records. The primary focus is the ancestry of John Meador (d 1721, Essex Co., VA) and descendants through his son Richard and Ann Mess. (Generally her surname has been read as "Moss") Information is included on some other descendants but only those on which more or differing interpretations have come to light.

Every effort has been made to spell the surnames and copy the records as shown in the record books. Transcripts which were created in the County Clerk's Office will be noted as (CH Transcript) so one can identify the book from which the document was taken. But that isn't always possible. Keep in mind that the books from the 1600s have most likely been recopied several times so there is room for clerical errors. Also, some of the films do not designate whether it is a transcript. When there is more than one copy of a film they may or may not be the same because one is a recopy (transcript). If the book and pages sourced within these pages don't give you the desired results, keep checking for another book of the same number.

It is hoped that this information will shed light on interaction between allied families which have not been identified, researched, or linked with the Meadors.

Thorough research has shown that John Meador's father is Thomas Meader, son of Ambrose and not Thomas Meads who died in Lancaster County in 1655.



Chapter 1

I. Ambrose Meador

Unfortunately, there are few records remaining for the earliest years of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The few that do remain (Mixed Records Bk A) were transcribed (by the county clerk's office) from unbound records kept in the County Clerk's Office in 1733. As a consequence, one must rely on those few deeds and information gleaned from the land patents....and we are fortunate to have those.

The first record for Ambrose Meador can be found in a patent dated June 1, 1636 to Peter Johnson (*Library of Virginia, Patents No 1 1623-1643 Vol 1 & 2, P 354-355*).

Peter Johnson, 600 acres, Warrisquicke Co., June 1, 1636, p. 354. Lying N. E. & S. W. along the S. side of Warrisquick Cr. upon the head of same & butting upon Nanzemund river. 100 acres due by surrender from John Day for his owne per. adv. & trans of one servant; 150 acres by surrender from Ambrose Meader due to him for his personal adventure his wife and 1 servant; 150 acres due sd. Johnson for trans. of 3 servants; 200 acs. by surrender from Gabriell Wilsonn and due to him for trans. of 4 pers. the names of his and all the aforesaid pers. being in the records enrolled under this patent: Peter Johnson, Jon. Day, Jon. Powell. Ambrose Mader, Gabriell Wilsonn, Jon. Baker, Ann Sharp his wife. Note Renewed in the name of Robert Brasseur and Peter Ray. Test: Tho. Cooke, Clr. (Abstracted from Cavaliers & Pioneers Vol I, p 41).

"His personal adventure" means that Ambrose Meador paid his own passage and that of his wife and servant. He had no children at the time or he would have been entitled to headrights for them also as long as he paid their passage. The lag time between entry and receiving the grant could vary and depend upon the county. In this case, Peter Johnson is also a third party which could have affected the time frame since Ambrose surrendered his headright to him for some unspecified reason. Therefore, it is impossible to ascertain anything more than a generalized time frame in which Ambrose could have entered the colonies. The only reference to Ambrose's wife in any document is in the above patent and since her name is not given, it is impossible to identify her. Unless a document surfaces from another location which confirms that this Ambrose and his wife are the same people, further information may remain hidden forever. There is a tendency to latch onto passenger lists to determine arrivals into the colonies but just because the name is the same does not mean it's the same person. This early in history, a ship's name and person's name is not enough information to pinpoint arrival into the colonies unless supporting documents can be found.

July 18, 1636 Thomas Davis deeds fifty acres in Isle of Wight County to Ambrose Meader. While Boddie in Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight refers to this deed, he only mentions Ambrose Meader. The original copy actually shows that the land was deeded to both Ambrose Meader and John White. There is no known relationship between the two men. (Isle of Wight Co., VA, Book A, p 11-12)

March 2, 1638, Isle of Wight County, Ambrose Meder is mentioned in a patent to Richard Bennett in which he received 300 acres: 150 acres butting upon the baye behind Ambrose Meders point and 150 acres beginning at the miles end and upon the W. side of Thomas Davis his land. (Library of Virginia, Patents No 1 1623-1643 Vol 1, p 626)

April 2, 1649 Ambrose Bennett sells to Ralph Warrener 200 acres which is part of a patent of 1100 acres. This land was between Ambrose Meador on one side and John Motley and Thomas Turner on the other. April 7, 1649 Ambros Bennet sells to Ambros Meader 300 acres of the previously mentioned 1100 acre patent-bounded by Christopher Reynolds on one side and Ralph Warrener on the other. (Isle of Wight Co., VA, Book A, p 109-112)

The loss of Isle of Wight records makes it impossible to know exactly what happened to the land Ambrose owned before his move to Lancaster Co. It is apparent that a number of his Isle of Wight neighbors also moved to Lancaster and Old Rappahannock areas. What can be ascertained from these and the following records is that Ambrose and his family moved from Isle of Wight County to Lancaster County sometime after April 7, 1649 and before October 24, 1653.

By October 24, 1653 court Ambrose Medor is living in Lancaster County and is charged with 4 polls. (*Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656, p 92*) These polls are likely himself, his son, Thomas; his son, John and possibly a servant or another relative which has escaped the records.

July 14, 1655 Ambrose Meather appraised the estate of Thomas Meade along with Francis Gower, Toby Hurst, and Thomas Robinson. (*Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2 p 76-77*). Please note that this is the actual appraisal and the date it was recorded was November 10, 1655. This does not imply any relationship or lack of it between the two men. It simply means he was appointed to appraise the estate of Thomas Meade. We know they lived near each other and often neighbors were appointed to appraise the estate of a deceased person.

Ambrose Meader's purchase of 1,000 acres from James Williamson was recorded on June 16, 1656 and witnessed by Lambert Lambethson and William Moseley. (*Lancaster County, Virginia Deed & Will Book 1, p 280-281*). This entry includes a copy of James Williamson's patent. This deed is repeated in *Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, p 38 (CH Transcript)*, dated Sept 3, 1656 (without a copy of Williamson's patent) when Ambrose makes assignment to his son and Thomas Robinson.

Know all men by these psents that I James Williamson of Rappahanock merchant for a valuable consideration to me paid by Ambrose Meather of Rappahannock aforesd do for me my heirs, Exrs. Admrs. & assigns give grant bargain sell & assign over unto the sd. Ambrose Meather one thousand acres of land situate lying & being on the north side of Rappahannock River aforesd. Being part of a dividend of land of eighteen hundred acres. The sd one thousand acres of land beginning at a marked Pochickery standing on a point by the mouth of a creek called Willing Creek & so running for length northeast & by

east 320 pol and for bredth up the river from the sd tree & so northeast & by east into the woods 320 pole. To have & to hold the aforesd one thousand acres of land with it's rights & priviledges thereunto belonging & appertaining unto the aforesd Ambrose Meather his heirs & assigns forever according to the true & intent & meaning of the patent of the sd land and of the sd James Williamson do for me & my heirs hereby promise to warrant & defend the aforesd land against all psons claiming by from or under me. In witness whereof the sd Ja: Williamson have hereunto put my hand & seale dated this 3d day of Sept. Anno 1656.

Ja: Williamson

Sealed & delivered in the presence of

Ja: Bagnall

Will Johnson 3 Sept 1656

Edward Dale

Ambrose Meather doth acknowledge in court six hundred acres of ye land to be the right of Tho: Robinson & Thomas Meather & doth promise to make further assurance thereof.

Teste me Edwd Dale this cur com Lancr

Recordat. 28 7br Ao. 1656

Attention should be paid to the underlined words above. Much has been made by some researchers that Thomas Meader sold his 300 acres before Ambrose actually deeded the land to him. Whatever the reason was for the delay in recording the actual deeds, this acknowledgement shows that Robinson and Thomas Meader were probably already in possession of the land.

November 5, 1656

Administracon upon the Estate of Wm Wright according to Act of Assembly is committed to Amy, the Relict of the said Willm. She putting in security. Ambrose Meather & John Sherlocke appointed to apprise the estate. (Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Book 1 1652-1656, p 292)

November 5, 1656 (Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Book 1 1652-1656, p 302-307)

For satisfacon of wth severall names it is ordered by this Court that there bee 4 lbs ½ tobacco leveyed upon every Titheable person in this Countie by the severall Collectrs appointed by this Court in their severall lymitts and paymts to be made by the said Collectrs to the severall Creditors. Ambrose and Thomas Meather are listed together with a total of 5 polls in William Underwood's charge.

December 1, 1656 Old Rappahannock Co., VA

Know all men by these presents that I Ambrose Meader of the county of Lancaster [blank] the consideration to me in hand paid by Thomas Robinson of the same county Black Smith given granted bargained and sold & by these presents do for me my heirs Exer. Admrs & assigns give grant bargain & sell unto the sd Thomas Robinson three hundred acres of land situate lying and being [blank] side of Rappahannock river being part of a devident of land of one thousand acres late purchased [blank]

Williamson & beginning at a marked pocickery (standing) on a point b the mouth of a creek [blank] & running length & breadth according to [blank] To have and to hold the said three hundred acres of land with all the rights and priviledges thereunto belonging & appert (unto him the said) Thomas Robinson his heirs & assigns forever in as full & ample manner & form to [blank] self may or might injoy [blank] deed of bargain & sale from [blank]) the rents of service [blank] paid Ambrose Meadr do (for myself my heirs & assigns promise to warrant [blank] the said three hundred acres hereby sold agt. all persons claiming (by him or under me.

Seal dated this first day of December 1656

Ambrose M [mark] Meader

His mark Seal

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Thomas Meader

John (mark) Meader

(Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed Book 2 (CH Transcript) 1656-1664, p 36-37)

On December 19, 1656, an account of debtors to James Williamson's (deceased) estate were listed (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA., Deed & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 79-80*). Listed in this account are Ambrose Meader and his son Thomas Meader.

Know all men by these presents that I Ambrose Meadr of the countie of Rappa. Planter do constitute & appoint my well beloved son Thomas Meader my true & lawfull Attorney for me & in my (place & stead) to aknowledge in court three hundred acres of land at this court as by my deed of [blank] appear. I do also by these presents give & grant unto my said attorney full power to make (other) attorney or attorneys as my said Attorney shall find cause & win Witness to all & every (the premises) I Ambrose Meader have hereunto sett my hand this 2d of September 1658.

Ambrose M [mark] Meader

Teste

Clement Herbert

John [mark] Meader

Know all men by these presents that I Ambrose Meader of the countie of Rappa in Virginia [blank] consideration paid to me by Thomas Meader my sonn of the County aforesaid [blank] heirs Exrs Admrs & assigns give grant bargain sell & assigne over unto the said Thomas Meader a parcel of land conteyning three hundred acres being part of one thousand acres of land sold & conveyed unto me Ambrose Meader by Mr. James Williamson as by a deed of sale under the hand & seal of the said Williamson plainly appeareth situate lying and being on the north side of Rappa river the said three hundred acres of land adjoining unto & upon the land of Thomas Robinson which land the said Robyson purchased of me Ambrose Meader likewise being part of the thousand acres of land abovementioned. To have and to hold the said three hundred acres of land unto him the said Thomas Meader his heirs Exrs admrs. & assigns for ever with all rights & priviledges thereunto belonging & appertaining. I the said Ambrose Meader do

for me my heirs Exrs & admrs hereby promise to warrant & defend the said three hundred acres of land from all persons claiming by from or under me unto the said Thomas Meader his heirs Exrs. Admrs or assigns. In witness whereof the said Ambrose have hereunto sett my hand & seal this 30th of August anno dom 1658.

Ambrose M [mark] Meader seal

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Clement Herbert

John [mark] Meader

(Old Rappahannock Co., VA Deed & Will Bk 2 1656-1664 [CH Transcript] p 45)

Our Meador Families in Colonial America by Victor P. Meador and Bernal M. Meador p 13 states that Ambrose and son Thomas shared a purchase December 24, 1661 (Old Rappahannock Co D&W Bk 2, p 229). This document is actually a deed from Richard Tomlynson to Francis Gower which references Ambrose and Thomas; they were not participants in this sale. It is for half of the 300 acres Thomas received from Ambrose. Also note that another erroneous statement is that Ambrose's wife was mentioned in the deed to Thomas Robinson. Examination of the document clearly shows this is not the case. The only mention of a wife is the patent (Isle of Wight) to Peter Johnson.

The last time Ambrose is recorded in the books is September 2, 1658. The most accurate statement that can be made regarding Ambrose's death is that he died after September 2, 1658.

Children:

II. Thomas

III. John

Chapter 2

II. Thomas Meader (son of Ambrose)

Earlier records spell his name as Meader or Meather-later records in Old Rappahannock covert it to Meador and still later, Meadows.

Thomas Meader was likely born in Isle of Wight, Virginia as his father is mentioned in a patent to Peter Johnson dated June 1, 1636 which notes that Ambrose Meader surrendered 150 acres which was due him for the transportation of himself, his wife, and one servant. This in no way indicates Ambroses' time of arrival into the colonies because he, more than likely, had arrived a few years before and possibly several years earlier than the patent was issued. *Refer to Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet <https://genfiles.com/articles/headrights/>. You will find information from this site which is a necessity for anyone who is serious about genealogy.*)

Based on four different pieces of information, it appears that Thomas was born about 1631-32 in Virginia; a reversal of the years of John and Thomas Meade:

1. Since no children are mentioned in the above referenced patent (children were eligible for headrights) it is logical to conclude that both Thomas and his brother John were born in Virginia.
2. The first document located for Thomas is Jan 31, 1653 in Lancaster Co., VA in which he is mentioned in an indenture between Lambert Lamberson to James Williamson. See below.
3. March 6, 1653/54 (Lancaster Co.) Thomas Meader was administered oath by James Williamson to become Constable. Thomas would have had to be at least 21 in order to hold this office. This was previously thought to be Thomas Mead (d 1655) however the document clearly gives the name as Thomas Meader. (Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1 1652-1656 p 441)
4. Nov 4, 1675, his brother, John, acknowledges the will of Robert Payne. At this time, he states he is 38 years of age. That shows that the estimated age for Thomas is within a reasonable time period for John and Thomas to have been brothers and to have a possible additional sibling although there are no records for any in existence. Contrary to previous thought, Thomas was the older son.

Know all men by these presents yt I Lambert Lamberson of Rapahanock in ye County of Lancaster do acknowledge myself to be indebted to Ja: Wmson ye sum of 4500 lb of tobacco & caske to be payed upon the 8th daye of 8ber next ensueinge ye date hearof at one intyre paymt upon ye plantacon of ye sd Lambert Lamberson & Thomas Meader & for ye true pformance I doe acknowledge to have delivered to above sd Ja: Wmson three cows & one yearling calfe now in ye possession of ye sd Tho: Meader & also ye halfe of three servants also in ye possession of ye abovesd & yt ye increase of ye cattle & ye crop & the servants to be & remaine to ye sd Ja: Wmson his heirs Executrs and assignes forever in case of non paymt of ye sume of tobacco abovesd. In witness whereof I have hearunto set my hand & seale ye 31st of

Jan 1653

Lambert Lamberson

Signed Sealed & Delivered in ye presence of

Christo Brammaige

Tobyas Ingram

Recognitr 6th die Febry & recordatr, 9th die 1653.

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656 p 136)

It isn't clear whether Lamberson and Thomas Meader had some kind of partnership or whether Thomas really had anything to do with this at all other than having possession of cattle and servants and acting as security for this transaction; Thomas would have to have been at least 21 years of age to be involved in a legal transaction.

Mar 6, 1653/54

Thomas Meader Constable & Mr Ja Wmson to administer the oath.

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656, p 141)

There seems to be no confusion between the names Meades and Meader in this document.

December 7, 1655

Thomas Meather charged for 2 tithables (William Underwood's charge)

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656 p 234)

Jan 14, 1656

Upon the peticon of Joane Wiley, the Relict of Robt. Wiley, Admin. According to the Act of Assembly is granted unto the sd Joan, she putting in security according to Act. Thomas Meather & Tobyas Horton appointed appraisers & to be sworne by the next Commisr: Jenkin Hall Security.

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656 p 309)

May 16, 1656

Whereas Thomas Meather hath made complaint that Lambert Lambethson hath privately absented himselfe out of this County of Lancr. & disposed of ye greatest part of his Estate and Whereas ye sd Meather hath likewise made complaint that he standeth bound for ye sd Lambert unto Lt. Col. Ellyott in as specialty of Four thousand five hundred pounds of tobo & cask & one years forebearance as by counterbond under ye sd Lambert's hand bearing date ye 23d of March Ao. 1653 appeareth ye most part of wch: debt being yet unsatisfied, these are therefore in his Highness Name of ye Lord Ptector to will & require you to attach so much of ye goods & chattels of ye sd Lamb: Lambethson & the same to detain or so to provide that the may be forth coming & responsible to the secureing & saveing harmless ye sd Thomas Meather from the sd specialty of Four thousand five hundred pounds of tobo. & cask & one years forebearance if by legall proceedings it be so determined hereof fail not as you will answer ye contrary at your peril & also to make sufficient return of this writ given under my hand this xvi of May

Anno Domini 1656.

John Carter

To the Sherif of Lancr his deputy or deputies

Recorded 16 Jun 1656

June 12, 1656 attached by virtue of an attachmt under from ye hand of Col. J Carter dated ye 16th of May 1656

The humble petition of Tho Meather sheweth that your Petitioner standeth ingaged unto Lt. Coll. Ellyott in ye sum of four thousand five hundred pounds of tobo with one year's forbearance ever since ye year 1653 for Mr. Lambert Lambethson with debt being unsatisfied except 1736 lb which was paid in ye year 1655 & ye sd Lambethson having exempted himself out of this river without taking any care for ye paymt. of ye sd debt as far as I understand which will be partly to ye ruin of your petitioner except some course be taken with his estate for your petitioner's security and your petitioner further sheweth that he hath counterbond under ye sd Lambert's hand for to save him harmless wch: having shewed with his complant to Colo. Carter an attachment was granted to your petitioner directed to ye Sheriff to attach what goods could be found til this Court & to secure them til further order according as it is provided in such cases & he shall every pray &c.

Record 17 Jun 1656

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, 1654-1702, p 110-111)

September 3, 1656 Ambrose purchased 1000 acres from James Williamson (Lancaster Co Deed-see Ambrose I, p 2-3)

October 5, 1656

Whereas it did appeare to this Cort. Upon the Peticon of Mr. Anthony Ellyott that Thomas Meather stands indebed unto the said Anthony Ellyott in 3517 lbs of tobacco & caske by Bill: it is ordered that the said debt be accordingly paid by the sd Meather with costs.

Whereas Col. Ellyott hath obtained judgment against Thomas Meathers for 3517 lbs of tobacco and caske wth costs it appearing to this court that the sd debt is the pp debt of Lambert Lamberson by Bill under his hand, ordered this Cort doth order the estate of the said Lambert shall not be removed till the said Debt bee secured according to the contents of the said Bill and pay costs of suite.

(Lancaster Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 1, 1652-1656, p 291)

November 5, 1656 Lancaster Co VA Tithables (See Ambrose, p 2) Ambrose and Thomas charged with 5 polls

Ambrose's deed to Thomas Robinson dated December 1, 1656 (Old Rappahannock Co.) See Ambrose, p 3-4.

December 19, 1656 Both Ambrose and Thomas are debtors to the estate of James Williamson
(See p 4)

In 1657, no month or date shown, Thomas sells 150 of the 300 acres he purchased from his father to Richard Tomlynson.

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Meader of the County of Rappahannock in Virginia for a valuable consideration to me in hand paid by Richard Tomlynson of the same county Planter (have given granted) bargained & sold & confirmed & do by these presents for me my heirs & assigns give grant bargain & sell unto the said Richard Tomlynson one hundred & fifty acres of land lying & being on [blank] Rappa River aforesaid & being part of a devident of three hundred acres lately given granted & [missing] said Thomas Meader by Ambrose Meader (my father) to have and to hold the said one hundred & fifty acres of land with all the houses (orchards &c.) thereunto belonging & appertaining [missing] according to the tennour & [missing] of & by the rents & services [missing] unto the said Richard Tomlynson his heirs & assigns forever against all persons claiming by from or under me the said Thomas Meader [missing] (Ambrose) Meader my Father or his heirs & have hereunto put my hand & seal dated this [missing] anno 1657.

Thomas Meader seal

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

George Bryer

Christopher Brummrigge

Robert Sison

(Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, 1656-1664 (CH Transcript) p 45)

August 30, 1658 Ambrose deeds the 300 acres to his son Thomas. (See Ambrose, I)
September 2, 1658 Power of Attorney from Ambrose to Thomas. See Ambrose

October 31, 1658

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Meader of the County of Rappahannock, planter for the valuable consideracion to me paid by Lambert Lamberson do for me my heirs assigns give sell and assigne over unto the said Lambert Lamberson one parcel of land conteynning [missing] hundred & fifty acres being (a part) of the [missing] hundred acres of land sould & conveyed unto me Thomas Meader (the sonn of Ambrose Meader) as by a Deed of sale under the hand & seal of Ambrose Meader bearing date the 30th of August more plainly appears to have and to hold the said one hundred & fifty acres unto him the said Lambert Lamberson his heirs Exrs. Admrs & assigns with all rights & priviledges thereunto belonging & further I the said Thomas Meader for me my heirs & assigns hereby promise to warrant & defend the said land against any person or persons claiming from and under me unto the said Lambert Lamberson his heirs or assigns. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Meader have sett my hand and seal this last day of October anno 1658.

Thomas Meader seal

In presence of

Will: Underwood

Francis Gower

(Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 51)

Further information on the progression of these land sales are included in the Section of Sarah (Awbrey, Meader, UNK, p 14-19)

Children:

II-1 Susanna

II-2 Mary

II-3 John

Sarah Unknown (wife of Thomas Meader)

Contrary to information that has been accepted by many for decades, there is no documentation proving her maiden name was Hoskins. This may have originated from the book Hoskins of Virginia and Related Families (p 12) through no fault of the author, Charles Willard Hoskins Warner---or it may have originated elsewhere years earlier. Some people have the idea that she was the daughter of Bartholomew Hoskins. Warner noted that a Bartholomew Meares patented land in 1666 in Accomack Co and Hoskins had earlier patents near Thomas Meares. Warner stated that it was thought that Hoskins had a daughter who married Thomas Meares and was succeeded by Bartholomew Meares. It's likely someone decided Meares was actually Meader or Meads/Meades. Currently there are a number of other surnames attached to her in various family trees but there is no actual proof or indication of her maiden name.

Sarah, wife of Thomas Meader first appears in the records on April 13, 1662 when she binds herself as guardian of her children: John, Susanna, and Mary. At that time she also deeds personal property to the children.

These presents witnesseth that I Sarah Meader widow wife of Thomas Meader the younger lately deceased in the County of Rappahannock I Sarah Meader do bind & oblige myself my Exrs. or admrs to give grant & confirme unto my son John Meader son unto Thomas Meader lately decd one yoak of oxen & one gun seaven foot by the barrel to be delivered unto my son John Meader when he comes of age & furthermore I give as my full act & deed unto my Eldest Daughter Susanna Meader one red cow called Cherry & her cow calf & their increase to my aforesaid Daughter only excepting the male of the aforesaid cattle to fall unto me the aforesaid Sarah Meader until my Daughter be full eleven years of age & after the expiracon of the aforesaid years male & female to fall unto my Eldest Daughter Susanna Meader. Item. I give unto my youngest daughter Mary Meader Daughter of the abovesaid Thomas Meader one Black heaffer named Slippery she and her increase to my youngest only the male excepted to fall unto the said Sarah Meader until my youngest Daughter be fully nine years of age & after the Expiracon of the aforesaid nine years male & female to fall unto Mary Meader & if it shall please God that my Eldest Daughter shall dye in her minority that all her Cattle & their increase shall fall unto her Sister Mary Meader and likewise in case it should please God that my youngest Daughter Mary

Meador should dye in her minority as aforesaid that her Catle & then increase shall fall & afsaid unto my Eldest Daughter Susanna Meader & furthermore in case that my youngest Daughter Mary Meader her heifer should miscarry before she comes to perfeccion that there shall another heifer or cow of the same age & her increase to be made good as aforesaid to my daughter Mary Meader these premises to be recorded in Court the first or second courte ensuing the date hereof by any person that I the said Sarah Meader shall appoint always provided that there be severall markes nominate & recorded for the abovesaid Children's Catle them & their increase. In confirmation I Sarah Meader bind my self my heirs for the performance this above menconed & no other act nor deed as Witness my hand this thirteenth day of April 1662.

Sarah (mark) Meader Seal

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Abraham Coombe

Willm Clawson

These Presents testifieth that I Sarah Meader ____ late wife of Thomas Meader Deced in the County of Rappado bind & oblige my self firmly by these presents to give & allowe unto my children a sufficient & compleat maintenance in Every respect as all other ought to do and further more to give them four years a piece Education in learning according as the Country doth afford. In Confirmacon whereof I Sarah Medr do bind & oblige myself my heirs Exrs administrators or assignes furthermore I do engage that my son John Meader shall learn for the performance of this above menconed as witness my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1662 to write read to cast accompt [account].

Sarah (mark) Meader Seale

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Abraham Coombe

Willm Clawson

(Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, 1656-1664 (CH Transcript) p 246-247)

Attention should be paid to the fact that Abraham Coombe, brother in law, of John Meader (Thomas' brother) witnessed this document.

"Thomas, the younger" did not mean that it was a father-son combination. Younger/Older, Jr/Sr could be terms applied to people who had no relationship to each other whatsoever. It was simply a method used to distinguish between people of the same names. We don't know if the 1656 tithables showing Ambrose and Thomas with 5 tithes included a brother of Ambrose, servants, a cousin or any number of possibilities that might include an older Thomas. It could have been distinguishing between the deceased Thomas Mead and the son of Ambrose even though Mead was already deceased.

Sarah is definitely married to Henry Awbrey by February 27, 1664 when he names her as his wife and gives her general power of attorney. Witnessed by John Gregory, John Awbrey (Henry's brother) and Ralph Fletcher. The most accurate statement that can be made about Sarah's marriage to Henry Awbrey is that it occurred after April 13, 1662 and before February 27, 1664/65. (Julian Calendar) *Old (Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 428)*

May 30, 1667 Henry and Sarah Awbrey witness a power of attorney from Henry Jarman to Thomas Button. (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 3, p 239*)

This brings us to the April 15, 1670 deed that Henry and Sarah execute selling their right, title, and interest in the land which belonged to Ambrose and Thomas Meader to Francis Gower. For reference to the original sale, refer back to Thomas Meader.

Victor Meador in [Our Meador Families in Colonial America](#), surmised that Henry Awbrey "reassembled" the land which was originally sold by Thomas Meador (and was subsequently divided and that no records remained of Henry's transactions regarding this land. Further investigation shows that Henry Awbrey never owned the land and neither did Sarah. As the only son of Thomas, John would have inherited any land Thomas Meader owned but Thomas had already sold this land. What Sarah apparently did have however was dower rights for no release from Thomas' land sales seem to exist.

ABOUT DOWER RIGHTS

There is usually a wife's dower release for the land her husband was selling or she is included in the deed itself. There is no dower release for Thomas Meader's sale of the 300 acres he received from Ambrose nor is there a wife mentioned at all. Based on the progression of land sales (Thomas Meader's 300 acres) Henry Awbrey and Sarah would have had no right, title or claim to that land unless Sarah was the widow of Thomas Meader, son of Ambrose. The family of Thomas Mead who died in Lancaster County in 1655 certainly wouldn't have had any legal interest in that particular land. Sarah could not have been the wife of Thomas Mead who died in 1655 or the son of Thomas since he was still underage until about 1658 when he deeded part of the land left by his father to James Haire. Susanna Meader, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Meader was born about 1652.

See Susanna Meador II-1, p 28.

"Dower refers to a widow's interest in her husband's real estate. A husband was legally bound to support his wife during their marriage. Dower was designed to continue that support after his death. Specifically, the widow acquired a one-third interest in whatever real estate her late husband owned. She had a right to one-third of the usage, income, and enjoyment of the land — and that right to income was protected from claims by her husband's creditors.

Key Concepts for Genealogists

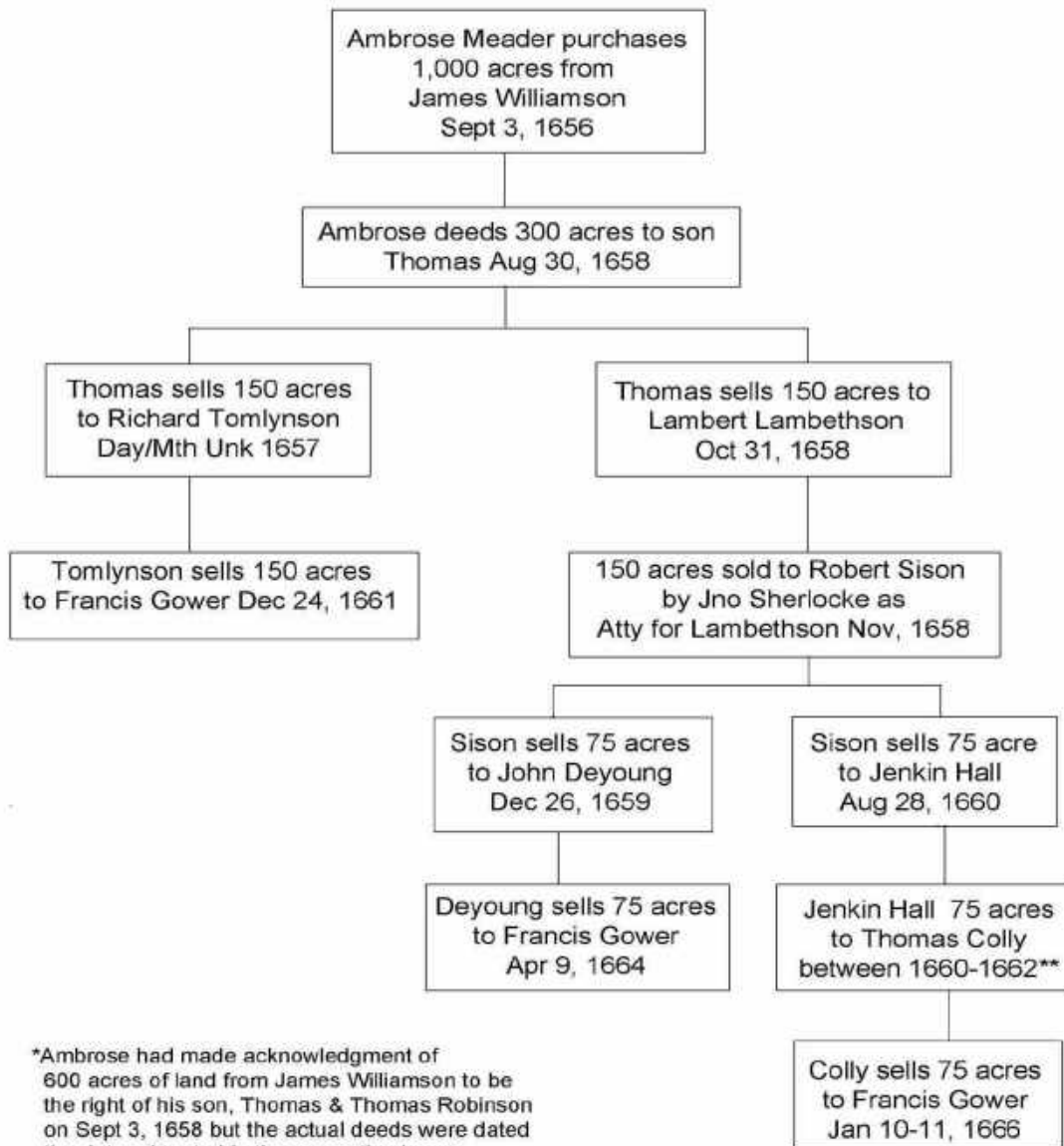
- Triggered by the husband's death: Dower was merely theoretical until the wife became a widow. While her husband was alive her dower interest had no value because it only came into existence when he died and she became a widow. A lawyer might call this an inchoate interest or a contingent non-vested remainder interest. The point is that her dower rights didn't become real until the husband died.
- Dower was a life estate: The estate in dower ceases when the widow dies. That is, it was a type of life estate that existed only for as long as she lived after the death of her husband. Obviously she could not dispose of it in her will because it did not survive her own death. She could sell her interest but its value, as with any life estate, would depend on her age and health. Sales of estates in dower are, in my experience, quite rare. However, a widow might well exchange her dower interest in several properties for a 100% life interest in (or even outright ownership of) a single property.
- Relinquishment of Dower: When the husband sold land, it was the normal practice for the wife to relinquish her dower interest so that title would pass free of her potential future claim. If she failed to do so and eventually outlived her husband, she could claim her one-third from whoever owned the land at the time. Indeed, most colonies allowed a widow to sue to recover her unrelinquished right in and sold by her husband. As a practical matter, no prudent buyer would accept a deed without a release by the wife. (It seems likely that some wives used this power to influence their husbands' real estate transactions.) The release could take several forms – the wife could release dower by signing the deed herself or by signing a separate release or by acknowledging the release or the sale in court or before a justice. Although some jurisdictions recorded these releases in deed books, many did not. Thus the absence of a recorded release of dower is not necessarily meaningful. Some colonies required the wife's consent to any land sales by her husband. Maryland was the first colony, in 1674, to require consent to all transactions."

(Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, <https://genfiles.com/articles/dower-and-curtsey/>)

Under Virginia law, women were required to relinquish their dower rights to real property being sold. If the wife of the grantor or whoever held the dower claim did not appear to relinquish her right, the court appointed two or more individuals to go to her and inquire privately if she did indeed understand and approve of the sale. Such relinquishments were not always recorded with the deeds. They often were recorded later in the deed books and are sometimes found in other record books. Without such dower relinquishment, the purchaser did not have clear title to the property.

http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/rn6_localrecs.htm

Progression of Sales - Thomas' 300 acres from Ambrose



*Ambrose had made acknowledgment of 600 acres of land from James Williamson to be the right of his son, Thomas & Thomas Robinson on Sept 3, 1658 but the actual deeds were dated the dates denoted in the respective boxes.

**No deed or will found but it is referenced in deed from Colly to Gower

Progression of Sales - Thomas' 300 acres from Ambrose

Sept 3, 1656 1,000 acres from James Williamson to Ambrose Meader. **See Ambrose, p 2-3**

Sept 3, 1656 Ambrose acknowledges 600 acres to be that of Thomas Robinson and his son, Thomas Meader. **See Ambrose, p 3-4**

August 30, 1658 Ambrose's actual deed to son Thomas for 300 acres. **See Ambrose, p 4-5**

No day/month 1657 Thomas Meader sells 150 acres to Richard Tomlynson. **See Thomas, p 9**

Oct 31, 1658 Thomas Meader sells Lambert Lambethson 150 acres. **See Thomas, p 9**

November, 1658, John Sherlock acting as attorney for Lamberson, sold the entire 150 acres to Robert Sison.

These presents witnesseth that I John Sherlock (by virtue of Power of Attorney) signed & confirmed unto me by Lambert Lamberson assigne & sett over unto Robert Sisson his heirs & assignes forever all the right title & interest that the said Lambert Lamberson hath or ever had in a parcel of land containing one hundred & fifty acres within menconed with (all the rights & priviledges) thereunto belonging. Witness my hand this [missing] day of 9ber Anno Dom 1658

John Sherlock

Test

William Underwood

Francis Gower

Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, (CH Transcript) p 51-52

Dec 26, 1659 Robert Sison splits the 150 acres- selling 75 acres to John DeYounge

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Sison of the County of Rappa Planter for a valluable consideracon in hand receved do for me my heirs exrs & admrs. Give grant bargain sell assigne and absolutely conveigh unto John DeYoung of the County aforesaid Planter the moiety of one halfe part of a parcel of land conteining one hundred fifty acres situate & lying on the North side of Rappahannock River being part or parcel of three hundred acres [missing] purchased by Thomas Meader of his Father Ambrose Meader & by the said Thomas Meader sould & conveyed to Lambert Lambertson & the moiety or half part of the said three hundred acres of land sould & conveyed unto me the said Robert Sison by John Sherlock the lawfull attorney of the said Lamberson as by [missing] Deeds of Sale more plainly appear. To have and to hold the aforesaid moiety or half part of one hundred & fifty acres of land by me formerly purchased as above menconed unto him the said John DeYoung his heirs Exrs Admr & assigns forever with all rights & priviledges thereunto belonging & appertaining without let hindrance or molestacion of me the said Robert Sison my heirs Exrs Admrs or assignes [missing]

person or persons whatsoever [missing] unto the said John DeYoung his heirs Exrs administrators or assigns [missing] yielding & paying the rents & services hereby due & further I (the said Robert Sison with Amye my wife do hereby oblige ourselves to acknowledge this Deed of Sale [missing] thereunto required & for the true performance hereof we have hereunto set our hands and seales this 26th day of Dec 1659

Robert Sison seale

Amye Sison seale

In the presence of

Thomas Freshwater

John (mark) Sherlock

Old Rappahannock Co D&W Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 101-102

Aug 28, 1660 Robert Sison sells the remaining 75 acres to Jenkin Hall

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Sison of the County of Rappa in Virginia planter & Amy my wife of the one part & Jenkin Hall of the said County planter of the other part witnesseth that the said Robert Sison & Amy his wife for consideration of some good tobacco & caske for which the said Hall hath passed bonds for pay as by the bonds will appear for us our heirs Exrs. Admins & assigns give grant alienate sell & assign over unto the said Jenkin Hall one parcel of land containing seventy five acres being part of three hundred acres of land sould & conveyed unto me by John Sherlock being true & lawfull attorney of Lambert Lambertson to whom it did belong as doth appear by conveyance from the said Sherlock unto the said Sison which said Conveyance the said Sison doth promise to make over unto the said Jenkin Hall to have and to hold the said Seventy five acres unto him the said Jenkin Hall his heirs Exrs admrs assigns forever likewise of what land is due unto us Robert Sison & Amy his wife not yet divided with all rights & priveledges thereunto belonging yielding & paying the rents service there for & further I the sid Robert Sison & Amy his wife do for our heirs Exrs Admrs assigns hereby promise to warrant & defend the said Seventy five acres with all the appurts thereunto belonging against person & persons claiming under or from them or either of them unto the said Jenkins Hall his heirs Exrs admrs or assigns that then upon demand of the said Jenkin Hall his assigns either by themselves or their attorneys lawfully deputed make acknowledgement in court of this then act & deed. In witness whereof the said Robert Sison & Amy Sison hath hereunto sett their hands & seals this 28th of August 1660.

Robert Sison (seale)

Amy (mark) Sison (seale)

Recogn in Cur Com Rappa 18 die January 1664

Sealed Signed & Delivered in the

Presence of us

Christo: Brownrigg

Mathew Humes

Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 155

Between 1660-1662 Jenkin Hall sells 75 acres to Thomas Colly. No deed or will was found regarding this transaction but the land transfer is referenced in the deed from Colly to Gower.

December 24, 1661 Richard Tomlynson sells 150 acres to Francis Gower.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Tomlynson of the County of Rappahannock planter for a good valluable consideracon by me in hand reced & paid by Francis Gower of the same County planter have given granted bargained sould enfeofed and confirmed & do by these presents for me my heirs Exrs admrs & assignes give grant bargain sell enfeof and confirm unto the aforesaid Francis Gower one hundred and fifty acres of land situate & lying on [blank] & being part of a devident [blank] dred acres lately being [blank] the said Tomlynson by Thomas [blank] Meader of the County aforesaid planter [blank] enjoy the said one hundred and fifty acres [blank] with all the houses edifices & buildings therunto belonging & appertaining according to the term & contents of the pattent thereof and by the rights and Services therein menconed to be paid unto the aforesaid Francis Gower his heirs Exrs Admrs & assignes for ever & further I the said Richard Tomlynson doth by these presents bind oblige me my heirs Exrs admrs & assignes to warrant & Defend the aforesaid one hundred & fifty acres of Land with all the rights & priviledges thereunto belonging and appertaining unto the aforesaid Francis Gower his heirs Exrs admrs & assignes for ever agt all persons or any person or persons whatsoever claiming any right title interest or propeity in the aforesaid land by from or under me the said Tomlynson my heirs or assignes or by from or under the before named Thomas Meader and Ambrose Meader their heirs or assignes or any other or others whatsoever & further I the said Richard Tomlynson doth bind & oblige me with Judith my wife to acknowledge ratify & confirme these presents in open Court when we are thereto required and for the true performance thereof we have herento sett our hands and seals this twenty & fourth day of December in the yar of our Lord & Saviour one thousand six hundred & Sixty one. Richard (mark) Tomlynson seal

Judah (mark) Tomlynson seal

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Tho. Liddle*

Denys (mark) Selivant

Old Rappahannock Co., VA. Ded & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 228-229

April 9, 1664 DeYoung sells Francis Gower 75 acres.

Know all men by these presents that I John Deyoung of the County of Rappa planter for good & valluable consideracon by me in hand reced [blank] Francis Gowre of the same County planter have given granted bargained sold enfeofed & confirmed & do by these presents for me my heirs Exrs Admrs & assignes give grant bargain sell enfeoff & confirm unto the aforesaid Francis Gower Seventy five acres of land situate lying & being on the North side of Rappa river aforesd & being part of a devident of land [blank] Lately being Given granted & sold unto me the sd Deyoung by R [blank] of the County aforesd planter to have hold posess & Enjoy the sd Seventy five acres of Land wthall the houses Edifices & buildings thereunto belonging & a _____ according to the terms & contents of the pattent thereof &

by the rights & _____ therein menconed to be paid unto the aforesd Francis Gower his Exrs admrs & assignes forever & further I the sd John Deyoung doth by these presents firmly bind & oblige me my heirs Exrs admrs & Assignes to warrant & Defend the aforesd Seventy five acres of Land with all the rights & priviledges thereunto belonging & appertaining unto the aforesd Francis Gower his heirs Exrs admrs and Assignes forever agt. all person or any other person or persons whatsoever claiming any right or priviledge title Interst or propriety in the sd Land by from or under me the sd John Deyoung my heirs or Assignes & further I the sd John Deyoung doth bind & oblige me with Eliza. my wife to acknowledge rattify & confirm these presents In open Court wen we are thereto required & for the true performance we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 9th Day of April 1664.

John (mark) Deyoung

Eliza (mark) Deyoung

Signed Sealed & DD

in the presence of

George Haslelocke

Tho Goose

Pierre Dunesesit

Recogn in Cur Com Rappa 18 die January 1664

Recordatr 30 die September

Old Rappahannock Co., VA. Ded & Will Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 409-410

January 10, 1666 Thomas Colly sells his 75 acres to Francis Gower.

Know all men by these prnts I Thomas Colly of the County of Rappa: in Virga. planter for a good valluable consideracon to me in hand paid by Francis Gower of the same county planter have given granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed and doe by these prnts for me my heires Exectors Admrs give grant Bargaine sell enfeoffe & confirme unto the aforesaid Francis Gower Seaventy and five acres of Land situate lying and Being on the North side of Rappa River & being pte of a Devident of Land of Six hundred acres the sd 75 acres herein menconed being that pte thereof that was formerly purchased by Jenkin Hall of one Robert Sison of the same County abovmenconed To Have Hold occupy and enjoy the aforesd 75 acres of Land wth all the Houses Edifices buildings thereunto belonging & apperteyning and all other Rights and priviledges thereunto Belonging According to the tenor of the pattent him the said Francis Gower paying unto or Sovraigne Lord the King his heires or successors the Rights and Services thereof due and of Right accustomed unto him the said Francis Gower his heires or assignes for Ever and Further I the said Thomas Colly doe by these pnts oblidge myselfe my heires Exectors Admrs to warrant and Defend the aforesd Seaventy and five acres of Land wth ye apttences thereunto Belong unto the said Francis Gower his heires Exectors Admrs or asse [assignes] for Ever agt all psons[person] or any pson or psons clayming any Right Title or Interrest or ppty [propriety] to the aforesd Land from by or undr. me the said Colly my heires or assignes, and Further I the sd Colly doe oblidge myselfe to acknowledge and Rattify this my act & Deed in the County Court of Rappa when thereunto required for the true pfsormance of the same I the said Colly

have hereunto sett my hand & Seale this tenth day of January 1666.

Tho: (mark) Colly (seale)

Sealed and Deliv'd in prnts of us

Jerimiah (mark) Foober

Tho: Freshwater

Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 6th die Martij [March]i 1666

Old Rappahannock Co., VA, Deeds & Covenants Bk 3, p 196-197

Based on the preceding deeds, it's apparent that Henry Awbrey did not reassemble the land (as Victor Meador surmised) that had previously been Thomas Meador's but Francis Gower did.

To all expian people to whom these pnts shall come Knowe Yee that I Henry Awbrey & Sarah my wife for a vallueable consideration to us paid doe give graunt assigne & make over for us & or heires all or right, tytle claime & Interest of three hundred acres of land lying in the County of Rappa on the North side of the said River of Rappa unto Francis Gowre his heires Execrs admrs & assignes for ever wch land was formerly the land of Thomas Medor of Mr. James Wiliamson as by a Deed of Sale under the hand & seale of the said Williamson mor plainly appeareth scituate lying & adjoyning unto & upon the land of Thomas Robinson wch land the said Robinson likewise purchased of the abovesaid Ambrose Medor being parte of one thousand acres of land bought of the said Williamson. To Have to Hould the said three hundred acres of Land unto him the said Francis Gowre wch the said Gowre is now seated upon & possest with all unto him & his heirs for ever with all rights & preveledges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaininge and wee the said Henry & Sarah Awbrey doe for us or heires Execrs and admrs hereby promise to warrant & defend the said three hundred acres of land agt all prson or prsons claimeing by from or under us unto the said Frances Gowre his heires Execrs admrs or assignes. In Witness whereof wee the paties abovesaid have hereunto sett or hands & seales this fifteenth of Aprill one thousand six hundred & seventy.

Henry Awbrey

Sarah (mark) Awbrey

in Cur Com Rappa 18 die May 1670

Signed Sealed & DD

in the presents of

John (mark) Awbrey

Tho (mark) Jenkins

Jno (mark) Evans

These presents Witnesseth that I Sarah Awbrey the now wife of Henry Awbrey of the County of Rappa doe make constitute & ordaine Mr. Tho. Gouldman my true and lawfull attorney for mee and in my name steede & place to my use & behoofe to acknowledge in the County Court of Rappa all my right title claime & interest of three hundred acres of Land unto Francis Gower or his-order of the County aforesaid

& what my said Attorney doth act or doe or cause to acted ordann in the premises abovesaid I shall ratifie confirme & allowe of as if I weare there prsonally prsent. In confirmation whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 16th day of Aprill 1670.

Sarah (mark) Awbrey

Signed Sealed & DD in presence of us

Jno Awbrey & Jno (mark) Evans & Record x May 1670

Old Rappa Co., VA, Deed & Will Bk 4, p 298-299

Henry Awbrey and wife Sarah sold 480 acres to Robert Bishop (deed dated July 30, 1672) and Sarah made a power of attorney to Thomas Gouldman to acknowledge this sale of land on November 4, 1672. It was recorded on November 4, 1672. This is the last document which shows Sarah was still living. Henry's second wife does not appear in the records until his will dated Aug 1, 1694 and proved September 10, 1694 (*Essex Co. VA, Records 1692-1695 (CH Transcript) p 311-312*). Nothing further is known of Mary, the second wife.

There is no documentation showing a previous wife of Henry Awbrey before his marriage to Sarah in Old Rappahannock Co. and there is nothing which documents a daughter for Henry Awbrey. Alice Gouldman is often shown in family trees as his daughter. The source is Hoskins of Virginia. (In a conversation with the author of the book, August, 1992, he stated that there was no proof but it was theory). After Thomas Gouldman's death, Alice married Arthur Forbes. Her will is dated June 2, 1698 and proved November 10, 1698. By all indications (through deeds and wills), she and Thomas Gouldman were contemporaries of Henry Awbrey making it impossible for her to be his daughter.

Richard Awbrey (Son of Sarah (Meader, UNK) and Henry Awbrey)

July Court 1675 These presents witnesseth that I Henry Awbrey of Rappa County in Virginia for the affection and love I beare to my son Richard Awbrey I give him one two years old mare-commonly called and known Bonny marked HA in the neare flank and one yearling heifer cropt on both years [ears] and under keeled and over keeled on both ears & a slit on one eare & all their Increase male and female to him the said Richard Awbrey and his heirs forever excepting the first mare colt that the mare brings to my selfe or my order and the male catle that comes of the heifer untill the said Richard be fourteen years of age to the Truth hereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale this 24th day of June 1675.

Henry Aubrey seal

Richard (mark) White

Adrey (mark) White

Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 7th die July 1675 Old Rappa D&W Bk 5 p 424.

Richard Awbrey was not yet 14 years old at the time of this deed. If he were, that would have made his birthdate 1661 so he was born after 1661. We know that Sarah married Henry Awbrey between April 13, 1662 (deed to her children)-Feb 27, 1664 (first mention of Sarah as wife of Henry Awbrey is in a Power of Attorney). Because there are no earlier records in Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties naming or hinting at a first wife for Henry, it stands to reason that Sarah is Richard's mother. The deed of gift was

witnessed by Richard and Adrey (various spellings) White, parents of Elizabeth Meador (White), wife of John Meador (II-3).

Richard was unmarried as of Oct 4, 1690 but the following deeds look as though they are in preparation of that event.

This Indenture made the 4th day of Octr. Ano Dom 1690 between Henry Awbry of Rappa County Gent of the one part and Richard Awbrey only son and heire apparant of the sd Henry of the other part Witnesseth that the sd Henry Awbrey as well for and in consideracon of the natural love and affectiono which he hath and beareth unto the sd Richd Awbrey and for and towards the present maintainance & settlement & pferment in the world of him the sd Richd as also for and in consideration of the sum of Five Shillings Sterling money to him the sd Henry in hand at and before the ensealing and Delivery hereof by the said Richard well and truly paid and for divers other good causes & considerations him there unto moving Hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed & confirmed and by these presents doth of his own free will fully clearly and absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the sd Richd Awbrey five Hundred acres of land being part or parcell of a Tract or devident of one Thousand & fifty acres of land situate and being on the south side of Rappa River in the sd County and granted to the sd Henry by patent dated the 9th day of April 1664 all which five Hundred acres of land is being & adjoining to the land now of John Meadour and is to run its severall courses expressed in the sd Patent and to enclud all the Plantation Houses orchards pastures and fences there on as it is now seated planted or tended or occupied and all Houses orchards edifices outhouses and buildings whatsoever there upon standing erected or built and all yards gardens pastures meadows marshes & inclosures whatsoever to the five hundred acres of land belonging or apperteyning and all woods underwoods timber and trees whatsoever thereupon standing or growing or being and all ways passages waters water courses profitts comodities emolumts hereditats previlidges and appertinances whatsoever to the sd land belonging or appertaining and all the estate Right Title Interest Clame & Demand whatsoever of him the sd Henry Aubry of in or to the premises with the appertinances and all Deeds Charaters Writings escripts evedences and minuments whatsoever touching & concerning the sd premises or any part thereof To Have and to Hold all and singular the before menconed Five Hundred acres of land plantation and premises with their appertinances hereby given granted bargained and sold and every part and parcel thereof unto the sd Richard Awbery his heirs and assigns from the day of the date and ensealing and Delivery of these presents to the only use & behoof of him the sd Richd Awbery & of his heirs and assigns forever and the sd Henry Awbery for himself his heirs Exors & admrs doth covenant & grant to & with the sd Richard Awbery his heirs Exrs admrs & assigns by these presents that he the sd Richard Awbery his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peaceably and quietly hahve hold use occupie possess and enjoy all & singular the afore mentioned to be granted premises with the appertinences & every part and parcell thereof without the lawfull lett suit trouble denyall Eviction molestation disturbance or interruption of any person or persons whasoever lawfully claiming or to claim any Estate Right Title or interest of in or to the same or any part thereof the yearly Rents & Services which shall hence forth grow due and ought to be pd to the Chief Lord or Lords of the fee or fees of the Premises only excepted and fore prized Provided always & upon dition [condition]

nevertheless that if the sd Richd Awbery shall happen to die or depart this life unmarried intestate and without issue of his body lawfully begotten That then this present grant bargain & sale & every Covenant & Cause therein conteyned shall cease determined & be utterly void & of none effect any thing in these presents conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding In Witness where of the said parties to these present indenture Interchangeably have sett their hands and seals dated the day and yeare first above written

Henry Aubery (seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in the presents of us

Ralph Rymer

Henn Seager

This instrumt of writting was acknow. before us this 4th day of Octr 1690-John Stone, Geo Taylor (Old Rappahannock Co D&W Bk 8 1688-1692 p 254-255)

NOTE: Sparcio gives the same deed referencing p 209-210; there must be another copy of this book but neither Sparacio nor the film designated the book as a transcript-This also applies to the next deed.

To all people to whom this present writting shall come I Henry Awbery of Rappa County Gent send Greeting. Know yee that I the sd Henry Awbery as well for & in consideration of the naturall love & effection which I have and bear unto my only son Richard Awbery and for and towards his present settlement meyntaynance & Prfermt [performance?] in world as also for and in consideration of the sume of five Shillings Sterling money to me in hand paid by the sd Richd and for divers other good causes and Consideracons me there unto moving Have given granted bargained sold and Delivered and by these presents do of my own free will fully clearly and absolutly give and grant baraine sell & Deliver unto the sd Richard Awbery four negroes that is to say Jubutor Sambo and his wife Betty all which are now remaining and being on my plantation commonly called my quarter scituate neere and adjoining to the Run of Hoskins Creek in Farnham Parish in the sd county and one other all working negro which I intend to put on the sd Plantation and also twenty five head of old cattle and all the stock of hoggs now remaining and belonging on and unto the sd Plantation and for the consideration of aforesd give & grant unto the sd Richd Awbery Fifty pounds Sterling in money or ten thousand pounds of good sound merchantable sweet scented Tobb & Cask to be laid out to the best advantage in good and convenient house hold stuff & implements of House hold fitt & necessary for him To Have and to hold all thes sd four negroes Twenty Five head of old cattle and stoke of Hoggs and all their and every of their encrease money or Tobb in House hold stuff and implemts of Household and every of them unto the said Richard Awbery his heirs Exors admrs and assigns from the day of the date of the ensealing and Delivery of these presents to his and their own use & uses as his and their own proper goods & chattles forever And I the sd Henry Awbery for myself my Exrs and admrs do covinant and grant to and with the sd Richard Awbery his Exors admrs and assigns by these presents that I the sd Henry his Exors admrs all the sd negroes Twenty five head of old cattle stock of hogs fifty pounds Sterling money or Ten Thousand Pounds of sweet sented Tobb in Household stuff and implemts of House Hould and every of them & every part and parcell thereof

unto the sd Richd his Exors Admrs & assigns against all people whatsoever under the Provisse hereafter menconed shall and will warrant and forever by these presents Provided always that if the said Richard Awbrey shall happen to dy or depart this life unmarried intestate and without lawfull issue of his Body (living me the sd Henry) That then and from thenceforth this present grant shall be voyd and all the before bargained premises and every part & parcell thereof shall revert unto me the said Henry my Exors & assigns any thing in these presents conteyned to the contray [contrary] thereof in any wise notwithstanding In Witness whereof I the said Awbrey have hereunto sett my hand and seal dated the 4th day Octr 1690.

Henry Awbery (seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in the presents of us

Ralph Rymer

Henn Segar

This Instrument of wrighting was acknow. before us this 4th of 8ber 1690

John Stone

Geo Taylor

Recorded in ____ Cur Com Rappa 12 die 9ber ano 1690

Teste Wm Colston Cl Cur

(Old Rappahannock Co D&W Bk 8 1688-1692 p 256-257; Sparacio p 211-212)

There are two court orders dated April 10, 1696 (Essex County, Virginia Court Order Book 1695-1699 [CH Transcript] p 13) in which "Richard Shippy Defendt against Richard Awbrey and Mary Awbrey Execrs of the last Will and Testament of Henry Awbrey deced Plt and Richard Shippy ye Defendt the Plt. not prosecuting to be paid according to law with costs ." The same day "Joseph Reeves was subpoenaed as an evidence in the suit between Richard Awbrey and Mary Awbrey, Execrs of the Last Will & Testament of Henry Awbrey deced. Plts and Richard Shippy Defendt. be paid by the Plts. for three dayes attendance according to law with costs als Exo."

January 11, 1696 Court Judgmt is granted to Richd Awbrey against Richd Shippey for three hundred twenty six pounds of Tob & Cask due by one ballance of a bill to be paid with costs of suit.

January 11, 1696 Court Judgmt is granted to Richd Awbrey agt Jno Parker for five hundred pounds of sweet scented Tobo in caske due on behave of a bill to be paid with costs of suit. (Essex County, Virginia Court Order Book 1695-1699 [CH Transcript] p 46)

Richard Awbrey Will

In the name of God Amen this eighteenth day of Aprill 1697 I Richard Awbrey being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed and praised be Almighty God for the same and considering the mortality of the body do make and ordaine this as my last will & testamt: first and principally I comend my soule in the hands of Allmighty God that gave it and my body to be decently and Christianly buried hoping by the meritous death and Passion of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full

pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and a Joyfull Resurrection att the Last day and as for the worldly goods that God hath lent me I will and bequeath them in manner and form following. Vizt: First I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Awbrey all my land and to the Heires of his body Lawfully begotten and for want of such Heires to the next surviving Heire of my Children one Negro called Tom my sword and belt my silver Tobbo box Eighteen pounds Sterl. now in the hands of Mr. Robert Bristow in England two seales of silver one that was his grandfather's and one that is mine and is my will that my Horse Portly and my pendilum watch be sold for money and given to my said sonn & also that these bequests be delivered att the age of eighteen years and that he be putt to schoole at fourteen years old and there continued four years and my great seale ring.

Itm I give to my Daughter Mary one Negro called Maria fifty pounds Ster [Sterling] and four cowes and calves to be paid her att the age of Eighteen years or the day of Marriage & feather bed and Furniture and my Silver Sack Cup the money to be paid out of the Estate I give to my wife

Itm. I give unto my Daughter Dorothy a Negro called Robin fifty pounds Sterl four cowes and a feather bed and furniture to be paid her the age of Eighteene yeares or the day of marriage to be paid out of the Estate I give my wife

Itm I give to the child my wife goes with if it live fiftie pounds Sterl to be paid out of the Estate I give my wife.

Itm I give to Elizabeth Evans my God Daughter a Heiffer called her Heifer and all her Increase and a young mare in the woods and all her Increase branded HA on the shoulder and RA on the buttock.

Itm I give to my Brother John Meador all my weareing clouths that's made up as shirts Drawers Coates breeches and one felt hatt.

Itm I give to Tho: Hucklescott two yards and a half of mixt broad cloath now in the house and black buttons

Itm I give to Mr. Tho Gregson a ring of twelve shills price

Itm I give to Mr. Francis Gouldman a ring of twelve shills price

Itm I give to my Sister Maguire a ring of twelve shills Price

Itm I give to Phillip Maguire as much mixt Kersey now in the House as will make him a Coate and a new Caster hatt in the Chest never worn

Itm I give unto my beloved wife Dorothy Awbrey that Plantation that I now live on and five hundred acres of Land belonging to itt dureing her naturall life She claimeing no other part or parcell of my Land Six Negroes. Sam, betty, Jupetor, Jack, Katey and (faded) and all other my Estate as goods Chattles Sheep Cattele horses & herein before not willed and bequeathed and I do Hereby make my said wife and my Sonn Henry Joynt Exer of this my last will and testamt and do allso make and desire Mr. Thomas Grigson and Mr Francis Gouldman to be overseers of this my last will and Testamt is duly executed and I allso do hereby disannuell and make void all former wills legacies and bequests by me att anytime heretofore made and do signe seale and Publish this as my last will and Testamt and hereunto sett my hand seale the date first above written.

Richd Awbrey (Seale)

*Signed Sealed and Published as
the Last Will and Testamt in*

Presence of us

Philip (mark) Maguire

Susanna (mark) Maguire

Tho: Hucklescott

We the Subscribers do depose and say that we see the within named Richard Awbrey Signe Seale and Publish the within written as his last will and Testamt and that he was in perfect sence and memory att the time of Dooing thereof and further say not.

Prov'd in Essex County Court ye 11th day of October 1697 by ye oaths of Phil Maguire & Thos Hucklescott

Phillip (mark) Maguire

Thos Hucklescott

Vere Recordatr Test Francis Meriwether Cl Cur

(Essex Co. D&W Bk 9 1695-1699 p 127-128)

Richard's son, Henry was obviously not old enough to take part in the executorship as one had to be at least 17 to function as an executor and even then their powers were limited. That is probably why he named Thomas Grigson (Gregson) and Francis Gouldman to be overseers and to assist Dorothy. (Thomas Gregson was an attorney and is found mutiple times in records for numerous people.)

Richard Awbrey married Dorothy North, the daughter of Augustine North and Dorothy UNK, after November 12, 1690 as the previous deeds from Henry show. Between 1698-1706, the widow Dorothy North married Daniel Henry.

January 10, 1697/98 An order against ye sheriff is granted to Thomas Hucklescott for two thousand three hundred & sixty nine pounds of Tobo. & costs according to declaracon for ye non appearance of Thomas Gouldman & Dorothy his wife Execx of ye last Will and Testamt of Richd Awbrey deced & this suit of ye sd Hucklescott unless ye sd Defendts appear at ye next Court and answer the same.
(Ibid, p 92)

March 11, 1697/98 Whereas Tho. Gouldman & Dorothy his Wife Execx of ye last Will & Testamt. of Richd Awbrey deced have been twice ordered to give security for ye Probate of ye sd will and contemd both ye sd ordrs, Its therefore ordered that ye sheriff of this county or his Deputy take ye sd Gouldman & his Wife into safe custody & so retain them untill they enter into bond with good security to appear at ye next Court to answer ye same. (Ibid, p 99)

Children of Richard and Dorothy (North) Awbrey

Henry Awbrey

It's difficult to pinpoint the birthdates of Richard's children as they all were very young at the time of their father's death. There is, however, an approximate death date for Henry. To be absolutely correct, the death date would be "before March 11, 1713".

Know all men by these presents that we John Billups James Boughan and John Boughan are held and firmly bound unto Richard Covington Henry Robinson William Woodford William Daingerfield & Leonard Tarent Justices and their _____ ord in the sum of five hundred pounds Sterling To the which payment will and truly to be made we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs Execrs & admrs jointly and Severally _____ by these presents Witness our hands & Seals this 11th day of March 1713.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound John Billups and Dorothy his wife admrs of all the Goods, Chattels & Credits of Henry Awbrey Deced do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of the said Deced which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of them the said John Billups and Dorothy his wife or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them and the Same so made do Exhibite or cause to be Exhibited into the County Court of Essex at such time as he shall be thereto required by the Said Court and the Same Goods Chattels & Credits & all other the Goods Chattels & Credits of the said Deced at the time of his Death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of them the Said John Billups & Dorothy his Wife or into the hands & possession of any other person or persons for them do with & truly admtr [administer] according to Law and further do make a just & true account of their writings and doings therein when thereto required by the Said Court and all the rest & residue of the said Goods Chattels & Credits which shall be found & remaining upon the Said Admrs account the same being first Examined & allowed by the Justices of the Court for the time being shall Deliver & pay unto such person or persons respectively as the Said Justices by their Order or Judgment shall direct pursuant to the Laws in that case made and provided and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will & Testament was made by the said Deced and the Exr or Execrs therein named do Exhibit the Same in the Said Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the Said John Billups & Dorothy his wife being thereunto required do render & Deliver up their Ltrs of Administration approbation of Such Testament being first had and made in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

Jno Billups (seale)

James Boughan (seale)

John Boughan (seale)

Sealed and Delivered in the prsence of

Robert Jones

Ja: Alderson

Acknowledged in Essex County Court the 11th day of March 1713 and is Recorded

Test. Richard Buckner Cl Cur

(Essex Co., VA D&W Bk 14 1711-1715 p 220)

Mary Awbrey/Avery

The same day (the next entry, same page as the bond for the administration of Henry's estate) is a bond for John & Dorothy Billups as administrators for a Mary Avery's estate.

Dorothy Awbrey/Avery

Dorothy married John Billups between Dec 19, 1709 (date of her Grandmother Henry's will) and March 11, 1713/14 when they posted bond for the administration of her brother and sister. Attention should be paid to the fact that Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties Virginia, p 12 gives Richard 's daughter, Dorothy as marrying John Billings by 1728.(Essex County Deed Bk 19, p 28) John's surname is a transcription error which can be readily seen if the document is enlarged.

Unborn Child

Nothing is known about the unborn child to which Richard Awbrey referred in his will. Apparently the child either died at birth or shortly afterward or Dorothy miscarried.

Dorothy Awbrey (North), widow of Richard Awbrey, married Thomas Gouldman (Francis Gouldman's brother) and had issue: a daughter named Elizabeth (also mentioned in Dorothy Henry's will). Elizabeth was born 1698-1699 as Thomas also refers to an unborn child in his will dated May 22, 1698; proved November 10, 1698. Elizabeth married Col. Thomas Waring.



Chapter 3

II-1 Susanna Meader

The births of Thomas' children occurred earlier than previously thought. Susanna was born about 1652. A Susanna Meador was a witness to a deed from John Grigory to Thomas Edmondson dated Apr 16, 1666. At first glance one might think this was Susanna, the second wife of Thomas' brother, John, however that Susanna was still married to Thomas Brooks in York County and had another marriage to complete before she would marry John Meader (III). See p 140.

The only other Susanna Meader during that time period was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Meader. This fits with Sarah's deed to her children on April 13, 1662 in which she states, "unto my eldest daughter Susanna Meader one red cow called Cherry & her cow calf & increase to my aforesaid daughter only excepting the male of the cattle to fall unto me the abovesaid Sarah Meader until my daughter be full eleven years of age". Susanna had to be born in 1652 at the very least in order to qualify as a witness to the deed because a witness was required to be 14 years of age. She would have been ten years old and possibly closer to 11 at the time Sarah made her deed.

Susanna's will is dated May 1, 1698 and recorded July 11, 1698, Essex County, Virginia. Her first husband was John Evans whose will was dated Aug 29, 1692 and proved Feb 10, 1693 (*Essex Co Order Bk 1, 2nd half-Essex County Records 1692-1695, Vol 1. p 131-133*). He mentions sons Henry, John, Thomas, Benjamin; daughters Susan, Sarah, Elizabeth and wife, Susanna. Witnesses were Daniel Harrison and Thomas Hucklescott. Susanna and John were married before Mar 4, 1671/72 when they sold one hundred acres of land to Richard Nightingale. Susanna's second husband was Phillip Magwiar.

April 25, 1670 John Evans purchased two hundred acres from Thomas Gouldman and Alice his wife for the sum of five thousand three hundred pounds of tobacco. Witnessed by Henry Awbrey and Elizabeth Hackley (*Old Rappahannock Co, VA, Deed & Will Bk 4, p 145-147*)

Know all men by these Presents that wee John and Susannah Evans of the County of Rappa. doe give grant assigne and make over for us and our heirs all our Rights title claims and Interests of one hundred acres of Land lying in the County of Rappa. aforesaid unto Richard Nitingall his heirs Executors administrators and assigns lying wthin the bounds herein expressed beginning and bounding as followeth Joining south half a point west from the corner tree of John Mills his miles End one hundred twenty and seven perches a Little over the Mill Road to a Red oake thence west half a point northerly to an Hicory one hundred twenty and Seven perches to John Mills his Line of marked trees wch extend themselves to the first mentioned station. To have & to hold the aforesaid hundred acres of Land to him the said Richard Nitingall his heirs Executors and assigns forever excepting the houses and orchard and cleared grounds and the Spring adjoining out of tthe abovesaid hundred acres of Land that the said John Evans doth keep & reserve for himselfe and his heirs forever. Further the sd John Evans doth oblige and make over from him and his heirs unto Richard Nitingall all profitts priviledges easements thereunto belonging in as Large and ample manner beneficial and effectual and to all Intents and purposes as was to me sold but not

to warrant any other title but what was granted to me the said Evans and if any person or persons can or shall say any just claime to any part or parcell of the aforesaid hundred acres onely what is allready expressed this witnesseth that neither me my heirs Executors administrators or assignes shall make any further assurance unto the said Richard Nitingall his heirs Executors and administrators more than what he the said John Evans hath and in consideration for the abovesaid hundred acres of land of the said Richard Nitingall do oblige myself my heires Executors and assigns so paid to John Evans his heirs or assigns the whole and just sune of two thousand pounds of Tobacco and cask. In testimony whereof we the said John and Susanna have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of March 1671.

John (mark) Evans seale

Susanna (mark) Evans seale

Signed Sealed Acknowledged and Delivered

in the presence of us

John Waggoner

John Wells

Recognitr in Cur Com. Rappa 7 die March 1671 Et Recognitr April 8, 1672

Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Susanna Evans wife of John Evans cooper in the County of Rappa doe constitute and appoint my loving frieind Thomas Troth to bee my True and Lawfull attorney for me and in my name to acknowledge a parcell of land that my husband John Evans sold unto Richard Nitingall as witness my hand this 7 of March 1671/2.

Susanna (mark) Evans

Test

Dennis Conmets Recordatr xx6 die of April 1672

Test Edmund Crask Cl Cur Com Recdr

(Old Rappahannock Co, VA Deed & Will Bk 5, p 7-9)

John Evans Will (see next page)

Essex County Order Book, Vol. 1, 1692-1695 (Tramscript) See 2nd half of book

(131)
 In the name of God Amen I John Evans of Eps. County
 and in the Parish of South Garrison do make and
 ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and
 form following First I Commend my Soule to God that give it
 hoping through the meriting death and Passion of my blessed
 Lord Jesus Christ to receive full forgiveness and remission
 of all my sins and a joyfull Resurrection at his last day, and
 my body to be decently and Christian like buried at the
 discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as for my
 worldly Effects that God hath been pleased to bestow upon
 me I dispose of it in manner and form following
 I give unto my Sonne Henry the Cowes that formerly was
 in his name and all my silbering Cloaths - Except a striped
 Coat & a Pair of Leather Breeches Item I give to my Sonne
 John a Parcell of Land lying on the other side of L. Daffins
 Runne Containing a hundred twenty five acres
 Item I give to my Sonne Thomas, one Part of the Land I now
 live on ^{by me} byes Lanes side of my name Road that I now live on
 Item I give to my Sonne Benjamin the other part of the Land
 I now live on and the Road to his plantation And it is my
 will that if either my son Thomas or Benjamin shall be
 willing to dispose of either Part, or all their respective portions
 of Land they shall not make Sale or give it to any other
 then ^{the} heirs of their own houses or each to the other. Item it is my will

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that if either my Sonne Jo^hn or Thomas or Benjamin Shal die
without heirs of their owne bodies that then their part of Land
shal descend upon their younger brother and his heirs
Item I give to my daughter Susan two Acres that formerly
went in her name with the female increase
Item I give unto Sarah my daughter one Heifer
Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth a Cow and a Heifer
Item I give unto my Sonne Jo^hn one Cow that formerly went
by the name and was a Heifer that came of that Cow
Item I give to my Sonne Thomas one Red & White Heifer
Item I give to my Sonne Benjamin a yearling Heifer
Item it is my will that the Cattle that I have herein
willed to my severall Children that the female increase with
the female Cattle shall forthwith go on to the increasing of their
stock till they come to age severally Rest ye male increase
to be my Executors
Item I give to my Sonne Henry my Pistole holster and knife
gunnits and a Carbine and furniture

(133)

As for the rest of my Estate I give it to my Loving wife Susan
living and make her my Executrix of this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking and making null all former
wills by me at any time made Witness my hand and Seal
the 25th day of August 1692

Signed Sealed & published
in presence of us

Daniel H. Harrisons

Thomas Ducklesett

After the Subscription did see Mr. John Evans Sign Seal and
publish this as his last will and Testament within our hands this
10th 1693.

Daniel H. Harrisons

Th. Ducklesett

Esq. Com. Sworn to in Court Feby
10th 1692, Just. Recorder

At a Court held for Esq. County Feby 10th Anno 1692
The within and above written will was proved by ye oaths of
ye witnesses and a Probate thereof granted to ye Executors therein
named

Teste P. Mearns & Co. Secy
Vice Recd. Teste P. Mearns & Co. Secy

Susanna Magwiar Will

In the name of God Amen I Susanna Magwiar being sick and weak in body but of sound & perfect memory blessed & praised be Almighty God therefore do make & ordaine this to be my last Will & Testamt. in manner & form following first & principally I commend my soul into the hands of God that gave it-hopeing by the mentorious death & passion of my blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & offences and a Joyfull & resurection at ye last day and as for my body I committ it to ye ground to be decently & Christianly buried at the discretion of my Execr hereafter named and as for the worldly goods that God hath lent me I give & bequeath in manner & form following. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son John Evans one flock bed & what there is belonging to it one iron pott containing four gallons and a frying pann one pewter dish & plate & one new axe and so soon as I am departed & buried it is my will that he goe away to my Brother Meadors to live & two sowes & two barrows about a year old. Item. I give unto my Daughter Sarah one broad pewter dish & two plates, four yds. & a halfe of narrow serge, five yards of wide serge for a gowne & three ells of dowlace & one black steer of four years old. Item I give unto my son Phillip Magwier his father Chest that was call his tools one mare & all her encrease one one red cow & all her female increase till he come to ye age of Fourteen years & then to have Male & Female, ye Male increase in the mean space to be ye persons that brings him up, ye cowes name being Gentle, four Ewes & a Ram, & all their increase til they come to twenty & then what there be shall be over & above to be sold & he to be put school with ye produce Item. I give unto Jno Maguffies son one sow pigg with Pigg provided John Maguffie neither kill nor cause it to be killed and if they refuse to take it that then it be exchanged for a yearling heifer Item. I give unto my Daughter Susanna Maguffie four yards & a halfe of narrow serge & one shift gowne. As for the rest of my estate I give it between Thomas, Benjamin and Elizabeth Evans my sons & Daughter making my sd Daughter Elizabeth whole & sole Execr of this my last Will and Testamt & it is my will that my said sons Thomas and Benjamin live & abide with my sd Daughter Elizabeth till they come to ye age of twenty one years & I do hereby revoke all former wills, testaments & Legacies by me at any time heretofore willed made bequeathed and give, & do make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 1st day of May 1698.

*Susanna (mark) Magwiar Seale
Signed Sealed & Publish in presence of us
George Ward*

*John (mark) Maguffie
Thomas Hucklescott*

*Jno Maguffie aged twenty eight years or thereabout deposeth that he saw ye within menconed Susanna Maguire sign seale & publish this as her last will & testamt & that she was in her full sence & memory
Jno (mark) Maguffie*

*Thos Hucklescott aged thirty eight years or thereabouts deposeth that he saw & heard ye within menconed Susanna Maguire sign seale & publish this as her last Will & Testamt & that she was in her full sense & memory & further saith not
Thomas Hucklescott*

Prov'd in Essex County Court ye 11th day of July 1698 by the oaths of Tho Hucklescott & Jno Maguffie

& hereby recorded.

(Essex Co, VA, Deed & Will Bk 9, p196-197)

Children of Susanna & John Evans

II-1-1 Henry Evans

He apparently died before his mother made her will since he isn't mentioned. On April 29, 1693 a Proclamation was issued by Edmond Andros Lieutenant Governor Generall of Virginia regarding a measles epidemic in which a number of people had already died and the epidemic was spreading into other areas. This warning was to be posted in the churches and other public places. *(Essex Co, VA, Order Bk 1, 1692-1695 p 179)*. This may account for many of the deaths during this time period and the disappearance of some people from the records.

II-1-2 John Evans

Susanna mentions him in her will and requested that he live with her brother Meador. There are several documents concerning land to his brother, Thomas Evans, beginning on March 9, 1709/10 while John is still living in Essex Co. A partial transcription with the pertinent information follows. (This would be about the time Thomas would be turning 21.)

This Indenture made the ninth day of March in ye year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred nine between John Evans of the pish of Southfarnham in the County of Essex within the Colony of Virginia Sawyer (one of ye sons and devisees of John Evans late of the same pish County & Colony Planter desed) of ye one part and Thomas Evans of the pish County & Colony aforesd Planter (brother of the said John Evans) of the other part-witnesseth that for & in consideration of four thousand pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco unto ye sd Jon Evans in hand well & truly paid by the said Thomas Evans at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents & receipt whereof he ye said John Evans doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part thereof doe fully clearly, & absolutely acquit exonerate & discharge the said Thomas Evans his heirs Executors & Admrs & every of them forever by these presents, he the said John Evans hath granted bargained & sold aliened released enfeoffed & confirmed and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell alien, release, enfeoffe & confirm unto the said Thomas Evans his heires & assigns forever all that piece or prsell of land or woodland ground containing one hundred twenty & five acres of land situate lying & being in the pish County & Colony aforesd on the Southside of Rappa River on ye branches of Hoskins his creek and bounded as followeth Viz. Begining at a corner Spanish oak of John Meadors land, one hundred & fifty poles from said Meadors begining and running thense South by West one hundred twenty two poles to three markt oaks by ye Rowling path, thence North eighty deg. West forty poles, thence North Sixty Six degrees West Eighteen poles to ye lands of James Taylor to a corner hiccory, thence North by East Sixty four poles to the land of John Meadors, to a marked hiccory and finally East by South one hundred ninety eight poles by the said Meadors line to the plase it began And all ways waters, water courses timber trees & trees likely to become timber woods underwoods swamps marshes profitts comodities emolumts. hereditamts & appurtenanes whatsoever to ye sd piese or prsell of lands or wood land ground or to any pte thereof

belonging or in any wise appertaining. All which said piese or [parcel] of land or woodland ground was formerly granted unto John Evans, father to ye aforesaid John Evans ptie [party] to these presents by patent bearing date the twentieth day of Aprill Anno Dom One Thousand Six hundred Eighty Seven, and by the said John Evans the father given & devised to his aforesd Son John Evans as by his last Will & Testament relation being thereunto had may more fully & at large appear and the Reversion and reversions remainder & remainders of all & singular the before mentioned premises, and all the estate right title interest possession property challenge claim & demand whatsoever or (as well in equity as at Law) of him the said John Evans of in & to the same & every or any part of parsell thereof.....

John (mark) Evans

Sealed and Delivered in presence of

Thomas Evett Junr.

Henry (mark) Brown

Salvator Muscoe

Acknowledged by John Evans to Thomas Evans in Essex County Court 10th day of March, 1709/10 and on ye sd Thomas his motion was ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

Test. Richard Buckner Cl Cur

Essex County, VA Deeds Bk 13, p 284-285

The same day his brother Thomas sold to him (for four thousand pounds of tobacco) sixty acres of land which he inherited from his father, John Evans, excepting one-half acre which Thomas reserved for a burying place, being the resting place of his father and mother. (*Essex County, VA Deed Bk 13, p 285-286*) In effect, they just traded the land.

By 1717 John is found in Chowan Precinct, NC. The most notable is a deed recorded in Essex Co and dated Apr 15, 1735 when he states he is of the County of "Albemar" [Albemarle] in the province of North Carolina. He leases the above mentioned 60 acres to Thomas for 1,000 years, witnessed by Micajah Evans, John Jones, and Jobe Meador. (Jobe is the son of John Meador (II) by his second wife). Evans gives the date of his father's will as Aug 29, 1695. According to the court records this date is in error; otherwise it confirms his relationship. (*Essex Co, VA, Deed Bk 21, 1735-1738, p 114-116*). His wife was Jane Jordan (who also signed the deed), daughter of John Jordan of Chowan Co., NC. (In 1738, Albemarle County as a unit of government ceased to exist. Chowan Precinct was renamed as Chowan County on March 8, 1738/9).

January 17, 1725, John Evans of Chowan Pct. To Job Meader, 30 pdds. For 640 acres on SWS Chinkapen Swamp at Mouth of Ready Branch. Wit: John Jordan (II), Jane Jordan. NC Court April 23, 1726. C. Gale, C. J. (Colonial Bertie Co., NC Deed Books A-H, 1720-1757, Ball p 75, C 180).

II-1-3 Thomas Evans

Thomas was born January 6, 1689. This is determined from an indenture dated Oct 10, 1670 between Thomas Evans, orphan of John Evans, and Thomas Hucklescott.

This indenture made the 10th day of October ano dom 1700 between Capt Jno Catlett & Mr. Danl Dobyngs Gent. Justices of the Peace of Essex County on behalf of Tho Evans orphan of Jno Evans late of the County of Essex deced of ye one part & Thomas Hucklescott of ye county of the other part _____ of off that ye Capt Jno Catlett & Mr Danl Dobyngs Gent Justices of the Peace of the County of Essex aforesd by & with ye consent & approbation of ye Worpll. Court of Essex County & by an order bearing date ye 10th day of 7ber 1700 doth appear do by these presents put place & bind him ye Tho Evans an Apprentice with the sd Thomas Hucklescott to serve ye sd Thomas Hucklescott & Mary his wife from ye day of the date of ye above recited order until he shall attaine unto ye age of twenty years dureing all wch: time ye sd Thomas Evans shall the sd. Tho: Hucklescott & Mary his wife will & faithfully serve and toward them honestly & obediently behave himselfe & orderly & honestly toward all the rest of his family and the sd Tho: Hucklescott for his part promiseth during the time until ye Tho: Evans cometh to ye age of twenty years to find unto the sd Tho: Evans meat drink washing linen woollen hose shoes & other things needful & meet for an Apprentice & teach or cause him to be taught to read, wright & cast accost. As pr Ordre: he being twelve years old on ye sixth day of Janry next. In witness whereof we the parties have interchangeably signed and or their hands & seales.

Thomas Hucklescott seale

In presence of us

Francis Meriwether

Tho Gregson

Truly recorded according to ordre of Essex County Court ye 20th day of 8br 1700

(Essex Co, VA, Deed & Will Bk Vol 10, 1699-1702 p 59-60)

Thomas Hucklescott died bef Aug 11, 1701 (date his will was proved). On Aug 10, 1703 Robert Brooke, John Taliaferro, Richard Covington and Daniell Dobins Gent. Justices of Essex Co. bound Thomas Evans to Robert Mills until he attained the age of 21 (Thomas being 15 years old the next Jan.) Between the two indentures, there is a discrepancy in the birth year.

Mary Allen, daughter of John and Barbara (Withers?) Allen was the wife of Thomas Hucklescott. They had issue, a daughter, Mary who became the wife of Thomas Evans. Mary (Allen) Hucklescott married Salvatore Muscoe about 1702. Note that Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties VA by Eva Eubank Wilkerson erroneously shows Mary Hucklescott, the daughter, married to Salvatore Muscoe. Later records prove that Mary (daughter) married Thomas Evans and it was her widowed mother who married Salvatore Muscoe.

Thomas Evans' will is dated Nov 26, 1748, proved February 21, 1748/49 (Essex Co, VA, WB 8, 1747-1750 p 160-161). He mentions children: son, John (married Mary UNK); son-in-law, John Davis (married daughter, Elizabeth); son-in-law Thomas Dobson (married daughter, Susanna); son Henry (married Sarah UNK); son James (married Elizabeth UNK); son, Thomas; son, Joseph; son, William.

It's very difficult to sort out the Evans lines in Essex County. There appears to be 3 or 4 different lines so extreme care should be taken in attempting to do so. For the purposes here, Thomas' son, Joseph is the subject of our focus.

This Indenture made the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty Between Joseph Evans shoemaker late of the county of Essex and now in the army of the one part and Robert Spilsby Coleman of the county aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen pounds current money to the said Joseph Evans in hand paid by the said Robert Spilsby Coleman the said Joseph Evans doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Robert Spilsby Coleman a Tract of land containing by Estimation Fifty acres more or less bounded on the north and south side by the land of the heirs of John Allen Deceased and on the West end binding on the Land of Elizabeth Allen which she bought of George Reeves heirs and on the East End of the land of the said Robert Spilsby Coleman which he bought of Nathaniel Pendleton which said Fifty acres of land was part of one hundred acres of land which did formerly belong to Doctor Huddlescott [Hucklescott] who divided the said land and gave the said fifty acres of land to his Daughter, Mary who Intermarried with Thomas Evans father of the said Joseph Evans by whom she had several sons and the eldest of which was named John who was the said Marys heir at law to the said land being under necessity of sitting the same did by good Deed convey the same to his Father Thomas Evans who did by his last Will & Testament give the same to his son Joseph Evans. To have and to hold all and singular the said land and premises hereby conveyed with the appertances unto the said Robert Sp. Coleman his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own

wishes ____ and lastly that he said Joseph Evans and his heirs shall & will at any time hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the proper cost and charges of the sd Joseph Evans his heirs or assigns make do Execute and acknowledge any further or other Deeds or writings Conveyances or assurances in the law whatsoever for the better more perfect and absolute conveying and assuring the said tract or parcel of land and premises herein before mentioned to be hereby granted sold aliened and confirmed with these appurtenances unto the said Robert Spilsby Coleman his heirs and assigns as by the said Robert Spilsby Coleman his heirs or assigns or his or their counsel learned in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required. In Witness whereof the said Joseph Evans hath thereunto set his hand & seal the Day and year first above written.

Joseph Evans (L.S)

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In the presence of

"the word heirs in the seventh line being

Interlined before signing"

Robert Brooking

John Latane

Oliver Towles Junr

(Essex Co, VA, Deed Book 28, 1757-1761 p 289-290)

II-1-4 Benjamin Evans

Benjamin also went to Albemarle Co., NC.

This Indenture made the twentieth and sixth day of Aprill in the year of our Lord one thousand seven

hundred and twenty & one betwixt Benjamin Evans of the county of Albemarle and Province of North Carolina of the one party and Thomas Evans of the County of Essex in Virginia in Virginia [actually repeated] of the other party Witnesseth that the said Benjamin Evans doth by these presence Lease and lett unto the said Thomas Evans all that land and plantation to him belonging situate lying and being in Essex County in Virga. which land adjoining to the land of the said Thomas Evans for the full space and term of him of Ninety and Nine years to him his heirs and assigns to have hold and peaceably to enjoy without the lett suit denial Disturbance molestation or interruption of me my heires or assigns or any person or persons from by or under us or Either of us or any other person or persons whatsoever dureing the term and him & he or above exprest in consideration whereof the said Thomas Evans is obliged to pay unto the sd Benjamin Evans his heires and assigns or orders the rent of three yeers of corn a year and also to pay yearly the quitrents of the said land dureing the term of time heer above mentioned and to the _____ and _____ performance of every article & clause hereabove expressed the said Benjamin Evans binds himself his heirs Executors and Adminrs in the penal sum of forty pounds sterling. In Wittness whereof the said Benj. Evans hath hereunto set his hand and fixt his seal the day and year above written.

Benjamin Evans seal

Jane (mark) Evans seal

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

John Jordan

John (mark) Evans

At a court held for Essex County on the 18 day of March 1728. On the Motion of Thomas Evans this indented lease from Benj. Evans & Jane Evans to him is admitted to record.

(Essex Co, VA Deed Bk 19, 1728-1733, p 11)

April 14, 1735 Benjamin duplicated the lease of his brother, John, for his sixty acres of land (inherited from his father) to Thomas for 1,000 years. Both leases are the same and are very long and repetitious. (*Essex Co, VA, Deed Bk 21, p 112-114*) Benjamin's wife, also named Jane/Jean, was the daughter of Thomas Parker and his wife Jane (of Chowan Co., NC). Jane and Jean are used interchangeably in the old records for anyone bearing those names.

II-1-5 Susanna Evans

She married John Maguffie (before her mother made her will) and was the mother of John Maguffie who married Jane Henley.

Susanna was a witness to the Will of Edmund Paget July 18, 1722.

Her husband, John, was the son of John Maguffie who died before November 28, 1678 and wife, Jane. His mother's 2nd husband was UNK Davenport; her third husband was Francis Graves.

II-1-6 Elizabeth Evans

Richard Awbrey calls her his God Daughter in his will dated 1697. She married a Mr. Plumer after her mother made her will and before October 10, 1700 when she was summoned to court to give an account of her mother's estate.

July 3, 1701, she appears as a witness to Thomas Hucklescott's will and on February 10, 1708 Richard Brooke entrusts his son, William, to satisfy Elizabeth Plumer out of his estate. Nothing further is known.

II-1-7 Sarah Evans

Nothing further is known.

Child of Phillip Maguire and Susanna (Evans, Meador)

Susanna (Evans, Meador) married her second husband, Phillip Maguire shortly after the death of John Evans. Nothing has been found to indicate his residence prior to the marriage.

II-1-8 Phillip Maguire

Son Phillip's estimated birthdate is 1694-1695. September 11, 1703. He was bound to Edmund Paget. (*Essex Co, VA Order Bk 3, p 15*)

There are a few records for him in Essex County. He appears in the court orders Feb 19, 1718/19 when William Winston's suit against him is dismissed. The same day, there is an attachment against his estate which was in the hands of John Paget. June 17, 1719, John Paget was ordered to pay John Smith one hundred pounds of Tobacco, "it being ye ballance of Defts. Estate".

July 25, 1719 John Jordan of Chowan Precinct., NC assigns 240 acres (on back of Patent for 640 acres) to Phillip Mackguire, land joining Samuel Pagett at the Indian Town Creek. Witnessed by John Parker, registered 25 Aug, 1719. (John Jordan is the father-in-law or brother-in-law of Phillip's half brother, John Evans. There are several John Jordans in that family.) (*Chowan Precinct North Carolina 1696-1723, Genealogical Abstracts of Deed Books, Margaret M. Hofmann, Roanoke News Company, Weldon, NC, Deed Bk B #1, #1241, p 695*)

By Oct 17, 1721 he is married to Ann Wheatly. This is ascertained through a deed from John Jordan, Philip Macguire and Henry Thickpen to Francis Branch in which consent is given by Mary Jordan, Ann MacGuire, and Elizabeth Thickpen to release their dower. These women are daughters and co-heirs of John Wheatly, decd. (*Ibid, Deed Bk F, #590, p 193*)

April 15, 1722 Phillip Mackquire sells to John Evans 100 acres land on Indian Creek adjoining land of Sam'l. Pagett, Witnessed by John Jordan and John Parker.

Nothing further is known.



Chapter 4

II-2 Mary Meader

Indications are that Mary married Francis Gouldman, son of Thomas Gouldman and wife, Alice (UNK) although there is no actual document which positively proves this.

Richard Awbrey left a legacy to Francis Gouldman in his will (and appoints him and Thomas Gregson as overseers of his estate) but does not mention his half-sister Mary although he mentions both John Meador (brother) and Susanna Maguire (sister). The document which seems to tie it together is Mary Gouldman's will in which she leaves legacies to Dorothy Billups (Awbrey) and Elizabeth Waring (Gouldman) daughters of Dorothy North whose first husband was Richard Awbrey, second husband, Thomas Gouldman (brother of Francis), and third husband Peter Ransone.

In the deed from her mother, Sarah Meader (1662) we learn that Mary is not yet a full nine years of age therefore she would have to have been born sometime after 1653.

November 3, 1709 Mary Gouldman is called sister by Edward Gouldman (will) and is given a legacy of 20 shillings to buy a mourning ring. Edward is Francis' brother. (*Essex Co, VA Deeds & Covenants Bk 13, p 268*)

There are a number of documents available for Francis Gouldman but other than connections with his immediate family, none seem to hold the key to whether his wife was actually Mary Meader.

There is a deed from Francis Awbrey (nephew of Henry Awbrey) in which he sells the land he inherited from Henry to Francis Gouldman.

This Indenture made the 13th day of March Anno Dom: one thousand & seven hundred & Eleven & in the Tenth year of ye Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Ann over Great Brittain France & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Awbrey of ye pish [parish] of Copel in the county of Westmoreland of the one part & Francis Gouldman of the parish of St. Anns in the county of Essex of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideracon of the sume of five Thousand pounds of Sweet Scented Tobo & cask unto ye said Francis Awbrey in hand paid by the said Francis Gouldman before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he the said Francis Awbrey doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part thereof doth fully clearly & absolutly acquitt Exonerate and discharge the said Francis Gouldman his heires Exers and Admrs for ever by these presents he to said Francis Awbrey have bargained sold aliened Enfeoffed & confirmed & by these presents doth fully clearly & absolutly give grant bargain, sell alien Enfeoffe & confirm unto ye Said Francis Gouldman his heires & assignes Two hundred acres of land Situate lying & being in the parish of Southfarnham in the county of Essex the said land being purchased by Mr Henry Awbrey of Edward Hill by deed bearing date the Twenty Ninth day of Aprill in the year of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Ninety & Two (It being for four hundred acres) and by the said Henry Awbrey in his last will & Testament given & bequeath unto the said Francis

Awbrey & his heires for ever the said Land lying & being at the lower end of a Patent of Twelve hundred acres formerly granted to Mr Thomas Gouldman & next adjoyning to ye lands of Patrick Camell To have and to hold the said Two hundred acres of land & all other the premises hereby granted bargained and sold with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said Francis Gouldman his heires & [assignes] for ever he the said Francis his heires & assignes yeilding the rents & performing the Services which shall hereafter from time to time become due & payable for & in respite [receipt] of the premises to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her heires & successors. And he the said Francis Awbrey for himself his heires Executors & Admrs the said tract or parcel of land & all & Singular the premises before hereby granted bargained & sold with their & every of their appurtences unto the Said Francis Gouldman his heires & assigns for ever against him the said Francis Awbrey his heires & assigns & all & every other person or persons whatsoever claiming by or under him shall & will for ever warrant & defend by these presents, and further that he the Said Francis Awbrey his heirs & assigns shall & will from time to time & at all times hereafter at & upon the reasonable request ____ and charges in the Law of him the Said Francis Gouldman his heires or assigns make do perform acknowledg levy E____ & Suffer or cause to be made levied E____ & Suffered all & every other Such act or acts thing & things device [devise] & devices conveyances & assureances in the law whatsoever for the further better & more perfect assurance of the before hereby granted premises with their & every of their appurtenances unto the Said Francis Gouldman his heires & assignes, be it by fine recovery or any orther way or ways whatsoever in the Law as by the Said Francis Gouldman his heires or ssignes or his or their counsell Learned in the law shall be reasonably devised or advised tendred or required in witness whereof the said Francis Awbrey to this present Indenture have set his hand & Seale the day & year above said.

Francis Awbrey (seale)

Signed Seal'd & Delivered in the presence of

John (mark) Doughty

Francis (mark) Coffin

Edward Waller

At a court held for Essex County ye 13th day of March 1711 Francis Awbrey acknowledged this his deed to Francis Gouldman which is recorded.

Memorandum that on ye 13th day of March Anno Dom 1711 full quiet & peaceable possession of the Land & premises within mentioned was by the within mentioned Francis Awbrey delivered by turffe & Twigg to the within named Francis Gouldman To have and to hold the Same to him...his heirs and assignes according to the true intent & meaning of the within Indenture in presence of

Francis Awbrey

Wit:

John (mark) Doughty

Francis (mark) Coffin

Edward Waller

At a Court held for Essex County ye 13th day of March 1711 Francis Awbrey acknowledged this his Livery to Francis Gouldman wch is Recorded.

(Essex Co, VA, Deed & Will Bk 14, 1711-1715, p 29-30)

Mary Gouldman Will

In the name of God Amen I Mary Gouldman of the parish of St. Ann in the County of Essex wthin the Colony of Virga being sick & weal of body but of Sound & pfect memory praised be given to God of such worly [worldly] goods as God of his infinit mercy hath been pleased to bless me wth do make this my last will & testamt revoking annulling & disallowing of all wills or or Testamts heretofore by me made this & no other to be taken for my last will & testamt in manner & forme following Vizt. Imprints I give & bequeath unto Augustin Curtis one one suite of grey drugit cloath wch was my husbands two hollen shurts that was my husbands two sheep besides what he claims as his own, being in all eight and four female cattle. Item I give to Salvator Muscoe one bay horse called Fly to be deliverd to him emediatly after my death. Item I give to Martha Winston forty shillings. Item I give to Dorothy Billups the wife of John Billups one Silver Tankard and two of the best Silver salts, and half of my pewter both new and old and the half of my beds & bedding and half my chears [chairs] both leather & otherwise and the half of my stills both pewter & copper wth the half of all things that belong to them and likewise the half of my brass & Iron and the one half of all my cloaths be [t]hem of what kind soever and the half of my catle & hoggs & sheepnot in this my will before bequeathed Item I give to Elizabeth Waring the wife of Thomas Waring the other half of the several goods before given by me to Dorothy the wife of John Billops and not in this my will bequeathen (excepting one Silver Tankard and two Silver Salts.

Item I give to Elizabeth Waring the wife of Thomas Waring two Silver Salts and two Silver cups, now in my house

Lastly it is my will that all the residue of my estate not in this my will before bequeathe be if of what nature or property soever be equally divided between Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Waring and Dorothy the wife of John Billops and I do nominate ordain constitute & appoint Dorothy the wife of John Billups Execx and John Billops and Salvator Musco Execrs of this my last will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & sixteen

Mary (mark) Gouldman

This wthin Sign'd Seal'd Published & declared

by Mary Gouldman to be her Last will & Testamt in presence of

Mark Thomas

Augustin Curtis

Mary Muscoe

(Essex Co, VA Deed & Will Bk 15, 1715-1716, p 43-44)

This is the most informative document there is concerning Mary, however, there is nothing that definitely traces Mary back to the Meadors except the Awbrey connection. Francis' apparent close connection with Richard Awbrey could account for his widow's bequest to Dorothy (daughter of Richard Awbrey) and the fact that she was a half sister of Elizabeth Waring (Gouldman) who was actually the Gouldmans' niece. It is a little disturbing that Richard Awbrey would name two of his half-siblings and not mention the third if she were still living. It is possible Francis' wife was Mary Meador but it is not proven.

Chapter 5

II-3 John Meader

The deed to Sarah's children dated April 13, 1662 has been noted previously. There are two patents which are of importance. The first is dated June 2, 1663; the second is the famous "Thomas, the Orphan" patent (dated April 9, 1664) upon which the premise that John was the son of Thomas Meads is based.

First, it is important to see the actual document which is thought to be "original" by most people. According to the Library of Virginia and the Introduction in *Cavaliers & Pioneers* the patents which are available to us (even on the LVA website) are transcriptions--not the originals.

"This collection consists of the patents as recorded by the office of the Secretary of the Colony. These copies were hung on strings in the office and, as time was available, they were recorded in bound volumes. A random method of selection of documents to be entered accounts for the haphazard dating in the early volumes, and the method of hanging the patent on string accounts for loss of documents. The system of recording was improved in the 18th century. Rather than having duplicate copies made and entered in a bound volume at intervals, the patents were recorded when issued. All other accompanying documents including surveys were annually destroyed."

(<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/lonnabout.htm>)

The early land patents in the volumes in the Land Office are not the original entries, but are transcriptions. Book 1 (in two volumes), transcribed in the year 1683, is the work of the Clerk Edward Harrison. (Cavaliers & Pioneers, Nell Marion Nugent, Introduction xxiii)

There are several possibilities regarding this patent (Refer to next page for the recorded copy):

1. Could it have meant "Thomas Meader's orphan" rather than "Thomas Meader, orphan"? It certainly would not be unheard of for an "s" to be omitted and it seems a likely possibility because it appears the word "orphan" may have been inserted at a later date. Clerks were not big on punctuation.
2. The fact that no will has been found for Thomas Meader, son of Ambrose, is not terribly disturbing. If one ever existed, it could have been in loose documents or never recorded. Time could have destroyed the document as old documents are extremely fragile. As the only son, John would have inherited through primogeniture.
3. The phrase, "assigned to John Cooke and by Cooke assigned to (Thomas Meaders Deceased) and by his will given to the said Thomas Meader" could have referred to a will of John Cooke's (although none has been found). It could have been an error when copying into the book at a much later date.

"Oddly, there was no law that required surviving family members to notify the authorities of a death. In Virginia, family members were required by law to notify the local parish of a death, but were not required to notify the civil authorities. Nor was there a legal obligation to record a will. Then, as now,

probate was expensive – appraisers, administrators, court clerks, and sheriffs were all paid for their services in the process. Persons who were debt-free with very small estates often had informal probates that don't appear in the records. In cases where family members agreed among themselves on the distribution of personal property (and no creditors or heirs objected), the death may never have been reported to the court.

Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, <https://genfiles.com/articles/wills-intestates-probate/>

Thomas Meador. To all Whom these presents shall come I the said Son William Beckley Knight
 450 acres Governor do give and grant unto Thomas Meador ^{Orphan} Four hundred and fifty acres
 of Land in Lancaster County on the south side of the head of Hoffman's Creek
 Beginning at a place standing by the side of a Beaver dam near the Indian
 path and running South by West one hundred and fifty poles thence parallel to
 the dam West by North four hundred and eighty poles thence parallel to the first
 line North by East one hundred and fifty poles to the dam thence upon the
 dam to the first mentioned bear. The said Land being formerly granted to Thomas
 Banon by Patent dated the twentieth of November One thousand six
 hundred and fifty seven and by him assigned to John Cooke and by Cook
 assigned to Thomas Meador (Deceased) and by his Will given to the said
 Thomas Meador & To His and To Hold &c To He and &c Holding &c
 paying &c provided &c Dated the ninth of April One thousand six
 hundred and fifty four.

Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 5, 1661-1666 (V 1 & 2 p 1-369), p 196 (Reel 5)

Orphan
 unto Thomas Meador. Four hundred

Having learned how the early patents were handled it is easy to see the possibility of entering an incorrect name particularly when patents weren't recorded in a book until a much later date.

Because Thomas Browning's patent was not issued until November 30, 1657 (almost 2 1/2 years after Thomas Meads' will was proved) it is unreasonable to assume (as Victor Meador suggests) that Thomas Mead/s had made any arrangements before his death to purchase the 450 acres or that Mead's son, Thomas completed such an arrangement. Coupled with the fact that Browning sold the land to John Cooke 1 1/2 years after the patent was issued makes the scenario highly unlikely. Keep in mind that Thomas Browning assigned the land to John Cooke on May 4, 1659 who in turn assigned it to Thomas Meader on August 7, 1659.

The only known copy of Thomas Browning's patent is when he repeated it in his assignment to John Cooke. (*Old Rappahannock Co. D&W Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 55*). Cooke's assignment to Thomas Meader is found in *Old Rappahannock Co. D&W Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 67*.

It's interesting that the "The Orphan" patent was dated the same day as Henry Awbrey's patent for one thousand fifty acres. One might conclude that Awbrey had a hand in trying to make sure that the patent was made over to Thomas' orphan and whether due to miscommunication or clerical error we have a patent that makes little sense no matter which Thomas it's applied to--Mead or Meader.

The June 2, 1663 patent (*Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 5, 1661-1666 (v.1 & 2 p.1-369), p. 137 (Reel 5)*) to Thomas Meader for 320 acres was subsequently sold by John (son) and his wife Elizabeth to Ebenezer Stanfield August 7, 1679 and recorded February 4, 1679/80. (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA D&W Bk 6 1676-1688 p 98-100*)

4th day of February Anno: Dom 1677/78 Richard White deeds land to son-in-law John Meader (See the White Family)

September 25, 1683 John Meador and William Mills witnessed a bill of sale from John Cheek of Rappahannock County to Richard Hayle of the same county. (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA, D&W Bk 7 p 151*)

April 2, 1684 It did appear that Jno Meador was Imprest in the Countrys service with himselfe & horse by ordr: of Col. John Stone to bring down corne and lumber belonging to the Rappa Indians from their Fort to the River side, in which service he was imployed nine days, for satisfaction whereof is refered to the Assembly (Old Rappahannock Co.,VA, Order Bk 1 p 22)

April 20, 1687 Now know ye I ye sd Francis Lord Howard Govnr ___ doe with ye advise and consent of ye Councell of State accordingly give and grant unto John Medor of Rappa County six hundred and forty acres of land, scituated lying and being in ye County aforesd on ye South side of Rappa River on ye maine Swamp at ye head of Hoskins Creek, called ye Beverdam Swamp & bounded as foll: (Vizt.) begining att a nearby poplar and two small white oakes by ye old Beverdam on ye South side of ye swamp neer an Indian

path, and runing thense South by West one hundred and fifty poles by a markt line to a Spanish oake on a hill, thense West by North four hundred & Eighty poles to a stake by a markt red oake thense North by East one hundred Eighty Eight poles to ye aforesd Beverdam Swamp to a markt Spanish Oake, thense down the main run of ye sd Beverdam Swamp to a smal Island, & finallly South twenty deg: East Eighty four pole to ye place it began four hundred and fifty acres of ye sd Land was formerly granted unto Thomas Browning by Pattent dated ye 30th of Novembr 1657 and by ye sd Browning assigned unto John Cook ye 4th of May 1659, and by ye sd Cook assigned unto ye Thomas Medor ye seventh of August 1659 and granted by Pattent unto Thomas Medors dated ye 9th of Aprill 1664 the Residue being one hundred and ninety acres due by and for ye transportation of fore psons into this Colony whose names are in ye records mentioned under this Pattent. To have and to hold yielding and payingdated this Twentieth day of Aprill Anno Dom 1687. Jno Chambers, Joseph Calloway, Robert Duell. Jno Warrener (Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 7, 1679-1689 (v.1 & 2 p.1-719), p. 558 (Reel 7) When repatented nothing was repeated about a will or a transfer from a Thomas to Thomas yet the rest of the wording is the same as the original patent. The assignment and patent are two different things.

This Indenture made the 7th day of August one Thousand six hundred Eighty and nine and in the first yeare of the Reigne of our Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen Defender of the faith &c Between Edwin Thacker of the County of Midlesex in the Parish of Christ Church Suror [probably surveyor] of the one part and John Meador of the County of Rappa in the Parish of South Farnham Planter on the other Part Witnesseth tht the sd Edwin Thacker for a valuable Consideracon already Recd in hand well and Truly Paid by the sd John Meador the Receipt where of and himselfe to be there with fully satisfied he the said Edwin Thacker doth acknowledge and there of and there from do clearly and absolutely acquitt Release and discharge the sd John Meador his heirs and assigns from every Part and Parcel there of by these Presents I have given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by there Presents do fully and absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoffe and confirme unto the sd John Meador his heirs and assigns one hundred and five acres of land Situate in the sd County of Rappa in the sd Parish of South Farnham being part of Fifteen hundred sixty and three acres granted by Patent unto the above sd Edwin Thacker dated the 20th day of April anno 1687 and bounded as followeth (Vizt) begining at a corner Hickory of John Evans his land in the sd Meadors line and runing thence by Evans line S: by W: 66 polls to an old corner hickory and two Red oakes marked by it thence S 74 W 42 poll by a marked line to a stake by a Red oake on a levell thence N by E by a marked line to the land of the sd Meadors to four oake saplins on the south side of a hill and thence binding on the sd Meadors land alongst his line to the first specified station the Place it began and also all Profitts Comodities hereditaments and appertinances belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the sd one hundred and five acres of land as all the Right Title Interest which the sd Edwin Thacker have or may clame of in and to the same here by granted land by force or virtue of ye sd Patent or otherwise To have and to hold the sd one hundred and five acres of land and all and singular the Premises with their and every of their appertinances rights and members unto the sd John Meadors his heirs and assigns subject nevertheless to the quit Rents which from hence forth shall grow due to be Paid unto their Maties their heirs and successors and the sd Edwin Thacker for himselfe his heirs Exors

and admrs do Covenant Admrs do Covenant Promis and grant to and with the sd John Meadors his heirs and assigns in manner and forme as followeth (Vizt) That he the said Edwin Thacker at the time of the ensealing and Delivery here of hath full Right true title and authoritie to grant and convey the sd Bargained land and Premisisas aforesd and that he the sd John Meador or his heirs and assigns shall Peaceably possess and enjoy the same without the lett Trouble or interruption of the sd Edwin Thacker his heirs Exors admrs or assigns or any other person or persons whatsoever claiming by from or under them In Witness where of the parties aforesd have here unto sett his hand and Seale the day and yeare above written (the words John Meador interlined before signed.

Edwin Thacker (seale)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us

Tho Edmondson

Ja Taylor

Recognatr in Cur Com Rappa 7 die August Ano 1689

Recordt 14 die 1689

Old Rappahannock Co, VA, D&W Bk 1688-1692 p 54-55

There are two films: one is that which is referenced above and is likely a transcript but not noted as such on the film. Another film for the same book but the document is located on p 48-49 which is the one Sparacio references.

Oct 1, 1689 John Meador and Thomas Hucklescott witnessed a deed from Edwin Thacker to Andrew and James Waggener for their purchase of 200 acres.

....Now Know yee that I ye sd Nath Bacon Esqr President ct give and grant unto John Meader of Rappa County fifty acres of Land scituate and lying in the County aforesd on ye South side of Rappa River begining at a stak by a red oake corner of Jno Meadors own Land and runingeth West by North fifty six po. to ye Land of Mr. Henry Awbrey to a stake by the corner trees in his [?] Line th [thence] by sd Awbreys Line North by East one hundred sixty one po [poles] to ye maine swamp of Hoskins Creeke to a small white oake th down sd swamp its severall courses ye sd Meadors Land to a Spannish oake & th South by west one hundred Eighty Eight po by sd Meadors Land to ye place it begun. The sd Land being due unto ye sd John Meador by and for ye Transportacon of one prson to have and to hold & to be held & yeilding and paying & Provided & Dated ye 21st of Aprill Ano Dom 1690.Imp Jno Chambers (Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 8, 1689-1695, p. 40 (Reel 8)

Know all men by these presents that I John Meador Senior widow in ye County of Essex in ye pish of South Phermam [Farnham] for ye love I bear to my Children that I had by my wife Elizabeth Meador deced I doe hereby give them such persell of Land that I shall set downe several all by themselves all ye Land that I have ye west side of a branch that goeth by ye name of a great branch I do give to my son Richard Meador and my son John Meador it shall be devided as I shall see fit between them as near as I can divide it to they & their heirs Lawfully begotten of their owne bodies for Ever A parcell of Land begining at a Cole Spring by my Orchard fence & runing West & by north till it meets with ye great branch So along ye great branch till it comes to ye maine swamp of ye Creeke then downe ye swamp till it

comes to ye Cole Spring branch then up ye branch where it begun being a long neck of Land I do grant to my son Thomas Meador and his heirs Lawfully begotten of his owne body for Ever, A parcell of Land begining at my uppermost Lane by John Evans Land by ye head of a branch at a marked white oake and runing downe ye branch till it meets ye maine swamp ye _____ branch being crooked all ye Land that I have within my bounds of ye East side of that branch being a great deal of old feilds belonging to it I doe give that to my son Hope Meador and his heirs Lawfully begotten of his own body for Ever. I doe give to my Daughter Rachell Meader one hundred and five acres of Land that I bought of Mr Edwin Thacker to she and her heirs forever, a parcell of Land lying into the neck the north side of the Creek which my father in Law Richard White gave to me by a Deed of Gift I doe by the virtue of that Deed of Gift I doe give to my Daughter Elizabeth Meader ye second neck & my Daughter Esther Meader the neck that has ye housing & orchards to them and their heirs Lawfully begotten of their owne bodyes for ever The Land Given unto my sons and Daughters never to be sold nor disposed of but to remaine from heir to heir as long as long as there can be one of ye Meaders found alive, if he ye Lord will to call any of my sons or Daughters before me and any of them should dye before me ye Land of ye decd to returne to me again to my disoseing I doe reserve & except to myselfe Timber upon any parts of ye Land for my own use as long as I live. As Witness my and & seale this tenth day of December 1694.

John Meader (seale)

Sealed and Deliver in the prsents of us

Mary (mark) Gorbell

Joseph (mark) Calloway

At a Court held for Essex County Febry ye 11th anno Dom 1694 The within named John Meader appeard and acknowledged the within specified

Recorded Feb 11, 1694

Essex Co. Va Order Bk 1 1692-1695 (CH Transcript) p 331-332 (This Book includes Deeds, Wills, Etc toward the back)

John shows up sporadically in the records after the legacy given him by Richard Awbrey in 1697. John Meader, Richard Gregory and John Gatewood appraised the estate of William Jones (Oct 12, 1697), he inventoried the estate of Peter Levine with Jonathan Fisher, Richard Meador, and Nicholas Newton (March 20, 1704/05), and inventoried the estate of Simon Cobnall (June 11, 1705) with James Fullerton, John Gatewood, and John Haile.

John's will was dated October 17 1721 and recorded November 21, 1721.

In the name of God Amen I John Meador of Essex County being Sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed be God theairefore do make an ordaine this to be my last will and Testamt in manner and forme following First and prinsably: Commend my Sole into the hands of God that gave it hoping by the meritorious deth & passion of my blessed Lord & Savier Jesus Christ to receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sins and offences and a joyfull resurrection at this lst Day and my body desintly to be buried at the Descreshon of my Exrs hereafter named and as for the worldly goods ye God hearth given me I give and bequeth in manner & form following.

Item I give to my son Thomas Meador one Shilling.

Item I give to my Dather Reachell Jordan one Shilling.

Item I give to my Dather Eliza. Amstrong one Shilling.

Item I give to my Dather Dinah Tribbille one Shilling.

Item My desyor [desire] is that my five sons shall keep their one [own] guns without opraysin [appraising].

Item I give to my Dather Mary Meador one Gold ring.

Item I give to my son Jonas Meador a small peice of Land Jnoing [joining] upon Thomas Evinnses Land and runn up to the Curch [Church] rode that gose from my house then up a long rode a small Corse till it comes to a vale that gose with ye branch so down the branch till it comes to the forke of the branch whaire itt begunne and from the forke to ye first beginning and the rest of my Lands I give to my other foure sons to be Equly Devided with all my houses and Orchits [orchards] theairon belonging and I do apnt my two sons Jobe Meador and Jason Meador my Lawfull Exectirs.

Item I give to my son Joshua Meador one chist not to be appraised and the rest of my Estate to be equelly Devided amongst my Childorn and I Leve my two youngest sones to be at age of seaventeen and I do Leave my son Jonas Meador to look after them for three years and that my will not to be in forse till my Deceses [decease] as witness my hand and seale this 17th day of October, 1721,

John Meador Senior (seale)

Test

Samuel Waggener

Francis (her mark) Pearres

Ann (her mark) Bradbary

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 21st day of November 1721.

This will was presented in Court by Jonas Meador admr with the will annexed of the within named John Meador deced (during the minority of the Exrs in the said Will mentioned) who made oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of Samuel Waggoner Francis Peirce and An Bradburry witnesses therto admd [admitted] to record.

Test Rich Tunstall DCL Cur

Essex Co Will Bk 3 p 284

John's first wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Richard and Addra (UNK) White. County Clerks seem to have issues with Addra's name because she is shown as Addra, Adry, and Audrey (or Andry).

His second wife is unknown. Many people believe she was an Awbrey but neither her given name nor maiden name is mentioned in any of the records. There is no reference whatsoever to a daughter of Henry Awbrey. Children by this marriage will not be discussed here.

Children of John Meador and 1st wife Elizabeth (White) Meador:

II-3-1 Richard

II-3-2 John

II-3-3 Thomas

II-3-4 Hope

II-3-5 Rachel

II-3-6 Elizabeth

II-3-7 Esther

The White Family

Richard White obtained several patents, the earliest in 1654 which was repatented on December 2, 1657. The patents are as follows:

To all &c Whereas &c Now know yee that I the said Richard Bennett Esqr do give and grant unto Richard White Cooper five hundred acres of land scituated in the County of Lancaster within ye freshes of the said River by and opposite to Nancemond Towne bounded as followeth North East upon the land of Charles Grymes North and North West into the woods South West upon the land of Abra: Moone and South East upon Rappa River. The said land combeing due unto yee said Richard White by and for the transportation of Tenn Persons into this Colony &c to have and to hold &c Yeilding and paying &c which payment is to be made &c Provided &c Dated the 12th of December 1654. (Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 3, 1652-1655, p. 310 (Reel 2))

To all &c whereas &c now Know ye that I the said Samuel Mathews give and grant unto Richard White cooper, Evan Davis and Samuel Mann of Rappahannock one thousand acres of Land situate lying and being in the Freshes of Rappahannock River. Beginning at a marked white oak nigh ____ proceeding out of a creek on the upper side of the Land of Abraham Moone and extendeth itself for Length north by East 320 perches to a marked red oak nigh the Land of John Gillett thence East by south for breadth 500 poles to a marked red oak nigh the head of the Land of the aforesaid Richard White by a former grant, thence south by West a mile opposite to the tree first mentioned and lastly West by north the aforesaid breadth to the place where it began, being a Quadrangle containing one thousand acres. The said Land being due by and for the Transportation of Twenty persons &c To have & to Hold &c yielding &c which payments &c provided &c. Dated the 6th of October 1658. (Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 4, 1655-1664, p. 332 (Reel 4)) This was repatented October 13, 1665. It's almost word for word except it says 300 poles instead of 500. An assignment for this land from Samuel Mann and his wife to Richard White was recorded on December 1, 1659. (Lancaster Co D&W Bk 2, p 204) It isn't clear how Richard obtained the land that was Evan Davis' portion as no assignments were found.

On January 11, 1663 a renewed patent for Richard Lewis, 200 acres in Lancaster County for the transportation of four people included Adry White and Thomas White (*Cavaliers & Pioneers Vol I 1623-1666, Nugent, p 384-385*) The original patent was dated January 16, 1658 but does not name those he transported. (*Library of Virginia, Patents, p 349*).

To all &c. whereas &c now Know ye that I the said Sir William Berkely Knight Governor &c. give and

grant unto Richard White three hundred acres of Land lying in the county of Rappahannock on the north side of Hoskins Creek towards the head thereof Beginning at a red oak by the Easternmost side of a marsh from whence by the marsh side Parallel to the Land of John Gillett deceased North North East one hundred and thirty four poles to a red oak thence North West fifty four perches to a Pochikory at the head of a valley thence North by West forty eight perches to a Pockihory in a line that divides this Land from the Land of John Gillett from thence West three hundred perches to a poplar by a branch of Hoskins's Creek and divides this Land from the Land of Anthony North thence down the said branch south eighty Perches to the main run of Hoskins's Creek the said Land being due unto the said Richard White by and for the Transportation of six persons &c To have and to hold &c To be Held &c. yielding and paying & provided &c. Dated the Eighth of April one thousand six hundred and sixty four. (Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 5, 1661-1666 (v.1 & 2 p.1-369), p. 419 (Reel 5))

1661 Richard's son Thomas was killed in an Indian raid. (Victor P. Meador supplies more detail.)

On September 5, 1666 Richard White and Adria his wife deeded 1500 acres to Robert Taliaferro of the county of Gloster. This was the land he received from his first two patents. (Old Rappahannock Co VA, D&W Bk 3 1663-1668, p 82-84)

That left Richard with the remaining 300 acres and on November 2, 1670, he entered into a lease with John Waggener for 130 acres of that patent.

This Indenture made the Second day of November in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred & Seventy and in the two & twentieth yeare of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King defender of the faith &c Beeteene Richard White of the Parrish of Farnham in the County of rappa cooper of the one part and Jno Waggener of the same parrish Taylor of the other Parte. Witnesseth that the said Richard White by and with the consent of Andrey his Lawfull wife and for and in consideration of the sume of two thousand six hundred pounds of Lawfull anenoro tobacco in sufficient caske to containe it to him the said Richard White his Exeors or assns and for & in consideracon of one vallueable p [pair] of gloves to her the said Andrey in hand paid or secured to be paid Have demised graunted bargained made over delivered and to farm letten and by these psents doe demise graunt Bargaine make over deliver and to farm lett a certaine part or parcell commonly called a neck of Land containing one hundred & thirty acres (or thereabts) adjoyning or lying on the Western side by or neare the Plantacon of one John Wells and by or neare the land or Plantacon of Anthony North on the North East side, lying between two branches and soe running downe to the Pecosten. To Have and to Hould the whole contents & quantity of the said one hundred & thirty acres of Land to him the said John Waggener his heires Exeors admrs or ass's [assignes] for by & during the full end space & terme of ninety & nine yeares from the day of the Date of these psents fully to be compleate & ended yielding & paying therefore yearlyly and every year to him the said Richard White his heires Exeors admrs or ass's [assignes] by him the said John Waggener his Exeors Admrs or ass's att or on the feast day of the nativity of our Blessed Lord God & savior commonly called Christ make the yearly rent and acknowledgement of one fatt cappon dureing the full terme of ninety & nine yeares beformenconed and the said Richard White for himselfe and for his heires Exeors admrs & assignes doth covent. pmise

[promise] & graunt to him the said John Waggenner his Execr admrs or assignes full quiet and peaceable possession and enjoyment of ye part parcell or neck of Land wth the Rights proffitts privelleges and emolumts [emoluments] Whatsoever in any wise thereunto apperteineing as by and in the Pattent for the same is containd or may appeare during the said Terme ninety & nine years before menconed without any Lett hinderance molestation eviction ejection Interruption or contradiction of him the said Richard White or of his heires Executors or Admrs or any other person or persons by from or under him or them laying any claime title or Interrest to the same Hee the sd John Waggenner his heires Execrs Admrs and assigns well & truely paying performeing and duely dischargeing all rents services taxes assesements and leavies which shall heereafter dureing the said time or space of ninety & nine yeares be Leavied assessed taxed and awarded to be raised payd & performed on the same and the said John Waggenner for himselfe his heires Execrs Admrs & assignes doth covenant promise & graunt to him the said Richard White his Execrs & ass's [assignes] will & truely yearly and every year as above specified to pay and discharge to him the said Richard White his Execrs or assignes the yearely rent or acknowledged of one fatt capon and all other services dutyes on the sd assessed dureing the terme of yeares above menconed and at the full end & expiracon of t the said terme of ninety & nine yeares to restore returne and deliver into the possession of the said Richard White his heires Execrs Admrs and assigns the said tract or necke of Land by these psents demised with all houses edfices fences & buildings whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise aperteining In Wittness whereof the Parties above menconed have to these psents interchangeably sett their hands and seales the Day & yeare first above Written.

Richard (mark) White (seale)

Andrey (mark) White (seale)

Sealed & delivered in the presents of

John Watts

George Davies

Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 2d die 9bris Anno Dom 1670

(Old Rappahannock D&W Bk 4 p 345-347)

Richard witnessed a deed between William Eves and William Davis on the same day and on March 7, 1671 he witnessed a deed of gift from Henry Awbrey to his godson, Richard Haile. His last recorded act is the deed of gift he made to his son-in-law, John Meador.

Know all men by these psents that I Richard White of Rappa: County in Virginia cooper out of ye kindness & affection I have an beare to my sonne in Law John Meador who married my daughter Elizabeth White have given granted confirmed & forever make over unto ye sd John Meador & Elizabeth his now wife & their heires forever All that my plantation I now live upon together wth all & personall estate in ye County aforesd To have & hold & enjoy ye Same, from & after ye day of ye death & decease of ye sd Richard White & Audry [or Andry] my now wife to him ye sd John Meador & Elizabeth his wife & their heires for ever the ye said John Meador first paying & satisfying all such debts as I shall Justly happen to owe at ye time of my death & decently burying me & my wife And during ye naturall lives of me & my now wife I do give & grant unto my sd sonne John free liberty to clear & make use of my part of my said devident of land to plant tobacco or come upon & to build what houses thereon he please & that

it is my desire that this deed of gift be recorded in ye County Court records of Rappa. Witness my hand & seale this 4th day of February Ano: Dom 1677/78.

Richard (mark) White

Signed seal'd & delivered in

prsence of

Edmund Crask

Phill Pendleton

Recordat xx5 die Febr 77/78

Old Rappahannock Co, VA, D&W Bk 6 (CH Transcript) p 27

This recorded document is very hard to read due to the handwriting and a few faded areas. Sparacio, Old Rappahannock County Deeds & Wills 1677-1682 Part I, p 82 references this as p 156-157. According to the Library of Virginia website the book is Old Rappahannock Deeds, 1676-1682, No. 6 (also Family Search). One of the two books is undoubtedly a transcript but since the films don't always designate which, it's difficult to tell which film it is. Sparacio gives Richard's wife as Mary but the film gives her name as either Audry or Andry.

Currently, the best explanation for the term "my now wife" was found on:

<http://ncgenweb.us/hoke/relate.html>, Source: National Genealogical Society's "American Genealogy: A Basic Course":

"This term is sometimes found in a will and may, as is often assumed, indicate the testator had a former wife, but this is not necessarily so unless he is referring to children by a first wife and children by his current or "now" wife. When the term is used WITHOUT reference to children, it more usually means the testator intends the bequest for his current wife and not any subsequent he may have."

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## Chapter 6

### II-3-1 Richard Meador

Richard was mentioned in the deed of gift from Abraham Coombes to Mary (daughter of John Meader, Richard's uncle). Richard was to receive the two cows and two calves and their increase deeded to Mary should she die. (dated Oct 16, 1683; recorded December 10, 1684) *Old Rappa Co., VA DB 7, p 155* (See John Meader (III)).

He married Ann Mess between December 22, 1697 and July 13, 1698 when Richard and Ann Meadors are summoned to appear in Court to give bond for the probate of John Mess' Will (See Mess Family). Her parents were John and Mary Mess. Mary (her mother) and Ann were named Executrixes in John Mess' will but her mother died before this court order as Ann is referred to as "surviving executrix"

Note: If the will of John Mess is enlarged and compared with the "e" in the word "death" it is obvious that it is an "e" in his surname rather than an "o". It seems that in colonial Virginia (at least Old Rappahanock & Essex Counties) there was a tendency to make "e" and "o" undistinguishable. (See Mess Family for comparison.)

On February 9, 1702 Richard Meador and Ann, his wife, sold the land she inherited from her father to William Cox.

*This Indenture made the 9 day of Feberary in the first yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Ann by the Grase of God of England Scotland & France & Ireland Queene Defender of ye faith & in the yeare of or Lord one thousand and seaven hundred & two Betweene Richard Meador of the Parish of Farnham in the County of Essex wth in the Colony of Virginia a Cooper & Anne his wife one of the Daughters of John Mess Late of the Parrish County & Colony aforesd deced of the one part & William Cox of the Parish County & Colony aforesd planter of the other part witnesseth that for diverse other good causes & valuable consideration them the said Ri: Meaders & Anne his wife thereunto moving but more especially for & in consideration of the whole sume of two thousand pounds of good sweete scented Tobo & Caske unto the said Richard Meader & Anne his wife well & truely paid by the said William Cox at & before the ensealing & delivery of these prsents the Receit thereof they the sd Richd Meaders & Anne his wife doe hereby acknowledge & themselves therewith to go fully satisfied & paid and thereof & of every part & parcell thereof doe fully clearely & absolutely acquit exonerate & discharge the sd William Cox his heirs Exors & Adminstr & every of them forever by these prsents they the sd Richard Meaders & Ann his wife have granted bargained & sold alinaed Releast Enfeofed and Confirmed and by these prsents doe fully clearely & absolutely grant bargain & sell Elien Release Enfeoffe & Confirm unto the sd William Cox his heires & assignes forever all that prcell [parcel] of Land that was given & [devised] in & by the last will & Testamt of the sd John Mess deced unto the sd Ann bounded as follows (vizt.) lying on the West side of a branch called ye Popular Branch as is already laid out from the head of the sd branch to the back line and soe adjoyning upon the Division Line of Jas Harper which said land is part of a tract of Land that the sd Mess bought of John & Henry Boughan by a certain Ded [deed] of sale beareing date the 2d day of*

April 1684 and acknowledged in Rappahannock County Court which said bargained & sold parcell of land contains by estimation one hundred acres be the same more or less together with all & singular houses edifices & structures gardens orchards ways & water courses profits comodities & appurtenances whasoever to the sd parcell of Land hereon granted bargained & sold or to any part of itt belonging or in any waies apperteyning and all the Estate right title intrest & possession property chaleng claime & demand whatsoever as well in Equity as at Law of them ye sd Richard Meaders & Ann his wife or either of them of in & to the same and every or any part or pcell of it to have & to hold the said parcell of Land & All and Singular other the premises hereby granted bargained & sold with their & every of their appurtenance unto the said William Cox his heires & assignes forever or mentioned or intended it to be here granted bargained and sold to the sd William Cox his heirs and assignes foever to the only use & behoof of the said Will Cox his heirs & assignes forevermore and the sd Richard Meader & Ann his wife for themselves & their heires the said tract of land & other the premises before thereb granted bargained & sold with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said William Cox & his heires to the only proper use of the sd William Cox his heires & assignes forever them the sd Ri: Meader & Ann his wife & the heires of the sd Anne & all & every other person & persons whatsoever clayming or to claime by from or under Richd Meader & Anne his wife or either of them shall & will warrant & forever defend by these prsents and the sd Richd Meador & Anne his wife for themselves their heires Executors & Admstr doe covenant promise & grant to & with the said Will Cox his heires and assignes by these prsents that he the sd Will Cox his heires & assignes shall & may by forse & vertue of these prsents from time to time & at all times forever hereafter lawfully peaceably & quietly enter into have hold & occupy possess and enjoy the sd tract of land & other the premises with their & every of their appurtenances without any lett suite trouble denyall disturbance and molestation or Interruption ofo the said Richd Meaders & Ann his wife or either of them and further the sd Rich. Meader & Anne his wife for themselves their heires Exers & Administr doe Covenant promise & grant to & with the said Wm Cox his heires & assigns by these prsents that they the said Richard Meaders & Anne his wife their heires & assignes shall & will from time to times & att all times hereafter at & upon ye reasonable request & at the proper costs & charges in the Law acknowledge levie extend? & suffer or cause to be made have acknowledged Levies? extend & suffered all & every such further & other lawfull & reasonable act & acts thing & things devise & devises conveyance & assureance in the Law wtsoever for the further better & more perfect & absolute conveying & assuring of all & singular the before hereby granted & bargained & sold premises with their & every their appurtenances unto ye sd Wm Cox his heirs & assignes forever be it by fine K[R?]erobery feoffmts release or confirmation or by all & every or any the wais & means aforesd or by any other waies or meanes whatsoever as by the sd Wm Cox his heires or assignes or by his or their Counsell learned in the Law shall be in that behalfe reasonably devised advised tendred & required. In Witness whereof the parties first above menconed to these prsent Indentures interchangeably their hands & seales have sett the day & year first above written.

Richard Meador (seal)

Ann Meador (seale)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Henry Kearby

*John Pickett*

*Interlined in the 15 line before Signed the words that are interline are (John and) Acknowledged by Richd Meador & Ann his wife (the sd Ann being examined according to Law) at a Court held for Essex County ye 10th day of Febry Anno Dom 1702 & truely recorded*

*Test \_\_\_ Meriwether Cl Cur*

*Know all men by these presents that I Richard Meaders of the Parish of Farnham in ye County of Essex within the Collony of Virginia cooper am held & firmly bound unto William Cox of the same parrish County & Collony planter in the sune of tenn thousand pounds of good sound merchantable sweet scented Tobo & caske \_\_\_\_\_ in ye sd pish to be pt to ye sd Cox his heires Exers admrs or assigns to ye wch paymts well & truly to be made & I bind my selfe my heires Exers & admrs firmly by these presents sealed wth my seal dated ye 9 day of February & first yeare of ye Reigne of or Lord and Lady Anne by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queene Defender of the faith &c and in the yeare of or Lord one thousand seaven hundred & two.*

*The Condicon of this obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Meaders his heires & assignes do & shall from time to time and at all times hereafter well and truly observe performe fulfill accomplish and keep all & singular the covenants grants articles clauses conditions and agreemts which on the part & behalfe of the sd Richard Meader's and Anne his wife their heires Execrs and admstrs are or ought to be observed performed fulfilled accomplished & kept comprized and mentioned in one part of Indenture beareing equall date with these presents made betweene the said Richard Meaders and Anne his wife of the one part and William Cox of the other part in all things to the tenor purport true intent & meaneing of the said Indenture then the above obligation to be void otherwise to stand & remaine in full force power & vertue.*

*Richard Meader (seale)*

*Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of*

*Henry Kearby*

*John Pickett*

*Acknowledged in Essex County Court ye 10th day of Febry anno dom 1702 & truely recorded*

*Test C Meriwether Cl Cur*

*Essex Co VA D&W Bk 10, Part 2, p 132-133*

*This deed and bond is very difficult to read.*

*June 10, 1708 Salvator Muscoe and Richard Meador witness a deed from John Haile to Adam Denning. (Essex Co, VA, D&C Bk 13 p 112)*

*Recorded Sept 10, 1709*

*This Indenture made the fourth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Seven hundred & nine Between Richard Meadors of the County of Essex within ye Colony of Virga Planter of the one part and William Bone [Bourne] of the aforesd County & Colony & Esther his wife on the other part Witnesseth that the Said Richard Meadors as well for & in consideration of the good Will Love &*

affection with I have & bear unto the aforesd William Bone my Brother in Law & Esther his wife my Sister as also for diverse other good causes & consideracons me at this present Especially moveing hath Demised, Sett, and to farme letten, and by these presents doth Demise, Set, and to farm lett unto the Sd William Bone & Esther his wife all that plantacon whereon Thomas Gorbail formerly lived on, with all the land thereunto belonging containing by Estimason one hundred acres Situate lying & being in the parish of Southfarnham within the County & Colony aforesd & binding on the Lands of William Grinall [Greenhill] & on the Land where John Armstrong now lives & upon the Swamp comonly called & known by the name of Whites Swamp & on the land of William Tomlins, together with all houses, Edifices, buildings, barns, stalles, yards, barksides, orchards, gardens, commons, ways, Easemts. waters, and water courses, woods, underwoods, Timber trees & trees likely to become timber, swamps marshes, comodities, Emolmmts hereditamts and appurtenances whatsoever to the sd plantation Land & premises or any of them belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the sd plantason & all other the premises with their appurtenances unto the Sd William Bone & Esther his wife for & During the term of their natural lives, & the life of the longer liver of them yielding & paying thereof yearly & every yeare, during the aforesd Term hereby Demifed unto the Said Richard Meadors his heires & assigns the yearly rent of one fat Capon, to be paid on Christmas day yearly During the sd term if demaned And also that the sd William Bone or Esther his wife nor any nor Either of them, Shall not at any time or times hereafter grant, bargain, sell, assigne or lett over, Demise, let or depart wt the sd plantacon & premises, or any part or parcell of them, or his or her, right, title, interest or Estate in or to the premises, or any part or parcell of them, without the Speciale lisenze & consent of the said Richard Meadors his heires & assigns undr his or their hands in writing therefore first had & obtained Provided always & it ye conditioned by & between the parties to these prsents that if it should happen the sd yearly rent to be behind & unpaid by the Spase of Twenty Eight days after the day of paym. mentioned & set down in these presents the Same being lawfully demaned, or if the sd William Bone or Esther his wife or Either of them shall and or doe any thing contrary to the words & conditions agreed upon in this present demise, that then & at all times after it shall & may be Lawfull to & for the sd Richard Meadors his heires & assigns & every of them into & upon the Said plantation Land & premises & every of the to re enter and the Same to have again, retain, repossess & enjoy as in his & their first & former estate, this Indenture, or any thing herein contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding and the Said Richard Meadors for himself his heires & Assignes, and every of them doth Covenant purise? and grant to & with the Said William Bone & Esther his wife by these presents, that they the Said William Bone & Esther his wife, by & under the yearly rent Covenants & Conditions in & by these presents reserved & on their partes Severally to be paid done & performed according to the Intent of these presents, shall or may peaseably & quietly have, hold, possess, & enjoy the sdplantacon, Land & all other the premises with their appurtenances, without the let, suit trouble, disturbance deniall molestacon interruption or Eviction of him the sd Richard Meadors his heires & assigns, & of all & every other person & persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by, from or undr him the sd Richard Meadors his heires or assigns, or his, their or any of their estate right or title In witness whereof the pties first above named to these prsent Indentures have Interchangeably sett their hands & Seals the day & year first above written.

*Richard Meadors (Seal)*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presense of*

*James Boughan Junr.*

*Salvaor Muscoe*

*Acknowledged by Richard Meador to William Bone & Esther his Wife in Essex County Court ye 10th day of September 1709 and on the Said Williams mocon, was orderd to be recorded, and is Recorded*

*Test. Richard Buckner Cl Cur*

*Essex Co Deed Bk 13 p 238*

Oct 10, 1710 John Pickett and Richard Meador were security for Elizabeth Brumagen as administratrix of Edward Brumagum *Essex County Deed Bk 13 1707-1711 p 365*

Feb 9, 1710/11 George Ward, Richard Meador, Walter Jones, Erasmus Allen appraised the estate of Edward Brumagum *Essex County Deed Bk 13 1707-1711 p 386*

*Richard Meador Will*

*In the name of God Amen I Richard Meador of ye parish of Southfarnam in Essex County being sick and weak of body but of Sound & perfect memory thanks be to almighty God for ye same and I do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament first bequeath my sole unto ye hands of almighty God hoping aft ye Generall Resurrection shall reseive full pardon and remission of all my sins and after this painefull Life Ended my body to be buried in desent maner by my Execr hereafter named follereth and as for all my worldly goods which it hath pleased to Lend me I give in manner and forme follering Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife the plantation whereon I now Live during her naturall life and after my sd wifes decease the I give ye sd plantation to my eldest Sonn William. Item I give and bequeath unto my younger sonn Richard all ye Land where William Borne now lives that is to say after ye sd William and after his wife decease the sd Land being formlyly In ye possion of my Grandfather White my desier is that my son Richard shall Injoy ye sd Land for himself and his heirs of his body Lawfully begoten and for want of such heirs then the sd Land I give unto my youngest daughter Addra to her & heirs of her body Lawfully begotten Item I give unto my Brother John Meador my pistoles and houlsters allsoe makeing & ordaining my Loveing wife my hole & sole Executr of this my Last Will and Testament.*

*Richard Meador (seal)*

*Sealed Signed & Published in the prsents of us 12th day of December 1715*

*Erasmus Allen*

*Thomas (mark) Duden*

*At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 15th day of [missing]ary 1716*

*The within Last Will & Testament of Richard Meader deced was Presented & proved by ye oath of Ann Meader widow Execr therein named and also was proved by ye oaths of Erasmus Allen & Thomas*

*Dudden ye Evidense thereto & is recorded*

May 18, 1715 Ann Meador, John Pickett & William Pickett posted bond for Ann's administration of

*Richard Meador's estate*

*Essex Co, VA, D&W Bk 14 p 526-527*

### **Ann Mess (wife of Richard Meador)**

To set this straight, there are about three court orders which give her name as Elizabeth; the rest give her name as Ann. Her name was not Ann Elizabeth or Elizabeth Ann. Middle names were not the norm at the time and did not become common until just prior to the Revolutionary War. Ann also had a sister named Elizabeth. Most likely, it was just a clerical error. Unless there is a document which gives a first, middle, and last name- that person did not exist. The initial one may see on early documents with a signature does not imply a middle name; it is their mark or signature. The Pickett name (as so many have applied to Ann) has nothing to do with Ann but does have to do with her sister, Mary.

Victor Meador stated that Ann married James Bradbury. He assumed this because an Ann Bradbury witnessed John Meador's will as well as John Jr's will. This could be another clerical error as an Ann Bradbury has not been identified. Hope Meador, Richard's brother died sometime before Sept 18, 1723 and his widow, Elizabeth, married James Bradbury. (See Hope Meador II-3-4)

She was probably born about 1680 since she was married to Richard Meador by July 13, 1698 when "Richard Meadors & Ann his wife" were ordered to appear in court to give bond for the probate of her father's (John Mess) will.

After Richard's death Ann married John Bryson (I).

### **Children of Richard Meador and Ann (Mess) Meador**

#### **II-3-1a William Meador**

The earliest record for William is Jan 21, 1723/24 when he petitions the court against his mother and John Bryson<sup>1</sup> for the legacy due him from his father therefore he was probably born about 1702-1703.

He married Frances Byrom, the daughter of Peter and Mary Byrom (Nightingale). Frances' mother was the daughter of Richard Nightingale. Peter Byrom died before February 16, 1720 when his will was proven. His will is dated Jan 23, 1719. (*Essex Co, VA, Will Bk 3 p 131-133*) Byrom names his children: Elinor married Joseph George, Mary married David Faulkner, Frances married William Meador, Elizabeth and Sarah of whom nothing is known.<sup>3</sup> After his death Mary Byrom (Nightingale) married Garrett Fitzsimmons (Phitzsimmons). Mary Fitzsimmons' (Byrom, Nightingale) will is dated June 10, 1756 and proved July 20, 1756. (*Essex Co. Will Bk 10 p 95-96*) William was named as executor. The only children named in Mary's will were Elinor George, Frances Meador, and Mary Faulconer so it's assumed that Elizabeth and Sarah had probably died. In 1725 Garrett Fitzsimmons gave Elinor (then unmarried) a Negro woman and half of his household goods, chattles and hogs. This is probably why Mary Fitzsimmons only left her a shilling in her will. Mary also names her grandchildren Rachell Meador and Jeremiah Meador, children of William Meador.

Three additional children are named in Frances' nuncupative will of January 3, 1770 being Sary, Elizabeth and Leroy is designated as her youngest son. (*Essex Co, VA, Will Book 12 p 399*)

March 18, 1728 The action of trespass & assault brot by Garrat Fitzsimmons against William Meader is dismist.

November 20, 1728 In the accon of Trespass & assault brot. by Garret Fitzsimmons against William Meador, the Deft., not appearing Judgment against him & Erasmus Allen, his security is granted the Plt. for what shall appear due at next Court unless the Deft. then appears & answers the said accon.

*January 21, 1734 This indenture made the 21 day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & thirty four Between William Meador & Frances his wife of the parish of Southfarnham in The County of Essex within the Colony of Virga plantr of the one part and Thomas Meador of the parish county and colony aforesd planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd Willm Meador and Frances his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds currt mony of Virga to them in hand paid by the sd Thomas Meador at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part & parcell thereof doth hearby and absolutely acquit exonerate and discharge the sd Thomas Meador his heirs Exrs & admrs and every of them for ever by these presents they the sd William Meador and Frances his wife hath granted bargained & sold aliened released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth freely clearly and absolutely grant bargain & sell aliene release convey and confirm unto the sd Thomas Meador his heirs & assigns for ever all the right title interest claim and demand whatsoever that they the sd Willm Meador and Frances his wife hath or hereafter may have to a plantation tract or parcell of Land containing by estimation seventy acres (be the same more or less) situate lying and being in the parish of Southfarnham and County of Essex aforesd being part of a tract of land of four hundred and fifty acres granted unto Thomas Meador Grt Grandfather to the sd William Meador by pattent dated the Nineth Day of April one thousand six hundred and sixty four and all houses outhouses edifices & buildings ways waters water courses timber trees & trees likely to become timber woods underwoods profits comodities advantages emolumts hereditamts wtsoever to the sd hereby granted released and conveyed premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remaindr and remaindr rents & services thereof and of every part and parcell thereof, and all deeds evidences writings & chartors whatsoever touching or concerning the premises or any part thereof To have and to hold the sd plantation tract or parcell of land & premises deeds evidences and writings hereby granted released and conveyed or intended to be hereby granted released & conveyed & every part or parcel thereof with the appertinances and the rents reversions remainders & services thereof unto the sd Thomas Meador his heirs and assigns for ever to the sole and proper use and behoof of the sd Thomas Meador his heirs and assigns for ever and the sd William Meador & Frances his wife for themselves their heirs and [assignes] the sd plantation tract or parcell of Land and premises hereby granted released and conveyed and every part and-*  
William Meador (seal)

Frances (mark) Meador (seal)

*parcell thereof with the appurtinances unto the sd Thomas his heirs & [assignes] for ever against them the sd William Meador & Frances his wife their heirs & assigns shall and will warrant acquit and for ever defend by these presents and the sd William Meador and Frances his wife for themselves their heirs Exrs*

*& admrs doth covenant promise & grant to and with the sd Thomas Meador his hers and [assignes] shall and may by force and virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter Lawfully peaceably and quietly enter into hasoe[?] hold use occupy possess and enjoy the sd plantation part or parcell of Land and all an singular the before hereby mentioned granted and released & conveyed premises wth their and every of their appurtenances & have receive and take the rents issued and profits thereof to his and their own proper use and behoof for ever without any Lawfull lett suit hindrance, troouble molestation denyal disturbance \_\_\_\_ or interuption of the sd Wm Meador and frances his wife thier heirs Exrs or Admrs and further the sd William Meador and francis his wife for their heirs Exrs admrs doth covenant promise and grant to and with the sd Thomas Meador his heirs and [assignes] by these presents that they the sd William Meador and Frances his wife their heirs and assigns having or claiming or which at any time or times hereafter shall or may Lawfully have or claim any Estate right title or interest into or out of the premises or any part or parcel of them by from or under the sd William Meador or Frances his wife their heirs & assigns shall and will from time to time an at all times hereafter at on reasonable request and at the proper cost in the Law of the sd Thomas Meador his heirs or assigns make do perform acknowledge \_\_\_\_ execute & suffer all such further and other Lawfull & reasonable act and acts thing & things devise and devises conveyance and assurance in the Law whatsoever for the further better and more prfect assuring \_\_\_\_\_ & conveying of all and singular the before hereby granted right title & interest to the premises abovesd wth their and every of their appurtenances unto the sd Thomas Meador his heirs & [assignes] In Witness whereof the parties first above named to these present Indenture interchangeably their hands and seale have sett the day and year first above written William Meador (seal)*

*Frances (mark) Meador (seal)*

*Sealed and delivered in the presence of*

*Thomas Barber*

*William Allen Junr*

*The Subscriber do acknowledge to have had and Recd on the day of the date of the within written Indenture the Consideration mony therein Expres'd I say recd [per] me-William Meador*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the xxi day of January anno Dom MVCCXXXIV William Meador and Frances Meador acknowledged this their deed indented with the receipt thereon to Thomas Meador which on his motion is admitted to record.*

*Test W Beverley C Cur*

*Essex Co. VA DB 20 1733-1734 p 203-205*

*This Indenture made the 18 day of November in ye year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & thirty Eight Between William Meador and Frances his wife of the County of Essex and parrish of Southfarnham of the one part, and John Bourn of the parrish and County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Meador and Frances his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds currt. money of Virga to them in hand paid by the said John Bourn before the sealing & Delivering of these presents the receipt whereof they the said William Meador and Frances his wife doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge him the said*

*John Bourn his heirs Executors & Administrators and every of them by these presents hath given, granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto him the said John Bourne his heirs Executors or assigns for ever, all the right title Interest and Estate whatsoever which is or shall hereafter become due to them the said William Meador and Frances his wife of and to a Certain Divident and parasel of Land Scituate Lying and being in the parrish and County aforesaid containing one hundred acres be the same more or less being part of a tract of three hundred acres lying on the North side of Hoskins Creek towards ye head granted by patent to Mr. Richard White bearing date the 8th day of April 1664 and bequeathed by the Last will & testament of Richard Meador deseased to his son Richard Meador brother to the said William Meador it being the Land whereon the said John Bourn now lives and lately purchased by the sd John Bourne of the said Richard Meador and all houses buildings orchards meadows pastures ways Easements water and water Courses woods and underwoods profits comodities hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or any wise appertaining and all the Estate right title Interes Claim and demand of them the said William Meador and Frances his wife their heirs Executors or administrators of in or to the same or in any part and parsel thereof and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof To have and to hold the said Land and premises and all and Singular the appurtenances hereby intended to be given granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed unto ye said John Bourn his heirs and assigns for ever to be held of our Sovereign Lord ye King his heirs and Successors by the Quitrents accustomed, and the said William Meador and Frances his wife the above granted premises shall and will warrent and for ever defend by these presents against them the said William Meador and Frances his wife their heirs Executors or administrators or any other person or persons whatsoever claiming under them to any part or parsel thereof. In Witness whereof they the said William Meador and Francis his wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year above written.*

*William Meador (seal)*

*Frances (mark) Meador (seal)*

*Signed and Seal'd in presence of*

*Wm Allen Jur*

*John (mark) Armstrong*

*W Bourne*

*Memorandum that on the 18 day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty Eight possession and Seisin of the land and premises within mentoned was delivered and given by the within named William Meador and Frances his wife by Turf and Twigg parcel thereof in lieu of the whole to the within named John Bourne according to the true intent and meaning of the within written deed in presense of us the Subscribers*

*Wm Allen Jur*

*John (mark) Armstrong*

*W Bourne*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the xxi day of November Anno Domini MDCCXXXVIII William Meador and Frances Meador acknowledged this Indenture and the Livery of Seizen thereon*

*endorsed to John Bourn to be their act and deed which on the motion of the said John was admitted to record.*

*Test W Beverley*

*Essex Co. VA Deed Bk 21 1735-1738 p 419-420*

Esther was the sister of Richard Meador.

July 17, 1739 William Greenhill and William Meador security for John Bourne as executor of his father's (William Bourne) will. (*Essex County Will Bk 6 1735-1743 p 199*)

Dec 15, 1741 John Bourne, Thomas Meador, William Meador appraise the estate of Mary Davis

January 17, 1748 William Meadows is security for Richard Armstrong as administrator of the estate of John Armstrong

May 21, 1748 William Meador is a witness to the will of James Byrom

July 20, 1756 William Meador & Benjamin Waggener posted bond for William's executorship of Mary Phitzsimmons' (Byrom, Nightingale) estate

July 31, 1758 William witnessed the will of Thomas Meador (son of John & Elizabeth [White] Meador)

August 20, 1759 Inventory of William Meador's estate was taken by William Edmundson, Waters Dunn

August 20, 1759 Richard Meadows posted bond for the administration of William Meador's estate

William and Frances (Byrom) Meador had the following children:

Rachel, Jeremiah, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Leroy.

*Francis Meador nuncupative will, Essex Co VA Will Book 12 p 399*

*Mary Phitzsimmons Will, Essex Co VA Will Book 10 p 95-96*

The fate of these children is unknown although some family trees have identified Jeremiah as a Jeremiah in Bedford and Franklin Counties, Virginia. Some say his wife was Elizabeth Woods; some say Rachel. The problem with either is that William's Jeremiah was born before his grandmother's will dated 1756. It isn't logical that a marriage to Elizabeth Woods would take place March 16, 1812 or that a son of Jeremiah and Rachel's would not marry until 1863 or that another son would be born in 1832. This information can be gleaned from the marriage records of those counties.

Leroy was in the same regiment as Vincent Meador in the Revolutionary war.

William's estate was inventoried on Aug 20, 1759 by Waters Dunn and William Edmondson. Richard Meador Jr. posted bond the same day for administration with Benjamin Waggener as his security. (*Essex Co. VA, Will Book 11 p 215, 227-228*)

### **II-3-1b Richard Meador Jr**

Richard was, without a doubt, the younger son and was mentioned in his father's will so he was born before Dec, 1715 (date of his father's will). Because he doesn't appear in the records until October 14, 1738 when William Bourne (his uncle) deeds the land he leased from Richard Meador to Richard Jr. it's difficult to establish a birthdate. This deed is very confusing because Richard Meador Sr's will specifically stated that Bourne could not deed this property and left it to his son Richard. However, the land had been leased to William Bourne and his wife, Esther for their lifetimes (by now Esther was deceased and Bourne had remarried) and this appears to just be a release of the original lease from Richard Sr. On November 18, 1738, his brother, William, executed a deed to John Bourne [son of William and Esther (Meador) Bourne] concerning this land:

*This Indenture made the 18 day of November in ye year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & thirty Eight Between William Meador and Frances his wife of the county of Essex and parrish of Southfarnham of the one part, and John Bourn of the parrish and County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Meador and Frances his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds currt money of Virga. to them in hand paid by the said John Bourn before the sealing & delivering of these presents the receipt whereof they the said William Meador and Frances his wife doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge him the said John Bourne his heirs Executors & administrators and every of them by these presents hath given, granted, bargained, sold, Enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents Doth give grant bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto him the said Jon Bourn his heirs Executors or assigns for ever, all the right title Interest and Estate whatsoever which is or shall hereafter become due to them the said William Meador and Frances his wife of and to a Certain Divident and parsel of Land situate Lying and being in the parrish and County aforesaid containing one hundred acres be the same more or less being part of a tract of three hundred acres lying on the north side of Hoskins Creek towards ye head granted by patent to Mr. Richard White bearing date the 8th day of April 1664 and bequeathed by the Last Will & Testament of Richard Meador deceased to his son Richard Meador brother to the said William Meador it being the Land whereon the said John Bourne now lives and lately purchased by the sd John Bourn of the said Richard Meador and all houses buildings orchards meadows pastures ways Easements water and water courses woods and underwoods profits comodities hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or any wise appertaining and all the Estate right title Interest claim and demand of them the said William Meador and Frances his wife their heirs Executors or administrators of in or to the same or in any part and parsel thereof and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof To have and to hold the said land and premises and all and Singular the appurtenances hereby intended to be given granted bargaiened sold Enfeoffed and confirmed unto ye said John Bourn his heirs and assigns for ever to be held of our Sovereign Lord ye King his heirs and Successors by the Quitrents accustomed, and the said William Meador and Frances his wife the above granted promises shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents against them the said William Meador and Frances his wife their heirs Executors or administrators or any other person or persons whatsoever claiming under them to any part or parsel thereof In witness whereof they the said William Meador and Francis his wife have hereunto set*

*their hands and seals the day and year above written.*

*William Meador (seal)*

*Frainces (mark) Meador (seal)*

*Signed and seal'd in presense of*

*Wm. Allen Jur.*

*John (mark) Armstrong*

*W Bourne*

*Memorandum that on the 18 day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight possession and seisin of the land and premises within mentioned was delivered and given by the within named William Meador and Frances his wife by Turf and Twigg parsel thereof in Lieu of the whole to the within named John Bourn according to the true intent and meaning of the within written deed in presense of us the subscribers*

*Wm. Allen Jur*

*John (mark) Armstrong*

*W Bourne*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the xxist day of November Anno Domini MDCCXXXVIII William Meador and Frances Meador acknowledged this Indenture and the Livery of Seizen thereon endorsed to John Bourn to be their act and deed which on the motion of the said John was admitted to record.*

*Test W Beverley CCur*

*(Essex Co VA Deed Book 20 p 429-420)*

The deed from William Bourn to Richard Jr in 1738 could lead us to believe that Richard was just a "babe in arms" when his father died. It's clear that he was born before Richard Sr made his will (dated December 12, 1715).

*Richard Meader Jr. Will*

*In the Name of god amen I Ritchard Meader Being very Sick In body but in perfect Sences and memory thanks be to god for it Calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory Life I do hereby make and ordain this my Last will and Testament as followeth Viz first I Leave my body to be decently buried by my Executor hereafter Named.*

*Item*

*It is my desire that my beloved wife have the use of my whole Estate during her Widowhood She maintaining the Children But if She Should marry the whole to be taken from her by my Executors and that She is not to Imbazel or wast the Same*

*Item I give to my Son William Meador all my Lands to him and his Heires forEver Lawfully Begotton of his Body but for want of Such Heire I Leave the aforesaid Lands to my Son Ritchard Meader to him and his heirs for Ever Lawfully begotten of his body.*

*Item. I give to my Son Ritchard Meader a Negro man named Orange and a Negro girl Named Cate and twenty pounds current money to him and his heires forEver*

*Item. I leave all the remainder of my Estate to be equally devided between my two sons William Meador and Ritchard Meador after the death or marriage of my beloved wife to them and their heirs*

*Item I leave Robert Pain Waring and William Gatewood Executors to this my Last Will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty first day of July one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy five*

*Ritchard (mark) Meador (seal)*

*Signed and Sealed in presence of*

*Nathan Waggener*

*Thomas Coleman*

*Leroy (mark) Meador*

*At a Court of quarterly Session begun and held for Essex County at Tappahannock on Monday the 18th day of May 1818. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that this last Will and testament of Richard Meador was fully proved in court on the 18th day of Decr. 1775 and that the Clerk omitted to Record the said Will. On the motion of John Games it was ordered that the clerk of this court Record the same.*

*Teste*

*Wm P. Matthews Clk*

*(Essex County, VA Will Book 18, p 483-484)*

Richard Jr. must have married at an advanced age to a much younger woman, Milly (maiden name unknown), who remarried after his death to James Johnston/Johnson and had more children. There are no records which indicate a previous marriage for Richard.

Children of Richard Meador Jr & Milly (Milicine-spelled various ways) UNK

### **II-3-1b-1 William Meador**

Victor Meador projected his birth to have been about 1733. However, no records are found for him until September 17. 1793 when he purchased land from Benjamin Waggener and his wife Mary. (*Essex County, Virginia Deed Bk 34, p 8-10*)

The only other deed in which William participated follows:

*This Indenture made the twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three between William Meador, James Johnston & Milacine his wife of the County of Essex of the one part and John Dunn of the other part and County aforesaid Witnesseth that the said William Meader, James Johnston, & Milacine his wife for and in consideration of the sum of twenty two pounds*

*ten shillings current money to them in hand paid by the said John Dunn the receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge have granted bargained sold delivered and confirmed & by these presents-do grant bargain sell deliver & confirm unto him the said John Dunn his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Parish of Southfarnham & County of Essex aforesaid containing thirty acres be the same more or less adjoining the lands of Abraham Gregory, Whitehead Coleman, James Johnston, & John Dunn and also the estate, right title, property, claim & demand of them, the said William Meador, James Johnston, & Milecine his wife together with all houses buildings orchards and appurtenances whatsoever belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land and premises hereby conveyed with the appurtenances unto him the said John Dunn his heirs & assigns forever & to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever and they the said William Meador, James Johnston & Melicene his wife for themselves & their heirs do covenant and grant to and with the said John Dunn his heirs exors Admrs and assigns that they the said William Meador, James Johnston & Melicene his wife the said piece or parcel of land and premises hereby conveyed unto the said John Dunn his heirs and assigns against the claim of them the said William Meador, Jas Johnston and Milicine his wife and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof them the said William Meador James Johnston & Milicine his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above written.*

*William Meador (seal)*

*Millecine (mark) Johnson (seal)*

*In presence of*

*[no witnesses]*

*Received the within consideration money expressed in this Indenture being twenty five pounds ten shillings current money given under our hands and seals this 21st day October 1793 L22.10*

*William Meador (seal)*

*(Essex County Virginia Deed Book 33 p 497)*

In 1770, Benjamin Waggener had sold land to Robert Payne Waring which bordered upon Richard Meador's land (among many others). (Essex Co. VA Deed Bk 30, p 333-335) In Robert Payne Waring's very lengthy will dated Oct 13, 1798, he refers land bordering William Meador, deceased. (Essex County Will Bk 16, p 457-461)

### ***II-3-1b-2 Richard Meador***

Richard was born April 5, 1775. He married Mary Burke (daughter of Rickard and Ann (Nall) Burke). She was born July 12, 1777, Essex County, Virginia. (Meador-Burnett Bible in possession of Richard Burnett, Ohio, [http://www.thomasmoore.info/genealogy/ps02/ps02\\_488.html](http://www.thomasmoore.info/genealogy/ps02/ps02_488.html))

*This Indenture made the 13th day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six between James Johnston and Milly his wife of the one part and Richard Meador of the County of Essex of the other part witnesseth that the said James Johnston and Milly his wife for and in consideration of the sum of thirty seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence current money of*

*Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Richard Meador the recpt whereof they do hereby confess and acknowledge and for other good causes and considerations them thereunto moving hath granted bargained and sold alined enfeoffed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto him the said Richard Meador his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcell of land and tenement (which the said James Johnston purchased of John ONeal by deeds of bargain and sale recorded in Essex County office reference being had to said deed it wil more fully appear situate lying and being on the waters of Gibsons [Gilsons?] Creek in the County of Essex and adjoining the lands of Robert P Waring William Latane John Jones and James Sullivan containing fifty acres be the same more or less together with all houses ways waters timber and trees likely to become timber woods profitts commodities emoluments heriditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appurtaining and all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of him the said James Johnston and Milly his wife of in and to the same & every or any part or parcel thereof and the reversion & reversions remainder and remainders yearly and other rents and profitts of the premises and of every part and parcel thereof to have & to hold the said tract or parcel of land and Tenements and all and singular the premises above mentioned with the appurtenances unto him the said Richard Meador and his heirs & assigns forever and the said James Johnston and Milly his wife for themselves there heirs Executors and administrators the said tract of land and tenements and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Richard Meador his heirs and assigns-to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Richard and of his heirs and assigns forever against them the said James Johnston and Milly his wife their heirs exors and administrators and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said James Johnston and Milly his wife hath set there hands and affixed there seals the day and ar above written.*

*James (mark) Johnston (seal)*

*Milly (mark) Johnston (seal)*

*Sign'd Seal'd & acknowledg'd in the presence of us*

*Robt P Waring*

*Joshua (mark) Dunn*

*Stephen Johnston*

*Received of the within named Richard Meador thirty seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence current money of Virginia it being the full consideration within on the day of the date of the within writen Indenture.*

*James (mark) Johnston*

*Test*

*Robt P. Waring*

*Joshua (mark) Dunn*

*Stephen Johnston*

*Memorandum that Livery and Siezen of the within mentioned land and premises was given and delivered by the within named James Johnston to Richard Meador by cuting a turf and twig off the said land and*

*delivering it in the name of Livery and Seizen. Witness my hand and seal this [blank] of June 1796*  
*James (mark) Johnston (seal)*

*Sign'd Seal'd & Acknowledged in the presence of us*  
*Robt.P. Waring*  
*Joshua (mark) Dunn*  
*Stephen (mark) Johnston*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the 19th day of September 1796. This deed indented with the receipt and memorandum of Livery and Seizin on the same endorsed from James Johnston and Milly his wife to Richard Meador were acknowledged by said Johnston and wife to be their proper acts and deeds; She being first privily examined & voluntarily consenting to the conveyance which were thereupon ordered to be recorded.*

*Test*  
*John P Lee Clk*  
*(Essex County, Virginia Deed Bk 34 p 329-330)*

The same day he purchased land from Robert Payne Waring. (Essex Co., Virginia Deed Book 35 p 51-52)

*This Indenture made this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord 1801 between Richard Meder & Mary his wife of the Parish of South Farnham & County of Essex of the one part & James Johnson of the same Parish and County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Richard Meader & Mary his wife for & in consideration of divers matters & things them thereunto moving and more especially for & in consideration of divers agreements this day entered into between the said Richard Meader of the one part and James Johnson, John Games & Stephen Johnson of the other part particularly specified in the articles of the said agreement & for & in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds to them paid by the said James Johnson, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained, & sold aliened, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain & sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said James Johnson, his heirs and assigns forever all that tenement, tract or parcel of land situated in the parish of South Farnham & County of Essex whereon the said James Johnson now resides & containing three hundred acres, more or less, according to the known & reputed boundaries thereof, it being the tract of land whereof Richard Meader, father of Richard Meador the party hereto died seized and possessed, to have and to hold to the said James Johnson, his heirs and assigns forever the said tenement, tract or parcel of land together with all singular its rights, members, priviledges, profits, woods, waters, ways, buildings, improvements, remainder & remainders, reversion & reversions, hereditaments appendages and appertinances whatever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use & behoof of the said James Johnson his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Richard Meader for himself & his heirs, the said tenement, tract or parcel of land & premises unto the said James Johnson & his heirs & assigns doth hereby warrant & will forever defend against the lawful claim & demand of the said Richard Meador & his heirs; but it is hereby expressly provided & understood, that the said Richd Meader or his*

*heirs shall not be bound to warrant to the said James Johnson or his heirs or assigns the title to the said land against the claim of all or any of the children of the said James Johnson or the wife of the said James Johnson or any other person than against the said Richard Meador & his heirs. In Testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first herein written.*

*Richard Meador (seal)*

*Mary Meador (seal)*

*Sealed and delivered in presence of*

*Thomas Games*

*Phillip Gatewood*

*Richard (mark) Gatewood*

*At an intervening court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 20th day of April 1801 This deed indented from Richard Meader and Mary his wife to James Johnson was acknowledged by the said Richard Meader to be his proper act and Deed and ordered to be recorded as to him*

*Test*

*Jno P Lee Clk*

*(Essex County, Virginia Deed Book 35 p 365-366)*

*This Indenture made this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord 1801 between James Johnson and Mily his wife, Stephen Johnson & John Games of the one part & Richard Meader of the other part, all of the said parties being of the Parish of South Farnham & County of Essex, Witnesseth, that the said James Johnson & Milly his wife, Stephen Johnson, & John Games for & in consideration of divers matters & things thereunto moving them & more especially for and in consideration of divers agreements this day entered into between the said Richard Meader of the one part & James Johnson, Stephen Johnson and John Games of the other part particularly specified in the articles of the said agreements & for & in consideration of the sum of six shillings to them paid by the said Richard Meador, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained & sold, aliened, released & confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain, & sell, aliene, release and confirm unto the said Richard Meader, his heirs & assigns forever all that tenement, tract or parcel of land situated in the Parish of South Farnham and County of Essex containing fifty acres more or less, according to the known and reputed boundaries thereof & lying over the swamp from the land whereon the said James Johnson now resides, it being a tract whereof Richard Meador father of Richard Meador party hereto died seized & possessed and also all that tenement, tract or parcel of land situated in the same parish and county aforementioned & adjoining the said tract of fifty acres & containing fifty eight acres more or less, according to the known & reputed boundaries thereof; it being the tract purchased by William Meader, brother of Richard Meador party hereto in his life time & whereof the said William died seized & possessed to have & to hold to the said Richard Meador & his heirs & assigns forever the said two tenements, tract or parcels of land together with all & singular their rights, members, priviledges, profits, woods, ways, waters, buildings, improvements, remainder, & remainders, reversion & reversions hereditaments, appendages & appertinances, whatever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper us & behoof*

*of the said Richard Meador, his heirs & assigns forever. And the said James Johnson, Stephen Johnson & John Games, for themselves & their heirs, the said two tenements or tracts of land & premises against themselves and their heirs and against all & each of the children of the said James Johnson unto the said Richard Meador, his heirs & assigns doth hereby warrant & will forever defend provided nevertheless & it is understood that the said James Johnson, Stephen Johnson and John Games or their heirs or either of them shall not be bound to warrant to the said Richard Meador, his heirs or assigns the title to the said land & premises or any part thereof against any other person or persons than against themselves and their heirs & against all & every of the children of the said James Johnson and the said James Johnson, Stephen Johnson, & John Games for themselves and each of them, their & each of their heirs, executors & administrators do grant, covenant & agree to & with the said Richard Meador, his heirs & assigns that he the said Richard Meador, his heirs & assigns shall & may quietly hold & enjoy the said tenements tracts of land & premises against the lawful claim & demand of all & each of the children of the said James Johnson & all & every person & persons claiming by, from, through or under the said children or each of them. In Testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day & year first herein written.*

*James (mark) Johnston (seal)*

*Milly (mark) Johnston (seal)*

*Stephen Johnson (seal)*

*John Games (seal)*

*Mattildday Games (seal)*

*In presence of*

*the word "any" interlined on the other side before signed..*

*Thomas Games*

*Phillip Gatewood*

*Richard (mark) Gatewood)*

*At an intervening court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 21st day of April 1801.*

*This deed indented from James Johnston and Milly Johnston his wife, Stephen Johnson, and John Games was acknowledged by the said James Johnson, Stephen Johnson and John Games to be their proper act and ordered to be recorded as to them.*

*Test*

*Jno P Lee Clk*

*(Essex County, Virginia Deed Book 35, p 367-368)*

*An undated bill of complaint in Essex County states that Rickard Burke died in March 1801, leaving a widow Ann (still alive at the writing of the bill); son John Burke, who died about February 1803, testate, who appointed Thomas Barton executor; son Thomas Burke, who died about February 1802, testate, never married; son Martin Burke, died 1806 intestate, estate administered by Ben H. Munday; son Lewis Burke; daughter Barbara Burke, who married John Chenault and died in 1807; daughter Mary Burke, who married Richard Meador; daughter Nancy Burke, who married Caleb Gatewood and had an only child named Lucy Gatewood, who married William Howard; son William Burke, who died during his*

*father's lifetime leaving a daughter Polly Burke; and son James Burke, who died in his father's lifetime leaving children Betsey, Nancy and James Burke. [Essex County, Virginia, Box Chancery No. 32, 1823, Item 32-G-38.] The bill was answered by John Jones, Ann Burke, and Richard and Mary Meador and sworn to on 22 September 1807, confirming by and large the facts in the bill of complaint. [Essex County, Virginia, Box Chancery No. 32, 1823, Item 32-G-32.] A decree settling the case was issued by Essex County court the same day. [Essex County, Virginia, Box Chancery No. 32, 1823, Item 32-G-36.] The decree settled the estate by giving one-eighth portions each to: Richard Meador and Mary his wife; Thomas Barton executor of John Burke; Ben H. Munday, administrator of Martin Burke; Lewis Burke; William Howard and Lucy his wife; Polly Burke; Betsy, Nancy and James Burke; John Chenault. [Essex County, Virginia, Box Chancery No. 32, 1823, item 32-G-33.]*  
(<http://www.thomasmoore.info/genealogy/>)

*This Indenture made this 2nd day of October 1807 between Richard Meador and Mary his wife, William Howard and Lucy his wife, and Stephen Chenault and Mary Eleanor his wife of the one part, and Hundley Moody of the other Witnesseth that the sd Richard Meador & Mary his wife William Howard and Lucy his wife & Stephen Chenault for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings to them in hand paid the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell unto the said Hundley Moody his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Essex, it being part the land formerly owned by Rickard Burke and which was willed by the sd Rickard to be equally divided among his children which will more fully appear by reference to the will ofsd Richard Burke which land the widow of sd Richard (Viz) Ann Burke has a life estate in, under which incumbrance it is now sold and contain an undivided moiety of the land of sd Rickard Burke, which is to be divided agreeably to quantity and quality one half of the land hereby intended to be conveyed being the equal shares of the sd Richard & Mary his wife and William Howard and Lucy his wife the other being the equal undivided shares of Lewis Burke and John Chenault and Barbara his wife which they have sold to the sd Stephen Chenault together with all the appurtenances and profits thereunto belonging with all remainder & remainders reversion and reversions thereunto belonging and every part and parcel thereof unto the sd Hundley Moody his heirs and assigns forever. To have and to hold the said parcel or moiety of land before mentioned with the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the sd Hundley Moody his heirs and assigns forever Subject to the life estate of the said Ann Burke as before mentioned and the said Richard Meador & Mary his wife and William Howard and Lucy his wife & S. Chenault & Mary E his wife, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the sd Hundley Moody his heirs and assigns all the right title and interest which they hold or either of them in and to the above described premises against the claim or claims of them the said Richard and Mary his wife, William and Lucy his wife and S. Chenault the claim or climes of every other person or persons whatsoever do shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Testimony whereof the sd Richard Meador and Mary his wife, William Howard and Lucy his wife and S. Chenault and Mary E. his wife have hereunto affixed their seale the day and year above written. The words S. Chenault and Mary Eleanor interlined before signed.*  
Richard Meador (seal)

*Mary Meador (seal)*

*W.Howard Junr. (seal)*

*Lucy (mark) Howard (seal)*

*Stephen Chenault (seal)*

*Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of*

*John Jones*

*William Gatewood*

*Thomas Crow*

*At a court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 19th day of October 1807*

*This deed [poll inserted?] from Richard Meador and Mary his wife, William Howard Junr. and Lucy his wife and Stephen Chenault and Mary Eleanor his wife (but at present not bearing the signature of the sd Mary Eleanor) to Hundley Moody, was proved by the oaths of John Jones, William Gatewood and Thomas Crow the Witnesses to the same subscribed as to all except Lucy Howard and Ordered to be recorded as to them.*

*Teste*

*John P Lee*

*(Essex County, Virginia Deed Bk 37, p 264-265 also see p 270-273)*

John Chenault who was already living in Nelson County, KY, gave power of attorney to his son Stephen to act on his behalf. Shortly after the preceding deed was made, Richard and his wife and children moved to Nelson County, KY along with William and Lucy Howard (Mary's niece). Richard didn't live very long after the move for on Jan 20, 1808 Thomas Lewis, William Howard and Alexander Hunter took oath to inventory the estate of Richard Meador. The inventory and appraisal was taken by James F. Nalle, Thomas Lewis and William Howard with Stephen Chenault as administrator and was returned on Apr 20, 1812. (*Nelson County, KY Will Bk C 1811-1817 p 30*)

After Richard's death Mary married John Burnett. Marriage license dated Feb 20 1811. (*Kentucky Co Marriages, familysearch.org, Film #004705517*)

Richard and Mary (Burke) Meador's children:

**Ann** b October 6, 1799

**William** b October 7, 1802. There is a marriage license dated Sept 6, 1830, Nelson Co., KY for a William Meador to Elizabeth Long (*Kentucky County Marriages 1797-1954, familysearch.org, Film 004261199*)

**Elizabeth** b June 4, 1804 married William D. Jenkins; marriage license Dec 20, 1824, Nelson County, KY. Included with the bond for the marriage license is Mary's permission for Elizabeth to marry.

*This is to certify that I have given William D Jenkins leave to get licens for Elizabeth Meador to mary this from under my hand this 20 December 1824 Signed Mary Burnett Test John Burnett, William Meador (Kentucky County Marriages 1797-1954, familysearch.org, Film #004705518)*

**Catharine** married Daniel Brown; marriage license Aug 17, 1824, Nelson County, KY. Included with the bond for the marriage license is Mary's permission for Catharine to marry.

*This is to certify that I have give leave for Daniel Brown to git lisons for him and Catharine Meador to marie. Test John Burnett, George B Crozier[?] (Kentucky County Marriages 1797-1954, familysearch.org, Film #004705517)*

John and Mary (Meador, Burke) Burnett had two children:

**Mary Ann Burnett** b Feb 2, 1813

**Richard James Burnett** b Mar 11, 1814

These two children are included in a Bible (along with the Meador children) in the possession of Richard Burnett, Ohio. Also included is Mary's death date of Dec 23, 1843.

*([http://www.thomasmoore.info/genealogy/ps02/ps02\\_488.html](http://www.thomasmoore.info/genealogy/ps02/ps02_488.html))*

There is also another version of the Bible on ancestry.com which is referred to as the Meador-Burnett Bible and is owned by another person. It is not as comprehensive but the dates that are available do match with the other Bible.

### *Johnson/Johnston Family*

The widow, Milly Meador, married James Johnson about 1776 for on November 20, 1777 James Johnston and his wife Milicent deeded to Elizabeth Johnston the land he had purchased of Capt. Bechell Bagot which was bounded by Thomas Allen, Thomas Gaines, Sophia Waggener and Col. William Roane. *(Essex Co, VA Deed Bk 31, p 355)*

It is unknown whether James had been previously married and to date his ancestry has not been determined as there are a number of Johnson/Johnstons in the same area. Known children of James and Milly are Matilda Johnston probably born about 1787 who married John Games (John died before Dec 13, 1834), Bruker/Brooking Johnston died before Oct 16, 1815, Pitman Johnston b 1804 (per marriage record) married Polly Dunn (license dated Dec 28 1825). Pitman died in 1826 and Mourning Johnston born about 1793. Mourning Johnson married Patsy Harper, marriage license dated Dec 16, 1822. He died before Oc 16, 1865. There were likely other children who did not survive or have not been accounted for as a ten year span between James and Milly's marriage and that of Matilda's approximate birth date would have been unlikely. In regard to Meador connections, Mourning is the most important of their children. James' will is dated November 10, 1808 and proved December 17, 1810. *(Essex County, VA Will Book 17, p 253-254)*

## *The Bryson Family*

After Richard Meador's death, Ann Mess) Meador married John Bryson.

It is believed that John Bryson<sup>1</sup> hailed from Scotland as there is no trace of an earlier family that has been found in Virginia.

*May 18, 1720 Ordered that John Brison, Saml. Wagoner, Herbert Wagoner & William Grenall [Greenhill] or any three of them (being first sworn before a Justice of the Peace for this County) appraise ye Estate of John Meador (II-3-2) deced & return their proceedings therein to next Court.*

*January 21, 1723 John Bryson and Ann his wife be summoned to appear at next Court to answer the petition of Wm Meador. Essex Co Order Book 6 p 73*

Apr 21, 1724 William Meador brought suit against John Bryson & Eliza his wife, Executrix &c of Richard Meador deced. This is one of those records which give the name Elizabeth instead of Ann. We know that Ann was named Executrix of Richard Meador's will, not Elizabeth.

May 19, 1724 In the suit brot by William Meader agt. John Bryson & Eliza. his wife by petition the sd Deft. on motion had time granted them till next Court to make their account of their Exership of Richard Meador deced.

June 16, 1724 The petition of Wm Meador agt Jno Bryson & Eliza his wife is continued.

*July 22, 1724 On the petition of Wm Meador agt Jno: Bryson & Ann his wife executrix &c. of Richard Meador deced for his proportionable part of the sd Richard's estate the said John & Ann Appearing presented an Audt of their Admon: of the sd deceds Estate & having made Oath to ye sd Account & the Court allowing the several articles therein charge do value the Tobo in ye said Account to Twenty shillings p hundred and do find forty one pounds eight shillings & eight pence due on balance there. Judgmt is therefore granted the said Plt against the Estate of the sd Deced in hands of said Defendts for Five pounds one shilling & Eleven pence his eighth part wth: costs. This would indicate that Richard and Ann had seven children based on this document. We know that Adara had at least one older sister since Adara is identified as being the youngest daughter in Richard's will.*

By 1731 John and Ann Bryson are livng in Orange County, Virginia. There are court records which establish the residency.

In the 18th century the treasury right was established whereby land could be purchased and John Bryson did so. John Snow's patent, June 5, 1736 (Orange County) mentions land bounded by John Bryson and Capt. Thomas Chew.

*George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom these presents shall come Greetings Know ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of forty shillings of good and lawful*

money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto John Bryson one certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred acres lying and being in the County of Orange between the branches of James River and the branch of the Rapidanne and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at two corner pines and a white oak of Edward Franklin's and James Cox's in Capt Thomas Chew's line thence along the said Chew's line south thirty eight degrees West one hundred and thirty three poles to a red oak white oak and pine in the said Chew's line thence North thirty degrees West three hundred and fifty nine poles to a corner pin two red oaks bushes and a white oak bush on the crow(n) of a hill in a small poyson field thence North thirty eight degrees East two hundred and ninety four poles to two corner pines on a Point thence south thirty degrees East one hundred and thirty three poles to a corner pine and a white oak on a levell in Franklin's and Cox's line thence along their line South thirty eight degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to three corner pines of the said Franklin's and Cox's on flat ground and thence along their line South thirty degrees East two hundred and twenty six poles to the Beginning With all Woods Underwoods Swamps Marshes lowgrounds meadows feedings and his due share of all veins mines and quarries as well discovered as not discovered within the bounds aforesaid and being part of the said quantity of four hundred acres of land and the rivers waters and water courses therein contained together with the privileges of hunting hawking fishing fowling and all other profits commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the same or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining To have hold possess and enjoy the said tract or parcel of land and all other the before granted premises and every part therof with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said John Bryson his heirs and assigns forever To the only use and behoof of him the said John Bryson his heirs and assigns forever. To be held of us our heirs and successors as of our mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in free and common socage and not in capite or by Wrights Service yielding and paying unto us our heirs and successors for every fifty acres of land an \_\_\_\_ proportionable for a lesser or greater quantity than fifty acrs the fee rent of one shilling yearly to be paid upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel and also cultivating and improving three acres part of every fifty of the tract abovementioned within three years after the date of these presents provided always that if three years of the said fee rent shall at any time be in arrear and unpaid or if the said John Bryson his heirs or assigns do not within the space of three years next coming after the Date of these presents cultivate and improve three acres part of every fifty of this tract abovementioned then the Estate hereby granted shall cease and be utterly determined and hereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for us our heirs and successors to grant the same lands and premises with the appurtenances unto such other person or persons as we our heirs and successors shall think fit. In Witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Witness our trust and welbeloved James Blair Clerk President of our Council and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the seal of our said Colony the twenty fourth day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty in the fourteenth year of our reign.

James Blair

Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 19, 1739-1741, p. 927 (Reel 17)

*George the Second by the Grace of God & Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas by one patent under the great seal of this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia bearing date the twenty eighth day of September one thousand seven hundred and twenty eight there was granted with Thomas Tyler one certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres lying and being formerly in the County of Spotsylvania now the County of Orange at the foot of the great Mountains and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at three poplars and a red oak on the North East side of a mountain in the County line thence North thirty degrees west one hundred and forty poles to a chesnut oak and three red oaks on the North East side a mountain thence north sixty Degrees East one hundred and twenty poles to two chesnuds and a red oak on the West side a mountain thence South forty Degrees East two hundred and thirty poles to two white oaks and a gum on the South West side a mountain thence South ten degrees west seventy four poles to three chesnuds and a chesnut oak on a bank on the south side of a mountain in the county line Thence along the County line North sixty five degrees west to the beginning which said tract or parcel of land was granted on condition of cultivating and improving and paying our quit rents as in the said patent is expressed and Whereas the said Thomas Tyler hath failed to make such cultivation and Improvement and paiment of our Quit Rents and Robert Brooke hath made humble suit to our Lieutenant Governor and Comander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion and hath obtained a grant for the same which he hath relinquished unto John Bryson Therefore know ye that for diverse good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our said Colony and Dominion We have given granteed and confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give grant and confirm unto the said John Bryson and to his heirs and assigns forever all the said tract or parcel of land and every part and parcel thereof With all woods underwoods swamps marshes lowgrounds meadows feedings and his due share of all veins mines and quarries as well discovered or not discovered within the bounds aforesaid and being part of the said quantity of two hundred acres of land and the Rivers waters and water courses therein contained together with the privileges of hunting, hawking, fishing fowling and all other profits commodities and hereditments whatsoever to the same or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have hold possess and enjoy the said tract or parcel of land and all other the before granted premises and every part thereof with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said John Bryson and to his heirs and assignes forever, To the only the and behoof of him the said John Bryson his heirs and assigns forever. To be held of us our heirs and successors as of our mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in free and common soccage and not in capite or by Heughts? service yielding and paying unto us our heirs and successors for every fifty acres of land and so proportionally for a lesser or greater quantity than fifty acres the fee rent of one shilling yearly to be paid upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel and also cultivating and improving three acres part of every fifty of the tract abovementioned within three years after the date of these presents Provided always that if three years of the said fee rent shall at any time be in arrear and unpaid or if the John Bryson his heirs or assigns do not within the space of three years neaxt coming after the date of these presents cultivate and improve three acres part of every fifty of the tract above mentioned then the estate hereby granted shall cease and be utterly determined and thereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for us our heirs and successors to*

*grant the same lands and premises with the appurtenances unto such other person or persons as we our heirs and successors shall think fit. In Witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Withness our trusty and welbeloved William Gooch Esquire and Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the twentieth day of August one thousand seven hundred and forty in the Fourteenth year of our Reign.*  
William Gooch

*Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 19, 1739-1741, p. 721 (Reel 17)*

He made several petitions for roads and bridal paths but nothing else of real significance has been found.<sup>2</sup>

His will is dated November 15, 1755 but wasn't proven until October 25, 1770. Ann was named as co-executor of his will with their son John Bryson<sup>2</sup> but she is not mentioned in the probate records or subsequent records so she likely died sometime after the date of his will. He may have been a little younger than Ann because she was first married to Richard Meador by 1699 yet John appears to have lived until 1770 when his will was recorded which seems a very long time in the 1770s.

#### *John Bryson Will*

*In the name of God Amen, I John Bryson of the Parish of St. Thomas in Orange County being in health and sound memory, praise be to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the uncertainty of human life do make and appoint this my Last Will & Testament in writing as followeth to wit I give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it in hopes to receive the same again at resurrection of the great day and my body to the earth to be buried in a Decent Manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Bryson all the estate worldly estate which I am possessed with paying my daughter Mary Hackett five pounds current money of Virginia on demand after my decease. Item my will is that my estate after my decease shall remain in my son John Bryson's hands there to remain without being sold or disposed of in any shape, paying my lawful debts. Item I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Ann Bryson and my son John Bryson to be my joint executors in this my last will and Testament and I do hereby disanul and make void all other former wills and legacies whatsoever this 15th day of November 1755. (Mark)*

*Wit: W. Bell, Alexander Steward, Matthew Davis*

*At a court held for Orange County on Thursday the 25th day of October 1770 this last will and Testament of John Bryson deced. was produced into court by John Bryson executor therein named and proved by the oath of Wm. Bell and Matthew Davis two of the witnesses thereunto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to law therefore is granted him for obtaining of Probate thereof in due form he giving bond and security whereupon he with William Bell & Matthew Davis his securities \_\_\_\_ and acknowledge their bond for the same in the sum of L100.*

*Tese Geo Taylor*

*Orange County, VA Will Bk 2, 1744-1778, p 424-425*

### **Children of John and Ann (Meador, Mess) Bryson**

#### **Mary Bryson**

Mary's estimated birthdate is about 1722 probably in Essex County, Virginia. She was married to Martin Hackett by 1755.

A land grant dated July 7, 1763 for 300 acres in Orange County, Virginia was issued to Martin and Mary jointly. *Patent Book No. 35 1762-1764 (Vol 1 & 2), p 301-302, Library of Virginia*

There are road orders mentioning both Martin (Sr) and John Bryson in Louisa County. There was a small strip of land between Orange County and Albemarle County which was included in Louisa County and seemed to vacillate between being a part of Louisa County and Albemarle Co. This indicates that both the Brysons and Hacketts lived very near the county lines.

Martin Hackett was the son of Thomas and Mary Hackett. He was born July 15, 1715, baptized August 7, 1715 in Middlesex County, Virginia. *The Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia 1653-1812, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia, p 91*

His siblings John, William, Thomas, and Chickley's births and baptisms were also recorded in the Christ Church Parish records. There were two other siblings not recorded there: Mary who married Jony (Johnny) Scott and Garrett Hackett who also had a son named Martin (Junior).

*This Indenture Tripartite on this the fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy five between Thomas Hackett of Caroline of the first part and Martin Hackett of Albemarle County of the second part and Martin Hackett Jr of Caroline County of the third part. Whereas the said Thomas Hackett was seized of a fee of a tract of land containing about four hundred acres situate in the county of Albemarle from \_\_\_\_ by him of James Cox and was also possessed of two negroes I have named Geoffrey & York and of a mulatto servant to thirty one[?] years of age named Milly and her children and being so seized and possessed he the said Thomas did lend the said land slaves and servants to his said son Martin Hackett who is not possessed thereof but having no issue hath consented to the settlement thereof as hereafter mentioned. Now this indenture witnesseth that for the love and affection which the said Thomas Hackett beareth to his son Martin Hackett & to his grandson Martin Hackett son of Garret Hackett and for the sum of five shillings to the said Thomas in hand paid by Martin Hackett Junr the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Thomas Hackett with the consent of the said Martin Hackett the elder certified by his being a party to and sealing & delivering of these presents hath given granted & confirmed by these presents doth give grant and confirm unto Martin Hackett Junr and his heirs forever the said tract & of land according to the refuted bounds thereof with all ways, waters, improvements profits privileges advantages to the land belonging also the said two negro slaves and the mulatto servant Milly together with her increase for the residue of their time of service. To have and to hold the said land slaves and servants unto the said Martin Hackett Junr his heirs executors & adminrs In trust to and for*

*the several rises following that is to say to the use of the aforesaid Martin Hackett the elder for and during of his natural life and after his decease to him the said Martin Hackett Junr his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals affixed their seals the day and date above written.*

*Thomas (mark) Hackett*

*Sealed and Delivered in the presence of*

*Thomas Hackett Junr*

*William Brown Senr*

*William Brown Junr*

*At Albemarle March Court 1775*

*This indenture was proved by the oath of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded*

*John Nichols*

*Albemarle Co, VA Deed Book 6, p 421-422*

*Martin Hackett (Sr) Will:*

*In the Name of God Amen I Martin Hackett of the County of Albemarle being in health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God ^ calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament that is to say, Principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Exors. nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such wordly estate wherewith it hath please[d] God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispos of the same in the following manner & form*

*Imprimis My will and desire that my funeral expenses be discharged out of my estate also that all my just debts be lawfully paid. Also I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Mary Hackett her choice of half of my estate consisting of land, negroes, stock with the household goods, during her natural life and after her decease to my sister Mary Scott & her heirs.*

*Also I give and bequeath unto my Sister, Mary Scott at my decease half my land & negroes & stock to her & her heirs. I nominate & appoint my wife, Mary Hackett & Johnny Scott Exors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the nineteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.*

*Martin Hackett (seal)*

*Signed selaed in the presence of*

*Richd Bruce*

*Lewis Davis*

*H. Burch*

*Recorded Apr 8, 1790, Albemarle Co., VA*

*Albemarle County Virginia Will Bk 3, p 90*

## **John Bryson<sup>2</sup>**

John Bryson Jr. was born in 1720 most likely in Essex County, Virginia since his father and mother appear in Essex County records until 1728 when his father witnessed a deed from Henry Reeves to his step son, William Meador.

February 21, 1769 John Bryson Jr. and his wife Margaret UNK sell land to John Ogg. *Orange County, VA DB 15 p 39*

*This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four between Thomas Hacket of Caroline & of the one part and Martane Hackett [This is Martin Jr.] of the County of Albemarle of the other part Witnesseth the said Thomas Hacket for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Martane Hackett before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he the said Thomas Hackett doth acknowledge and confess himself fully satisfied and paid and thereof do clearly acquit exonerate and discharge the said Martin Hackett his heirs executors administrators and every of them forever by these presents have given granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed by these presents do fully clearly and absolutely bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto the said Martin Hackett his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land containing by supposition four hundred acres more or less lying & being in Albemarle County on Lynches River joining on the County line between Orange & Albemarle & bounded by Mr Garlicks line on the South side of the sd land & on Anne Woods on the lower end of the sd land together with all houses out houses orchards gardens fences woods underwoods waters & water courses thereunto belonging or in any ways appurtenant To have and to hold the said land and premises with all and singular these appurtenances to the same belonging to him the said Martin Hackett his heirs and assigns for ever & he the said Thomas Hackett for himself and his heirs the said lands and premises that these and every of these appurtenances to the said Martin Hackett his heirs assigns shall and will warrant & forever defend by these presents against any person or persons whatsoever having or lawfully claiming any right or title to the same or any part or parcel thereof & the sd Thomas Hackett for himself and his heirs doth grant covenant and agree to & with the sd Martin Hackett his heirs and assigns as followeth (Viz) that he the said Thomas Hackett at the time of Ensealing and delivery of these presents is and stands seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple of \_\_\_ in the above mentioned land and premises and that he hath a good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid & that the same shall forever remain unto him the sd Martin Hackett his heirs and assigns freely and clearly exonerated & discharged of all & all manner of other & former bargain sales leases title of dower & all other rights and estates whatever thereunto belonging In Witness whereof the sd Thos Hackett hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.*

*Thomas (mark) Hackett (L.S)*

*Signed sealed and delivered in presents of*

*John Bryson*

*Thos Shifflit*

*Ann Bryson*

*Jony [Johnny] Scott*

*Albemarle Co Deed Bk 6, p 455-457*

This is obviously John Bryson Jr, now Sr. and his daughter Ann who was born in 1749).

The final record for John in Orange County is the April, 1782 tax list taken by Jeremiah White. John is charged with 1 free male, 10 horses, 11 cattle.

*This Indenture made the Nineteenth day of April one thousand seven hundred & ninety one between Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson of the one part and John Davis of the other Witnesseth that the said Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson for and in consideration of the sum of ninety pounds current money of Virginia, the receipt whereof the said Henry doth acknowledge hath given &c: and by these presents doth give, grant bargain sell alien enfeof and confirm unto the said John Davis & his heirs forever all a tract of land containing four hundred acres more or less lying and being in the county of Orange and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at three white oaks on Lynches River thence crosst the road at the foot of Pimple hill at a branch thence marked trees up the branch to the back line on Broken Back Mountain, thence along the said line to the corner on the said mountain from thence down to the corner in the County line from thence up to the beginning. Including all the land that was John Brysons East of the above mentioned branch. To have and to hold the said land and premises unto the said John Davis and his heirs forever to the only use and behoof of him the sd. John Davis his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above.*

*Henry Austin (LS)*

*Received the within contents it being in full for the within mentioned tract of land*

*Henry Austin*

*At a court held for Orange County on Monday the 25th of April 1795. This Indenture from Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson to John Davis was acknowledged by the said Austin & ordered to be recorded.*

*Teste*

*James Taylor C.O.C*

*Orange Co., VA Deed Bk 19, p 501*

*This Indenture made this nineteenth day of April one thousand seven hundred & ninety one between Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson of the one part and Henry Austin Junr of the other witnesseth that the said Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson for the consideration of eighty pounds lawful money of Virga. the receipt whereof the said Henry doth acknowledge hath given &c: and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell alien, enfeof and confirm unto the said Henry Austin Junior, and his heirs forever all a tract of land containing four hundred acres more or less lying and being in the county of Orange, and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning on a corner on Lynches River at a new line by the mouth of a branch near pimple hill[?] thence up the run to Lanes line along the said line to William Shiflets line, thence to a corner above the Dug road thence along the south side of the*

*mountain to a branch at John Davis's line down the meanders of the said Branch to the North of the said branch. To have and to hold the said land and premises unto the said Henry Austin Junr. & his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof the said Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year within.*

*Henry Austin (LS)*

*Recd. the contents of the within for the within mentioned tract of Land in full*  
*Henry Austin*

*At a court held for Orange County on Monday the 25th of April 1795 This Indenture from Henry Austin attorney in fact for John Bryson to Henry Auston Junior was acknowledged by the said Austin & ordered to be Recorded.*

*Teste James Taylor C.O.C*

*Orange Co., VA Deed Bk 19, 502*

November 15, 1791 John Bryson gives power of attorney to Henry Oston (Austin) to sell land:

*Know all men that I John Bryson of Surry County and State of North Carolina Planter for good causes made and appointed my trusty friend Henry Oston of Albemarle County Commonwealth of Virginia gentleman, my true and lawful attorney to sell in open market all that site of land in the County of Orange and State of Virginia on the waters of Linches River as if I the sd John Bryson Senr. was present follow such legal courses for receiving debts due me by Bonds Notes of hands or open Accompts and in my name all things necessary touching and concerning the premises..this 15th day of Novr 1791.*

*At a Court held for Orange County the 23d April 1792 This Power of Attorney ord. to be recd. Orange Co. VA, Deed Bk 1791-1795 p 73*

*John Bryson Senr. 50 Acres*

*State of North Carolina*

*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.*

*Know ye that we for and in consideration for the sum of ten pounds for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our Treasury by John Bryson Senr. have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said John Bryson Senr a Tract of Land containing fifty acres lying and being in our County of Surey on Lovings Creek adjoining his former line on the East beginning on a white oak tree running North thirty one chains and sixty two links to a Spanish Oak tree thence West fifteen chains and eighty one links to a post oak tree in said Brysons former line thence South in said line thirty one chains and sixty two links to a post thence East to the Beginning as by the plat here unto annexed doth appear; together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said Lands belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said John Bryson Senr. his heirs and assigns forever. Yielding and paying to us such sums of money yearly or otherwise as our general assembly from time to time may direct provided always that the said John Bryson Senr shall cause this grant to be registered in*

*the Registers office of our said County of Surry within twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be void and of no effect. In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent and our great Seal to be hereunto affixed. Witness Richard Dobbs Saight Esquire, our Governor, captain general and commander in chief at Newbern the 24th day of Decr. in the 17th year of our Independence, and of our Lord 1792.*

*Recorded in the Secretary's Office. W. Haywood P Sec*

*Surry County North Carolina DB E p 93*

***John Bryson<sup>2</sup> Will***

*In the name of God Amen. I John Bryson of the State of North Carolina and County of Surry, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in the following manner, that is to say;*

*First, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Bryson the land and plantation whereon I now live to her and her heirs forever: Also I give to my said daughter Anne my big mare known by the name of Fanny together with her colt, one bed and furniture a waggon and gears, and a cow and calf.*

*Secondly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Bryson fifty pounds currency to raised out of my Estate, and one bed and furniture one horse commonly called buck and a saddle, one cow and calf.*

*Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Whitlock twenty five pounds Virginia currency to raised out of my Estate.*

*Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Word twenty-five pounds Virginia Currency to be raised out of my said Estate.*

*Lastly, my will and desire is that the remainder of my said Estate by sold by my Executors hereafter named and the produce thereof to be equally divided among my sons and daughters and that the children of my daughter Mary Cox deceased receive an equal part with one of my said children.*

*I hereby appoint my sons James and John Bryson<sup>3</sup>, and Thomas Whitlock my Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revokeing all other wills heretofore made.*

*John (mark) Bryson (seal)*

*Signed sealed and acknowledged this eight day of September Anno*

*Domini one thousand eight hundred and four in presents of*

*Alexander Bryson*

*Mallory Smith*

*Elizabeth (mark) Smith*

*State of North Carolina Surry County February Sessio AD 1808*

*Mallory Smith and Elizabeth Smith (two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of John Bryson) made oath that they did not see him sign but heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament and that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and did it freely and without compulsion and also saw Alexander Bryson sign the same as witness thereto:*

*Whereupon it was ordered to be recorded, done accordingly by Jo Williams C.C.*

All of his children are not named in his will. Bible records were given to Marty Grant which is posted on his website. a small portion of those records is shown below:

<http://www.martygrant.com/genealogy/bryson/bryson-john-surry.htm>

*John Bryson<sup>2</sup>, son of John Bryson<sup>1</sup>, and Anne his wife, b 10 Nov 1720.*

*James Bryson, son of John Bryson-Margaret his wife b 28 Nov 1745 in Virginia.*

*Anne Bryson b 21 May 1749*

*Jean Bryson b 19 Jun 1751\**

*John Bryson<sup>3</sup> b 5 Dec 1753*

*Alexander Bryson b 30 May 1756*

*Mary Bryson b 23 May 1758*

*Sarah Bryson b 18 May 1765*

*Frances Bryson b 18 Oct 1763*

*Margaret Bryson b 11 May 1765*

*Elizabeth Bryson b 31 Jan 1771*

*The above are the children of the first mentioned John Bryson who was born in 1720.*

*I swear that the above is a true and exact copy of information given in above stated Bible. Sign: Mary Lee Evans. Subscribed and sworn to before me at Portales, New Mexico, this A.D. 1959 Newton F. Watson, sign of Notary*

\*In early records Jean and Jane are interchangeable especially if there are Scottish roots

There has to be an error in the birthdates for Sarah and Margaret Bryson as this shows Margaret was born a week before Sarah. It has to be due to a transcription error. Some researchers give Sarah's birth year as 1761 which makes sense.

Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia, Benjamin Floyd Nuckolls, Baltimore, Genealogical PublishingCo., 1982 p 57 (originally published in 1914 in Bristol, TN) states that Col. Martin Dickenson's mother was a Miss Bryson of North Carolina, however he gave no sources or any clues whatsoever. Anyone who researches the Lewis Hail (**See Lewis Hail, son of Francis and Adara Haile**) line is most likely familiar with this book. Adara Haile (Meador) was the half sister of John Bryson Sr. (Surry Co., NC). Once again, for further information see Lewis Hail (also spelled Hale).

Aside from the Bible, another piece of information which links Jane/Jean to John Bryson in Surry County is in the probate file for John Bryson 1807 (1817 is marked out). It is found on Family Search Film #007641330, Image #529. Fanny Bryson initiated a petition against the executors of her father's estate for not giving Frances her share. Included in this petition are James Dickenson and his wife Jane (Bryson).

The most comprehensive document contained in the file concerning this matter is dated May 1819 *Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions*.

*North Carolina*

*Surry County*

*To the worshipful Court; the petition of Frances Bryson and James Dickeson [Dickenson] & his wife Jane hereby shew that John Bryson<sup>2</sup> the elder departed this life many years ago having duly made and published his will in writing in which he left James Bryson, John Bryson<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Whitlock as his executors who qualified as such & took upon themselves the Curthen of executors, said will the estate of said deceased was of a large amount, the executors possessed themselves of it; but have failed to pay over or deliver to your petitioners the share bequeathed to them. They pray that said executors may be compeled to appear at the next court and upon oath declare the amount of said estate which they have record & how they have disposed of the same and that a decree may be entered against them for the legacies of your petitioners and your and your petitioners &c[?]*

*J Martin for plaintiffs*

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89GJ-DTBC?i=1&cc=1911121>

James Dickenson and Jane lived in Patrick County, VA. He is possibly the James Dickenson who received a patent on April 10, 1781 in Henry County (Patrick Co. formed from Henry) but he is definitely the James who received a land patent August 2, 1797 in Patrick County, Virginia for 137 acres. (*Library of Virginia, Grant Book No. 39, p 495-496*) Page 495 also shows a patent to his son Martin for 150 acres.

James Dickenson died before Feb 16, 1828 when Martin Dickenson, executor submits an appraisal of James' slaves. (*Patrick County, VA Will Bk 2, p 59*) There is absolutely no doubt that James left a will but it has not been found in the records. It could be in loose papers or the clerk could have neglected to record it.

*February Court: The Last Will and Testament of James Dickenson (could be Dickerson-sometimes used interchangeably with Dickenson) decd. was proved by one witness and ordered to be certified for further proof Whereupon Martin Dickenson & William Carter the executors therein name came into Court took the oath prescribed by law, and entered into and acknowledged bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with Churchwell Jones, Martin Cloud and Archd. Stuart & A. Staples their securities conditioned according to law. (Patrick Co., VA Court Orders, Order (common law) books 1791-1864, Family History Center File # 33346, Image 704)*

Jane's death date is unknown.

**Refer to Lewis Hale line, son of Francis and Adara Hail, p101.**

Children of John Bryson<sup>2</sup> and Margaret (UNK)

**James Bryson** married Catherine Cox, daughter of William Cox who died in Orange County, VA , will dated Oct 8, 1782, proved Apr 25, 1783. *Orange Co VA Will Bk 3, p 59* William Cox names a daughter, Catherine Bryson. Since James is the only Bryson with a wife named Catherine it is logical that she

married James. William also had a son, John who married Mary Bryson.

**Ann** Bryson-never married

**Jane** Bryson married James Dickenson

**Capt. John** Bryson married Esther Joyce

**Alexander** Bryson-nothing known

**Mary** Bryson married John Cox

**Frances** Bryson-may have lived in Wythe Co., VA (don't think she married)

**Margaret** Bryson married Thomas Whitlock

**Sarah** Bryson-never married

**Elizabeth** Bryson married William Word

It should be noted that many researchers show Margaret (the mother) as a Whitlock. This has not been verified by this researcher. **The intent is to establish relationship between the Bryson, Dickenson, and Hail families and how they intertwine rather than research all the children and their spouses.**

### *The Mess Family*

The question is whether the surname was Mess or Moss. The only document found in which the name appears to be Moss is the deed from John and Henry Boughan. The fact that this land was sold to John Mess is unquestionable as later documents show. There is no connection with John Mess and the Moss family of Essex County, Virginia.

On April 11, 1684 John Moss of Gloster County purchased 400 acres from John and Henry Boughan.

*To all xpian people to whome these presents shall come we John Boughan & Henry Boughan of the county of Rappa send Greeting. Know yee that we the said John Boughan and Henry Boughan for divers good causes and valluable consideration thereunto moveing and especially for and in consideration of the sum of fourty pounds Sterl: money in hand received Have bargained sold aligened assured ad confirmed and by these presents doe bargaine sell aligen assure and confirm unto Jno Moss of the County of Gloster fower hundred acres of land scituate lying and being on the south side of Piscadeicon Pucopon and Beginning at a marked White oak standing on the mouth branch known by the name of the Western Branch on the West side of the Branch and thence runing Southerly up the said Western Branch to Mr. Joseph Goodrich his lyne and then westerly along the said Goodrich his lyne to a corner tree deviding this Land and the Land of Thomas Harper and thence along northerly the lyne that devides this Land and the Land of the said Harper to a corner white oak standing upon or nigh the maine Pucoson above said And thence Easterly down the said Pucoson to the place it first began. To have and to hold the said bargained land and Prmises unto the said John Moss and his heirs forever with all Proffitts comodities and appertneces thereunto belonging or in any wise appertayning without the Lett hindrance eviction or molestation of us the said John Boughan and Henry or heires Executors & administrators or Assignes and it is hereby further covenanted and agreed upon and the said John Boughan and Henry Boughan doe by these prsents covenant & agree to warrant and defend the said Land unto the sd John Moss and his heirs of & from the clayme & Title of any Person or Persons whatsoever that shall have any Title or claime thereto for to any part or parcell thereof and further do covenant and Promise to acknowledge the*

*same in the County Court of Rappa upon demand. In Testimony whereof we the said John Boughan and Henry Boughan have hereunto sett or hands and affixed or seales this 2d day of Aprill Ano 1684.*

*John Boughan (seale)*

*Henry (mark) Boughan (seale)*

*Signed Sealed & delivered in the  
presence of us*

*Henry Watkins*

*John (mark) Jones*

*These words in the 7th line being first interlined (vizt. in hand received)*

*Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 2d die \_\_\_\_\_ Anno 1684 et Recordatr x9 die April, mens Ano Sup Edicto  
Test. Wm Colston Cl Cur*

*Old Rappahannock D&W Bk 7 1682-1688, p 98-99*

This was part of 1,000 acres granted to James Boughan Sr and Thomas Harper in an October 8, 1672 patent. (*Library of Virginia, Patents No 6, 1666-1679 #1672-1008*). James Boughan Jr. and Thomas Harper divided this patent on June 10, 1678 (after the death of James Boughan Sr. which occurred before March 9, 1678) (*Old Rappahannock Co VA Deed Bk 6, p 55*). March 29, 1678 James Boughan Jr. (later referred as Maj. James Boughan) deeded this land to his brothers: John, Henry and Alexander Boughan. It was to be divided between the three of them. (*Old Rappahannock Co, VA Deed Bk 6, p 41*). Alexander died sometime after the date of this deed; this is the last record for him and he had no heirs. Alexander's 200 acres reverted back to Maj. James Boughan's estate and was inherited by his son, Capt. James Boughan upon the major's death between Jan 14, 1711-July, 1712.

**Refer to p 92.**

*John Mess Will*

*In the name of God Amen I John Mess being very sick & weake in body but I thank God in perfect sence & memory do make this my last will & Testament in manner & forme as followeth, first I give my soul to Almighty God that gave it to me hoping through the merits & mediaton of my Lord Savr. Jesus Christ to receive eternal hapiness after this paynfull life is ended and my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the hands of my Exr hereafter followeth*

*It: I give and bequeath unto my daffter Anne Mess one parcell land that lyeth on the west side of a brance called the poplar brance as is already layd out from the head of the said brance to the back line & so adjoyning upon the division line of Jno Harper to her & her heires forever.*

*It: I give & bequeath unto my Daffter Mary Mess that land and plantasion where Henry Kurbey now liveth with all ye land of the South side of a brance & called the Meirey Brance to take into her posesion ameadetley after my death & so to remaine untill please God my wife Mary Mess shall dye and after the death of my said wife I give the above sd Land & plantaton to my Daffter Eliza. Mess and her haires forever and the plantacon and Land beleing [belonging] to it wth [which] is not already bequeaved whereon I now liveth I then give unto my Daffter Mary Mess and har [her] hares forever*

*It: I give my Daffter Anne Mess one young mare colte that now runeth by the my mare side to hare & hare [her] hares forever*

*It: I give all the increase of my mare to be eaqualley to be divided between my to Daffters Mary Mess &*

*Eliza: Mess as long as my said mare shall live to them and thare haire forever.*

*It: My will & desier is that my old mare & my Spaied Mare shall run upon my now dewell plantaton for the yuse & service of the sd plantaton.*

*It: I give and bequeave to Mary Boughan Daffter to Jno Boughan one yowe & a Lame to take into her hands & posesion presently after my death.*

*It: I give and bequeave unto Dianey Richardson Daffter to Robt Richardson one yowe [ewe] & Lame [lamb] to take into her posision presently after my death.*

*It: I give & bequave to my brother Jno Boughan all my waring cloves [cloathes] to take into his hands posision presently after my death.*

*It: I give and bequave to my son in law Wm. Cox one pare of gloves & one pare of spures to take into his hands & posesion presently after my death.*

*It: I give and bequave unto John Tayler fore yards of Karsey that I have now in the chist [chest] wth Butons & thread to make it up to take into his hands & posision presently after my death and all the rest of my Estate that please God have bestowed upon me my will & desire is that it be eaqually divided between my wife Mary Mess & my three children as is above menconed makeing my Daffter Ann Mess & my wife Mary Mess my solde & holle Exectricks of this my last will & Testamt. as witness my hand & seal 22 day of Desember 1697.*

*John (mark) Mess (seale)*

*the word Mess in the first bequest was interlined before lined*

*Sined Seall in the presents of us*

*Henry Kearby*

*William (marke) Sames*

*James Boughan*

*Prov'd by the oaths of witnesses hereto in Essex County Court ye 10th day of March Ano dom 1697 & truely recorded [this would be 1697/98]*

*Test C Meriwether Cl Cur*

*Essex Co. D&W Bk 9 1695-1699 p 163*

*July 13, 1698 Court-It is ordered that ye Sheriff of this County or his Deputy summon Richard Meaders & Ann his wife, surviving Exx. of John Mess to appear at ye next Court to give bond for ye probate of ye sd deceds will. (Essex Co. VA Order Bk 2 1695-1699 (CH Transcript) p 111)*

of the death side of a braue rallo the mory braue to take  
 into her possion and doctly after my death to remaine  
 until please God my wife Mary Mess shall die and after the  
 death of my said wife I give the above said Land & plantation  
 to my Daughter Elizabeth Mess and her heirs for ever and the  
 plantation and Land belong to it which is not already bequeathed  
 where I now live I then give unto my Daughter Mary Mess  
 and her heirs for ever  
 I then give my Daughter Anne Mess our young Marro (so) that now  
 runneth by the my Marro side to have & have heirs for ever  
 I then give all the share of my Marro to be equally to be  
 divided between my two Daughters Mary Mess & Elizabeth Mess as  
 long as my said Marro shall live to them and have heirs  
 for ever.  
 It is my will & desire is that my old Marro & my Spanish Marro  
 shall run upon my now dwell plantation for the y<sup>e</sup> &  
 service of the said plantation.  
 I then give and bequeath to Mary Boughman Daughter to J<sup>r</sup>  
 Boughman our young & Lams to take into her hand &  
 possession presently after my death.  
 I then give and bequeath unto Diancy Rithardson Daughter to  
 Rob<sup>t</sup> Rithardson our young & Lams to take into her possession  
 presently after my death.

Green box-O's, Red box-words with identifiable "e's", Blue box-Mess

Compare the handwriting on the identifiable words which contain "e" and those in the blue box in the name "Mess".

Once these letters are compared, the name is most definitely "Mess".

*On September 23, 1698 Richard and Ann Meader posted bond for the Ann's Executorship of John Mess' estate. Robert Halsey was security. Essex Co. D&W Bk 9 1695-1699 p 247*

John Mess' inventory was taken by Frances Browne, James Fullerton (II), and John Fergeson and taken October 27, 1698. On November 11, 1698 in was presented in court by Richard and Ann Meaders (*Essex Co VA D&W Bk 9 1695-1699 p 284*)

His wife, Mary, is thought to be a Boughan since he refers to John Boughan as his brother however that relationship would still apply if John Boughan had married a sister of John Mess. Neither has been proven.

### **Children of John and Mary Mess**

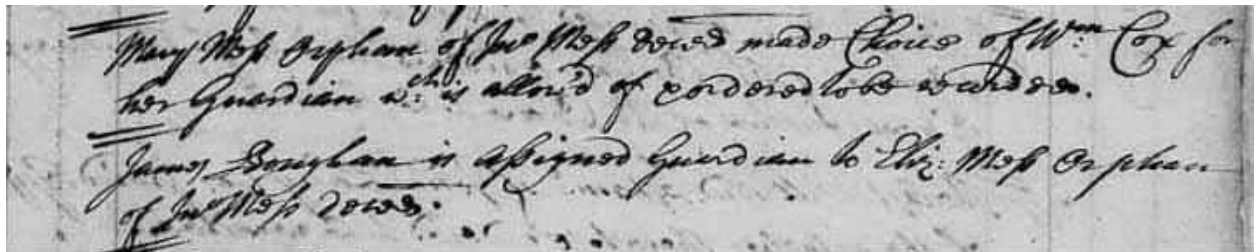
There seems to have been an older daughter who married William Cox and died prior to John Mess' will because John Mess refers to William Cox as his son-in-law. William Cox was the son of Henry Cox and Arabella Strachey so he definitely was not a step-son to John Mess. About the time John Mess died, William was married to Frances Wood (UNK), widow of John Wood; William and Frances were married by July 27, 1699. There seems to be no issue from William's first marriage if that indeed explains the term son-in-law. Elizabeth Wood (daughter of Frances & John Wood) married Thomas Meador, son of John and Elizabeth (White) Meador.

### ***Ann, Mary and Elizabeth Mess (daughters of John and Mary)***

**Ann** married Richard Meador (II-3-1)

Ann's sisters, **Mary and Elizabeth** were underage at the time of their parent's death. Mary chose William Cox as her guardian (which means she had to be at least 14 years old) on March 11, 1697/98. The court appointed Maj. James Boughan (previously identified as James Boughan Jr) the guardian of Elizabeth. (James is the brother of John, Henry Boughan, and Alexander; he is also the father of John Boughan who married Susanna Lee (Ley), daughter of Rose North. Susanna was the sister of Dorothy North who married Richard Awbrey. Sparacio transcribed these documents incorrectly by identifying the surname as Moss.

*Essex Co, VA Court Order Bk 1695-1699, p 99 Family Search Film #007856404, Image 296, Mar 11, 1697*



December 12, 1712 James Boughan (son of Maj. James Boughan) had petitioned the court against Henry Boughan, John Pickett and Mary his wife Francis Pierce & Mary his wife, and William Cox-the suit was dismissed the plaintiff failing to prosecute. *Essex County Order Bk 4 p 489*

**Mary, wife of Francis Pierce, is a clerical error.**

*March 18, 1712/13*

*Henry Boughan, John Pickett and Mary his wife, Francis Pierce and Elizabeth his wife & Wm. Cox were summoned to answer James Boughan [son of Maj. James Boughan] of a plea wherefore whereas the sd Henry, John & Mary his wife the sd Francis and Eliza. his wife the sd Wm and the sd James do hold together and undivided to them & their heires six hundred acres of land with the appurtenances in the parish of So Farnahm in the County of Essex the Defts refuse to make partition thereof among them and the plt according to the form of the statute in this case made & provided and the same to be done do unjustly hinder agt. the form of the said Statute and whereupon the said James saith that the said Defendts and this plt together & undivided do hold to them and their heirs the land and appurtenances afd whereof it belongs to the plt to have one third and the sd Defts the other two thirds seperately so that the sd plt may improve his third seperately and the said deft may make improvemts of their two thirds seperately the sd defts to make petition with the plt. according to the fou(missing) of the statute in this case made & provided do deny and the same do unjustly hinder contrary to (missing) sd statute & whereby the plt saith he is the worse and damage hath one hundred par(missing) the Deft being returned summoned and failing to appear it is therefore considered by the Court that an attacht. be granted the plt agt. the body of the sd Deft so that they be had at ye next court to answer upon the premises and that the land aforesaid be Distrained and put into ye possession of the plt. until they the Deft shall appear and answer as aforesaid.*

*Essex Co Order Bk 4 p 511-512*

*April 9, 1713 The accon brot. by James Boughan ag. Henry Boughan, John Pickett & Mary his wife, Francis Pierce and Eliza. his wife and Wm. Cox is dismissed ye plt. failing to prosecute. Essex Co Order Bk 4 p 521*

The above records refer back to the patent which was given to John, Henry, and Alexander Boughan (by their brother, James) 400 acres which was sold to John Mess. **See pages 86-87.** The suit may have been settled by a verbal agreement between James Boughan and his uncle Henry in which Henry agreed to purchase the remaining 200 acres from James. The actual deed from James to Henry is dated January 14, 1713/14 and recorded the same day. (*Essex Co, VA, D&W Bk 14, p 168*)

John Boughan, brother of Henry and Maj. James Boughan died before March 10, 1697 (date his will was proven)-shortly before John Mess' death. Recall that John Boughan is called brother in John Mess' will. It's possible that he was married to Mary Mess, a sister of John Mess (for which no documentation exists) or that John Mess was married to an unknown sister (also Mary) of John, Henry, and Maj. James Boughan but neither scenario has been confirmed. These documents when put together, confirm the

identity of Mary and Elizabeth Mess' spouses.

### **Mary Mess**

Mary married John Pickett (son of Henry Pickett and probably his first wife, Sarah).

John and Mary (Mess) Pickett had several children but the one which is most interesting is Mace Pickett. His name appears as Mayes and Mace in some Caroline County court records but there are also records in which his name is recorded as "Mess" Pickett. May Court 1782 "Mess Pickett is exempted from the payment of the county levy". *Caroline County Order Book 1781-1785, Part 1, p 51, Fam Search Film #007644361*. Also in reference to "John Skinker admr of James Bowie Decd against "Mess Pickett". This suit abates by the defendents death." *Caroline County Order Book 1785-1787, May Court 1785, p 31, Family Search Film #007644362*. More records are surfacing in which his name appears as Mess.

John and Mary executed a deed of gift (Feb 20, 1765) to their son Mace, 125 acres bounded by William and Henry Cox. This would appear to be her inheritance from her father. (*Essex Co, VA Deed Book 30, p 24*)

Is it possible that "Mess" could have been pronounced "Mace"? Given the many dialects in Colonial Virginia, it is entirely possible. It is certainly worth considering since many names in the Tidewater area of Virginia are not pronounced as one would expect.<sup>4</sup>

### **Elizabeth Mess**

There is a great deal of erroneous information on the internet regarding the maiden name of Elizabeth and Mary. One such statement is that they were Boughans. If one studies the court cases previously noted, one might come to that conclusion but when the supporting documents are perused an entirely different picture emerges. Those have been layed out on the previous pages.

Elizabeth married Francis Pierce. Another incorrect assumption is that Francis was married to Elizabeth, she died and he then married a Mary. This is based on the discrepancy of his wife's name in the court orders however both before and after that particular order, Elizabeth appears as his wife. The books have likely been copied several times and Mary is simply a clerical error.

Francis' mother was Ann UNK who married Jonathan Grills after the death of her first husband (UNK Pierce). The documents which point to this relationship are:

August, 1684 deed of gift (100 acres) from Grills to his wife Ann and her heirs; land which he purchased of John Pigg of New Kent County. (*Old Rappahannock Co, VA Deed Bk 1682-1688, p 451-452*) Although the deed from Pigg to Grills is not of record, it is referred to in an assignment of Pigg's patent (December 22, 1682) to William Young minus the 100 acres he sold to Jonathan Grills., August 1, 1684. (*Old Rappahannock County VA Deed Bk 7, p 123, Film # 007646148, familysearch.org*)

Jonathan Grills' will names Ann's sons: Francis and William Peircy. Essex County, VA (*Deed & Will Bk 10, p 4*) When Jonathan's will was presented to court, Ann had remarried John Braiser.

July 10, 1712 Francis Pearce sold Benjamin Fisher 70 acres which was part of a patent of 440 acres granted to John Pigg dated Dec 22, 1682. Elizabeth Pearce released her dower right the same day. (Essex County, VA Deed Bk 14, p 71)

While some researchers have several children for Francis and Elizabeth; only one has been documented by the author:

*January 14, 1714/15 Court-On the motion of Henry Boughan to have Wm Pierse an infant the son of Francis Pierse late of this county to be bound an apprentice to him to the trade of a carpenter untill the sd -Francis Pierse shall return again into this county or until the sd Wm Pierse shall attaine the age of twenty one years which shall first happen which is ordered by the court accordingly & also that the sd Boughan learn the sd Wm Pierse the trade of a carpenter according to the best of his skills & find & provide the sd Wm. good & sufficient meat drink washing lodging & apparels during the sd term & cause him to be taught to read & write and also that the sd Boughan shall & may dureing he sd time make use of & occupy the plantation whereon the sd Francis Pierse late dwelt doing no willful spoile & it is further ordered that the sd Boughan pay to Tho: Evans 8 shill or eighty pounds of Tobo. which the sd Evans hath expended for cloaths for the sd Wm. Pierse. Essex County Order Book 4, p 622-623*

Because of the Boughan connection, this is undoubtedly the correct Francis Pierce. Caution should be taken in regard to any other children for Francis and Elizabeth until they can be proven without a doubt. There are many Pierces in various counties surrounding Essex about this time.

Elizabeth may be deceased by the time this court order occurred; perhaps she died in childbirth. There don't seem to be any records which mention her after the court case with James Boughan. It is unknown where Francis went or the reason he left but he returned and is undeniably the same Francis who witnessed the will of John Meador in 1721. The last known record that mentions him is an estate account for John Meador, September 19, 1723. Currently it is unknown what happened to the land Elizabeth inherited from her father



## *Chapter 7*

### **II-3-1c Addra (Adara) Meador**

The first thing one needs to know about this person is that her name was NOT Clara Adara. When little information was known about her it was an attempt to make sense of her name and it was thought that her name may have been misinterpreted. This fallacy began about the year 2000. This is the result when someone posts a theory and other's take it as fact; it takes on a life of it's own no matter how incorrect. There is no such person as Clara Adara and there are NO records which identify her as Clara.

Adara's marriage to Francis Haile, son of John and Mary (UNK) Haile is largely circumstantial. She was obviously named for her great grandmother White. Adara and other spellings of her name along with in-depth research of the Haile family and their interactions with the Meadors is crucial to arriving at this conclusion

She appears in the 1782 Tax List of Bedford County therefore she did not die in 1780 as many researchers report:

Adra Haile

negroe Harry

Land-none

personal property & tithes-14 shillings

free whites over 21 None

slaves-1

horses-1

cattle-8

white tithes over 16-none

blacks over 16-1

### *The Haile/Hail Family*

#### **Francis Haile**

There are only two records in Essex County for Francis. One is his father's will and the other is when he attended an auction for the estate of Mary Nalle in 1734 where he purchased a pair of sizards & a runlet.

He is next found in the September 13, 1745 Caroline County court orders when John Dudley and Ursula his wife acknowledged their deed of land to Francis Haile. Unfortunately due to record loss it's impossible to gain any more knowledge about this land or any other land that Francis owned.

In 1749 he is appointed overseer of the road from the County road to the Ivey Church in the room of Bryant Edmondson. (Bryant was married to his sister Mary Haile.)

He appears in a few other court orders in Caroline Co but most important is dated March 14, 1754 where Francis Haile and "Ardra" [II-3-1c] his wife acknowledged their deed indented to Moses Penn because it confirms that he and his wife are the same people who later appear in Bedford Co. Again, we have no land description. (*Caroline County Order Book 1746-1754 Part 2, p 468*)

In 1765 Francis Hale was exempted from paying tithes and working on roads because of age and infirmity. *Colonial Caroline, A History of Caroline County, Virginia, T. E. Campbell, The Dietz Press, Inc, Richmond, VA, p 367.*

All of Francis' children were born in Caroline County. Based on the preceding glimpse of Francis' age there is no way any of them were born in Bedford County.

To date, the earliest record found for any member of the Haile/Hale/Hail line after leaving Caroline County was found in Bedford County, Virginia:

*August 28, 1770 On the motion of Francis Smith it is Ordd that Lewis Hail, Jeremiah Maxey find Secy for their Behavr whereon Walter Maxey undertakes for the said Jeremiah Maxey & Thos Lovin undertakes for the sd Lewis Hale the principale into & his Secy in to each for their good behavr for a year & a Day. Bedford County, Virginia Court Order Bk 3 p 673*

(Jeremiah Maxey was the son of Walter Maxey and Mary Ann Netherland (no definitive proof has been found concerning her maiden name). Note that Jeremiah Maxey married, as his first wife, Mourning Hail, a daughter of Francis and Adara, however we do not have a marriage date for them. Refer to *The Maxeys of Virginia : a genealogical history of the descendants of Edward and Susannah Maxey, Edythe Maxey Clark, Baltimore : Gateway Press ; 1980* for further information on the Maxey family. The Maxeys came from Goochland County, Virginia.

It looks as though Francis and Richard did not move into Bedford Co as early as Lewis for Oct 12, 1775, *Caroline County, Virginia Minute Book 1774-1781, 1784, p 73, "A Deed indented and rect from Frans & Adra Hale to Richd Haile provd by Humphrey Burdett &c certd."* He must have moved very soon after this deed for his will states that he was of Bedford County.

The spellings of the Hale/Haile/Hail surname begin to change here. Keep in mind that there were several different Hale families in Bedford County and they are extremely difficult to identify. It isn't clear how or what land Francis acquired in Bedford County as no deed has been found; or at least one that identifies it but he does refer to his real estate in his will. As his children and grandchildren left the area they sold land which was presumably left to them but there are no documents explaining how it was acquired.

#### *Francis Haile Will*

*In the name of God Amen I Francis Haile of Bedford County being weak in Body but in perfect sence and sound Memory blessed be almighty God for the same and calling to mind the mortallity of the Body do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following my soul I commit to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who I Trust has redeemd it with his precious blood and my body to be*

*Buried in a Christian like Manner at the descretion of my Executor hereafter named and all my Estate to be disposed off as follows Item I lend unto my Wife Adara Haile all my personel and real Estate during her life and after her Decease to be Equally devided except Two Beds amongst my Eight Children as follows Richard Haile Stephen Haile, Lewis Haile Elisabeth Mary Ruth, Ushely Mourning and it is my Will and desire that my Son Lewis Haile shall have one Bed that I made use of for my own Lodging--and my Daughter Mary one Good or next best bed with the Furniture Note this my will is they shall have and Equal Sheare of all besides such as Money or whatsoever also as I appoint Stephen Haile and Lewis Haile my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and if my son Richard does not take in his Bonds one for 75 lb[?] the other for 8 pounds by paying the mony or other sattiesfaction my above Executors is to take the Matter and Collect and Distribute accordin to this my last Will and Testamt disannuling and making void all Wills before made as Witness my hand and Seeal this 5th day of December one Thousand Seven Hund---- and Seventy five*

*Francis Haile LS*

*Signed Seald and Dellivered*

*in preasence of us*

*Jonathan Pratt*

*George Bowles*

*Barnabas (mark) Arther*

*At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of Augt 1780 This last will and Testament of Francis deceased was provid by the Oaths of George Bowles and Barnabas Arthur Witnesses thereto subscribed and Ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Stephen Haile one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto certificate is granted him for Obtaining probate in due form giving Security whereupon he Together with Barnabus Arthur and James Ayres his Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of Forty Thousand Pounds for the said Executors due and faithful administration of the said decedents Estate and performance of his Will Liberty being reserved the other Exor named in said Will to Join in the probate thereof when he shall think fit.*

*Teste J Steptoe Cl*

*Bedford Co VA WB 1 1763-1787 p 371*

As mentioned previously, Adara appeared in the 1782 tax list of Bedford County therefore she died sometime after 1782. (Parker & Preston. *A List of Tithable Property and of Tithes Taken in Bedford County, VA, 1782*, p 38).

#### Children of Francis and Adara (Meador) Haile

It is not the intent to include the entire Haile line here. Elaborating on these children would entail another complete book therefore only information that pertains to the Meadors is included.

**Stephen** b ca 1745 d bef Feb 27, 1815 Pulaski Co., KY , married Nancy Arthur,

**Richard** married Elizabeth Edmundson, daughter of Richard and Priscilla Edmondson who died 1784, Bedford Co., VA. The Edmondsons were also from Caroline Co.

**Elizabeth**-no further information

**Ruth**-no further information

**Ushely** married Asa Holland

**Mourning** d after 1801, GA married as his first wife, Jeremiah Maxey (son of Walter Maxey)

**Mary E** married as his first wife, Gwyn Dudley, d bef August, 1797; Dudley's 2nd wife was Mary Pasley m Aug 17, 1797

**Lewis** (of Grayson Co. VA) b Nov.,1742, d July 2, 1802, Grayson Co, VA married Mary Burwell (still unproved)

### **Lewis Hail/Hale**

Nuckolls in his book (Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia) stated the Hales came from Kent (England) and New England and into Virginia and Franklin County. He mentioned Edward who married Patsy Perdue. Earlier in our research we would have referred to this line as the "Bent Mountain line". He also states that Lewis Hale was of this line. This is incorrect as Lewis was the son of Francis and Adara and their known family history goes as far back as the 1670s in Old Rappahannock County, Virginia. Adding to the confusion some of the Nicholas Hale line (Lancaster Co. VA) drifted into the Bedford County area early. No recorded connection has ever been found with the Nicholas Hale family in Lancaster County, Virginia nor a marriage for Lewis Hale to Mary Burwell. The culprit for the misinformation connecting Francis Hail line to Nicholas is a book called Descendants of the First Families of Virginia and Maryland by Maud Crow written in 1978. As far as Mary Burwell, Nuckolls did not give sources but does allude to gaining his information from other family members. As you will see, Lewis is important because of family relationships with the Dickensons. These relationships establish lineage back to Ann Bryson (Meador, Mess) in Orange and Essex Counties, VA.

Aside from the court order which was mentioned above, several indentures were found for Lewis Haile in Pittsylvania County:

*This Indenture made the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy three Between Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife of the County of Pittsylvania and Lewis Haile of Bedford of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the said Nathaniel Chaistain and Jean his wife by Indenture Bearing date the day before the date whereof for the consideration therein mentioned did Grant Bargain and sell to the said Lewis Haile One hundred and thirty acres of Land it being part pattent Granted to Thomas Hestie on the fifteenth Day of July One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Including the plantation whereon the said Nathaniel Christain now lives and is Bounded as follow to Wit Beginning at maple on the River thence South Twenty five degrees West Eighty poles to a white oak North sixty five degrees west Two hundred and sixty poles to a red oak North Twenty five degrees East Eighty four poles to a white oak on the River aforesaid then down the River as it meanders to the Beginning and also all Ways Water Waies courses Easements profits priviledges Commodities and advantages whatsoever to [blank] same belonging or in any wise appertaining and Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof and every part or parcel thereof To have and to hold the same one hundred and thirty acres of Land and every part or parcel Together with all Rents and Services of \_\_\_\_\_ & upon all or any \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of the premises as any part or parcel thereof To have and to hold the same Land and Premises therein mentioned thereby intended to be bargained and Sold with their*

every of their appurtenances unto the said Lewis Haile his Heirs & Executors and as assigns from the date whereof during the full and time of Six months from thence next ensuing and fully to be compleated to end & to the end that by virtue of these presents and of the Statute for Transferring use into possession the said Lewis Haile his Heirs may be actual possession of the premises and be Enabled to take and accept of agrmt and Release of the same to him the said Lewis Haile his Heirs or assigns forever as the said Recited Indenture it doth more fully and at large appear now this Indenture Witnesseth the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife for and in Consideration of Forty seven pounds ten shillings Current to them in hand paid before the Sealing and Delivering hereof the Receipt whereof the said Nathl Christain & Jean his wife doth here acknowledge and \_\_\_\_\_ and every part and parcell thereof and doth hereby acquit and Exonerate and Discharge him the said Lewis Haile his heirs Executors and Admrs and for divers other Good Causes & Considerations them the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife thereto moving hath Granted Release and Confirmed and by these presents doth Grant, Release and Confirm unto the said Lewis Haile heirs and assigns all the aforesaid hundred and aforesaid hundred and thirty acres of Land and every part and parcel thereof and all the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of them the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife of in and the Premises and every part or parcel thereof and all rent and Rents unto other Services reserved & payable on any Demi[blot] demises Lease or Leases of the Premises as any part or parcel thereof To have and to hold the said one hundred and thirty acres of Land messuages Houses and buildings and other Premises with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof mentioned as intended to be hereby Granted Releasd and Confirmed unto the sd Lewis Haile as [and] his Heirs & assigns forever and to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever to the only proper use and behoof the said Lewis Haile his Heirs and assigns forever and the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife for themselves their Heirs Executors and Admrs doth hereby Covenant to and with the said Lewis Haile his Heirs and assigns and convey of them in manner following that is to say that Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife at the time of sealing and delivery thereof hath full [blot] good right and Lawful authority to Grant bargain and sell Release and Confirm all and singular the before hereby Granted or mentioned or intended to be Granted premises with their and every of the appurtenances unto said Lewis Haile his Heirs and assigns and every of them shall and may by force and virtue of these Presents at all times hereafter Lawfully peaceably and Quietly have hold use of occupy possess and enjoy the same one hundred and thirty acres of land messuages buildings with their and every of their appurtenances and all and Singular the before granted premises and have and received the 3 notes and profits thereof to his and these proper use and behoof forever without any Lawfullet suit trouble denial or interruption Eviction or Disturbance of them the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife their Heirs and assigns or any person or persons whatsoever and will Warrant and Defend the Land and premises and the appurtenances unto the said Lewis Haile his heirs and assigns forever and Lastly it is hereby covenanated and agreed by and between the parties and the said Nathaniel Christain and Jean his wife for themselves & their Heirs Exrs Admrs doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Lewis Haile his Heires Executors and Admrs and every persons claiming to claim any Estate right or Title to the premises before hereby granted by from or under them the sd Nathanl. Christain and Jean his wife their Heirs and assigns shall and will at all times dureing the space of seven years from the date of these presents upon reeasonable Request and at the proper expence and charge of him the said Lewis

*Haile his Heirs and assigns do perform acknowledge Execute all such further Lawfull acts assurances and Conveyances in the Law whatsoever for their better and more perfect assigning and concentering all and Singular the before hereby Granted as mentioned to be Granted premises unto the said Lewis Haile his Heirs and assigns forever be it by Deed or Deeds as Enfeolment of these presents as other wise however as by the sd Lewis Haile his Heirs and assigns as by his or their Counceal Learned in the Law shall be Reasonably Devised advised or Rquired. In Witness whereof the parties to these presents interchangably set their hands and seals in day and year above written.*

*Nathaniel Christain*

*Jean Christain*

*Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of*

*Parmenas Haynes, Jonathan Pratt, Gwyne Dudley*

*Pittsylvania Co VA, Deed Book 3 p 326-328*

*This indenture made this 15 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight between Lewis Hale of the County of Pittsylvania of the one part witnesseth that the said Lewis Hale for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, Bargain and sell unto the said William Burdett and to his heirs and assigns forever one certain Tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and thirty acres being part of the Tract of Land whereon the said Lewis Hale now lives situate lying and being in the said County of Pittsylvania on the south side of Stanton River at the Mouth of Black Water and Bounds as followeth: Viz: Beginning at a beach on the side of said river thence along a new line to a post oak standing on a path thence along the said path to a post oak standing on the main road thence along the road as it meandors cornering at a post oak in the ole line thence along the said line to a maple standing on Stanton River aforesaid thence up the said river to the first Station together with all houses out houses Edifices building yards Gardens orchards ways waters profits commodities Heriditaments and appertenances to the same belonging on in any wise appertaing and the reversion and reversions remainders and remainders rents Issues [?] and profits there of and all the estate rite title interest property claim and Demand of him the said Lewis Hale of in or to the same or any part thereof to have and to hold the said 130 acres of land and premises with the appertenances unto the said William Burdett his heirs and assigns forever and the said Lewis Hale doth for himself and his heirs hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said William Burdett his heirs and assigns that he the said Lewis Hale and his heirs shall and will warrant and forever defend the said Bargain'd land and premises to the said William Burdett his heirs and assigns against him the said Lewis Hale and his heirs against all and every other person or persons claiming by from or under him or them or any of them and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Lewis Hale hath hereunto set his hand and seal the[blot] and day first above written (No witnesses shownl) Rec. Feb 6, 1778 [Mary relinquishes right of dower]*

*Pittsylvania Co VA Deed Bk 4 p 464-465*

*This indenture made this 10th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. betwixt: Lewis Haill and Mary his wife of the County of Pittsylvania of one part and Robert*

*Cowan [probably Cowden] of the County of Bedford of the part, WITNESSETH, that the said Lewis Haill and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 200 pounds current money of the State of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt where of they do hereby acknowledge both, granted, bargained, sold aliened and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain sell align and confirm unto the said Robert Cowan a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pittsylvania and Henry and containing 100 acres more or less and bounded as follows viz: Beginning at Smiths line, upon Blackwater thence down Black Water untill it runs into Stanton River thence down Stanton River to a beach tree, four sides which is chopt, thence allong up a Cliff of Rocks, thence up along the ridge (upon a marked line, to a post oak, chopt on three sides, which stands upon the edge of the Publick Road thence up the road to Smiths line thence down Smiths line to the beginning upon Black Water to have and to hold the said granted land and premises together with all privelidges and appertenances thereunto belonging with the reversion and reversions. Remainder and remainders of every part of parcell thereof unto him the said Robert Cowan his his heirs and assigns forever and the said Lewis Haill and Mary his wife doth covenant and agree to grant the said Robert Cowan his heirs and assigns, that they the said Lewis and Mary their heirs and assigns shall and will Warrant and defend forever the said granted land and premises with all the appertenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Robert Cowan his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof we have set our hand and affixed our seals day and year as above written.....*

*Lewis Haile L.S*

*Mary Haile L.S*

*Wit: William (x-mark)Burdock [possibly Burdett], Lewis (x-mark) Burdock, Jeremiah (I-mark) Stone*  
*Rec. Oct 19, 1779*

*Pittsylvania Co VA Deed Bk 5 p 293-294*

Henry County, Virginia was formed from Pittsylvania County in 1777 and in 1786 Franklin formed from parts of Bedford and Henry Counties.

September 13, 1777 (Henry County) Lewis, age 30 took his Oath of Allegience

In 1782 Lewis Hail appears in the tax lists of Montgomery County, Virginia and is charged with 150 acres.

Wythe County was formed from Montgomery County in 1790 and Grayson County was formed from Wythe in 1793.

Children of Lewis and Mary (Burwell?) Hail/Hale

1. **Elizabeth** m 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Snow
2. **Richard** b ca 1769 m Elizabeth Stone Nov 10, 1791, Wythe Co., VA
3. **Francis** b ca 1770 m Elizabeth Burroughs
4. **Mary** b between 1770-1780 m 1<sup>st</sup> John Hale (family not identified, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Atkins
5. **William** b Mar 21, 1771 m Lucy Stone Feb 26, 1793, Wythe Co., VA
6. **Dudley** b ca 1773 (unclear as to whether he was married twice) Nuckolls gives his wife's name as Mary Burroughs but his will names wife, Nancy. He d before 1815 Norfolk, VA during War of 1812.

**7. Capt Lewis** b ca 1778 m Elizabeth Bourne

**8. Stephen** b July 24, 1783 m Frances Bourne. He died Feb 16, 1854.

Frances, Elizabeth, and Mary Bourne were the daughters of William and Rosamond (Jones) Bourne. Francis married Stephen Hale, Elizabeth married Capt. Lewis Hale-sons of Lewis and Mary (Burwell) Hale. Mary, married Martin Dickenson, son of James and Jane (Bryson) Dickenson.

Lewis Hale's son, William, married Lucy Stone and their son, Col. Stephen Hale married Charlotte Dickenson (Aug 14, 1814, Grayson County, VA), daughter of Martin Dickenson and Mary Bourne. (*Family History Library microfilm 31,758*) William and Lucy also had a daughter, Rosamond, who married John C. Dickenson (his first wife) who was the son of Martin and Mary (Bourne) Dickenson.

To recap, Lewis Hale m Mary (Burwell?) was the son of Francis and Adara (Meador) Hail. Adara was also the half-sister of John Bryson<sup>2</sup> of Surry Co., NC. Therefore, Lewis was the grandson of Ann Bryson (Meador, Mess) of Essex and Orange County, Virginia.

The following charts are not intended to give a full family lineage therefore all children are not included. The purpose is to simplify the data so that the relationships between the Meador, Bryson, Dickenson, and Haile/Hail/Hale lines are easier to understand.

Chart 1

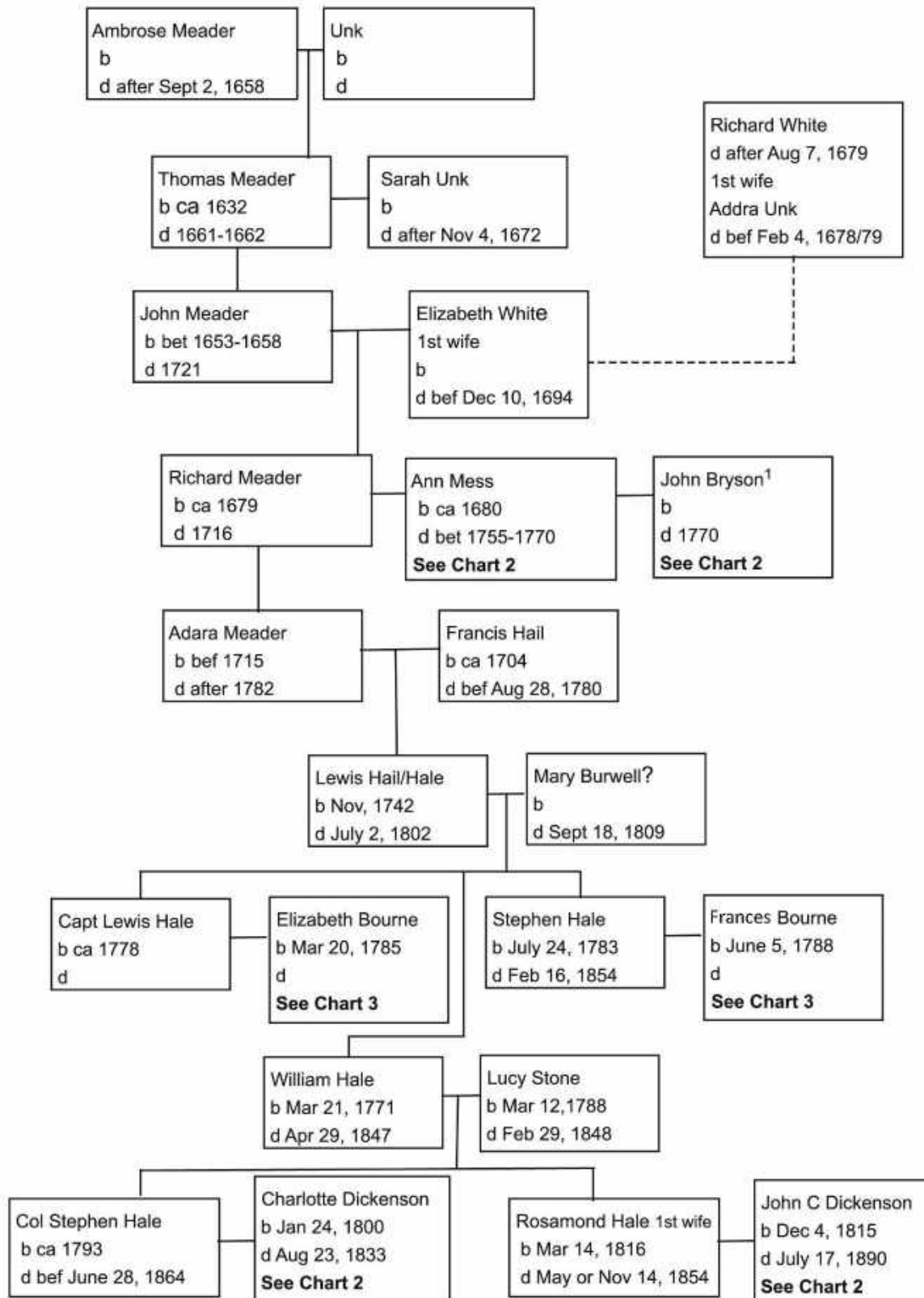
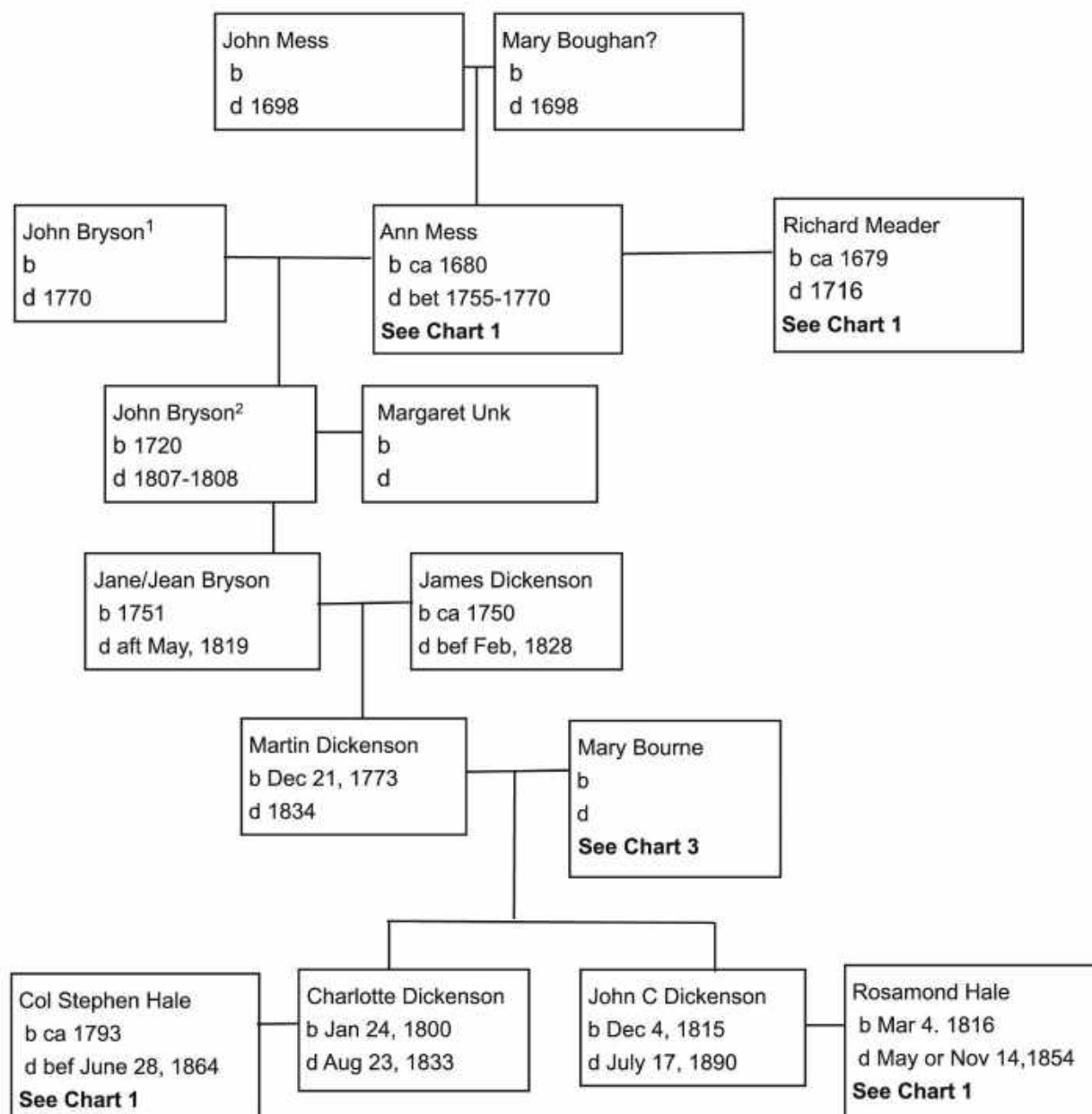
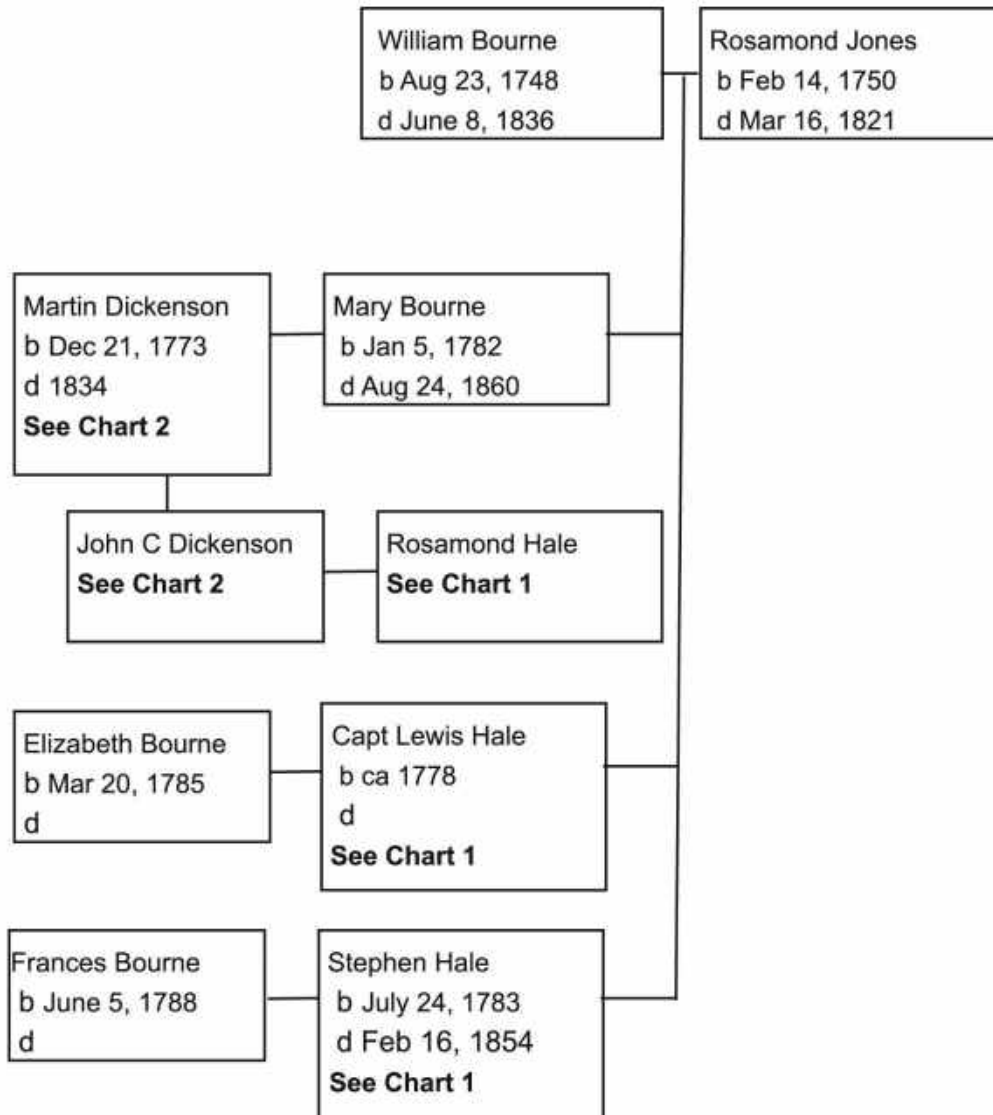


Chart 2



### Chart 3



## John and Mary Haile (Essex County, Virginia)

Francis was the son of John and Mary UNK Haile of Essex County, Virginia. Once again caution has to be exercised because there were three John Hailes in Essex County in the mid 1690s-1715 but scant information on the other two.

John was the son of Capt. Richard Haile and was probably born about 1675-1678. Because Mary didn't make a dower release to the 1703 deed below, it's fairly safe to say they were married after July 10, 1703 and before June 10, 1708 when she released her dower on a sale of land to Adam Denning. It's likely they married shortly after the 1703 date.

July 27, 1699 John Haile inventoried the estate of John Wood (father of Elizabeth Wood who married Thomas Meador II-3-3 (son of John & Elizabeth White).

*To all Exparince popell to whom these presents shall come I John Haile of the County of Essex son and hare of Capt. Richard Haille deceased send greeting--know ye that I the sd John Haille for Divers good Cases [causes] & valluable Considerasions me thereunto moving & especially for and in Considerasion of tow [two] thousand [pounds] of Tobacco me in hand the recepet whareof I do hereby acknowledge and every part & parsell thareof do acnoledg my silfe fully satesfied contented & paid have bargained sold alenated assured & confirmed & do by these presents bargain sell alenat assure & confarm unto John Loveing of the sd County one hundred acres of Land liing & being in King & Quene County it being parte off a grater Dippeton granted to my father Capt. Richard Haill by Patent lying parte in King & Quene County & parte in the abovesd County of Essix and begining at a marked Whitght oak standing upon a brance side that iesueth out of Beffarley run that cometh out of Mattaponey river & runing thence by a line of marked trees off the sd Bifarley [Beverley] South thirty derees [degrees] West One hundred & sixty polle to a marked red oak standing in the sd Beffrley line and runng from thence South Seventy degrees east one hundard pole to a corner hickory & a red & running from thence north thirty degrees east one hunard & sixty polle to a Corner red oak standing on a levell by portobago path and runing from thence South seventy degrees west to a Swamp and so down the Swamp to ye first menconed Whight oak whare it first began to have & to hold the sd Bargained Land & premisses to the sd John Loving and his heirs and assignes for ever withall houseings plantacons gardins orchards woods underwoods waters & watares [probably means water ways] corses [courses] and all Proffitts & Comodities whatsoever or in any wise thereunto beloning [belonging] or appertaining or to any Parte or parsell thereof without the Lett hindrance Eviccon [eviction] molestaton or disturbance of me the sd John Haille my heirs Exrs admrs or assignes yealding & paying yearly & Every year unto our Sovn [Soverign] Lady the Quene hare hares [her heirs] and successors the rents yusually due or what shall hereafter become Dow [due] for ye Same & I the sd John Haille Do for my self my heirs Exrs & admrs Covenant and agree to & with the sd John Loving his heirs Exrs admrs & assignes to warrant & Defend the sd Land & premises unto the sd John Loving his heirs Exrs admrs & assignes of & from the Intrust Claime & title of all manner of Parson or porsones whatsoever yt shall lay any Claime or title whatsoever thereunto or to any part or parsell thereof as witness my hand & Seal this 10th day of July 1703*

*John Haile (seal)*

*Signed Sealed & delivered*

*in the presentes of us*

*James Edmondson*

*Joseph Edmondson*

*Acknowledged in Essex County Court ye 10th Day of July anno Dom 1703 & is truly recorded*

*Test*

*Richard Buckner Cl Cur*

*Essex Co D&W Bk 11 1702-1704 p 29-31*

June 11, 1705 James Fullerton (II), John Meador, John Gatewood, John Haile inventoried the estate of Simon Cobnall

June 4, 1708, Recorded June 10, 1708, John Haile "only son and heir apparent of the said Richard Haile" sells Adam Denning 150 acres. Witnessed by Salvator Muscoe and Richard Meadow. Mary Haile released her dower rights. (*Essex County, Virginia Deeds & Covenants Bk 13 p 112-115*)

January 17, 1708/09 John Haile witnessed a deed from John Williams Jr and Rebekah his wife to James Fullerton (II) which was the 320 acres John Meader had sold to Ebenezer Stanfield and devised to Rebekah by Stanfield.

Dec 10, 1716 John Haile, John Billups, and George Thompson witnessed the will of Richard Dudley. There are records concerning other people Allens, Wood, Faulkner, Clinton, Richards, Younger, Farguson.

October 18, 1742 John Haile deeds land to his sons Thomas, Benjamin and John Jr. Francis is living in Caroline County. The reason he did not deed land to Francis is unknown except that he was likely already established in Caroline County-the earliest court order found for him is September 13, 1745

*To all people to whom this present writing shall come I John Haile of the County of Essex and Parish of Southfarnham send Greeting. Know Ye that I the said John Haile for and in the Consideration of the Natural Affection and fatherly love which I have and bear to my well beloved Son John Haile Junr of the County and Parish aforesaid as also for diverse other Good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving Have Given Granted and Confirmed and by these presents Do give Grant and Confirm unto my said son John Haile Junr a certain devident and parcel of my Land situate lying and being in the Parish and County aforesaid Containing one hundred acres more or less part of my tract of four hundred acres and bounded as followeth Vizt Beginning at a gum and Hickory Standing by a branch side being one corner of the part I gave to my son Benjamin Haile so along his line to the head of the Branch called the Mariners Branch so down the said Mariners Branch to the main Pocosson so down the main pocosson to the mouth of a branch Called Grigorys Branch so up the said branch the Several Courses thereof to the begining. To have and to Hold the said Divident or parcel of Land (Reserving to myself the use of any part of the said Land for and During my Natural Life and all and Singular its rights Priviledges and*

*appurtenances unto my said Son John Haile Junior his heirs Executors or Administrators to his and their own Proper use and behoof (under the Reservation aforesaid) forever freely and quietly without any other manner of Challenge Claim or Demand of me the said John Haile or my heirs Executors or administrators or of any other person or persons whatsoever for me in my Name by my cause or procurement and further I the said John Haile my heirs Executors all and Singular the aforesaid Premises with their appurtenances to the use aforesaid against all people shall and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two.*

*John Haile (seal)*

*Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd in Presence of*

*Thomas Barker*

*Thos Gatewood*

*Joseph Burnett*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the 19th day of October Anno Dom John Haile acknowledged this his deed of gift Indented to his Son John Haile Junr to be his act and Deed which on the motion of the said John Haile Senr was admitted to Record and is truly Recorded.*

*Essex County VA Deed Bk 22 1738-1742 p 403-404*

*To all people to whom this present writing shall Come I John Haile of the County of Essex and Parish of Southfarnham send Greeting Know ye that I the said John Haile for and in the Consideration of the Natural affection and Fatherly love which I have and bear to my well beloved Son Thomas Haile of the County and Parish aforesaid, as also for diverse other good causes and Considerations me hereunto moving have given Granted and Confirmed And by these presents do give Grant and Confirm unto my said Son Thomas Haile a Certain Divident and parcel of my Land scituate lying and being in the Parrish and County aforesaid Containing One hundred & twenty acres more or less part of my tract of Four hundred acres and bounded as followeth (Viz) Beginning at a Hickory in Richard Comptons line and runing thence along a line of Marked trees to my Spring Branch so down the said Branch to the main Pocoson by a Bridge called Picketts Bridge so up the said Pocoson to a Corner Ring Oak being a corner between the said Land and the Land formerly Fullertons thence along the dividing line to the begining. To have and to hold the said divident or parcel of Land reserving to my Self the use of any part of the said Land for and During my Natural life) and all and Singular its rights Priviledges and appurtenances unto my said Son Thomas Haile his heirs Executors or Administrators to his and their own Proper use and behoof under the Reservation aforesaid) forever freely and quietly without any other manner of Challenge Claime and Demand of me the said John Haile or my heirs Executors or Administrators or of any other person or persons whatsoever for me in my Name by my Cause or procurement And further I the said John Haile my heirs Executors all and Singular the aforesaid promises with their appurtenances to the use aforesaid against all People shall and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eighteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two.*

*John Haile (seal)*

*Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered in presence of*

*Thomas Barker*

*Thos Gatewood*

*Joseph Burnett*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the 19th day of October Anno Dom 1742*

*John Haile acknowledged this his deed of gift Indented to his Son Thomas Haile to be his act and Deed which on the motion of the said Thomas was admitted to Record and is truly recorded.*

*Essex County VA Deed Bk 22 1738-1742 p 404-405*

*To all People to whom this present writing shall come I John Haile of the County of Essex and Parrish of Southfarnham send greeting Know Ye that I the said John Haile for and in the Consideration of the Natural affection and Fatherly love which I have and bear to my wellbeloved Son Benjamin Haile of the County and Parish aforesaid as also for diverse other Good Causes and Considerations me Hereunto moving have given granted and Confirmed and by these presents do Give Grant and Confirm unto my said Son Benjamin Haile a certain Divident and parcel of Land scituate lying and being in ye Parrish and County aforesaid containing one hundred and Eighty acres more or less part of my tract of four hundred acres and bounded as followeth (Vizt) Beginning at a Hickory in Richard Comptons line so along his line to a corner Spanish Oak standing by ye side of a branch being a corner between me and the said Richard Compton and Thomas Gatewood, thence down the said branch to a corner gum and Hickory Standing by the side of the said branch and thence along a line of markt trees to the head of a branch called the Mariners branch thence down the sd Mariners branch the several courses thereof to the main Pocoson so up the main Pocoson to the mouth of my Spring Branch Near the Bridge called Pickets Bridge so up the said Spring branch to a Small pine near the head so along the line to the begining. To Have and to hold the said Divident or parcel of Land reserving to my self the use of any part of the said Land for and during my Natural life And all and Singular its Rights Priviledges and appurtenances unto my said Son Benjamin Haile his heirs Executors or Administrator to his and their own Proper use and behoof (under the reservation aforesaid) forever freely and Quietly without any other manner of Challenge Claim or Demand of me the said John Haile or my heirs Executors or administrators or of any other Person or persons whatsoever for me in my Name by my Cause or Procurement and further I the said John Haile my heirs Executors all and Singulr the aforesaid Premises with their appurtenances to the use aforesaid against all People shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two.*

*John Haile (seal)*

*Sign'd Sealed & Deliver'd in presence of*

*Thomas Barker*

*Thos Gatewood*

*Joseph Burnett*

*At a Court held for Essex County and Tappa on the 19th day of October Anno Dom 1742*

*John Haile acknowledged this his deed of Gift Indented to his Son Benjamin Haile to be his act and Deed*

*which on the motion of the said Benjamin was admitted to Record and is truly recorded.*  
Essex County VA Deed Bk 22 1738-1742 p 406-407

**Will of John Haile**

*In the name of God Amen I John Haile of the County of Essex and parrish of Southfarnham Being in good health of Body and of soul and of perfect mind and memory praise be therefore Given to Almighty God do make & ordain this my Last will and Testament In manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commd my soul into the hands of almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my Sins and to Inherit Eternal life and my body I commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching Such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as followeth First I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and Disc[h]arged Item I lend unto my well beloved wife the use of all my Real and personal Estate During her life or widowhood and after the decease of my now wife or at the day of her second marriage to be Equally Divided amongst my Six children now liveing named as followeth Vizt Francis Haile John Haile Thomas Haile Benjamin Haile & Mary Edmondson Susanna Allen Item I constitute and appoint my well beloved wife and my beloved son John Haile full and wholly Executors to this my Last will and Testament Item I do hereby revoke disanul and make void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In Wtness whereof I the sd Jno Haile to this my Last will and Testament have Set my hand and Seal this 17th day of Augt in the year of our Lord 1744*

*John (mark) Haile*

*Signd Seald and Delivered in presence of us*

*James Allen*

*Andrew Allen*

*At a court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 16th day of October Anno Dom 1744*

*This last Will and Testament of John Haile Deceased being presented in Court by Mary Haile the Executrix and John Haile the Executor therein named who made oath thereto and being also proved by the oath of both the Witnesses thereto was admitted to record and is truly Recorded*

*Wm Tyler, John Farguson, security for Mary and John Haile's administration of John Haile's estate.*

*Essex County Will Bk 7 1743-1747 p 214-217*

**The Reason Mary Haile was NOT a Fullerton**

James Fullerton's (I) will was dated Mar 21, 1678 and proved May 2, 1678. On May 21, 1674 he made a deed to gift his son and two of his daughters, James (II), Mary, and Hannah.

*Know all men by these presents that I James Fullerton for the singular love and affection that I beare unto my children as also for divers good causes me thereunto moveing have given and granted and by these presents doe give over grant unto James Fullerton my sonne two cowes called by the name of beggar & Crow withall the Increase of them the said cows to him and his heirs forever. Item I give unto my Daughter Mary two cows called Tagge and Crumple wth all their Increase to her and hir heirs forever.*

*Item I give to my daughter Hannah two cows called by the names of White Back and Brindy wthall their Increase to hir and hir heirs forever but if it should happen that either of my abovesaid children should dye before the come to their ages of sixteen years or be married then I do give the part of him or them so dying to the survivor or Survivours and their heirs forever as Witness my hand this 21st day of May 1674. Old Rappahannock Co, DB 5 1671-1676 (CH Transcript) p 217*

From the above deed we can ascertain that all of his children were born before 1674. Mary UNK who married John Haile gives her birth as 1678 in a deposition. (See below)

Mary Fullerton, daughter of James Fullerton Sr., married Samuel Griffin which is proven by a deed to her brother, James Fullerton Jr.:

*Know all men by these presents that I Samll Griffin and Mary my wife of the County of Rappa in Virginia ship wright for and in consideracon of Fifteen Pounds Sterling already in hand Received Have bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and doe b these Presents bargainne sell alienate enfeoffe and confirme from me my heirs Exors and admrs unto James Fullerton of the aforesd County his heirs Exors admrs or assigns Two Hundred acres of land lying and being in the aforced County it being part or Parcell of land formerly belonging to James Fullerton and by the sd Fullertons will given unto the sd Mary Griffin Daughter of the aforesd Fullerton which Two Hundred acres of Land I the sd Samll Griffin do bind myself my Heirs Exors and admrs unto the aforesd James Fullerton Junr his heirs Exors or admrs in the full and Just sum of one Hundred pounds sterling to warrant the sd land from the claim Right Title and Interest of all manner of Person or Persons Whatsoever that may or shall lay any clame Right Title or Interest to any Part or parcell of the aforesd land and likewise to acknowledge this Deed in Rappa Court with my wife when ever required by the aforesd Fullerton his heirs Exors and admrs and to give the sd Fullerton any other assurance or assurances for the aforesd land or his or their Councell learned in the law shall advise or devise if this shall not be thought sufficient by the aforesd Fullerton Junr his heirs Exors and admrs To the True Performance of the same I bind myslef my heirs Exors and admrs unto the aforesd Fullerton Junr his heirs Exors & admrs as Witness our hands and seales this 4th day of June 1690.*

*Samll (mark) Griffin (seale)*

*Mary (mark) Griffin (seale)*

*Teste*

*James Boughan*

*Richard Covington*

*Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 4 die June and 1690*

*Old Rappahannock Co DB 8 1688-1692 p 190-191*

Since Mary Fullerton married Samuel Griffin and she is not mentioned in his will dated August 12, 1698, it is assumed she had died; he appoints his brother-in-law James Fullerton (II) guardian of his children. (Essex County, VA Deed Bk 9 1695-1699 p 232-233)

James Fullerton Jr. (II) married Sarah Pickett (daughter of Henry and probably his first wife, Sarah)

sometime before 1713. They had six children one who was named Mary. In James Fullerton Jr's. will dated December 10, 1713 (recorded May 13, 1714) he names his wife, James Griffin (his cousin), and William Johnson executors. He bequeaths all his land to his son James but if he had no heirs, it was to be divided between his five daughters and his other estate (personal) to be divided between his wife and children.... "and as my children to met to age or day of marriage then it is my desire that every child tak of its equall part..." (Essex County Deed & Will Bk 14 p 245)

This is one generation later than Mary Haile so she is not the daughter of James Fullerton Jr. (II) whose children are still underage in 1713.

The first record (June 10, 1708) in which Mary appears as John Haile's wife is a relinquishment of dower for John's deed to Adam Denning. (Essex County Order Bk 4 p 30).

On May 22, 1745, Caroline County, Virginia, Mary Haile of Essex Co. gave the following deposition: *Mary Hail of Essex Co and about 67 years being interrogated on the part of the defendant if she knew James Taylor the Elder and John and Robert Powell his grandsons, answered she did. Being asked which died first, answered she lived very near to Robert Powell father of John and Robert. On Friday she was at Robert Powell's house when a letter came that Mrs. Powell's father James Taylor was very sick and desired to see her. The said children appeared to be well. Mrs. Powell intended to go down on Sunday to see him but that morning her youngest child was taken sick and prevented her. Her son Robert was taken sick about 10 o'clock and her son John was taken sick about 2 o'clock the same day. One of the children died that night, another on Monday night and were all buried on Tuesday. The deponent was at their burial and a letter came there, the purport of which this deponent understood was that James Taylor was dead and that Mrs. Powell was desired to go down to this funeral, but this deponent did not read the letter nor does she remember she heard her say James Taylor was dead, only that Mrs. Powell on receipt of the letter cried and said Oh Lord, have I lost my children and my father too. Being asked if she saw Mrs. Mary Stone at the burial of the children, says she does not remember she saw any woman there except Margaret Pruet. The deponent went away from the burial before night, carried the defendant James Powell, who was then a child, home with her to take care of him while Mrs. Powell his mother went down to her father's. At that time Robert Powell had no child living but one son James. James Taylor and Robert Powell lived about 22 miles distant from each other.*

Wit: Robert Farish

George Hoomes

Thomas Johnson

Caroline County, Virginia Order Book 1746-1748 Part 1 p 28-31

This deposition places Mary Haile's birthdate about 1678. Mary Fullerton, daughter of James Fullerton Sr.(I) was born before 1674 and married Samuel Griffin (they had three children). James Fullerton (II) Jr.'s daughter Mary was underage in 1713 (per his will). Mary and John Haile were married before 1708 (when she released her dower rights) but they were most likely married a few years earlier.

Sept 9, 1693 James Taylor of King & Queen Co. deeded land for a church to be built in Essex County. This land was two acres and fifty perches on the South West side of Hoskins Creeke and neare and adjoining Kings Highway "standing at the head of a branch on the Western side of a Road leadeth to Capt. Richard Hails (John's father) by a corner hickory in John Evans line".... This shows there was a close proximity with James Taylor's land and that of Capt. Richard Haile's (which John inherited) and John and Susanna Evans (Meador) substantiating that the deposition was made by Mary, wife of John Haile.

#### *Mary Haile's Nuncupative Will*

*I Mary Haile of Essex County being of Disposeing sence & Memory make this my last Will & Testament First I give my Negro Man named Tom to my Grandson Aris Haile son of John Haile 2dly I give my Feather bed & furniture to my grand Daughter Martha Greenhill I likewise Desire that my Negroe Crop now in hand shall go to my son John Haile & likewise my Acct agst Sundrie persons I give to my son John July 14, 1753*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the 17th Day of July anno Dom 1753*

*This Nuncupative Will of Mary Haile Decd was presented in Court by John Haile who took ye oath of an Executor thereto with ye sd will annexed in Court by John Haile and the same being proved by the oaths of Francis Wagoner & Susanna Allen both of the ----- Witness therto of thereupon is Admitted to Record & is truly Recorded Essex County Will Bk 9 1750-1754 p 240*

#### **Children of John and Mary (UNK) Haile**

It appears doubtful that Jonathan Haile whose will is dated Apr 14, 1737, recorded June 21, 1737 is a son of John and Mary since he refers to a Grandson. John and Mary were married (at the earliest likely estimate) 1703. This hardly allows for enough time for Jonathan to reach adulthood, father a son, and for that son to sire a son by 1737.

#### **Benjamin Haile**

Very little has been found for Benjamin-in fact, only two deeds in Essex County: the October 18, 1742 deed from his father, John (See John Haile) and a March 9, 1750 deed from Benjamin and his wife, Arabella UNK to his brother, Thomas.

*This Indenture made the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fifty Between Benjamin Haile & Arabella his wife of the County of Essex and Parish of South farnham of the one part and Thomas Haile of the same parrish and County of the other part Witnesseth that they the said Benjamin Haile and Arabella his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Haile before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Benjamin Haile and Arabella his wife Doth acknowledge and of every part thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge him the said Thomas Haile his heirs Executors or administrators and every of them by these presents Hath given granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents Doth give grant bargain sell enfeoffe & confirm unto him the said Thomas Hale his heirs Executors administrators or assigns for ever all the Estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever which now is or shall ever hereafter become or grow due to them*

*the said Benjamin Haile and Arabella his wife of in and to a certain tract or parsel of Land containing by estimation one hundred and eighty acres more or less the same being all that parcel of Land that was given by John Haile deceased Father to the said Benjamin Haile to him the said Benjamin as by his Deed bearing date the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two may fully appear the said Land situate lying & being in the Parish and County aforesaid and bounded as followeth Begining at a hickory in Comptons line so along his Line to a corner spanish oak standing by the side of a branch being a corner between the said Land and the Land of Compton and Thomas Gatewood thence down the said branch to a corner gum and hickory standing by the side of the same branch and thence along a line of markt trees to the head of a branch called the Mariners branch thence down the said Mariners branch its several courses to the main Pocoson so up the main Pocoson to the mouth of the said Hails spring branch so up the said spring branch to a pine standing near the head thence along the line to the begining Together with all houses out houses edifices buildings orchards meadows pastures ways water and water courses woods and underwoods and all other the profits commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion remainder and reversions remainders thereof To have and to hold the said Land and premises and all and singular the appurtenances hereby given or intended to be given grant'd bargain'd sold aliened enfeoffed and confimed unto the said Thomas Haile and to his heirs and assigns for ever sufficiently saved kept harmless and indemnified of and from all other gifts grants bargains sales Leases jointures dowers Wills Entails Debts suits Judgments Exemtions or any other incumbrance whatsoever had made committed done or suffered by them the said Benjamin Haile Arabella his wife or by any other person or persons whatsoever to behold of our sovereign Lord the King his heirs and successors by the Quit rents amistomed? and do warrant the same from the said Benjamin Haile Arabella his wife their heirs Executors or administrators or any other person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claime by from or under him them or any or either of them to any part or parcel of the above granted premises and Lastly for the better assureing and sure makeing the title thereof the said Benjamin Haile doth oblige himself his heirs Executors administrators and assigns or his or their certain attorney or attorneys to make do acknowledge or cause to be made done or acknowledged to him the said Thomas Haile his heirs Executors administrators or assigns all such Deeds Conveyances scripts and writing whatsoever as his or their Council learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised tendered and reginized In Witness whereof they the said Benjamin Haile and Arabella his wife have affixed their hands and seals the day and year above written.*

*Benja Haile (seal)*

*Arabella (mark) Haile (seal)*

*Sign'd Seal'd and Deliver'd in presence of*

*Thos Barker*

*Thos Dix*

*Nathaniel Page*

*Memorandum that on the ninth day of March one thousand seven hundred and fifty posession and seizin of the Lands and premises within mentoned was given and delivered by the within named Benjamin Haile & Arabella his wife by Turf and Twig parsel thereof in lieu of the whole to the within named Thomas*

*Haile according to the true intent and meaning of the within written Deed in presence of us the subscribers*

*Thomas Barker*

*Thos Dix*

*Nathaniel Page*

*Then recd the full sum of two hundred pounds Currnt money it being the full consideration money within mentioned as Witness my hand and seal this [blank] day of March one thousand seven hundred and fifty*

*Benja Haile*

*Test*

*Thos Barker*

*Thos Dix*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa on the 19th day of March anno Dom 1750.*

*Benjamin Haile and Arabella his wife (she being first privately Examined and thereto Consenting acknowledged this Deed of Feoffment with the Livery of seizen and Receipt endorsed to Thomas Haile to be their acts & Deeds which are admitted to record and are truly recorded.*

*Test*

*John Lee C E Cur*

*Essex County VA Deed Bk 25 1749-1752 p 144-146*

The last entry found in the record books for Benjamin is April 17, 1750 when he, his brother John, and Henry Purkins inventoried the estate of Andrew Evat. He is not the Benjamin who died in Columbia, South Carolina.

### **Thomas Haile**

Thomas married Elizabeth Gatewood, daughter of Thomas Gatewood (will recorded March 21, 1749) and Elizabeth Dudley. Their daughter was Caty Haile who married Mark Ball, son of John Ball. Their son was Benjamin Haile who married Katherine Farguson, daughter of John Farguson (d 1770) and Sarah Gatewood (daughter of John Gatewood and Amy UNK who married 2nd Joseph Baker). He is the Benjamin who went to Columbia, South Carolina.

### **Francis Haile** (See p 94)

### **John Haile Jr.**

John Jr. was probably born ca 1709 based on the first record for him (December 15, 1730) in which he is security for Thomas Gatewood (son of John Gatewood and wife Amy).

There are numerous records for him in Essex County but none give his wife's name and she apparently died long before he did.

On February 17, 1753 he sold the 100 acres he had been given by his father to Henry Kidd.

His will is dated December 11, 1760, recorded Apr 20, 1761. His children named in his will were Williamson, Jonathan, Aris (married Sarah UNK) went to Halifax Co., NC, Sarah who apparently married Benjamin Smith 1st and James Blayse 2nd, Elizabeth, Mary Ann who married John Croxton (son of John Croxton and Johanna UNK), and Richard Thomas who married Mary Croxton (sister of John Croxton). He left slaves to each of his children but no land was mentioned in his will.

### **Mary Haile**

She married Bryant Edmundson (son of Thomas Edmundson and his 2nd wife, Mary) before March 15, 1725.

On December 13, 1718 William Cox, Thomas Meedos (indexes show the surname as Meedes but the actual record appears to be Meedos) and Elisabeth his wife, John Wood and Thomas Wood of Southfarnham Parish sold Bryant Edmondson all the remaining part of a tract of 400 acres bounded by Maj. Wm Aylett on North West and West on the land of Alexander Young on the South being part of the original tract of Francis Brown, on the East the lands of Daniel Brown, John Fargeson and James Fargeson on the North & North East containing one hundred and fifty acres (thereabouts). The power of attorney from Elizabeth Meedos (wife of Thomas Meedos to James Boughan) was witnessed by John Haile.

To revisit some of the information, William Cox was the 2nd husband of Frances Wood (and he was also the son-in-law of John Mess, father of Ann who married Richard Meador). Therefore it's assumed that John Mess had an older daughter who died after her marriage to William Cox but there is no proof. Frances was the widow of John Wood (son of Thomas Wood) and the mother of John Wood, Elizabeth Wood, Thomas Wood all of whom were born before 1699. On January 7, 1702 Thomas Wood, the children's grandfather, executed a deed of gift to his grandchildren stating all his land to go to his grandchildren upon his death. In this deed, he names William Cox as the children's father in law. (*Essex County Deed Bk 10 p 133*) This was witnessed by Thomas and Mary Edmundson, Bryant's parents. Basically, the way the deed is worded makes William Cox the guardian of his estate after Thomas' death until the oldest of his grandchildren reaches 21.

Bryant Edmondson/Edmundson and Mary sell the 150 acres to John Croxton on March 14, 1725. (*Essex County Deed Bk 18 p 166*)

By 1735 they are found in the Caroline County Order Books until 1748 when they once again purchased land in Essex County from James Boughan and Mary his wife. That was short-lived for on Feb 10, 1749 they sold the 80 acres to John Smith. On October 29, 1751 they are living in Edgecombe County, North Carolina when they deeded 130 acres (formerly belonging to James Boughan) to Hugh Wilson. Witnessed by Thomas Haile, William Cox Jr., and Henry Harper.

### **Susanna Haile**

Susanna first married James Greenhill, son of William (d 1726) and his wife Martha (Ratcliffe) Greenhill. She was the widow of John Racliffe who died before November 11, 1697/8 when an order was made to inventory and appraise his estate.

William and Martha Greenhill had three children:

1. Martha who married Benjamin Waggener. She died after July 14, 1755; Benjamin died in 1748.
2. William who married Ann Waggener, daughter of Herbert Waggener who died in 1743.  
William died before Oct 1741 (date inventory was taken). They had Elizabeth, Angelinah, and Joseph who married Mary Dunn, daughter of William Dunn Jr and Winifred Waters. He died in 1758.
3. **James** who married Susanna Haile.

James died before July 21, 1741 when Susanna posted bond for the administration of his estate. Her brothers, John Jr. and Thomas Haile were security. (*Essex Co, VA Will Bk 6, p 327*) Benjamin Waggener, Thomas Davis and John Bourne appraised the estate. (John Bourne was the son of William and Esther (Meador) Bourne.)

She is referred to as Susanna Allen in her father's will in 1744. On June 17, 1746 Benjamin Allen Jr. presented an account of James Greenhill's estate. He could not have done so had he not been Susanna's second husband. Some trees have that Benjamin Jr. was the son of Benjamin (son of Erasmus Allen and Dinah Waggener) and Elizabeth (Meador) Allen but there is no record or interaction between them. The Jr. appears to be simply a method of distinguishing between the two Benjamins. Both Benjamins began appearing in the records about the same time which indicates they may have been very close to the same age. Benjamin Jr's parents are unknown. There are no known children from this union.

Susanna is a witness to her mother's nuncupative will and gives oath as to the will July 15, 1753. Mary Haile left a legacy to her granddaughter, Martha Greenhill.

## *The Greenhill Family*

### Children of James and Susanna Greenhill (Haile)

#### **Ambrose Greenhill**

We know he was born before 1741 since that is the date Susanna posted bond for the administration of his father's estate. (By 1760-1780 he has several land transactions in Culpeper County. He also owned a plantation in King William County but it isn't known whether it was purchased or inherited.

Ambrose was active in purchasing and selling land in various counties. We don't know exactly what he inherited from his father because the children were all underage at the time of his death and James left no will so the estate would naturally fall to the heir apparent. The most we can ascertain from the processioning records in 1743 is that the children were referred to as orphans of James Greenhill.

In order to obtain further information regarding James and Susanna Greenhill's children one must look to Ambrose Greenhill's will dated April 12, 1790 and proved October 19, 1795 in Essex County. Essex County VA Will Bk 15 1792-1800 p 188-189. He mentions several nieces and nephews and sisters Martha, Susanna, and Rosannah. He does not appear to have married as there are no documents

which give a wife's name, nor is a wife ever mentioned and he left his estate to his sisters' children and other relations which have not been determined.

### ***Martha Greenhill***

Martha married Nicholas Faulconer/Faulkner about 1765 (son of David Faulkner and grandson of Nicholas & Sybilla (Newton) Faulkner of Essex County) and Mary Byrom (daughter of Peter and Mary (Nightingale) Byrom. Martha is mentioned in her grandmother's, Mary Haile, nuncupative will in 1753 (Essex Co.) Although many researchers believe they were married in Cumberland County, they were likely married in Essex County. By Nov 18, 1777 they are living in Edelton Parish, Cumberland County, Virginia when Nicholas and Martha sold the 100 acres that he inherited from his mother to John Oneal of St. Stephens Parish, King & Queen County. This was the land that passed from his Grandmother to his mother. (*Essex County, VA Deed Book 31, p 364-365, p 518-519*) **See William Meador, Peter and Mary (Nightingale, Fitzsimmons) Byrom p 58.**

Nicholas' will is dated November 16, 1803 and recorded September 24, 1804 in Cumberland County. Because Martha is not mentioned in Nicholas' Will it is assumed by many that she was deceased. (*Cumberland County, VA Will Book 3. p 259-260*). Her brother, Ambrose, on August 24, 1790, made a codocil to his will (dated April 24, 1790) (*Essex County, VA Will Book 15 p 188-189*). In that codocil he revoked a legacy (a negro boy named Dixon) to Martha who was to go to her son Nicholas upon her death. Dixon, along with other changes were given to James Munday. This is not concrete evidence that Martha had died by the date of this codocil. A better estimate of Martha's death would be between Apr 24, 1790 and Nov 16, 1803.

Their children were Mary Faulkner, Susanna, and Nicholas Faulkner.

## ***The Faulkner Family***

### Children of Nicholas and Martha (Greenhill) Faulkner

#### **Mary/Molly Faulkner**

Mary was probably born between 1765 and 1775. Her will is dated February 2, 1819 and was recorded February, 1819 in Cumberland County, Virginia. (*Cumberland County, VA Will Book 6, p 141*) Legacies were left to sister, Susanna Faulkner, niece Jane Faulkner (if Jane were to die Jane's portion to descend to Martha Faulkner, the daughter of Lucy Faulkner), Nancy Faulkner, Martha Faulkner (daughter of Nicholas) and brother, Nicholas Faulkner.

#### **Susanna Faulkner**

Once, again, her birthdate can only be estimated as between 1765 and 1775. Nothing further has been confirmed.

### **Nicholas Faulkner**

Nicholas Faulkner was born May 29, 1770 in either Essex or Cumberland County, Virginia. He moved to Lincoln County, NC in 1823. He married Nancy Allen or Ann (Ann is a nickname for Nancy) Feb 12, 1801. The location of this marriage is unknown for her father appears in the 1800 census of Lincoln County, North Carolina. It is possible she lived with someone in Cumberland County or that Nicholas traveled to Lincoln County for the marriage; no marriage bond has been found in either location.

Nicholas died October 12, 1842 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. The children of Nicholas and Nancy are:

1. **Vincent Allen** Faulkner b November 20, 1801, Cumberland Co., VA m Susanna Carpenter May 5, 1824, Lincoln Co., NC. In 1842 he was in Cape Girardeau, MO but lived in Wayne Co. afterward. He was a wagon maker, farmer, and judge. In an article in *Goodspeeds History of Southwest Missouri, Biography of Wayne County, Missouri, p 1127-1128*, his son, James, states that Vincent died in 1875.
2. **Martha Greenhill** Faulkner b July 25, 1803 in Cumberland Co., VA m James Atkinson on July 12, 1825 in Lincoln Co., NC
3. **Unnamed boy**, born and died Mar 10, 1805 Cumberland Co., VA
4. **Unnamed boy** born and died Mar 23, 1807, Cumberland Co., VA
5. **William Mitchell** Faulkner, b May 4, 1808, d May 26, 1808 of whooping cough, Cumberland Co., VA
6. **Elizabeth Mitchell** Faulkner b Apr 14, 1809, Cumberland Co., VA
7. **John Nicholas** Faulkner b Feb 1, 1812, Cumberland Co., VA, d Apr 19, 1869, Lincoln Co., NC
8. **Mary Jackson** Faulkner b Jan 4, 1818, Cumberland Co., VA m Isiah Abernathy, June 15, 1833
9. **Lucy Ann** Faulkner b Jan 4, 1818, Cumberland Co., VA d Feb 11, 1821 Cumberland Co. VA
10. **Susanna Hail** Faulkner b July 5, 1820 Cumberland Co., VA d Feb 11, 1821 Cumberland Co. VA

*Faulkner/Allen Family Bible in possession of William D. Faulkner, Lincoln Co., NC. Scanned images can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/28901378@N06/albums/72157634287146371>*

### ***The Allen Family***

As previously mentioned, Nancy Allen Faulkner was the daughter of Vincent and Elizabeth Unk Allen. Currently all attempts to determine the parents of Elizabeth have met with no success although some researchers have attached a maiden name to her. To date, no proof has been found.

Vincent Allen was born May 11, 1756 in Essex County, VA as stated in his Revolutionary War pension papers. (*Revolutionary War Pension W9692-which can be found on Ancestry.com in its entirety.*) These documents are a wealth of information. We do know that descendants' DNA is a match with some who descend from the John & Barbara (Withers?) Allen line of Essex County, Virginia. Some researchers give his name as Vincent Haile Allen. Due to the fact that he was born in 1756 (several years before people began using middle names) and that there are no records showing a middle name for Vincent, it is very unlikely. He did, however, have a son named Vincent Hail Allen who was commonly called Hail/Hale Allen. This was undoubtedly to limit confusion between the two men.

**Confusion between Vincent Allen (Lincoln Co, NC) and Vincent Allen, Warren Co, NC (son of Charles)**

There is some very disturbing and erroneous information commonly found online in regard to Vincent. Another Vincent Allen, the son of Charles Allen, is often confused with Vincent Allen of Lincoln County, North Carolina. Both Vincents lived in Culpeper County, VA for a while. Vincent, son of Charles, was reportedly born about 1760 in Virginia (possibly Lunenburg) and left Culpeper with his father before 1777. His father is on the Revolutionary War rolls on June 2, 1777 (Bute County, NC) in the 2nd North Carolina Battalion and was transferred on June 2, 1777 to the 5th Regiment. Portions of Bute County became Warren County. Vinson/Vincent Allen, son of Charles and husband of Mary Bowdoin, appears in the 1790 (as Vinson), 1800, 1810, 1820 and 1830 census records of Warren County, NC.

Vincent Allen, husband of Elizabeth UNK, appears in the Lincoln County, NC census records in 1800, 1810, 1820. He and Elizabeth were apparently living with their son, Vincent "Hale " Allen in 1830 as there is a male and female 70-80 years of age listed in his household. This shows Vincent in Warren County and Vincent in Lincoln County are not the same person, yet people take the Revolutionary War pension papers of Nancy's father and apply them to the son of Charles.

**Vincent Allen, Revolutionary War Pension, Lincoln County, North Carolina:**

Vincent Allen of Lincoln County, North Carolina is the person who applied for his pension in 1833. He states he was born in Essex County, VA on May 11, 1756 and that he has a record of his birth in his Bible which was copied from his Father's Bible. Also that he moved from Essex to Culpeper with his father when he was about 11 or 12 years old. He was discharged from service at Cumberland Old Court House (Cumberland Co., VA) and that he sold his papers to Reuben Waggoner for want of provision to live on. In addition, there is a deposition from Edmund Waggoner of Lincoln Co., North Carolina who states that Vincent is his "own cousin". It's not clear as to exactly how Edmund was his cousin as two Allen girls married Waggeners.<sup>1</sup>

Vincent Allen, Lincoln County, North Carolina died May 30, 1834.

Children of Vincent and Elizabeth (UNK) Allen

1. **Lucy** Allen died before February 23, 1853
2. **Andrew** Allen died before February 23, 1853
3. **John** Allen
4. **Nancy** Allen b January 22, 1779, (likely Culpeper Co., VA) m Nicholas Faulkner February 12, 1801, d August 5, 1851 (Lincoln or Gaston Co., NC)
5. **Stanley** Allen b about 1784 in Virginia m Autison (Otterson) Black-bond dated Oct 13, 1808, Lincoln Co., NC. Note: Stanley is a female; Autison is a male-check census records.
6. **Susan** Allen b Feb 25, 1785 d Dec 13, 1847, Lincoln Co., NC m James Black-bond dated Oct 16, 1806, Lincoln Co., NC
7. **Vincent Hail** Allen b 1793-1798, m Barbary UNK; 1860-1870 living in Gaston Co., NC "Hail", as he was called, may have had a previous marriage.
8. **Rebekah Margaret "Peggy"** Allen b ca 1800 Virginia m 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Black, Lincoln Co, NC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Dellinger (living in Cape Girardeau, MO in 1860

Vincent's widow, Elizabeth, died Oct 19, 1848 in Lincoln County. Vincent "Hale" Allen states that he is the only known child still living and that John, Stanley and Margaret left the county and had not been heard from for some time. (Vincent Allen's pension papers-re Elizabeth's widow's pension).

### **Children of James and Susanna (Haile) Greenhill Continued**

#### **Susanna Greenhill**

She married a Mr. Grafton per the will of her brother, Ambrose. Due to the diligent research conducted by Barbara Johns, we now know that Susanna was married to William Grafton of Caroline County.

*June 9, 1801 William Page and Elizabeth his wife against William Grafton & Susannah his wife-"In Slander". The parties came to court and, on the motion of the defendants, by their attorney, the Judgment entered up in the Clerk's office against them is set aside and that they are not guilty of speaking and publishing the slanderous words in the declaration mentioned. A jury was called and they found for the defendants. Therefore the court gave the plaintiffs nothing and awarded the defendants their costs. (Caroline County, VA Court Order Bk, 1799-1802, p 507)*

From the preceding court record we learn his wife's name and from the will we learn she is still living although she isn't mentioned by name.

#### *William Grafton Will*

*The last Will & Testament of William Grafton of Caroline County who being very sick, but of sound mind, do make constitute & ordain this to be my last Will.*

*Imprimis. My will & desire is that my whole estate both real and personal be sold at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided between my children hereafter named (to wit) Thomas Grafton, Ambrose Grafton, and my daughter Sally Bell, and as my daughter Mildred or Milly Bland, my will & desire is that her children have and injoy their mother's part, which is to be equally divided between my grandchildren of the said Milly.*

*My will & desire is that my grand daughter, who is the daughter of my son John Grafton, that she receive one shilling & no more, as her father has received his full part & portion of my estate.*

*Item. I desire that my beloved wife have & receive one third part of the money arising from the sale of my estate & be placed in the hands of my son in law Thomas Bell, and at her death to be divided amongst my children above mentioned except my grand daughter Sarah Skelton.*

*Item. I do hereby appoint my son in law Thomas Bell my whole & sole Executor of this my last Will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of February 1813. William (mark X) Grafton (seal)*

*Signed sealed & published in the  
Presence of us*

*Daniel Turner*

*Robert Chapman Jr*

*The words and my daughter Sally Bell interlined in the eighth line & before us, and in the presence of the Testaor, and at his special instance of request.*

*Daniel Turner*

*Robert Chapman*

*A true copy*

*Test*

*Thomas Pollard*

*(Found in Richmond Virginia Chancery records; also abstracted in Caroline County Virginia Lost Wills 1727-1852, Vol 1, abstracted by Kimberley Curtis Campbell) A copy can be found at: [Ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/112182736/person/180098250347/facts](https://ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/112182736/person/180098250347/facts).*

The two children which are of importance regarding the Essex County, Virginia families are Ambrose and John.

#### **Ambrose Grafton**

Ambrose is the "Ambrose Greenhill Grafton" mentioned in Susanna's brother's will. **See Ambrose Greenhill (p 116).**

The evidence that points to this as being fact are:

1. William Grafton's wife was named Susanna.
2. William and Susanna had a son named Ambrose per William's will.
3. On April 4, 1796, Berkeley County, West Virginia an Ambrose Grunnell Graften witnessed the will of John Hendricks. (*Berkeley Co, West VA, Will Bk 2, p 359-360 Family Sch Film #831169\**)
4. Ambrose had a brother commonly referred to by researchers of his line as "Old Tommy" who also appears in Berkeley County. The 1792 tax list shows "Thomas Grafton & brother", two white males over the age of 21. The only other brother still living at this time was Ambrose; John (their brother) was deceased.

\* Early records in Essex Co. give the name as Grenall so a variation of Grenall and Greenhill would not be out of the question.

In the same county, there is a marriage record for Ambrose Grafton to Elizabeth Blue December 20, 1796. His brother, Thomas married Easter Cowden Mar 15, 1785. Both marriages were performed by Mores Hoge. (Easter, Hester, Esther are all variations of the same name.)

Jefferson County, West Virginia was formed in 1801 from Berkeley County because the citizens of Southeastern Berkeley County thought they had to travel too far to the county seat. September 1, 1802, Jefferson County, we find Ambrose involved in a lease agreement with Jesse Moore (an agent for Henry Lee Esq of Fairfax County, Virginia). The lease was proved February 8, 1803 by one of the witnesses and again in a continued court January 9, 1805 and recorded. The first payment by Ambrose was to be paid on January 1, 1804 and continue annually for four years. (*Jefferson Co, West VA Deed Bk 2, p 342*)

This lease puts Ambrose in the right time frame to be the Ambrose who moved to Ross County, Ohio. The first document which places Ambrose in Ross County, Ohio is a deed dated February 10, 1808 in which he purchased a tract of land from John Strawser and his wife Christina for \$702 (acreage not given). (*Ross Co., Ohio, Deed Bk 8, p 168-169*)

While some researchers show his wife, Elizabeth (Blue) dying in 1822, it is most likely that she died before 1820 because there is no female listed in the 1820 census (Ross County, Ohio) in Ambrose's household. She may have died in West Virginia because their marriage record is the only time Elizabeth is mentioned. (Note: West Virginia was not formed until the Civil War so technically they lived in Virginia, not West Virginia but today all the records will be found in West Virginia.) Equally frustrating is that there are no census records for 1800 and 1810 for Ross County. There were no children of Ambrose and his first wife.

Thomas (Ambrose's brother-Old Tommy) and Ambrose lived about 90 miles apart; Thomas was living in Champaign County, Ohio. For further information on this line refer to Barbara Johns' family tree, *AA-Etter-Grafton-Gaines*, [ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/12171546/person/-320644364/facts](https://ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/12171546/person/-320644364/facts).

Ambrose married December 25, 1824 to Elizabeth Ponsler (or Ponster), Ross County, Ohio by Aaron Jones, Justice of the Peace. (*Ohio, U.S, County Marriage Records 1774-1993, 1803-1834, p 541, Ancestry.com*) Elizabeth was a widow; her maiden name was Buckwalter, the daughter of Abraham Buckwalter and Barbara Ziegler Bauer. She was born November 15, 1792 in Berks County, Pennsylvania and died November, 1836 and is buried at Salem White Church Cemetery in Kingston, Ross County, Ohio. (*findagrave, Memorial 53409234*)

They had five children: William, Samuel B., Sarah E., Susan B., and Catherine. William and Samuel went to Texas, Sarah married Thomas Patterson and died in childbirth. She is buried in Old Methodist Cemetery, Adelphi, Ross County, Ohio. (*findagrave, Memorial 39311609*) Susan died between December 2, 1856 (date of her will) and February 20, 1857 when her will was proved. Catherine married Doctor Elias D. Witt and died April 10, 1858. Also buried in Salem White Church Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio. (*findagrave, Memorial 53413384*) The two boys lived into the early 1900s.

Ambrose appears in the U. S. Federal Mortality Schedules Index, 1850-1880. This schedule asked questions regarding those who died in the twelve months prior to the enumeration. Ambrose's son, William posted bond for administration of his father's estate on October 16, 1849. The index shows that Ambrose was 85 years old at the time of his death so his birthdate would be 1764 (not subtracted from the 1850 census date). He was a widower, died of fever and had been ill for three weeks.

There are a number of deeds in Ross County for Ambrose. And after his death in William Grafton vs Samuel B. Grafton et al, William petitioned the court for a division of the land. He requested that if it could not be done fairly and equitably, the land be sold and the proceeds divided between the siblings and Mary E. Patterson, the daughter of his deceased sister, Sarah. (*Ross County, Ohio, Chancery and partition records, V 13-14, 1850-1852, p 336*) The land was sold by John R. Anderson, the Sheriff of Ross County and recorded March 25, 1854. (*Ross County, Ohio, Deed Bk 55, p 388-389*)

### **John Grafton**

John Grafton lived in King and Queen County. He married Jane Lane who was the daughter of Sarah Munday and John Lane of Essex County.

Sarah was the daughter of Charles Munday (d before Aug 18, 1747 when his estate was appraised) and Jane. Some say Jane's maiden name was Crittenden but this may be based solely on the fact that they named a son "Crittenden". On August 7, 1783 Jane deeded a Negro child named Isaac to her granddaughter, Jane Lane (*Essex Co, VA Deed Bk 32, p 162*). On May 3, 1784 she deeded a child named Lille...? to her daughter Hannah who had married an unknown Davis. (*Essex Co, VA Deed Bk 32, p 252-253*)

When Jane Munday made her will (*Oct 18, 1780, Essex Co, VA Deed & Will Bk 13, p 441-442*) she specified that her daughters, Hannah Davis and Sarah Lane's parts were to go to Jane Lane, Sarah Lane and Molly Lane after Hannah's and Sarah's deaths. Jane Munday's will was proved September 20, 1784.

December 19, 1789 Hannah deeded the negroe child named Charlotte that was lent to her by her mother for life to the three girls but it was not recorded until April 19, 1790. Note: One of the witnesses was a William Lane. (*Essex Co, VA Deed Bk 33, p 237*)

John Grafton's death date is a bit iffy but Jane (Jinny), in her application for her widow's pension stated, "said Grafton, her husband, lived but a few years after their marriage, but she does not recollect the date of his death but that he died when their first child, who is not alive and about sixty years of age, was about three years old." (January 6, 1844) That would have placed John's death ca 1787. The widow Grafton then married John Moody who died about 1837.

Located in the application for Jane's pension, is an affidavit made by Barbara Taylor of Essex County in which she recalls that John Grafton married Jinny Lain and had a daughter who married a man by the name of Skelton. This document links John Grafton to William Grafton's will in Caroline County when he names his grand daughter Sarah Skelton. **(See p 120)**

### **Rosannah Greenhill**

Rosanna was first married to a Mr. Cole but he has not been identified. They had a son Thomas Greenhill Cole however no records have been found for him.

She married 2nd, Richard Fuller and they had Rosie Fuller who married Leroy Davis. On September 16, 1799 Rosie and Leroy sold the lot in Tappahannock which had been bequeathed to her by her uncle, Ambrose. It appears that Rosie Davis (Fuller) died by December 10, 1805 because Leroy married Elizabeth Fisher.

Richard Fuller had been previously married to a Mary Johnson sometime during 1770-1771 for on Aug 7, 1770 he made an agreement that he would not claim any estate she had before their marriage. She may have been the daughter of Samuel Johnson because Richard Fuller lived on Samuel's plantation after Samuel's death. Richard's will is dated Oct 1, 1804 in Essex County and Rosannah is still living. He also mentions a daughter, Caty Davis who may have been from his first marriage.

## (Capt) Richard Haile

John Haile's father was Capt. Richard Haile. Contrary to some opinions Richard Haile does not connect with the Nicholas Heale/Hale line in Lancaster County. Careful and thorough research has been done and absolutely no connection whatsoever has been found. Lindsay O. Duvall in his abstracts many years ago shows a reference to a Richd. Heale but further investigation by contacting the Mary Ball Washington Museum determined that the name was actually Nich.; it was a transcription error. The primary culprit of this misinformation appears to be Roots in Virginia by Nathaniel Claiborn Hale. In all fairness much of his work was focused on Bedford and Franklin Counties, Virginia and it is extremely difficult to identify accurately the Hale/Hail lines in that area since there were at least three.

The first mention of Richard Haile is Jan 20, 1672 in a deed from Thomas and Alice Gouldman to William Dyer: "boundaries line of marked trees extending toward Richard Hale's plantation" so it appears he had land at this time although no documents prior to this date seem to exist. It is possible that he leased the land and because they did not always execute a lease agreement, no record would be found. On January 2, 1674 he witnessed a power of attorney from Alice Gouldman to Henry Aubrey (Awbrey) for land sold to Luke Hamilton and James Harper.

By January 4, 1674/75 he purchased 450 acres from Theophilus Whale which is adjacent Robins and Thomas Gouldman by an Indian path on the lines of John Masters and Capt. Beverly. This land, other purchases and at least two patents comprised the 720 acres (minus three land sales) which son John was gifted in a deed from Richard on November 1, 1696. Richard had repatented these patents and purchases on September 10, 1694.

On April 6, 1682, he makes a deed of gift to his son-in-law, Richard Taylor. Currently there is no record of a daughter for Richard. In fact, a wife doesn't even show in records until April 1, 1685. Therefore, the question is: Was "son-in-law" in this case defined as we would define it today or was he Richard's step-son? Both are possibilities. There is no source or dated document which confirms that Richard was married to Mary around the time of John's birth. Therefore one cannot state with any degree of accuracy that Mary was John Haile's mother. There is definitely nothing which points to her maiden name.

There are a number of unanswered questions in regard to his relationship with Henry Awbrey. For example, March 7, 1671/72 Henry Aubry gives a gift to his godson Richard Haile.

*Know all men by These presents that I Henry Aubry of Rappa County for the good will and affection I have unto my godson Richard Haile of the County aforesaid I give one heifer in manner and form following wth all her increase both male and female unto my godsonne Richard Haile and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body and if the said Richard Haile junior dies without Issue as abovesaid then the said Heifer and her Increase to Returne unto the said Henry Awbrey and his heirs forever further I the said Henry Awbrey doe order that the said heifer shall remain at the plantation of Richard White where now she is wth her increase for the use of my godsonn Richard Haile and that the said Richard White shall have the male increase until the said Haile be ten years of age and noe longer for looking after the sd*

*Beast and her Increase untill my godson Richard Haile be twenty and one yeares of age the abovesaid heifer is a cole black and a [skipped word] on the Right Eare and a hoale in the left Eare and an underkeele and one other mark further the said Henry Aubrey doth Require that the male and female increase of the said Heifer that belong to the said Haile junior should be marked as abovesaid In confirmation whereof the sd Henry Awbrey have put his hand and Seale this 7th day of March 1671/2*

*Henry Awbrey (seale)*

*Signed and Sealed in the presence of us*

*Thomas Claibourne*

*Richard White*

*Recordatr xxi die April 1672*

*Test Edmund Crask Cl Cu Com Rappa*

*Old Rappahannock Co Deed Bk 5 p 65*

Since Richard Haile is under ten years old at the time of Henry Awbrey's deed of gift, he is not Capt Richard Haile. Also refer to the deed previously mentioned from Thomas and Alice Gouldman to William Dyer in which boundaries extend to Richard Haile's plantation, dated Jan 20, 1672. This shows there had to be two Richard Hailes. Because John Haile states numerous times that he is the only son and heir apparent of Capt. Richard, then Richard Junior must have died. Some people make the mistake of combining both Richards into one.

Capt Richard appears in the court orders numerous times throughout his residence in Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties. The last three are noteable since on November 23, 1697 there is a suit between John Mess and Mary his wife plaintiffs against Capt. Richd. Haile Defendant. It was referred until the next court at the defendant's request. January 10, 1697/98 The suit is dismissed for want of prosecution. (As a reminder, John Mess' will was proved March 10, 1698 so it's likely he was very ill, the suit became unimportant or it was settled out of court.)

The final entry for Capt. Richard in any of the records is on July 13, 1698 when he prosecutes a suit against Mrs. Dorothy Gouldman, Executrix of Richard Awbrey deced. It was nonsuited & ordered to pay damage according to the law with costs also.



## *Chapter 8*

### **II-3-2 John Meador Jr**

John Meador Jr. died before his father in 1720. He married Sarah Gregory, daughter of Richard and Katherine (Armstrong) Gregory.

In John's nuncupative will May 14, 1720

Memorandum of the verbal will of John Meador Jr. who deceased May 14, 1720 at his own dwelling house in the county of Essex. In his last sickness he called the deponents to be evidence to this his last will, which is as followeth:

*Item: I give to my daughter Susannah Meader all my whole estate, but if my daughter Susannah Meador dye before she comes of age or marries, then I will that my sd. estate be equally divided between William Bourne & Thomas Meador & John Armstrong & William Jordan.*

*Item; I desire that William Bourne & Thomas Meador be my executors and that they take care of my said daughter.*

*Written May the 17th(?) in the year above written.*

*At a Court continued & held for Essex County on Wednesday ye 18th day of May 1720 This nuncupative will of John Meador decd. was presented in Court by Wim Bourne & Thomas Meador ye within named who made oath thereto & being futher proved by the oath of John Allen, Richard Gregory & Ann Bradbury witnesses thereto is admitted to record.*

*Test*

*W Beverley ClCur*

*(Essex County, Virginia, Will Book 3, p 147)*

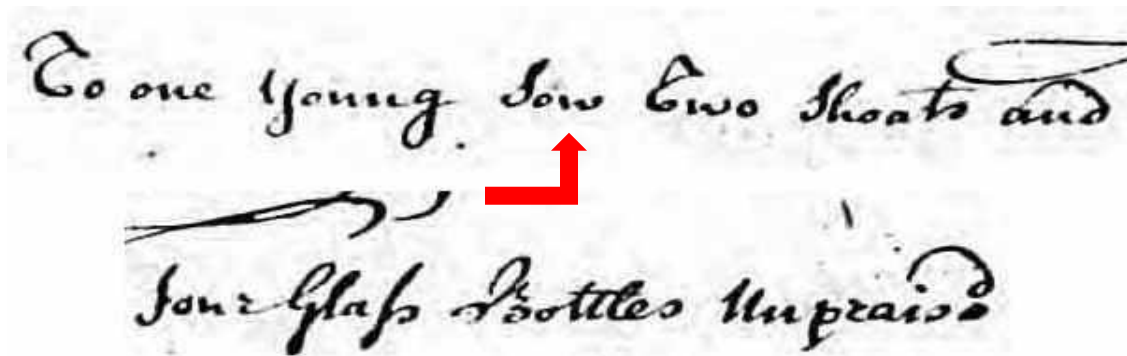
#### **Child of John Jr and Sarah (Gregory) Meador**

##### **II-3-2a Susanna Meador**

Victor Meador mentions John Jr's. estate account in which Susanna is mentioned as being crippled but the impact does not completely register unless one looks at it in it's entirety. It is included on the following pages. Susanna's care appears to be "a family affair". There are only two entries in which a family relationship cannot be readily identified: that is Joseph Baker and Alexander Somerfield in the repairing of houses on the estate. Joseph Baker was the 2nd husband of Amy who was the widow of John Gatewood. There is likely a family connection here as well but not readily apparent. Alexander Somerfield is probably Alexander Somervell who was Frances Byrom (Mills) 2nd husband. Her first husband was Henry Byrom, the brother of Peter Byrom who married Mary Nightingale so in this particular instance, there is a family connection although a little roundabout. (See following pages of John's Estate Account.)

The estate account is found in two different copies of Will Bk 6. "To one young sow two shoats and four Glass Bottles Unpraisd" [unappraised]. This was mistakenly transcribed as "son" in Victor's book. A shoat is a young pig, especially one which is newly weaned. This is why the bottles were needed.

This is why the information that Susanna had an illegitimate child about this time is erroneous.



To one young sow two shoats and  
four glass bottles unpraisd

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all such Estate or Estates as now is or hereafter shall come to the hands of the s<sup>d</sup> Waring as soon as the said Orphan shall attain to Lawfull age or when thereunto required by the said Justices there heirs and Successors from all trouble and Damage that shall or may arise about the said Estate then this obligation to be void and of none Effect otherwise to be and remain in full force power & Value

Waring

Hoane



At a Court held for Essex County at Tapp<sup>d</sup> on the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> MDCXXXIX.

Thomas Waring and William Hoane Gent<sup>l</sup> acknowledged this bond to be their act and deed which was ordered to be recorded

Test L. Robinson D<sup>c</sup>

1720 The Estate of John Meador Dec<sup>d</sup>B<sup>d</sup>

|                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| To maintainance of a Couple Orphan Child of the s <sup>d</sup> John Meador Dec <sup>d</sup> the Child helpless Not Capable to put on her Clothes or to walk from the year 1720 untill the year 1732 | To 6 <sup>o</sup> |
| the year 1720 W <sup>m</sup> Brown to nursing the s <sup>d</sup> Child 8 months                                                                                                                     | 600               |
| To <sup>d</sup> James Bradberry for nursing the s <sup>d</sup> Orphan in the year 1721                                                                                                              | 800               |
| In the year 1722 To <sup>d</sup> John Bryson for Nursing the s <sup>d</sup> orphan                                                                                                                  | 800               |
| To nursing the s <sup>d</sup> Orphan by W <sup>m</sup> Brown from the year 1723 untill the year 1732 being nine years @ 800 To <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> year                                     | 7200              |
| To maintainance of the s <sup>d</sup> Orphan from the year 1732 untill the year 1738 being six years @ 500 To <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> year                                                      | 3000              |
| To Repairing and Building of houses for the use of the orphan Plantation                                                                                                                            | 2:10:0            |
| To paid John Bryson                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0:12:0            |
| To John Haile paid                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0:10:0            |
| To paid John Armstrong                                                                                                                                                                              | 1:2:0             |
| To paid Joseph Baker                                                                                                                                                                                | 2:8:0             |
| To paid W <sup>m</sup> Jordan                                                                                                                                                                       | 0:14:0            |
| To paid Alex. Sumnerfield                                                                                                                                                                           | 0:30              |
| To paid C <sup>l</sup> ks fees                                                                                                                                                                      | 150               |
| To paid Secretary fees                                                                                                                                                                              | 0:10              |

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                  |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| (198) | To Burial Charges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8-0-0   |                  |
|       | To Prayers for                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         | 0-9-0            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11-16-0 | 127-10           |
|       | D <sup>r</sup> Cr <sup>t</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 60      |                  |
|       | By the amount of the Rents of Land belonging to the <sup>d</sup> Orphan Rec <sup>d</sup> as Follows                                                                                                                                                                                                         | L       | Sol <sup>d</sup> |
|       | In the year 1723 Rent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         | 0-3-50           |
|       | From the year 1723 untill the year 1730 being Seven years Rent yearly @ 50 <sup>00</sup> Sol <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> year                                                                                                                                                                               |         | 3-500            |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1731                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-3-00           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1732                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-1-50           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1733                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-1-00           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in y <sup>r</sup> year 1734                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | 0-0-75           |
|       | The year 1735 the plantation Void                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         | 0-0-00           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1736                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-1-00           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1737                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-1-00           |
|       | To Rent rec <sup>d</sup> in the year 1738                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | 0-1-00           |
|       | To Cash rec <sup>d</sup> of Nicks: Southford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0-7-2   | 4775             |
|       | To Cash rec <sup>d</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 0-5-0   |                  |
|       | To Cash rec <sup>d</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1-1-6   |                  |
|       | To Cash rec <sup>d</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 0-5-9   |                  |
|       | By Personable Estate Rec <sup>d</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1-19-5  |                  |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 36-7-3  |                  |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 38-6-8  |                  |
|       | Errors Excepted off - Where no<br>Thos <sup>d</sup> Meador } Ec <sup>o</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         |                  |
|       | To one young son two shillings and four pence and another two pence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                  |
|       | At a Court hold for Essex County at Sayps <sup>d</sup> on the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of July 1739                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                  |
|       | Thomas Meador one of the Executors of the last will & Testament of John Meador rec <sup>d</sup> presented this account of the <sup>d</sup> Decedents Estate which being examined by the Court was admitted to Record                                                                                        |         |                  |
|       | Test W <sup>m</sup> Blount Esq <sup>r</sup> (S <sup>g</sup> )<br>J <sup>n</sup> Robinson Sec <sup>y</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         |                  |
|       | At a Court held for Essex County on the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of February 1740 On the motion of Thomas Meador one of the Executors of the last will & Testament of John Meador the Court did value all the tobacco in this account at the rate of twelve shillings & six pence p <sup>r</sup> hundred weight |         |                  |
|       | Test L <sup>d</sup> Robinson Sec <sup>y</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         |                  |

The estate account gives a little more information regarding Susanna's condition, "the child helpless not able to put on her cloathes or walk from the year 1720 until the year 1732". This is a red flag because it would indicate that she needed constant supervision and care; therefore it would be illogical for her to have had an illegitimate child by the date of this estate account. In addition, it shows that the bottles were for shoats and the word "sow" was mistaken for "son". She was, however, summoned to appear before the grand jury on May 21, 1754 for having a bastard child and failed to appear at the June 10, 1754 court. She was charged with fifty shillings or five hundred pounds of tobacco which she was ordered to pay to the church wardens of the parish for use of the poor. (*Essex County Court Order Book20, p 35, 130*) Edward Meador or Edmund (both names are used) appeared in the court orders in 1754 so he is not her son. There is, however, another theory. See Vincent Meador, p 133.

The last known record for Susanna is when she is mentioned in her Uncle Thomas Meador's will in 1758.



## *Chapter 9*

### **II-3-3 Thomas Meador**

Thomas was probably born about 1680-81. He married Elizabeth Wood about 1702. This is based on the fact that they weren't married at the time of her father's will in 1698. (*Essex Co., VA Deed Bk 9, 1695-1699, p 307*)

Elizabeth's parents were John Wood and Frances UNK. (Recall that the widow Frances married William Cox after the death of John Wood.) John's inventory was taken July 27, 1699 by John Haile, James Fullerton (II), Francis Browne Jr., and John Farguson. Elizabeth's brothers were Thomas and John.

It has already been shown here that William Meador sold 70 acres to Thomas on January 21, 1734 (refer to William (**II-3-1a**)).

On July 16, 1739 Rachel Jordan (**II-3-5**) and William Hutson of Caroline County sold 105 acres to her brother, Thomas, part of the Edwin Thacker patent which was purchased by her father of Thacker on August 7, 1689. On Oct 13, 1739, Thomas sold one half (52 acres) of this land to William Allen Jr. who was the son of William Allen and Margaret Waggener.

October 20, 1741 Thomas, John Seayres and Thomas Evens appraised the estate of William Greenill who was the grandfather of Ambrose Greenhill (see Susanna Haile, p 115).

William Allen Jr. died in 1739 but not before he deeded the 52 acres he purchased of Thomas Meador to his brother Zachariah. Both Thomas Meador and Zachariah signed the deed when the land was sold to John Clements on July 18, 1749.

#### Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wood) Meador

The children were Elizabeth, Rachel, Thomas Jr., Sarah, Esther, John, Ambrose, Reuben, and Frances, however only those for whom additional information has been found will be included here.

#### **II-3-3a Elizabeth Meador**

It is general consensus based on Victor P. Meadors book that Thomas Meador's daughter Elizabeth married Benjamin Allen the son of Erasmus Allen and Dinah Waggoner. The only record that gives an indication of their marriage is her father's will. There are no further deeds or wills that tie the couple together nor does there appear to be any issue from this marriage although some believe that Benjamin Allen Jr. was their son. Benjamin was born before January 26, 1719 (the date of his father's will). In 1743 he was at the processioning of John Armstrong, William Greenhill's orphans, Christopher Beverley, Garrett Fitzsimmons, Dan Daley, Thomas Davis joining Fitzsimmons (probably land that was Jonathan Haile's), Thomas Evans and others. However this could have referred to Benjamin Allen Jr.

It's not always easy to distinguish between Benjamin Allen and Benjamin Allen Jr. in the records. On occasion instances have been found where Benjamin Jr is referred to only as just Benjamin. The identity

of Benjamin Allen Jr.'s parents remain a mystery. It is questionable whether he was the son of Elizabeth (Meador) and Benjamin Allen since both men begin appearing in the records about the same time. Benjamin Allen Jr. in 1743 was at the processioning of John Armstrong's land which divided the land from John Bourne's. The Benjamins must have been about the same age give or take a few years. As mentioned previously, Junior and Senior did not necessarily mean they were father and son and also remember that Benjamin Allen Jr. married Susanna Greenhill (Haile) who had been married to James Greenhill prior to 1741 (when James died) and had four known Greenhill children. Susanna Greenhill (Haile) and Benjamin Allen Jr married between 1741 and 1744.

Elizabeth's history is an enigma. It has not been proven that Elizabeth wife of Benjamin Allen and Elizabeth who married William Barton are the same people. Also, Elizabeth had to be a 2nd wife to William Barton for on May 31, 1784 John Barton, William's son, sells Negro slaves to Elizabeth. This was part of John's inheritance from his father. The fact that John refers to Elizabeth as "the Widow of my decd father" indicates she was not his mother.

*Know all men by these presents that I John Barton of Essex County for and in consideration of the sum of three Hundred & Ten Pounds currt. money to me in hand paid by Eliza. Barton the Widow of my decd father Wm. Barton late of the sd County Have Granted Bargained & Sold and by these presents do Grant Bargain & Sell unto the sd Eliza. Barton & to her Heirs & assigns the followg negro Slaves Vizt. Isaac, Rose, Dennis, Hannah & Judey. To have and to hold the sd Negro Slaves & their future increase unto the Eliza. Barton her heirs & assigns, against me the sd. John Barton My Heirs & assigns and all other person claiming by from & under me or any of them. Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of May 1784.*

*John Barton (seal)*

*Witnesses*

*Whitehead Coleman*

*Richd Allen*

*Richd Tho Haile*

*At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 16th day of August 1784 This Bill of Sale was proved by the oath of Whitehead Coleman, Richard Allen and Richard Thomas Haile the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.*

*Test*

*Hancock Lee Clk*

*(Essex County Virginia Deed Book 32 1781-1786, p 231)*

*On August 16, 1784 William Barton's estate was "revisited" by an order of February court , 1783. The estate was divided and Elizabeth and "her son Thomas" received the slaves which were mentioned in the deed from John Barton. Elizabeth also received one third of William's personal estate. Vincent Meador received slaves named Lucy & Diner (probably Dinah) and Liday and an equal share in the personal estate with that of John and Thomas. John received slaves by the names of Roger, Tom, Tenny & Mary, and Solomon. (Essex County VA Will Book 13 1775-1785, p 438)*

### Vincent Meador

Vincent is included here because general consensus has been that Vincent is Elizabeth's son but that may not be the case. Vincent also does not carry the Barton surname as many have in their trees.

*The Hist Reg. of Virginians in the Rev., soldiers, sailors, and marines, 1775-1783* Ed. by John H. Gwathmey, Richmond, VA, 1938 (13, 872p): 541 gives Vincent's birthdate as 1740. *The American Genealogical Biographical Index* gives his birthdate as 1750. Yet, Victor P. Meador gives his birthdate as 1765. This was certainly based on the 1810 census in which Vincent was listed as being 45 and over. The only thing this tells us is that Vincent was born in 1765 or earlier. To get a better overview of what Vincent's age might be, one must look at the Revolutionary War records.

Enlistment age in the Continental Army was 16 (15 with parental consent) but volunteers could sign on up to the age of 55. The average age of Washington's troops at Valley Forge in 1777 was between 20-25. <https://militaryhistorynow.com/2013/08/23/the-young-and-the-restless-the-astonishing-ages-of-the-revolutions-key-figures/>

The first Revolutionary War Roll in which Vincent appears is December 29, 1776 in the 7th Virginia Regiment under the command of Col. Alexander McClanahan, Capt. John Webb's Company. He also appears in the rolls on July, 1777, September 11, 1778, and June, 1779 all in the same regiment. Currently, no parental consent has been found to indicate that he was younger than 16. Both Vincent and Leroy Meador (Meadow) who was the son of William and Frances (Byrom) Meador appear as privates on the Valley Forge muster roll. <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/muster.asp>

According to an exhaustive study of the Continental Army at Valley Forge, the average age of Washington's soldiers in 1777 was between 20 and 25. (<https://militaryhistorynow.com/2013/08/23/the-young-and-the-restless-the-astonishing-ages-of-the-revolutions-key-figures/>) Therefore Vincent's birth can be placed somewhere between 1751 (if he was 25) and 1760 (if he was 16). Serving in the Revolutionary War, he was definitely not born in 1765 as Victor stated.

It's likely that Elizabeth Allen (Meador) was not Vincent's mother. Based on the preceeding information, Elizabeth would have still been married to Benjamin Allen and Vincent would have had the Allen surname (even had he been sired illegitimately) or Vincent would have to be born before the Meador-Allen marriage took place; there is no documentation to pinpoint that date. It is only known that Elizabeth Meador and Benjamin Allen were married by her father's will in 1758.

Unfortunately the records for William Barton are scarce and currently the only record found for him is the estate settlement. No deeds have been found for him, any clue as to where he originated, nor any clue as to the identity of a first wife. It is possible that Barton married a Meador widow. Also possible (if the above birthdate estimates are correct) that Vincent could be the illegitimate son of Susanna Meador (II-3-2a) since we know that Susanna did have an illegitimate child ca 1753. It would be logical for Elizabeth (Allen, Meador) to have married William Barton after Benjamin's death and become Vincent's surrogate mother. Susanna's father, John Jr, charged Thomas Meador and William Bourne to take care of his daughter, Susanna (in his will). In the event of both Thomas' death and that of Susanna, it would

be logical for Susanna's aunt to take care of the orphan. **However, there is no proof of any of it...not even that Barton's wife was Elizabeth Allen (Meador).** There was quite a bit of interaction between the Bartons and descendants of the Richard Meador (II-3-1b) line. But why did Vincent inherit an equal share of William Barton's estate? No documents have been found in the way of explanation.

On June 18, 1787 Vincent did purchase approximately 80 acres from Thomas Meador (son of Thomas Meador and Ann Bourne) upon which Ann still resided by virtue of her dower. (*Essex Co. VA, Deed Book 33 p 104-105*) February 11, 1788 Vincent apparently sold this land containing 75 acres to James (not John) Johnston. (*Essex Co, VA, Deed Book 33, p 128*) It was apparently the same land which was in the possession of the widow, Ann but it is not designated as such in the deed. This could be an indication that Ann had passed. Once again, James Johnston was the second husband of Milly, widow of Richard Meador. (p 65)

An administrator's bond was issued on February 20, 1815 in Essex County to John Daingerfield and George W. Banks (security) for the administration of Vincent Meador's estate in the amount of \$400. (*Essex County, VA, Will Book 18, p 112*)

Children of Vincent Meador and wife, Sarah UNK

#### **Barton Meador**

June 4, 1836 Barton Meador sold a tract of land which he had purchased by public auction formerly belonging to Richard Fisher, deceased, which took place January 9, 1822 to Winter Bray.

Barton's will was dated September 18, 1837. Mourning Johnston posted bond (with James Phillips as his security) for the executorship of Barton's estate on Feb 19, 1838. Mourning Johnston was the son of Milly (Meador, UNK) widow of Richard Meador, and her second husband, James Johnston.

#### *Barton Meador Will*

*In the name of God Amen I Barton Meadow of the County of Essex and State of Virginia being in perfect health and of perfect mind and memory thanks being given u to God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and to leave my worldly Estate in the following manner (Viz.) I lend to Vincent Gordon my nephew, all and singular my Lands, messuage and tenements during his natural life and then to his heirs if any lawfully begotten of his own body if not it is my wish and desire that it should go to my sister Elizabeth Hammond during her natural life, and then I giveth to her children and their heirs forever. also I lend to my two sisters Elizabeth Hammons and Catharine Brooks, all my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst them and I do hereby make my Friend Mourning Johnston the whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the Eighteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.*

*Barton Meador (seal)*

*Teste*

*Churchill Brizendine*

James Phillips  
Mourning Johnston

*At an Intervening Court begun for Essex County at the Courthouse on the 19th day of February 1838 This Last Will and Testament of Barton Meador decd being into Court by Mourning Johnston the nominal Exector therein and by the oaths of Churchill Brizendine and James Phillips two of the Witnesses to the same subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of the said Mourning Johnston a Certificate was granted him in order to his obtaining probate of the said Last Will and Testament in due form of law, he being first taken the oath in such case required by Law and entered into and acknowledged a Bond payable to the sitting Justices in the penalty of Two thousand four hundred Dollars with James Phillips his securty approved of us such by the Court which said bond being Co\_ delivered as the Law directs and Ordered to be Recorded.*

*Teste James Roy Micou Jr Clk*  
(Essex County, VA Will Book 24, p 250-251)

January 9, 1842, in an account of Barton's estate, John Hammond and Edmund Brooks received their proportion of interest which was \$36.62 each. (Essex County, VA Will Book 25, p 378)

#### **Elizabeth Meador**

Elizabeth married John Harmons or Hammonds (shown both ways in the records). Their children are named in the release by Catharine and Edmund Brooks which follows.

She died before Sept 16, 1844. (Essex County, VA Deed Book 48, 1843-1845, p 379)

#### **Catharine Meador**

Per the 1850 census, Catharine was born about 1801. She was first married to Alexander Dunn; marriage license, January 17, 1825 (Essex County, Virginia Book 1, p 241). Her second husband was Edmund Brooks; marriage license December 19, 1836. (Essex County, VA Book 1, p 252)

*Memo: Whereas in the will of Barton Meadors decd. Duly admitted to record by the county clerk of Essex on the 19th day of February 1838 there is the following clause*

*To wit: "Also I lend to my sisters Elizabeth Harmons and Catherine Brooks all my present estate to be equally divided between them during their natural lives then to go to my sister Elizabeth Harmons children to be equally divided amongst them" and whereas the said Elizabeth Harmon's has departed this life and her children are now claiming of Mourning Johnston the Execr: of the said Barton Meador one half of the said personal estate to be equally divided amongst them and a doubt and question having risen which er according to the law meaning and construction of the said clause the said Catharine Brooks is not entitle? To the whole personal estate during her lifetime; and whereas the said Catharine Brooke together with her husband Edmund Brooke have consented and are willing that her half of the said personal estate in the hands of the said Mourning Johnston Exer: as aforesaid should be delivered up to the children of the said Elizabeth Harmons to be divided amongst them according to their views and*

*construction of the aforesaid clause-. Now this deponent witnesseth that the said Edmund Brooks and the said Catharine Brooks have consented and do hereby agree and consent that the said Mourning Johnston Exor as aforesaid may and shall deliver up and pay over to Allen Cauthorn and Elizabeth his wife a daughter of the said Elizabeth Harmons , Ross A. Cauthorn and Sarah his wife another daughter of the said Elizabeth Harmons, Robert Harmons, Silas Harmons, and Lucy Harmons the other children of the said Elizabeth Harmons one half the money as personal estate of the said Barton Meador now in his hands. And the said Edmund Brooks and Catharine Brooks for themselves their heirs, exers and admors do hereby forever discharge and release the said Mourning Johnston exrs as aforesaid, his heirs exers. And admers from and against all claims or demand to or for any part of Me aforesaid one half of the personal estate of my said Barton Meader decd which may hereafter be parsed or asserted by us or by other of us and they the said Edmund Brooks and Catherine Brooks do covenant for themselves their heirs and that the said Mourning Johnston and his heirs do stand forever hereafter fully released discharged and acquitted from all liability in any way growing out of the premises. In Testimony whereof the said Edmund Brooks and Catharine Brooks have hereunto set their hand and affixed their seals this 16th day of September 1844.*

*Edmund (mark) Broockes (seal)*

*Catharine (mark) Broockes (seal)*

*Wit:*

*Benjamin Blake*

*C. C. Aikens*

*John Benton*

*We Larkin Hundley and Joseph C.Eubank Justices of the Peace in the County of aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Edmund Broockes and Catharine Broockes his wife parties to a certain Deed bearing date on the 16th day of September 1844 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the LCounty Court of Essex in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given uder our hands and seals this 2d day of April 1845.*

*Larkin Hundley*

*Joseph C. Eubank*

*(Essex County, VA Deed Book 48, 1843-1845, p 379-380)*

*Recorded Apr 2, 1845.*

### **Frances Meador**

Frances married George Gordon, son of Gabriel Gordon. The marriage license is dated January 1, 1828; both were 21 years of age. (*Essex County, VA, Book 1, p 245*)

*Davis vs. Gordon*

*To the Honourable John B. Christian Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Essex. Complainant Nancy Davis. That in the year [blank] one Gabriel Gordon died seized and possessed of a parcel of real Estate in the County of Essex and dying intestate his children became entitled, among whom was George Gordon since deceased. Your complaint is informed by the clerk of the County Court of Essex that no division was ever made. George Gordon left only one child, an infant under 21, Vincent Gordon, who this complainant asks may be made defendant to this bill. About 1837, Barton Meador died leaving a last will and testament devising to Vincent Gordon all his lands during his natural life and at his death to his heirs if any. Barton Meador had a tract of land, 153 acres. William B. B. Seward qualified as the guardian of Vincent Gordon and rented out the estate left by Barton Meador and tells your complainant that he has used the profits to maintain his ward. In October court 1842 your complainant obtained judgement against William B. B. Seward as guardian of Vincent Gordon for \$52.50 in damages and \$9.91 in costs. Filed 1 March 1843. [Essex Co, VA, Box 52-Q-6.]*

**II-3-3b Rachel Meador**

As with Thomas' daughter Elizabeth Meador, the only indication of his daughter Rachel's marriage to Ambrose Armstrong is Thomas' will. She must have died early. All the Bible records that are available give Ambrose's wife as Mary (2nd wife). Armstrong Family Bible, 1760-1840, <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/Bible/26222.pdf> Bible Record Image

It isn't clear as to the reason Victor Meader said Armstrong's wife's name was Elizabeth. It's possible he just confused Rachel, the daughter of Thomas with Thomas' sister, Elizabeth, who married John Armstrong. John and Elizabeth were the parents of Ambrose.



## ***Chapter 10***

### **II-3-4 Hope Meador**

Since Hope was not mentioned in his father's will we know that he was deceased by 1721. A court order dated September 18, 1723 is as follows:

*The petition of Wm. Jorney setting forth yt. Elizabeth Meador ye Wido. of Hope Meador lately deced is now intermarried with Mr. James Bradbury who hath entered upon ye sd deceadts. Estate & doth wast & destroy the same. It is therefore ordered that the Sheriff summon ye sd James Bradbury & Elizabeth his wife to appear at next Court & answer the same.*



## *Chapter 10*

### **III. John Meador (son of Ambrose)**

Victor P Meador in his book, Our Meador Families in Colonial America, states that John was born before March, 1633 and references Robert Payne's will which was dated March 24, 1671 for which John was a witness. However, Payne's will was proven Nov. 4, 1675 and this is the date John Meador and Richard Barber gave their depositions and their ages. Victor Meador is in error as he used the date of the will to determine John Meador's birth. Instead, he was born ca 1637 depending upon the month in which he was born. (*Old Rappahannock County, VA Will & Deed Book, p190*)

John's first wife is thought to be Joanna Combes (various spellings) because on Oct 16, 1683 Abraham Combes executes the following deed of gift and refers to John as his late brother in law.

*Whereas Abraham Coombe of the Province of Maryland, Gent. did formerly put into the hands and possession of my late Brother in Law, John Meador decd., one heifer for the use and Acct. of my Godson, John Meador, son of John Meador the elder deceased, wch the said John Meador, the son deceased, in his minority. Now know all men by these prsents that I Abraham Coombe do by these prsents give Mary Meador, Daughter of the said John Meador the Elder deced and sole Sister of the said John Meador, the Son, two cowes and two calves being the produce of the first given heifer. To have and to hold the said cowes and calves with all future increase unto the said Mary Meador for ever. And in case of the death of the sd Mary without issue of her body lawfully begotten then I the said Abraham Coombe do hereby give and grant the said Cowes and Calves with all their future increase unto Richd. Meador, son of John Meador of Rappa. County now living and to his Exrs. and assignes forever. With my hand and seale this sixteenth day of October 1683.*

*Wit: Henry Awbrey*

*John Almond*

*Recorded December 10, 1684*

*Old Rappa Co., VA Deed Bk 7, p 155*

This deed is interesting in that he named Richard Meador as an alternative to Mary should she die. Richard, of course, was the son of John Meador and Elizabeth White. So the question is: Why would Coombs name Richard as an alternative if Richard's grandfather was not Thomas, (John's brother) and great grandfather, Ambrose Meador?

1653-1661, John appears in several records as a witness. Victor Meador states that John traded Accokeek to Robert Tomlin in 1663 but the deed is actually dated May 3, 1665. Joanne released her dower rights on May 3, 1665 which is entered immediately after the deed. (*Old Rappahannock Co. VA D&W Bk 2 (Part 2),p 419*) April 17, 1667 This indenture is somewhat repeated (not word for word) on Apr 17, 1669 (*Old Rappa Co., VA D&W Bk 4, p 153-155*) It is witnessed by Robert Payne and Warwick

Cammock. The same day, John Meador gives power of attorney for this sale to Robert Payne; witnessed by Henry Awbrey, John Awbrey (Henry's brother).

John Meders & Henry Peters received a patent of 4200 acres on the South side and about 3 miles from the River upon Powmansend Creek, Rappahannock Co. Begining nere the run next to land of Mr. Silvester Thatcher &c. (others) over a branch to Quarter branch &c. Transportation of 84 people. Note that the recorded copy is located on the Library of Virginia website but it is a poor copy and impossible to read. (*Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol II, p 8*)

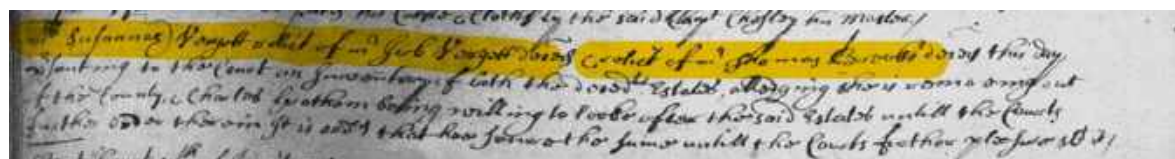
Apr 20, 1670 John Meador & Henry Peters sell 500 acres of the above patent to Samuel Johnson and Walter Williams.

### **Susanna Unk (2nd wife of John Meador)**

John Meador was Susanna's 3rd husband. Susannah (maiden name possibly Wyatt but **unproven**).

Susanna was married four times. It's been estimated that she married Thomas Brooks ca 1660 (the date given by *Truman Library*), York Co., VA. Thomas is the 7th great-grandfather of President Harry S. Truman. Their daughter, Elizabeth b ca 1668, York Co., VA (*Truman Library*), married Josiah Shipp ca 1684. Thomas Brooks' inventory is dated Oct 24, 1672. The Truman Library gives Brooks death date as before July 28, 1669 but does not source the data. The dates the Truman Library gives as Susanna's marriage date to Thomas Brooks and daughter Elizabeth's birthdate don't seem to fit well. Unless Susanna and Thomas had other children that died, 8 years is a long time between the marriage and a child. The Truman Library gives no further information on Susanna.

Susanna's second husband was Job Virgett Sr. On Oct 24, 1672 she presented the inventory for her two deceased husbands, Thomas Brooks and Job Virgett stating she is the relict of both. Job Virgett who married Elizabeth Moss (not of the John Mess line) is her son.



*York Co, VA Deeds, Wills, Orders Book 5, p 32 (also p 26 & 183)*

It would appear that Susanna married John Meador late 1672-early 1673. Because Victor Meador states in his book that John died before Oct, 1684, most people pick up 1684 as his death date. This is based on the deed of gift from Abraham Combs to John's daughter Mary. He definitely died before Mar 5, 1679 since as of that date, Susanna had already married her 4th and last husband.

### **See Thomas Meador III-3**

Susanna's fourth husband was Edward Davis. They had a son William Davis. Victor Meador states one place in his book that her husband was William Davis and another he has a question mark next to his name, consequently everyone thinks she married a William Davis. There is an indenture in York County from Susanna Davis and her daughter Elizabeth Brooks (who is still underage) dated Mar 5, 1679 to Thomas Wooten. Susanna signs her name, "Susanna Davis, Attorney of her husband Edwd. Davis". (*York*

*County Deeds, Orders, Wills Bk 1, Family Search Film #34402, p 629*) Inventory for Edward Davis was taken by Christopher Blackburn and William Gannock and recorded in Old Rappahannock Feb 7, 1682.

#### Children of John and Joanna (Coombs) Meador

##### **III-1 John**

He died before September 11, 1683 when Abraham Coombe changed his deed of gift to John's sister, Mary.

##### **III-2 Mary**

Nothing more is known about her after Abraham Coombe's deed of gift.

#### Child of John and Susanna (Virgett, Brooke, Wyatt?)

##### **III-3 Thomas Meader** (son of John and Susanna UNK)

Based on Thomas Meader's deeds, the first being July 2, 1695, it would appear that he was born ca 1673-74. He first married Susanna Rennolds (2nd mg for her), his 2nd marriage to Ann Sallis. Thomas & Susanna's son, John b ca 1700 died 1717-1720. Thomas' will was recorded Jan 21, 1717, Essex Co; Ann was executrix.

It's at this point that the Meader name becomes difficult to decipher. Sometimes it appears as Meader, Meados or appears to be Meades, yet we know from following the land transactions that Thomas is the son of John and his grandfather was Ambrose. Prior to these deeds it has always been clear that the name was Meader, Meador, or Meadow and earlier, Meather.

His first deed was dated July 2, 1695 to Josiah Shipp who (as his second wife) married his half sister, Elizabeth Brooks.

*This Indenture or Deed of Sale made this Second of July Anno 1695 betwixt Thomas Meader of East County & parish of Sittingburn of one party & Josiah Shipp of ye County & parish above of ye other part shewth that Thos Meador abvsd for & in consideracon of three thousand pounds of good tobacco in caske to him in hand at & before the delivery of these presents by ye abovesd Josiah Shipp well & truely paid ye receipt whereof ye Thomas Meador doth hereby acknowledge him selfe fully satisfied & paid doth hereby alienate bargain sell enffeoffe & confirm & by these presents doth fully clearly & absolutely give grant bargain & sell alienate & enffeoffe & confirn unto ye sd Josiah Shipp his heirs Execrs admrs or assigns for ever one hundred & fifty acres of Land lying on ye South Side of Rappa River in the County & parish abovesd it being part of a greater tract of Land wch the sd Meadors father John Meadors deced had of [unreadable] Robt Tomlin in exchange of other Tract of Land called Ackokeek the said hundred & fifty acres of Land to be laid out proportionable in length & breadth together with ye plantation where ye sd Josiah Shipp now lives together with all & Singular its rights priviledges woods underwoods wayes easements profits & commodities hereditaments whatsoever appertaining or any wayes thereunto belonging to have & to hold ye sd Land with all & Singular other ye premises hereby granted bargained & Sold or menconed to be herein or hereby granted bargained & sold unto ye above Josiah Shipp his heirs*

*Execrs admrs for ever the sd Thomas Meador for him selfe his heirs Execrs ye sd Tract or pcelll of Land with all & Singular ye rights priviledges appertanances & hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging or any wayes appertaining unto ye sd Josiah Shipp his heirs Execrs admrs or Assignes for ever against him ye sd Tho Meador his heirs Execrs or assignes & all & every other person or persons whatsoever Lawfully claiming by from or under him their or any of them shall & will warrant & forever defend by these presents from time to time & at all times hereafter for ever peaceably & quietly to have hold use occupy & enjoy ye above Tract or parcel one hundred & fifty acres of Land all & Singular & before granted premises [with their & every of their rights or priviledges whatsoever without any lawfull lett suit trouble denial interruption eviction or disturbance of ye Tho Meador his heirs Execrs admrs or assignes or of any other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by from or under him them or any of them means or procurement and further ye abovesd Tho Meador doth by these presents firmly oblige him self to make acknowledged of this deed of Sale in the County of Essex him selfe in person or otherwise by his Lawfull attorney when thereunto required by ye abovesd Josiah Shipp and likewise I ye abovesd Tho Meador doth hereby these presents oblige my selfe my heirs Execrs admrs or assignes to give further assurance by Deed or Conveyance if this proved any way deficent in Law in confirmacon of ye abovesd Articles & of every claim ye therein contained the above sd Tho Meador hath hereunto set his hand & affixt his Seale ye day & year above (inendt?)*

*Tho Meader (Seale)*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in ye presence of us*

*Jobe (mark) Virgett*

*John Gray*

*At a Court held for Essex County ye 10th day of July Ano Dom 1695 the within named Tho Meader appear'd & acknowledged ye with in specified contentd to be his real act & Deed to ye within named Josiah Shipp wch was ordered to be recorded.*

*(Essex Co, VA, Order Book 1, 1692-1695, p 357-358 (CH Transcript))*

*The same day he sold seventy eight acres of the same tract to Jobe Virgett (Jr.) who was his half brother. This Indenture or Deed of Saile made this Second of July Anno 1695 Betwixt Thomas Meader of Essex County & Parish of Sittingbourne of ye one party and Jobe Virgett of ye County and Parish abovesd: of the other party, sheweth that Thomas Meader abovesd for and in consideration of a Bright bay Gelding, bridle and saddle in hand at & before these presents delivered to him by ye abovesd Job Virgett ye Receipt whereof ye sd Thomas Meader doth hereby acknowledge himselfe fully satisfied & paid doth hereby alienate bargaine sell enfeoffe & confirm and by these presents doth fully clearly & absolutely give grant bargain sell alienate enfeoffe & confirm unto ye abovesd Jobe Virgett his heirs Exrs admrs or assignes forever Seventy Eight acres of Land lying on ye Southdside of Rappa River in ye County and parish abovesd, it being part of a Greater tract of Land which ye sd Meader's father, John Meader, deced had of Mr. Robert Tomlin in Exchange of another Tract of land called Ackokeek ye sd Seventy eight acres of land to be next unto Wtetumsukin [?] together with all & singular its Rights priviledges woods underwoods wayes Easemts profitts & comodities hereditaments whatsoever appertaining or any wise thereunto belonging. To have & to hold the sd Land with all & Singular other ye premises hereby granted bargained*

*& sold or mentioned to be herein or hereby granted barained & sold unto ye abovesd Jobe Voijett his heirs Executors administrators or assignes for ever. The sd Thomas Meador for himselfe his heirs Executors &c. the sd seventy Eight acres of Land with all & singular ye Rights priviledges appurtenances & hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto ye sd Jobe Vorjett his heirs Executors Admrs or Assignes forever against him ye sd Thomas Meader his heirs Exors or Assignes & all & every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by from or under him them or any of them shall & will warrant & for ever defend by these presents and from time to time & at all times hereafter for Ever peacably & quietly to have hold use occupie & enjoye ye abovesd Seventy Eight acres of Land all & Singular ye premises aforesd with their & every of their Rights & priviledges whatsoever without any lawfull lett suit trouble denyall interruption Eviction or disturbance of ye sd Thomas Meader his heirs Executors or Admrs or of any other person or persons whatsoever Lawfully Claymeing by from or under him them or any of them or by his or their means or procurement, and further ye abovesd Thomas Meader doth by these pressents firmly oblige himselfe to make acknowledgement of this Deed of Sale in ye County Court of Essex himselfe in person or otherwise by his Lawfull Attorney when thereunto required by ye abovesd. John Virgitt and likewise I ye abovesd Thomas Meader doth hereby these presents oblige myselfe my heirs Exors Admrs. or Assignes to give further assurance by Deed or Conveyance if this prove any way is deficient in law in Consideration of ye abovesd Articles & of every Clause therein contained the abovesd Thomas Meader hath hereunto set his hand & affixt his Seale ye day & year above written.*

*Thos: (mark) Meader (seal)*

*Signed Sealed & delivered in presents of us*

*Josiah (mark) Shipp*

*John Gray*

*At a Court held for Essex County ye 10th day of July Ano Dom 1695 The within named Thomas Meader appeared & acknowledged ye within specified contents to be his Reall act & Deed wch was ordered to be Recorded*

*Test Francis Meriwether Cl Cur*

*Recorded Test Francis Meriwether Cl Cur*

*(Essex Co, VA, Order Book 1, 1692-1695, p 356-357 (CH Transcript))*

Thomas' first wife was Susannah Reynolds, daughter of Cornelius Reynolds. Her first husband was John Goss who died before November 22, 1697 as Susanna made a motion to the court to have his estate inventoried. By Goss, she had Sarah who married Frederick Coghill (Coggill also Cogwell) and son John whose will is dated Apr 26, 1705 and proved June 11, 1705. (*Essex County, VA Deed Book 12, p 95*) He names his sister Sarah Cogwell, mother Susanna Meaddoes and father in law, Thomas Meddoes, as his executors.

April 16, 1683, Old Rappahannock County, Cornelius Reynolds assigned a patent of 300 to John Goss and his daughter Susanna Goss. December 14, 1705, Essex County, this land was sold to John Taliaferro by Thomas Meader and his wife Susanna for six Negroes: three men, two women and one girl. This is the

last time daughter Susanna has been located in the records. (*Essex Co, VA, Deed Book 12 p 154*)

On October 21, 1698, Susanna Goss made a deed of gift to her children for a few household items to be delivered to them upon her death. Also included is her intent to marry although she does not mention Thomas. This was almost a combined deed, will, and intent to marry. (*Essex Co, VA, Deed Book 9, p 236*). Susanna and Thomas married sometime between the date of this deed and August 10, 1699 when Thomas and wife Susanna sold land to George Lloyd.

Thomas and Susanna Meader had one son, John (**III-3-1**), who died before reaching the age of 21.

Thomas married a second time to Ann Sallis, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Catlett) Sallis. No indication of the date this marriage took place has been found. No documents mentioning Ann with Thomas Meader together have been found except Thomas' will. After Thomas' death, she married Thomas Ayres and after his death in 1722, she married Jeremiah Bizwell. Thomas Meader and Ann had no children.

#### *Thomas Meader Will*

*Will of Thomas Meader of the County of Essex and Parish of Saint Annes, being sick and weak in body, dated Jan 29, 1716/1717*

*In the name of God Amen, the twenty ninth day of Janry one thousand seven hundred and sixteen/seventeen, I Thomas Meader of the County of Essex and parish of Saint Annes, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same, and knowing the uncertainty of this life here on Earth, and being minded to settle things in order do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as followeth, That is to say, first and principally I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in desent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Exer hereafter mentioned Nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the Generall Resurrection att the last Day by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as itt hath pleased God to bless me with, I Do give and bestow as followeth, Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Meader my two oldest negroes, Viz: Sambo and Nanney during her Naturall life, and after my wife's decease to return to my well beloved son John Meader, But if my sd Son should dye before he is possessed with the sd Negros, then my will and meaning is, that the sd Negros Shou'd return to Thomas Coghill son of Frederick Coghill and Sarah his wife. Item. I give to my loving wife Anne Meader, the plantation whereon I now dwell, and two hundred acres of Land, Thereunto adjoyning, During her life and after the sd plantation and the tract of Land to return to my sd son John Meader, and if my sd Son should dye without issue before he comes to the age of twenty one years, then the sd Land to return to Richard Ship and his heirs forever, Item I give to my son John Meader my young negro called Sarai, and one mollato called Thom Cutter and if my said son shou'd dye without issue before he comes to the age twenty one years, then the sd negro and molato to return to my brother in Law John Salliss and to his heirs. Item I give to my son John Meader one case of bottles and one iron kettle Item. I give to my sd sone one young grey mare, Item I give to my sd son all my land at Pewmonsed except one hundred acres which I give and bequeen [bequeath] John Salliss to be laid off to him at ye discesion of my Exer-But if my sd son should dye without issue before he is at the age of*

*twenty one years, then the sd Land to be equally devided amongst William Davis Tobias Ship and Thomas Ship and to remain to them & their heirs and all the rest of my personall estate to be equally divided dis\_\_\_\_\_ between my sd wife, and my said son, and I do constitute and ordain Mr Thomas Catlett gent and my Loving wife, Exor and Executrix to this my last will and Testament and do revoke renounce frustrate and make void, all other wills formerly by me made ratifying and allowing this and none other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year above written. The words to return were interlined before assigned*

*Thomas Meader (seal)*

*Signed Sealed published and allowed*

*by the said Thomas Meados*

*in the presence of us*

*Samuel Bizwell*

*Richd Billups*

*Margarett (mark) Dudley*

*At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 21st day of Jany 1717 This will was presented in Court by Ann Ayres late Ann Meados Exx Therein named who made oath thereto & also was further proved by the oaths of Samuel Bizwell & Margaret Dudley witness's thereto, which is ordered to be recorded.*

*Test Will: Beverley ClCur*

*Essex County, Virginia Will Book 3, p1-2*

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## Chapter 12

### Thomas Mead/Meades

Since so many people believe that Thomas Mead was the grandfather of John Meador, it would be remiss not to include some of this families' information.

Several years ago, there was an article published in American Genealogy Magazine, Vol. 13, Nos. 1 & 2 , "Taliaferro is Tolliver: Surnames Sound a Challenge for Researchers," written by James Pylant and Gary Toms. It can be located at <https://www.genealogymagazine.com/surnames-sound-a-challenge-for-researchers/> and has been revised from the original writing. Mr. Pylant was very kind and informative regarding the Meador and Meade surnames and after consulting with Mr. Toms the following response was received:

*The origin or meaning of Mead is the same as Meador, so it's not impossible that two spellings might be found interchangeably in some instances. However, one problem is that many of the extant records from the 1600s are second or third generation copies -- meaning clerks often misinterpreted spellings in an older style of handwriting.*

*Since Mead derives from the Middle English name Mede, the original pronunciation was likely "Medd," not the contemporary "Meed." Gary R.Toms, the co-author of the surname pronunciation article agrees: "Yes, it could easily have been the pronunciation, and that brings an entirely new interpretation for the name (in terms of spelling)." Charles W. E. Bardsley, in A DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH AND WELSH SURNAMES (London: H. Frowde,1901), p. 524, shows Meadows and Medd as variants of Mead, Meade, Meads, and Meed.*

Although this is the case, thorough investigation of the records (particularly land records) does not confirm the theory that Thomas Meador, father of John (died 1721), was the son of Thomas Mead) who died in 1655.

The records for the family of Thomas Mead/Meads/Meades are sketchy; too many missing documents which could provide further explanation and incomplete descriptions of the land, "r" that look like "s", "e" that look like "o", etc. Coupled with the information provided by Mr. Pylant and Mr. Toms concerning the names, it is impossible to be assured of anything.

As Victor P. Meador states, his location prior to his purchase of 700 acres from Capt. William Underwood in Lancaster County, Virginia on September 12, 1653, is unknown.

*This indenture witnesseth yt:I Wm Underwood of Rapahanock River in ye County of Lancaster have for a valuable consideracon by me in hand received sold alienated & estranged and doe by these presents sell alienate & estrange from me my heirs Executrs and Administrs. to Thomas Meads his heirs executrs.*

*Administrs & assignes all my right title & Interest in a parcell of land of seaven hundred acres more less being ye moyety or halfe of a Patent of land of fourteen hundred acres & begininge at a marked Ceader tree standinge on a pointe at ye mouth of a Creeke called Millbecke Creeke & runing Eswd. for length N. E. by E. 320 by & about ye land of Mr. James Williamson & for breadth by or nigh ye side of ye Maine River [?] 350 poles & for length againe into ye woods paralell to ye first course and includinge ye plantacon wth all ye housinge & edifices raised upon now in possession of me ye sd Underwood To have & to hold ye sd tract of land of seaven hundred acres wth all ye aforesd houseinge edifices & tenemts now raysed & erected on ye same to him ye sd Tho Meads his heirs & assignes forever wth all ye rights priviledges & imolumts whatsoever to me any wayes belonging & appertaining by vertue of my sd Pattent In Witness of within sale I have hearunto set my hand & seale ye 12th day 7ber Ano 1653 Rec Feb 10, 1653.*

*The word indenture over lined & ye words more or less were underlined before ye signing hearof.*

*Will Underwood*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in ye presence*

*of us*

*Rice Loes*

*John Philips*

*Recorded 20th day Febr 1653*

*Lancaster County, VA, Deed & Will Book 1, p 111*

On September 17, 1653, Thomas Meade of Rappahannock, sells to Miner Dooders two cowes.  
(Lancaster County, VA, Deed & Will Book 1, p 221).

*The last will & testament of Tho. Meads made the 5th day March (54). Impr. [imprimis-in the first place] I do bequeath my body to the Earth & my soul to God that gave it. I do make my wife my sole & absolute Execra. I do give to my wife & my Daughter Mary this plantation that I now live upon and all the Land on this side of the Creek and the sd. plantation not to be my Daughter's till after my wife's decease. I do give to my two sons Thos. & John Meads all the Land that is on the west side of the Creek provided that they pay unto my two Daughters Margaret & Joyce out of the sd Land two thousand pounds of tobo. & cask at their day of marriage and in case either of the[m] die the sd. tob. to belong to the survivor. I do give unto my wife & my sons & Daughters above mentioned all my goods and chattels after my debts are paid and that they shall be equally divided amongst them. I do give to my Daughter Anne all the cattle that belongeth to her which is about five head of cattle, and likewise I do give unto her one shilling in mony. This my last will & testament as witness my hand the day & year above written.*

*Thomas Mead*

*Witnes*

*Rawleigh Travers*

*John Richardson*

*Edward (mark) Bradshaw*

*12o die Junii [June]1655*

*Pbatr 6o die Junii 1655*

*Lancaster County, VA Deed & Will Book 2, 1654-1702, p 12*

As Victor Meador indicates this will would have actually been written in 1655 due to the Julian calendar therefore Thomas only lived a few months after his will was written. In addition, Thomas Meads' will states that his wife is to be the whole and sole executrix. She apparently died around the time that Thomas did for there are no other records mentioning her. There are no records to indicate that she refused the executorship or that she may have married George Bryer. Probate of the estate was granted to George Bryer on June 6, 1655. There is also nothing to indicate that Bryer was the greatest creditor to Meads' estate. The same time that Bryer was appointed executor Ambrose Meader, Francis Gower, Toby Hurst and Thomas Robinson were appointed to appraise the estate. (*Lancaster County, VA, Deed & Will Book 1, p 197*) The estate appraisal was written on July 14, 1655, recorded November 10, 1655 and signed by all four men who had been appointed. (*Lancaster County, Virginia Deed & Will Book 2, p 76*)

January 5, 1655/56 Whereas it did appeare to this Cort that the Estate of Tho: Meads deceased in the hands of George Bryer is yet undevided. It is ordered that Mr. Richards, Francys Goore, Thomas Higenson, & Ambrose Meather doe devide the said estate according to the Will of the deced.

There are few available records for Thomas Meads, none of which give any indication as to whether there was a family connection between Thomas Meads and Ambrose Meader. No documentation has been found concerning the wife of Thomas and there are no records which provide her name. There are also few records regarding the children of Thomas Meads but there are some which leave themselves open to interpretation.

#### **Children of Thomas Mead/Meads and Unknown Wife:**

**Anne Mead**

**Thomas Mead Jr**

**John Mead**-no further information

**Margaret Mead**-no further information

**Joyce Mead**-no further information

**Mary Mead**

#### **Anne Mead/Meads**

Anne may have married James Haire/Hare, the same James Haire to whom her brother, Thomas Meads deeded 25 acres. (See Thomas Mead/Meads Jr) In her father's will, he left to her "all the cattle that belongeth to her which are about five head of cattle". Recorded on September 23, 1656:

*Be it known that I James Hare, freeman and planter of Virginia in ye Countie of Westmoreland do acquit & discharge ye sd George Bryer of five head of cattle & all other debts and demands, from ye beginning of the world to this day as witness my hand.*

*James Hare (his mark)*

*Testis*

*Thomas Moulton*

*Leonard Jones*

*John Younge*

*(Lancaster County, VA, Deed & Will Bk 2, p 117)*

Since the women's property became that of their husbands, it could be an indication that Anne was the wife of James Haire. **But Not Proven.**

While there seem to be no further records mentioning Ann, there are a couple more records that could be that of James Haire (Hare).

A James Haire, with numerous others, was transported into the colony by Hugh Gwyn. Gwyn received a patent for 1,700 acres dated January 17, 1642. (*Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol. I, Nell Maron Nugent, p. 141*)

An inventory was taken on the estate of James Hare in Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia in 1659. There is no recorded date however the following entry for the will of Thomas Whitlock was recorded November 20, 1659. Thomas Robyson was one of the two men who took the inventory; the second name was destroyed. (This is likely Thomas Robinson.) Hare's estate was paltry: (missing) heiffer of a year & half old, peweter plates & 2 old porringers, (missing) Iron with a ha(missing). (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA D&W Bk 2 (CH Transcript) p 89*)

No wife was mentioned in the return and nothing to indicate what happened to the five head of cattle.

#### **Thomas Mead/Meades Jr**

On August 6, 1655 Lancaster Co VA Court, Thomas Meades chose to remain under the guardianship of William Underwood.

December 7, 1655

*Whereas at a Court held on the 6th of August last at the house of Mr. George Taylor, it was ordered that Mr. Willm. Underwood then to be Guardian to Thomas Meades (the Sonne of Thomas Meads deceased) the Court doth now order that the whole Estate belonging unto the saide Tho. Meads in the hands of George Brice [Bryer] shall be delivered into the Custody of the said Mr. Underwood by the said Brice for the use of the saide Meads & to bee accountable according to Act of Assembly. (Lancaster Co., VA D&W Bk 1, 1652-1656 p 233)*

Throughout 1656, there are several court orders pertaining to the difference between William Underwood, Thomas Meads, and George Bryer.

*Witnesseth these presents that I Thomas Meades of Rappahannock river for divers good causes me thereunto moving but most Especially for a consideraton in hand already received do for me and my heirs*

*bargain & sell unto James Haire of the said river [blank] his heirs or assigns forever twenty five acres of land being part of the land that was given unto me by my father Thomas Meades deced & to my brother (blank)[John] & in case that part of the land where the said James Hair is (should fall) to my lott at the deviding of the said land I do hereby confirme [blank] aforesaid if otherwise I do hereby engage myself to make good Witness whereof I the said Thomas Meades do sett my hand December [no day] 1658.*

*Thomas (mark) Meades*

Test

*[blank] Meader*

*[blank] Bryer*

*[blank] Brownrigg*

*Recorded the 14th day of February 1658*

*Ant. Stephens Cl Cur*

*Old Rappahannock Co., VA Deed Book 2, 1656-1664 (Transcript) p 52*

Since the given names of witnesses were not included, it is difficult to say which Meader witnessed this deed. Likely it was Ambrose since he executed a power of attorney on September 2, 1658. The remaining witnesses would have been George Bryer and Christopher Brownrigg.

Thomas Meades was 21 by this time for if he wasn't William Underwood would have also been required to sign this deed.

This is the last identifiable document for Thomas Meades, son of Thomas.

### **Mary Mead/Meades**

Of all the children of Thomas Mead/Meades (d1655/56), his daughter Mary and her husband and descendants have the most documentation although few records remain for Mary herself. She was probably born in the 1640s if you base her birthdate on that of her husband. She did however, die between March 22, 1676 and July 2, 1678 (refer to deed from John Chambers to Richard Hobbs dated July 2, 1678). Because Mary was of age when her father died and because she did not come into her inheritance until the death of her mother (per her father's will) she did not have a guardian. A guardian was to provide management of an orphan's property; not focus on the orphan.

Mary married Richard Hobbs sometime before May 6, 1673 as proven by the following deed but most likely sometime in the 1660s:

*Be it knowe unto all men by these presents that I Richard Hobbs of the County of Rappa and Parish of Farnham for and in consideration of fower thousand pounds of good Tobacco and Cask to me in hand by bill secured from John Chambers Blacksmith of the same County and parish doe bargain sell aliene and forever make over unto the said John Chambers his heirs or assigns one parcell of Land be it more or Less Scituate lying and being in the abovesaid County and Parish and being part of that devident of Land whereon I now live lying on the south East side of a Creek formerly called or knowne by the name of Mr. James Williamsons Creek and adjoyning to the land Lately purchased by Mr. Charles Davis of Mr.*

*William Ball jr and Mr. John Rosier Beginning at the Riverside and Extending into the woods its due Course and bound up by and amongst the said Creeke and the branches thereof on the abovesaid South East side bee the quantity more or less To have and to hold the abovesaid parcell of Land herein and hereby these presents granted to him the said John Chambers his heirs or assigns forever and do oblige myself my heirs Executrs and administrs. that the said John Chambers his heirs &c shall from time to time and at all times hereafter quietly and peaceably have hold use occupy and enjoy the same without the Let Incumbrance or molestation of me the said Hobbs my heirs &c or any other person whatsoever or that Either now may or hereafter shall lay any claime or Interst to the abovesaid land or any part thereof and do further Ingage myself together with Mary my now wife and we both with one Consent and assent do oblige ourselves to Confirme this our act and deed by acknowledgement thereof in the County Court abovesd. when by the said John Chambers required In Confirmation thereof have hereunto set our hands and seals this 6th day of May 1673.*

*Richard Hobbs (seal)*

*Mary Hobbs (seal)*

*Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of*

*Thomas Jones*

*Thomas Fuller*

*Recognitr in Cu Com Rappa 7th die May 1673*

*Know all men by these presents that I Mary Hobbs the wife of Richard Hobbs do by and with the consent of my said husband hereby constitute my Loving friend Thomas Freshwater my true and Lawfull attorney for me and in my to confess my consenting to the sale of a parcell of land lying and being on the Eastside of the Creek next adjoyning unto and upon a dividend of Land belonging to Mr. Charles Davis Clerit unto John Chambers Blacksmith and to his heirs and assigns forever hereby confirming what act or deed my said attorney shall Lawfully do in and about the premises in the Court as Witness my hand and Seale this 6 day of May 1673.*

*Mary Hobbs (seal)*

*Old Rappahannock Co., VA Deed Bk 5, p 158-159*

*Know all men by these prsents that I Richard Hobbs of the County of Rappa and Parish of Farnham Planter with the consent of Mary my wife and we both with one consent of assend for and in consideration of four thousand five hundred pounds of good Tobacco and casque to us in hand paid by John Sampson Merchant the Receipt of wch we doe acknowledge ourselves fully satisfied and for sch Consideration wee doe forever bargain sell alien & forever make over all that parcell or quantity of Land Scituate lying and being on the northside of the abovesaid County and being part of that Devidend of Land wee now live on and beginning on the Eastermost side of a creeke commonly knowne by the name of Mr. James Williamsons Creek and now in the Tenure and possession of one John Chambers it being the whole quantity lying on that side the Creek belonging to me be it more or less according to the ancient bouunds of the same To have and to hold the abovesaid Land by these presents granted & every part thereof together withall profitts comodities and hereditaments thereunto belonging or any wayes*

*appurtaining to him the said John Sampson merchant his heirs Executors administrators or assigns forever he the said John Sampson yeilding and paying the yearly rent due to our sovereign Lord the King for the premises herein and hereby granted and Furthermore wee the said Richard Hobbs & Mary Hobbs doe for ourselves our heirs Executors & administrators oblige ourselves that the said John Sampson merchant his heirs &c shall from time to time and at all times hereafter quietly and peaceably have hold use occupie & enjoye all and Singular the premises by these prsents granted without the Let Incumbrance Suite Trouble molestation or Deniall of us or any or Either of us ours or any or Either of our heirs Executors and administrators or any other person or Persons whatsoever laying any claim title or Interest to the premises or any Part thereof and doe also oblige ourselves to ratifie and Confirm this our act and deede by acknowledgement thereof in the County Court abovesaid when by the said Sampson or his attorney shall be Reasonably Requested thereto and in confirmation of all and Singular the premises and Every part thereof wee the said Richd & Mary Hobbs have hereunto set our hands and seales this 22d day of March 1674/5.*

*Richard Hobbs (seale)*

*Mary Hobbs (seale)*

*Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us*

*Thomas Freshwater*

*Francis Grover [Gower] Senr*

*Henry Lucas*

*Recognitr in Cu Com Rappa 7 die July 1675 Et Recordat x5 ye sd mensis [month] et [and] ano. Test Edmo. Crask Cl Cur*

*Know all men by these prsents that I Mary Hobbs the lawfull wife of Richard Hobbs of the County of Rappa & parish of Farnham Planter doe put constitute ordaine and appoint my Friend Thomas Freshwater of the same County & Parish my Lawful attorney for me and in my name stead and place to acknowledge a Certain parcell of Land at the County Court of Rappa next held unto John Sampson merhant or his attorney as by Instrument of writing from under our hands and seals bearing date with these prsents may more at Large appear giveing & by these presents granting unto my said attorney as full power & Lawfull authority in all Respects in and about the pr.mises as if I my selfe were personally present to act and doe the same and in confirmation hereof have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 22d of March 1674/5.*

*Mary Hobbs (seal)*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us*

*Francis Gower Senr.*

*Henry Lucas*

*Recordatr x9 die July 1675*

*Test Edmo. Craske Cl Cu*

*Old Rappahannock Co., VA Deed Book 5, p 431-434*

The following deed which refers to Mary as being deceased is very interesting because included with that deed is a deed from John Jones to John Chambers referenced as being on page 273, Book 1666. Currently that deed has not been found and it does not show in the indexes.

*I ye wthin named John Jones for ye consideration of two thousand pounds of tobacco & cask in hand & received from John Chambers, And for other Considerations in & thereunto moving doe hereby assigne & make over unto John Chambers his heires Exers Administrs & assignes all my right title & interest of ye wthin mentioned Moyetie or halfe part of land bought of one Mr Richard Hobbs forever, to have & to hold ye said land together wth all their & every of their appurtances unto ye aforesaid John Chambers his heirs Excers Adminst or assignes, or from or by any person or persons clayming from by or under me ye said John Jones or by or under my heires Exers Adminst or Assignes. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale this first day of July 1678.*

*John (mark) Jones (seal)*

*Signed Sealed & Delivered in ye presents of us*

*Wm Lloyd*

*Rees Evans*

*Recognized in Cur Com Rappa 3 die July 1678 et [and] recorded xx2 die of this month*

*Test Edmo. Craske Cl Cur*

*Know all men by these presents that John Chambers of ye County of Rappa in ye parish of Farnham for & in Consideration of four thousand pounds of tobacco & cask to me in hand paid by Mr. Richard Hobbs of ye same County & parish have bargained sold, aliened & forever made over & by these presents doe [blank] bargain, sell, aliene & forever make over unto ye said Mr. Richard Hobbs a certaine parcell of land bought by me ye said John Chambers of ye said Richard Hobbs as by deed of sale from undr. his hand & Mary his departed wife appears bearing date ye sixth day of May anno Dom 1673 & on record of ye above said County Court may & will more at large appear To have & to hold ye above said parcell of land wth all ye rights & priviledges thereunto belonging from me ye said John Chambers & from my heires Exers Admrs unto ye said Richard Hobbs his heires Exers Admrs or assignes forever wth warranty, that ye said Richard Hobbs his heires or assignes &c shall from time to time & at all times hereafter, quietly & peaceably have hold use occupy & enjoy ye premises & every pte thereof without ye lett \_\_\_\_\_ molestation of me ye said John Chambers & or any other person or psons whatsoever laying any clayme or interest thereunto in confirmason of ye \_\_\_\_\_ said Chambers have hereunto sett my hand and & seale this 2d day of July 1678*

*John (mark) Chambers*

*Signed Sealed and Delivered in ye prsence of us*

*Richard Glover*

*Mary Glover*

*Recognitr in Cur Com Rappa 3 die July 1678 et [and] Recorded xx2 die of this month ano*

*Test Edmo. Craske Cl Cur*

*Old Rappahnnock Co,VA Will & Deed Book 6 p 47*

Richard was born about 1644 for as a witness in proving the will of James Love (Apr 4, 1681) he states that he is 37 years of age or thereabouts. (*Old Rappahannock Co, VA Deed & Will Bk 1677-1682 (CH Transcript)*, p 91)

Richard Hobb's inventory was taken by William Davis, Francis Gower, Robert Sisson and Robert Tomlin Junr. was presented in court on June 13, 1683 and recorded on July 3, 1683. Richard Greene is identified as the administrator. (*Old Rappahannock Co., VA Will & Deed Book 6, Part 2 p 8*) Attention should be paid to the difference in names of those who actually took the inventory in the above referenced document and those that are shown in Sparacio's Old Rappahannock County Will Book 1682-1687 which were taken from a later transcript. It isn't currently known whether the difference occurs because of a transcription error on the part of Sparacio or the person who recopied the book at the county. Sparacio's book shows Robert Sissen, William Dawson, Francis Power, and Robert Tomlin Junr-Davis and Gower are the correct interpretations.

Richard and Mary (Mead/s) Hobbs had one child: Anne who married Richard Green.

Richard Hobbs also had an illegitimate daughter (name unknown) who was born about 1680.

*Whereas at a Court held for Rappa: County the 1st day of Augst. 1683; It was ordered that Richd. Green should take into his custody a bastard child of Richd. Hobbs deced. then about two years and a halfe old and take a care & bring it up & keep it until it atteyened the age of one & twenty years &c., And the sd Richd. in this Court acknowledging transferring all his right & title unto the service of the sd Child unto Mr. John Pierce, the sd Child freely consenting thereunto. This Court have ordered that the sd Child stay and abide wth: the sd John Pierce until she attaine the age aforesd. Feb 1, 1692/3.*  
*Richmond County Orders 1692-1694, Sparacio, p 42 (orig copy in COB is p 64)*

As an illegitimate child and a different mother, she would not have been entitled to any inheritance and she gets lost in the pages of history.

### **Anne Hobbs**

Anne Hobbs was likely born in the 1660s and probably married Richard Green between 1681-1683 since Richard Green became administrator of her father's estate in 1683.

On January 3, 1680, Walter and Mary Pavie sold 350 acres "situate lying and being on ye North Side of Rappae River in ye said County between the plantation in ye occupation of Richard Glover & Richard Hobbs" to John Rice. (*Old Rappahannock Co Will & Deed Bk 6, p 174-176*) This was apparently the catalyst requiring the survey of the original Thomas Meades land. Unfortunately the first court order regarding this survey has not been found but the result of the survey is recorded in *Old Rappahannock Deed Bk 8, 1688-1692, p 18-19.*

*In obedience to an order of Rappa Court bearing date the sixth day of March 1688 have surveyed the bounds of a certain Deed of Sale granted by Mr. Wm Underwood to Thos Meades bearing date the 12th day of September 1653 according to the bounds there in expressed which by the above sd survey makes*

*appeare and that it is runeth thirty perches in to the land sold by Walter Pavvey unto Mr. John Rice as the platt denotes including no more then 678 acres.  
p Wm Moseley Surveyr A.C.*

Since the early deeds often gave the acreage with "more or less" attached to it, this is not surprising. This also appears in the deed from Underwood to Meades.

There are a number of unknown factors:

What happened to the land son, Thomas Meades, sold to James Haire? Since the survey was based on the original deed from William Underwood, it appears to be included in the land of Ann Hobbs. Did James Haire ever take possession of the 25 acres? Possibly not because the deed was dated Dec., 1658 and James Hare's inventory was in 1659.

On September 1, 1684, John Walker (husband of Mary Denby - daughter of William Denby and wife, Joyce, sold the land which was willed to Mary by John Meador to Richard Green (husband of Ann Hobbs Green). The deed actually gives John's surname as Meador, not Meades, which is very confusing as John (son of Ambrose) did not appear to own any land in that area since he traded Accokeeke to Robert Tomlin in 1669. Secondly, there is no reference to a date for the will and therefore there is no clue as to the length of time that Walker owned this land before the sale to Green. Thirdly, there is no land description or even acreage. Under the law of primogeniture, there was no need for John Meador (III) to make a will and he had only one living male heir. Was this really John Meador or was it John Meads? And is it possible that Joyce Meads was the wife of William Denby?

*Know all men by these prsents that I John Walker who intermarried with Mary Denby the daughter of Wm Denby formely of this county decd. doe for me my heires Execrs & adminrs sell alienate & confirme and by this my Deed doe acknowledge to have sold alienated & confirmed unto Richard Green now of this county & to his heires Execrs & admrs all my whole Right, Title & Interest of all and every part and parcell of that tract & Devident of Land formely given unto Mary my now wife p [per] Mr. John Meador as p his last will & Testament will at large appeare To have and to hold the afforesaid land and every part thereof with all the Rights priviledges & proffitts thereunto belonging for ever from me my heires Exers & admrs togeather with Mary my wife unto the aforesaid Richard Green or to his heires Exers admrs for Ever with all the housing orchards or out orchards and all edifficees thereunto belonging and appertayning by vertue of any Pattent or other right due or belonging unto the aforesaid Jno Meador, or to me and Mary my wife as by clayme from ye said Meadors his will may appeare and I the said John Walker doe further obleidge myselfe my heires Execrs admrs in the peanall sume and quantity of six thousand pounts of good Tob & cask payable unto the said Richard Green or his heires Executrs adminrs upon my now-acknowledgmt. of this my act and deed in Rappa County court when thereunto required and at all times doe obleidge myselfe togeathr: with Mary my wife to make and grant unto the said Richard Green his heires Execrs admrs or either of them all such right & Just Title as his Councell at Law shall advise him therein to the truth whereof and of ever part thereof Wee have hereutno sett to our hands and affixed our seales this first of September Anno 1684.  
Jno W Walker (seale)\**

*Mary A Denby (seale)\**

*Signed sealed & deliv'd in prsence of*

*Saml. Bayly*

*Jno JB Beare\**

*Hezekiall (mark) Colledge*

*Recognitr: In Cur: Com: Rappa 30 die 7bris Ano 1684*

*et Recordat: xxii die (rest in Latin)*

*Test Wm Colston Cl Cur*

*Old Rappahannock Co Deed & Will Bk 1680-1688 p 136-137*

\* Initials are the mark they signed with. Usually these are designated as such in the document but not this one. No recorded will has been found for either John Meador or John Meads.

Ann was appointed administratrix of Richard Greene's estate on October 4, 1705. Richard Greene's inventory was taken Nov, 1705, Richmond County, Virginia. (*Wills of Richmond County, VA 1699-1800, Robert Kirk Headley*)

Ann apparently mortgaged the 700 acres (or thereabouts) to John Hefford of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County for there is a release from Hefford to Ann Green dated May 5, 1714 and recorded the same day.

*To all to whome these presents shall come, Know yee that I John Hefford of Parish of North Farnham in County of Richmond for the quantity of eight thousand pounds of good tobacco to me in hand paid by Anne Greene, widdow, by these presents do for myselfe my heirs remise release and for ever quit clayme unto Anne Greene in her actuall possession now being and to her heirs, all such right title clayme and demand that I now have or that I or my heirs ought to have in seven hundred acres of Land being the land where the said Anne now lives and is part of a Patent of Land first granted to Mr. William Underwood so that neither I the said John Hefford nor my heirs shall ever challenge or clayme any Estate right or interest in the seven hundred acres of land: In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seale this fifth day of May one thousand seven hundred and fourteen*

*Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of*

*Austin Brokenbrough*

*David Berrick, John Pursell*

*Rec May 5, 1714*

*(Virginia County Court Records, Deed Abstracts of Richmond County, Virginia 1714-1715, Ruth & Sam Sparacio, 1993, p 21); references Deed Bk 6, 1711-1714, p 223-224*

Also included in Sparacio's book is the following:

*October 1714 John Branham & Ann Green, Widow*

*The above is a just & true account of what Marryage Lycences have issued out of my Office since the 19th day of Janry. 1709/10, a list whereof according to Custom annually in October gave to the Sheriff of the County to collect, but by whom or to whom or in what manner they have been discharged I cannot certifie, and as to the above lycences not yet deliver'd to the Sheriff, I have received of Isaac Webb twenty shillings for the Governor*

*Given under my hand the Seventy day of May 1716*

*Marmaduke Beckwith, Cl. R. Cur.*

In 1714 Anne began deeding the land to her sons-in-law.

There are no interactions between the Meads and Meador families after Ambrose inventoried Thomas Mead's estate. There is no carry over of names except for the very common names of Mary, John, and Thomas. The only document which is questionable is the deed which references John Meador's will and even then, it isn't apparent if it was a mistake by a clerk or an error when a deed book was copied. It will never be known for certain unless the will for either John Meador or John Meads miraculously appears. However, all evidence shows that John Meador (d 1721) was the grandson of Ambrose Meador and not Thomas Mead.



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<sup>1</sup> This researcher has always believed that John Waggener, son of Herbert (son of John and Rachel Ward Waggoner), was Edmund's father. Most researchers believe he died in 1771 because that is the date of the last document in which he appears in VA. John resided in Essex, Spotsylvania and Culpeper Counties, VA. By process of elimination and the fact that Edmund stated in his deposition that he went to SC with his father just before the Revolutionary War, John was the only possibility. All the other brothers had been accounted for. They, however, were never found in South Carolina. One day while perusing Ancestry, I located a will for John Waggener in Lincoln Co., NC which links Edmund to John. He appears to be living with Edmund in the 1790 census taken on Oct 3.

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/31336863/person/250113099480/facts>

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<sup>2</sup> Nov 27, 1755 John Bryson, an antient man exempted from paying County levy.  
*Orange Co, VA Order Book 1, Barbara Vines Little, Orange County Virginia Tithables 1734-1782, Part Two p 186.*

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<sup>3</sup> Peter Bryom did not have a son named John. Many mistake him as such because John was named in Peter's will. John was, in fact, Peter's nephew (the son of Henry Byrom who died ca 1717). Peter was named guardian of John on February 17, 1718.

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<sup>4</sup> Mace: From the Old Norse, Masi; nickname from the Frisian, Mes or Mewes (contraction of Bartolomæus); from the German, Mais, Mese; from the Dutch, Mes, Muis, Moes, Mees; from the Flemish, Maas, Maes, Mees, Moys, Muys; from the Danish, Maes, Mess; a personal name.

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