

# The Christopher Woodward Family

Who Moved from Charles City Co., VA  
to the Kentucky Counties of  
Green, LaRue, and Hardin

With the Allied Families of  
Cocke, Dorsey, Griffith, Howard,  
Todd & Rockhould

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## Introduction

The Woodward Family Line has been sketched here based on information from great aunt Belinda (Woodward) Pash, which was passed on to me by to my aunt, Nancy (Hagan) Yager.. Basically that information traces the family back four generations. Belinda, my grandmother Florence, and the others were children of Fountain Luther and Julia Read (Smith) Woodward. He was the son of Finis E. and Sarah E. (Yager) Woodward, and he was the son of Richard and Nancy Woodward.

In the Green Co. Library, Ruth Perkins has gathered various bits of information on the Woodward Family, and her collection has provided the basis for the earlier generations. While I have no reason to doubt this information, much of the early linkage depends upon land held in Charles City Co. VA, but most of the records before 1769 are missing according to the *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. I give the information here with all of the supporting references that I have able to find so that others may at least have some place to begin.

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## PART I: THE WOODWARD FAMILY

First Generation:	CHRISTOPHER	arrv'd in VA on the Tryall in June, 1620 m Margaret 2m Dorothy Wilkinson
Second Generation:	SAMUEL	
Third Generation:	GEORGE	
Fourth Generation	LANCELOT	m ELIZABETH COCKE c 1705/8
Fifth Generation:	RICHARD	m ELIZABETH
Sixth Generation	WILLIAM	Revolutionary War soldier m SARAH BRIGHT
Seventh Generation:	RICHARD	m NANCY MOURN 20 June 1797, Bedford Co. VA
Eighth Generation	FINIS EWING	m SARAH E. YAGER, 5 Jun 1844, Hardin Co., KY
Ninth Generation:	FOUNTAIN LUTHER	m JULIA READ SMITH, 9 Nov 1871, Hardin Co.
Tenth Generation:	Luther Ernest, Minnie Brown, Charlie Edwin, Florence Edith, Henry Marvin, Katherine (Cattie) Sarah, Annie J., Belinda Smith	

## First Generation:

CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD      b England 1594<sup>1</sup>  
   arrv'd in Virginia on the Tryall in June, 1620  
   Burgess of James City Co., 1629  
   settled in Charles City Co. VA<sup>2</sup>  
   m Margaret<sup>3</sup>  
   born outside of VA  
   d by 1636  
   2m Dorothy Wilkinson<sup>4</sup>  
   d 1650 in VA

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<sup>1</sup> In *Genealogies of Virginia Families*, v. II, p. 97, Christopher Woodward is named as Burgess of James City Co. in 1629, and Woodward is called "a family in Worcestershire"; however, it does not say that Christopher actually came from that area of England.

<sup>2</sup> Nell M. Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts VA Land Patents 1623-1666*, v. 1, p. 54: Christopher Woodward 350 acres. upon Appomattox Riv. bounded N upon the river, S. into the Maine woods, E upon Mr. William Farrar and W upon the winding river 8 Mar 1636 p 414. 50 acr. due for his owne per. adv. 50 acr. for the per. adv. of his late wife Margaret Woodward and 50 acr. for the per. adv. of his now wide Dorothy Woodward & 200 acr. for tran. of 4 per.

*Cavaliers and Pioneers*, v. 1 p. 69: Christopher Woodward 600 acr. Chas. City 24 Aug 1637 p. 469. Bounded N upon Apamattuck Riv. S into the woods E upon and largely belonging to Wm Farrer and W upon the winding river. 150 for per adv of himself his late wife Margaret his now wife Dorothy Woodward and 450 acr for trans of 9 pers. George Barret, John Franklin, Philipp Thomas, Henry Stevens Ann Myner (others not give).

<sup>3</sup> Her name is mentioned in the deeds of 1636 and 1637. In both she is mentioned as his late wife who was transported to the colony.

<sup>4</sup> Deed Abstract from *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, v. 1, p. 169: Richard Wilkinson 236 acr. Isle of Wight Co. Aug 13 1646 Page 107. Opposite Pagan Point NW upon a swamp dividing from land of Mr. John Moone "100 acr being granted unto Dorothy Woodward by order of Court at James City 29th Aug 1633 and purchased by sd Wilkinson of Richard Death" 136 acrs for trans of 5 person.

## Second Generation:

SAMUEL WOODWARD

presumably the son of Christopher because he is designated as the heir in a deed of 1680<sup>5</sup>

## Third Generation:

GEORGE WOODWARD

## Fourth Generation

LANCELOT WOODWARD

1682-1750

m ELIZABETH COCKE<sup>6</sup> c 1705/8

b 1692

d/o William and Jane (Flower) Cocke;

Cf. Cocke Family below

## Children:

- a. RICHARD
- b. Lancelott, Jr.
- c. George
- d. William
- e. Philemon

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<sup>5</sup> *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, v. 2 p. 206: Samuel Woodward, 870 acr. upon Appamattuck Riv. 20 Apr 1680, p. 24. 600 acr. patented by Chr. Woodward, 24 Aug 1637 and due sd. Small as his heir, which is renewed and included in this pattent bounding N upon the river, E upon the land lately belonging to Wm Farrar Gent., W upon the Winding River; lying in Bristol Parish, Chas. City Co., on S side of sd river, containing all the waste lands bet. sd. Chr. on the river and lands called Bayly's on head of land of Mr. John Mayes on the S'wd and lands in possession of Ja. Hall to Henry Newcomb near plantation called Hoffords; to Hofford's run; the Kings Road etc. Imp. of 6 pers. Robt Stanly, Wm. Corbutt, Ellen Roach, 3 Negroes.

*Cavaliers and Pioneers*, v. 2 p. 398: Capt Henry Batt 270 acr. Chas. City Co. 24 Apr 1695 p 411 in Bristol Par. on 2 side of Apamattock Riv between Christopher Woodward on the river and land called Bayley's on the head of Mr. John Mays and James Hall adj Henry Newcomb near planation called Hofford's over Hafford's run to King's road etc. Part of 820 acr granted Small Woodward 20 Apr 1680 deserted and Imp of 6 per Math Miller Jno Johnes James Harris Tho Stanner Tho Cook James Brown.

<sup>6</sup> In *Genealogies of Virginia Families*, v. II, p. 97, it says that Elizabeth Cocke married Lawrence Woodward, a descendent of Christopher Woodward.

Letter of April 29, 1985 from Gary Woodward to Ruth: Mrs. Overton S. Woodward, of Richmond, Va. was the one who found the "Indenture Tripartite of Lancelott and Elizabeth Woodward," and the Inventory & Account of the estate of the older Lancelott Woodward, in Charles City Co., Va., court records. The former records proved that Lancelott Woodward and Elizabeth Cocke were already married by 1705, where most accounts say they were married in 1708; it also indicates that they owned land in Charles City Co., where Christopher Woodward had resided. The other latter record proves my theory that there was at least one older Lancelott Woodward the power of attorney from Mainwaring Hammond, in Charles City Co., was witnessed by Lancelott Woodward, the given name was blotted and not quite legible, except the ending -----lott.

## Fifth Generation:

RICHARD

m ELIZABETH

will probated 24 Apr 1786, Bedford Co. VA<sup>7</sup>

## Children

- a. Lance
- b. Urcilla                    m ---- Hall
- c. Randolph
- d. Isaac
- e. John
- f. WILLIAM
- g. Richard
- h. Frances (dau)
- i. Warwick

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<sup>7</sup> Abstracts of Bedford County, Virginia Wills, Inventories and Accounts 1754-1787 by Miss Joida Whitten (P.O. Box 8145, Dallas, TX 75205; printed by Taylor Publishing Co.):

Richard Woodward. Will. Dated: 24 January 1778, pp 505-506.

I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Woodward my whole estate during her widowhood, but if she marry she shall have 1/3 part of my estate which I left.

To my son Lance Woodward my whole estate set side my wife's thirds and at her death her thirds to be returned to my son Lance Woodward.

My estate containing one negro boy named Peter, goods and chattles, but he shall pay my daughter Urcilla Hall 50 pounds out of the said estate.

I give out of said estate to my son Randolph Woodward one shilling sterling.

To my son Isaac Woodward one shilling sterling.

To my son John woodward one shilling sterling.

To my son William woodward one shilling sterling.

To my son Richard Woodward one shilling sterling.

To my daughter Frances Taylor one shilling sterling.

To my son Warwick Woodward one shilling sterling.

Executor: my well beloved wife and my son Lance Woodward.

Witnesses: Richard Gilliam, Zacharias Gilliam, Peter Forqueran, Leonard Hall.

Proven: 24 April 1786 by oath of Richard Gilliam and Peter Forqueran.

Executors: Elizabeth Woodward, Lance Woodward. Security: Richard Gilliam.

## Sixth Generation

- WILLIAM served Revolutionary War in Capt. Massies Co. 6th VA R. under Col. James Hendrick  
m SARAH BRIGHT
- Children
- a. George b 27 Jun 1761, VA d 19 Jun 1847, Green Co.<sup>8</sup>  
m Charlotte Mourn, 10 May 1794, Betetourt Co. VA  
Revolutionary soldier in VA militia
- b. Mary b 1772, VA d 1855, Gordon Co. GA  
m Moses Black, 23 Jan 1801, Green Co. KY
- c. Rebecca b d 16 Oct 1839  
m David Galloway, s/o Daniel Galloway<sup>9</sup>
- d. Julius b Nov 1779 dsp 7 Apr 1862  
m Elizabeth Curry, 30 Dec 1811, Green Co. KY
- e. John
- f. Robert Baptist Minister in Logan Co.<sup>10</sup>
- g. Abraham b 23 Jul 1787, VA  
m Nancy Patterson, 1 Mar 1814  
d 14 Apr 1875, Woodward Cem., Metcalf Co.
- h. Mildred m James Lile
- i. RICHARD m NANCY MOURN 20 Jun 1797, Bedford Co., VA
- j. Rachel m Neal McDonald, 27 Apr 1799, Green Co., KY
- k. Betsy m John Curry

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<sup>8</sup> Green Co. KY, Will Book, v. 3, p. 142: George (Middle initial given as I/T/F) Woodward only names his wife "Charlott," his daughter "Matilda Bingham," who married Henry Bingham, and his granddaughter Polina. His estate consists of 5 Negroes, 200 acres of land. William W. Woodward is named as executor. Dated 9 Sep 1844 and probated 18 Sep 1848. Witnesses John Barret and W.F. Barret.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. article on David Galloway in *Kentucky Genealogy and Biography*, vol. 1, pp 71-72.

<sup>10</sup> *KY Genealogies and Biographies*, v. 2, p. 228. Robert's son, David S. marries Charlotte Callis, and their son William H. Woodward marries first Louisa A. Sawyer, their children being Lucretia A., Amanda A., and Delzora B. He then marries Lucy J. King, their children being Nancy J., James A., Cooper C., Minnie B., Renna W., Dora E., Thomas H. Cf. article on him.

An Extract from the Family Records of William and Nancy (Bright) Woodward compiled by Mrs. Nannie (Woodward) Boyd, Widow of Jack Parrish Boyd, Horse Cave, KY:

William Woodward, my known ancestor, married Nancy Bright in Virginia prior to June 29, 1761, since that is the date of the birth of George Woodward, the eldest of their twelve children. William Woodward died after June 26, 1815, for on that date he signed a deed conveying 100 acres of land in Green County, Kentucky to his son, Julius Woodward with the stipulation that the title was to pass at his "death and no sooner." This deed is recorded in the Green County, Kentucky records in Deed Book 15, page 107. On January 6, 1838, Julius Woodward deeded 50 acres of the above tract of land to his nephew, William W. Woodward for love and affection. This deed is recorded in Deed Book 17, page 148.

Nancy (Bright ) Woodward died after September 28, 1826, as evidenced by the context of a letter from Joel Woodward, son of Richard Woodward addressed "Deer Cozen Matilda Bingham" now in the possession of James Hardy Woodward an Attorney in Greensburg, KY. William Woodward served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Thomas Massie's Company, 6th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. James Hendricks, Col. Thomas Elliott and Col. Charles Simms.

George Woodward, the son of William and Nancy (Bright) Woodward born June 29, 1761 in Virginia who married in Betetourt County, VA Charlotte Moore or "Mourn" June 16, 1794 also served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Adam Clement's Company, Virginia Militia. His name is borne on a list of the Militia which marched from Bedford Co., VA, to assist General Green in South Carolina, May 1, 1781.

William Woodward and Nancy (Bright) Woodward his wife, had 12 Children with their four sons, George, Richard Julius and Abraham and a daughter, Rebecca (Woodward) Galloway, the wife of Daniel Galloway are know to have migrated from the vicinity of Bedford County, Virginia and settled in Green County, Kentucky prior to 1801, for the Green County Records show that William Woodward bought in December 1800, 100 acres of land in Green County from Stephen Biggs and his wife "Sary." This deed is recorded in Deed Book 5 at page 117. The family of William Woodward lived in and around Greensburg, Kentucky, for many years, and settled mainly on the waters of the Little Russell Creek on the south side of Green River.

Abraham Woodward, Who was born July 23, 1787 in Virginia, died April 14, 1875, in Metcalf County, Kentucky; married Nancy Patterson March 1, 1814 in Green County, Kentucky, was the youngest child of William Woodward and Nancy (Bright) Woodward his wife. He was a Baptist preacher and a Soldier in the War of 1812 in the capacity as private from 20 Nov 1814 to 10 May 1815; was in the Battle of New Orleans in Captain Robert Paxton's Company, He and his family lived in Barren County, Kentucky, near what is now known as Knoblick on a tract of land containing about 294 acres, which was bought of Metcalfe County in Deed Book 5 at pages 530-531. On this tract of land is located the Old Abraham Woodward family Cemetery in which he, his wife and at least one son, Edmond are buried and their graves are marked by monuments.

The exact location of the graves of William Woodward and his son George Woodward are unknown and unmarked, but stones marked showing that they were Revolutionary Soldiers were furnished by the U.S. Government on request of Mr. James Hard Woodward of Greensburg, Kentucky, and they were set to their memory in the Greensburg Cemetery just north of the grave stone of America P. Paxton, wife of Samuel Paxton, and who was daughter of William West Woodward, the son of Abraham Woodward, who was a son of the above William and Nancy (Bright) Woodward.. The inscriptions on these stones are as follows:

William Woodward Pvt. Massie's Co., 6 Va., Regt., Rev. War.

George Woodward Pvt. Clement's Co., Va. Mil. Rev. War

## Seventh Generation

RICHARD WOODWARD      m NANCY MOURN, 20 June 1797, Bedford Co. VA<sup>11</sup>  
    b 6 Jan 1780  
    d 28 Sep 1826, Green Co. KY

Children, perhaps eight sons and six daughters<sup>12</sup>

Joel Leftwich              b 13 Apr 1798  
    d 10 Mar 1834  
    m Sarah Carter 29 Dec 1818, Green Co., KY

Gibson<sup>13</sup>                      m Francis Halswell, 2 Feb 1831, Adair Co. KY

Sarah J.<sup>14</sup>                      b 1812, still living in 1880's  
    m Joseph Grinstead  
    b KY, d Nov 1850, Hart Co.  
    s/o Henry Grinstead, b VA, d 1858 at 80 yrs old

FINIS EWING              1815 (twin)      d 1898

Andrew Barnet            1815 (twin)      d young

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<sup>11</sup> According to Aunt Belinda's records, Richard's wife was named Nancy. Aunt Cattie is supposed to have belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution, but I have looked high and low for her and for a Woodward descendant with no success.

<sup>12</sup> 1810 Census of Green Co., Richard Woodward: m 31010, f 31110, s 0  
 1820 Census of Green Co., Richard Woodward: m 421112, f 21310, s 1  
 The 1810 census would seem to give Richard Woodward 4 sons and four daughters. (The girl between 16 and 20 years old is probably not a daughter since Richard and Nancy were only married in 1797, i.e. 13 years before the census.) The 1820 census shows four boys and two girls born between 1810 and 1820. This could mean that Richard and Nancy had eight sons and six daughters.

<sup>13</sup> Green Co. KY, Deed Book 10, p. 509: Richard Woodward "sold and deliver unto my Son Gibson Woodward the following piece of property" which includes mainly livestock, 17 Jun 1823.

<sup>14</sup> "Squire Francis M. Grinstead," *Kentucky Genealogies and Biographies*, v. 2, p. 84:



## Ninth Generation

FOUNTAIN LUTHER      b 9 May 1845/6 (Larue Co.)  
    d 4 Sep 1918, bur. Red Mill Cemetery<sup>20</sup>  
    m JULIA READ SMITH, 9 Nov 1871, Hardin Co. KY<sup>21</sup>  
    b 1848, Larue Co.; d 25 Sep 1904, Red Mill Cemetery  
    d/o ANSEL SMITH (b NY of parents from CT)  
    and BELINDA B. (READ) SMITH  
    both buried Red Mill Cemetery

Children:<sup>22</sup>

a. Luther Ernest                      b 21 Aug 1873              d c1934/5

b. Minnie Brown                      b 1 Jul 1876                      d day? Apr 1928  
    m Samuel E. Brashear, 28 Aug 1895  
    2m Nick Thomas, d 1933

Children: Edith May Brashear, b 11 Aug 1898, m Jim Snider

c. Charles Edwin                      b 21 Dec 1878              d summer 1939

d. Florence Edith                      b 3 Apr 1881              d 17 Oct 1971  
    m Henry Hart Hagan 1878-1951; cf. Hagan Family

e. Henry Marvin                      b 3 Apr 1881              d c1950

f. Katherine (Cattie) Sarah              b 19 Jan 1886              d Wed. 9 Jan 1974

g. Annie J.                      b 11 Oct 1888              d 23 Oct 1898 of diphtheria

h. Belinda Smith                      b 16 Oct 1891

Child: Marvin B. Pash      m Ann Spalding

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<sup>20</sup> Dates of birth and death given on tombstone.

<sup>21</sup> Fountain L Woodward married Julia R Smith, both of age, 9 Nov 1871 at A. Smiths by JD Burnell, A?M. Marriages, Hardin Co. D 1201.

<sup>22</sup> Taken from Aunt Belinda's Records of May 1977.



Genealogy of the Cocke Family of Virginia<sup>28</sup>

Prepared by James C. Southall

## Richard Cocke of Henrico—His Descendants.

I. Richard Cocke,<sup>1</sup> born about 1600, died 1665. Married twice. Name of first wife not known, married, second, Mary Aston. Children by both wives. Was County Commandant or Lieutenant Colonel of the county of Henrico. Was a member of the Grand Assembly or House of Burgesses, 1632, from Weyanoake, and in 1644<sup>29</sup> and 1654 from Henrico. His relative, Thomas Jordan,<sup>30</sup> represented Warrosquyoake in the Assembly of 1632. Another member of this time was Walter Aston (Ashton), who was the father of Mary Aston, Richard Cocke's second wife, as mentioned above.<sup>31</sup> Another Member of this Assembly was John Smith who represented Smythe's Mount and Peryces Point. He was probably the ancestor of Obadiah Smith who married Mary Cocke,<sup>3</sup> daughter of William Cocke,<sup>2</sup> about 1685-90.

The will of Richard Cocke<sup>1</sup> is on record in Henrico County Clerk's Office, and bears date October 4,

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<sup>28</sup> Book? [something on Virginia Genealogy, perhaps Pioneers and Cavaliers], p. 104-105.

<sup>29</sup> The presence of Richard Cock in this Assembly was inadvertently overlooked in referring to the matter in our article in the January number . The record is wanting from 1632 to 1644 except for one year. In the year 1655, having been appointed sheriff, he resigned his seat in the House of Burgesses. We take occasion also to mention that the first land patented by Richard Cocke (3,000 acres in 1636) was for the bringing over of sixty persons, a list of whom is given in the books of the Land Office, and among them is the name of Margaret Powell, a fact to which we shall advert again hereafter.

<sup>30</sup> In the will of Richard Cocke there is a legacy to his "cousin Daniel Jordan"

Samuel Jordan was a member of the first Legislative Assembly in Virginia from Charles City (1619); his plantation was called in the alliterative style of that day, "Jordan's Journey."

Thomas Jordan was Burgess for Isle of Wight 1629, 31, 32. Richard Jordan was a Burgess in 1676 and sheriff of Nansemond in 1718.

George Jordan was a Burgess from James City county 1644.

The name Jordan was also a prominent one at the beginning of the eighteenth century in Bristol Parish (Prince George). Dr. Slaughter writes: "The representative names [in this parish were Wood, Jordan, Poythress, Wynne, Hatcher, Cocke, Hamlin, Eppes, Bolling, Bland, Jones Randolph, Kennon, Bott, Batte, Gilliam, Walker, Munford, etc." p. 121.

<sup>31</sup> Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Aston (his tomb is at Westover) was in the House of Burgesses for Shirley Hundreds and Charles City in 1629-30, 1631-32, 1632, 1632-33 and 1642-3.

When Richard Cocke died, Mary Ashton married second, Colonel Edward Hill, of Charles City, a very great man in that day. His descendants owned "Shirley," on James River, and intermarried with the Carters [Hill Carter]. About 1750 one of the Bowler Cockes married the daughter of Colonel Edward Hill, the widow of Colonel John Carter, of "Corotoman."

There were Ashtons in the 17th century also in Elizabeth City and Northumberland. In 1655 Peter Ashton was a Burgess from Elizabeth City and in 1658 from Northumberland, and is called "Colonel Ashton."

The tomb of colonel Henry Ashton 1731 is in Westmoreland with family arms.

Brown (see *Genesis of United States*) affirms that Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Ashton was a cousin of Sir Walter Ashton, Lord Ashton of Forfar, in Scottish Peerage, who was Ambassador to Spain, 1635.

1665. The witnesses are Henry Randolph<sup>32</sup> (then clerk of the House of Burgesses) and Henry Isham.

He left Issue, five sons and one daughter: 1. Thomas<sup>2</sup>; 2. Richard<sup>2</sup>; 3. John<sup>2</sup>; 4. William<sup>2</sup>; 5 Richard<sup>2</sup> "the younger;" 6. Elizabeth.<sup>2</sup>

"In the name of God. Amen" (his will commences). "I Richard Cocke, Sen'r, being at present in perfect health and memorie for which I render hearty thanks to Almighty God my Creator, yet considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, I have therefore for the peaceable settling that little Estate God in his Goodness hath given me made and ordained this my last will and testament hereby reversing all former wills at any time made by me.

Imprimis. I beg to bequeath my soule to God that gave it trusting in the meritts of my Redeemer to obtained a joyfull Resurrection" —and his "body to be interred according to the usuale Solemnities of the Church of England."

He devises and bequeaths one-third of his estate to his wife for life. He divides his lands among his sons—some 600 acres to each of his sons and £100 to his daughter and gives his personality equally among his children (except two negroes and some cattle &c., given Richard Sr. by his mother).

He devises some land to his cousin Daniel Jordan.

And appoints his son Thomas to see after "the mill" for the use of his younger brothers and sisters, for which he was to be paid "three thousand pds. of tobacco and cask p. Annum" (equal to about \$700 a year at present).

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<sup>32</sup> This is a different line from William Randolph of "Turkey Island" who did not come to Virginia till 1674. He was Wm. Randolph's uncle. Captain Henry Randolph came over in 1637. In 1656 he was clerk of Henrico county. In 1660 he was made clerk of the House of Burgesses. In 1665 William Tanner or William Randolph was clerk of Henrico. In 1678 William Randolph was clerk. In 1683 Henry Randolph. In 1693-1702, James Cocke. In 1679 Peter Field was guardian of Henry Randolph, aged 13.

## DORSEY FAMILY

Notes taken from *Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties*, and from Maxwell and Jean Dorsey's *The Darcy Family*, 1947.

DORSEY: Considerable research has been conducted professionally in England to prove the parentage of Edward Dorsey of Maryland whose sons gave the peculiar name of "Hockley in the Hole" to their Anne Arundel Plantation. The latest research presents more conclusive evidence that Edward the Emigrant was a grandson of Thomas Darcy of Hornsbye Castle, York and London who died testate in 1605, leaving a matured son Edward. The Darcys of Hornsbye Castle were a cadet branch of the noble baronage of Darcy, of which Thomas Darcy aforesaid was the great grandson of Thomas, Lord Darcy, who was executed in 1557 by the decree of Henry VIII. (Cf. Debrets of London).

Summary of the two Dorsey lines which are joined together by Charles and Lydia Dorsey.

## A. EDWARD DORSEY

AA. COL. EDWARD DORSEY

AC. HON. JOHN DORSEY of Hockley

AAH. NICHOLAS of Long Reach

ACA. EDWARD

AAHD..NICHOLAS

ACAB. CAPT. EDWARD

AAHDB. LYDIA

marries

ACABE. CHARLES

their son: AAHDBC and ACABEC. RICHARD DORSEY m SARAH FERGUSON

their daughter: SARAH DORSEY

m WILLIAM YAGER

their daughter: SARAH E. YAGER m FINIS WOODWARD

- A. EDWARD DORSEY                   arr'd in VA by 1642<sup>33</sup>  
   migrated in 1649 to what became the city of Annapolis, MD  
   m ANN  
   d 1681
- A. EDWARD                   cont..
- B. Joshua                   m Sarah, d/o Lawrence Richardson<sup>34</sup>
- C. JOHN                   cont.
- D. Sarah                   m Matthew Howard

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<sup>33</sup> Caroline Kemper Bulkley, "Identity of Edward Dorsey I: A New Approach to an Old Problem," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 33 (1938) 27-55; republished in *Maryland Genealogies: A Consolidation of Articles from the Maryland Historical Magazine with an introduction by Robert Barnes*; 2 vol. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. 1980) 377-406.

In trying to sort out the origin of Edward Dorsey, Bulkley carefully traces his arrival in Virginia and his move to Maryland.

<sup>34</sup> Joshua and Sarah Dorsey had at least one son, John Dorsey who married Comfort, d/o Thomas and Rachel Stimpson. Their issue:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| a. John Hammond | of "Success" m Francis Watkins of John  |
| b. Vincent      | m Sarah Day   |
| c. Capt. Joshua | m Flora Fitzsimmons   |
| d. Greenberry   | m Mary Belt d/o John and Lucy Lawrence,<br>d/o Benjamin and Elizabeth Talbott |

Children: John, Comfort

- e. Sarah  
 f. Venetia

## AA. COL. EDWARD DORSEY (Darcey)

d 1705-7

m Sarah Wyatt

d/o Nicholas &amp; Damaris? Wyatt, who dies c 1692

2m Margaret Larkin, d/o John Larkin, c1693, mother of five

2m John Israel

A. Lacon (Larkin)

B. Charles

C. Francis

D. Edward

E. Ann

F. Joshua

G. Samuel m Jane Dorsey<sup>35</sup>

H. NICHOLAS cont.

I. Benjamin

J. John cont.

## AAH. NICHOLAS

of Long Reach

b c1690

not yet 16 yrs old at the time of his father's death in 1705

d 1717 at Major's Choice, Balt. Co., bur. 25 Sep 1717, Elk Ridge

m FRANCES HUGHES of Thomas, 20 Dec 1709, St. Anne Church

d/o Thomas &amp; Lydia Hughes

b 18 May 1692, St. Anne Church Record

A. Thomas

B. Benjamin

C. Edward

D. NICHOLAS cont.

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<sup>35</sup> Daughter of Samuel and Jane Dorsey: Patience married Samuel Howard of Philip, 1740.

AAHD. NICHOLAS      b c1712, Anne Arundel Co.  
                               member of the Committee of Observation of MD, Jan 1775, justice of the  
                               peace and Judge of the Orphan's Court, Balt. Co.<sup>36</sup>  
                               d 1780 Balt. Co.  
                               m SARAH GRIFFITH, d/o of ORLANDO & KATHERINE (HOWARD) GRIFFITH,  
                               before 1732; cf below on families  
                               b 13 May 1716 and d 1 Sep 1794

Children:<sup>37</sup>

A. Rachel	m Anthony Lindsey, moved to KY
B. LYDIA	cont.
C. Nicholas	m Ruth Todd
D. Charles G	m Katherine Welsh or Nancy (Dorsey) Elder
E. Catherine	m Robert Wood
F. Sarah	
G. Henry	
H. Vachel	
I. Lucretia	m Welsh
J. Frances	m Chapman
K. Orlando Griffith	m Martha Gaither
L. Achsah	m Beal Warfield
M? Mary	m John Carr, KY
N? John Beale	

AAHDB. LYDIA      m CHARLES DORSEY; cf. ACAABD

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<sup>36</sup> *DAR Lineage Book* 109:211, #108695 through Rachel w/o Anthony Linsay; also 100:255, #99825 through Lucretia w/o John Welsh.

<sup>37</sup> The list of children given by M&J Dorsey and in *Founders* is different. The latter includes Mary and Beale, but does not include Sarah, Henry, Vachel.

## AC. HON. JOHN DORSEY, of Hockley

d 1714, Troy, Baltimore Co.<sup>38</sup>

member of Lower and Upper Houses of the Assembly of Md

m PLEASANCE ELY, d before 1734

2m Thos. Wainwright

A. EDWARD

cont.

B. Deborah

m Charles Ridgely

C. Caleb

11 Nov 1685, m Eleanor Warfield 24 Aug 1704; will 11 Nov 1742.

## ACA. EDWARD

d 1700/1, Ann Arundel Co.

m Ruth, d 1747

2m John Grenville, 3m John Howard

A. John, called Patuxent John

m Ruth ?d/o Capt. Richard Hill?

B. Capt. EDWARD

cont.

## ACAB. Capt. EDWARD b c1701, d 1767 at Dorsey's Inheritance AA Co.

inherited Dorsey's Adventure and Whitaker's Purchase from grandfather,

Hon. John; called captain in the settlement of his estate

m SARAH TODD, d/o LANCELOT TODD &amp; ELIZABETH ROCKHOLD

d after 1767

## Children:

A. Edward Jr.

d 1782

m Deborah McCubbin

B. Lancelot

m Deborah Ridgely

C. Col. John

b 1736

m Mary d/o Col. Wm Hammond

D. CHARLES

m LYDIA DORSEY, cf. AAHDB cont.

E. Maj. Richard

m Mrs. Pierpoint (nee Hawkins)

F. Ruth

d 1814

m Vachel Dorsey

G. Elizabeth

d 1749

m Hon. Henry Griffith

H. Sarah Gist

m Thomas Gassaway

I. Ely

m Ruth Dorsey, d/o of Nicholas

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<sup>38</sup> "Will March 22, 1714: In his will he gives to his wife Pleasance one-third of his Estate, also choice of estate at South River or Dwelling on Elk Ridge. To two grandsons, Samuel and Richard of Caleb his son, the plantation called South River Quarter, it being the remainder of tract given to his son Caleb." MD Genealogies "Dorsey Family, v.2, p 491-492.

ACABE. CHARLES DORSEY<sup>39</sup> m LYDIA DORSEY, d/o NICHOLAS & SARAH (GRIFFITH) DORSEY; cf  
AAHDB  
settled three miles outside of Bardstown in 1787; later moved to a  
farm on Simpson Creek

Children:

A. Greenberry	m Sarah Hobbs, MD
B. Beal	m Nancy Staylor <sup>40</sup>
C. RICHARD	m SARAH FERGUSON
D. Lydia	m Allen May
E. Sallie	m Edmund Cotton
F. Charles, Jr.	m Nancy Stephens <sup>41</sup>
G. Froney	m Thomas Basye

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<sup>39</sup> The editor appended a statement by Charles Dorsey, Jr. to the article "The Dorseys of Kentucky," by Stanton Lindsey Dorsey, *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, vol. 15, Jan., 1917, No. 43, pp 29-36, esp. 35-36:

My father and mother, Charles and Lydia Dorsey, were born and raised in the State of Maryland. They were distantly related. My mother's maiden name was Lydia Dorsey. My father's mother's maiden name was Todd. My mother's mother's maiden name was Griffith.

My father was raised by his brother in a wholesale and retail house in the city of Baltimore before the Revolution. After marrying he settled on a far in Frederick County, and lived there until 1787, when he with his family moved to Kentucky. Many years prior to his removal, he became surety for his brother, and was rich, but being unfortunate at sea and was pressed for a large amount, which swept his property away he came poor to Kentucky.

There were seven children: My oldest brother, Greenberry, married Sarah Hobbs before he left Maryland.

My father settled three miles from Bardstown, remained there seven years, then bought a farm on Simpson Creek.

Beal married Nancy Staylor. Richard married Sarah Ferguson. Lydia married Allen May. Sallie married Edmund Cotton. I (Charles) married Nancy Stephens. Froney married Thomas Basye.

My mother departed this life about 96 (sic!) years of age, after my father moved to Simpson Creek, prior to the marriage of the last three children. My father and mother were both professors of religion. My mother was always admired for her piety.

<sup>40</sup> John Beal Dorsey married Nancy Stigler!, d/o Samuel Steglar!, 18 Sep 179; bond Walter. Beall; Nelson Co. KY

<sup>41</sup> Charles Dorsey married Nancy Stephens, d/o Richard Stephens, bond 11 Nov 1800; bond signed by Charles Dorsey and Wm B Vinson, Nelson Co. KY.

## ACABEC &amp; AAHDBC.

RICHARD m SARAH FERGUSON, , 7 Apr 1794, Nelson Co. KY.  
 d/o JOSHUA FERGUSON<sup>42</sup>  
 will made 27 May 1835 and probated 20 Dec 1845, Hardin Co.<sup>43</sup>

## Children:

- a. Eli
- b. Richard
- c. LYDIA m JOHN M. YAGER, 24 May 1821<sup>44</sup>  
 daughter: SARAH E. YAGER m FINIS E. WOODWARD
- d. Burimiller m ----- Larue
- e. Kitty
- f. Sarah
- g. John
- h. Joshua m Angelina d before father

<sup>42</sup> *Nelson Co. Pioneer*, vol 1, p 62: Joshua Ferguson 700 ac. Tr. War adjacent the land of Wm Scott located three miles from the mouth of the Beech Fork.

Joshua Ferguson signed petitions on 20 Oct 1787 for the establishment the city of Bardstown and twice in 1789 for the establishment of tobacco warehouses and inspection stations near Bardstown. Certificate Book of Virginia Land Commission, The Register of KY State Historical Soc. v 21 (1923) 351, 354, 355, 356.

He is also listed in the 1792 tax list of Nelson Co, recorded on 18 Sep with 600 acres and 2 males over 21 yrs. A Joseph Ferguson is also in the 1792 tax list with 150 acres and one male over 21, none under, recorded on 3 Dec. Nelson Co.

Deed Book 1:126: Isaac Hite sells to Joshua Ferguson 307A for £110 on Carryfork of Sympson Creek, a branch of Salt River, part of a pre-emption of 100A obtained in name of John McColumn.

Information. which may or may not be related, found in *Wills and Inventories: Fairfax Co. VA 1742-1801* by J Estelle Stuart King (1936): Fargus, John: 30 Oct., 1760. 19 Feb., 1761. Of True Parish. To grandson, Josiah Farguson only son of my eldest son John Farguson, land in King and Queen County, which was bequeathed by my father to be equally divided between my three brothers--James, Joshua, and Joseph--as tenants for life and not to their heirs forever. I became entitled to reversion of same as eldest son and heir of my father as two of my brothers have been dead for several years. Legatees: son Joshua and daughter Mary Coffey, William Peake, Bailey Kitchen and William Kitchen (friends), Exr: son Joshua. Wit: Charles Green, Robert Lindsay and Margaret Green.

<sup>43</sup> The will of Richard Dorsey was made 27 May 1835 and probated 20 Dec 1845, Hardin Co. Witnesses: Wm. F. Hilton, James Duke. It names his wife Sarah Dorsey and his children: Eli Dorsey, Richard Dorsey, Lydia Yager, Burimiller Larue, Kitty Dorsey, Sarah Dorsey, John Dorsey, John Dorsey, Joshua Dorsey dec'd and his wife Angelina.

Lydia Yager is mentioned in the will of Richard Dorsey as his daughter. Note that the first mention of her is incorrectly transcribed as "Hagan" an easy misreading of Yager which appears in the latter part of the will. She receives from her father a "one slave named Jane, with her increases, valued by me at two hundred dollars...I have heretofore given to my daughters, Lydia YAGER, property valued by me at one hundred and fifty eight dollars, excluding a fur hat I now bequeath to her which claim she is to receive in the distribution of my estate."

Richard Dorsey and wife Sarah sell to Newell Beauchamp 100 A, originally part of survey of Chas. Chinn, bought from Elijah Chinn. Nelson Co. Deed Book 6:95, 1802.

<sup>44</sup> Richard Dorsey gives consent as to girl mean(?) age. Married by Josiah H. Yaeger. Marriages, Hardin Co. KY, A 122.

## GRIFFITH FAMILY

This information does not square with the information on the Howard Family below. According to that information which is based on the will of John Howard, the mother of Orlando Griffith is Sarah Howard, d/o John Howard. Is there a generation missing here?

### References:

*The Griffiths of Wales and America* by Anna Laura Griffiths (copyright 1979; Rt. 1 Box 300, Mayfield KY)

*Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties*, pp 347-351.

### A. WILLIAM GRIFFITH

b near Cardigan, Wales

d 1699; will proven 23 Oct 1699

came to America and settled in Anne Arundel Co. 1675

claims direct descent to the King of Wales

m SARAH MACCUBBIN, d/o JOHN MACKUBIN, immigrant, and ELINOR ?Carroll?<sup>45</sup>; he a descendent of Kenneth McAlphin, King of Scotland in 858

### Children:

A. ORLANDO                      cont.

B. Capt. Charles                b 1693; m Mary Mercer, nee Waldon; 2m Catherine Baldwin

C. William

D. Sophia                        b 1691; m Benjamin Duvall, s/o Mareen, the Huguenot

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<sup>45</sup> Elinor married second John Howard Sr. also his second marriage. He married first Susannah, widow of Chas. Stephens and heir of Capt. John & Elizabeth (Howard) Norwood. Cf. *Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties*. Presuming that Elinor was a Carroll, she did not belong to the Carrolls of Carrollton because Charles Carroll, the grandfather of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, did not arrive until 1688. At the time of the American Revolution, there were at least two other prominent Carroll families: the family of Dr. Charles Carroll of Annapolis and that of Archbishop John Carroll. "There was still a fourth Carroll family in Maryland, which had been conspicuous earlier, in the person of James Carroll, a relative of Dr. Charles Carroll and Charles Carroll the grandfather." Note on the Carrolls from Rowland, *Life and Correspondence of Charles Carroll o Carrollton* (1898). Surely there is some better information of a more recent date.

AA. ORLANDO      b 17 Oct 1688, Annapolis MD; d 1757  
                         m KATHERINE HOWARD, 6 Jun 1717  
                         d/o of CAPT. JOHN HOWARD AND KATHERINE GREENBERRY  
                         d/o COL. NICHOLAS & ANN GREENBERRY

A. Henry

B. Joshua

C. Benjamin

D. Orlando

E. Charles Greenberry

F. SARAH

b 15 May 1718 (FHAA) or 13 May 1716 (DD)

d 1 Sep 1794

m NICHOLAS DORSEY of Elderbury MD; cf. Dorsey Family

## HOWARD FAMILY

The information here does not square with the information on the Griffith Family.

It is said, that in 1662, the five brothers, John, Samuel, Matthew, Cornelius and Philip, had nine hundred acres granted them as brothers in Md among the many hills of the Severn.

A. JOHN HOWARD      m ANN

Children:<sup>46</sup>

A. Ann

B. Elizabeth

C. JOHN              cont.

D. Samuel<sup>47</sup>        m Catherine

Children: Philip    his children: John, Samuel, Elizabeth McCubbins

E. Matthew<sup>48</sup>

Children:

John

Matthew

Sarah              m John Worthington

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<sup>46</sup> Anna Hamilton, *Genealogy of the Howards of Davis Co. KY*, pp 1-3: "Richard Hall's Will names the children of John and Ann Howard as Ann, Elizabeth, John, Samuel, Matthew and Cornelius, another son Philip was born after his fathers death or after the Will was made. He was later listed along with the other heirs as orphan heirs (see 'Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard County, [Maryland],' p 68). Nine hundred acres granted them as heirs of John Howard on Severen River in the neighborhood of Round Bay." [copied as found in text]

<sup>47</sup> Baldwin, *MD Calendar of Wills*, vol & page?: Will of Samuel Howard of Anne Arundel o. MD, 25 Feb 1702 - 9 Nov 1703: wife Catherine, son Philip; grandchildren: John, Samuel, Elizabeth McCubbins; cousins John Howard, & Elizabeth (Howard) Norwood, Sarah Brice & Hannah Hammond, Cornelius Howard, Joseph Howard & John Howard Jr.

<sup>48</sup> Baldwin, *MD Calendar of Wills*, vol & page?: Will of Matthew Howard of Anne Arundel Co. 3 Oct 1691 - 12 Jan 1692: sons John and Matthew; daughter Sarah Worthington; son-in-law John Worthington and grandson John Worthington; and my three brothers viz. John, Samuel, and Philip and their wives.

F. Cornelius<sup>49</sup> m Elizabeth

Children:

Joseph

Cornelius

Sarah m ---- Brice

Mary

Elizabeth m Andrew Norwood, d 1702, Md. Cal. Wills, 2:232<sup>50</sup>  
2m Andrew Wellplay, d 1708, Md. Ca. Wills, 3:106

G. Philip<sup>51</sup> m Ruth

Children:

Hannah m ---- Hammond

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<sup>49</sup> Jane Cotton Baldwin, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, vol. 1, p ? : Will of Cornelius Howard, 15 Apr 1680 - Oct 1680 of Ann Arundell County Maryland: Wife Elizabeth Howard, Exec.; sons Joseph and Cornelius; daughters: Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. Overseers: John Hammond and my brother Samuel Howard: Testors: John Howard and others. [Taken from Anna Hamilton, *Genealogy of the Howards of Davis Co. KY*, p 2]

<sup>50</sup> MD Genealogies, v. 2, p. 167-168: Will Andrew Norwood, A.A. Co. 1701-2. Cal. 2:232. To bros. Samuel and Philip, personality, To son Andrew at 17, dwell., plantation. Wife (unnamed) and bro. Samuel afsd, joint executors. Testator desires "Strawberry Plain" to be sold. Test. Cornelius Howard, Philip Howard Jr., Gen Slucom. (C.H., Sr., d. 1680).

Children: Andrew Norwood; Elizabeth m John Beale; Anne; Hannah, dsp.

<sup>51</sup> Baldwin, *MD Calendar of Wills*, vol & page?: Will of Philip Howard of Ann Arundel co MD on the Severn River, 29 Jul 1701 - 24 Feb 1702: Ruth Howard, exec [also his wife]; daughter: Hannah Hammond and her children Charles and Philip Hammond; cousins Philip and Joseph Howard; also mentioned is an orphan boy James Hoskins. Testors Amos Pierpoint, John Marriot, Philip Howard Jr., and John Medcalf.

AC. JOHN HOWARD will made 30 Dec 1695, prob. 13 May 1696<sup>52</sup>

1m Susanna, widow of Charles Stephens

d/o of Capt. John Norwood, he dies c 1673<sup>53</sup>

2m Elinor of the Carroll family; no children, widow of John Maccubin; her dau

Sarah Maccubin m Wm Griffith; cf. Griffith Family

Children of Susanna:

a. John, Jr.

b. Sarah m ----- Griffith

Children: Orlando Griffith m Katherine Howard

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<sup>52</sup> Baldwin, *Wills*, v. 2, p?: To brother Samuel Howard and his wife Catherine, personality. To my son John and his heirs 200 acres on Severn river known as "Round Bay." To grandson Orlando Griffin and his heirs the land where I live. In the event of his death, this land is to be passed to his mother, Sarah and her heirs. To brother Philip and his wife Ruth, personality. Executrix my wife Ellinor; residue, legates of estate, real and personal including 50 acres a part of the wooyard and also 50 of "Howards Shekel."

<sup>53</sup> *MD Genealogies*, v. 2, p. 167: "according to the Colonial Dame Register."

## TODD FAMILY

from Christopher Johnson, "The Todd Family of Anne Arundel County," , v. 2, *Maryland Genealogies: A Consolidation of Articles from the Maryland Historical Magazine* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 460-467; orig. published in 9 (1914) 298-305.

A. THOMAS TODD      came to Anne Arundel Co., Maryland 1651  
settled near Annapolis  
wife unknown

A. THOMAS              cont.  
B. Lancelot             d 1691 m Sarah Phelps  
C. John                  d 1677

Thomas Todd, the immigrant ancestor of this family came to Maryland in 1651 and settled on the Severn River, near Annapolis; 8 July, 1651, a tract of 100 acres, called Todd, was surveyed for him on the South side of the Severn River, and 27 October 1651 there was laid out for "Thomas Tadd of Anne Arundell county, planter" 200 acres on the West side of Chesapeake Bay adjoining the land of Leonard Givins (L.O., A. B. & H., 258, 259). 23 July 1658, he demanded land, partly by his rights on record in Anne Arundel County, and partly for the transportation of certain persons whose names are given, and received a warrant for 1040 acres to be laid out in one or more parcels (L.O., Q., 73). It was doubtless part of this large warrant that formed the tract Todd's Range, containing 120 acres, surveyed for him, 18 December, 1662, on the South side of Severn River (Rent Roll). He also appears to have taken up land in Baltimore and Talbot Counties. Thomas Tod was commissioned, 12 July 1658, one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County (Md. Arch. iii, 348), and was again commissioned 14 June 1661 (*ibid.* 424). He was certainly living in 1662 when he took up Todd's Range, and he was certainly dead in 1671 when his son John was a minor under the guardianship of Lancelot Todd (John's brother) and Cornelius Howard. In all probability he died about 1669 or perhaps somewhat earlier. The name of his wife is unknown, but he had at least three sons.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> Johnson, "The Todd Family," 460.

AA. THOMAS           d 1677  
                              m Sarah -----

A. Capt. LANCELOT     cont.  
B. Richard             b 1676; d 1718; m Margaret

Thomas Todd<sup>2</sup> (Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was the eldest son of his father and died in 1677. According to the Rent Roll for Anne Arundell County, a tract of 120 acres, called Todd's Harbor was surveyed, 16 Dec. 1670, for Thomas Todd on the South side of Severn River. There is a bare chance that it was the elder, and not the younger Thomas who took up this land, but it is extremely improbable. It was certainly the younger Thomas for whom was surveyed 16 Nov. 1674, the tract Todd's Pasture (29 acres) "in Todd's Neck in the town of Annapolis" (Rent Roll). In 1713, Lancelot Todd, son and heir of the younger Thomas conveyed all the Todd tracts to Bordley and Larkins, and a law suit arose which was tried in Chancery in 1736. The testimony of the witnesses is extremely confused and contradictory, and only a few salient points can be picked out. Abraham Child, of Anne Arundel County, who gives his age as 90 years in 1736, was therefore 31 years old at the death of the younger Thomas Todd in 1677, testifies that he did not know Thomas Todd Senior, but that he well remembers several of his children and particularly one named Thomas (L.R. No. 3, 176). It is also in evidence that, by deed dated 1 May 1672, Robert Busby bought certain land from Thomas Todd son of Thomas Todd the patentee. Thomas Todd the younger died, as above stated in 1677, leaving a widow Sarah who married secondly William Stafford. 18 April 1677, Sarah Todd of Anne Arundell County was granted administration on the estate of her husband, Thomas Todd (late of said County, deceased (Test. Proc., ix, 54). 24 Sept. 1678, Lancelot Todd of Anne Arundel County files a petition alleging that his brother Thomas Todd left a widow Sarah who has since married William Stafford, who wastes the orphans' estate (Test. Proc., x, 282).<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>55</sup> Johnson, "The Todd Family," 460-461.

AAA. CAPT. LANCELOT

b c 1674

justice of Baltimore Co. 1719-1726 and of Ann Arundel 1727-1732

captain who "doubtless held rank in the Provincial Militia"

d 1735

m ELIZABETH d/o JOHN AND MARY ROCKHOULD (cf. Family); d 1741

A. Thomas

m Sophia

B. Lancelot

b 1716; living in 1775 m Eleanor Ford 10 Apr 1744

C. John

m Elizabeth Linstead 10 Jun 1756

D. Nathan

E. SARAH

m EDWARD DORSEY (d 1767); cf Dorsey Family (ACAB)

F. Ruth

m Michael Dorsey, 10 Aug 1733 (d 1777)

## ROCKHOULD FAMILY

From Nannie Ball Nimmo, "The Rockholds of Early Maryland," *Maryland Genealogies: A Consolidation of Articles from the Maryland Historical Magazine*, v. 2, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 312-317; orig. published, 32 (1937), 371-376.

Robert Rockhold, seated upon 250 acres of land in Nansemond County, Virginia, before the 3rd of November, 1647, came into Maryland about 1649, and with Richard Bennett, John Lordking, William Pell, and others, settled in "Towne Neck" in Anne Arundel County, where for mutual security they took up small tracts of land, to the intent they might seat close together (C.P. f. 174, 203). Founders, f 9).

In August of 1651, Robert Rockhold and John Scotcher, also from Virginia, were granted 400 acres of land in Calvert County, on top of the Cliffts. the former having transported himself, his wife Sarah, and his two sons Robert and Thomas into the province to inhabit. This land was laid out for Robert Rockhold of anne Arundel County, gunsmith, and John Scotecher, cooper, on the west side of the Chesapeake Bay adjoining the land of William Parker. (P.B. 4, f. 94.)

The connection existing between the two, does not appear. The latter died in 1659, his estate being administered upon by his widow Rose Scotcher. His inventory included a silver cup, a silver dram cup, and a dozen silver spoons. (Test. Pro. 1b, f. 56, 64.)

In September of 1659, the above 400 acres was surveyed for Robert and John Rockhold, sons of the first named Robert Rockhold, and called "Rockhould," and in 1672, was resurveyed for them as the boundary trees had fallen down. (P.B. 16, f. 608).

It is a summed that Robert Rockhould, Sr. (the name so spelled after their coming into Maryland), died before July the 30th 1666, at which time 90 acres of land on Scotcher's Creek, bounded south by Fullers, was laid out for John Rockhould, of anne Arundel County, orphan, and was the land upon which he was then living. This land about 1706, was assigned by Thomas Rockhold, son and heir of John Rockhold, to Thomas Homewood. The tract was Rich Neck." (P.B. 10, f. 235.) (A.A. Rent Rolls.)

... It is suggested, but not proved, that John Rockhould married Mary, the daughter of Larence Richardson, whose will of 1666, names his sons, John, Thomas, Lawrence, and his daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, to whom he leaves some of his stock, called Violet, Mayflower, etc., while to his two young sons he leaves 280 acres of Upper Taunton, maybe the name of the tract taken from Taunton, Somerset, England for in 1653, Elizabeth Smith of Taunton, Somerset, in her will designates her kinswoman Elizabeth Richardson, then residing with her, as the wife of Lawrence Richardson, of Taunton. (Gleanings in England.)

Lawrence Richardson, Jr., made over his interest in the above-named tract to Joshua Dorsey, husband of his sister Sarah Richardson while the remaining 120 acres was possessed by John Young, for Rockhold's heirs, this land in John Young's possession being mentioned in the will of Mary Rockhould in 1703 (Deeds, Rent Rolls.) (Warfield's Founders, f. 59.)

Nothing has been found to indicate that John Rockhould possessed land through his wife Mary, but 200 acres of Richardson's folly, surveyed 1661 for Lawrence Richardson, was possessed 100 acres by Thomas Bland, 100 acres by John Rockhold. Richardson's Sevell, 207 acres, John Rockhold bought from

Thomas Richardson, and he later bought Burntwood Common. (Deeds, Rent rolls.)

Other lands too, were taken up by him, and from a warrant of 583 acres granted him, 243 acres were surveyed into Rockhould's purchase, on the north side of Curtis Creek, and 186 acres into Rockhould's Search, on the south side of the Patapsco River.

Both John Rockhould and his wife Mary were persons of education, their signatures written. In 1667 a warrant for 100 acres of land was granted John Rockhould, which warrant in 1669, he made over to William Hopkins, writing on the back of the warrant: "I John Rockhould do convey and make over to William Hopkins all my right to the within named warrant of land. Wit. Samson Waring Signed, John Rockhould." (P.B. 12, f. 358.)

In 1684, Henry Hemsley of Anne Arundel County, gent., assigned to John Rockhould, gent. Rockhould's Range, on the north side of the Patapsco River on Rich. Creek. (Liber 22, f. 9.)

No positions of State seem to have been held by John Rockhould but he appraised with Thomas Blackwell and Henry Sewell a number of estates, went security, and witnessed wills. He was closely allied with the Dorseys and the Howards, was a witness for Edward Dorsey in his suit against Thomas Bland and Damaria, his wife, and, with John Rockhould Jr., and Thomas Blackwell, witnessed the will of Joshua Dorsey in 1687.

Thomas Blackwell married Sarah (Richardson), the widow of Joshua Dorsey, and in his will of 1700 names his wife Sarah, her son John Dorsey, and Mary Rockhold.

John Rockhouild and Thomas Blackwell appraised the estate of John Howard Sr., while in 1698, Thomas Blackwell and John Howard appraised the estate of John Rockhould.

Letters of Administration were granted Mary Rockhould on the estate of John Rockhould as is noted, "Came Mary Rockhould, relict and administratrix of the last will of John Rockhould, late of A.A. Co. deceased." The said Mary with John Howard and Lancelott Todd, were executors. Philip Howard swore the appraisers, John Howard, Jr., and Thomas Blackwell.

The will of John Rockhould, made 17 Feb. 1698, fails to mention his daughters, and John, Jr., living in 1687, is probably dead, and is not mentioned.

To son thomas and heirs "Rockhould's Purchase" on Curtis Creek, Baltimore County, son Charles and heirs 207 acres of "Richardson's Levell" on Saltpetre Creek, Baltimore County, son Jacob and heirs 180 acres of "Rockhould's Search" on south side of the Patapsco River. To wife Mary extrx., dwelling, plantation and "Burntwood common" during life; to revert to son Jacob at her decease. To two cousins (nephews) Stephen White and William Hawkins, Jr., personality. Sons desired not to sell land until reaching age of 30 years. Test. Lancelott Todd, Nathan Gorton and Thos. Ward.

Mary Rockhould outlived her husband about five years. Even before his death she was troubled, for on January the 25th, 1698, she wrote about it to Edward Baton, Deputy comm.

"Mr. Baton, Sir,

These are to request you not to give letters of administration to any one for Nat Dutton's

estate until I have seen you or sent you a ring.

All in trouble for your friend to command,  
Mary Rockhould." (Test. Pro. 17, f. 267.)

Her will made March 2nd, 1703, probated May 15, 1704, bequeaths "to dau. Sarah Rockhould ten pounds, to sons Charles and Jacob Rockhould each ten pounds, to 2 daughters. Susan Crouch and Elizabeth Tod 5 pounds each, to dau. Zebra Rockhould a feather bed and furniture, to son Thomas Rockhould all my sheep. I give to Lance tod all my shoe leather and goods coming in the fleets. I give Lance Tod my spayed Mare toads paying my debts. I give my son Lance Tod my tobacco made on my plantation last year and all that is on board of the ship, with the rent of the said Land that John Young owes me and all other tobacco debts, sd Lance Tod to pay my debts with all, and all the Rent that shall be due in the next four years. 2 sons Charles and Jacob to live with my son Lance Tod until they arrive at the age of 18 years. Lance Tod to be whole and sole exec. Wit. Elizabeth Dunklose, Wm. Roper and Mary Parmer. (Elizabeth Dunklose written Elizabeth Dunkein in probate.) (Will book 1, f. 14, Baltimore.)

Her administration bond by Lancelott Todd, William Cromwell, and William Cockey. May 15, 1704. Administration Bonds. C.H. Baltimore.

Thomas Rockhould married.

Charles Rockhould married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Henry.

Jacob married.

Susannah Rockhould married first John Howard, son of Matthew and Sarah (Dorsey) Howard, second William Couch.

Elizabeth married Lancelott Dorsey, son of Thomas of Ann Arundel County.

Sebrah married Frizzel.

Sarah married 1704 John Garner (At. A. Pari Reg.).

Their descendants are found in Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford Counties.

Samuel Greniffe in 1703, left personality to Sarah Rockhould, James Crouch, and Marice Baker.

ROBERT ROCKHOULD had land in Nansemond Co. VA before 3 Nov 1647  
 came to Ann Arundel Co. Maryland c 1649; gunsmith  
 d 1666 seemingly  
 m Sarah

A. Robert, Jr.  
 a. Edward seemingly son of Jr. and not Sr.  
 m Mary, widow of John Nelson

B. Thomas

C. JOHN d 1698  
 m MARY, seemingly d/o Lawrence Richardson<sup>56</sup>  
 d 1703-1704

Children:

a. John perhaps dead by 1698

b. Thomas m

c. Lawrence

d. Sarah m John Garner 1704 (At[?]. A. Paris[h] Reg.)

e. ELIZABETH m LANCELOT TODD; cf. Todd Family

f. Mary

g. Charles m Elizabeth Wright, d/o Henry Wright

h. Jacob m

i. Susan m John Howard, s/o John,  
 s/o Matthew & Sarah (Dorsey) Howard  
 2m Wm Crouch

j. Deborah m ---- Frizzel

D. Ann m Stephen White  
 2m William Hawkins

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<sup>56</sup>Lawrence Richardson m Mary, his will 1666. Children: a. John, b. Thomas, c. Lawrence, d. Sarah, m Joshua Dorsey, 2m Thomas Blackwell; e. Elizabeth, f. MARY m JOHN ROCKHOULD

## NOTES:

In the Woodward file of the Kentucky Historical Society Library in Frankfort, there is a reference to Joel L. Woodward, s/o Richard and Nancy Woodward, b 13 April 1798, died 18 May 1835; as a source, it cites Central Ky. Researcher, c/o Taylor Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 414, Campbellsville, KY. "Joel Woodard" is listed in the 1820 Census of KY as a resident of Green Co., and "Joel Woodward" is listed in Bracken Co. The 1810 Census of KY lists a Richard Woodward in Green Co. The early wills books and deeds of Green Co. have been published, and a Richard Woodward is listed with land next to the Green Co. Seminary.

There was a Richard Woodward living in Nelson Co. during the early part of the 1800's. He and Elizabeth his wife sell 140 acres on Terrepsse Run on the Beech Fork to Gerard Berryman who in turn sells them a different 140 acres of land. Nelson Co. Deed Book 6:454-455, date 1806. The 1810 Census of Nelson County shows Richard Woodward over 45 with a female over 45 and two boys 10-16 years old. A Richard Woodward signed the oath of allegiance (1778) in Chas. Co. Maryland. S. Eugene Clements and F. Edward Wright, *The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War*, p 164: Richard Woodward also served in the Charles Co. Militia during the Revolutionary War in Capt. Francis Mastin's Co, list dated 1777. Listed in the same company is Jesse Woodward (p 164) and in Capt. Wm. Winter's Co. of the same county militia is Samuel Woodward (p 165). This may well be the Nelson Co. "Richard," but my brief search of some wills did not shed any light. Woodward is a prominent name in Maryland, but elsewhere as well.

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