

Ancestors of Samuel Silas Godwin

Generation No. 1

1. Samuel Silas Godwin, born September 1869 in Mississippi; died March 12, 1910 in Fort Worth, Tx. He was the son of **2. William Calhoun Godwin** and **3. Rebecca Abigale Smith**. He married **(1) Louise J. Jones**. She was born December 14, 1870 in Mississippi, and died November 23, 1936 in Houston, TX. She was the daughter of William J. Jones and Roseanne McGee.

Notes for Samuel Silas Godwin:
1900 Census
Occupation - Floor Packer

The Arlington Journal - March 18, 1910
S.S. GODWIN DEAD
S.S. Godwin, the well known
well contractor, died suddenly
last Saturday of congestion. He
was buried from the Baptist church last Sunday, 13th inst.

More About Samuel Silas Godwin:
Cause of Death: Congestion

Generation No. 2

2. William Calhoun Godwin, born February 01, 1840 in Mississippi; died December 17, 1916 in Chestnut, La. He was the son of **4. William Kincheon Godwin** and **5. Barsheba Cook**. He married **3. Rebecca Abigale Smith** 1860.

3. Rebecca Abigale Smith, born 1842 in Mississippi. She was the daughter of **6. Isaiah Smith** and **7. Cynthia Berry**.

Notes for William Calhoun Godwin:
Possibly English/Irish
1880 Census
Denton, TX
Locus Street
Occupation-Well Digger

Notes
Entered Civil War as a member of Newton Rifles, 13th Miss Regt. Elected to 3rdLt changed later to Bvt 2dLt. After numerous battles captured at battle of Knoxville in Dec 1863. Remained a prisoner at Rock Island Ill until released at the end of the war. Took family to Denton, TX to farm, later in late 1800s moved to Chestnut, La with part of his family Some stayed in Denton.

Rock Island Prison

Rock Island Prison Barracks was located on Rock Island in the Mississippi river between Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island and Moline Illinois. It had been started under construction in August 1863. Each barracks building was 100 feet long, 22 feet wide and 12 feet high. All faced the east. Each on had 12 windows two doors, and two roof ventilators four feet long and two feet wide. The kitchen for each building was located at the west end and separated from the sleeping quarters by a wall located eighteen from the west end. The remaining eighty two feet were tasken up by living and sleeping quarters.

Sixty double bunks were constructed enabling each barracks to house 120 prisoners.

The prison contained six rows with fourteen barracks in each row. The buildings were 30 feet apart and with one exception faced on to streets 100 feet wide. The fourth row opened on an avenue 130 feet wide - one of two avenues bisecting the prison.

The barracks was enclosed by a stockade fence 1300 feet long and 900 feet wide being 12 feet high.

A boardwalk was constructed on the outside of the fence 4 feet from the top. Sentry boxes were placed every 100 feet. Double gate sally ports were located on the east and west ends of the fence.

Each barrack had 2 wood stoves. [located about 30 feet apart. in the center between bunks]

The barracks were built of green wood that cured out with gaps.

Each man was issued 1 blanket and had to sleep with another man and double blankets to have enough cover to keep warm

When the first prisoners arrived in December 1863 the temperature was 32 degrees below zero and there were some 94 cases of small pox.

In the 24 months that Rock Island Prison existed a total of 12,409 men were confined and of those 730 were transferred, 3,876 were exchanged and 1,960 died.

The death rate was over 15.7%.

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Military Svc.: ; Civil War Veteran, (CSA), see notes.

Notes: Entered Civil War as a member of 13th MS Regiment; captured at Battle of Knoxville, Dec. 1863; POW at Rock Island, IL; released at end of war.

More About William Calhoun Godwin:

Military service: Civil War member 13th MS Regiment

Notes for Rebecca Abigale Smith:

Possibly English/Irish

More About William Godwin and Rebecca Smith:

Marriage: 1860

Children of William Godwin and Rebecca Smith are:

- i. John Calhoun Godwin, born 1861 in Lawrence Co, Mississippi; died April 05, 1904 in Denton, Tx; married Josephine Aquila White in Arcadia, LA.

Notes for John Calhoun Godwin:

Moved to Chestnut, LA from Denton with his father in late 1800s. Married and started family. Was Circuit rider as Tax Assessor. When RR Depot was built became first Depot/Mail Agent for Chestnut, La. Their farm was about 4 miles WSW of Chestnut in the "Flatwoods". In failing health he took family and moved to Mineral Wells TX where the minerals in the wells were supposed to restore his health. They opened a cafe ran by Grandmother. They later moved to Denton and lived with one of his brothers until he expired in 1904. Buried in Odd Fellows Cem in Denton TX. Grandmother worked the wheat fields in the chuck wagon while Dad and his two sisters, Anna & Mattie, worked with the Wheat Combine.

More About John Godwin and Josephine White:

Marriage: Arcadia, LA

- ii. George W. Godwin, born 1867 in Mississippi; died 1928 in Texas; married Mattie.
- 1 iii. Samuel Silas Godwin, born September 1869 in Mississippi; died March 12, 1910 in Fort Worth, Tx; married Louise J. Jones.
- iv. David Murrel Godwin, born February 12, 1871 in Mississippi; died October 18, 1928 in Louisiana; married (1) Eunice Delma Finley; married (2) Mary Riser December 29, 1892 in Goldonna, La.

- v. Martha E. Godwin, born March 01, 1873 in Louisiana; died January 02, 1921; married John H. Finley.
- vi. Frances Godwin, born 1875; married Hugh Riser August 09, 1893.

More About Hugh Riser and Frances Godwin:
 Marriage: August 09, 1893

Generation No. 3

4. William Kincheon Godwin, born 1799 in Georgia; died Abt. 1890 in Centreville, Mississippi. He was the son of **8. Jonothan Godwin** and **9. Martha**. He married **5. Barsheba Cook** January 03, 1826 in Lawrence Co, Mississippi.

5. Barsheba Cook

Notes for William Kincheon Godwin:

More About Barsheba Cook:
 Burial: Oak Grove Cemetary, Chestnut, LA¹

More About William Godwin and Barsheba Cook:
 Marriage: January 03, 1826, Lawrence Co, Mississippi

Children of William Godwin and Barsheba Cook are:

- i. Kissiah Godwin
- ii. Jane Godwin, born 1834.
- iii. Drury Godwin, born 1836.
- 2 iv. William Calhoun Godwin, born February 01, 1840 in Mississippi; died December 17, 1916 in Chestnut, La; married Rebecca Abigale Smith 1860.
- v. Lee Ann Godwin, born 1842.
- vi. Silas M. Godwin, born 1843; died August 20, 1861 in Richmond, VA.
- vii. James Madison Godwin, born January 20, 1846 in Newton County, Mississippi; died November 20, 1918 in Smithdale, Mississippi; married Janet Hardaman Suddith.
- viii. David Godwin, born 1848.

6. Isaiah Smith He married **7. Cynthia Berry**.

7. Cynthia Berry, born 1823 in Mississippi.

More About Cynthia Berry:
 Fact 1: 1880, School Teacher - Denton TX

Children of Isaiah Smith and Cynthia Berry are:

- 3 i. Rebecca Abigale Smith, born 1842 in Mississippi; married William Calhoun Godwin 1860.
- ii. Mary Z. Smith, born 1850 in Mississippi; married Tabor.

Generation No. 4

8. Jonothan Godwin, born in Edgecombe Co, NC; died 1802 in Hancock Co, GA. He was the son of **16. John Barnaby Godwin** and **17. Wilkinora Wilkinson**. He married **9. Martha**.

9. Martha

Notes for Jonothan Godwin:
 Jonothan GODWIN
 Sex: M
 Birth: ; Edgecombe Co., NC
 Death: 1802; Hancock Co., GA
 Father: John Barnaby GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710; d. ABT. 1789]
 Mother: Wilkinora WILKINSON [b. ?; d. ?]

Wife: Martha [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 1: +Jonathan GODWIN (II) [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 2: Sally GODWIN

Child 3: +Jefferson GODWIN [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 4: +Theophilus GODWIN [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 5: +Barnabas GODWIN [b. 9 JUN 1788; d. 8 NOV 1829]

Child 6: John GODWIN [b. EST. 1793]

Child 7: +James GODWIN [b. EST. 1795; d. ?]

Child 8: +Simeon GODWIN [b. 1797; d. ?]

Child 9: +William Kincheon GODWIN [b. 1799]

Notes for Martha:

Martha

Wife of 3rd cousin 7x removed

Sex: F

Ref. No.: I5411

Death: ?

Family 1 #2223

Husband: Jonothan GODWIN [b. ?; d. 1802]

Child 1: +Jonathan GODWIN (II) [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 2: Sally GODWIN

Child 3: +Jefferson GODWIN [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 4: +Theophilus GODWIN [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 5: +Barnabas GODWIN [b. 9 JUN 1788; d. 8 NOV 1829]

Child 6: John GODWIN [b. EST. 1793]

Child 7: +James GODWIN [b. EST. 1795; d. ?]

Child 8: +Simeon GODWIN [b. 1797; d. ?]

Child 9: +William Kincheon GODWIN [b. 1799]

Children of Jonothan Godwin and Martha are:

- i. Jonothan Godwin, married Polly Calhoun November 30, 1809 in Balwin Co, GA.

More About Jonothan Godwin and Polly Calhoun:

Marriage: November 30, 1809, Balwin Co, GA

- ii. James Godwin, married Nancy Hill July 08, 1818 in Balwin Co, GA.

More About James Godwin and Nancy Hill:

Marriage: July 08, 1818, Balwin Co, GA

- iii. Sally Godwin

- iv. Jefferson Godwin, married Marcilla P. Williamson June 25, 1815 in Hancock Co, GA.

More About Jefferson Godwin and Marcilla Williamson:

Marriage: June 25, 1815, Hancock Co, GA

- v. Theophilus Godwin, married Sustatia Thompson November 11, 1819 in Hancock Co, GA.

More About Theophilus Godwin and Sustatia Thompson:

Marriage: November 11, 1819, Hancock Co, GA

- vi. John

- vii. Barnabas Godwin, born June 09, 1788 in Johnston Co, NC; died November 08, 1829 in Fayette Co, GA; married Francis Pope April 25, 1814 in Hancock Co, GA.

More About Barnabas Godwin and Francis Pope:
Marriage: April 25, 1814, Hancock Co, GA

- viii. Simeon Godwin, born 1797 in Hancock Co, GA; married (1) Elizabeth King December 26, 1820 in Balwin Co, GA; married (2) Sara Gordy November 11, 1827 in Balwin Co, GA.

More About Simeon Godwin and Sara Gordy:
Marriage: November 11, 1827, Balwin Co, GA

- 4 ix. William Kincheon Godwin, born 1799 in Georgia; died Abt. 1890 in Centreville, Mississippi; married Barsheba Cook January 03, 1826 in Lawrence Co, Mississippi.

Generation No. 5

16. John Barnaby Godwin, born Unknown in Isle of Wight Co, VA; died Abt. 1789 in Edgecombe Co, NC. He was the son of **32. William Godwin** and **33. Elizabeth Wright**. He married **17. Wilkinora Wilkinson**.

Notes for John Barnaby Godwin:

John Barnaby GODWIN s2583 s2582

Sex: M

Birth: BEF. 1710; Isle of Wight Co., VA

Death: ABT. 1789; Edgecombe Co., NC

Notes: On 20 Aug 1752, [John] Barnabe Godwin of Granville Co., [NC] sold to Benjamin Beal of Isle of Wight 100 acres in the Lower Parish (being part of 600 acres which was granted to Godfrey Hunt, and by him conveyed to Henry Reaves, and from him to Thomas Godwin [Jr.] on 19 Dec 1688, who then willed the land to his son William Godwin, who willed it to his son, the said Barnabe). The land adjoins land of Robert Driver, Howell, Staples, and Thomas Bullock. Signed by [Wilkinora] Wilkinson Godwin by her mark. [IOW DB 9, pg. 74]

Father: William GODWIN [b. ABT. 1683; d. BEF. 20 SEP 1720]

Mother: Elizabeth WRIGHT [b. ?; d. BEF. 27 MAR 1727]

Wife: Wilkinora WILKINSON [b. ?; d. ?]

Child 1: +Jonathan GODWIN [b. ?; d. 1802]

Child 2: +Lillyora GODWIN [b. 22 DEC 1750; d. 1826]

Child 3: Elizabeth GODWIN

Children of John Godwin and Wilkinora Wilkinson are:

- 8 i. Jonothan Godwin, born in Edgecombe Co, NC; died 1802 in Hancock Co, GA; married Martha.
ii. Elizabeth Godwin, born 1748; died January 29, 1812 in Ogleth, GA; married John Milner 1765.

Notes for John Milner:

County, Ga. Married 1765 to ELIZABETH GODWIN of Virginia."

"Godwin of Nansemond and Isle of Wight" by Mildred M. Holladay, in SEVENTEENTH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA by John Bennett Boddie gives the following information: THOMAS GODWIN, son of COL THOMAS GODWIN, had a son WILLIAM. This WILLIAM whose will was probated in 1736 had a wife Ann (Pitt) and their son Barnaby was the father of ELIZABETH GODWIN who marr. John Milner of Georgia.

CAPT JOHN MILNER (1746-1812)

Capt John Milner born 16 May 1746 and died 16 May 1812 in Wilkes County acc. to DAR references. Married ELIZABETH GODWIN born in Abington, Nansemond County, Virginia and died 12 Jan 1812 in Washington County, Georgia.

DESCENDANTS [more info - not all listed here]:

- A. Willis Milner born about 1768 and died 1791 in Wilkes County, Ga.
- B. Pitt Milner born 22 Jun 1769, died 21 Jul 1839.
- C. Benjamin Milner b. 1772/3 and died Nov 1828 in Jones Co. Ga.
- D. John Milner born 17 Oct 1775 in Wilkes Co. Ga. Died 21 Jan 1841 in Pike County.
- E. Jonathan Milner born 26 Jan 1778 and died 24 Dec 1844 Oglethorpe Co., GA.
- F. Mary Milner born 1777 and died 1851.
- G. Sarah Milner (Sally).
- H. Nancy Milner died before 1803.
- I. Peggy Milner is a possible daughter to John Milner.

Isle of Wight Co., Virginia

Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County

Will of Eliz. Bridger mentions grandau., Eliz Norsworthy; dau. PATIENCE MILNER; dau., Elizabeth Wilkinson; cousin JOSEPH GODWIN's son SAMUEL; gr. dau., PATIENCE MILNER; cousin JOSEPH GODWIN'S dau ELIZABETH. Dated Apr 5, 1717.

Will of JOSEPH GODWIN who died 17 Nov 1757, mentions dau., MARTHA MILNER. Legatees, grandsons, JOSEPH and JAMES, the sons of my son MATTHEW GODWIN; grandson JAMES, the son of my son JAMES GODWIN; grandson, JOSEPH, SAMUEL, sons of my son JONATHAN GODWIN; Patience Pitt. dau. of MARTHA MILNER.

Will of Col. THOMAS GODWIN of May 1676-7 lists daughter, ELIZABETH, whose daughter is PATIENCE MILNER, and granddaughter, PATIENCE.

GENEALOGICAL NOTES (4)

...Queries to Reference concerning Elizabeth Goddin..."JOHN MILNER came from England and was an elegant gentleman noted for his piety. He was rich and prominent and claimed close kin to Wm. Pitt, 1st Earl of Chattam". Query answered by Lyon G. Tyler, M.A., editor, Series 1, Vol. 2, p. 139-141.

(Unidentified source claims that ELIZABETH GODWIN marr. John Milner. Father was WM GODWIN who probated will in 1736 and Mother was Ann Pitt. Col. THOS. GODWIN had a daughter ELIZABETH who died 1718 in Isle of Wight. Her daughter was Patience MILNER.)

..."JOHN MILNER marr. ELIZABETH GODWIN of Nansemond County, Virginia and was half brother to Wm. Pitt. JOHN MILNER settled in Wilkes County, Ga. in 1784." Mrs T. M. Harvey, 21117 Gadsden S., Columbia, S.C., Series II, Vol II, p. 55.

More About John Milner and Elizabeth Godwin:
Marriage: 1765

- iii. Lillyora Godwin, born December 22, 1750; died 1826 in Warren Co, GA; married Jonas Shivers 1771 in Edgecombe Co, NC.

More About Jonas Shivers and Lillyora Godwin:
Marriage: 1771, Edgecombe Co, NC

Generation No. 6

32. William Godwin, born Unknown in Nansemond Co, VA; died 1736 in Isle of Wight Co, VA. He was the son of **64. Thomas Godwin II** and **65. Martha Bridger**. He married **33. Elizabeth Wright**.

33. Elizabeth Wright

Notes for William Godwin:
William GODWIN

Sex: M

Birth: ABT. 1683; Nansemond Co., VA

Death: BEF. 20 SEP 1720; Isle of Wight Co., VA

Tax Record: ; Quit Rent, Isle of Wight Co., VA 400 acres

Probate: 26 SEP 1720; Isle of Wight Co., VA; Gt. Bk. pg. 52

Father: Thomas GODWIN (Jr.) [b. BET. 1640 - 1655; d. BEF. 27 MAY 1714]

Mother: Martha BRIDGER [b. ABT. 1660; d. AFT. 1714]

Wife: Elizabeth WRIGHT [b. ?; d. BEF. 27 MAR 1727]

Child 1: +William GODWIN (Jr) [b. BEF. 1710]

Child 2: +John Barnaby GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710; d. ABT. 1789]

Child 3: Joseph GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710; d. BEF. 1727]

Child 4: Sarah GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710]

Child 5: +Mary GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710; d. BEF. 1717]

Child 6: +Martha GODWIN

Child 7: Jane GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710]

Child 8: +Dau GODWIN [b. BEF. 1710]

More About William Godwin:

Probate: 1736, Mentions wife Ann and children

Will: 1736, Mentions wife Ann and children

Children of William Godwin and Elizabeth Wright are:

- i. William Godwin

Notes for William Godwin:

William Godwin Will dated 4 Dec 1779, Edgecombe Co. NC

Posted by Lori Godwin <GodwinGA@aol.com> on Wed, 03 Feb 1999

Surnames: GODWIN, JORDAN, WHITHEAD, BARNS

Will of William Godwin of Edgecombe Co. NC

In the name of God amen the forth day of December in the year of our Lord 1779 I William Godwin Sener of Edgecomb County in the province of North Carolina planter am sick and week in body But in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body kowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christan like and descent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god and as touching such Wordly estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson JOHN GODWIN one fether bed and furneture one pot and one friing pan four cows and calves one horse bridle and saddle and Eight head of sheep.

Item and all the Rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children.

I like wise constitute make and ordain DAVID GODWIN and THOMAS GODWIN Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments wills & legaces Requests & Executors by me in any ways before this time recttifying? and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness where of I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written Signed Sealed and delivered in presents of

Cornelius Jordan Senr +
William Bond Whithead
penelopy {Her X mark} Barns

william (his mark) godwin (seal)

Edgecombe County. August Court 1783 The will was produced and proved in open court by the oath of Cornelius Jordan. The Executors therein named were at the same time qualified and the will ordered to be recorded.

Test Edward Hall CC

- ii. Joseph Godwin
- iii. Sarah Godwin
- iv. Mary Godwin
- v. Martha Godwin
- vi. Jane
- 16 vii. John Barnaby Godwin, born Unknown in Isle of Wight Co, VA; died Abt. 1789 in Edgecombe Co, NC; married Wilkinora Wilkinson.

Generation No. 7

64. Thomas Godwin II, born Bet. 1634 - 1660 in Nansemond Co, VA; died Abt. 1714 in Nansemond Co, VA. He was the son of **128. Thomas Godwin** and **129. Elizabeth**. He married **65. Martha Bridger** Abt. 1679 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.

65. Martha Bridger, born Abt. 1660 in Nansemond Co, VA; died Aft. 1713 in Nansemond Co, VA. She was the daughter of **130. Joseph Bridger, Sr.** and **131. Hester Pitt**.

Notes for Thomas Godwin II:

Thomas GODWIN (Jr.)

Sex: M

Title: Jr.

Birth: BET. 1640 - 1655; Somerset, England

Death: BEF. 27 MAY 1714; Nansemond Co., VA

Tax Record: ; Quit Rent, Nansemond Co., VA 810 acres

Will: ; Wife Martha; sons Thomas, Joseph, Edmund, Wm, James; daus Eliz, Martha, Mary.

Probate: 27 MAY 1714; Nansemond Co., VA

Notes: Family may have come from Somerset, England.

Signed a receipt for his wife Martha's share of Bridger estate on 16 Jul 1686.

On 19 Dec 1688, Thomas Godwin of Chuckatuck, for 25 pounds sterling, purchased 45 acres from Henry Reeves on the S. side of Chuckatuck Creek and bounded by Thomas Oglethorpe. [Bk. 1, pg. 13]

Thomas Godwin II Will dated 3 May 1712, Nansemond Co. VA

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Posted by Lori Godwin <GodwinGA@aol.com> on Wed, 03 Feb 1999

Surnames: GODWIN, BRIDGER, JOHNSON, KEARNY, BUNCHLEY, GRAY, SNOWDEN, KINDER, WEBB

Source: "Wills of the Godwin Family, Nansemond and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia" Copied by Mrs. Henry Litchfield West, 2701 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

THOMAS GODWIN II, md. Martha Bridger, dau. of Col. Joseph Bridger. His will dated May 3rd, 1712, probated May 17, 1714, is as follows:-

Glory be to God Amen! I Thomas Godwin of Nansemond County, knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament as followeth:

Imprimis, I give to my well beloved wife MARTHA GODWIN my new dwelling plantation houses and out houses my mill and the appurtenances, the one halfe the orchard and halfe the land purchased of Thomas Jordan, I say unto my beloved wife MARTHA GODWIN during her natural life and after her decease then to my son THOMAS GODWIN and to his male heirs forever, and for want of such heirs then to my son WILLIAM GODWIN and his heirs.

Item. I give the other half of the land purchased of Thomas Jordan and half of my orchard to me son THOMAS

GODWIN and to his male heirs forever, and for want of such heirs to return as aforesaid.

Item. I give to my son JOSEPH GODWIN and his two sons JOSEPH and THOMAS the plantation, houses and orchards whereon he lives and land purchased from Mr. Richard Prestwood, excepting sixty acres thereof for the use the ----- plantation aforesaid for firewood and fencing, I say unto my son JOSEPH GODWIN and his two aforesd. sons and to the heirs male of their bodys or to the survivor of them forever; and the sixty acres aforesaid to take its length along Col. Pitt's line to the mill.

Item. I give to my son EDMOND GODWIN the plantation and lands whereon he now lives purchased of Mr. Scott and of Mr. Butler to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give to my son WILLIAM GODWIN one hundred acres of land purchased of Henry Johnson and Barnaby Kearny lying upon the north side of his brother THOMAS GODWIN'S land and likewise two hundred acres of land, parcell of a quarter tract purchased of Mr. ----- and his choice thereof, I say unto my son WILLIAM GODWIN and to his heirs forever, as also one small parcell more lying betwixt Bunchley's line and my great pasture swamp.

Item. I give the remaining part being four hundred acres purchased of Mr. ----- unto my two daughters ELIZABETH and MARTHA to be equally divided between them and each of their heirs forever.

Item. I give all that parcell of land I purchased of William Carter, and that also which I purchased of Mr. Joseph Ashley, both of whom unto my son JAMES GODWIN and to his heirs forever.

Item. I give all that plantation and land upon Black Creek unto my daughter MARY GODWIN and her heirs forever, and my will and mind is that what stock of cattle and hoggs do belong to that plantation may be equally divided between my daughter MARY and my sons WILLIAM and JAMES equally.

Item. As touching the remaining part of my estate both reayll and personall of what nature quality or condition soever it may be I give the use thereof to my well beloved wife MARTHA GODWIN, during her natural life and after her decease I give the same, if any to my three youngest children viz: WILLIAM, JAMES and MARY equally to be divided between them or to the survivors of them forever.

Lastly I ordain, nominate and appoint my two sons SAMUEL GODWIN and WILLIAM GODWIN to be my executors of this myn last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former and other will or wills, and this to be my only last will and testament.

In testimony & witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and fix my seal this third day of May, Anno Domi: one thousand and seven hundred and twelve.

THOMAS GODWIN (seal)

Signed sealed and published and delivered by ye Tesyator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

Bar: Kearne
John # Gray
James # Snowden
John # Kinder
James Webb

At a Court continued and held for Nansemond County May 27th, 1714, the last will and testament of THOMAS GODWIN decd. was presented in court by SAMUEL GODWIN and WILLIAM GODWIN, the executors therein named, who made oath thereunto and being proved by the oath of Barnaby Kearne, John Gray, James Snowden & James Webb four of the witnesses thereto is admitted to record, and on motion of the said SAMUEL GODWIN & WILLIAM GODWIN & their performing what is usual in such cases, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereto in due form.

Test
W. Ragdale, Dpty, C C Cur.

Truly recorded -----Test
Michl. Archer, Cl. Cur.

Lived at 'Oldcastle' until they built the home 'Pembroke' in 1705 on the Nansemond River.

. THOMAS2 GODWIN II (THOMAS1) was born Unknown in Virginia, and died Abt. 1714 in Nansemond Co VA. He married MARTHA BRIDGER Abt. 1679 in Isle of Wight/Nansemond Co VA, daughter of JOSEPH SR. and HESTER PITT. She was born Abt. 1660 in Isle of Wight Co Va, and died Aft. 1714 in Nansemond Co VA.

Notes for THOMAS GODWIN II:
Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

"Family tradition tells us nothing about the second Thomas Godwin's Personality; but contemporary history shows him to have been a man of independent spirit and a lover of liberty. Circumstantial evidence goes to prove that he was not a slave owner. One wonders if he knew and came under the influence of Rev. Morgan Godwyn, a rector of York County and probably his kinsman. Rev. Godwyn preached fiery sermons against slavery and upon his return to England wrote a book against that institution.

Col. Godwin bequeathed an estate to each of his nine children but nowhere in the will, a lengthy document, is there any mention of a slave. Cattle is mentioned in some places. It is true that he lumps all his personal property all his personal property and gives it to his wife for her life. if any remains it goes to his three youngest children at her death. It seems reasonable to suppose that some negroes would have remained, were they to go to the youngest children too.

Thomas Godwin's father left his other son Edmond, and his daughter Elizabeth, slaves at his wife's death but Thomas got none.

in Bacon's rebellion he came out strongly on the side of liberty as shown by a quotation from Bancroft's History of the United States," A majority of the Burgesses returned were much infected with the principle of Bacon, and their Speaker, Thomas Godwin, was notoriously a friend to all treason and rebellion that distracted Virginia.".....

"on one occasion while a member of the House, Colonel Godwin spoke of some action of the Governor in no unmeasured terms to the indignation of several members who asked that Colonel Godwin be dismissed from the House. The speaker replied that he regretted the terms applied to our worshipful Governor but have no right to interfere in the matter. It was probably the hated Nicholson, who was governor at the time. It was certainly Nicholson, who as in 1705 had trouble with Colonel Godwin, who was Colonel Commandant of the County at the time and removed him from office. Colonel Godwin had also served as sheriff and at the time of his death was coroner and presiding justice of the County Courts. He and his brother Cap. Edmond Godwin, were both members of the defiant vestry of Chuckatuck in 1682, who denied the Governor's right of induction.

Thomas Godwin married about 1679, Martha, daughter of Hon. Joseph Bridger of the Isle of Wight. Bridger was one of Berkeley's Generals during Bacon's Rebellion and history has called him one of Berkeley's best friends and worst advisers. How Bridger and his rebel son-in-law got on together the deponent saith not. The Godwins received their full share of Bridger's estate and their second son was named for him. The will of Thomas Godwin dated 1713, proved 1714"..... Pages 462,463,464, and 465.

Boddie, John Bennett--"Seventeenth Century Isle Of Wight County Virginia, a history of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, during the Seventeenth Century, including abstracts of the county records." 1993 Heritage books Bowie, Md.

"Received of Mrs. Hester Bridger, Extx. of Col. Joseph Bridger, legacy left my wife Martha. Signed Thomas Godwin.

Wit: John Pitt, Arthur Smith. July 16, 1686.

Same acknowledgment to wife Mary. Signed Richard Tibbott.

Wit: John Pitt, Arthur Smith. July 16, 1686.

Same acknowledgment to wife Elizabeth. Signed Thomas Lear.

Wit: Arthur Smith, Thomas Godwin, August 4, 1686. Page 254 ,"

P.25, Chapman, Blanche Adams---"WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1647-1800", 1975 Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore.

Thomas Godwin Nans

3 May 1712/27 May 1714

Wife Martha Godwin land purchased of Thomas Jordan. Son Thomas Godwin. Son Joseph Godwin and his two sons Joseph Godwin and Thomas Godwin land purchased of Mr. Richard Prestwood. Son Edmund Godwin land purchased of Mr. Scott and Mr. Butler. Son William Godwin land purchased of Henry Johnson and Barnaby Kearny and a parcell next to Bunchley. Two daughters Elizabeth Godwin and Martha Godwin. Son James Godwin land purchased of William Carter and Mr. Joseph Ashley. Three youngest children viz William Godwin, James Godwin and Mary Godwin. Wit: Barnaby Kearne, John Gray, James Snowden, John Kinder, James Webb.

Acc. 30183 Godwin Genealogical Notes,

P.96. Hopkins, William Lindsay----"Some Wills From Burned Counties", 1987 William L. Hopkins Richmond, Va.

Will of Thomas Godwin II:

"Glory be to God Amen. I, Thomas Godwin of Nansemond County, kneeling (feeling?) the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this my last will and testament as followeth:

Item. I give to my well beloved wife Martha Godwin my new dwelling plantation, houses, and outhouses, my mill & all the appurtenances, the one halfe the orchard and halfe the land purchased of Thomas Jordan, I say unto my beloved wife Martha Godwin during her natural life and after her decease then to my son Thomas Godwin & his male heirs forever and for want of such heirs then to my son William Godwin & to his male heirs.

Item. I give the other halfe of the land purchased of Thomas Jordan and halfe my orchard to my son Thomas Godwin and to his male Heirs forever, and for want of such to return as aforesaid.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Godwin and his two sons Joseph & Thomas the Plantation houses & orchard wherein He lives and land purchased of Mr. Richard Prestweed excepting sixty acres thereof for the use of the ---- -plantation aforesaid for fireweed and fencing, I say unto my son Joseph Godwin and his aforesd. sons and the heirs male of their bodys or the survivor of them forever, and the sixty acres aforesd. to take its length along Col. Pitts' line to the mal_____.

Item, I give unto my son Edmond Godwin the plantation and lands whereon he now lives purchased of Mr. scott and Mr. Butler to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give the land & plantation situate on the South side of Indian Creek purchased of Walter Beasley and John Bryant, with all houses & other appurenances into my son Samuel Godwin and his heirs forever.

Item, I give to my son William Godwin one hundred acres of land purchased of Henry Johnson and Branaby Makiviney lying upon the North side of his Brother Thomas Godwin's land and likewise two hundred acres of land parcell of a greater tract purchased of Mr._____ and his choice thereof, I say unto my son William Godwin and to his heirs forever, as also one small parsellwere lying betwixt Buley's line & my great pasture swamp.

Item, I give the remaining part, being four hundred acres purchased of Mr._____ unto my two daughters Elizabeth & Martha to be equally divided to them and each of their heirs forever.

Item, I give all that parcell of land which I purchased of William Carter and also which I purchased of Mr. Joseph Ashley both of whom unto my son James Godwin & to his heirs forever.

Item, I give all that plantation and land upon black creek unto my daughter Mary Godwin and her heirs forever and my will and mind is that what stock of cattle and hoggs do belong to that plantation may be equally divided between my daughter & my daughter Mary and my son William and James equally.

Item. As touching the remaining part of my estate both reayall & personall of what nature, quallity or condition

soever it may be I give the use thereof to my well beloved wife Martha Godwin, during her natural life and after her decease I give the same, if any to my three youngest children viz: William, James and Mary equally to be divided amongst them or the survivor of them forever.

Lastly, I ordain nominate and appoint my two sons Samuel Godwin & William Godwin to be my Exeuters of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former and other will or wills and this is to be my only last will & Testament.

In testimony and witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and fix my seal this third day of May anno domi, one thousand seven hundred and twelve.

Signed sealed, published
and delivered by ye testator
to be his last will & testament
in the presence of us

Thomas Godwin, (SEAL)

Bar: Keaene
John (X his Mark) Gray
James (X his mark) Snowden
James Webb
John (X his mark) Kinder

At a Court continued and held for Nansemond County May 27th 1714.

The last will & testament of Thomas Godwin dec'd, was presented in Court by Samuel Godwin & William Godwin, the executers therein named, who hade oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of Barnaby Keane, John Gray, James Snowden & James Webb, four of the witnesses thereto, is admittted to record, and on motion of the said Samuel Godwin & William Godwin & their performing what is usual in such cases, a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

test- - W. Ragdale dpty; C: Cur.

Truly recorded- - Test- - Michl. Archer Cl. Cur.

A copy: teste, Peter B. Prentis, Clerk.

VIRGINIA

In the Clerk's office of Nansemond County Circuit Court, the 13th day of April, 1918.

The foregoing Copy of Will with Certificates thereon was produced by Miss Mildred M. Holladay to the Clerk of said Court and on her application to recorded anew, the Will Book from which the same was copied having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerks Office and the records on the 7th day of February, 1866.

Teste; G. E. Bunting, Clerk.

Bt, Ruby V Benten D. C. "

Suffolk County , Virginia. Will Book p. 256.

Children of THOMAS GODWIN and MARTHA BRIDGER are:

5. i. WILLIAM³ GODWIN, b. Unknown, Nansemond Co VA; d. Isle of Wite Co VA.
- ii. THOMAS GODWIN III, b. 1680; d. Unknown; m. MARY.

Notes for THOMAS GODWIN III:

17th Century Isle of Wight by Boddie states "Thomas, was born in 1680 and married 1703-4 his first cousin, Mary, daughter of Capt edmond Godwin

6. iii. EDMOND GODWIN, b. Unknown; d. 1755, Nansemond Co VA.
- iv. SAMUEL GODWIN, m. (1) MARY JESSEY, 1711; d. 1720; m. (2) CATHERINE SCOTT, December 12, 1721.

Notes for MARY JESSEY:

Daughter of Capt James Jessey of Nansemond

7. v. JAMES GODWIN, b. 1695.

- vi. MARTHA GODWIN, b. Unknown.
- vii. MARY GODWIN, b. Unknown.
- 8. viii. ELIZABETH GODWIN, b. 1693; d. February 13, 1761, Halifax, N.C..
- 9. ix. JOSEPH GODWIN, b. Unknown; d. Abt. 1760.

Notes for Martha Bridger:

Thomas GODWIN m. Martha BRIDGER
 Lived at 'Oldcastle' until they built the home 'Pembroke' in 1705 on the Nansemond River.

More About Thomas Godwin and Martha Bridger:

Marriage: Abt. 1679, Isle of Wight Co, VA

Children of Thomas Godwin and Martha Bridger are:

- i. James Godwin, born 1695; married Sarah Kinchen Bef. 1734.

More About James Godwin and Sarah Kinchen:
 Marriage: Bef. 1734

- 32 ii. William Godwin, born Unknown in Nansemond Co, VA; died 1736 in Isle of Wight Co, VA; married (1) Elizabeth Wright; married (2) Ann Pitt.
- iii. Thomas Godwin III, born 1680; died Abt. 1749; married Mary Godwin 1703.

Notes for Thomas Godwin III:
 Thomas Godwin Will dated 1676/7, Nansemond Co. VA

Posted by Lori Godwin <GodwinGA@aol.com> on Wed, 03 Feb 1999

Surnames: GODWIN, LANGE, EXUM, BURGESS, MOODY, WEBB, WOORY, YEAMANS, BRIDGER

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Thomas GODWIN (III) s944
1st cousin 9x removed

Sex: M

Title: III

Ref. No.: I973

Birth: 1680

Death: ABT. 1749 s945

Tax Record: ; Quit Rent, Nansemond Co., VA 697 acres
Notes: N187

Father: Thomas GODWIN (Jr.) [b. BET. 1640 - 1655; d. BEF. 27 MAY 1714]
Mother: Martha BRIDGER [b. ABT. 1660; d. AFT. 1714]

Family 1 #2593
Wife: Mary GODWIN [b. EST. 1682; d. ?]

Marriage: ABT. 1703

Child 1: +Thomas GODWIN (IV) [b. 10 JUL 1705]
Child 2: +Mary GODWIN [b. 10 SEP 1707]
Child 3: Edmund GODWIN [b. 19 FEB 1711/12]
Child 4: +Joseph GODWIN [b. 8 SEP 1713; d. AFT. 12 OCT 1747]
Child 5: +Martha GODWIN [b. 1 JUL 1715]
Child 6: +John GODWIN [b. 23 SEP 1716; d. BEF. 2 JUL 1761]
Child 7: James GODWIN [b. 3 OCT 1717]
Child 8: Elizabeth GODWIN [b. 3 NOV 1720]
Child 9: Patrick GODWIN [b. 14 MAR 1722/23]
Child 10: +Patience GODWIN [b. AFT. 1727]
Child 11: +Jeremiah GODWIN [b. 22 NOV 1727; d. 5 AUG 1791]

More About Thomas Godwin and Mary Godwin:
Marriage: 1703

- iv. Edmond Godwin, born Unknown; died 1755 in Nansemond Co, VA; married Mary Mills 1686.

Notes for Edmond Godwin:

The Johnsons and Johnstons of Corrowauch in Isle of Wright County, Virginia

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Shivers. Thomas Johnson, Jr., on behalf of his wife Sally Powell, daughter of Sarah Howell, deceased, and the other heirs, initiated action to wrest their inheritance from the Shivers.

On March 4, 1779, Thomas Johnson served as a witness in Court in the case of Joseph Shivers vs. Richard Jordan, Jr., and received 25 pounds of tobacco for his pay for one day in Court.⁸ On October 7, 1779, Thomas and Sally Johnson filed a complaint in Court against Joseph Shivers and Mary Shivers, who were ordered to come to Court and answer respecting their administration of the will of the late Thomas Howell.⁹ On December 3, 1779, the case was continued.¹⁰

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

On August 29, 1785, Thomas (X) and Sally (X) Johnson and John and Mourning Goodson of Newport

Parish sold George Goodson for œ42 their interest in the property of the late Thomas Howell.11

On July 12, 1792, George (X) and Elizabeth (X) Goodson and Samuel (X) and Martha (X) Hampton of Isle of Wight County sold Thomas Johnson of Nansemond County for œ72.10.0 their interest in the land of the late Thomas Howell adjoining Joseph Matthews, Henry Bradley, John Wrench, and the late Willis Bullock; witnessed by Joseph Cowling, Sr., Willis Everitt, John Best, and John Outland.12 Elizabeth (Howell) Goodson apparently married secondly Thomas Hall; surety by John Hall on February 6, 1796.13

On June 6, 1796, Elijah (X) and Cloe (X) Hampton and Rachel (X) Howell of Isle of Wight County sold Thomas Johnson of Newport Parish for œ30 (œ20 current Virginia money) their interest in land left to the daughters of the late Thomas Howell; witnessed by Josiah Cowling, Sr., and Jesse Cowling.14 Elijah Hampton seems to have been the son and heir of Martha (Howell) Hampton, deceased.15 Cloe (Howell) Hampton's parents have not been identified.

On December 6, 1805, Thomas (X) and Sally (X) Johnson sold Edmond Godwin, Sr., for œ2 current Virginia money one acre on the stage road; witnessed by Nathaniel Wills, Wills Bullock, and Dolphin Driver;16 and, on February 5, 1810, Sally (X) Johnson relinquished her dower right before Justices Emanuel Wills and Nathaniel Wills.17

CENSUS of 1782

In 1782, the Isle of Wight Census shows Thomas Johnson with nine whites and one black.18 He may have had seven children in 1782, but in 1807, only four are named in his will.

Edmund GODWIN s949
1st cousin 9x removed

Sex: M

Ref. No.: I975

Birth: AFT. 1679

Death: BEF. 8 DEC 1755; Nansemond Co., VA

Probate: 8 DEC 1755; Nansemond Co., VA

Father: Thomas GODWIN (Jr.) [b. BET. 1640 - 1655; d. BEF. 27 MAY 1714]

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Family 1 #2215

Wife: Mary MILLS

Marriage: ABT. 1686

Child 1: +Jonathan GODWIN [b. ?; d. BEF. 20 JUL 1762]

Child 2: +Thomas GODWIN [b. ?; d. BEF. 13 MAY 1779]

Child 3: Charity GODWIN

From Internet

Anita,

I believe the only Charity Godwin in North Carolina in that timeframe was the Charity Godwin who married Edward Wilson. This Charity b. c1769 was the daughter of David Godwin b. c1740 of Bladen County, NC. I don't think this Charity was born soon enough to be the one you're looking for.

Do you have records of an earlier Charity Godwin mentioned in Johnston County?

I found an earlier Charity listed among Virginia Wills:

Edmund Godwin Nansemond County, VA 13 Dec 1753/8 Dec 1755

Son Jonathan Godwin. Son Thomas Godwin water grist mill bought of John

Bradley. Grandson Edmund Godwin. Grandson Jonathan Godwin. Grandson Josiah Godwin. Grandson Joseph Godwin. Daughter Charity Godwin. Granddaughter Amelia Godwin. Granddaughter Julianna Godwin. Wit: Thomas Wakefield, Thomas Channel, Arthur Channel. Sec: John Gregorie. Acc. 30183, Godwin Genealogical Notes

More About Edmond Godwin:

Probate: 1755²

Will: 1752²

More About Edmond Godwin and Mary Mills:

Marriage: 1686

- v. Samuel Godwin, born 1687; married (1) Mary Jessey 1711; died 1720; married (2) Catherine Scott December 21, 1721.

More About Samuel Godwin and Mary Jessey:

Marriage: 1711

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viii. Joseph Godwin, born Unknown.

More About Joseph Godwin:

Probate: 1760²

Will: 1756, Isle of Wight County, Virginia²

- ix. Elizabeth Godwin, born 1693; married Captain Barnaby Kearney.

Generation No. 8

128. Thomas Godwin, born Abt. 1623 in England; died Bef. March 1678/79 in Nansemond Co, VA. He was the son of **256. Robert Godwyn** and **257. Elizabeth Smythies**. He married **129. Elizabeth** Bet. 1628 - 1665.

129. Elizabeth, born Bet. 1608 - 1631; died Aft. 1678.

Notes for Thomas Godwin:

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Thomas GODWIN (Col.)

Sex: M

Title: Col.

Birth: ABT. 1623; probably Wookey, Somerset, England s930

Death: BEF. MAR 1678/79; Nansemond Co., VA

Occupation: ; Attorney at Law

Will: ; Mentions sons Edmund, Thomas, dau Elizabeth.

Probate: BEF. MAR 1678/79

Notes: Probably the son of Robert and Elizabeth Godwin of Wookey, England; [VA Hist. Gen., Boddie], ancestry uncertain.

Settled in Chuckatuck, Nansemond Co., VA about 1650.

A Burgess of Nansemond Co. 1654, 1655; Speaker of the House, 1676.

Made will 24 Mar 1677; probated 1678/9.

Will does not mention his wife by name.

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Notes for THOMAS GODWIN I:

Thomas Godwin I came to Virginia from England (some researchers say Somerset) about 1634/1635. He established his Plantation Home at Chuckatuck, Nansemond County. He was a planter and merchant-trader. He represented Nansemond in the Virginia House of Burgesses in the years 1654-55 and 1658. He was a Justice of the County Court and Colonel Commandant of the county at the time of his death in the year 1676/7 (Old English Style).

The late Gordon Warren Godwin Chesser of Baltimore, Maryland did extensive research on the Godwins in England and in America. He stated Devereux and Thomas Godwin were brothers and nephews of a Sir Arthur Godwin who came to Virginia about 1615, but stayed only two years; that Thomas came in 1634 and Devereux Godwin came in 1638. Unfortunately, Chesser did not give the source of his information. His research notes were published in book form after his death, titled "The Godwin Ancestry". A copy of his book is in the History and Genealogy section of the Library of Congress.

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Descendants of Thomas Godwin I

Generation No. 1

1. THOMAS1 GODWIN I was born in Born in England, and died 1676 in Nansemond County, Virginia. He married (2) MARY.

Notes for THOMAS GODWIN I:

Thomas Godwin served two terms in the House of Burgesses during the "Commonwealth" period. The Commonwealth period being when England came under the control of Parliament, and, later, Oliver Cromwell after the beheading of Charles I. Following the restoration, he served as Speaker of the House of Burgesses in the so called "Bacon Assembly" of 1676. However, his son's father-in-law Joseph Bridger, a Royalist, also served in the House of Burgesses during the Commonwealth, and it is difficult to judge Godwin's political sympathies based on service alone. If you were a substantial citizen in your county, you would, at various times, serve in the House of Burgesses. I would suspect, considering the record of the "Bacon" Assembly, he would have some sympathy with aspects of the Commonwealth Government. Further research is needed.

" Thomas Godwin's first grant in Nansemond was in 1655 and he is called "Capt. Thomas Godwin". This and later grants were "at Chuckatuck". There were a number of grants to him and his son later on in both Nansemond and Isle of Wight Counties.

Capt. Thomas Godwin appears as Burgess for Nansemond in 1654, and served as such other terms .He was justice and coroner and at the time of his death, 1678, Col. Commandant of the County. His homestead, called "old Castle", was on the border of the two counties.".....

"Col. Thomas Godwin left a will which has recently been re-recorded at the Clerk's Office in Suffolk .It is dated May, 1676-7, and probated 1678-9. He styles himself "Gentleman", leaves a widow but does not call her by

name, two sons and a daughter." Pages 460, 461, and 462.

Boddie, John Bennett--"Seventeenth Century Isle Of Wight County Virginia, a history of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia during the Seventeenth Century, including abstracts of the county records." Vol. 2. 1993 Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, Md.

Note: The original copyright date for Boddie was 1938. "Recently" for the re-recorded Will would have been around 1938.

"Nov, 1654 - 5th OF COMMONWEALTH." "Nov. 20, 1654, Att AN ASSEMBLY held at James Cittie. The names of the Burgesses for the each respective countie as followeth:" for.... " Nanzemund: Coll. Tho: Dew, Mr. Sam. Stoughton, Mr. Tho. Godwin."....

William Waller Hening _ ' THE STATUES AT LARGE BEING A COLLECTION OF ALL THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA, FROM THE FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THE YEAR 1619," Vol. I (New York: R & W. & G. Bartow, 1823), p. 359.

"March, 1655-6 - 6th OF COMMONWEALTH
Act XVI.

Whereas we conceive it something hard and vnagreeable to reason that any persons shall pay equal taxes and yet have no votes in elections, Therefore it is enacted by this present Grand Assembly, That soe much of the act for choosing Burgesses be repealed as excludes free men from the votes, Provided allwaies that they fairly give their votes by subscription and not in a tumultuous way, and it is further provided by this act that the rest of the act of March, 1654, concerning choosing Burgeses (this cause only excepted) be and remain in full force, any act provided to the contrary notwithstanding."

Ibid p. 403.

Note: It is unclear if this is the same Assembly in which Thomas Godwin served. This Assembly showed what was considered "leveling" tendencies. Levellers sought, among other things, the vote for "free" Englishmen, who were defined as head of small household units who could freely dispose of their labor and property.

"March, 1657 - 8 - 9th Commonwealth" "Att a GRAND ASSEMBLY held at James Cittie, March the 1st. 1658-9." "THE Burgesses of the severl counties being returned by the sherriffs and this day making their appearances in the House"..... for "Vpper Norfolke. Leift. Coll. Ed'w Carter, Capt. Thomas Goodwyn, Mr. Giles Webb."....

Ibid I p. 506.

Note: Vpper Norfolke was sometimes used as a name for Nansemond County. The letter V was used in place of the letter u.

"Thomas Godwin
Birth date unknown - died 1677 or 1678
Speaker of the House, 1676.

"Thomas Godwin (or Goodwin, or Goodwyn) was Speaker of the House of Burgesses in June 1676. Speaker Godwin previously had represented Nansemond County in the assemblies of 1654-1655 and 1659. He had come to Virginia before 1650, in which year he and Richard Axom had patented 1,500 acres in York County. By April 1654 Thomas Godwin was a member of the Nansemond County Court, and in March 1656 he acquired 200 acres there. He sold, at least, some of his land in York County later that year. In 1668 he patented 179 acres in

Chuckatuck Parish, Nansemond, and he probably owned other land of which there is no extent record. In 1674 when the General Assembly drew the line between Isle of Wight and Nansemond counties it stipulated "that the house and clerid grounds of Capt. [later Major and Colonel] Thomas Godwin, who hath bin an antient inhabitant of Nanzemond countie court, bee . . . in the county of Nanzemond."

There is little evidence from which to determine Speaker Godwin's attitude toward Nathaniel Bacon, Jr. Much of the legislation passed in the so-called Bacon's Assembly, over which Godwin presided, seems not to have interested Bacon. A March 1676 act that named Thomas Godwin, John Lear, and Thomas Milner (who probably were Nansemond County's ranking militia officers) to impress men and supplies to fight against the Indians links him with neither Bacon nor Governor Sir William Berkeley. Yet in 1676 it is fifteen years since Speaker Godwin sat in the House of Burgesses, and he was the first Speaker from the south bank of the James River elected since Thomas Dew in 1652. Both facts suggest that he was not allied with Governor Berkeley's Green Spring Faction, but there is no evidence to suggest that Speaker Godwin was politically allied with Nathaniel Bacon, Jr. Speaker Godwin died in 1677 or 1678; his will was dated 24 March 1677.

Regarding the character of the assembly of 1676, a matter of some controversy, see Washburn, *The Governor and the Rebel*, 49-67 and Jane Carson, *Bacon's rebellion, 1676-1976*. Jamestown, 1976).

John Kukla - "SPEAKERS AND CLERKS OF THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSES 1643 - 1776." (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1981). pp. 68-69.

Note: It seems unlikely that Speaker Godwin was a supporter of Bacon as , his son, Thomas, Jr. married the daughter of Colonel Joseph Bridger, a Royalist and a strong supporter of Governor Berkeley.

In his book, *"The Governor and The Rebel"*, Wilcomb E. Washburn makes a good case for separating the June Assembly of 1676 from "Bacon's Rebellion. While commonly called "Bacon's Assembly", except for anti-Indian Legislation, there seems to be little correlation between the aims of the House of Burgesses and Nathaniel Bacon, Jr. Bacon's major interest was in leading a military campaign against the Indian tribes in Virginia. In deed, many of the Acts passed by the Assembly would have limited Bacon's political and military activities. As Washburn put it, "...It is true to say, however, that it was " much infected with "Bacon's principles" in the sense that the general unrest churned the more radical elements to the surface. Berkeley had encouraged this tendency by allowing, at the urging of the council, all free, not alone property holders, to vote. the practice had been outlawed in 1670 because of tumults at election time and the need to bring Virginia's laws into conformity with the laws of England. That Berkeley allowed all freemen to vote in the June election demonstrates both his good will and his inability to rule with unquestioned authority in Virginia. He had to make concessions to the real power in Virginia: the People."(1) However, it should be noted that similar pre-1676 laws, pre-dated Bacon who had only been in Virginia for 2 years. While Berkeley, his supporters, and the investigating commission sent by the Crown made a connection between Bacon and the Assembly, some of the laws that emerged from the Assembly and Bacon's comments do not seem to uphold their position.

" Under Act IV,... "An act for supressing of tumults, routs, etc.," which "impower and strictly commanded," every officer and magistrate withing the country to "suppress and punish" all "unlawfull assemblies, routs, riotts and tumults," The act was directed specifically at "certain ill disposed and disaffected people" who had "of late gathered and may again gather themselves together by beate of drumme and otherwise in a most apparetn rebellious manner, without any authoritie or legall commission, which man prove of very dangerous consequences...." The governor was requested to supress at the public charge any such unlawfull assemblies and to inflict "condigne punishment upon offenders."....

"Act V. "An act for the regulating of officers and offices," which provide that no person could hold office of sheriff for more than one year successively, that no person could hold two of the offices of sheriff, clerk of the court, surveyor, or escheator at the same time, and that no one who had not resided in the country for three years (Bacon had arrived in Virginia two years earlier) could hold any office within the country. Penalties were prescribed for abuses in the offices of clerk of court, sheriff, escheator, surveyor and collector, and stricter regulation of the activities of public officers was ordered.".... (2)

Washburn further points out that...."In another letter sent back at the same time Bacon discussed the whole story of the June Assembly and his appointment to command the forces raised against the Indians without mentioning the political reform laws. The people looked upon him as their friend, because of his resolution to wipe out all the Indians. He asked how any man "could perceive in my manner, estate, or manner of living, how any indirect end , as leveling or rebellion, could make me desious to exchange my fortune for worse; altho by the Governor and some of his creatures, such terms were putt upon mee...." (3) .

It should be noted that when Bacon arrived in Virginia, Berkeley gave him a place on the Council based on his social rank and family connections in England. Except for his desire for campaign for against the Indians, there is no sign of any levelling (democratic?) tendencies. As to Speaker Godwin himself, Washburn notes,...." On Sunday afternoon, "the Lawes were redd in the courthouse before the Governor's Council and Burgesses after the usual manner, and the assembly desolved." "The bills were signed into law by Governer Berkeley and Speaker Thomas Godwin." (4) Wasburn records no discord between Godwin and the Governor.

(1) Wilcomb E. Washburn - "THE GOVERNOR AND THE REBEL A History of Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia." (Chapel Hill, N. C.: University of North Carolina Press, 1957) pp.49-50.

(2) Ibid. p.61

(3) Ibid. pp. 65-66.

(4) Ibid. p. 64.

Land Office Patents and Grants - Index Cards:

Godwin, Thomas 22 May 1650
County location not given 550 a.
see Axom, Richard; & Thomas Godwin 22 May 1650

Patents No. 2, p. 244.

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RICHARD AXOM & THOMAS
GODWIN, 550 acs. in Rappa. Riv. on
the S. side, beg. at Troublesome Point,
running S. S. W. to Axoms Cr. 22 May
1650, P. 244. Trans. of II pers: Nicho.
Lawrey, Amos Hamelton, Morgan Tho-
mas, Ann Paggett, Xtopr. Neate (or
Neale Richard Axom, Mary Carpen-
ter, Ann Alderson, Richd. Har-row, John
Giblin, Wm. Cottin.

P. 197. Nugent, Nell Marion---"CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666," VOLUME ONE 1969 Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore.

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Patents no. 2, p. 245.

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RICHARD AXOM & THOMAS
GODWIN, 1,000 acs. S. side Rappa.
Riv. in Breckneck Bay, & adj. on &
below land of John Landman. 22 May
1650, p. 245. Trans. of 20 pers: Ro.
Stephen, Tho. Godwin, Sara Thomlin,
Richd. Lapham, Tho. Harlow, Robert
Mosse, Tho. Molfe, Wm. Molfe, John
Michell, Edw. Fisher, Ann James, Tho.
Keator, jno. Burdix, jno. Kelman, Geo.
Kelman, Robert Koggan, Stoffle Staffie-
son, Antho. Hunt, Susan Newman, Sara
Thomblin.

P. 197, 198. Nugent, Nell Marion---"CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666," VOLUME ONE 1969 Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore.

CAPT. THOMAS GODWIN (GOD-
WYN). 179 acs. in Chuckatuck Parrish,
adj. lands of Hopkins Howell, Jeremy
Rutter, Jno. Dukes, Tho. Beest & Jno.
Thomas. 6 Feb. 1667, p.111. Trans.
of 4 pers: Mary Yates, Mary Eggleston,
Henry Holt, John Price.

P. 31. Nugent, Nell Marion---"Cavaliers and Pioneers Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants VOLUME TWO: 1666-1695," 1977 Virginia State Library, Richmond.

Children of THOMAS GODWIN and MARY are:

2. i. THOMAS² GODWIN II, b. Virginia; d. Abt. 1714, Nansemond County Virginia.
- ii. EDMOND GODWIN, d. 1713, Nansemond County, Virginia; m. SARAH BEMBRIDGE.

Notes for EDMOND GODWIN:

Source: Boddie, John Bennett- Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia, A History of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, during the Seventeenth Century, Including abstracts of the county records. 1993 Heritage Classic Bowie Md. P.462, vol. 2.

3. iii. ELIZABETH GODWIN.

More About Thomas Godwin:

Military service: Bef. February 1666/67, Captain of Militia
Will: March 24, 1675/76, Filed-DAR Washington, DC

Notes for Elizabeth:

Probably Mrs. Elizabeth Godwin.

More About Thomas Godwin and Elizabeth:
Marriage: Bet. 1628 - 1665

Children of Thomas Godwin and Elizabeth are:

- 64 i. Thomas Godwin II, born Bet. 1634 - 1660 in Nansemond Co, VA; died Abt. 1714 in Nansemond Co, VA; married Martha Bridger Abt. 1679 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.
ii. Edmond Godwin, born Bet. 1634 - 1665; died 1713 in Nansemond Co, VA; married Sarah Bembridge Bet. 1659 - 1700; born Bet. 1642 - 1668.

Notes for Edmond Godwin:

Edmund Godwin Will dated 21 Feb 1712, Chuckatuck

Posted by Lori Godwin <GodwinGA@aol.com> on Wed, 03 Feb 1999

Surnames: GODWIN, BEMBRIDGE, KNOWLS, CORBELL, WILKENSON

Source: "Wills of the Godwin Family, Nansemond and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia" Copied by Mrs. Henry Litchfield West, 2701 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

EDMUND GODWIN, son of Col THOMAS GODWIN, md. Sarah Bembridge (sometimes spelled Bainbridge), dau. of Thomas Bembridge. The will of EDMUND GODWIN, dated February 21, 1712, probated June 24, 1713, is as follows:-

In the name of God, Amen. I EDMUND GODWIN of Chuckatuck, being very sick and weak but in perfect sense and memory do make this my last will and testament. First I give my soul to God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried, and as for my worldly estate I give as followeth. First I give unto my loving wife that plantation whereon I now live and all privileges thereunto belonging during her life, and after her death to my youngest son WILLIAM GODWIN and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. In case he dieth without such heirs then to return to his brother SAMUEL GODWIN and his heirs forever. Item I give unto my loving wife the choice of all my negroes and a good feather bed and furniture. Item I give to my son SAMUEL GODWIN that Plantation whereon John Vickers lives on, and all privileges thereunto belonging, to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, for want of such heirs then to return to his brother WILLIAM GODWIN and his heirs forever. Item I give unto my son EDMUND GODWIN half of that tract of land whereon John Knowls lives on, to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. For want of such heirs then to return to his brother JOSEPH GODWIN and his heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my daughters SARAH GODWIN and ELIZA the remaining part of that land whereon John Knowls lives on to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my son JOSEPH GODWIN the plantation, bought of Joseph Corbell, to him and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such heirs to return to his brother EDMUND GODWIN and his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my daughter MARTHA GODWIN one negroe girl called Jane to her and her heirs forever to be delivered after Ye death of her mother. Item, I give unto my daughter SARAH GODWIN one negro girl called cate to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my daughter PATIENCE GODWIN one negro boy called Will to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my two daughters MARGARET GODWIN and MARY GODWIN that plantation at the Beaver Dams to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my son THOMAS GODWIN twenty shillings, and for the rest of my estate in what nature soever, negroes and other goods I give unto my loving wife and children, SARAH GODWIN, PATIENCE GODWIN, JOSEPH GODWIN, EDMD. GODWIN, MARGETT GODWIN, SAML. GODWIN, WM. GODWIN to be equally divided between them share and share alike. I do hereby also appoint my loving wife to be my whole and sole Executrix to see this my will, performed.

In witness thereof I have set my hand and seal this 21st day of February, 1712.

Edmond Godwin (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us Witnesses

Thomas Godwin

Elizabeth Godwin

William Corbell

Wm. Wilkenson, Junr.

At a court held for Nansemond County, June 24th, 1713, the last will and testament of EDMOND GODWIN decd. was presented in the Court by SARAH GODWIN his Extrx. who made oath thereunto and being proved by the oath of THOMAS GODWIN, Wm. Corbell and Wm. Wilkinson, Junr., is admitted to record. On the motion of SARAH GODWIN & her performing what is usual in such cases certificate is granted for her obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test

W. Ragdale, Dy. Cler.

Truly recorded Test

Michl. Archer Cler. Cur.

More About Edmond Godwin:

Military service: Colonel

Will: Mentions wife Sarah and all children

More About Edmond Godwin and Sarah Bembridge:

Marriage: Bet. 1659 - 1700

- iii. Elizabeth Godwin, born Bef. 1713; died Abt. 1717; married (1) Joseph Woory; died 1694; married (2) James Webb Bet. 1639 - 1674; born Bet. 1616 - 1662; died 1675; married (3) Samuel Bridger 1694; born Bet. 1665 - 1670 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; died Bef. May 25, 1713 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married (4) Samuel Bridger 1695 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; born Bet. 1643 - 1675; died Bet. 1698 - 1735; married (5) William Bridger Sr. WFT Est. 1706-1726; born 1689; died 1730.

Notes for Elizabeth Godwin:

Widow of:

1. James Webb, d. 1675.

2. Joseph Woory, d. 1694. [W&M Qtrly, vol 7, pg.248]

Elizabeth Bridger made her will, dated 5 Apr 1717; [W&M Qtrly, vol 7, pg.257] recorded 1718 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Names: daughter Patience Milner and granddaughter Patience Milner; dau. Elizabeth Wilkinson; granddaughters Elizabeth Norsworthy and Martha Norsworthy (daughters of Martha (Webb) Norsworthy, dec'd).

More About ELIZABETH (WEBB) (WOORY) GODWIN:

Will proved: Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 619

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL BRIDGER and ELIZABETH GODWIN:

No children of this marriage.

One source lists marriage date as 1693; could be "1693/4" date.

Notes for Samuel Bridger:

Notes for SAMUEL BRIDGER:

Inherited from his father, Col. Joseph Bridger, the plantation he bought from John and William Gatlin where John Cooke lives and one-half of the plantation 'Curawaock' of 7800 acres.

Justice of Peace, 1695.

Colonel of Isle of Wight Co. Militia.

On 27 Dec 1701, Samuel Bridger and wife Elizabeth, and Capt. William Bridger and wife Elizabeth, gave to John Mackinihill for love and goodwill, 200 acres (being part of 7,000 acres at Currawaugh).

President of the Isle of Wight County Court, 1710.

Made his will 22 Apr 1704, probated 25 May 1713.

Leg. includes step-son James Webb. [11,7.256]

Mentioned in Mar 1713 will of brother Joseph - yields date of death at bet Mar 1713 and May 1713.

[11,7.256]

Tax Record: Quit Rent, Isle of Wight Co., VA 12900 acres (with bro. Wm)
Will proved: 25 May, 1713, Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 564

More About Samuel Bridger and Elizabeth Godwin:
Marriage: 1694

130. Joseph Bridger, Sr., born Abt. 1628 in Gloucester, England; Woodmancote Manor; died April 15, 1686 in Isle of Wight Co, VA. He was the son of **260. Samuel Bridger** and **261. Mary Webb**. He married **131. Hester Pitt** 1672 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.

131. Hester Pitt, born Abt. 1636 in probably Bristol, England; died Bef. January 18, 1711/12 in Isl of Wight Co., VA. She was the daughter of **262. Col. Robert Pitt** and **263. Hester Stevens**.

Notes for Joseph Bridger, Sr.:

(Info from 17th Century Isle of Wight book)

Third son of Samuel.

Well educated.

Member of House of Burgesses from the Isle of Wight, 1657-8. Also member of the House in 1663.

CPT. Patented 300 acres on branch of Blackwater, Mar 21 1664.

COL. Dealer in lands and slaves. Many offices (see files). Commander of the Isle of Wight Militia in the Indian War of 1675.

Adherent of Gov. Berkley during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676 and denounced in Bacon's proclamation. Fled to Easter Shore during rebellion.

Tombstone found on his farm "Whitemarsh", removed to the old brick church, where it lies at the foot of the chancel.

"Sacred to the Memory of The Honorable Joseph Bridger, Esq., Concillor of the State in Virginia to King Charles ye 2nd. Dying april ye 15, A.D. 1686; Aged 58 years. Mournfully leaving his wife, three sons and four daughters.

Does nature silent mourn and can dumb stone

Make his true worth to future ages knowne

Excels expression marble sure will keep

His mercy best yt. ever o'er his grave shall weep.

Bridges-Thomas:

Arrived in early 1650s (Maybe 1643, when Cromwell won). One of a group of Royalists who remained loyal to the King despite the Oliver Cromwell Civil War.

Here lies the late great minister and Royal fate

To Charles his counsels dis such honor bring

His own express fetched him to attend the King

His soul yt. ever did with, vigor move

Soared like itself above

but ye bright stars ne'er laysily decline

But in an instant shoot yt. cease to shine."

Will made Oct 18, 1683; probated May 8, 1686

Came to Virginia in 1652 under the auspices of Col. Nathaniel Bacon.

Colonel Bridger was considered the most prominent man of his time in Isle of Wight Co., VA.

He was a member of the House of Burgesses from Isle of Wight Co. in the 1657-8 session (probably only a few years after his arrival in VA). He was also a member of the house in 1663.

His residence was called 'Whitemarsh', probably after the patent he and William Burgh received of 7,800 acres on 7 Jun 1666, "beginning by a White Marsh, a meadow about half a mile from the main run of the Blackwater (River)" (now on Route 620, 'Pan Rd.', in Isle of Wight Co.) This patent was for the transportation of 156 persons (including a Thomas Pitt - probably related to Col. Robert Pitt, and a James Bridger - probably his brother, and himself).

Colonel Bridger was Adjutant General of the Virginia forces in 1666 and commander of the Isle of Wight militia in the Indian War of 1675.

Colonel Bridger was a supporter of Governor Berkeley during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676 and was denounced in Bacon's Proclamation of 1676. (Both the Colonel and the Governor fled to Virginia's Eastern Shore during the rebellion.) Sir John Berry names among the eminent sufferers by Bacon's Rebellion Col. Joseph Bridger, "a very Resolute gentleman, who, though forced to fly in the heat of war from his own cuntry, yet on his Return was very Active and Instrumental in reducing to their obedience the South parte of James River".

Received land grant of 432 acres in Surry Co., VA in 1673 [Patent Bk. #6].

Deeded land by John Perry, son of Phillip Perry of Whitemarsh, in 1673. [W&M Qtrly vol 7, pg 229].

Made his will 18 Oct 1683; probated 8 May 1686. Names: wife Hester; sons: Joseph, Samuel, William; daus: Martha (Godwin), Mary, Elizabeth. By codicil, disinherits son Joseph, "who I finde fly out with divers dissolute courses of life and is grown very disobedient to me."

Will witnessed by Col. Robert Pitt.

Leg:

1. Wife, Hester.

2. Son, Samuel: land bought of John and William Gatlin whereon John Cooke now lives; also one-half of the plantation at 'Curawoak'.

3. Son, William: land granted me by escheat of 850 acres formerly belonging to Nathan Floyd, except what is disposed of by me to Francis Hobbs, Mrs. Dorothy Bond, and William Blunt; also two tracts taken up by Col. Pitt, Mr. Wm. Burgh, and myself containing 3000 acres, except 600 acres sold to Lt. Col. John Pitt, part of this tract leased by me to Thomas Mandue, Richard Parker, William Worrell, Richard Jones, Thomas Rives, Robert Sturdy, and others; also tract leased to Christopher Wade.

4. Wife, Hester: land on which I now dwell of 850 acres, formerly belonging to Capt. Upton and 300 acres formerly to Mr. Seward on which Mr. Izzard, Ould Phillips, William Lewis live, reversion to son Joseph with half of the tract at 'Curawoak' and a tract at Monokin.

More About JOSEPH BRIDGER:

Burial: 'Whitemarsh', later moved to the Old Brick Church, Smithfield, VA

Military: Isle of Wight Militia, Col.

Will proved: 08 May, 1686, Isle of Wight Co., VA

Marriage Notes for HESTER PITT and JOSEPH BRIDGER:

The Bridger house must have been one of the largest of its day in VA. The inventory of the estate lists, "Cellar, kitchen, kitchen chamber, dining room, parlor, hall gallery, landing chamber over dining room, outer chamber, lower chamber, hall chamber, next chamber, middle chamber, middle uppermost chamber, and childrens chamber."

General Register of the Society of Colonial Wars 1899-1902 BRIDGER, COL. JOSEPH, 1630-1688, Va. Councillor of State to Charles II. Gen. of the British troops in America during Bacon's Rebellion. Capen, Walter N. 297. BRIGGS, JOHN, 1609-1690. Deputy, 1664, et seq. Assistant, 1648. Rhode Island Commissioner, 1654, et seq. Ryer, George S. 148. Ryer, James B. 148. Wilbour, Joshua 286. Williams, Norman A. 183.

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Source: "Collections of the Virginia Historical Society, New Series, Vol XI"

The Old Brick Church, near Smithfield, Virginia - Built in 1632"

"...I come now to the date of the erection of the Old Brick Church, and I expect to prove that it was built in 1632.

The universal tradition everywhere, and at all times, universally, prevalent, in my county, is that the Old Brick Church alluded to was built under the care and superintendence of one Joseph Bridger, the father of General Joseph Bridger, who lies buried on the farm now owned by James Davis, about a mile

and a half distant from the old church - a farm that was called by General Joseph Bridger in his will in 1683. "The White Marsh Farm, " and is so known, and so called to this day.

This General Joseph Bridger was in his day the most prominent man in his county.

He was born in 1628, and in 1657, at the age of (29) twenty-nine, he, with John Brewer, represented this county in the General Assembly of Virginia. In 1663, he is again a member, and this year appears as Captain Joseph Bridger, and is a member of every important committee, but one.

In 1664, he is a commissioner to adjust the boundary line of Virginia and Maryland.

In 1666, he is one of the commissioners of this State to confer with the commissioners of Maryland and of North Carolina, relative to their tobacco interests.

In this year, he is also a member of the General Assembly, and appears there as Adjutant-General Bridger.

In 1675, he is a member of the Council of State, and a colonel in the Indian wars.

In 1676-'77 he is a member of the court at Green Spring.

In 1676, his surrender is demanded by Nathaniel Bacon, Jr., characterized as "the rebel".

In 1677, he is a member of the court at the Middle Plantations, and is a witness to the will of Sir William Berkeley.

In 1680, he is a Councillor of State and Commander in Chief of the forces in Isle of Wight, Surry, Nansemond and Lower Norfolk; and Colonel Arthur Smith, of Isle of Wight, and Colonel John Lear and Major Milner, of Nansemond, are under his command.

In 1683, he is a member of the Council of State and of the General Court, along with his Excellency, Thomas, Lord Culpepper, Governor, & c., Mr. Secretary Spencer, Mr. Auditor Bacon, Major-General Smith, Colonel Phillip Ludwell, Colonel William Cole, Ralph Wormley, Esq., Colonel Richard Lee, Colonel John Page, and Colonel William Byrd.

The last codicil to his will bears date April 9th, 1685, and it is acknowledged in open court, which was then held at The Glebe, about a mile from Smithfield, where the court-house was located until 1752, when it was moved to Smithfield. In his will he makes special mention of his friends, Lieutenant-Colonel John Pitt, Mr. Thomas Pitt, and Colonel Arthur Smith, and of his brick house on the White Marsh farm, where he resided, the brick basement of which still exists to this day. And though the field has been constantly cultivated, from time immemorial, right up to the house, and right up to the very edge of the grave, yet, the innumerable bricks still lying scattered everywhere around, attest the largeness and the magnificence of that house. In 1890, Mr. Edward Pitt, a descendant of the Pitts above-mentioned, and a firm believer in the truth of the old tradition we are considering, now an aged man, a resident for many and many a long year on that White Marsh farm, as owner and as tenant, showed me the tomb of General

Bridger, the basement of his house, and told me he had frequently picked up bricks with the prints of the feet of fowls and of dogs on them, made whilst they were soft, showing that they had been burnt on or near the farm.

General Bridger died on the 15th day of April, 1686, the owner of a very large amount of personal property, and more than twelve thousand acres of land in Isle of Wight county, besides an unknown amount in Surry, James City, and in Maryland. He was buried in the field near his house, and on his marble slab there is this inscription, which is still perfectly legible:

SACRED
TO YE MEMORY OF
THE HONble JOSEPH BRIDGER
ESQ. COUNCEL.r OF. STATE. IN VIRGINIA
TO KING CHARLES YE 2.d
DYING APRIL YE 5: A: D: 1689
AGED 58 YEARS MOURNFULLY LEFT
HIS WIFE 3 SONS & 4 DAUGHTERS

Does Nature silent mourn & can. dumb. stone
Make his true worth to future Ages knowne
Excels exprefsiion Marble fure will keep
His Mem'ry best yt ever. on. his grave fhall weep
Here lies ye late great minifter. of State
That Royal virtures had & Royal fate.
To Charles his counsels did. fuch. honrs bring
His own exprefs fetchd him t' attend ye king
His Soul ye evr did wth vigour move
Nimbly took wing. soared like it felfe above
For ye bright stars ner'e layfily. decline
But in an infant shoot y.t ceafe to shine

His wife, Hester, was living as late as 1698, and as Madame Bridger witnessed the will of Colonel John Lear of Nansemond. His son, William died in 1704. His son, Joseph, died in 1712. His son, Samuel, died in 1713.

His daughters were Martha Godwin, Mary, Elizabeth and Hester; and Elizabeth died in 1717."

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OUR VIRGINIA ANCESTORS - THE JOSEPH BRIDGER FAMILY FROM ENGLAND

The story of the Bridger family in America began in England where Lawrence Bridger was the first of the Bridger family to settle in Gloucester. He was beloved Rector of the Parish of Slimbridge for 55 years. He was a Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford; BA 23 Oct 1568; MA 21 June 1574; Canon of Gloucester 1586. (Foster's Alumni)

Magdalen College was patron of the Rectory of Slimbridge and it was from this College that he received his appointment which he held for such a long time.

The Antiquarian John Smythe of Nibley, wrote a history of The Berkley Hundred, Gloucester, which included a description of the area, the landowners, and their holdings. Smythe knew the Parson Lawrence Bridger personally and included much information about him.

He says of him (Bridger) "The Church and Rectory, (Slimbridge).....whose last incumbent was Lawrence Bridger, late rector there 55 years, and died very rich and very honest in 1632, now succeeded by..etc." Smythe also included a detailed description of Lawrence Bridger's holdings which were extensive.. The family estate included the manor house (Farm house) and 60A and was called "Gossington". He had numerous other "holdings" as well.

Lawrence Bridger had been married twice. His favorite son, Joseph, was the eldest from the second marriage. To son Joseph he willed the Gossington Estate.

The eldest son by the first wife was Samuel. Samuel received other lands and a stern admonition from his father written into the will:

"If my son Samuel shall lay any claim or pretend any right unto any lands given to Joseph that all land I have given him (Samuel) shall return to my son Joseph and his heirs forever". Lawrence Bridger's will was dated 24 Sept 1630, probated 30 June 1631. (Regarding Samuel Bridger, our ancestor - the one who didn't get the family manor:)

In spite of coming in second place, when Father Lawrence's "holdings" were willed to his two eldest sons, Samuel Bridger appears to have been very successful in his own right; was born in 1584, matriculated at Magdalen College 30 April 1602, age 18, (Foster's Alumni). His wife was "Mary", named in Samuel's will, also mentioned as "my Mother Mary" in the will of Col Joseph Bridger of Isle of Wight Co, VA. Samuel was Auditor of the College of Gloucester at the time of his death. He left the Auditor's office to his son John in his will. He is also said to have been sub-dean of the College.

Samuel named children in his will as John, Samuel, Joseph, (who came to Virginia) James, (also of Virginia) George, Jonathon, Martha and Mary.

Samuel's son Joseph of Virginia named his two oldest sons Joseph and Samuel, his two daughters Mary and MARTHA BRIDGER.

Joseph Bridger was the most prominent man of his time in Isle of Wight Co, VA. He was well educated - probably at his father's College of Gloucester. Joseph was a member of the House of Burgesses of the Isle of Wight Co, VA, in the session of 1657-8; which appears to be the first mention of his name in Virginia records. He was also a member of the "House" in 1663.

As "Captain" Joseph Bridger, he patented 300A in Isle of Wight in 1664, together with Wm Burgh and his father-in-law Col Robert Pitt. On 7 June 1666 Bridger, Burgh, and Pitt, patented 7,800A. This was for the transportation of 156 persons, which included himself, his brother James, and Thomas Pitt, probably another relative.

Col Bridger seems to have made his fortune in lands and servants and also held many important offices. His house, called "Whitemarsh", must have been one of the largest of its day in Virginia. (Description given in his will)

Colonel Bridger's wife was Hester Pitt, dau of Col Robert Pitt, also a Burgess and a member of the Councils. Col Joseph Bridger named his children in his Will dated 18 Oct 1683, probated 8 May 1686.

Martha Bridger married Col. Thomas Godwin, of Nansemond

Mary Bridger married Capt Richard Tibboth of the ship "Mary and Anne"

Elizabeth Bridger m. Thomas Lear (Children: John, Thomas, Elizabeth, Martha)

Hester Bridger m. George Wilkenson, son of Dr Robert Wilkenson, a member of the House of Burgesses for Isle of Wight Co, VA.

Samuel Bridger married Mrs Elizabeth Woory, widow of James Webb and Thomas Woory, also she was a daughter of Col Joseph Godwin, #1. (Elizabeth also inherited much of the Bridger wealth. There were no children so Elizabeth left her fortune to the Godwins.)

William married Mrs Elizabeth Caufield of Surry Co

Joseph married Elizabeth Norsworthy. Was disinherited by Col Joseph Bridger, engaged in a lengthy lawsuit with his brothers. The lawsuit was settled when Joseph's brothers Sael and William deeded over 2000A to him from the 7800A they inherited from their father. Joseph was a Captain of Militia in 1702 and died in 1713.

His children were: Hester, Elizabeth, John, James, Joseph, Robert,

*William (William is of particular interest to NC Bridgers.)

***WILLIAM BRIDGERS - SON #3 OF COL JOSEPH BRIDGERS**

In 1713 William, son of Joseph Bridger, bought 640A. on the north side of the Meherrin River in North Carolina. (Where John Batten and Isaac Sterling lived) In this deed he was shown to be a resident of Isle of Wight Co, VA. William purchased another 150A later. William made his will in Bertie County, NC., Will D. Nov 2, 1729 P. May 1730.

WILLIAM'S CHILDREN:

1. Joseph Bridgers - No further record
2. William Bridger m. Sarah Dew - Children lived in Northampton Co, NC
3. Samuel Bridger - Northampton Co, NC
4. Benjamin Bridger - Untraced
5. Mary Bridger - Untraced
6. Elizabeth Bridger - Untraced

William Bridger moved his family moved to Bertie Co, NC very early in 1713. At the same time the Bridgers were living in Bertie Co, so were the Godwins, Bayleys, Powells, Starlings/Sterlings, Battens, Gays, Faulks, Averages, Watsons, Hinnants, and other neighbors, who eventually found their way to Johnston Co along with members of the Bridger family.

VA Wills & Administrations 1632 - 1800 by Torrence,
Marriages of Some Virginia Residents by Wulfeck,
Virginia County Records Vol VII by Crozier
Virginia Marriage Records Indexed by Eliz P. Bentley
Virginia Land Records, Indexed by Gary Parks
Cavaliers and Pioneers by Nugent
Adventures of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624
Lost Virginia Records by Louis des Cognets
Sources:
Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia by J.B. Boddie

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Notes for Hester Pitt:

Will proved: 1711, Joseph Bridger listed as son and heir of Hester Bridger

More About Joseph Bridger and Hester Pitt:

Marriage: 1672, Isle of Wight Co, VA

Children of Joseph Bridger and Hester Pitt are:

- i. Joan Bridger, born Abt. 1640.
- ii. Mary Bridger, born Abt. 1646 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married Richard Tibbott Bef. 1686 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Notes for Richard Tibbott:

Captain of the Ship 'Mary and Anne'.

Signed receipt for wife Mary's share of Bridger estate.

More About Richard Tibbott and Mary Bridger:

Marriage: Bef. 1686, Isle of Wight County, Virginia

- iii. Elizabeth Bridger, born Abt. 1648.

- iv. Joseph Bridger, Jr., born Abt. 1656 in Isle of Wight Co, VA; died in NC; married Elizabeth Norsworthy 1691 in Wight Co, VA.

Notes for Joseph Bridger, Jr.:
(From 17th Cent Isle of Wight)

disinherited son. Engaged in lengthy lawsuit over will; suit settle amicably.
CPT of militia in 1702. Willed his son Joseph hi "coulours, banner staff and appurtenances."

Thomas-Bridges: Was one of Bacon's men. Many were hanged after Bacon died. Bridgers, Sr., was on the Governor's Court that condemend them, but probably got his on off. (He was pardoned.) Sr. never forgave his son and disinherited him.

1729, was a Justice of the Peace, Isle of Wight Co.

Will: trustees are his brothers Samuel and William and Tristram Norsworthy. In Book 2, p. 574; appraised p. 576

More About Joseph Bridger and Elizabeth Norsworthy:
Marriage: 1691, Wight Co, VA

- 65 v. Martha Bridger, born Abt. 1660 in Nansemond Co, VA; died Aft. 1713 in Nansemond Co, VA; married Thomas Godwin II Abt. 1679 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.
- vi. Hester Bridger, born Bet. 1665 - 1670 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; died Bef. 1683.
- vii. Samuel Bridger, born Bet. 1665 - 1670 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; died Bef. May 25, 1713 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married Elizabeth Godwin 1694; born Bef. 1713; died Abt. 1717.

Notes for Samuel Bridger:

Notes for SAMUEL BRIDGER:

Inherited from his father, Col. Joseph Bridger, the plantation he bought from John and William Gatlin where John Cooke lives and one-half of the plantation 'Curawaock' of 7800 acres.

Justice of Peace, 1695.

Colonel of Isle of Wight Co. Militia.

On 27 Dec 1701, Samuel Bridger and wife Elizabeth, and Capt. William Bridger and wife Elizabeth, gave to John Mackinihill for love and goodwill, 200 acres (being part of 7,000 acres at Currawaugh).

President of the Isle of Wight County Court, 1710.

Made his will 22 Apr 1704, probated 25 May 1713.

Leg. includes step-son James Webb. [11,7.256]

Mentioned in Mar 1713 will of brother Joseph - yields date of death at bet Mar 1713 and May 1713. [11,7.256]

Tax Record: Quit Rent, Isle of Wight Co., VA 12900 acres (with bro. Wm)

Will proved: 25 May, 1713, Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 564

Notes for Elizabeth Godwin:

Widow of:

1. James Webb, d. 1675.

2. Joseph Woory, d. 1694. [W&M Qtrly, vol 7, pg.248]

Elizabeth Bridger made her will, dated 5 Apr 1717; [W&M Qtrly, vol 7, pg.257] recorded 1718 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Names: daughter Patience Milner and granddaughter Patience Milner; dau. Elizabeth Wilkinson; granddaughters Elizabeth Norsworthy and Martha Norsworthy (daughters of Martha (Webb) Norsworthy, dec'd).

More About ELIZABETH (WEBB) (WOORY) GODWIN:

Will proved: Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 619

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL BRIDGER and ELIZABETH GODWIN:

No children of this marriage.

One source lists marriage date as 1693; could be "1693/4" date.

More About Samuel Bridger and Elizabeth Godwin:
Marriage: 1694

- viii. William Bridger, born Bet. 1678 - 1680 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; died Bef. November 23, 1730 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Generation No. 9

256. Robert Godwyn, born Abt. 1589 in England; died Abt. 1664 in Somerset, England. He was the son of **512. Anthony Godwyn** and **513. Elizabeth Maye**. He married **257. Elizabeth Smythies** Bet. 1606 - 1637.

257. Elizabeth Smythies, born 1590; died Bet. 1607 - 1684. She was the daughter of **514. John Smythies** and **515. Joan**.

Notes for Robert Godwyn:

Somerset

Somerset, county, southwestern England; Taunton is the administrative center. Somerset borders the Bristol Channel on the north and contains a central lowland area surrounded by ranges of hills. To the west is the scenic upland area of Exmoor. Somerset is known for its cider making and dairying, the town of Cheddar here having given its name to the famous cheese. The hilly districts are rich in minerals, especially dolomite and barytes. Somerset has evidence of prehistoric habitation, including a lake dwelling near Glastonbury. The area was absorbed by the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex in the 7th century. In the early 10th century an episcopal see was established at Wells, which has a notable cathedral. Area, 3451 sq km (1332 sq mi); population (1991 preliminary) 459,100.

More About Robert Godwyn and Elizabeth Smythies:
Marriage: Bet. 1606 - 1637

Children of Robert Godwyn and Elizabeth Smythies are:

- i. Edwin Godwin
- ii. Marie Godwin
- iii. Anna Godwin
- iv. Joan Godwin
- v. Joseph Godwin, born Abt. 1615.
- vi. John Godwin, born Abt. 1616.
- 128 vii. Thomas Godwin, born Abt. 1623 in England; died Bef. March 1678/79 in Nansemond Co, VA; married Elizabeth Bet. 1628 - 1665.

260. Samuel Bridger, born 1584 in Gloucester, England; died July 31, 1650 in Gloucester, England. He was the son of **520. Lawrence Bridger** and **521. Unknown**. He married **261. Mary Webb** WFT Est. 1603-1639.

261. Mary Webb

Notes for Samuel Bridger:

(from book 17th Century Isle of Wight

Maticulated at Madgelen College 30 Apr 1602 at age 18 (Foster's Alumni). Auditor of College of Gloucester.

Buried in the Cathedral of Glou. underneath the epitath:

"Here lyes the body of Samuel Bridger, gent, who departed this life upon the 31st day of July, An. 1650.

"Receiver of the this College Rents, he paid

His debt to nature, and beneath is laid

To rest untill his summons to remove
at the last audit to the Choirs above."

More About Samuel Bridger and Mary Webb:
Marriage: WFT Est. 1603-1639

Children of Samuel Bridger and Mary Webb are:

- i. John Bridger, born Abt. 1624; died WFT Est. 1625-1714.
- ii. Samuel Bridger, Jr., born Abt. 1626; died WFT Est. 1627-1716.
- 130 iii. Joseph Bridger, Sr., born Abt. 1628 in Gloucester, England; Woodmancote Manor; died April 15, 1686 in Isle of Wight Co, VA; married Hester Pitt 1672 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.
- iv. James Bridger, born Abt. 1630; died WFT Est. 1631-1720.
- v. George Bridger, born Abt. 1632; died WFT Est. 1633-1722.
- vi. Johnathon Bridger, born Abt. 1634; died WFT Est. 1635-1724.
- vii. Martha Bridger, born Abt. 1636; died WFT Est. 1637-1730.
- viii. Mary Bridger, born Abt. 1638; died WFT Est. 1639-1732.

262. Col. Robert Pitt, born March 16, 1605/06 in probably Bristol, England; died Bef. January 09, 1674/75 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He was the son of **524. William Pitt** and **525. Mary Gibbs**. He married **263. Hester Stevens** Abt. 1631.

263. Hester Stevens, born Bet. 1596 - 1619; died Bet. 1640 - 1706. She was the daughter of **526. George Stevens**.

Notes for Col. Robert Pitt:

On Sep 1631, Robert Pitt, son of William Pitt, merchant, qualified for freedom and admittance to the Merchant Society, Bristol.

The plantation of Robert Pitt is mentioned as being included within Isle of Wight Co. in the Act of 1642-43 which passed to determine the boundaries between Isle of Wight and Upper Norfolk [Nansemond] Counties.

He represented Isle of Wight Co. in the House of Burgesses 1649-1660.

On 5 Feb 1649, bought 350 acres from Richard Young, located on New Town Haven River. [Bk. A, pg. 115] wit: Robert Pitt, Jr.

He was Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Isle of Wight militia in 1662.

Commissioner, Isle of Wight Co., 9 Feb 1666.

Will (dated 6 Jun 1672) lists: wife Martha, son John, grandson John, grandson William, dau. Hester Bridger, dau. Elizabeth Norsworthy, grandson Robert P. (son of Robert, dec'd), dau. Brasheire.

Of the children and grandchildren listed above, William (grandson) is not attributed; probably a son of John who died young.

More About ROBERT PITT:

Occupation: Merchant

Will proved: 09 Jan, 1674/75, Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 128

Will written/leg.: see notes.

Colonel Robert Pitt was born about 1607 in England and was like most of his family a sailor and served as a Captain of a privateer out of Bristol named the "Thunder", aiding the Huguenots in the war against France in 1628 - Bristol Privateers, Powell, page 84.

As a sea merchant he owned a fleet of ships which sailed out of the Port at Bristol, England. He had moved to the colonies by 1637 as he had patented 550 acres of land in the Isle of Wight, Virginia, on February 14, 1637. This land was located on the New Haven River which was later changed to the Pagan River. Also on April 17, 1648, he patented 300 acres adjacent to the original land. On June 7, 1654, he patented an additional 1,200 acres. In 1664, he patented 3,000 acres on the Blackwater with his son-in-law, Captain Joseph Bridger, and William Burgh. Also, he patented 1,000 acres in Accomac on March 12, 1662 and 3,000 acres in Accomac on October 2, 1663.

Between 1649 and 1660 he served as a member of the House of Burgesses for the Isle of Wight, served as a Lt. Colonel in 1662 commanding the Isle of Wight Militia and on the Governor's Council.

It is assumed that Col. Robert was married twice; first to Elizabeth Stevens and last to Martha Lear.

Colonel Robert Pitt died before January 9, 1674, as his Will was recorded on that date, it was dated June 6, 1672 and witnessed by Richard Jones and Thomas Hill. His wife, Martha, had died before that date as he left in her memory, a parcel of land with the stipulation that his executor would build one house of twenty-five feet within four years of his death on the land to be used for poor women. He also left in memory of his daughter, Martha, "two cows and two female cows, which cattle and their increase are to be put upon the aforesaid land and not to be disposed of until they increase to a number of twelve which number is to be continued upon the aforesaid land, and what shall be over that number of cattle shall be disposed of by the Sheriff, then one half of the benefit of the cows and the whole benefit of the land to be for the estate of poor women and the other half of the benefit of the cattle to be for the estate of poor female orphans". (Will of Col. Robert Pitt recorded in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.)

More About Col. Robert Pitt:

Military service: Colonel

Will: January 09, 1673/74, Recorded on that date

More About Robert Pitt and Hester Stevens:

Marriage: Abt. 1631

Children of Robert Pitt and Hester Stevens are:

- i. William Pitt, born Abt. 1632.
- ii. Robert Pitt, Jr., born Abt. 1633 in probably Bristol, England; died March 1669/70 in At sea, aboard the ship 'Mary'; married Elizabeth.
- iii. John Pitt, born Abt. 1634 in probably Bristol, England; died Bef. January 09, 1702/03 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married (1) Sarah Moone Bet. 1656 - 1657 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married (2) Olive Hardy Abt. 1677.

Notes for John Pitt:

From Northampton Co., VA records, Robert Pitt of Isle of Wight Co., merchant, gave a power of attorney to "my sone John Pitt" to receive 2800 lb. tobo. from Hugh Lee. Dated 29 May 1650; recorded 25 Oct 1652. Similarly, John Pitt appointed "my loving friend William Thomas" attorney to receive 2800 lb. tobo. from Hugh Lee. Dated 4 Mar 1651/52; recorded 25 Oct 1652.

On 27 Nov 1673 was deeded land by his father, Robert Pitt, Isle of Wight Co., VA
Made his will 28 Nov 1702; pr. 9 Jan 1702/3 [11.7.253] Names: sons John, Henry, James; dau. Sarah Norsworthy, Martha Norsworthy, dau Prudence Driver, dau. Mary Drury; dau.-in-law Anne Bromfield. Son Robert is not mentioned, assumed to have predeceased his father.
Daughter-in-law Anne Bromfield

Above reference to daughter-in-law is believed to be the same as the current-day meaning of step-daughter.

Will proved: 09 Jan, 1702/03, Isle of Wight Co., VA; Bk 2, pg. 454

More About John Pitt:

Will: January 09, 1702/03, Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Notes for Sarah Moone:

Inherited from her father his dwelling house named 'Bethlehem', with the land and houses from Pagan Creek.

Marriage Notes for JOHN PITT and SARAH MOONE:

The dates of birth of the children of this marriage, while documented in the William and Mary Quarterly, are somewhat questionable.

More About John Pitt and Sarah Moone:

Marriage: Bet. 1656 - 1657, Isle of Wight County, Virginia

- 131 iv. Hester Pitt, born Abt. 1636 in probably Bristol, England; died Bef. January 18, 1711/12 in Isl of Wight Co., VA; married Joseph Bridger, Sr. 1672 in Isle of Wight Co, VA.
- v. Elizabeth Pitt, born Abt. 1637.
- vi. Mary Pitt, born Abt. 1645.

Generation No. 10

512. Anthony Godwyn, born Abt. 1560 in England; died Abt. 1609 in London, England. He was the son of **1024. William Godwyn** and **1025. Christine Burges**. He married **513. Elizabeth Maye** Bef. 1589.

513. Elizabeth Maye, born Abt. 1560; died Bet. 1592 - 1654.

More About Anthony Godwyn and Elizabeth Maye:
Marriage: Bef. 1589

Children of Anthony Godwyn and Elizabeth Maye are:

- 256 i. Robert Godwyn, born Abt. 1589 in England; died Abt. 1664 in Somerset, England; married Elizabeth Smythies Bet. 1606 - 1637.
- ii. John Godwyn, born Abt. 1590; died Abt. 1594.
- iii. Joan Godwyn, born Abt. 1592; died Abt. 1594.

514. John Smythies He married **515. Joan**
515. Joan

Notes for John Smythies:
John SMYTHIES s7313
Gt. Grandfather of husband of 8th Gt. Grandaunt

Sex: M

Ref. No.: I18449

Birth: ABT. 1560; England

Death: ABT. 1638; Somerset, England

Family 1 #5461
Wife: Joan [b. ?; d. BEF. 2 JUL 1639]

Child 1: +Elizabeth SMYTHIES [b. ABT. 1590; d. ABT. 1638]

Notes for Joan:
Joan s15142
Gt. Grandmother of husband of 8th Gt. Grandaunt

Sex: F

Ref. No.: I32515

Death: BEF. 2 JUL 1639; England

Family 1 #5461
Husband: John SMYTHIES [b. ABT. 1560; d. ABT. 1638]

Child 1: +Elizabeth SMYTHIES [b. ABT. 1590; d. ABT. 1638]

Child of John Smythies and Joan is:
257 i. Elizabeth Smythies, born 1590; died Bet. 1607 - 1684; married Robert Godwyn Bet. 1606 - 1637.

520. Lawrence Bridger, born 1558 in Gloucester, England; died 1632 in Gloucester, England. He married

521. Unknown WFT Est. 1575-1607.

521. Unknown

Notes for Lawrence Bridger:

(From book, 17th Century Isle of Wight)

Rector of the Parish of Slimbridge for 55 years. Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, 1568; BA 23 Oct 1570; MA 21 Jun 1574; Canon of Gloucester 1586 (Info from Foster's Alumni). Slimbridge in Berkley Hundred, Eng. "Died very rich and honest in 1632"

Will: mad 24 Sep 1630; probated 30 Jun 1631.

Joseph Bridger his eldest son by his second wife.

More About Lawrence Bridger and Unknown:

Marriage: WFT Est. 1575-1607

Children of Lawrence Bridger and Unknown are:

- i. Lawrence Bridger, born WFT Est. 1578-1595; died 1596.
- ii. Benjamin Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died WFT Est. 1585-1687.
- iii. Faith Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died WFT Est. 1598-1689.
- iv. Elizabeth Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died WFT Est. 1595-1689; married John Driver WFT Est. 1595-1641.

More About John Driver and Elizabeth Bridger:

Marriage: WFT Est. 1595-1641

- v. Marie Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died WFT Est. 1595-1689; married Unknown.
- vi. Anne Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died WFT Est. 1595-1687; married Unknown Osborne WFT Est. 1595-1641.

More About Unknown Osborne and Anne Bridger:

Marriage: WFT Est. 1595-1641

- vii. Arthur Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died 1662 in Gloucester, England; married Sarah WFT Est. 1599-1643.

More About Arthur Bridger and Sarah:

Marriage: WFT Est. 1599-1643

- viii. Richard Bridger, born WFT Est. 1579-1608; died March 1679/80 in Gloucester, England; married Sarah WFT Est. 1599-1644.

More About Richard Bridger and Sarah:

Marriage: WFT Est. 1599-1644

- 260 ix. Samuel Bridger, born 1584 in Gloucester, England; died July 31, 1650 in Gloucester, England; married Mary Webb WFT Est. 1603-1639.

524. William Pitt, born Bef. 1593 in Bristol, England; died Bef. February 04, 1624/25 in Bristol, England. He was the son of **1048. Thomas Pitt** and **1049. Priscilla Searle**. He married **525. Mary Gibbs** June 19, 1603 in St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England.

525. Mary Gibbs She was the daughter of **1050. William Gibbs** and **1051. Dau Rockwell**.

Notes for William Pitt:

William Pitt, the son of Thomas, was a merchant and ship owner. He was in the trade business in East India and Turkey. He was married to Mary (unknown maiden name).

Thomas' son William was named executor and was given a lease for life of a tenement outside the Temple Gate in the City of Bristol. The said tenement was in the possession of George Tyce, who had an inn called the Saracen's Head. William also inherited another tenement outside the Temple Gate that was occupied by Thomas Arther, Esq. When William's son Robert reached age 22 years, he was to be paid ten pounds yearly by Thomas Arther. At William's death, his son Robert was to inherit the two tenements. William was also to give his two sons, Robert and William, ten pounds each when they reached sixteen years of age.

In William's will dated March 13, 1622, and proved February 4, 1624, William left his wife Mary 500 pounds, his

son William 250 pounds, Robert 70 pounds, and 250 pounds to Henry, Thomas, and daughter Mary. He also left three houses to his wife, Mary. Robert inherited the two houses William inherited from his father Thomas Pitt. He left his son William the best Turkey ring he had inherited from his great grandfather, Roger Cookes. Robert received his pearl ring. To the rest of his children and various relatives, he left jewelry and various gifts. Since a large part of his estate was in debt and "beyond seas" he further stated any loss was to be divided equally between his heirs. Mary and his son William were named executors.

More About William Pitt:

Burial: November 14, 1624, Bristol, England

Will: February 04, 1624/25, Bristol, England

Notes for Mary Gibbs:

Mary Gibbs has been referred to as Mary (Marlowe) Pitt of Bristol.

The marriage record at St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England is for Mary Gibbs.

Therefore, it is possible that Mary Marlowe married firstly a Gibbs and secondly William Pitt.

Will proved: 25 Nov, 1634, Bristol, England

Will written/leg.: 08 Jun, 1634

Mary's will was dated November 25, 1634 and her son Robert was executor.

More About Mary Gibbs:

Will: November 25, 1634, Bristol, England

More About William Pitt and Mary Gibbs:

Marriage: June 19, 1603, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England

Children of William Pitt and Mary Gibbs are:

- i. William Pitt, born May 22, 1604 in Bristol, England; died Aft. October 02, 1630 in Bristol, England.

Notes for William Pitt:

Capt. William Pitt was a Sheriff in Nansemond Co., VA. Capt. Pitt built the first vessel in Nansemond Co., and named it 'Nazenum' and launched it in 1637. Capt. Pitt was called, "Sir William Pitt and gentleman and Baron'.

- 262 ii. Col. Robert Pitt, born March 16, 1605/06 in probably Bristol, England; died Bef. January 09, 1674/75 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married (1) Martha; married (2) Hester Stevens Abt. 1631.
- iii. Mary Pitt, born April 14, 1607; died September 26, 1684 in Charlestown, MA; married Andrew Newell.

Notes for Mary Pitt:

Mary Pitt and her husband Andrew Newell moved to New England.

Notes for Andrew Newell:

Moved from Isle of Wight County to New England.

More About Andrew Newell:

Occupation: Merchant

- iv. Ann Pitt, born February 12, 1608/09; married Alfred Edwards December 27, 1626.

More About Alfred Edwards and Ann Pitt:

Marriage: December 27, 1626

- v. Captain Henry Pitt, born October 07, 1613; died Bef. August 22, 1666 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; married Anne Bef. 1636 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Notes for Captain Henry Pitt:

On Jan 1636, Henry Pitt was admitted to the Merchant Society after completing his apprenticeship to John Tomlinson, merchant.

Was a legatee in the will of Edward Chetwyne dated 7 Sep 1649 in Isle of Wight Co. (also served as an executor).

Patented 450 acres 13 Jan 1652 for the transport of himself and 8 persons.

On 10 Mar 1655, bought 200 acres from James and Mary Watson. [Bk. A, pg. 69]

Captain Henry Pitt married Anne, the widow of Robert Watson. They settled on Pagan Creek, Virginia, in 1652. Henry and Anne had a son named Thomas that married Col. Arthur Smith's daughter Mary.

More About Captain Henry Pitt:
Will: October 25, 1666, Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Notes for Anne:
Anne was the widow of Robert Watson.
After Henry Pitt's death, Anne married Capt. James Powell.

More About Henry Pitt and Anne:
Marriage: Bef. 1636, Isle of Wight County, Virginia

- vi. Thomas Pitt, born March 22, 1614/15 in Bristol, England; died Bef. October 02, 1630 in Bristol, England.

Notes for Thomas Pitt:
Patented lands on the Appomattox River prior to 1646.

- vii. Maud Pitt, born August 26, 1617; died Bet. 1652 - 1655 in Charlestown, MA; married Dr. Richard Russell Bef. 1640.

Notes for Maud Pitt:
Family moved from Isle of Wight County, Virginia to New England.

More About Richard Russell and Maud Pitt:
Marriage: Bef. 1640

- viii. Martha Pitt, born August 17, 1619; died Bef. October 02, 1630.

526. George Stevens, born Bet. 1555 - 1592; died Bet. 1597 - 1673.

Child of George Stevens is:

- 263 i. Hester Stevens, born Bet. 1596 - 1619; died Bet. 1640 - 1706; married Col. Robert Pitt Abt. 1631.

Generation No. 11

1024. William Godwyn, born Abt. 1540 in England; died Bet. 1564 - 1631. He was the son of **2048. John Godwyn**. He married **1025. Christine Burges** Bet. 1556 - 1588.

1025. Christine Burges, born Abt. 1540; died Bet. 1564 - 1634. She was the daughter of **2050. Burges**.

More About William Godwyn and Christine Burges:
Marriage: Bet. 1556 - 1588

Children of William Godwyn and Christine Burges are:

- i. Gilbert Godwyn
- ii. William Godwyn
- iii. Agnes Godwyn
- iv. Margaret Godwyn
- v. Mary Godwyn
- vi. Richard Godwyn
- vii. Isabel Godwyn
- 512 viii. Anthony Godwyn, born Abt. 1560 in England; died Abt. 1609 in London, England; married (1) Joan Goad Abt. 1579; married (2) Elizabeth Maye Bef. 1589.

1048. Thomas Pitt, born Abt. 1527 in Bristol, England; died Bef. August 05, 1613 in Bristol, England. He was the son of **2096. William Pitt** and **2097. Helene De Havaland**. He married **1049. Priscilla Searle**.

1049. Priscilla Searle, born Bet. 1523 - 1562; died Bet. 1556 - 1646.

Notes for Thomas Pitt:

Thomas Pitt was the Chamberlain of Bristol and a merchant. His will was written May 1, 1613, and probated on August 5, 1613.

More About Thomas Pitt:

Will: August 05, 1613, England

Children of Thomas Pitt and Priscilla Searle are:

- 524 i. William Pitt, born Bef. 1593 in Bristol, England; died Bef. February 04, 1624/25 in Bristol, England; married Mary Gibbs June 19, 1603 in St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England.
- ii. Alice Pitt, born Bef. 1593; married Mr. Northern.
- iii. Anne Pitt, born Bef. 1593; married (1) Waters; married (2) John Merrick Bef. 1613.
- iv. Mary Pitt, born Bef. 1593; married Robert Owen.

More About Robert Owen:

Will: February 16, 1615/16, England

1050. William Gibbs He married **1051. Dau Rockwell**.

1051. Dau Rockwell

Child of William Gibbs and Dau Rockwell is:

- 525 i. Mary Gibbs, married William Pitt June 19, 1603 in St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England.

Generation No. 12

2048. John Godwyn, born Bef. 1509; died Aft. 1581 in England. He was the son of **4096. William Godwyn** and **4097. Swayne**.

Children of John Godwyn are:

- i. Richard Godwyn
- 1024 ii. William Godwyn, born Abt. 1540 in England; died Bet. 1564 - 1631; married Christine Burges Bet. 1556 - 1588.

2050. Burges

Notes for Burges:

Burges of BALCOMBE

3rd Gt. Grandfather of husband of 8th Gt. Grandaunt

Sex: M

Ref. No.: I18454

Birth: ABT. 1510; England

Family 1 #4343

Child 1: +Christine BURGES [b. ABT. 1540]

Child of Burges is:

- 1025 i. Christine Burges, born Abt. 1540; died Bet. 1564 - 1634; married William Godwyn Bet. 1556 - 1588.

2096. William Pitt, born Abt. 1489 in Blandford, England; died October 14, 1540 in England. He was the son of **4192. Nicholas Pitt**. He married **2097. Helene De Haviland**.

2097. Helene De Haviland, born Bet. 1494 - 1525; died Bet. 1519 - 1608. She was the daughter of **4194**.

James De Haviland and 4195. Helena De Beauvois.

Notes for Helene De Haviland:

On January 17, 1552, Helena was widowed and living with her brother, Christopher Haviland of Poole, Dorset, England.

Children of William Pitt and Helene De Haviland are:

- i. John Pitt, born Abt. 1523 in Blandford, England; married Joan Swayne Abt. 1558 in Blandford, England.

Notes for John Pitt:

John was the Clerk of the Exchequer for Queen Elizabeth I. He was married to Joan Swayne, daughter of John Swayne of Blandford Forum, Dorset, England. John and Joan's third son, Thomas, was the great great grandfather of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, who was the Prime Minister of England from 1783 to 1801 and 1804 to 1806. He played a dominant part in British politics during the interval between the two terms.

More About John Pitt and Joan Swayne:
Marriage: Abt. 1558, Blandford, England

- ii. Christopher Pitt, born Abt. 1524 in England; died Aft. 1588.

Notes for Christopher Pitt:

Captain of 'Handmaiden', a Bristol ship which fought in the Spanish Armada campaign of 1588.

- 1048 iii. Thomas Pitt, born Abt. 1527 in Bristol, England; died Bef. August 05, 1613 in Bristol, England; married Priscilla Searle.

Generation No. 13

4096. William Godwyn, born Bef. 1483 in England; died Aft. 1509. He married **4097. Swayne**.

4097. Swayne, born Abt. 1480.

Notes for William Godwyn:

Basic Information

About the Godwin Surname

ORIGIN

GODWIN/GODWINE (Eng. and Scand.) GOD-FRIEND

[O.E. god = O.N. god, God, a god + O.E. wine = O.N. vin-r, a friend]

Godwine was especially common in England in the 10th and 11th centuries.

Harrison, Henry, Surnames of the United Kingdom, Vol.1, Eaton Press, 1912.

DISTRIBUTION

In the United States, the Godwin surname seems to be most common in the Southeast but can be found throughout the country. The surname is originally from the United Kingdom so most Godwins are found in those countries and former colonies like America, Canada, Australia and South Africa. To view maps like the one below, which chart the Godwin surname distribution for the years 1850, 1880 and 1920, visit Hamrick Software and enter the surname Godwin.

Some of the most common names with the same soundex are: Gatton, Gaudin, Gideon, Godin, Goodenow, Goodien, Goodwin and Goodwyn.

Some less common soundex equivalents are: Gadden, Gadeine, Gaden, Gadenne, Gadeyne, Gathin, Gatian, Gatien, Gatineau, Gation, Gaton, Gatten, Gattin, Gattone, Gauden, Gaudioon, Gaudon, Gauduin, Gaudwin, Gautney, Gauton, Gautun, Gawdyn, Gayden, Gaytan, Gayton, Geaton, Gedeon, Gedney, Getemy, Gethin, Gethyn, Gettamy, Gettemy, Getten, Getthem, Getton, Geyton, Geyton, Ghadana, Gidden, Giddeon, Gidion, Gidney, Giton, Gitten, Gitton, Goatham, Godane, Godden, Goddin, Goddyn, Goden, Godeyn, Godinho, Godon, Godown, Godwen, Godwine, Godwon, Godwyn, Goedeme, Goeden, Goodan, Gooddine, Gooden, Goodenowe, Goodin, Goodine, Goodinowe, Goodney, Goodno, Goodnoe, Goodnoh, Goodnow, Goodown, Goodwen, Goodwine,

Goodwyne, Goodwynne, Goodynow, Goodynowe, Gotham, Gothan, Gotin, Gotten, Gottham, Gotton, Goudean, Goudin, Gowdin, Gowdyn, Guden, Gudwin, Guedon, Gueudon, Guidon, Guiton, Guten, Gutton, Guttwein, Guyton, Gyton.

Notes for Swayne:

Children of William Godwyn and Swayne are:

- i. Richard Godwyn
- ii. William Godwyn
- 2048 iii. John Godwyn, born Bef. 1509; died Aft. 1581 in England.

4192. Nicholas Pitt, born Bet. 1465 - 1470 in Stepleton, England; died Abt. 1545. He was the son of **8384. William Blithe Pitt**.

Notes for Nicholas Pitt:

Ancestors of Nicholas Pitt uncertain and unverified.

Also known as Nicholas Pitte, b: 1474 in Blandford, Dorset, Lyme Regis, England d: Abt. 1545.

Nicholas Pitt of Blandford was born about 1474 and was living in Blandford, Dorset, England in 1545. Henry VII was King of England during this period of time.

Children of Nicholas Pitt are:

- i. Richard Pitt
- 2096 ii. William Pitt, born Abt. 1489 in Blandford, England; died October 14, 1540 in England; married Helene De Haviland.
- iii. Nicholas Pitt II, born Abt. 1492.
- iv. John Pitt, born Abt. 1496.
- v. Thomas Pitt, born Abt. 1500.

4194. James De Haviland, born Bet. 1452 - 1497 in Isle of Guernsey, England; died October 14, 1540 in Isle of Guernsey, England. He married **4195. Helena De Beauvois**.

4195. Helena De Beauvois, born Bet. 1459 - 1500 in Isle of Guernsey, England; died Bet. 1494 - 1581. She was the daughter of **8390. Richard De Beauvios**.

Child of James De Haviland and Helena De Beauvois is:

- 2097 i. Helene De Haviland, born Bet. 1494 - 1525; died Bet. 1519 - 1608; married William Pitt.

Generation No. 14

8384. William Blithe Pitt, born 1449 in Dorset, England; died 1528. He was the son of **16768. Edward Pitt** and **16769. Elizabeth Nicholai Willford**.

Children of William Blithe Pitt are:

- i. Edward Pitt
- ii. Skydmorous Pitt
- iii. Elizabeth Pitt
- 4192 iv. Nicholas Pitt, born Bet. 1465 - 1470 in Stepleton, England; died Abt. 1545.

8390. Richard De Beauvios, born Bet. 1419 - 1471 in Isle of Guernsey, England; died Bet. 1459 - 1548.

Child of Richard De Beauvios is:

- 4195 i. Helena De Beauvois, born Bet. 1459 - 1500 in Isle of Guernsey, England; died Bet. 1494 - 1581; married James De Haviland.

Generation No. 15

16768. Edward Pitt, born Abt. 1425 in Kior, Worcestershire, England; died 1455. He was the son of **33536. William Pitt** and **33537. Katherine Broughton**. He married **16769. Elizabeth Nicholai Willford**.

16769. Elizabeth Nicholai Willford, born Bet. 1407 - 1430; died Bet. 1452 - 1518. She was the daughter of **33538. Jacobi Nicholas Willford** and **33539. Elizabeth Gale**.

More About Edward Pitt:

Individual Note: Knighted

Children of Edward Pitt and Elizabeth Willford are:

- i. Edward Pitt, born Abt. 1446.
- ii. Jacob Pitt, born Abt. 1448.
- 8384 iii. William Blithe Pitt, born 1449 in Dorset, England; died 1528.
- iv. Johanna Pitt, born Abt. 1450.
- v. Bridgetia Pitt, born Abt. 1452.
- vi. Jane Pitt, born Abt. 1454.

Generation No. 16

33536. William Pitt, born Abt. 1404 in DeLaPerry, Stoke, England; died Bet. 1425 - 1494. He was the son of **67072. Johannas Pitt** and **67073. Dorothea**. He married **33537. Katherine Broughton**.

33537. Katherine Broughton, born Bet. 1400 - 1419; died Bet. 1425 - 1504.

Child of William Pitt and Katherine Broughton is:

- 16768 i. Edward Pitt, born Abt. 1425 in Kior, Worcestershire, England; died 1455; married Elizabeth Nicholai Willford.

33538. Jacobi Nicholas Willford, born Bet. 1365 - 1404 in London, England; died Bet. 1407 - 1485. He was the son of **67076. James Willford**. He married **33539. Elizabeth Gale**.

33539. Elizabeth Gale, born Bet. 1372 - 1407 in London, England; died Bet. 1407 - 1491.

Child of Jacobi Willford and Elizabeth Gale is:

- 16769 i. Elizabeth Nicholai Willford, born Bet. 1407 - 1430; died Bet. 1452 - 1518; married Edward Pitt.

Generation No. 17

67072. Johannas Pitt, born Bet. 1361 - 1388 in DeCuryard, DeLaPyrne, England; died Abt. 1438. He was the son of **134144. Richard Pyts** and **134145. Johanna De La Poole**. He married **67073. Dorothea**.

67073. Dorothea, born Bet. 1362 - 1385; died Bet. 1407 - 1473.

Child of Johannas Pitt and Dorothea is:

- 33536 i. William Pitt, born Abt. 1404 in DeLaPerry, Stoke, England; died Bet. 1425 - 1494; married Katherine Broughton.

67076. James Willford, born Bet. 1326 - 1377; died Bet. 1365 - 1455. He was the son of **134152. Robert Willford**.

Child of James Willford is:

- 33538 i. Jacobi Nicholas Willford, born Bet. 1365 - 1404 in London, England; died Bet. 1407 - 1485; married Elizabeth Gale.

Generation No. 18

134144. Richard Pyts, born Abt. 1344; died Bet. 1361 - 1434. He was the son of **268288. Simon Atte Putte**. He married **134145. Johanna De La Poole**.

134145. Johanna De La Poole, born Bet. 1340 - 1360; died Bet. 1361 - 1444. She was the daughter of **268290. Thomas De La Poole** and **268291. Margaretta Hinkley**.

Child of Richard Pyts and Johanna De La Poole is:

67072 i. Johannas Pitt, born Bet. 1361 - 1388 in DeCuryard, DeLaPyrne, England; died Abt. 1438; married Dorothea.

134152. Robert Willford, born Bet. 1289 - 1348; died Bet. 1326 - 1426. He was the son of **268304. William Willford**.

Child of Robert Willford is:

67076 i. James Willford, born Bet. 1326 - 1377; died Bet. 1365 - 1455.

Generation No. 19

268288. Simon Atte Putte, born Bet. 1301 - 1328; died Bet. 1347 - 1410. He was the son of **536576. Robert Pyte**.

Child of Simon Atte Putte is:

134144 i. Richard Pyts, born Abt. 1344; died Bet. 1361 - 1434; married Johanna De La Poole.

268290. Thomas De La Poole, born Bet. 1294 - 1331; died Bet. 1340 - 1411. He married **268291. Margaretta Hinkley**.

268291. Margaretta Hinkley, born Bet. 1302 - 1334; died Bet. 1340 - 1417. She was the daughter of **536582. Thomas Hinkley** and **536583. Agnes Ricardo Hide**.

Child of Thomas De La Poole and Margaretta Hinkley is:

134145 i. Johanna De La Poole, born Bet. 1340 - 1360; died Bet. 1361 - 1444; married Richard Pyts.

268304. William Willford, born Bet. 1252 - 1319; died Bet. 1289 - 1396.

Child of William Willford is:

134152 i. Robert Willford, born Bet. 1289 - 1348; died Bet. 1326 - 1426.

Generation No. 20

536576. Robert Pyte, born Abt. 1284 in England; died Abt. 1361 in England. He was the son of **1073152. Thomas Putte**.

Child of Robert Pyte is:

268288 i. Simon Atte Putte, born Bet. 1301 - 1328; died Bet. 1347 - 1410.

536582. Thomas Hinkley, born Bet. 1261 - 1306; died Bet. 1302 - 1385. He married **536583. Agnes Ricardo Hide**.

536583. Agnes Ricardo Hide, born Bet. 1268 - 1309; died Bet. 1302 - 1391.

Child of Thomas Hinkley and Agnes Hide is:

268291 i. Margaretta Hinkley, born Bet. 1302 - 1334; died Bet. 1340 - 1417; married Thomas De La Poole.

Generation No. 21

1073152. Thomas Putte, born Abt. 1260 in England; died Bet. 1288 - 1351. He was the son of **2146304. Simon De La Pitte**.

Child of Thomas Putte is:

536576 i. Robert Pyte, born Abt. 1284 in England; died Abt. 1361 in England.

Generation No. 22

2146304. Simon De La Pitte, born Abt. 1230 in England; died Bet. 1263 - 1321. He was the son of **4292608. Thomas De La Pitte**.

Child of Simon De La Pitte is:

1073152 i. Thomas Putte, born Abt. 1260 in England; died Bet. 1288 - 1351.

Generation No. 23

4292608. Thomas De La Pitte, born Abt. 1200 in England; died Bet. 1233 - 1291. He was the son of **8585216. Gervase De La Puette**.

Child of Thomas De La Pitte is:

2146304 i. Simon De La Pitte, born Abt. 1230 in England; died Bet. 1263 - 1321.

Generation No. 24

8585216. Gervase De La Puette, born Abt. 1160 in Normandy, France; died Bet. 1203 - 1252.

Child of Gervase De La Puette is:

4292608 i. Thomas De La Pitte, born Abt. 1200 in England; died Bet. 1233 - 1291.

Endnotes

1. John E. Godwin.
2. 17 Century Isle of Wight by Boddie.