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## EGERTON FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND CORRECTIONS

By Mary P. W. Kendall

There seems to be only one well researched and documented account of the Egerton family of Maryland, an article by Francis B. Culver in the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. It includes a chart showing the descent of Mary (Neale) Egerton from Sir George Calvert, First Baron of Baltimore in Ireland, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland and Avalon in America -1, through his second son, Governor Leonard -2, William -3, Elizabeth -4, who married James Neale, Jr., Mary Neale -5, only child of James and Elizabeth who married Charles Egerton of Virginia and Maryland.<sup>1</sup> It is surprising that this line has so long been neglected in the various works to be found on the Calvert family as descendants are numerous.

John Bailey Calvert Nicklin, in his extensive series in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* on the Calvert family, does not continue issue beyond Mary Neale -5, wife of Charles Egerton. Mr. Nicklin concerned himself solely with the male lines, having divided his series into: "The Titled Line", (through the six Barons Baltimore); "The Untitled Line", (from second son, Leonard); "The Mt. Airy Line," from Benedict Swingate, natural son of Charles, fifth Lord Baltimore; and "Descent of the Title (Actual and *DeJure*)," in which he shows that the rightful heir to the Barony, if restored, is in the male line from Leonard and William Calvert.<sup>2</sup> Whether or not this has been disputed, is unknown. We do know that Ellen Foy O'Gorman's *Descendants of Virginia Calverts* is based on the descendants of William's son, George, although she presents, or admits by broken lines in her chart, no proof of George's paternity.<sup>3</sup> However, this would not concern the Egerton family as their descent is in the female line.

It has been possible to correct some errors contained in the Culver article on the Egerton family. Mr. Culver makes the statement that Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., died 14 May 1833, aged 59, *sine prole*.<sup>4</sup> As a matter of record, (1) Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., married Jane (not Ada) DuBois<sup>5</sup> daughter of Abraham DuBois, silversmith and ship-owner of Philadelphia.<sup>6</sup> They became the parents of five children.

- 2 i John Bernard Egerton
- 3 ii Bennett Egerton

- 4 iii Charles Calvert Egerton
- 5 iv Abraham DuBois Egerton
- 6 v Susanna Mary Egerton

Mr. Culver also made the statement that Bennett Egerton, younger brother of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., was the father of these children, and omitted Bennett II and Susanna Mary in his listing. Actually, Bennett Egerton, the uncle of the children, died in 1807. *Sine prole*. The distribution of his estate shows an equal division among his eight heirs-at-law: Mary Jones, mother of the deceased, (widowed by 1778, she had married Mordecai Jones after 1783), James Egerton oldest brother and administrator for Bennett, Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., (brother), Ann Smoot (sister), Sarah Kilgour (sister), Mordecai Clinton Jones, Caleb Morris Jones and Basil Jones (half brothers of the deceased).

Jane, wife of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., died 9 May 1827. He died 14 May 1833. Their burial places and those of their children, Bennett II and Susanna Mary, have not been located. Charles' mother who became Mrs. Mordecai Jones, is buried on the grounds of their Revolutionary War home in St. Mary's County.

#### Children of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr.

2. John Bernard Egerton, Sr., was born 20 December 1807. He was married (1) in Baltimore, Maryland to Isabella, daughter of Ralph Higinbotham, 15 March 1836 by Rev. Goldsborough. The obituary of John B. Egerton stated that a portrait of Isabella, who was considered the most beautiful woman of her day, was in possession of General Charles C. Egerton, brother of the deceased and that Isabella was a grand niece of Bishop White, first Episcopal Bishop of the United States. She was born 1 April 1819 and died in childbirth 12 August 1855. The child died also.

His second wife, to whom he was married 5 June 1864 by Rev. John B. DeWolfe, S.J., was Miss Mary Regina Fowler, daughter of Joseph and Mary Julia Ann (Morgan) Fowler of Chaptico, St. Mary's County. The children of his second marriage were:

- i John Bernard Egerton, Jr., B.A., M.A., 1869-1940
- ii Mary Isabella Egerton, (Sister Mary Marietta, Congregation of Holy Cross), 1871-1948. Artist and teacher.
- iii Mary Regina Egerton, (Mrs. Henry McCormick Ward), 1875-1928. Four children.
- iv Maude (baptized Mary Matilda), (Mrs. A.H. Dion), 1878-1958, *d.s.p.*

From 1829 through 1861 John Bernard Egerton, Sr., was listed in Baltimore city directories as a Lottery and Exchange Broker, first on his own and later as EGERTON & BROTHER with Charles Calvert Egerton. His business was conducted at Exchange Place and South Street, a property which he deeded to Mr. Johns Hopkins on 9 November 1862 for \$40,000.00. His home from 1853 to 1879 was on St. Paul Street at Mt. Vernon Place, adjoining the one-time home of his brother Charles, on Calvert Street, known as Waterloo Row. Both rows have since been razed.

For a number of years John B. Egerton was a partner in the narrow firm, A. Emory & Company. During that period the name EGERTON & BROTHER referred to Charles Calvert Egerton and younger brother, Abraham DuBois Egerton. They also were lottery brokers and later grain commission merchants. The three brothers were ardent southern sympathizers during the Civil War and suffered financial reverses accordingly.

John Bernard Egerton, Sr., died 4 March 1881 in the seventy-fourth year of his age and his funeral was held at his residence, 127 Park St. (now Park Avenue, above Madison), on 5 March. Rev. Mr. Crampton, formerly of Spesutia, Harford County, officiated. Interment was in Greenmount Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Gen. Charles C. Egerton and Messers A. Upshur, Bennett Egerton III (nephew), Samuel Egerton, John B. Egerton (of Abraham DuBois Egerton), and Lawrence Penniman.

3. Bennett Egerton, the second son of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., was born circa 1810 and died 3 December 1832 in his twenty-second year. From 1822 to 1829 he was a student at St. Mary's College on Paca Street, Baltimore. From 1820 to 1824 John B. Egerton, Sr. was also a student there with Benjamin H. Latrobe, Jr., and sons of other well-known families.

4. Charles Calvert Egerton, the third son and the fourth person of six who carried the name in Maryland between 1748 and 1896, was born 5 April 1817. In February, 1840, he was married at Portland Mills, Ohio, by Rev. Morse to Willie Elizabeth Hall, daughter of the late William White Hall of Harford County.

For a number of years he and family lived at SOPHIA'S DAIRY, at Perryman, on Bush River, having purchased, several years after it's sale by his wife's family, 250 acres and the ancestral home, which is still standing. The house is now the property of a shoe company but is said to have an elaborate double Chinese Chippendale staircase, one of the finest in the State, built by redemptioners in 1768 for Aquila Hall. Willie Elizabeth (Hall) Egerton and Isabella Hall Higinbotham, wife of John Bernard Egerton, Sr., were first cousins and descendants of Colonel Thomas White and Aquila Hall of Harford County.

Willie Elizabeth Egerton died 8 January 1877. Charles Calvert Egerton died 18 January 1893 in his 76th year at Woodensburg (near Reisterstown). He was colonel in the 53rd Regiment, Maryland Militia. His activities in the militia are noted in *Chronicles of Baltimore, History of Baltimore City and County* and in minutes of the *Independent Greys*, a contingent of the 53rd Regiment of the Maryland Volunteer Infantry and forerunner of the Maryland National Guard. In the Sunpapers' obituary and in three different accounts in Scharf's *Chronicles of Baltimore*, he is referred to as General Egerton.

The children of Willie Elizabeth Hall and Charles Calvert Egerton were:

- i Isabelle Elizabeth, born 1840; married (1) 29 October 1867 Hiram Jones Bordley who died 2 January 1869, and (2) on 12 June 1879, James Trapier Ringgold, born 3 November 1850, died 17

January, 1898, who was one time dean of Baltimore University Law School and editor and proprietor of the Baltimore *Telegram*.<sup>37</sup> There was no issue of either marriage.

- ii Jennie DuBois Egerton, born 10 September 1842, died 18 April 1903<sup>38</sup> unmarried.
- iii Mary Presbury Egerton, born 17 October 1844, died 26 March 1925. She married John W. Reid who died 16 Dec. 1875 in his thirty-eighth year. They were parents of Charles L. Reid, born 18 April 1872, died 20 March 1916<sup>39</sup> and Jennie DuBois Reid, born 1874.<sup>40</sup>
- iv Sophia Higinbotham Egerton, 1848-1928<sup>41</sup> died unmarried.
- v Charles Calvert Egerton, died 10 July 1851.<sup>42</sup> Infant.
- vi John Bernard Egerton (III), infant buried 10 Jan. 1853.<sup>43</sup>
- vii Florence Egerton who died young.
- viii Bennett Egerton (III) born 1858<sup>44</sup> (Not traced after 1891).

5. **Abraham DuBois Egerton**, the fourth son of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, was born 23 June, 1821.<sup>45</sup> He married Ada or Adeline McCrae<sup>46</sup> She was the Mrs. DuBois Egerton mentioned in *The Amiable Baltimoreans* by Francis F. Beirne, who described her home as "the leading salon of the South. At various times one found at Mrs. Egerton's members of the Hopkins faculty and distinguished lecturers." In the *Baltimore Sun*, of February 4, 1926 Matthew Page Andrews, the historian, in a letter to the editor, lists many of the distinguished scholars of the day who were guests there. According to Meredith Janvier, in *Baltimore Yesterdays*. Cleveland Thayer of Boston, who was taking his Ph.D. at Hopkins courted the daughter, Mary Egerton. They later married. The son, John B. of A.D. moved to Long Island. About 1885 Mrs. Egerton, widowed in 1874 removed from the corner of Madison Avenue and Tyson Street to the building now known as the New Sherwood Hotel,<sup>47</sup> according to Janvier, "the most select and famous private hotel in the South." She served on the Executive Board of the Baltimore Committee to aid the Southern States after the Civil War. Abraham DuBois Egerton, age 52 was buried 5 January 1874.<sup>48</sup>

Ada McCrae and Abraham DuBois Egerton were parents of three

- i John Bernard Egerton, II (called "of A.D.") Moved to New York
- ii Mary DuBois Egerton (Mrs. Cleveland Thayer of Boston).
- iii S.B. Egerton, age 13, buried 22 February 1873, Greenmount Cemetery.

6. **Susanna Mary (or Mary Susan) Egerton**, the fifth child of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, was baptized 14 June 1826, the same day as her brother, Abraham DuBois Egerton. She was born 16 May 1826<sup>49</sup> and died 9 October 1827, age 17 months.<sup>50</sup>

A most interesting occurrence during this research was the obtaining, through a Towson stamp collector mentioned in a column in the *Baltimore Sun*, of an original circular, sent by Egerton & Brother, Corner of Exchange Place & South Street (John B. Egerton and Charles C. Egerton, Jr.), to Mr. Eurastus Corning, Albany, New York, on October 1, 1849. This four page circular, 8 x 11 when folded in two, was folded twice more to become envelope as well, and rubber

stamped "3" instead of an adhesive stamp. The letter states, in most beautiful printed script, "the undersigned, having entered into Copartnership under the firm of Egerton & Brother, for the prosecution of the Lottery & Exchange Business, have taken the liberty of sending (post paid) to your address the enclosed list of Splendid Lotteries, to be drawn in the City of Baltimore during the present month of October. The lotteries in our State are drawn under State authority, through Commissioners appointed for the purpose, who are sworn to have no interest in the Lottery, directly or indirectly, thus offering a sure guarantee to the purchaser of the fairness of the drawing. —The regularity and safety of the mails in transmitting letters is now so well established that out of many thousands of letters sent to us from every part of the country, we have never had one to miscarry, —the Post Office being not only the most speedy but safest means of conveyance. —Every description of Foreign Money exchanged and drafts on the principal cities always for sale."

Lotteries advertised in this circular included those for benefit of the town of Bel Air, the Susquehanna Canal, Patapsco Female Institute and Frederick Female Seminary. Several similar lottery circulars, including some of the Egerton Brothers were later found in the Manuscript Division of the Maryland Historical Society.

Another reward of this research has been finding, at the John Work Garrett Library of the Johns Hopkins University,<sup>51</sup> a rare and curious book by a Baltimorean, Charles Calvert Egerton, signed "Brantz Mayer, 1856." The title page reads, "*The Journal of an Unfortunate Prisoner on Board the British Ship Loyalist, in Jamaica*. From Nov. 1, 1812 to April 5, 1813. Together with Some Interesting Occurrences on His Passage Home. Baltimore Printed for the Author. 1813."<sup>52</sup>

Among the Egerton heirlooms handed down in the writer's family through the years are a miniature water color of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., the privateer, and a curved sword in a heavy iron scabbard, a duplicate of the sword exhibited by the Maryland Historical Society as one used by Colonel Stansbury in the War of 1812. An 1875 Atlas of the United States in the writer's possession bears the notation "Presented by Col. George P. Kane" to John B. Egerton. Kane was the police commissioner of Baltimore (later Major), who, accompanied by General C.C. Egerton,<sup>53</sup> attempted to maintain order on April 19, 1861, when the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment passed through Baltimore enroute to Washington. The resulting riot inspired James Ryder Randall to write, from far off Louisiana, under the impression that his Georgetown University friend had been killed by those soldiers, the impassioned words of "My Maryland."

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unto John Porter, Junr, six books his eldest child one Cowe  
 . . . my Son William Russell . . . tobacco . . .  
 if my son be living, & come or send for ye same . . .  
 . . . my wife & John Porter, the elder my Exors . . .  
 my friend John Overseer . . .  
 . . . unto Katheren Green . . .  
 . . . unto Jno. Forbes . . .  
 . . . unto Jno. Whitfield . . .  
 . . . unto Sarah Dyer . . .  
 . . . unto Wm. Green his first Chuld . . . & his wife  
 . . . & her mother . . .  
 . . . unto James Johnson . . . & his wife . . .  
 . . . unto Ann Godby . . .  
 . . . unto Jno. Abott . . .  
 . . . unto Richard Lawrence . . .  
 . . . "And for the other pte of my Estate, I give & be-  
 queath one pte. of itt unto Six of the poorest mens Chil-  
 dren in Eliz. River, to pay for there schooling to read &  
 after these six are entered, then if six more comes, I give  
 a pte. allsoe to enter them in like manner & this I leave to  
 ye descretion of my Exors. & further from time to time  
 at is will reach & it will prove."  
 . . . unto John Greene & Jno. Porter ye Elder . . .  
 witnesses: Frances Thelaball.  
 John Forbes.  
 Richard Russell.  
 proved by: Jno. Greene, Aged 58 or there about.

**JAMES MULLAKIN**, of ye parish of Lynn Haven . . .  
 Book E. f. 40.  
 dated 22 Aug. 1668.  
 proved 15 Oct. 1668.  
 . . . unto Richard Lee my sonn in Law when he shall attain  
 the age of eighteen . . .  
 . . . unto Mary Lee a Cowe calfe in the yeare 1670 . . .  
 . . . unto loving wife Rosamond & to my Daughter Jane  
 . . . friends Mr. William Moseley and Thomas Bridge  
 Overseers . . .  
 witnessed: Elizabeth Goodacre.  
 James Mullakin, by marke.

**ELIZABETH DAVIS** . . .  
 Book E f. 47.  
 Book E f. 47.  
 dated 28 March 1669.  
 proved ——— Apr. 1669.  
 . . . unto William Barlow . . .  
 . . . two children Elizabeth Davis & Margaret Davis . . .  
 . . . my friends George fowler, John Workman & George  
 Write . . .  
 witnesses: William Hattersley.  
 William Barlow.  
 Elizabeth Davis by marke.

**EDWARD WARD** . . .  
 Book E. f. 48.  
 dated 3 Jan. 1668.  
 proved 1 Apr. 1669.  
 . . . wife Elizabeth Ward . . .  
 . . . eldest daughter Frances Ward . . .  
 . . . youngest daughter Elizabeth Ward . . .  
 . . . god sonne Edward Beody . . . when he comes of  
 age . . .  
 . . . Francis Woodard . . . land . . .  
 . . . sonne Edward Ward, comes of age . . .  
 witnesses: Lemuel Raymond.  
 Denis Dayley.  
 Edward Ward & Seale.

**CHARLES EDGERTON** . . . R3  
 Book E f. 51.  
 dated 27 April 1669.  
 proved 15 June 1669.  
 . . . unto Ann Snalye wch. now goeth by the name of Ann  
 Bennett, to her foure children that is to say george, and  
 Edward and Elizabeth and Mary my land . . . when  
 they come to age . . .  
 . . . James Wishart & John Griffin Exors . . .  
 witnesses: George Write.  
 John Worland.  
 Charles Edgerton & Seale.

ABSTRACT OF NORFOLK COUNTY WILLS

. . . unto my god daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Keeling . . .  
. . . unto my god daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Land . . .  
. . . unto my Brother Throwgood Keeling . . . tobacco  
. . . wch. is due mee out of my fathers Estate  
. . . my father in Law Rob<sup>t</sup> bray my whole Exor . . .

witnesses: Joseph Ayres.  
George Stevens.

Elizabeth Keeling, by marke.

EVAN WILLIAMS, of ye — contry in ye County of  
Lower Norfolk, planter . . .

Book E f 94,

dated 8 Mch. 1670.

proved 17 Apr. 1671.

. . . 500 acres . . . wch I now live upon . . .  
unto my three daughters (viz): Eliz<sup>a</sup> Ellinor & Sarah  
Williams.  
. . . friend John Edward of the Southern Branch my sole  
Extr  
. . . my Sonne in Law Robt. White house & a butt when  
my daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Williams comes to age, then shee to  
have ye sole power and managment of my Estate and  
. . . to deliver to her sisters Ellinor and Mary their due  
proportions of my Estate when they Come of age . . .

witnesses: John Rye  
Tho. gally  
Mary Nichols

Evan Williams

MARY HAVATT . . .

Book E. f 95.

dated 3 March 1666.

proved 10 May 1671.

. . . to Mary Crafford my god daughter . . . Wm.  
Thomas . . . my god daughter Mary his daughter  
. . . shall remayne with my Cozen Okeham halfe her  
tyme  
. . . Hester Thomas . . .

ABSTRACT OF NORFOLK COUNTY WILLS

God 24  
Porten 35

. . . Kindsman Jno Okeham all my Land wch. was given to  
me by my Late husband W<sup>m</sup> Havast . . .  
. . . Cosen Ann Okeham wife of my Couzen Jno. Okeham

witnesses: Henry Watson.  
Jno. Masters.

Mary Havast.

JAMES CRAIG, . . . (Nuncupative) . . .

Book E. f 99.

Sworn to: 15 Aug. 1671. by: Joyce Langly, aged 50 yeares or  
thereabouts . . .

Sworn to: 15 Aug. 1671. also my Alice Lewis, aged 30 yeares or  
thereabouts . . . who heard doctor grayham say . . .  
. . . gives to Mrs. Francis Mason . . . Estate . . .

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ARTHUR TOPPIN, of Eliz. River pish, in ye County of  
Lower Norfolk, in Virga. . .

Book E f. 106.

dated 30 Oct. 1671.

proved 15 Dec. 1671.

. . . wife Ann one halfe of my Estate . . .  
. . . ye other halfe I doe give & bequeath to my Child wch.  
Shee now goeth wth (yett unborne)  
. . . friend Wm. porten two books (viz) Heylands Cos-  
mography & a Book in quarto written by Edmund gunter  
and also my black sword . . .  
. . . to my Said wifes mother Sarah porten my sealed Ring  
now on my finger  
. . . to Warren, Jno. & Mathew godfree my wifes. Brothers

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witness: Lemuel Phillips.

Arthur Toppin & Seale.

OSBORNE CAMARON, of Linhaven in Lower Norfolk  
County . . .

Book E f 108.

dated 14 Oct. 1670.

proved 15 Oct. 1671.

. . . my wife Mary Camaron . . . Extx . . .



**GEORGE LAWSON**, Jur. of ye Easterne Branch of Elizabeth River in ye County of Lower Norfolk . . .

Book 4 f 34.

dated 6 Oct. 1676.

proved 15 Aug. 1678, by Richard Hays.

. . . unto Mary my wife all my Estate . . . as Long as shee livith . . . and Extx . . .  
 . . . unto Thomas Lawson & Mary Lawson and Margrett Lawson, sonne and daughters unto Mr. Anthony Lawson ye one halfe of my Estate . . . unto Thomas Lawson one quarter, and unto Mary Lawson one quarter and unto Margrett Lawson ye one halfe . . .  
 . . . unto Edward Moseley one mare & foale . . .

witnesses: Richard Hays.

Thos. Breoch.

George Lawson & Seale.

**TRUSTRAM MASON** of ye County of Lower Norfolk in ye Collony of Virg<sup>a</sup>

Book 4 f 34.

dated 8 Feb. 1666.

proved 15 Aug. 1678, by Geo: Ivey.

. . . I ordaine that daneill Lenier Sonne to my beloved wife barbery Trustram . . .  
 . . . unto my Children Eliz<sup>th</sup> Mason & Thos. Mason  
 . . . wife Barbray Mason . . . Extx . . .

witnesses: George Ivey.

peleg dunston

Trustram Mason & Seale.

**WM. PORTEN**, of Eliz<sup>th</sup> River pish. in ye Country of Lower Norfolk send greeting . . . (Will?) . . .

Book 4 f 35.

dated 23<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1675.

Ack 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1678.

. . . for ye love and affection wch. I doe beare towards my will beloved wife Sarah and her Children doe freely give absolutely and Clearely give and grant . . .

. . . one large wrought Silver Ladle Cup, one Silver tumbler, all her rings . . . Shee ye sd. Sarah may Lawfully Dispose of her Children Either by deede of guife ~~un~~occupative will, or written will, or any other ways . . .

witnesses: Charles Egerton.

Mathew godfree.

W<sup>m</sup> Porten & Seale.

"Nott w<sup>th</sup> stanting what is above written It is my meaning will and Intent, In Case I dye w<sup>th</sup> out a will that this shall noe ways Cutt of or debarr my wife from her due share . . . and further I doe declare that It is nott my Intent or will, that my Brother or any friend I have in England Shauld have to doe w<sup>th</sup> my Estate heere after my decease." . . .

dated 22 May 1676.

witnesses: francis Baker.

Jno. pattman

W<sup>m</sup> Porten.

ack. 15 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1678.

**SARAH PORTEN.** . . .

Book 4 f 35.

dated 28 Sept. 1675.

ack in Court 15 Aug. 1678.

. . . doe make and ordaine this my Last will and testam<sup>nt</sup> first I bequeath my Soule to God . . .  
 . . . my loving husband . . .  
 . . . unto my Sonne Mathew Godfree . . .  
 . . . unto my Sonne Jno. godfree . . .  
 . . . unto my Sonne Warner godfree . . .  
 . . . unto my daughter Sarah Malbone . . . rings . . .  
 to her owne dispose and nott to be Intermingled w<sup>th</sup> her husbands Estate nor hee to have any thing to doe w<sup>th</sup> It . . .  
 . . . my daughter Ann Egerton one Silver tumbler . . .

witnesses: Gco. Newton.

francis Newton.

Sarah Porten.

. . . what tob. I have given to my daughter Ann Egerton, I doe now Revoke and give ye Same to my sd. Sonne mathew godfree, and shee onely to have ye Silver tumbler . . .

dated 22 May 1676.

witnesses: francis Baker

Jno. patman.

Sarah Porten.

ack. 15 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1678.

. . . my Son Morrice and my Son John . . . when the  
 Shall attaine to the age of nineteen . . .  
 . . . my Six Children my Son William and my daughter  
 Mary and my daughter Elizabeth Mayson Morris and my  
 Son John and my daughter Tenny . . .

witnesses: John Tully.  
 The marke of  
 Mary Tully  
 John Willis.

Morris Veall & Seal.

**THOMAS WALLICE** of Norfolk Town in Norfolk . . .

Book 7 p. 102.  
 dated 29 Octo. 1705.  
 proved 15 Feb. 1705/6.

. . . my house in this Towne be repaired and mended . . .  
 . . . unto my Son William . . . my house in this Town  
 and my Plantation Joyning uppon the Town and if my Son  
 William Should die before he Comes to Age then the  
 house and Plantation to fall to my Son Thomas . . .  
 . . . my Land in the Norwest Woods be Sould for my Son  
 Thomas . . . when he Comes to Age.  
 . . . my Three Rings be given unto my Son William one to  
 my Son Thomas and one to my brother William Wallis.  
 . . . my five Children . . .  
 . . . brother William Wallis hole and Sole executor . . .

witnesses: Thomas Sayer.  
 Henry Perkinson  
 John Joyce

Thomas Wallis & Seal.

**JOHN GRIFEN** of the County of Norfolk . . .

Book 7 p. 104.  
 dated 19 May 1705.  
 proved 15 Feb. 1705/6.

. . . wife Isabell Griffin . . . Sole Executrix . . .  
 . . . to my Son Thomas Griffen a parcell of Land Lying  
 on the eastward Side of the Reedy branch belonging to this  
 Land where now I live on In Alexander Menfrefys pattent  
 . . .

. . . all my estate holy to my Loveing wife Isabell Griffen  
 dureing her Life and afterwards to be equally devided  
 amongst my Children.

witnesses: Arthur lake.  
 Cuthen Jones  
 her mark  
 Mary Smith  
 her mark

John Griffen & Seal.

**RICHARD CHURCH** . . .

Book 7 p. 106.  
 dated 5 Jan. 1705.  
 proved 15 Feb. 1705/6.

. . . to my daughter Sarah Nichols one feather bedd . . .  
 . . . to my daughter Abigall Church a feather bedd . . .  
 . . . my wife Naturall Life . . .  
 . . . to my daughter Patience Church a feather bedd . . .  
 . . . Nott to transport the Said Negroe out of this County  
 . . .

witnesses: Mathew Godfrey.  
 William Nicholson.  
 John Hebdon.

(Codicil):

. . . to my Son Joseph Church my Negroe . . .  
 . . . to my Grandson Richard Nichols . . . Negroe  
 . . . and alsoe I doe further give to my Said Son all  
 my Lands that I have in this County or elsewhere . . .  
 not debaring my wife to have her thirds of all my Lands  
 during her . . .  
 . . . to my daughter Corbin a Negroe . . .  
 . . . my Grand daughter Ann Sally and after her death to  
 Leaddy Sally . . .  
 . . . 5 Feb. 1705.

(Codicil):

. . . to my Daughter Ann Trevathan two pewter dishes  
 . . .  
 . . . unto my daughter Mary Murrow a third part of my  
 Sloope . . .  
 . . . to my Grand Daughter Leddae Butt a young horse  
 . . .

. . . to my Daughter Mary Ives my bed and furniture & one Deale box . . .  
 . . . to my Son David one Cow & Calfe & one Muskett well fixed and one pair of pistolls and Holsters . . .  
 . . . to my Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Joyce one Cow . . .  
 . . . to my Son Edward Joyce one Cow . . .  
 . . . to my Loveing wife Rachell . . . Sole Executrix

witnesses: Nicholas Maning.  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Lewelling.  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Willis.

John Joyce and Seale.

**JOHN GODFREY** of Norfolk County . . .

Book 8 f. 160.

dated 5 Aug. 1708.

proved 15 May 1710 by Richard Ball, Richard Butt Jun<sup>r</sup> and Samp. Powers.

. . . the Plantation whereon I Now Live on to my well beloved wife Mary Godfrey During her Naturall Life; provided Shee please to Dwell on y<sup>e</sup> Same and after her Decease . . . unto my Loveing Son Matthew Godfrey . . . and for want of Such heirs to y<sup>e</sup> next of kinn & Soe from Generation to Generation for Ever . . .  
 . . . unto my Said Son Matthew Godfrey that parcell of Land that I have joyning upon this plantation (before bequeathed) that I Now Live on which Land was bought of M<sup>r</sup> William Portten by me and my brother Mathew Godfrey . . . and for want of such . . .  
 . . . to my Said Son Matthew Godfrey five hundred acres of Land belonging To Mossy Neck Pattent During my said wife Mary Godfrey's Life And after y<sup>e</sup> Decease of my wife Mary . . . to my Son William Godfrey . . . and for want of Such heirs To y<sup>e</sup> Next of kinn . . . Excepting a percell of Land Called Long point . . . bequeath unto my Said Mathew Godfrey . . .  
 . . . And what Land I have belonging to y<sup>e</sup> branches of the Northwest River To be Equally Devided between my Said two Sons Mathew Godfrey and William Godfrey . . . Matthew . . . Shall have that part adjoyning To Henry Halstead . . .

. . . To my Daughter Annie Godfrey . . . negro . . .  
 . . . unto my Daughter *Anne* Godfrey one feather bed . . .  
 . . . unto my Daughter Anne & To my Daughter Amie one Acre of Land in Norfolk Towne being Two Lotts to be Devided between them my Daughter Ann To have y<sup>e</sup> fore Street Lott and my Daughter Amie To have y<sup>e</sup> Back Street Lott . . .  
 . . . unto my Son Matthew y<sup>e</sup> Mill in my one Dwelling Hous after my wife Marry her Decease . . .  
 . . . unto my Daughter Mary the wife of James Whithurst Two Ewes . . .  
 . . . wife Mary my Sons Matthew & William . . . Sole Executors

witnesses: Daniell Godfrey  
 Moses Ball  
 Samp<sup>a</sup> Power

John Godfrey & Seale.

NOTE.—It is the intention of the abstractor of the foregoing wills to follow the above work by a second Volume, covering the years 1710 to 1800.